



ETHEL ZIMMERMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zimmerman, Chiloquin, left Saturday morning by plane for Washington, D. C., enroute to Jakarta, Java, where she will be stationed as an employe of the state department. Miss Zimmerman is a graduate of Oregon State College, more recently she was a civilian employe of the Army in Japan and returned to the United States in December after a round the world trip.

### Doctor Gives New Idea Of Possible Insanity Cause

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE  
AP Science Reporter  
ST. LOUIS (AP)—Maybe people go insane because their bodies start making a queer insanity chemical, a psychiatrist said today.

This chemical might be something made out of adrenalin, the potent hormone which jazes up our bodies for fight or flight.

Some people may be born with a chemical machinery predisposed to make this chemical. Or it might appear when the body chemistry goes haywire from repeated stresses and strains.

This chemical theory for insanity and new evidence for it were described to the American Psychiatric Assn. in a report by Doctors Max Rinkel, Robert W. Hyde and Harry C. Solomon of the Boston Psychopathic Hospital.

It offers the possibility of pinpointing what the insanity chemical is, and then to counteract it to prevent and treat "mankind's greatest plague, insanity," Dr. Rinkel said.

The theory is based partly upon intensive studies with a drug which gives normal people the feelings

and other signs of schizophrenia, including inability to think clearly, mood changes, even hallucinations sometimes.

The drug is LSD, meaning Di-lysergic acid diethylamide, discovered in Switzerland by Sandoz Chemical Laboratories.

It's a derivative of a fungus, ergot. Ergot was blamed for causing the fits and "madness from bread" containing ergot which struck the French town of Pont St. Esprit in 1811.

LSD has no taste, no color. Just a trace of it in a glass of water was tested by more than 100 volunteers, including Dr. Rinkel. The idea was to learn what it feels like to be in the shoes of a mental patient.

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tal signs of schizophrenia, including inability to think clearly, mood changes, even hallucinations sometimes.

Still other drugs which produce results resembling mental illness create similar kinds of physical and chemical changes.

This is the main reason for theorizing that insanity has a chemical cause, stemming from some interference with the normal chemistry of the body.

The guilty chemical might be adrenoxine, formed when adrenalin is broken down or changes within the body, Dr. Rinkel said.

This is a guess, and further studies are under way to find what the insanity chemical, if there is one, might be.

LSD and other drugs which work like it may be interfering with the body's chemical factories so that

the insanity chemical starts to be made, Dr. Rinkel said.



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### Reds Confirm Newsmen Held

GENEVA (AP)—A Chinese Communist spokesman confirmed Thursday that American news correspondent Donald Dixon of New York City is being held on the China mainland.

Although Dixon was the only captive specifically mentioned in the Chinese admission was taken to indicate that the two men seized with Dixon more than a year ago also are in custody. They are Richard Applegate, of Medford, Ore., another correspondent, and merchant marine Capt. Ben Krasner of Brooklyn.

The Chinese have never before officially admitted that the three men were being held. The spokesman confirmed Dixon's status to a reporter but refused other details.

They were seized March 22, 1953, while en route from Hong Kong to Macao aboard Applegate's yacht.

An American official said there were no specific plans for any direct moves at the Geneva conference but that any useful opportu-

ny would not be overlooked.

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