



JUDITH PIESER — Photo Courtesy West Coast Airlines

Feathered Friends Carry Sleeping Sickness Virus

By DELOS SMITH UPI Science Editor NEW YORK (UPI)—Scientific bird watchers have caught some of our little feathered friends—the robin, the bluebird, the flicker, etc.—giving aid and comfort to the viruses which cause an extremely uncomfortable and often fatal disease of people and birds. The case against the birds is airtight. The viruses have been found in their blood. But they are not the main accomplices of the criminals. The main accomplices seem to be two kinds of mosquitoes. One kind carries the viruses from bird to bird, and the other kind carries them from birds to people and horses — or at least the evidence so indicates.

had several over the past two decades, all of them in the vicinity of swampy areas. In a detailed report of their years-long detective work, Feemster and his associates pointed out that in summer drought years there have been no outbreaks of equine encephalitis. The outbreaks have come in years when spring and early summer rains were abundant. Therefore, it was reasoned that rains filled up the swamps which then became fine breeding grounds and upped the mosquito population. This population reached high numbers at the time newly hatched birds were in their nests, defenseless against mosquitoes. So the viruses were spread widely among birds, and then by other mosquitoes — who sucked the virus crop from their blood — to people and horses.

Clerics Score Police Raid

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Roman Catholic officials have protested a police invasion of a monastery housing vows of church allegiance by a million Poles. The raid came after a demand by the state prosecutor for information on the Institute of National Vows founded by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic primate of Poland. The church, charged that police broke down the gates of the Jasna Gora (Golden Hill) monastery, a national shrine, and stripped the institute offices there of books, records, and tape recordings.

PRIME MYSTERY The viruses are those which cause equine encephalitis and the scientific detective work was done by Massachusetts state public health scientists under the direction of Dr. Roy F. Feemster of the Harvard School of Public Health. It is one of the clearest demonstrations that science is going to be strained to deal effectively against the ways some disease causing viruses have of getting to people (and in this case, to horses).

OUTBREAKS SPORADIC Not all the evidence is conclusive but it explains most of the known peculiarities of equine encephalitis. The outbreaks are sporadic, occur in summer, and sometimes there are many years between them. Massachusetts has



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Girl Finishes Airline Course

Judith Annada Pieser, daughter of Mrs. Stanley A. Pieser, 1410 California Avenue, has completed her four-week training course and received her silver wings as stewardess for West Coast Airlines, in Seattle.

Miss Pieser, 29, was a member of the third stewardess class in the company's history, and among the first 20 hostesses to assume duties aboard WCA flights. She attended Maryhurst College and Southern Oregon College.

Decked out in their turquoise blue and white uniforms with matching "shell" hats, the girls received their diplomas, wings and cap emblems from Chief Stewardess Jessie McLeod.

West Coast announces that applications are now being received for the fourth class, with training set to start August 18. Among requirements are: Age, 20 to 26; height, five feet two to five feet eight; weight, 125 pounds or less, in proportion to height. The girls must be single, with high school education as a minimum, plus two years college or two years business experience in public contact work. Good vision without glasses is also required.

State Warmer Than Mideast

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Naval Academy midshipmen, back from a Middle East hot spot, say the summertime temperatures in Maryland beat anything encountered in the Mediterranean. "It wasn't this hot," said one of the 260 midshipmen who arrived at the Academy yesterday in 86-degree weather after duty with the 6th Fleet in landing operations of the Marines in Lebanon. They conceded the mercury went higher in the Mediterranean but said the humidity here "makes the difference."

The remainder of the 282 midshipmen are due to arrive today. The whole group will be given 30-day leaves before the start of classes Sept. 5. They were first students in Academy history to have taken part in an actual landing.

Two Men Injured By Firecracker

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Two white men were painfully burned by a firecracker tossed into their car. Robert Wardell and Richard Jewel, both 21, said they had stopped at a traffic light when a car with three Negroes pulled alongside yesterday. As the light changed, Wardell said, one of the Negroes threw the firecracker. It went down the back of Wardell's shirt and exploded as Jewel attempted to get it out. Police said the Negroes had not been found.

