

# Fox infection from Europe feared by British scientist

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LONDON — Foxes are scurrying over yards from Buckingham Palace and even the busy Trafalgar Square,

but the cry going up is "careful" and not "tallyho."  
So far, the country foxes' infiltration of

cities to feed on dogs, cats and other pets as well as pigeons is a serious matter to scientists, who fear the dreaded rabies may leap the Eng-

lish Channel.  
The fox has already carried rabies across Europe and into France, where it was recently reported from Paris.

If the disease jumps the English Channel — the last barrier to Britain — the far-ranging foxes could spread it swiftly throughout the British islands.

In a report yesterday to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, a zoologist of the University of London said a fox has been seen drinking from a puddle a few hundred yards from Buckingham Palace; another was run over at Waterloo Station, one London's main commuter terminals; and still another was spotted near Fleet Street, the home of many London newspapers.

Dr. Stephen Harris told the conference in Birmingham there are "very widely distributed breeding populations" within three miles of the center of London, and even within Birmingham, Bristol and Belfast.

The fact that foxes can carry a disease far and wide has been shown by the widespread pet infestation of scabies mite, a disease affecting about 30 per cent of Britain's fox population.

During the final stages of the scabies infestation, foxes seek warmth in houses, tool sheds, garages and coal cellars and transmit the disease to both pets and people, Harris said.

Harris said rabies is most likely to cross the English Channel through an infected pet smuggled through customs or a stray animal that escapes from a vessel docked in a British port.

"Since most of our ports are surrounded by urban areas and since 50 per cent of the population live in our larger cities, it is highly probable that any such infected animal will first appear in an urban area."

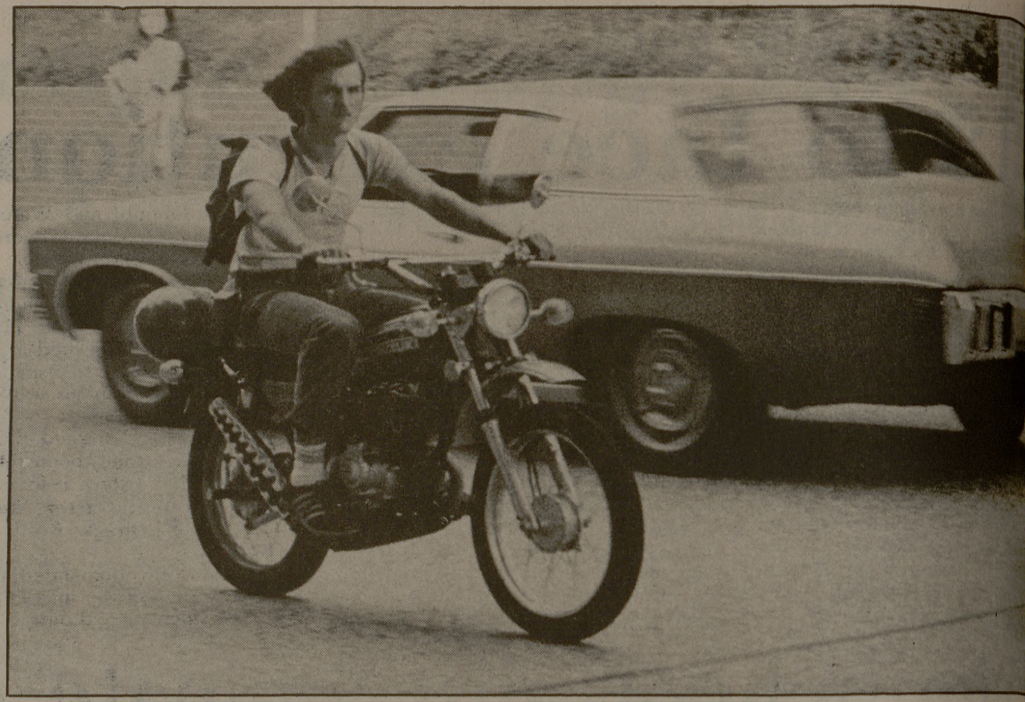
## Man's death linked to gang

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LAKE CHARLES, La. — Authorities said a Westlake, La., man whose body was found on the outskirts of town may have been the victim of a gang fight.

