

Animal disease laboratory has ultimate in protection

By JACK VAN DUSEN
OTTAWA (CP) — Scientists who work in a new animal disease laboratory being planned for Ottawa may have to shiver as often as 13 times a day.

Dr. P. J. G. Plummer says it won't be for the sake of cleanliness — but a matter of life and death.

The big new virus laboratory will contain "the greatest collection of exotic disease agents in the world."

Dr. Plummer, head of the agricultural department's fine animal pathology laboratories across Canada, has been working for four years on plans for the new laboratory.

At one time, Canada was relatively free of the world's animal diseases by the oceans. The long boat trip allowed time for a disease to show in contaminated animals before arriving in Canada.

But livestock now can be shipped to Canada by air in a matter of hours. And a Canadian farmer can tour a farm in Africa and be home with his own herd the same day.

Both the scientist and the farmer can pick up diseases in distant lands and bring them to this country in early stages of development when symptoms are not readily apparent.

"We must have a knowledge of these exotic diseases," says the pipe-smoking Dr. Plummer, 56-year-old member of Trinidad, Ont., who was a tissue special-

ist for 30 years after graduating from the Ontario Veterinary College.

LAB CUT OFF

The result has been the collection of disease-producing agents at special laboratories in neighboring Hull, Que., and Grossex Isle, Que. With these, Canadian scientists can inject the disease of ether lands into animals here and study their development and cure—if there is a cure—so they can handle similar outbreaks here.

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The main laboratory building — a huge windowless black — will be connected by a half-mile tunnel to the office building. It will have at least 30 high-pressure showers.

Scientists working in individual laboratories will have to shower each time they enter and leave. Special clothing will be required and wrist watches and rings won't be allowed.

Persons working with highly contagious diseases will wear suits similar to water-diving outfits, with their own air sup-

ply piped in by hose. In addition, individual laboratories will have their own air supply.

Nothing will leave the building — except human excreta, all cleaned and scrubbed. Waste will be buried and escaping air will be purified.

Missile silo has blaze

RILLETO, Ariz. (AP) — An explosion in a Titan missile silo near this small southeastern Arizona community set off a fire Sunday night, and injured 20 men, authorities said.

Five of the workers were in hospital as result of smoke inhalation.

The other workers were treated and released.

Titan officials said the explosion occurred in a switch box located on the third level, 50 feet beneath ground level.

Officials said the trouble apparently started when a switch gear started tossing out a series of electrical flashes. A fire burned briefly, but was quickly extinguished, they said.

Officials said they were making a heat and ventilation test in the silo at the time.

About 20 men were working on the night shift when the explosion occurred.

M. Tshombe doesn't like Thant words

ELISABETHVILLE (Reuters) — President Moise Tshombe said today that U Thant's description of Katangan leaders as "a bunch of clowns" was a "personal insult."

The acting United Nations secretary-general told a press conference in Helsinki Friday: "I don't know whether I can do serious business with such a bunch of clowns."

The communique ended: "I Tshombe issued a statement saying: 'This is a personal insult which I cannot admit.'"

Thant had contradicted the UN charter, "for he wants to impose a solution by force which is against the charter."

The Katanga affair is not a question of several ministers, but an affair involving the whole of Katangan people."

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