

Mono, African Tumor Linked, Doctor Thinks

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Atlantic City, N. J.—There may be a positive link between infectious mononucleosis, widely known as the kissing disease, and a malignant tumor which is quite common in Africa but rare in the United States.

That was the report today by Dr. Julius S. Horoszewicz of Roswell Park Memorial Institute in Buffalo, N. Y.

If the link, a virus, is established definitely, it will be the first time that a virus has been indicted as a cause of cancer-type disease in humans.

The virus has already been shown by other researchers to be associated with infectious mononucleosis, a not usually severe disease, that causes fever, chills, general bad feeling, fatigue, and sometimes headache and chest pain.

RESEARCHERS have shown that the virus reacts with protective antibodies from humans who have already had the kissing disease, the Roswell Park report said. The reaction is the same as an infecting virus would produce in a vaccinated person, indirect evidence that the vi-

rus causes infectious mononucleosis.

The New York researcher, associated with Dr. James T. Grace, Jr., and Dr. Virginia C. Dunkel, gave his report to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, meeting here.

They found that the same virus associated with infectious mononucleosis is the one often seen under the electron microscope in tissue samples of Burkitt lymphoma, the malignant tumor frequently seen in Africa.

THE ROSEWELL Park studies indicate that in the test tube the virus can affect certain cells in a variety of ways—ranging from a mild chronic infection to a lethal infection.

The virus also seems to pick and choose the cells it prefers, favoring certain white blood cells in the human and the monkey. This indicates a connection with the blood forming process, the researchers said.

Further proof of the connection between the two diseases may be difficult since people cannot be infected deliberately with the virus to show a causal link.

The researchers proposed a

large-scale study on the continent of Africa to collect and store blood samples from young white and Negro subjects, to be checked later to see if they have developed protective antibodies to the virus.

THERE HAVE been only some 20 cases of Burkitt's lymphoma in the United States, while infectious mononucleosis appears with some frequency and sometimes in epidemics in colleges and schools.

While death is rare in infectious mononucleosis, it sometimes mimics a variety of diseases, including some of the cancers of the blood and the blood-forming organs. It usually fades away after a few weeks, or months, without any other effects.

Known as glandular fever as well, it picked up the nickname as the kissing disease because it was said to have been passed from person to person by kissing. More than likely, it is also passed on by direct contact with infected utensils used by an infected person or by other airborne means.

'War' Tax Resister Gives Joy to Some

San Francisco—(UPI)—Irving Hogan, 44, distributed his unpaid income tax yesterday not to Uncle Sam but to his fellow man.

Hogan stood in a crowd of about 150 startled persons, handing out \$1 bills. About 60 of them.

That, he said, was the amount of his unpaid federal income taxes he guessed would be spent on the Vietnam war.

"I want this money to be used for the delight, not the destruction, of men," the well-dressed philanthropist said.

"Here," he called to one man, "go buy yourself a beer."

"And here," he said to another, thrusting the bill in his hand, "buy your wife a nose-gay."

The money soon ran out, and the crowd moved to other events of the three ring circus billed as an antitax rally outside the federal building.

Ogling curvy showgirls who paraded in bikinis and barrels was, they agreed, a more enjoyable way to celebrate April 15 than the traditional payment of taxes to the federal government.

The young morsels were protesting taxes. One, Bonnie

Parker, said she would not pay the \$300 she owes.

"I refuse to pay. I am not even filing. I don't have it and I don't know what I would do to get it," she said, shivering in a brisk wind.

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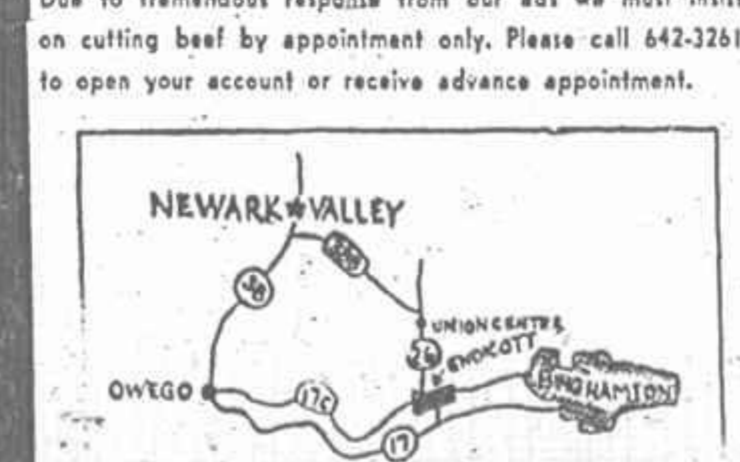
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