The body of Roland Lampis, 23, was found in a field north of Lake Charles. His hands were tied behind his back and an autopsy showed he died of a close-range shotgun wound to the abdomen.

Calcasieu Parish sheriff's deputies said money was scattered near the body. They also said two men with multiple bruises were found in the general area.

The killing and beatings might have resulted from a dispute over narcotics money, deputies said.



An unidentified motorcyclist takes advantage of Texas' new helmet law. Many cyclists have been seen in the last week riding bareheaded. Battalion photo by Ken Hines

Do you wear yours?

## Opinions vary on helmet

By DONNA SCHLABACH

Wearing a helmet is now a matter of choice for Texas motorcyclists over 18. George T. Garrett, a trooper at the Department of Public Safety (DPS), said cyclist fatalities can only increase because of the new law, passed by the 65th legislature, that went into effect last week.

The DPS reported 185 fatal and 9,497 non-fatal motorcycle accidents last year alone.

College Station patrolman Tommy Preston said motorcyclists who ride without helmets aren't thinking about what could happen to them — they just like feeling free.

"Truthfully, I don't think they should have changed the law," Preston said. "A helmet is the best protection you can have. Even a minor accident can turn into a serious one

(without a helmet) because one of the first things that hits the ground is your head."

Preston warned cyclists to watch out for bugs.

"I've seen some big bugs hit a windshield and crack it," he said. "If a bug hits a motorcyclist in the eye at 60 miles per hour, there's no telling what could happen."

How have College Station motorcyclists reacted to the new law?

Frank Macaulay still wears his helmet. A senior electrical engineering major at Texas A&M, Macaulay said he thinks it's safer to wear a helmet in the city, but he won't wear it on the highway.

"It's more comfortable without a helmet," said David Frank, a senior industrial distribution major. Frank

says he wears his helmet in the but not on campus.

"I always wear my helmet. It's safer," said Claude Ritz, a sophomore computer science major. Ritz said he would shed his helmet only when riding on the beach.

Joe Bearrick doesn't wear his helmet. Bearrick is a lawn contractor at the Tanglewood and Monahan courts.

"I've had accidents with me out them, Bearrick said. "I'm my neck in the last accident because of the helmet," Bearrick said. In a previous accident, rick said his helmet snapped came off his head.

"I think it's safer without a met," he said. "But don't get wrong. When I go to Houston Dallas, I wear my helmet."

Bearrick said he would like the law passed requiring some eye protection in the daytime. said the wind and bugs bother eyes.

## Hanafi 'Fighting Muslim' receives 41-123 years

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WASHINGTON — The Hanafi Muslim leader convicted of masterminding the takeover of three buildings that resulted in the death of a young reporter last March yesterday was sentenced to 41 to 123 years in prison.

Hamaas Abdul Khaalis, who referred to himself as a "fighting Muslim," accepted the sentence without apparent emotion from Superior Court Judge Nicholas Nunzio, who ordered him returned to a maximum security cell at Lorton Reformatory.

During the siege, 149 hostages were held at the B'nai B'rith international headquarters, the national Islamic Culture Center and the District Building, equivalent of city hall.

Before he was sentenced, the Muslim told the judge: "This is my country. Allah will judge us all and it is a country on the road to self-destruction. And you can use my help. I won't apologize for standing up for the respect and character of my faith."

"It was a good deed."

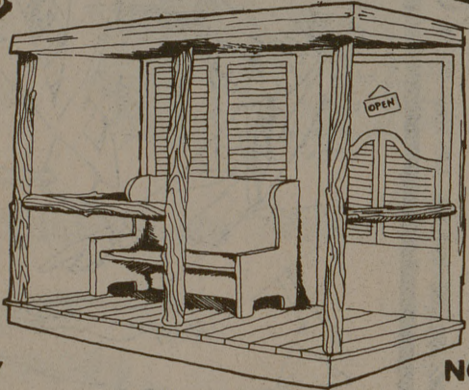
## Researcher has proof for laetrile

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CHICAGO — Maybe all the folks weren't wrong after all in interview Tuesday Dr. E. Manner, chairman of the health department at Loyola University, said tests he conducted show laetrile, used in conjunction with vitamins and enzymes, can breast cancer in mice.

He said previous tests on humans had dealt with the controversial substance itself.

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