

Eisenhower Hopes To Achieve Goal

Washington (Science Service) — President Eisenhower has little hope of achieving an East-West agreement on nuclear test suspension during his administration; but to get such an agreement still remains one of his cherished goals.

The President's pessimistic appraisal of chances for a pact with Moscow on nuclear tests was given in response to a science service question at his news conference.

Pointing to the history of nearly two years of unsuccessful negotiations at Geneva, the President bluntly admitted the prospect for success now "doesn't seem too good."

"Nothing," he said, "would gratify me more than to achieve between the East and West some agreement that would bring a bit more of peace of mind to all our people."

Stresses Need

He stressed the need for effective policing "on both sides" to be part of such a pact.

The question of inspection requirements has been one of the major stumbling blocks in negotiations between East and West on this subject.

On the subject of further studies before enacting legislation for the medical health and care for the aged, President Eisenhower said that a great deal of study and consultation on the subject already has been completed and this group of people "need help now."

He favors the administration proposals for help for the aged even if it should be more expensive than the Democratic-sponsored "pay-as-you-go" bill because he is "against compulsory medicine."

Issued Statement

President Eisenhower also issued a statement on recent U. S. space conquests, saying that they demonstrated "beyond all doubt the vigor, capabilities and leadership of the U. S. . . . in exploration and utilization of space."

"The United States," he said, "leads the world in the activities in the space field that promise real benefit to mankind."

Canadians Find Muscle Changes

Ottawa, Canada, — (Science Service) — As a man grows older, his heart muscle undergoes more change of a certain chemical nature, than other major tissues in the body, two Canadian researchers have reported here.

Drs. Kanaka Mori and Jean-Paul Duruisseau of the University of Montreal have measured the concentrations of sodium, potassium, phosphorus, calcium, magnesium and chloride ions present in the body tissues of rats 1-36 months old. They found that older heart muscle not only showed a decrease in all except phosphate ion, but also confirmed the loss of cardiac tissue water previously reported. This means that the concentration drop was not due to dilution with water.

"These changes in the water and electrolytes (the ions) of cardiac muscle with age may be important to the understanding of various gerontological problems," the doctors state.

Liver Is Second

The tissue showing the second greatest degree of change was the liver, where all the

positively charged ions except calcium decreased as the animal grew older.

Age brought about a "striking decrease" in magnesium concentration of the aorta, where calcium showed a gradual increase.

The brain, by contrast, showed no change, and only chloride increased in the serum of older animals. There was also little change in skeletal muscle, the type found on the arms and legs. Only potassium and calcium decreased with age.

The doctors state that the decrease in potassium and magnesium in aged heart muscle and liver "might be connected with a general reduction in cellular functions of these tissues."

'Remarkable Decrease'

Other workers, the researchers note in the Canadian Journal of Biochemistry and Physiology, have found a "remarkable decrease" in metabolic rate in the aged heart in rats.

The doctors are now working at the Institute de Gerontologie, Hospital Notre-Dame de la Mercl, Montreal.

News Satellite Speeds Stories

Washington, (Science Service) — The "news satellite" Courier, launched recently is designed to demonstrate the way a satellite could speed news and other communications around the world.

News stories by many American newspapermen beamed to the satellite can be immediately rebroadcast to the ground or taped and broadcast to the ground later.

The broadcasting and receiving stations equipped to work with Courier are at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and the U.S. Army Caribbean Signal Agency's Space Communication center near Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The news stories will go

Clothing Burglar Loses Own Coat

Atlanta — A burglar left with less than he started with when he tried to rob a downtown hotel room.

Police said Mrs. J. D. Bullock of Columbia, S.C., frightened the burglar away when she entered her seventh floor room.

Instead of carting off the Bullocks' clothing as he intended to do, police reported, the thief left his own coat behind while making a hasty exit through a window to a nearby building.

Apparently he removed his coat before trying to squeeze under the screen on the window after climbing a fire escape.

Police Offer Hints For Safe Crackers

Santa Monica, Calif. — Donald V. Crackers, 21, told police who booked him for safe cracking that he had received expert instruction.

Crackers told officers he used a phony press pass to get into a police meeting where veteran locksmiths were detailing the fine points of opening safes and locked doors.

"Those boys sure know their stuff and explain it well," he said.

Warnings Unheeded; Guards Take-Over

Port Chester, N.Y. — If the nurses can't enforce visiting hour rules perhaps Pinkerton guards can.

Such is the view of the United hospital, which disclosed it has hired uniformed Pinkerton men to prevent more than two visitors in a room at a time.

"We have found as many as nine people at a time visiting a patient," said a hospital official.

Nurses warnings were going unheeded, he said, and "the recovery of the patients has been endangered."

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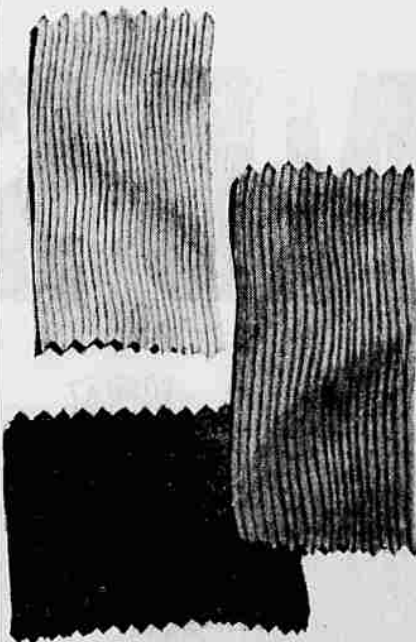
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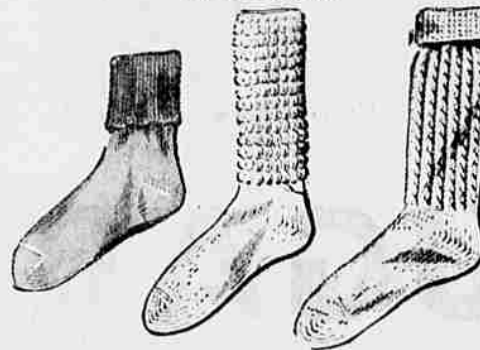
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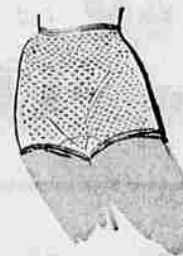
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