

### Reveal Result Of Study On Ills of Feet

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BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—Fungus diseases of the feet such as athlete's foot aren't "catching" and it's useless to sterilize shower rooms, floors, socks or shoes, a new study said Thursday.

It says most people apparently pick up the fungi as children, and get more of them repeatedly later on. But the fungi cause trouble only when something happens to the skin or lower resistance.

The report was presented to the American Public Health Association by Drs. Rudolf L. Baer, Stanley A. Rosenthal and Hyman Ragachefsky of New York University postgraduate medical school and Jerome Z. Litt of Cleveland.

Fungi are found on feet which look perfectly normal, they said. But the pesky things are just "opportunists" waiting for a let-down of skin defences.

#### NEGLECTIBLE PART

"It is useless to attempt to sterilize articles in and around bath-rooms, showers and swimming pools, or to impregnate them with fungistatic agents," said Dr. Baer. "Contagion, or exposure from the outside, appears to play a negligible role in causing clinically active attacks."

Their conclusion is based on their own and other studies. In one experiment, people who showed signs of fungus infection did not get an outbreak of infection even if they soaked their feet in water contaminated with fungi.

As tips to make your feet more resistant to the fungi and prevent attacks, the study suggests:

Wear perforated shoes in hot weather for ventilation to reduce moisture on the feet; wear cotton or wool socks which will absorb moisture; use a drying, mildly fungistatic foot powder; change foot wear when shoes or socks get wet and dry the feet carefully. It would also help to put lamb's wool between the toes if your skin tends to rub raw, crack or macerate.

### See No Dent In Europe's Huge Drug Traffic

ROME (Reuters)—Members of the 47-national International Police Organization agreed Thursday that Europe's post-war crime wave is over but that little dent has been made in the tremendous drug smuggling traffic.

One hundred detectives also agreed as Interpol wound up a week-long meeting that English has become the language of the international crook enabling him to move freely from country to country.

The organization announced that soon it will operate its own radio station from Paris.

The Interpol chiefs decided to ask various international bodies to draw up a treaty to be signed by member nations which will fix the powers of airplane captains—similar to sea captains. The power should apply, they said, when planes are forced down in regions where there are no efficient police force and magistrates.

Another thing they want is a better system of co-operation between police at airports since lightning action is needed to catch international crooks using air terminals.

European detectives said "we are just about getting back to normal" after the serious crime wave following the Second World War. But they admitted the outbreak of sex crimes, especially in Britain, France, West Germany and Scandinavia, had them worried.

A report said Marseille, France, is still the biggest European drug traffic centre—with Lebanon the main source of the narcotics.

### Plan Cold-Weather Tests of Guided Missile in North

OTTAWA (CP)—Cold-weather tests of Nike, the supersonic anti-aircraft guided missile developed by the U. S. Army, will be conducted near Fort Churchill, Man., in January and February, the defence department announced Friday night.

Canadian soldiers trained during the last year on the weapon at Fort Bliss, Tex., will carry out the tests termed operation "Frost Jet."

It was the first official disclosure that Canadian soldiers have been trained to fire the Nike.

Though the defence department did not say so, it was learned that 55 soldiers took a year's training on the weapon at Fort Bliss, near El Paso.

### Press Council Gives Report on Newspaper Ethics

LONDON (Reuters)—The press council, set up a year ago to judge on newspaper ethics, reported Wednesday that the main questions with which it had to deal were alleged invasion of privacy, disclosure of secrets, reporting of crime and treatment of sex.

The council's first annual report said that exceedingly few specific cases of invasion of private life had come before it.

Complaints sometimes arose because of the large number of reporters wishing to question people in the news. The report suggested that the newspaper world should find a remedy for this.

On crime reporting, the report said complaints that some newspapers gave criminals "a kind of glamor" appeared to be grossly exaggerated.

The report criticized officials who believed they could suppress a document merely by labelling it "private and confidential." It said: "Many a fussy little jack-in-office would like to set up his own official secrets act in this way."

#### DUTY CLEAR

"Every experienced editor will refuse to be fended off. If hushing up a matter is against the public interest, the duty of the press is clear; it must tell the public what is happening."

The report hit out at municipal governments which do too much public business in private "to the detriment" of the interests of taxpayers.

It said: "It is wrong for members of a town council to treat the public affairs entrusted to them as if they were their own private concern, and to make arrangements for the spending of vast amounts of public money without giving the taxpayers ample opportunity to have their own say in the matter."

The press council was set up on the recommendation of a royal commission which sat in 1947 to investigate the control, management and ownership of newspapers.

Comprised of editors, publishers and representatives of the National Union of Journalists and the Institute of Journalists, its purpose is to maintain press liberty and pass judgment on any alleged lapses of ethical standards by newspapers. It has no direct disciplinary powers.

