

Science Cools Cortisone, Wild Natural Chemical

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Science has further tamed one of the most powerful and wildest chemicals nature ever invented, and you may live to see the day when that chemical is eating out of science's hand, so to speak.

That chemical is cortisone, which is manufactured by the adrenal glands (yours and those of many other kinds of creatures) along with other chemical body regulators called hormones. Without adrenal glands and cortisone you'd die.

Inject cortisone into hopeless arthritis and rheumatic cripples, thus adding to their personal supply, and they get up and walk with pleasure and ease. That goes for a host of other and less dramatic diseases of muscles, joints and bones.

But it's a wild, uncontrollable

power. Sooner or later the side effects set in, which may be anything from stomach ulcers to violent mind disturbances, and the doctor has to stop injecting cortisone. The rejuvenated cripple sinks back into helplessness.

That's why progress in scientific efforts to tame cortisone is big and good news. The news is that a man-tamed cortisone seems to have even more power in reducing inflammations of body tissues than nature's own, but with a drastic reduction in side effects. It is dexamethasone which was put together by chemists of the Merck Sharp and Dohme research laboratories—the same chemists who were the first to "make" cortisone chemically identical with nature's.

Dexamethasone is an experimental drug and is at least nine months away from the market. It is now being tried out by about 1,700 doctors in patients who in the end will total approximately 20,000. Preliminary results from 1,200 patients were revealed by Dr. Augustus Gibson, who is in charge of these try-outs.

They show dexamethasone on the average is 35 times more powerful than cortisone, drop-for-drop, against inflammatory processes in the body. So far there have been no reports of it causing disturbances in the body's handling of salt and other components of its vital chemistry.

Nor does it seem to increase the patient's susceptibility to diabetes, stomach ulcers, or psychotic "episodes." Dr. Gibson said that of course, this was not the perfect cortisone. Some side effects remain but they are less severe and easier to prevent and control.

The perfect cortisone is nature's. In healthy bodies, the amounts manufactured by the adrenals perform their functions without a suggestion of wildness, due to chemical balances and counter-balances which science does not yet understand. Adding to the supply from the outside upsets the balances in the long run.

A chemical can be tamed when its molecule is known. You add and/or subtract atoms here and there around the molecule and each time you do you've changed the nature of the chemical. Chemists have made a number of changes in the cortisone molecule which have reduced side effects. Dexamethasone is the newest and seemingly the most successful.

Woman Saves Auto Victim

TILLAMOOK (AP) — Sixty-five-year-old Mrs. Flo McKinley, who had just put on her good clothes for a trip to Astoria, saw a small foreign-made car plunge off the road into the Trask River.

The accident occurred near the moorage which Mrs. McKinley operates with her husband.

Mrs. McKinley called the state police and then jumped into the water to rescue the driver. The car was rightside-up in the river, its top barely submerged.

The first time down Mrs. McKinley found the door jammed. She came up and went down on the other side but couldn't reach the driver because of floating car cushions.

But the third time down she grabbed the driver—Mrs. Robert J. Smith, 36, of Tillamook—and brought her to the surface. The two women were pulled from the water by McKinley in a boat.

Mrs. Smith remained conscious throughout the ordeal. She was treated for shock at Tillamook County General Hospital.

Accidents Claim Pair

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two separate traffic accidents in Oregon Thursday claimed the lives of two persons.

Charles Franklin Post, 32, of Cascade Locks drowned in an unusual mishap two miles west of Hood River. His car ran out of control and plunged upside down into Phillips Creek. Though the stream is only two feet wide and about one foot deep, Post was pinned in the car in such a way that his head was underwater. He drowned.

Mrs. Augusta Powers, about 65, of Grand Ronde was killed outright when she was struck by a car. Investigating officers said witnesses told them Mrs. Powers apparently accidentally stepped into the path of the moving car driven by Clinton D. Trexler of Scio. The accident occurred near the town of Grand Ronde.

General Believes War Threat Less

NEW YORK (AP)—Gen. Lauris Norstad, commander of NATO forces, says the danger of war in Europe has lessened.

But he warns that the threat of a Communist invasion "is only in abeyance" because of the strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Norstad addressed a dinner of the National Security Industrial Assn. Thursday night.

He said the Red threat is "in abeyance only because our strength in place, while not complete, is much too formidable to be challenged at a cost acceptable to an aggressor."

Skipper, Family Meet In Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — "You look just like Moses, daddy," exclaimed Tamara Baker as she, her sister Jacquette and their mother were reunited Thursday with bearded De Vere Baker, skipper of the raft Lehi IV.

Baker and a four-man crew left California aboard the raft in mid-July and drifted 69 days to reach Hawaii Saturday.

