

Research Effort Called To Get Facts on Tranquilizing Drugs

Washington — (AP) — The nation's mental health leaders Saturday called for a massive research effort to get more solid facts on the mysterious tranquilizing drugs.

Millions of Americans are taking these revolutionary new chemicals to calm their troubled minds or to lower their high blood pressure.

The experts said "three out of ten" prescriptions now being written by physicians call for reserpine, chlorpromazine, or one of many other so-called tranquilizers. But they conceded very little is known about how

these drugs work, how safe they may be in the long run, or how valuable they actually are.

Human Trials Urged

To remedy the admittedly difficult situation, the psychiatrists urged more and better human trials: better ways to determine possible dangerous effects on animal and human behavior; more basic research to discover how the drugs work on the human brain, and a large-scale program to find better and safer drugs.

The recommendations came at a major conference here on the evaluation of drugs in mental illness. More than 500 authorities on mental health attended the two-day meeting which wound up Saturday. The session was sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association, the National Research Council, and the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Ralph W. Gerard of the University of Michigan, conference chairman, said that "in general new therapeutic agents are eagerly grasped by doctors, patients, and even the press. Almost invariably any new treatment is overplayed at first."

"Whether at the present stage there's any real harm being done by the tranquilizers I don't know," Gerard said. "But the conference was called because of the concern over the use of these agents."

Delegates differed widely on precisely what measures should and can be taken to expand knowledge of the tranquilizers. But two concrete steps were reported at the meeting.

1. The Mental Health Institute is now setting up a special psycho-pharmacology research center to stimulate and coordinate research on the drugs, to sponsor clinical trials, and to provide an information clearing house for doctors and researchers.

2. The Veterans Administration is planning a large-scale clinical study of the drugs in hospitals across the nation.

One of the conferees, Dr. William Turner of the state mental hospital at Central Islip, N.Y., called for drastic action. He said the tranquilizers "should be shunned as one of the worst evils that could befall human beings."

He argued that schizophrenics, the most common of the mentally ill, "should be helped not to go to sleep but to play. If necessary . . . they should be

helped to snap out of their unreal world and fixations."

The experts fully realize it probably will be a long time before they have the final answers on the tranquilizers. Meanwhile they expect to go on using them to calm minds and ease blood pressure problems.

Religious Sect Accused in Divorce Suit in Yoncalla

Yoncalla — (AP) — A Douglas county husband has accused a religious sect of alienating the affections of his wife and of keeping her out at night.

The wife of John Tubbs of Yoncalla filed suit for divorce last week and Tubbs yesterday filed an answer charging that the religious sect had taken his wife's affections and all her interests. He said she was gone from home as often as six times a week and that she refused medical treatment for their child because of religious beliefs.

Altercation With Pastor

Tubbs was involved earlier in the week in an altercation with The Rev. Orin Douglass Channer, pastor of an Assembly of God church. The clergyman is free on \$2,000 bail after being accused of breaking and entering the Tubbs home.

Tubbs swore out a warrant claiming the pastor had broken down the door of his home. The Rev. Channer was arrested in his pulpit and members of the congregation completed the service.

Channer denied the door-breaking incident and said he had received a letter from pastors of nine Methodist churches in Douglas county saying they planned an investigation to determine whether there had been any "infringement of the legal rights of a minister."

AUTRY QUILTS RODEO

Gene Autry withdrew Saturday from the Ak-Sar-Ben rodeo because of "ill health" after only one performance.

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Weyerhaeuser Man Killed Near Bly

Bly — (AP) — Virgil Meaker, 50-year-old baker for the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. near Bly, was killed near here Saturday when the car in which he was riding struck a pile driver and then plunged off a bridge 53 miles east of Klamath Falls.

George White, 51, driver of the car and a cook at the lumber camp, was critically injured. He was taken to Klamath Valley hospital in Klamath Falls where attendants said he suffered a broken back and internal injuries.

Deputy Coroner Bill Mills said White's car went off the side of a bridge that was being repaired. The guard rail had been removed, he said.

