



SMOG ELIMINATOR - An afterburning apparatus to eliminate 90 per cent of the smog-producing hydrocarbons in automobile exhaust gases is shown being fitted to the underside of a test car, by its inventor, Dr. Stuart Ridgway. The device was presented at the SAE convention in Detroit. This is just one of several afterburners being experimented with in the battle against smog and air pollution. Cost, including installation, has been estimated at about \$150.

200 Sleepless Hours Ended; Man Goes Into Sound Sleep

New York—UPI—Disc jockey Peter Tripp slept "man's soundest sleep" today, completing a 200-hour sleepless vigil for the sake of science. Tripp, 32, ended his wake-a-thon at 7:14 o'clock Wednesday night. An hour later he fell into a deep sleep at the Astor Hotel after physicians assured him he had broken all records for scientifically controlled wakefulness. "Now he's sleeping man's soundest sleep," said Dr. Louis J. West, who heads the team of scientists watching Tripp. "He has done something no man has done before, and it's fantastic." The scientists here did not recognize the wake-a-thon of disc jockey Dave Hunter of Jacksonville, Fla. Hunter began his vigil two hours before Tripp and has vowed to stay awake for 225 hours, but his experiment has not been scientifically controlled or documented.

Another Gives Up
A third disc jockey, Red Evans, of Tallahassee, Fla., tried to stay awake 200 hours but gave up at 190 hours and 43 minutes on advice of his doctor. He had developed a headache. West said he would awaken Tripp at 11 a.m. (e.s.t.), his usual rising time, for some psychiatric observations and medical tests after 15 hours of sleep. But he said he expected Tripp to go back to sleep for 8 or 10 hours. Even while sleeping, Tripp was working for science. He dropped off too quickly Wednesday night for arrangements for a recording of his brain waves to be completed. But his pulse, body temperature and other physical activities were being measured. West said he did not believe Tripp any harm which sleep could not erase. He said the experiment had proved that "there is a measurable disorganization of mental functions tantamount to a major personality change when a great deal of sleep is lost."

Mexico Seizes Eight Airlines

Mexico City—UPI—The government seized Mexico's eight airlines and placed telephone exchange buildings under heavy police guard today in an attempt to halt the spread of labor unrest across the nation. The government stepped into the 6-day-old nationwide pilots strike Wednesday night after tourist agencies reported the domestic tourist trade had been cut 75 per cent. A government spokesman said a general administrator, to be paid by the airlines, would be appointed to assume control of the airlines and get the planes back in the air.

ADVICE TOO GOOD

Boston—UPI—On the blotter of a suburban police department are these two entries by patrolman Joe Falvey: "7:10 p.m. - A woman on North Pleasant street called and said she had a skunk in her cellar. I told her to get some meat scraps and make a trail from the open cellar door to the back of her yard. Told her to watch from the window and when skunk followed the trail of meat scraps, to close the cellar door gently. "8:40 p.m. - The woman on North Pleasant street called again. She reported she did like I told her with the meat scraps and now she has two skunks in her cellar."

The scientist likened Tripp's experiment to some of the pioneering volunteer work done in the fields of yellow fever, polio, and cancer research. Tripp had started off with no stimulation—not even coffee. But since Monday he has been taking a chemical stimulant in pill form as a part of the scientific tests. He admitted he probably couldn't have gone on without the pills and the presence of his wife and friends. "I've learned one major thing," Tripp said. "You can't stay awake alone. You need someone there to keep you awake, to keep telling you 'Up, boy, up.'"



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