#### ASTOR CHAIRMAN

Col. J. J. Astor, chairman of the council—and of The Times—said in a foreword to the annual report that the first year's work encouraged the hope that the council might do much to encourage and justify the confidence and goodwill of the public towards its press.

The report, entitled "The press and the people," said: "A free and trusted press is the only ultimate safeguard of our democracy. The rights of the individual to express himself are precisely those of his newspaper. If those of the newspaper are whittled away, those of the individual as surely diminish."

"The council therefore holds the view that such disciplinary authority as it wields should be exercised against those practices, which, by bringing the press into disrepute, threaten that priceless liberty, and weaken the confidence which should exist between the citizen and the professional journalist."

The report said most cases dealt with by the council had not been of a serious character and were the kind that arose through misjudgement or human error.

#### INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY

Journalism in today's complex society carries increasing responsibilities and "the printed word can be a peculiar irritant."

But newspapers were entitled to protection from immoderate condemnation.

The report said the council had often been asked to condemn a report on the grounds that it was in "bad taste."

It commented: "This is difficult and disputable ground. Classical literature is full of reminders that we have as many thousands of tastes as there are persons living and that what is right and joyous to some is poisonous to others."

Listing the type of complaints received by the council, the report said some came from those with "chips on their shoulders, axes to grind, or bees in their bonnets."

### Believe Woman Drove Off Dock

WADDINGTON, N. Y. (AP)—Investigators think that a mother's distress over the slow progress of her two young daughters in school led her to kill herself and the girls by driving into the St. Lawrence river.

The bodies of Mrs. Dorothy Lakins, 33, Betty Gay, 11, and Sylvia, 6, were found Thursday in an automobile hauled from 20 feet of water near an old ferry dock where an accidental drop into the river appeared unlikely.

District Attorney Charles E. Powers said Friday Mrs. Lakins apparently raced the car off the dock intentionally.

The woman's husband, Clarence, said his wife had been despondent over the girls' lack of progress in school.

### Churchill's Cousin Publishes New Book On Grandfather

By DOROTHY ROE  
NEW YORK (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill's cousin Anita Leslie says it's not so bad, living in a castle, if you know how to farm.

The willowy, blue-eyed Anita blew into New York the other day to be on hand for publication of her new book, "The Remarkable Mr. Jerome," a story about Churchill's and her own American grandfather, one of Wall Street's earliest tycoons, who also had a taste for fine horses and beautiful actresses.

Grandpa Jerome was a flamboyant character, but so is his great-granddaughter Anita. She is married to Cmdr. William King, who commanded a submarine for six years during the Second World War. She has two children, Tarka, Dick, 5, and Leonie, 3. She lives in two Irish castles, one of which,

Glaslough, belongs to her father, Sir Shane Leslie, in County Monaghan, and the other, Oranmore, in County Galway, to her husband.

#### RAISE BEEF CATTLE

"We're farming the land like mad," says cousin Anita. "It's the only way anyone can keep up a castle nowadays, you know. We raise beef cattle — and my husband's really quite good at it, now that I've got him out of his submarine."

Anita and King met during the war. She drove an ambulance for five years, first for the British army in Africa and Egypt, then for the French, and ended the war with a victory luncheon with cousin Winston at Potsdam. Says she: "It was great fun, you know, winding up in a blaze of glory because I hadn't seen Winston all

during the war. Most of us were pretty busy. But when he heard a cousin of his was with the French forces nearby he invited me to lunch, during the Potsdam conference. I even peeked at Stalin through a hedge."

Anita got the idea of writing the story of Leonard Jerome while poking about in the attic of her father's castle, where her grandmother, Leonie Leslie, had saved and annotated "simply tons" of family letters and keepsakes, including some of the gowns of that glittering era.

#### FAMILY LOVE LETTERS

She worked for three years, and produced a biography which explains a great deal of the vigor and brilliance of most of the descendants of Grandpa Jerome.

Cousin Anita has written two other books—"Train to Nowhere," a book about her war experiences, and "Love in a Nutshell," an account of her delayed honeymoon with King in a 31-foot ketch which he built to sail around the world with his bride.

"By the time the boat was built couldn't go because I was going to have a baby. So my husband went, and I joined him in the West Indies when the baby was three

months old. He learned to swim before he learned to walk, and that's why we named him Tarka—that's Scandinavian for otter, or "little water wanderer."

## THE LIQUOR SITUATION

Temperance Federation Annual Meeting, Baptist Hall, Charlottetown, October 26.

Speakers: JOHN LINTON, Canadian Secretary. ROSS EATON, Maritime Secretary. and others.

3 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

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