

Organized Campaigns Pressed Against Animals in Science

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 New York—Aside from the stimulation Russia's two Sputniks gave to American space science, the sharpest American reaction has been directed at those sciences and scientists who use dogs and cats experimentally for the purpose of advancing human well-being. The reason for it is that Laika, a dog, died in Sputnik II. The reaction has been, to capsule it into a few words: Stop American scientists from doing what those Godless, criminal Russians did—killing a poor innocent dog for no reason at all!

Organized campaigns have begun in various sections. Petitions have been or are going to be presented to legislators and other office-holders. This reporter, on his rounds of laboratories, has seen a dozen or so letters which, after denouncing scientists as "sadists" and even "murderers" urged them to give up their



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"Communist practices." The vociferous campaigns of anti-vivisectionists are continuous, and so have continuous nuisance value inside science. But Laika has given them a new take-off point and this reporter knows of one science administrator who is worried lest the emotionally exploited ghost of that Russian dog eventually sets back American scientific progress.

Ordinarily scientists publicly ignore these campaigns, thinking that notice of them, stimulates them. But the Laika-based campaign has now reached the point where the editors of the respected New England Journal of Medicine felt impelled to comment on it. The campaign, they said, is being conducted "by those who, loving mankind less, have loved their animal companions more."

Claim Inconsistent
 Their editorial found "a curious inconsistency in a compassion for certain petted animals only; a compassion that can be extended neither to mankind nor to the lower creatures. It is as if the canine and the feline inhabitants of the earth took precedence over all else.

"For certainly out of the concern that is expressed by an ardent group of vociferous objectors over the tribulations of dogs and cats, little seems to overflow onto the rabbits, the mice, the guinea pigs, the hamsters, the sheep, the camels, the asses, the lowing cattle and the dumb oxen and all the fowls of the field and of the air that are sacrificed for the necessities and conveniences of mankind."

SELF-SERVICE HOSPITAL
 London—The Lancet, the journal of Britain's medical profession, suggested today the "do-it-yourself" craze may spread to medicine in the form of "self service hostels." An editorial in the current issue of Lancet proposed the establishment of hostels—as opposed to hospitals—where "suitable" patients can stay overnight for outpatient treatment, and wards without nursing supervision where patients can look after themselves.

Portland—Dr. George Y. Harry Jr., director of research for the Oregon Fish Commission, has been designated acting director of state fisheries.

PP&L Will Build 230,000-Volt Line

Portland—Pacific Power & Light Company and Bonneville Power Administration have announced agreement on power transmission arrangements whereby PP&L will build 28 miles of 230,000-volt line from the Swift project on the Lewis river to an interconnection point with BPA's Vancouver-Longview circuit near Woodland.

Power from the 274,000-kilowatt Swift project, scheduled for completion in 1958, will be delivered by BPA into the company's system at Portland and Albany over available government facilities with the firm making annual payments for their use.

The arrangement will permit full integration of the new project into the Northwest power pool, the announcement said.

ASKS STRIP BAN
 Malacca, Southwest Malaya—A newly formed National Cultural Council today called on the government to ban strip tease shows, rock 'n' roll and other "objectionable" forms of entertainment. The council was formed by the Malay Cultural Congress attended by 200 representatives from all parts of the country.

Noted Photographer Succumbs at Carmel

Carmel, Calif.—Edward Weston, whose detailed photographic studies of seashells, vegetables, rocks and sand won him worldwide reputation, died Wednesday at his Carmel Highlands home. He was 71.

Critics long had described him as a major artist for his imaginative works, especially his scenes of nearby Point Lobos and Death Valley. He had more than 100 one-man shows in cities over the world during his long career.

Collegians First To Top Mt. Hood in 1958
 Government Camp, Ore.—A group of four Whitman college students today held the honor of being the first to reach the top of the 11,245 foot Mt. Hood in 1958.

Ed Paget and Mike Ramsey of Portland; Stan Kozlowski, Bremerton, Wash., and John Alsip, Nampa, Idaho, arrived at the summit at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday after a moonlight climb from Timberline lodge. They said they passed six other climbers en route to the top.

Chehalis—Seven youths walked away from the campus at the State Training School for Boys here Wednesday night are still at large.

Newfoundland OK's Crown Zellerbach

St. John's, Nfld.—Premier Joseph Smallwood, has announced that the provincial cabinet had authorized Crown Zellerbach Corporation of San Francisco to build and operate pulp and paper mills in Newfoundland.

Smallwood said the proposal, which must be approved by the legislative assembly, would provide 9,000 jobs in the province.

In San Francisco, Zellerbach President A. B. Layton said the company contemplates building facilities producing at least 400 tons of newsprint and 2,000 tons of wood pulp a day if preliminary studies prove the operations economically feasible.

In return for 99-year renewable leases, the company would pay the province \$2 a square mile annual ground rental, plus stumpage payments of \$1 a cord for wood cut for processing within the province and \$2 a cord for wood exported without being processed.

Second Safest Year In Airplane Industry

Washington—The air transportation industry chalked up its second safest year in history in 1957, the Civil Aeronautics Administration has reported.

It reported a passenger fatality rate of 2 per 100 million miles for the year, second only to the 1954 record of 1 fatality per 100 million passenger miles. The 1957 record compared to the .5 fatality rate of 1956.

RADIO-TV REVENUE UP

Washington—The Federal Communications Commission has reported broadcasting revenues totaled about \$1,400,000,000 during 1956. The television industry's share amounted to nearly \$900 million. Combined radio and television profits in 1956 amounted to \$238,800,000 after taxes, or a 21 per cent rise above 1955. Television profits for 1956 totaled \$189,600,000 while radio profits amounted to \$49,200,000 during the same year.

Thief's Conscience Brightens New Year

St. Louis—A burglar's conscience helped start the new year happily for George Rured.

Ruder notified police last Sunday that \$1,907, mostly in change, had been taken in a burglary from his house while he was sawing wood in the back yard.

Wednesday night he received an anonymous telephone call from a man who told him he was sorry he had taken the money. The caller said he had spent \$100 of it, but that the balance could be recovered on the baseball diamond at Beaumont High school.

Police found the money in a potato sack.

Nottingham, England—The parish magazine of St. Nicholas church carried the following book notice: "Do you like thrillers? Get the latest automobile association handbook. The hotel prices will curdle your blood."

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