

KING, FIANCEE—King Hussein of Jordan talks with his cousin, Princess Dina Abdul Hamid, during a party in London in 1953. Their engagement was recently announced by

the royal Cabinet in Jordan. The date of the wedding was not announced but palace sources predicted it would take place after the King's visit to Pakistan in March.

—Associated Press Wirephoto.

Crockery Salesman And Flying Saucers

LEICESTER (England). —Saucers flew here when a truck overturned and scattered samples across the road. Percy Keshaw, crockery salesman, climbed out unhurt, clasping a book entitled "Flying Saucers Have Landed."



Surgery, Drug Experiments On to Curb Cancer Pain

ANN ARBOR (Mich.), Feb. 28.—(AP)—Two University of Michigan Medical Schools scientists have undertaken the task of developing means of controlling pain for victims of incurable cancer.

They are concentrating on two methods: cutting sensory and sympathetic nerves in afflicted areas, and using drugs to block nerves much as surgery does.

The scientists are Drs. L. W. Lewis and R. B. Sweet, anesthesiologists. They are working with support of the American Cancer Society.

The two described the situation this way:

"While uncontrollable pain is by no means a necessary consequence of cancer—some diseases bring more excruciating pain than cancer does—it still is a major problem for many who are beyond hope or cure.

"Other diseases eventually are cured or cure themselves and the pain disappears with them; in incurable cancer, pain sometimes becomes chronic and progressive."

One of the researchers' toughest problems is to measure pain. To bypass patients' "highly individualistic and subjective views" they have devised a cathode ray oscilloscope which, without actually being in contact with nerves, will show visually the sympathetic nerves' electrochemical reactions.

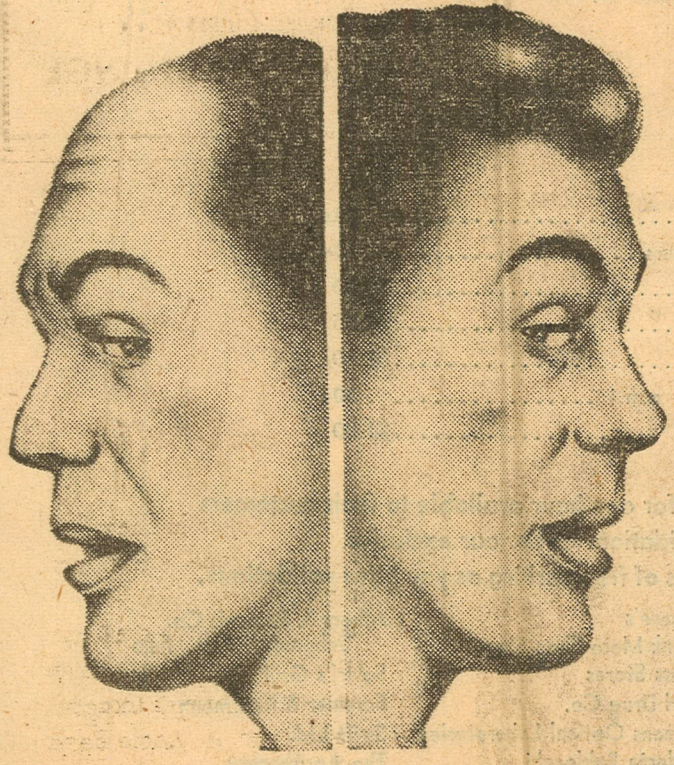
They also use a sort of electroencephalograph which makes a written record of the brain wave-like nerve and chemical response to the pain reaction. These machines now are being used to know the efficacy of anti-pain measures.

One difficulty with cutting of nerves, the doctors reported, is that all the pain may not be destroyed, or the nerve service to useful and essential organs may be interrupted.

The most effective drugs, they said, are alcohol and Phenol, injected into the nerves. But this method, too, has its dangers. The drug sometimes seeps into the nearby motor nerves and paralyzes organs and tissues which should remain functional.

The researchers said their studies show that set doses of narcotics for pain are inadvisable, that patients should be given them only when they need them.

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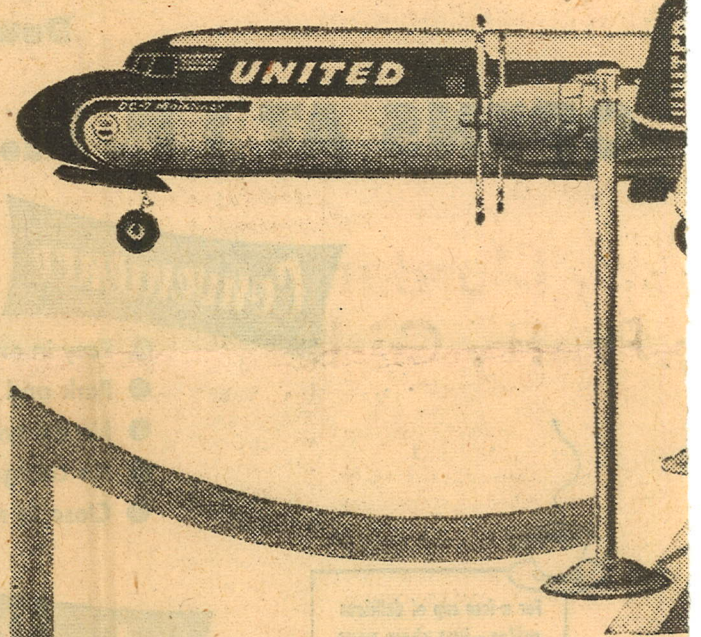
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