

New cancer cure?

(AP) — Texas A&M and Baylor University scientists are experimenting with a new treatment for skin cancer involving exposure to a pressurized mixture of predominantly hydrogen gas blended with oxygen.

Tests have been conducted at A&M's hyperbaric research laboratory with hairless albino mice having squamous cell carcinoma, a form of cancer.

Dr. Malcolm Dole, professor of chemistry at Baylor, originated the idea for hydrogen gas treatment of skin cancer. He collaborated on the

project with Dr. William Fife, A&M biology professor who has been experimenting for five years with a pressurized hydrogen-oxygen mixture as part of a new technique for deep sea diving.

Fife had been conducting a program with such a mixture to help divers go deeper, stay longer and surface faster without contracting "the bends."

Mice subjected to a hydrogen-oxygen environment for up to two weeks had their skin tumors turn black and in some cases fall off completely. Other tumors seemed to

shrink and be in the process of being "pinched off," the researchers reported.

These developments did not occur in two other groups of cancerous mice, one of which was maintained in a helium-oxygen hyperbaric chamber and the other kept at room temperature and pressure. No side effects were noted in any of the mice during the period of the tests.

"This experiment represents, of course, just a bare beginning," Dr. Dole said. "Future research should include a study of the permanency of the effects observed."

Gatesville residents mad

Army wants 60,000 more acres

GATESVILLE (AP) — Unhappy Coryell County property owners who are threatened with losing their land were unhappier when their invitations to a Ft. Hood meeting arrived addressed to "owner-occupant."

In another development, an El Paso congressman said Wednesday he has asked the Army to keep in mind Ft. Bliss at El Paso should it not get the land at Ft. Hood. The Army wants to add almost 60,000 acres to Ft. Hood.

Most of the protesting Coryell County landowners probably will not attend the meetings this week, Frances Saunders, spokesman for the Our Land Our Lives organization, said.

She said the landowners asked that a meeting be held in Gatesville.

"If they want our land, it looks like they could find out our names," Mrs. Saunders said.

A Ft. Hood spokesman said the

invitations were addressed to owners-occupants because the base did not have a complete list of the landowners involved.

The spokesman said the letters inviting landowners to three separate meetings were sent to the Post Office to be distributed to mail boxes in the proposed acquisition area.

Ft. Hood said there would be a meeting 2 p.m. Thursday at Ft. Hood for persons who live on Gatesville Rt. 3, a 9 a.m. Friday meeting for residents of Copperas Cove Rt. 1 and a 2 p.m. Friday meeting for residents of Pearl Star Road.

Lt. Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker, commander of Ft. Hood, was scheduled to attend all meetings along with members of his staff and representatives of the Army Engineers' Fort Worth district office.

Wilford W. Naman, lawyer for the landowners, said the Army is

using "divide and conquer" tactics by scheduling separate meetings.

About half of the 300 landowners who met Tuesday night at the Gatesville High School agreed to boycott the meetings.

They said the Army was "pre-sumptuous" to hold meetings at Ft. Hood when most of those affected by the proposal live in Gatesville, about 25 miles from the main post.

In Washington, Rep. Richard White, D-Tex., said he had no indication the Army is considering transferring units from Ft. Hood to Ft. Bliss but he asked Army Secretary Howard Calloway in a letter to consider the El Paso post as an alternative training site.

Asked if the Army has indicated it is considering any transfers from Ft. Hood to Ft. Bliss, White said, "I wrote Calloway and said if you're looking for an alternative, use us. But I don't have indication they are considering that. I wish they were."

Plans for task force revealed

AUSTIN (AP) — A special livestock and dairy industry task force to push for federal meat import agreements was announced Wednesday by Texas Agriculture Commissioner John White.

White revealed plans for the 13-member group in a speech to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association convention. He said the group would take its proposals to Washington in April.

"The government has been up to its hips in the beef business for years," White said.

"We've got to be realistic about the insurgence of the federal government into the livelihood of cattlemen."

White said excessive imports of foreign beef is the major stumbling block to fast movement of U.S. meat in the market.

"It has been suggested that a limit of 500 to 750 million pounds of imports might be tolerable," he said.

"No real relief is in sight from government action against damaging imports," White said. "The 30 million pound reduction proposed for this year is a drop of only 2.5 percent, about 1.1 billion pounds before controls will even be considered."

White said the federal government contends that imports must be maintained so the friendly relations will continue with foreign countries. However, he said, 75 to 80 per

cent of the nation's imported beef is coming from Australia, which has no reciprocal trade agreement with the United States.

"We must demand that the government deal with us just as fairly as they would with any other segment of the economy," White said. "We have to make it clear that we are not the stepchildren of America, that livestock is a multibillion dollar industry which is a major multiplier of income in the U.S. economy."

White will act as coordinator of the task force. Other members are T.A. Cunningham, Independent Cattlemen's Association; James

Trawick, dairy cattlemen; Bill Sims, Texas sheep and Goat Raisers Association; Horace McQueen, East Texas Cattlemen's Association; Lee Perkins, Independent Beef Producers Association; Richard McDonald, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Ed Small, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; John B. Fair, Texas Pork Producers Association; Jay Naman, Texas Farmers Union; Felix Parmlay, Naacogoches Dairy and Beef Association; W. B. Harris, Columbus banker, and Carroll G. Chaloupka, Texas Farm Bureau.

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Atheist and Senate cross again

AUSTIN (AP) — Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair vowed Wednesday to try to change a state Senate rule requiring witnesses before committees to swear "so help me God" when they take an oath to tell the truth.

Mrs. O'Hair stalked the Capitol, seeking conferences with Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who was out of his office, and Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

The chairman of the Senate Rules Subcommittee, Raul Longoria,

D-Edinburg, told Mrs. O'Hair to write him a letter and he would submit the complaint to the subcommittee.

Mrs. O'Hair appeared at a hearing of the Senate Education Committee to protest a bill allowing teachers to set aside part of their class time for periods of silent prayer or meditation.

It was then that she was asked to sign a printed oath, which states: "I do solemnly swear that the tes-

timony I am about to give before this committee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God."

She inked out "so help me God" and wrote, "according to the laws of perjury."

"This is so incredible I can't believe it," she said.

After the committee chairman, Sen. Oscar Mauzy, D-Dallas, announced that the silent prayer bill had been postponed at the request

of the sponsor, Sen. Walter Mendon, R-Houston, Mrs. O'Hair left the room.

She said Mauzy told her the committee would probably vote to suspend the rule and permit her to testify, but she added:

"What about principle? The principle of the separation of church and state that apparently Texas hasn't heard of yet."

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