Mrs. Nola Baker, Tamara, 18, and Jacquette, 22, flew from San Francisco.

BEGINNING YOUNG ALAMOGORDO, N. M. — Local police aren't very anxious for a 13-year-old here to grow up. The youngster swiped a motor scooter after a professional change of plates and fled. When arrested he was packing a loaded .22 caliber six-shooter.

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"BEHIND THE EIGHT-BALL" was T. C. Griggs, left, chairman of the Food Division of the United Fund-Red Cross drive, when drive chairman Dick Laundenschlager, center, decided to give his division chiefs their just deserts at Tuesday's report luncheon. Fortunately, by dessert time Griggs' deserts had changed; the Food Division was no longer at the bottom of the campaign's roster thanks to \$469 which came in a bit late. The new low division was that of government. The gold star being held by Paul Cruikshank, associate drive chairman, went the first day to the Educational Division, presided over by Garry Robertson, which didn't have a representative present when this photo was taken.

CITY BRIEFS

Rummage Sale—The Chilcoquin group will meet Friday, September 26, at 8 p.m. at the Louis R. Mann Piano Company.

Birthday Dinner — The Moose Lodge and Women of the Moose are sponsoring a birthday dinner for both men and women members having birthdays in September on Saturday, September 27, at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. The honorees will receive a free dinner and refreshments. Dinner will be followed by entertainment and dancing.

Square Dance—The Merry Mixers will square dance Friday, September 26, at 8 p.m. at the South Sixth Street Community Hall. All dancers and guests are invited to attend. Ladies please bring doughnuts or cake.

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Star Loses Custody Suit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Custody of their 10-year-old son John has been taken from actress Lynn Bari and given to her former husband, movie producer Sid Luft.

"I am convinced that this mother would prefer to be relieved of the care and responsibility of this child," Superior Judge Wallace L. Ware said in making the order yesterday.

"How could he say that? I've just lived for John!" the actress sobbed, throwing herself into the arms of her present husband, Dr. Nathan H. Rickles, as the judge left the courtroom.

Luft testified he and his present wife, singer Judy Garland, feel the boy should be in a public school and their home. Miss Bari said the boy is in a boarding school because he was tending in public school.

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Demos Plan Dollar Drive

Plans for the "Dollar For Democrats" campaign which will begin this week have been completed by the Klamath County Democratic Central Committee.

Chairman Eldred Hansen reports that the drive seeks to give every Democrat the opportunity to financially participate in the party, and is part of a national undertaking endorsed by the American Heritage Foundation and other groups interested in keeping politics clean.

Hansen pointed out that while the "Dollar For Democrats" campaign has been employed in the past few years, 1958 represents the first determined effort to reach the majority of Democratic voters.

"If it succeeds," he said, "many believe it may signal the opening of a new era in American politics."

Similar campaign is being undertaken by the Republican party to permit all voters to contribute to the party of their choice.

Hansen urged all Klamath County Democrats who are not approached in the house-to-house campaign to mail their "Dollar For Democrats" to Box 307, Klamath Falls.

Japanese Coast Hit By Typhoon

TOKYO (AP) — Billed as the worst Pacific storm of the year, Typhoon Ida ripped into the Japanese coast tonight and moved into position for a sideswipe at flooded Tokyo. Police already have reported 34 dead.

While meteorologists doubted Tokyo would get the full force of the blow, the capital was expected to suffer severe damage and more flooding.

New Band—A new band will play for the oldtime dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall Saturday night, September 27, from 9 until 1. Everyone is invited.

Bethel No. 6—International Order of Job's Daughters, will have choir practice Saturday, September 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. All members please attend.

Presbyterian Men—All men of the Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church are invited to attend a breakfast Sunday, September 28, at 7:30 a.m. sponsored by the Presbyterian Men's Chapter.

Rummage Sale — Naomi Shrine No. 5, WSOJ, will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, at the Masonic Temple, 418 Klamath Avenue.

Junior Westminster — Fellowship for the seventh, eighth and ninth grades meets each Sunday evening in the junior high room at 7 o'clock. New advisers for the group are Carol and Jack Wyant; Jan and Stan McClelland.

Area Preview Sunday—All teachers, members of the Presbyterian Church School staff and helpers are reminded of the area preview of the year's church school materials this Sunday, September 28, at the First Presbyterian Church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Bethel No. 51—Jone Goodnough, grand guardian of the Grand Council of the state of Oregon of the International Order of Job's Daughters, will pay her official visit to Henley Bethel No. 51 September 30 at the Henley Grange, Hall. Friends of the Henley Jobs who are eligible to attend the meeting are especially invited to come. All others are cordially invited to the reception that will follow the meeting. Meeting at 7:30.

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