CLERICAL POSITIONS Persons wishing to be considered for clerical positions in federal agencies in the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington should mail CSO Forms 5000-AP to the Regional Director, 11th S. Civil Service Region, Federal Office Building, Seattle 4, Washington, immediately. Positions will pay from \$2,960 to \$3,755 yearly. Additional information may be obtained in major post offices.

Morty Meekle



Isn't Cricket To Wear Suits On TV, Old Bean

LONDON (AP)—A decision by the British Broadcasting Corp. to let television announcers wear business suits instead of dinner jackets on night programs was denounced by a British style expert today as "bad manners and a retrograde step."

John Taylor, editor of Tailor and Cutter commented: "If a man is being looked at by millions he should be sartorially correct. The BBC... should continue to set an example by doing the right thing visually." "We are moving with the times," said a BBC spokesman. "This is part of our new informal approach."

Red Jets Shoot Chinese Planes

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—Communist MIGs shot down two Nationalist Chinese F84 Thunderjet fighter planes over the Formosa Strait today. A spokesman for the National Defense Ministry, said the Communist planes attacked when the Thunderjets were on a routine patrol over East Tungshan Island, about 60 miles south of Quemoy. Both pilots bailed out and one was rescued. A search for the other was being made.

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European Visitors Report Klamath Falls Impressions

Four young visitors from Europe told of their impressions of the United States at a meeting of the Klamath Falls Unitarian Fellowship. Approximately 75 Unitarians and guests met and talked to the Europeans at a potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gib Fleet on Lakeshore Drive Saturday evening.

Basin Briefs

Pomona — Klamath County Pomona officers' meeting will be held at the Lost River Grange Hall Thursday, July 31, at 8 p.m. Master Francis Flowers urges all officers to be present.

Lakeview — Army Private First Class Daniel L. St. Clair, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. St. Clair, Lakeview, recently was assigned to Headquarters Company, U.S. Army, Fort Myer, Virginia.

Panther Killed — Frank Grant of Sontag Bar, was awarded \$110 bounty for killing a small female panther last week, which he found killing two of his chickens. The county has a \$50 bounty, and the state a \$60 bounty on female panthers.

Mother Visits — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patrick had as a recent houseguest Mrs. Patrick's mother, Mrs. Nina Howell, who returned to her home in Cottonwood, last week.

Returned Home — Returning home from a combined vacation and business trip from Sacramento and San Francisco, were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts and children of Yreka.

Oregon Visitors — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Culver, Oregon were recent houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeRose, Yreka, Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the stepfather and mother of Mrs. DeRose.

First Son — Mr. and Mrs. Darold Crawford of Yreka became the parents of a baby boy on July 21, their first child who was named Mark Darold. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. Maternal grandparents are to the Army.

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Police Arrest Boy Geniuses

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Three teen-age boys, described by police as "absolute geniuses in making electronic devices and in making trouble for themselves," are in custody of juvenile authorities today on charges of stealing and tampering with telephone company equipment.

Acting on a tip, police took the youths into custody yesterday. Officers said the boys had built their own phone exchange in an underground telephone tunnel with hundreds of dollars worth of equipment stolen from the phone company.

The arrests climaxed a year-long investigation by police and phone company detectives. The company's electronic equipment was unable to trace the source of long distance calls made from somewhere in the city's Highland Park section. Linemen tried to trace the calls by making a pole-pole check in the area, but had no luck. Police also had received a number of crank calls. "We never dreamed they had gone underground," said a phone company detective. "These boys would all three make first class electronic engineers."

HIGHWAY BILL PASSED WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate passed and sent to the White House Monday a bill allowing right-of-way for new federal super-highways to be purchased seven years before construction begins. At present actual construction must begin within five years.

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