

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo

YOU TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN PURPOSELY MISSING A PROGRAM THAT GIVES YOU A PAIN IN THE NECK....

THEN EVERYBODY ALL DAY LONG INSISTS ON REHASHING IT BLOW BY BLOW, AD INFINITUM AND THEN SOME....



Letter Describes Conditions In Leopoldville, The Congo

(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a letter dated July 12 from Russell Ulrich, son of Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, 839 Minnesota ave., Medford, who is an assistant superintendent of meteorology for Pan American Air Lines. Ulrich was recently caught in the strife-torn area of Leopoldville, in the Republic of Congo, Africa, and has written his experiences to his mother. He had been in the area while on a business trip along with two other Pan Am employees, who all took refuge in the American embassy, and finally evacuated by the Military Transport service.)

By RUSSELL ULRICH

We left Johannesburg (South Africa) on Tuesday, July 5, on a French Airline... to Brazzaville. This is the city across from the Belgian Congo city of Leopoldville. We arrived late in the afternoon, too late to catch the last boat for Leopoldville so we spent the night Brazzaville.

The next morning... we took the ferry to Leopoldville and met our station manager (Pan Am official) who showed us around the city and out to the airport where we conducted our business... We got a good briefing on the political situation in the Congo which at the time was fairly quiet.

Thursday we conducted more business and heard... rumors that the Army was dissatisfied with its Belgian

officers and also there were numerous groups of people gathering to listen to speeches in the street... As yet there was no evidence of trouble.

Friday Lost Day

Friday was a lost day which started out with all of us having to prove at breakfast to an armed Congolese soldier who could neither read nor write that we were not Belgian officers. It seems that during the night the Army had revolted against the Belgian officers and they were rounding them all up. One fellow got taken away just because he had khaki pants on - he was later released.

From then on the day was full of bad news as we heard the airport was taken over by the Army and closed so our plane had to return to Johannesburg... stranding us completely.

Also the boat to Brazzaville was closed so there was no way out of the Congo... We stood by the PAA office which was in the hotel where we were staying, along with a lot of Congolese ministers, and watched the troops go by in jeeps and trucks and loads of Belgians headed for their embassy across the street from the hotel.

Needless to say the rumors were terrific, particularly since there was shooting across the street caused by trigger happy soldiers being careless with their guns.

Center of Activity
The hotel where we are staying is right in the center of all the activity and an

open air cafe in front of the hotel provided a good place to sit and watch until things got too hot and too many soldiers were waving guns around.

Our airport manager made it out to the airport to tell the plane not to stop here but on the way back he was pulled out of the car several times by soldiers and roughed up a bit so he stopped half way back to town and held up in a hotel... He is a Britisher who speaks French and could be easily mistaken for a Belgian officer. These are the fellows that the Congolese Army is after. Also photographers, we saw several civilians stripped of their cameras and searched for arms.

The city is very tense tonight with jeep loads of soldiers patrolling the streets and it would take little to set the entire situation off in a big explosion where people could get hurt.

Separate for Night

Clark Bassett, Dick Arvidson (PAA associates) and I have been sticking together but our rooms are not adjoining so we had to separate for the night with a rendezvous at breakfast, if there is any food by then. Have no idea of when we will be able to get out of here, the next PAA plane is a week from today. We hope to get across the river to Brazzaville and to get a plane to anywhere from there.

Saturday, July 9—Today is much of a repetition of yesterday but we have moved temporarily to the American Embassy a few blocks from the hotel. Because of the crowds around the... PAA office, the PAA manager decided to move the office to the Embassy since any evacuation of personnel would be organized from this place.

Last night was quiet except for the Army trucks patrolling up and down and only a few occasional shots. Our airport manager got safely in from the hotel near the airport where he spent the night locked in his room.

Land at Brazzaville
Our plane yesterday landed at Brazzaville across the river in French territory, at least it used to be French and is now independent; there were no passengers to pick up so they flew on to Luanda in Portuguese Angola and no one had made it to there so they came back to Brazzaville and still no evacuees had made it across the river, so the plane continued on toward New York. At least

Appendix Said Useful For Cancer Victims

Pasadena, Calif. (Science Service) - The appendix, long considered an obsolete organ, may have a purpose after all. It may help save cancer victims.

Research conducted here by California Institute of Technology immunologist Dr. Dieter H. Sussdorf indicates that the appendix may play an important role in the body's defenses against infection. This fact is particularly relevant to radiation therapy for cancer, in which high doses of total body radiation often temporarily paralyze the infection-fighting system.

Heart Defects Told Before Birth

Chicago - (Science Service) - Heart block in three unborn babies has been diagnosed with an electrocardiograph.

