

Public Health Officials In U.S. Taking Part In Fallout Testing

By HAROLD MORRISON
WASHINGTON (CP) — Public health service employees and their children from the middle western United States are taking part in official tests to determine how much radioactive iodine 131 has been accumulating in their bodies from nuclear fallout.

The public health service said 10 Kansas City residents have been flown to New York for measurements of the iodine 131 in their thyroid glands. Another 10 from St. Louis will be tested in the near future. Fresh milk contaminated by nuclear fallout is believed to leave iodine 131 deposits in the thyroid glands.

The health service announced the experiments after the Washington Post said in a story that federal officials are concerned that so-called permissible levels of radiation may soon be exceeded or may already have been exceeded in certain middle western U.S. cities.

The city of St. Louis has been particularly concerned, a host of large amounts of short-lived iodine and other radioactivity dumped into that area from U.S. atmospheric nuclear tests in the mid-Pacific.

With the U.S. planning further mid-Pacific tests and additional underground and possible above-ground tests in the Nevada proving grounds, the U.S. surgeon-general must be taken to protect infants against radioactive iodine contamination in fresh milk.

The Post said some scientists have privately recommended that infants in at least four cities — Des Moines, Minneapolis, Wichita and Kansas City — be switched from fresh to canned or powdered milk to protect thyroid glands against possible damage.

Conducted at New York University, the studies will determine how amounts of iodine 131 in the thyroid glands of the infants and adults compare with amounts measured in milk they consumed in the previous 10 days.

LORNE VALLEY
Mrs. George Wilson has returned to her home in Somerville, Mass., after vacationing in this vicinity. She was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Curran.

Mrs. Charles MacLeod spent a few days in Charlottesville where she was the guest of her mother, Mrs. George Douglas.

Mrs. Gertrude Crane, Charlottesville, was a recent guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw.

Mr. Ralph Leard is employed with P. R. McLane Ltd., in Charlottesville. Mr. Leard attended the Vocational School for the past term and led his class in automotive mechanics.

Mrs. Lorne MacLeod entertained the members of Lorne Valley Women's Institute for their June meeting. Following the business lunch was served during a social hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shaw, Martinsville, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Laura MacQueen and Mrs. Kathryn MacLeod.

Miss Pamela Hutton is being entertained prior to her marriage on Saturday. Mrs. Ralph MacKay, Bangor, was hostess at a miscellaneous shower and on Friday a large group of friends gathered at Lorne Valley Hall to extend good wishes and present gifts to the honored guest.

Miss Rena MacNeill left recently for New York after receiving a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill.

Mrs. Bennett Crane and Miss Elaine MacDonald were visitors to Montague, Saturday.

Mr. Oswald Collins, Montague, visited friends in Lorne Valley during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington MacLeod, Uxig were recent guests of Mrs. MacLeod's sisters and brothers in Lorne Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webster, Jr., and family of Cardigan, visited relatives in Lorne Valley Sunday.

Mr. Milton MacDonald, Saint John, N. B., and Mr. Vernon MacDonald, Charlottesville, were recent visitors at the home of their brother, Mr. Wilbur MacDonald in Lorne Valley.

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Exodus Of Surgical Teams Seen As Danger By Doctor

SASKATON (CP) — Dr. Sam Lands, in charge of an emergency service set up by the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons, said here he is worried about a possible exodus of surgical teams from the province.

"I can foresee hospitals in several large centres that would have to close down," he said in an interview. "If this develops we will have a real headache. Thirty-four hospitals have been designated as centres for free, emergency, only service provided by volunteer doctors. There are 50 hospitals in the province which have been closed."

He also said there may be a shortage of anaesthetists, many of them being lured out of the province by clinics in the United States and other parts of Canada.

He said the situation at the emergency hospitals during the Dominion Day weekend was "one thing" but there undoubtedly would be a rush of patients later in the week.

"All I can tell you is that I'm having a lot of doctors telling me they don't like the situation. They are going to leave up as a result of fatigue and frustration."

Research Centre Nears Completion

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's new \$4,300,000 centre for marine research is nearing completion and will go into operation late this summer, the mines and technical surveys department announced here.

The department officially took over the Bedford Institute of Oceanography at Dartmouth, N.S. a week ago and the final opening is set for Oct. 2. Federal scientists have been moving into the four-story centre on Bedford Basin opposite Halifax. They will probe various aspects of the sea under the direction of Dr. William N. English, a 46-year-old marine physicist formerly with the defence research board.

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