Drop in Tuna Price Reported at Astoria

Astoria — (AP) — A drop in tuna prices from \$375 to \$325 per ton was reported here Saturday as the second month of the albacore tuna season was started.

The reduction was announced by Columbia River Packers Association. Van Camp Seafood Company said it was bound by agreement with California packers to maintain the higher price but that it would pay it only to tuna boats that had been doing business with Van Camp earlier in the season.

At least 20 tuna boats from Astoria said they would head south with their catches in hopes of finding better prices. Seven tuna boats were tied up in port with near capacity cargoes but with no buyers for their fish.

Draft Board Balks Until Negro Called

Montgomery, Ala. — (AP) — A county draft board in Alabama Saturday was holding back all draftees until a Negro lawyer, who helped in the boycott of Montgomery city buses, is called into the service.

The Bullock county draft board Friday pulled back its October quota of five draftees and announced that it would not "send any more Bullock county boys into the army," until the controversial draft case of Negro leader Fred Gray is settled.

Gray, who acted as counsel for a group boycotting Montgomery's buses, was scheduled to be drafted, but federal Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey ordered Gray's induction held up pending an investigation of "new evidence."

Gray, 25, had listed himself as a part-time minister and he was ordered up by the draft board because it maintained he was not spending half of his time in church work, as required for deferment.

During the first three months of 1953, U. S. railroads installed 374 new locomotive units of which all except five were of the diesel fuel oil variety.

The original bill to admit Nebraska as a state was twice vetoed by President Johnson before gaining final approval.

Fossilized Eggs Found in Nebraska

Berkeley, Calif. — (AP) — University of California scientists Saturday reported discovery of 13 eggs that are believed to be 49 million years old and hard as a rock.

Now they're trying to find out what kind of a bird laid them.

The fossilized eggs were found in the Nebraska Badlands near the town of Crawford. The site is 60 miles from the ranch of Harold J. Cook, geologist-paleontologist who initiated the explorations.

The scientists said single eggs similar to those that were found had been discovered in the area before. But this was the first time that a whole "nest" of unusually well-preserved eggs has been discovered.

The eggs are about "the size of chicken eggs. So far, however, the scientists of the museum of paleontology on the Berkeley campus have been unable to link them to a particular bird."

No Money in Safe, Burglars Notified

North Hollywood — (AP) — The Lewin Furniture Co. has notified burglars that there is no money in the firm's office safe and asked them to please stop cutting holes in the store's roof.

The announcement was prompted when for the eighth time in three years burglars broke into the store and cracked the safe Friday.

Stalin Purge Seen Leading to Trap

San Francisco — (AP) — Alexander Kerensky, premier of the 1917 Russian Republic following the revolution, believes that Nikita Khrushchev and the present Soviet leaders set a trap for themselves with their post-mortem purge of Josef Stalin.

"Only a very naive man could believe it was Stalin alone who was responsible for the crimes now accredited to him," the 75-year-old exile told the Commonwealth Club of California.

Kerensky, who served as Premier for seven months in 1917 under Prince Lvov, predicted the Russian people would eventually see through the present government's "duplicitous" and seek their liberation.

Kerensky, a research associate at Stanford University since February, said he was not certain the change would come by "revolution" or by "evolution," but was vehement in his belief it was inevitable.

Transmission Line Tests Completed

Portland — (AP) — The Bonneville Power Administration said Saturday that all energization tests the west's highest voltage transmission line had been successfully completed.

The line is the 175-mile, 345,000 volt McNary-J. D. Ross Vancouver line, which is scheduled to go into routine operation Oct. 1.

BPA Administrator William A. Pearl said the line and the giant 345,000 volt auto-transformer banks at each terminal represent a new engineering achievement in economies of high voltage and long distance power transmission. They were built at a cost of \$18 million.

"Operating at the extra high voltage of 345,000," Pearl said, "the line will carry all the power from four McNary dam generators, about 320,000 kilowatts, to Portland and Vancouver load centers. All the present power needs of the city of Portland could be carried on this single transmission line, which has a capacity nearly twice the conventional high voltage of 230,000."

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