

Malaria Researcher Finds Quick Drug Test By Using Mosquitoes

An important "new tool" in malaria research has been discovered by Dr. Levon A. Terzian, and his assistant at the Navy Medical Research Institute in Bethesda.

As a result of Dr. Terzian's work, the mosquito which carries malaria may now, in the role of a test animal, show the way to overcome the disease.

As described in the December issue of Science Illustrated magazine, Dr. Terzian discovered after a year of research the coincidence which makes the mosquito a test medium. Although the cycles of malaria parasites in human beings are different from those in mosquitoes, it was found that, if a drug stops malaria at a given point in the mosquito, it will stop the human cycle at the corresponding point.

That relationship, according to Dr. Terzian, is the important result of the research so far.

While there are several drugs used in treating malaria, none will cure any of the four varieties of the



DR. LEVON A. TERZIAN. Shown at work on malaria research. —Star Staff Photo.

disease. Some of the best anti-malarial drugs stave off attacks but do not eliminate them. That is why the search goes on for a good anti-malarial drug and why the discovery by Dr. Terzian is regarded as important.

His findings produced a fast way of testing the effectiveness of drugs and how they will work on human beings. The test requires only two weeks, as compared with the older tests which took a year.

Dr. Terzian was assisted in his work by Lt. A. B. Weathersby of the Navy Medical Service and Nathan Stahl, entomologist. They learned how to drug mosquitoes by mixing the drug with the insects' food. Then they would dissect the drugged and infected mosquitoes to search for malaria parasites.

Dr. Terzian served during the war as a lieutenant commander in the Navy and spent much time in the Pacific in anti-malarial work. A native of Philadelphia, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania and took his doctorate at Johns Hopkins. He joined the Navy's research institute after leaving the service in July, 1946.

Dr. Terzian, who is 40, lives at 106 Glenrose street, Kensington, Md., with his wife and two children, Anne, 9, and David, 3.

Two Marines Burned In Mess Hall Blaze; Fireman Injured

Two Marine enlisted men were burned while trying to extinguish a fire in a mess hall at the Naval Communications Station, Massachusetts and Nebraska avenues N.W., late yesterday.

The fire was one of three that broke out in different areas within a few minutes of each other. A fireman was injured, and four residents were routed from a house at 1917 H street N.E. Another blaze in a metal grease trap on the roof of Kann's department store was put out without alarming customers and employees in the store.

One treated at Bethesda. Most seriously hurt of the three men injured was Marine Sgt. Leroy Campbell 26, admitted to

Bethesda Naval Hospital with face and hand burns. A second Marine, Corp. Richard H. Huebner, was given first aid treatment at the scene for minor facial burns.

The mess hall fire caused about \$500 damage to a movie projection booth in the corner of the hall, officers said. Origin of the fire was undetermined. Four engine companies, two truck companies and a rescue squad responded to the box alarm, putting the fire out in about an hour.

Pvt. Dale H. Valentine, 33, of No. 11 Engine Co., was treated at Casualty Hospital for head and face burns he suffered when he lost his way in smoke on the second floor of the H street house. He was forced to leave by a flaming staircase.

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way. He was released after treatment.

Routed after discovery of the blaze by a next-door neighbor were Mrs. Mitchell Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carter and Vinson Good, 10, all colored. The house was extensively damaged by fire, smoke and water. Five engine and two truck companies responded to box and telephone alarms.

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