

# Heart attacks prevented by gout drugs

New York—An existing drug used to treat gout also may be valuable in preventing sudden deaths from heart attacks among patients who previously have had at least one attack, according to a study reported in the current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The study involved 1,475 heart attack patients at 26 medical centers in Canada and the United States. According to the study, at least 15,000 American lives could be saved each year if people who have suffered a heart attack take the drug, Anturane, every day.

The \$3.75 million project was financed by the Ciba-Geigy Corp. of Summit, N.J. which has marketed Anturane as a medication for gout since 1959 and held a now-expired patent on it.

The findings of the study were submitted to the Food and Drug Administration in December. FDA spokesman Wayne Pines said it was too soon for officials to decide whether to grant approval.

## Nazi war criminal dies

Soltau, West Germany—Convicted Nazi

war criminal Herbert Kappler, one-time Gestapo chief of occupied Rome, died of stomach cancer Thursday at his wife's home here, five months after he escaped from an Italian prison, police sources said.

Kappler, 70, was convicted of ordering the killing of 335 Roman citizens in the Ardeatine Caves near Rome on March 24, 1944, only 24 hours after Italian partisans killed 32 German soldiers on a Roman street.

The escape of the former Nazi official last Aug. 15 created a political furor when West Germany refused an Italian request for his extradition.

Kappler's wife helped him escape. She said in interviews she lowered him from his Cello military hospital room window to the ground with mountain-climbing gear. His weight had dropped to 97 pounds be-

cause of his illness.

## Canal debate continues

Washington—The pitch of the Panama Canal debate rose markedly Thursday as senators on opposing sides interrupted each other to challenge assertions about the proposed new treaty.

Growing exasperated at the tactic, Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., trying to deliver a long speech in favor of ratification, said he no longer would yield for more than one question from any senator.

Leading off the second day of debate that is expected to last several weeks, Byrd got into a heated exchange with opponents on the question of whether the original 1903 treaty between the United States and Panama was signed by a Panamanian or a Frenchman. Sen. James Allen, D-Ala., a leader of the opposition of the treaty, quoted from one reference book to contend that the 1903 document was signed by nine Panamanians.

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