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"HEY, MOM! YOU'D BETTER FIX PLENTY OF DINNER!"

Probers Work On New Gas

NEW YORK (UPI)—Army researchers are working on a non-lethal immobilizing gas that could rob an enemy army of the will to fight, an ordnance official has disclosed.

Maj. Gen. August Schamburg, deputy chief of Army Ordnance, told members of the American Ordnance Association Wednesday that the gas has proved effective on a laboratory cat. He showed films in which the cat made no response to a mouse until the mouse touched the cat. Then the cat leaped several feet off the floor in terror.

"I think you will agree with me that this gas obviously possesses great possibilities," he said. "We are still a long way from achieving anything like this, and that is why I have listed this item under things to be done."

"It would be nice to be able to fight at least part of a war without killing or wounding anyone or without property damage. This might be achieved by the use of an aerosol which would be breathed by enemy troops and would temporarily diminish their will to fight and resist or possibly just make them sleepy, but leave no permanent adverse effects."

ACTOR BETTER HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Actor James Gleason, 72, is in satisfactory condition after surgery for a prostate condition. He was operated on Wednesday at Queen of Angels Hospital.

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Sergeant Set For Battle

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S.Sgt. Otto Virgin flew in Thursday from the Tucson, Ariz., air base, 6,000 miles away, to do battle for Ricky, the odd-dog-out of his broken romance with Margaret Perkins.

"I love that dog and he loved me," said the 32-year-old sergeant from Milwaukee, Wis. "My Christmas will be a lot happier if I win him back—even if it leaves me broke."

Virgin and Margaret stopped going out together last June, shortly before the Air Force ordered him back to the States. He claimed the dog, saying he had only allowed her to take care of it for him.

Margaret claimed he had given her the animal and got a court order to prevent him taking it out of the country. The sergeant planned to defy the order but finally took Ricky ashore from the Queen Elizabeth an hour before

Fire Victims Tribute Set

CHICAGO (AP)—Twenty-eight small coffins lay in a military armory today for last solemn tributes to the young victims of Monday's parochial school fire.

Black and purple draperies hung in the big drill hall and a portable altar stood at the front. There was no church big enough for the funeral.

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GRANGE HOME EC chairmen entertained their District 5 chairman, Mrs. Bess Christopher, at a recent luncheon meeting here. Present were home economics chairmen from grange organizations in Klamath, Lake and Jackson counties comprising District 5. Here are Mrs. Gladys Tennant, chairman for the Upper Klamath Grange; Mrs. Christopher, and Mrs. Zetta Sullivan, chairman for the Pomona Grange.

For All Practical Reasons, Army Abandons Missilery

WASHINGTON (AP)—For all practical purposes the U. S. Army is being eased out of the long-range missile weapons business.

On the surface, one of the biggest feuds in the Pentagon—the Army and Air Force fight over which was to have the dominant strategic role in the missile age—is ended.

The action by the White House, however, may have laid the foundation for the granddaddy of all feuds.

Under White House orders, the Army henceforth will devote more and more of its time, money and brains to work for the new, civilian controlled National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The White House told the army to give up its chief research facility, the jet propulsion laboratory at Pasadena, Calif., to NASA.

The White House said the Army would continue in the missile business through its Ordnance Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

In giving up the laboratory, the Army gave up an activity hugely important in the space field.

To date, the Army has had the nation's most successful missile program. It developed the first workable intermediate-range ballistic missile. It put up this nation's first satellite.

By Department of Defense directive the Army is limited to missiles of 200-mile range.

The fact that the Army has developed missiles with a much greater capability long has been a source of irritation to the Air Force and to certain industrial firms, particularly among the aircraft makers.

The Army has used the government-owned arsenal system of developing missiles. At Redstone the work has been led by the brilliant, former German scientist, Werner von Braun.

The Air Force now has a clear field for the development of intercontinental-range ballistic missiles.

But suppose the Army, under direction of Von Braun and the eminent physicist, Ernst Stuhlinger, another former German, develops a more successful space capability? Which service then will have the dominant strategic role in space?

The White House action was hailed as a "compromise" which will let the Army stay in the missile business.

Explanation Note Given To Sheriff

EVANIA, Ohio (AP)—Greene County Sheriff Russell Bradshaw is looking for a courteous jailbreaker who left his note behind after escaping from the county jail.

"Sheriff, I'm sorry to take the step I'm taking, but my wife has filed suit for divorce and it's important to me that I see her immediately. I hope you understand."

The escapee, John Sickles, 31, Columbus, Ohio, was being held on a contempt of court charge for nonsupport.

REASONABLE EXPLANATION LONDON (UPI)—Francis Evans, 42, arrested at London Airport for taking a siphon of soda water belonging to British European Airways, explained in court Thursday he only wanted the siphon for a couple of days.

"I have a little brandy at home and wanted to put a drop of soda in it," he told the court.

The court apparently considered this a reasonable explanation and dismissed the case.

Eddie Dines With Widow

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—A few hours after Debbie Reynolds sued him for divorce, singer Eddie Fisher escorted Elizabeth Taylor to a fancy Beverly Hills restaurant Thursday night.

It was their first appearance together in public since the round of night-clubbing in New York last September that led to the breakup of the Fisher-Reynolds marriage.

Although she publicly cast Miss Taylor in the role of the "other woman" at the time she and Fisher separated, Miss Reynolds made no mention of her in the divorce action, which was based on a charge of extreme cruelty.

Man Found Guilty Of Manslaughter

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—A district court jury Wednesday night found Charles H. Rutherford, a Portland restaurant operator, guilty of manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Henry Nichols, Augusta, Mont.

A car in which she was riding with her husband collided with one driven by Rutherford Nov. 6, 1937. Rutherford said in court that he did not see a stop sign.

Conviction carried 1 to 10 years in prison. Jurors did not recommend a specific term to Judge V. H. Hall.

Girl Killed In Collision

CHICAGO (AP)—One little girl was killed and 12 other persons were injured, three critically, when a nursery school bus and a freight train collided at a suburban Dixmoor crossing shortly before dusk Thursday.

Authorities said an engine fireman prevented a higher death toll by flagging down an approaching train and then dragging several children from the tracks.

The children, all 3 to 5-year-olds, were heading home from a suburban Blue Island nursery. Several children were tossed from the wrecked vehicle by the impact.

Edward Fike, trainmaster for the Indiana Harbor Belt Line Railroad, a freight line, said the bus was on the tracks when his train headed into the crossing which is guarded by flashing lights.

After the collision, the fireman, John Matthew, 38, leaped from the engine and lit a flare to halt a freight train approaching the multiple crossing on another track. Then he dragged several children, tossed from the bus, from the tracks.

Matthew was injured and reported in critical condition in a Blue Island hospital.

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