

Health Officials Skeptical

'Vitamin Boom' Dispute Grows

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Vitamin E, the hottest vitamin fad since the big Vitamin C craze, makes mice live longer — a finding that's good news for mice, but is certain to escalate America's mounting "vitamin boom."

And the Vitamin E fad is just part of a burgeoning vitamin controversy that has health officials skeptical and

long-time "nutrition nuts" saying: "We told you so."

The fact is that respectable scientists across the nation have been reporting wide-ranging new claims for all sorts of common and obscure vitamins — reports that often rival the once-outraged claims of decades of unscientific "vitamin boosters."

THE AMERICAN Chemi-

cal Society, for instance, has just reported that large doses of vitamin E increase the life span of laboratory mice. And the vitamin also protects the mice against near-lethal doses of air pollution, other scientists found recently.

Qualified researchers, most of them from major U.S. universities, have been publishing a near-steady stream of reports on the role

of vitamins in a bewildering variety of human ailments, ranging from acne to schizophrenia.

Even a quick survey of the reports indicates some of the reasons why vitamin sales are spiraling in health food shops in Miami and the rest of the nation:

• Vitamin E has been shown to reduce the death rate in test animals exposed

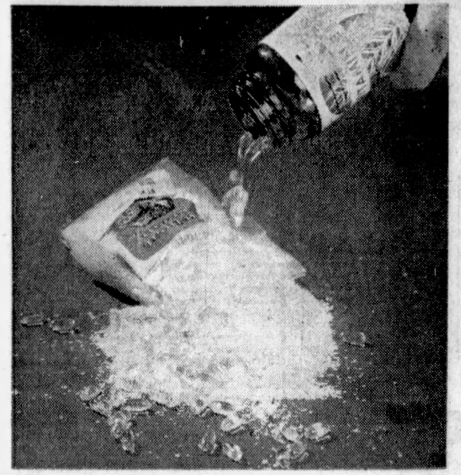
to heavy air pollution, to increase the average lifespan of laboratory mice, to reduce the formation of some potentially harmful chemicals in animal cells, and even is claimed to have some beneficial effect on varicose veins.

• Some of the B-complex class of vitamins, particularly niacin, reportedly have reduced the growth rate of

cancer cells in animals and, some researchers claim, have even had some helpful effect in human schizophrenia, one of mankind's most common mental disorders.

• Vitamin C has been shown to flush cholesterol out of rats' arteries and, according to one researcher, to have some role in preventing bladder cancer in humans.

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Robert Lee Jackson is Led to Ezeiza Airport Police Headquarters ... his surrender from a Braniff jet ended the longest aerial hijacking in history

Hijacker Ends 2-Day Ordeal; Surrenders in Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES — (AP) — Grounded by Argentina's refusal to cooperate with an airplane hijacker, Robert Lee Jackson walked off the Braniff jetliner he held for nearly two days and surrendered quietly Sunday to police — his fingers raised in a V sign.

His female companion had given herself up several hours earlier.

Jackson's 43-hour hop, skip and jump escapade from Texas to this Argentine capital ended in his failure to obtain the political asylum he wanted in Algeria.

JACKSON, 36, a U.S. Navy deserter, had wanted to fly to that North African country with \$100,000 in ransom money he had received for the release of a passenger he held hostage in Monterrey, Mexico, on Saturday. But the Argentine government refused to let the Braniff International 707 jet take on the necessary fuel.

In San Antonio, Tex., the aircraft's destination before it was hijacked on Friday, the FBI said Jackson had been charged with air piracy and assault with a deadly weapon.

John Wachter, legal counsel of the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, had said the United States would seek Jackson's extradition.

But Argentine officials said this would not be possible because of the serious-

ness of Argentina's charges against him: kidnaping and theft of an aircraft.

Wachter then said the United States would seek Jackson's "informal deportation."

POLICE had quoted Jackson as saying before his surrender that he wanted to remain in Argentina.

He left the aircraft at Ezei-

za International Airport with the ransom money in a suitcase, police said.

Jackson had been without sleep for two days. Before his surrender, he permitted the six Braniff crew members to leave the plane and he remained aboard for an hour.

Hours before, his woman companion — Guatemalan-born Lydia Lucrezia Sanchez, a resident of Mexico — had

walked off the aircraft and was taken into custody.

Police said Jackson had changed to fresh clothes — a green sports shirt and sweater and brown slacks — before giving up.

"HE WAS rather benevolent in the end," Wachter said. "He didn't want to do anyone any harm and he let

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He Hates U.S. and Police, Stewardess Says of Hijacker

DALLAS — (UPI) — Robert Lee Jackson, who hijacked a Braniff jetliner from Texas to Buenos Aires, said he "hates the United States and policemen," one of the plane's stewardesses said Sunday.

"He said at one time, 'It would be a fine country if you could walk around the corner without finding a dozen cops,'" stewardess Margaret Susan Harris said.

Miss Harris, a second stewardess and the flight crew returned Sunday to Dallas Love Field after a volunteer replacement crew relieved them in Lima, Peru, and took the plane to Buenos Aires where Jackson was finally captured.

THE CREW AGREED that except for the first minutes of the marathon hijacking that began Friday they never feared for their lives.

"I don't think any of us at any time were truly afraid of the man. He was nice and

considerate," said Captain Dale Bessant, pilot of the Braniff International Boeing 707 jetliner.

"Now don't get me wrong," Bessant said, "I don't want him for a friend. He was a hardened criminal."

MISS HARRIS SAID she talked with Jackson throughout the flight to Lima. Jackson's woman companion stayed out of the way, in a small compartment between the passenger cabins and the cockpit.

