

Scientific Reports Say Gout May Soon Be Conquered

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NEW YORK (UP)—This seems to be the year of victory over gout. Medical scientists can scarcely believe it, since gout has been such a stubbornly unyielding foe. But the signs of victory are accumulating and now the world-famous medical journal, The Lancet, has given the victory a guarded recognition.

Nevada Seeks Shasta Power

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Representatives of Oregon power groups will present testimony today before a House subcommittee on public works and resources winding up a three day hearing here.

One of the members of the subcommittee, Rep. Victor A. Knorr (R-Mech) charged yesterday that the California State legislature was "holding a club" over private utilities to prevent them from transmitting excess power to the State of Nevada.

The charge came during testimony of J. J. Shaver, chief engineer of the Colorado Power Commission of Nevada.

Shaver appeared at the direction of Nevada Gov. Charles Russell, who sent the subcommittee a telegram saying he understood it intended to attack the state for attempting to renew a contract with the Bureau of Reclamation to get some 31,000 kilowatts of power from the Shasta Project in California.

Shaver brought out that Nevada contracted for the power, but was never able to get a private utility to "wheel" it from Shasta to Nevada.

Knorr pointed out the fact that the California legislature passed a resolution which urged public utilities "not to enter into any wheeling agreement" for power to be used outside of California.

Knorr said, "I do believe in all fairness and sincerity that the state of Nevada has been discriminated against because of certain things that have happened" in the state of California to prevent wheeling.

quoting editorially the titles of the two newest victory reports—"Complete Relief of Gout" and "Gout—Now Amenable to Control" and noting that American and British scientists are "controlling" gout with the same success with the same means.

Science does not yet know precisely what causes gout. In its normal chemical functioning, the body manufactures a white, odorless, tasteless, and all but insoluble chemical—uric acid. In the normal body most of it is excreted through the kidneys. In the gouty person, a salt of uric acid, urate, is deposited in the tissues and the level of uric acid in the blood is high. No one can explain fully how it works. But Dr. F. G. W. Marson said:

"After five years' experience with the continuous drug treatment of gout I am convinced that acute gout ceases to occur when the serum uric-acid level is controlled, but this control is not usually achieved until treatment has been continued for several months."

The control is achieved with one or another members of the drug group called the salicylates. Aspirin is one, but Marson and other specialists use mainly sodium salicylate. They use it in comparatively massive doses. Sometimes there are unpleasant side effects, especially as the treatment time lengthens. But these side effects usually pass or they, too, can be controlled.

In its editorial comment, The Lancet said "a sound theoretical case could be made for starting a uricocuric drug as soon as the diagnosis of gout is firmly established and for continuing it for the remainder of the patient's life."

The victory is a "notable advance," it said. Yet it "has thrown little fresh light on the mechanism whereby a chronic familial defect of metabolism is punctuated by explosive episodes of acute gout."

MARTIAL LAW

ANKARA, Turkey (UP)—Martial law, imposed after wild anti-Greek riots last week, has been extended for six months in Turkey's three biggest cities, Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir. The extension was voted overwhelmingly by Parliament.

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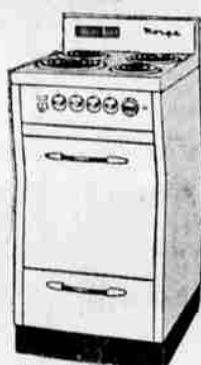
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U.S. Officials Say German Chief Made Best Bargain

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (UP)—United States officials feel that German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer made about the best bargain possible in his talks with Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin.

He agreed to opening of diplomatic relations between Bonn and Moscow in return for the promised freedom of German war prisoners held in Russia.

Authorities here said the establishment of diplomatic relations would not prejudice forthcoming negotiations on German unification.

even though the Soviet Union may try to use it in that manner. Secretary of State Dulles, in cooperation with British and French foreign ministers, plans to make demands for German unification the first business of the West when the Big Four foreign ministers meet at Geneva Oct. 27.

Adenauer told a news conference in Moscow he had not surrendered any of West Germany's obligations to NATO and the Western European Union.

Adenauer's mission is regarded here as opening a new era in relations between the Soviet Union and West Germany. But aside from the prisoner issue it leaves major East-West problems unresolved. The problem of German unification is foremost among these in the view of the U. S. government.

The State Department declined any immediate comment on the German-Russian agreement pending receipt of complete details.

But Adenauer's intentions in going to Moscow had been fully discussed with American representatives and he had full American support.

The position Adenauer took on unification at the outset of the Moscow talks was that it was proper to open diplomatic relations made the final agreement possible.

erly a problem for the October foreign ministers' meeting. He then concentrated, as Washington officials understand his moves, on obtaining a Soviet promise to release thousands of German men still held in Russia 10 years after the end of World War II.

The Soviets, while insisting on establishment of diplomatic relations first, argued that they could not negotiate the prisoner release problem without the presence of representatives of the East German Communist regime.

Some reports say that at one point Adenauer was prepared to break off the talks, refuse diplomatic relations and go home because the Soviets were unwilling to yield on the prisoner problem. It thus appeared in the final outcome that a Russian concession on the price Adenauer wanted for opening diplomatic relations made the final agreement possible.

The Soviets presumably want to prevent or at the least slow down the rearmament of West Germany within the Atlantic Alliance and the Western European Union. They may hope to use a diplomatic nuisance in Germany to work for that purpose.

It is also reported that the Soviets are interested in developing trade and other relationships with West Germany which would be profitable to them in solving some of their pressing agricultural and industrial problems.

Woman Falls In Hotel Court

NEW YORK (UP)—A young woman crashed through the glass roof of the Biltmore Hotel's fashionable Palm Court at the end of a fatal 24-floor plunge yesterday landing in the midst of 150 persons having cocktails and a late lunch.

She hit and seriously injured a man sitting with his wife in the lounge. Ten other persons were cut by flying glass.

The woman, who had registered Monday at the hotel, was Miss Mary H. Merkle, about 27, Cleveland, Ohio. Her mother Mrs. E. B. Merkle was here with her.

The young, brown-haired woman had dropped from the bathroom window of her suite or from a fire escape outside, police reported. Mrs. Merkle, who was writing letters in the bedroom at the time, became hysterical when she learned of her daughter's death.

The daughter was taken to a hospital, where she soon died. A priest had administered last rites while she lay on the hotel floor. Police said she had been despondent after a nervous breakdown and was in New York for medical treatment.



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