

Quotes From the News

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Washington—Mrs. William J. Conley, on Deputy Soviet Premier Anastas Mikoyan's surprise visit to her home which caught her by surprise with a sink full of dirty dishes, unmade beds and newspapers strewn about the floor:
"I didn't apologize for the mess because they were not invited and were not expected. It was all terribly confusing."

San Francisco—Evangelist Billy Graham, about an eye ailment that forced him to take a rest:
"The Lord allowed this to happen to let me know I have only one calling in life—to preach the Gospel."

Washington—Adlai Stevenson, on this country's defensive action in the cold war:
"We have reacted to countless Soviet initiatives; acted on our own initiative barely at all. We watch the skies for other people's moves."

Hollywood, Calif.—Actress Susan Hayward, a four-time loser in the Academy Awards race, on her chances this year:
"I've been in the running before, but I must say no one ever becomes accustomed to losing... I still feel lucky."

Medical Expert Cites Reasons for Long Life of Man

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

New York—An expert medical opinion of what it was that permitted a man to live over 107 years is: The man was slight of build; he had the habit of regular exercise and a philosophical attitude toward life, and he came of a long-lived family. The opinion is that of Dr. Paul Dudley White, President Eisenhower's heart consultant. The man was Charley W. Thiery of Boston who died last March 16 of pneumonia, 105 years after pneumonia almost killed him when he was a babe of two.



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Between those two bouts of pneumonia, he was almost uniformly in excellent health, a fact to which White certified after investigating his life history. White knew him intimately from his 100th birthday onward and vouched for the mental and physical vigor of his last years.

Closely Studied
Rarely does a centennarian come under such expert medical scrutiny for so long. White examined him repeatedly and occasionally "demonstrated" him to medical colleagues. Thiery was closely studied in life, and there was a thorough autopsy.

Thus a highly qualified person was enabled to pass on the reasons for the long life and good health of one person. But White grasped this opportunity cautiously. He qualified his opinion with "probably" and specified that his three points only "contributed" to longevity.

White noted without comment that Thiery himself believed his lifelong abstinence from tobacco and alcohol was helpful. Thiery also credited his lifelong tendency toward nervous indigestion, which prevented him from ever overeating. The doctor agreed on that.

Did Bachelorhood Help?
Thiery never married. White noted that he had often said his bachelorhood had nothing to do with his longevity, and to this White appended no comment.
"By the grace of God," was one of the answers Thiery gave when asked how long he had managed to live so long. Of this White said: "Such a reason is, of course a combination of the influence of heredity, an escape from serious accidents and fatal infections, and the effect of the way of life."

Thiery's heart was medically examined for the first time when he was 100. White was the examiner and found minor irregularities but the heart was of normal size and blood pressure was normal. There was an annual heart examination thereafter which showed little or no change.

If pneumonia hadn't killed Thiery, "he might have lived another few years in good health," White said, in reporting on his studies at a recent medical meeting. The autopsy showed only a moderate degree of "hardening" of the heart arteries, although it revealed that he had had the blocked-artery type of heart attack at some unknown time.

There were not symptoms—and he never knew it.

The Federal government now spends more on the purchase of paper towels than it did on the whole federal budget in George Washington's day.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A Soviet scientist, quoted by Moscow radio, thinks there may be oil and gas on the moon. He has been researching the pockmarks on the moon's face, which have long been referred to as craters, and thinks they may be exits for natural gas.

This would mean, he says, that in the direct vicinity of these craters one could expect to find deposits of oil.
HOW to get the oil HERE—where we can use it?
He doesn't go into that. He thinks the moon's oil and gas could be used as a source of energy on the moon itself. There are quite a few problems up there, you know. Among others, the moon HAS NO AIR. Air would have to be manufactured. So far as known, the moon has no water. So water would have to be manufactured.

And so on.
THE Russians aren't doing all the pipe-dreaming. Americans are taking a hack at it.

Scientists of the Lockheed missile systems division down at Sunnyvale, in the Bay area of California, think that in maybe a decade the space art will be so advanced that man can build a laboratory some 500 miles up from the earth.

How?
Well, first we'd toss up a sealed compartment in which men could live. Then we'd toss up other compartments, which would be caught up there in the wild yonder by men on the first compartment—much, presumably, as a rivet-catcher on a high building catches red hot rivets tossed up to him by his assistant.

These components would be put together to provide quarters for a crew of ten scientists. The cost?
About two billion bucks.

Wait a minute. You haven't heard anything yet.

DR. JOHN LYMAN, associate professor of psychology and engineering at UCLA, speculates that space travelers of the future might be QUICK FROZEN like a can of pea soup before starting on the trip to the stars.

The space tourist's body, he says, could be reduced to a temperature of say minus 300 degrees until all chemical body activity has stopped. He adds:

"At the end of a THOUSAND YEAR trip to some other world the process could be reversed, by inductive or inside heating, thus bringing the temperature back to normal and apparently leaving the space explorer NO OLDER physically than when he started his trip."

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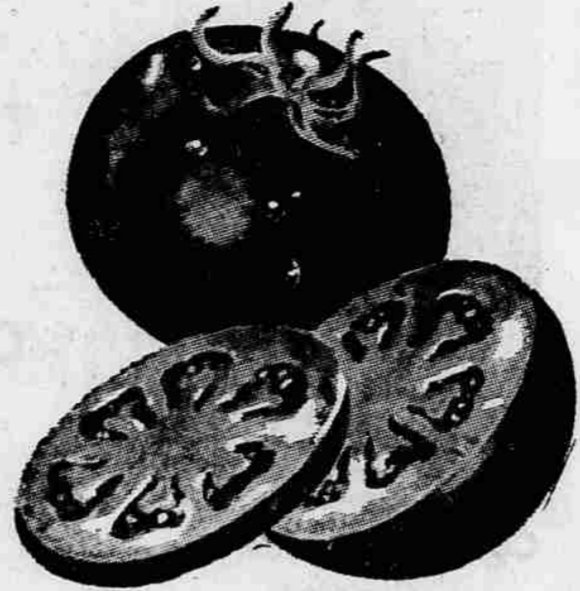
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