Drs. Saul D. Larks, University of California, Los Angeles, and Lawrence Longo of the Los Angeles County General hospital reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association that this unique use of the electrocardiograph may permit surgeons to prepare for corrective surgery immediately after delivery.

They said the technique may help uncover the cause of such inborn defects. Recent improvements in the use of the electrocardiograph permit physicians to make accurate charts of the current produced by the contraction of an infant's heart muscle as early as the 22nd week of pregnancy.

PAA made a good try to get Americans out.

About 2 p.m. we found out that the boats to Brazzaville were running again so all of the PAA people left the American Embassy and drove to the docks where we were passed through customs and immigration and on to the boat. It left at 2:30 and 15 minutes later we were safely in Brazzaville. The dock was quite a sight - all was directed toward the accommodation of the hundreds of whites that were arriving by boats and the American Embassy was on the job collecting baggage and getting everyone onto trucks to go to a French military camp where we would be housed until we got out.

We separated from the rest took taxis out to the airport to see what planes were available, but all planes were shuttling back and forth between Brazzaville and Leopoldville bringing out Europeans. About 6:30 p.m. a high USAF Globemaster came in from Tripoli and it was decided to fly us all to Accra, Ghana, the next day in this plane.

On Straw Mattresses

We went to... the Foreign Legion barracks to spend the night on straw mattresses and under mosquito nets. All of the hotels were completely jammed with refugees...

The French were very hospitable and helpful as were the black Congolese on the French side of the river. About 11 a.m. we went out to the airport and at 1:30 p.m. we all got aboard the C-129 USAF Globemaster. We arrived there (Accra) about 7 p.m. that evening.

All planes out of Ghana toward New York were sold out with long waiting lists so we found space on a BOAC plane going north across the desert to Rome. We left at 6 p.m. Monday and made one stop in Kano, Nigeria, and arrived at Rome at 6 a.m. Tuesday. We checked into a hotel for about six hours, then at 3:30 p.m. left for Paris on a Pan Am jet.

Before the body recovers enough to fight back, bacteria and foreign substances called antigens may run rampant, and the victim may die - not of cancer but of infection. For this reason, paralysis of the antibody-producing mechanism is a major cause of radiation deaths.

Greater Protection

Systematically covering with lead shields one organ and then another, during radiation treatment for cancer, Dr. Sussdorf found that shielding only the appendix gave greater protection than did shielding of any other single organ.

The puzzling thing was that the appendix itself is not directly involved in antibody formation. From this Dr. Sussdorf concluded that the appendix does something to do with the spleen's ability to recover from radiation damage.

The spleen is a blood-storing organ rich in lymphoid tissue and is usually the first organ to react against infection by producing antibodies. After the spleen has triggered the defense mechanism, the

Business Bureau Warns Buyers

New York (UPI) - The National Better Business Bureau has warned buyers to beware of "Buy One - Get One Free" deals.

In a bulletin to its members, the NBBB said it had found after a nationwide investigation of current advertising of "two gallons of paint for the price of one," that such deals are deceptive if two units are always offered at a single stated price.

"A question arises as to whether this method of selling paint, or any other commodity, involves the sale of one unit and the gift of another, or whether, in reality, two units at a time are regularly and customarily sold for a single stated price," said Kenneth B. Willson, NBBB president.

Willson said the bureau believes that public understanding of "Two-for-One-Sales" is that, for a limited time, two articles are being offered for the usual price at which one has been sold as a single unit in the recent regular course of business.

"When two articles are always offered together for a stated price, and cannot be secured individually in the normal course of business," he said, "the customary unit of sale is two, and to imply that the state price is the regular price for one, and the other is 'free' is fallacious."

Mercury Capsule Has Glass Shield

Corning, N.Y. - (Science Service) - Thin shields of glass will be used on the Mercury capsule in which one of the U.S.'s seven astronauts will orbit the earth. Corning Glass Works reported here that the firm is making the shields to protect transmitting and receiving antennas but permit their radio signals to pass. The firm's 96 per cent silica glass will form a ring about the neck of the capsule. This glass will not break even when plunged from high heat into icy water.

Radio signals streaming back to earth through the antenna shields will carry critical information about the chosen astronaut's heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature. The signals will also send data on the satellite's operation.

lymphoid cells in some other organs and in the lymph glands take up the task.

Reasoning Correct
From a series of radioisotope tracer studies, Dr. Sussdorf found that his reasoning

was correct. Lymphoid cells in the shielded appendix migrate to the radiation-damaged spleen, repopulate that organ and manufacture antibodies there. By shielding the appendix and spleen with

lead, the dangers of infection after irradiation for leukemia and certain other forms of cancer are reduced considerably.

Dr. Sussdorf began his research at the University of

Chicago with Dr. Laurence R. Draper, under sponsorship of the Atomic Energy Commission. It was continued at the Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, and completed at Caltech.

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