

Siren Proves New Fly Killer

Acoustical Society Working On Gadget To Kill Insects

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP)—A siren whistle that kills flies and mosquitoes in 10 seconds is described in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America today.

The whistle is hooked to a horn that directs the sound. But don't make one yet. It has to be almost as close to the fly as a swatter.

If you started whistling the flies to death, you soon would become dizzy and probably start seeing double.

The human risks of this whistle are new to science. They are reported by Doctors C. H. Allen, H.

Prings and L. Rudnick of the Pennsylvania State college. The scientists are hunting for some sort of a loud-speaker to kill crop insects.

The siren makes a noise too high-pitched for human ears to hear. But after a little while a person close to it gets dizzy. He does not have to be in the sound stream—in fact, if any part of him is directly in the beam of sound, close up, that part gets very hot.

If a hand is placed in the stream, with fingers touching, the places where they touch get burned. The temperature at these flesh contact points jumps to more than 150 Fahrenheit.

Workers spending an entire day in the state college whistle room report that they become more than ordinarily tired.

Those who open their mouths while the whistle is blowing, feel a cool, tickling sensation in their mouths. Some like this tickle, others don't.

The reasons for these effects are not known, except the burning. The whistle kills the insects because the sound waves overheat their bodies. It heats anything the sound blast touches.

These burns kill cockroaches and caterpillars in three to four minutes. The roaches used were about two inches long.

White mice died in one minute from the sound burns, except one mouse that was shaved. Naked, he lived more than two minutes. The reason was that fur traps the heat faster.

The wings of flies and mosquitoes shriveled and almost disappeared.

Tacoma Cops Get Lay-Off

TACOMA, Feb. 11 (AP)—Suspensions of 10, 15 and 30 days were announced Tuesday as the penalty for neglect of duty Friday night when five of them failed to go out on their beats.

The suspensions were announced by Commissioner of Public Safety Robert S. Temme. Officers John Kelly and John Gookins will be off duty 30 days without pay. They were the senior officers among the five patrolmen who sat in the squad room 7 p. m. to 10:30 when their sergeants "forgot to turn them out."

Sergeants James White, Carl Schmer and Olen Talbot were given 15-day layoffs for their failure to turn out the men and to report the incident. Patrolmen S. P. Mowbray, Marvin Lunden and Thomas La Rock will be off duty 10 days. They were considered less guilty because of their inexperience on the force.

French Clamp Down On Price Hiking

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AP)—The French government has prepared severe penalties for merchants raising prices above authorized levels, a cabinet source said tonight.

Many food prices have risen 12 per cent in the past two weeks and some even higher. The General Confederation of Labor (GCL) has demanded corresponding wage increases.

The government sanctions, the source said, are in a bill which is to receive final cabinet approval tomorrow morning before going to the national assembly.

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In an address before a meeting of workers Sunday, Tito described Albania as a "hard nut to crack" since "we have an alliance with her and obligations to protect her freedom."

The speech was published today.

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