

### Scientists See Possibility of Sea Serpents

Los Angeles - (Science Service) - Those stories about giant sea serpents may not be so far-fetched after all.

More than one knowledgeable scientist believes in the possibility of their existence, and Dr. Robert J. Menzies, University of Southern California marine biologist renowned for his part in discovering Neoplina, the sea animal believed to have been extinct for 300,000,000 years, admitted here that he has gone fishing for a sea monster.

"I literally 'fished' for him with a giant hook nearly two feet long which was baited with a squid that would have been a mouthful even for a monster. I got the hook back - badly bent, large and strong as it was."

The flurry of interest in sea monsters gained new impetus last September, when Dr. Anton Brunn of Denmark described captured larval eels six feet long.

"Thus far, no adult of this particular eel species has ever been found," Dr. Menzies said.

#### Huge Size Suggested

But the unusually large size of the larvae suggested that the parents must be of huge size. The adult eels, perhaps 30 to 50 feet in length, looping their way across the ocean waves might account for some of the sea serpent legends.

"I know that some of the stories told about sea monsters and sea serpents sound weird," Dr. Menzies said. "But it would be even more ridiculous to poo-poo them completely and not even look for the monsters. I have searched for them as a part of other oceanographic studies. I am not prepared to say that there are such things; neither would I deny they exist."

Dr. Menzies said the finding of Neoplina suggests that even more important discoveries are awaiting science in the vast marine abyss. If a sea monster is found, he believes, the discovery will be made in the great ocean trench south of the Isthmus of Panama and along the Chilean coast.

### Longer Life for Cancer Patients Made Possible

Minneapolis, Minn. - (Science Service) - Prolonging of life for cancer patients with a tumor arising from sperm cells (seminoma of the testicles) has been made possible by the use of the drug sarcocollin (Chloroethylamino-phenylalanine) in Russia.

Dr. N. N. Blokhin, president of the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, said here that since 1954, the Institute of Clinical Oncology (study of tumors) has treated 86 patients who had previously undergone surgery for seminoma of the testicles. Success with sarcocollin in this country in treating breast cancer has been previously reported.

Sarcocollin was given in doses of 40 to 50 milligrams once in six to seven days with constant observation of the blood condition.

The Russian physician said that sarcocollin has a very active effect on this particular type of cancer, but no effect on other types of testicle tumors of different structure (Chorioepithelioma, teratoma, sarcoma, etc.).

### Titanium Oxide Pattern Baffles

London - (Science Service) - A geometrical pattern consisting of four spirals arranged symmetrically appeared unexplainably when titanium oxide fractured after being pressed for use as a refractory material.

This occurrence is reported by J. S. Jackson in the current issue of the British science journal, Nature. He discovered this while working in the Research Laboratory of the Associated Electrical Industries, Ltd., in Rugby, England.

The formation of one spiral by the fracture can be explained satisfactorily. However, the formation of four spirals spaced so symmetrically cannot be explained.

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