

Natural high may kill

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EVANSTON, Ill. — Ingestion of a plant found in Illinois and the Southwest, often called the "loco

weed," may lead to delirium, coma and death, a group of researchers says.
A group of physicians from the

William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso said the plant — the Jimson weed — is becoming a popular drug form among adolescents but ingestion of the plant may be fatal.

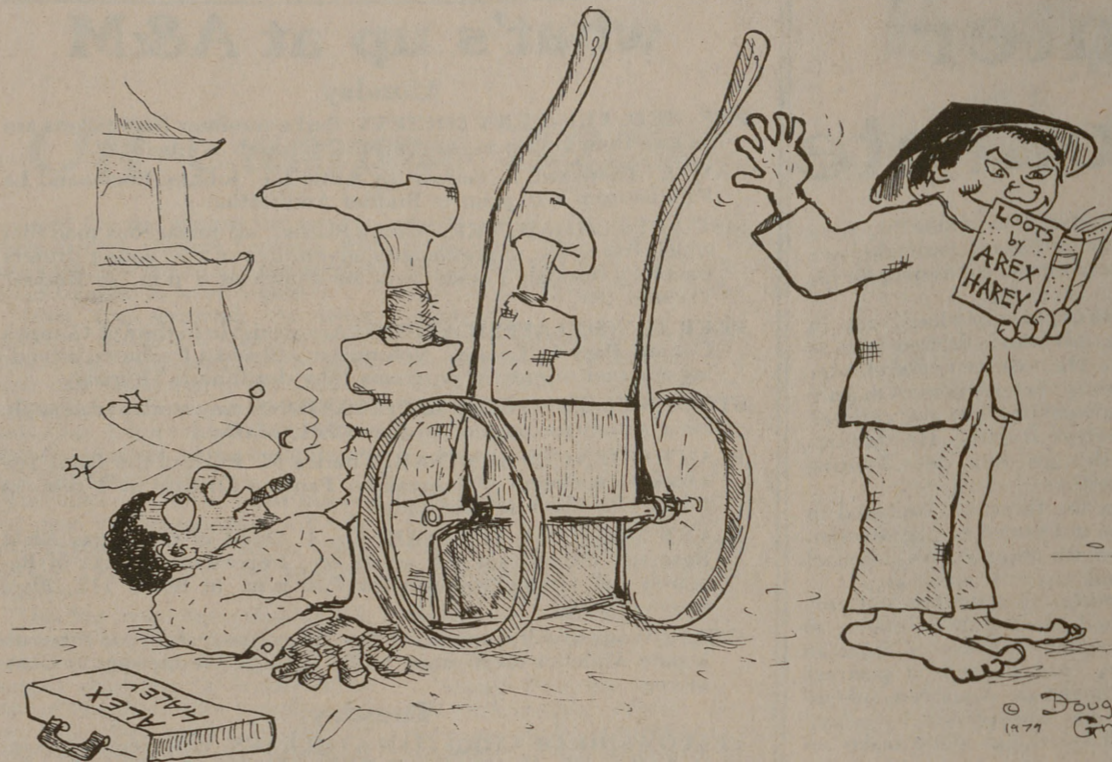
Hallucinogenic drugs are found in all parts of the Jimson weed, the researchers reported in the April issue of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Pediatrics' monthly magazine.

The plant commonly is found in southwestern states, North Carolina, Virginia and Illinois.

The physicians said 29 young patients have been hospitalized following ingestion of the plant. Symptoms included hallucinations, combative behavior, increased heart rate, high blood pressure, above-normal temperature and urinary retention, requiring catheterization of the patients. Ingestion of the plant also may lead to liver dysfunction, the physicians said.

The "altered mental state" that results from injection of the weed may last for several days and may require hospitalization, they said.

The plant — d. stramonium — also is known as "devil's weed," "devil's apple," "stinkweed" and "green dragon."



U.S. authors get no royalties

China looks into U.S. 'Roots'

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PEKING — "Roots," Alex Haley's best-selling story of his search for his family's origin in Africa, is being translated into Chinese for publication in China, a prominent American publisher said Saturday.

Winthrop Knowlton, chairman of the Harper & Row publishing house in New York, said several other popular works by contemporary American authors also are being readied for publication in China.

Among them are Herman Wouk's two long novels on the World War II era, "Winds of War" and "War and Remembrance," and Saul Bellow's "Humboldt's Gift."

The royalties to Haley, Wouk and Bellow probably will be zero. China has no internal copyright laws, and is not a party to the International Copyright Convention, Knowlton said.

A 1903 treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between the United States and China's old Manchu government gave China the right to publish American books at will, and the present regime says it inherited the treaty from its predecessors.

Other popular American books now being translated with an eye to publication are the collected short stories of Irwin Shaw and Joyce Carol Oates' "Wonderland."

After the death of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the arrest of his followers in late 1976, the Chinese brought out a Chinese edition of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" that sold out in two days.

Knowlton, chairman of the Association of American Publishers, heads a delegation of 19 American book publishers now touring China. Their host is the China National Publications Import Corp., which handles all purchases of foreign books and scientific journals by China.

Knowlton said China published about 15,000 titles in 1978 but its book industry is limited by a bad paper shortage and backward technology.

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Carter sum draws support in N. Ireland

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DUBLIN, Ireland — Newspapers Saturday brought House Speaker Thomas O'Neill's visit to Northern Ireland and said he and his "inter-league" Ted Kennedy shared their own business.

Irish politicians hoped Jimmy Carter would bring peace to the British-occupied island.

Sidestepping the temper red up, O'Neill went to the Democrat's one-day visit to Northern Ireland Friday sparked the United States ready to help end 10 years of violence between the major testaments and minority Catholics.

The Irish Independent paper, in an editorial titled "Carter set for North," said Carter was reported behind O'Neill's visit and with Catholic and Protestant leaders.

"Whether it is so or not, the delegation should at least be the facts and hopefully a sensitive," it said.

London's Daily Express exception to an earlier comment that Britain had entered a "political football" by "Mr. Tip" O'Neill, like his colleague Senator Edward Kennedy, is unable to mind business — like the appalling violent crime and murder in can cities.

"Instead he goes in for pontificating about the Northern Ireland, about which obviously knows nothing. The administration may be able to ruin Rhodesia, or even South Africa for the sake of black votes in the United States. They will be away with trying the same over Northern Ireland. Mr. should go home and get on with his wheel-dealing in the U.S. gress."

O'Neill, who led a party Congressmen on a five-day Ireland, went golfing Saturday fore returning to the States Monday.

He has described his private trip to gather information U.S. Embassy officials described O'Neill's trip as a "low-key finding mission."

Apart from a brief statement Belfast Friday describing his "candid and informative," he has had little to say about Irish problems.

He has said Britain bears responsibility for the present stalemate in the north, mandated that the new British government to be elected May forward a new initiative.