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**Water ills on rise**

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Diseases related to drinking water were controlled and reduced for more than 20 years. Today they are no longer declining in the United States, says a report to the U.S. National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics.

Outbreaks of such diseases in the four years 1971-74 were nearly double the number of outbreaks for the years 1966-70 and earlier such periods dating back to 1951-55.

But the type of waterborne disease is changing. While typhoid fever generally decreased, infectious hepatitis was on the rise.

The report was commissioned by the government's national center for health statistics.

Waterborne disease is one of several environmental causes of illness discussed in the report, which essentially is a survey of previous studies with recommendations to fill statistical gaps.

"Although there is increasing public awareness of the importance of the environment on the health status of the U.S. population, there has been no systematic national effort to assess the problems," said chairman Dr. Kerr White in a foreword.

White, with James Hopkins University when the report was prepared, now directs the Institute of Health Care Studies in New York City.

The average annual number of outbreaks for any one water systems was 38 in the 1938-45 period, 23 for 1946-50, 10 for 1951-55, 12 for 1956-60, 11 for 1961-65, 14 for 1966-70 and 25 for 1971-74, according to one study cited in the report.

"Waterborne disease outbreaks are no longer on the decline in the United States," the report concluded.

One well-documented infectious hepatitis outbreak involving 90 cases resulted from a series of events including a cross-connection and reduced pressure in the water mains resulting from a fire, the report said.

Gastroenteritis was the most frequently reported type of waterborne illness in one study.

The report said several types of illness never before associated with documented waterborne outbreaks appeared during the 1966-70 period.

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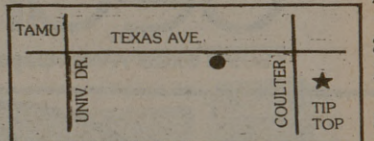
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**Three ACLU lawyers  
to defend Nazis**

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — Three American Civil Liberties Union lawyers Tuesday said they will ignore a local ACLU board decision and represent the American Nazi Party in a court battle concerning a recorded telephone hate message.

The board voted 11-5 Monday against representing the party, which requested aid after State District Judge Richard Millard ordered discontinuation of a dial-up recording urging "war against the Jews and other non-whites."

Millard has since ordered the party and the phone company to show why they should not be held in contempt for alleged failure to meet a Nov. 30 deadline. The phones now have been disconnected. A hearing is scheduled Thursday.

ACLU lawyers Michael Maness, Gerald Birnberg and ACLU staff attorney Patrick Wiseman said they were willing to represent the Nazis as a matter of constitutional principle. Maness also said he had resigned from the board.

Birnberg said Nazis were "very strange people but entitled to use the telephone."

He disputed the board's decision that the hate message, which offered a \$5,000 reward to whites shooting non-whites in defense of race, urged violence and therefore was not protected by free speech provisions in the constitution.

Birnberg said Millard's decision was too broad and infringes on the constitutional right to free speech.

"The order doesn't say, 'You can't use the telephone to offer a bounty,'" Birnberg said. "It says, 'You can't use the telephone to pro-

selytize.'" Maness Tuesday tried unsuccessfully to persuade State District Judge Arthur Leshar to vacate Millard's temporary restraining order barring use of the recording.

The restraining order arose from a suit filed by television personality Marvin Zindler.

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