

# Pill Could Squelch Explosive Boost in World Population

Brookline, Mass. - (Science Service) - The explosive increase in world population could be squelched by a tiny pill.

The tiny pill may be a contraceptive tablet described here in a conference on the population problem and the control of human fertility held by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The pill and related clinical evaluations were discussed by Drs. Hudson Hoagland and Gregory Pinkus, co-directors of the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, and Dr. John Rock, professor emeritus at Harvard Medical School.

**Daily Pill Needed**  
The pill contains recently discovered compounds called

19 nor steroids. These steroids block ovulation successfully when the pill is taken by mouth daily, the meeting was told.

Experiments in the West Indies and Puerto Rico indicate that this contraceptive pill will prevent ovulation without causing serious harmful effects. Some women have taken the pill for three years. Until the pill has been taken for a longer period, however, the exact long-range effects will remain uncertain, Dr. Hoagland said.

Currently, the pill must be taken daily. Eventually, researchers hope to be able to develop a pill with prolonged action so that fewer pills will do the job. Also, presently, the pill is relatively expensive, he pointed out. The price could be reduced considerably, he believes.

Population "bombs" have created explosions in the number of people in the world.

**More Living Longer**  
The tremendous and dangerous increase in world population is due primarily to advances in medicine and technology. More people are simply living longer than they did a few years ago.

Antibiotics, increased interest in public health measures, and agricultural expansion have aided the effects of their benefits to a rapidly growing population. Each country will become increasingly dependent on its resources to support larger numbers of people in the future, Dr. Hoagland predicted.

Even now, over 50 per cent of the world population is undernourished. This is particularly true of the younger age groups in underdeveloped countries.

## PROSPECT Hedgepaths Have Guests

**By GLADYS GOVENOR**  
Prospect - Mr. and Mrs. George Meyman, Jimmie and Billy Mae, Mr. Barr, Mr. Fitch and son, Bob, had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hedgepath.

The group spent the evening practicing music.

Mr. Fitch and Bob went to Nampa, Idaho to get Mrs. Fitch who has been helping her daughter there.

Larry Knutson, a former Prospect boy, went to Portland, Tuesday to take his physical to enter the Marines.

The YTC will meet at the home of Hope Hedgpath, January 29.

Miss Sue Betts was an overnight guest of Miss Sandra Sanderson of Shady Cove recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Govenor, Marian Merle, and Marlene, went to Woodland, California, Dec. 27 to attend the wedding of their son, Warren to Ladonna Gould.

It was also Mr. and Mrs. George Govenor's 37 wedding anniversary.

Ralph Goode broke his wrist and was unable to drive the school bus to the game in Days Creek Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Conners moved to Medford where Conners' has employment.

Mrs. Hazel Mather and Warren and Robert were in this vicinity Thursday.

Mary Jane Robinson, and Mrs. Blunt went to Redding, Calif., to visit friends and relatives recently.

Red Blanket Mill employees went back to work Jan. 21 after the winter shutdown.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Govenor are parents of a boy, Rodney Glenn.

Several cases of strep have been reported around Prospect.

Suzette Holm's and Sondra Robinson visited Miss Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eten Robinson recently.

Mrs. Kenneth Vannice attended the funeral of her uncle, C. H. Falk, at Halsey, Ore., Jan. 10.

Jeanette Hooper was an overnight guest of Judy Anderson, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robertson from Washington state, were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson, over the week end.

Kenneth Struck is now attending OTI in Klamath Falls.

Robie Sharp has been on the sick list lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gaub and sons of Redwood City, Calif., visited Mrs. Gaub's parents Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hedgepath recently.

Randy Krell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krell, has been in the Sacred Heart hospital for surgery recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fowler are parents of an 8½ pound girl born Jan. 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larsen are parents of a girl born Jan. 13th.

## Higher Teachers' Salaries Proposed

San Francisco - (UPI) - About 5,000 delegates to the National School Board association convention here heard major proposals Monday that teachers' salaries be doubled and that industry be called upon for help with high schools.

James B. Carey, president of the AFL-CIO Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union, called the teacher problems "absolutely appalling." He proposed that salaries be doubled "before they have to be tripled." Carey also said the country will need 132,000 classrooms this year and at least 400,000 in the

next five years.

Gen. John E. Hull (ret.) president of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., reported that corporation aid to education was estimated to exceed \$150 million in 1957. He proposed that school boards should study means of utilizing such aid for secondary education.

## Alaska Governor Remains Critical

Seattle, Wash. - (UPI) - Gov. William E. Egan of Alaska remained on the critical list at Virginia Mason Hospital here today.

Egan, 44, has shown slight improvement since an emergency two-hour operation a week ago for the removal of an intestinal block.

## NOT PLUM LOCO

London - (UPI) - Judge John Maude dispensed this advice in London's Old Bailey Court today: "Police are not just solid old plum puddings. They have some sense about them, you know."

## DOCTOR BRINGS STORK

Chicago - (UPI) - An eight pound boy was born to Mrs. Sheila Stork, 21, in Edgewater Hospital Sunday night. A doctor brought it.

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