"He said basically that he'd had a bad life with his wife and children," Miss Harris continued.

"He never said why he hijacked the plane. Well, he once did say, 'I have a just cause.' But I didn't know what that was."

Bessant said he could not delve into the hijacker's mind.

"It's hard to say he had a screw loose. But let's face it, anybody who would do this isn't normal," he said.

Signature on Currency

U.S. Treasurer Dorothy A. Kabis Dies



Dorothy Kabis ... 33rd U.S. treasurer

SHEFFIELD, Mass. — (AP) — Dorothy Andrews Kabis, 33rd treasurer of the United States, died Saturday of a heart attack she suffered while visiting her father's grave here. She was 54.

Dr. Arthur Cassel of Great Barrington, Mass., a medical examiner, said he pronounced Mrs. Kabis dead at 9 p.m. at Fairview Hospital.

Mrs. Kabis, whose signature appears on the nation's currency, had served as treasurer — the fifth straight woman to hold the post — since May of 1969.

Her administrative assistant, Donna van Arsdale, said Mrs. Kabis and her husband were visiting relatives in Massachusetts and went to visit the grave of her father, Reginald Hastings An-

draws, in the afternoon. Mrs. Kabis became ill as she was leaving the cemetery, Miss van Arsdale said.

MRS. KABIS' signature on older bills appears as Dorothy Andrews Elston. Her first marriage ended in divorce in 1960. She had no children.

She married Walter Kabis of Odessa, Del., a widower with four daughters and one son, last Sept. 17.

Treasury Secretary John Connally said in a statement early Sunday that he shared with "her husband, her family and her many friends across the nation a deep sense of loss.

"Mrs. Kabis brought extra dimensions to her office. All of us who were privileged to know her and to work

with her valued her warmth, genuine love for people, dedication, talent, vitality and loyalty," the statement said.

WHEN MRS. KABIS was sworn in by then-Treasury Secretary David M. Kennedy May 7, 1970, it ended a 30-month vacancy of the \$30,000-per-year post.

Before her appointment, Mrs. Kabis was a member of the finance committee of the Republican National Committee and served on the Republican senatorial and congressional committees. She also was a former president of the National Federation of Republican Women, and the Republicans' "Woman of the Year" in 1967. Mrs. Kabis was born March 22, 1917, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Quicker Pullout Discussed

Nixon Aide, Thieu Map Reply to Foe

Kissinger Talk Called 'Fruitful'

SAIGON — (AP) — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and President Nguyen Van Thieu mapped an Allied reply to the new Communist peace proposal Sunday and explored ways of speeding U.S. troop withdrawals from Vietnam, informed sources reported.

The 2½-hour strategy meeting at Independence Palace was one of the most significant of the Indochina war, the informants said. Although details of the session were kept secret, aides to Kissinger described the conference as "fruitful."

THE IMPORTANCE of the meeting was underscored by its length. The sources said they could not recall Thieu's spending as much time with any other visiting dignitary.

The government-operated national television network, in a newscast Sunday night, said Thieu and Kissinger discussed three main subjects: the peace negotiations, the war situation and South Vietnam's economy. It gave no details.

The war faded for the time being, with only a series of patrol skirmishes reported, none of them significant.

Just the same, U.S. B52 bombers kept the pressure on North Vietnamese forces massed in the northern quarter of South Vietnam below the Demilitarized Zone and along the Laotian border.

UP TO A score of the giant Stratofortresses dropped 600 tons of bombs on suspected North Vietnamese troop concentrations, bunkers, ammunition and food storage depots, and rocket, mortar and anti-aircraft sites. Some of the raids were within 1½ miles of the DMZ.

In Phnom Penh, the Cambodian high command reported that Cambodian forces sweeping vast marshlands northeast of the capital killed 38 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese in the first significant clash there in two weeks.

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United Press International Telephoto

Melon-Collie?

Sharing a chunk of watermelon on a hot summer day seems like fun for

Greg Hicks of Thomasville, Ga., and his dog Beauregard. Although 'ole Beau hasn't learned to shake hands or roll over, he's neat with the seeds, says Greg.

Nixon to Sign Vote at 18 In D.C. Ceremony Today

THURMONT, Md. — (UPI) — President Nixon, spending a relaxed Fourth of July weekend at Camp David, flies back to the White House today for ceremonies formally certifying the 18-year-old vote as the law of the land.

Nixon will witness certification of the 26th Amendment by Robert Kunzig, chief of the General Services Administration, in the East Room at 3:30 p.m.

The GSA received official papers from the states ratifying the voting amendment. Its addition to the Constitution was assured July 1 when Ohio became the 38th state to ratify — giving it the three-fourths margin required.

A historic desk — which belonged to Thomas Jefferson and is believed to have been used when he drafted the Declaration of Independence and other important documents — will be used at the ceremony.

The program will feature approximately 500 boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 20 from nearly every state who form a singing group called "The Young Americans."

Nixon and his wife Pat arrived at the presidential retreat in the western Maryland mountains shortly after midnight Saturday after the President appeared on a telecast from the National Archives launching the bicen-

ennial year — a five-year period preceding the nation's 200th celebration of its founding.

The President spent most of Sunday in casual attire, sitting near the swimming pool and working on his budget papers. Two top domestic aides, counselor John D.

Ehrlichman and H. R. Halde-

man, his chief of staff, were on hand. Tuesday, Nixon will go to Kansas City, Mo., to brief news media executives on his domestic policies. Then he will fly to California for a 12-day stay at the Western White House.

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Inflation is when, after you finally get the money to buy something, it isn't enough.

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