Sickle Cell Anemia needs early diagnosis, treatment

By DR. PAUL E. CORNELY

There is a serious disease called sickle cell anemia that mainly strikes black children. Therefore, I thought you might wish to know more about it and how you can be of help.

SCA is a hereditary condition in which are non-round red-blood corpuscles are shaped like sickles and there is a marked decrease of red blood cells. When both parents have sickling condition of the blood, their offspring will have SCA in almost every instance.

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Sickled red blood cells can be found in about 10 percent of blacks. The disease in its active state, however, occurs only in about 1 in 400 blacks. Nevertheless, this means some 50,000 persons in the U.S. suffer from Sickle Cell Anemia.

Sometimes the victim of SCA is free of symptoms. At such times the SCA child is as active and bright as any other youngster, although usually he will be underweight and small for his age.

At other times symptoms are so acute that the stage is called a "crisis." This can be triggered by a cold or other infection.

When a crisis occurs, the child becomes sluggish, loses his appetite, and complains of pain in the back, legs, or abdomen. The whites of his eyes may be yellow. Generally he will have to stay home for two or three weeks during a crisis; but sometimes he must be hospitalized.

Because this is a chronic disease, we must do everything possible to discover early those youngsters who are afflicted in order to guard them from infections and to begin the best available treatment.

Teachers in particular are in a position to play a significant role in detecting young people suffering from SCA. They should be on the alert for the child who is sluggish, pale, and underweight and whose development is slower than normal.

If such a child has not recently had a thorough physical examination, including a blood test for sickling, the teacher should recommend that he be given one.

If a child is known to have SCA, the teacher should find out what she housing and diet. To help insure that a child necessarily absent from school because of SCA doesn't fall behind in his schoolwork, perhaps arrangements can be made for a visiting teacher to be sent to his home or the hospital.

Teachers and parents should encourage the SCA child to develop hobbies in music, art, or handicraft — can about the family, their things he can enjoy when confined to home or hospital.

As part of their assistance, teachers might help to develop educational programs for the parents of SCA children.

Naturally, parents too will want to be aware of the symptoms and course of treatment of Sickle Cell Anemia. Toward this end, SCA clubs have been formed in Washington, New York City, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia. Through such organizations, parents learn in your community and disseminate information to the public.

One hopeful note is that there has recently been developed a new and simple test to identify SCA. There appears to be no reason why mobile clinics or hospitals in the inner city should not now be conducting these tests routinely along with those for tuberculosis and diabetes.

The foremost authority on SCA is Dr. Roland B. Scott, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

For the last 20 years he has been working on this disease for which there is as yet no cure. He has called for federal and state governments to provide funds so that concentrated attention can be directed to seeking better methods of treatment and eventually finding a cure.

Primarily because of his efforts, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Dulcet Club of Kalamazoo, Mich. and the AEAON of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America have become interested and have come to the aid of SCA victims. Now, this is truly Health in Action.

Add Sickle Cell Anemia to the list of health problems in your community needing your help. For additional information about SCA, write to Dr. Scott at the above address.

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Race Treated With Light, Sharp Touch

By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Religion Writer

Humor is a great lubricant for social frictions. But it is seldom applied these days to the abrasive subject of race relations.

Fortunately, there are occasional exceptions. And one of them is now at hand in the form of a delightful little paperback book entitled, "The Care And Feeding of White Liberals." (Published By Paulist Press).

The author is a black minister of the United Church of Christ, the Rev. Hubert G. Locke, director of the Office of Religious Affairs at Wayne State University in Detroit.

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Locke does not think racism is a laughing matter, but he demonstrates in this book that twit is still a deadlier weapon than angry bombast.

He porceeds on the premise that 98 per cent of all "caucasolds" are afflicted eith the "Psychological disease of racism." Some are untroubled by the aiment — they are forthright, well-adjusted bigots.

Others, however, are bowed down with guilt, because they like to think of themselves as liberals but their fear of black people causes them to behave in racist ways.

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The most "hysterical" white liberals are found "within the ranks of the church," Locke says. And black militants have developed great skill in playing on the fear-guilt syndrome of white churchmen.

"It is significant thit the demand for preparation s (made in James Foreman's 'Black Manifesto') was not tacked to the door of the Chase Manhattan bank or the gates of Fort Knox," he said.

"If the Foreman Manifesto had demanded that churches and synagogues castrate thir clergy as reparation for the rape of black women during the slave ra. some theologian, bishop or enlightened liberal layman would have striven to discover a technological rationale for accepting the legitimacy of the demand."

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Locke offers several tips to militants bent on exploiting white anxiety by being "as abrasively black as possile."

His advice: "Develop the art of looking mean . . . wear dark sun glasses at all times (this adds to the overall sinisterness of your appearance).

Whenever engaged in conversation with whitey, keep your hands in constant motion (Whitey will expect a razor to flash forth from those moving hands at any moment, and you can be certain he will not move a muscle until you have finished your argument)."

All this is said tongue-in-cheek, of course. Locke's real aim is not to play upon the fears of white liberals, but to banish those fears by satirizing them.

For the crux of racism, as he points out in "different,"

Despite his needling, "basic decency" of the white liberal, and sympathizes with their confusion when they find that the goal of integration, to ikwhich they've paid such fervent lip service, is no longer a top priority with blacks, who are now more concerned with achieving control over their own lives and communities.

Locke concludes on a hopeful note: The liberal white churchman may yet play a useful role in achieving social justice in America, if he can bring himself to admit that he, even he, is afflicted with the disease of racism.

The resources for a cure, he suggests, already lie close at hand in "the tnets of prophetic Judaism and historic Christanity."

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WMAR TV (2)
6:30: Summer Semester: "The Image and Its Source" (c)
7:00: CBS News with Joseph Benti
7:15: Newswatch
7:25: NBC News with Joseph Benti
7:50: CBS News with Joseph Benti
8:00: Bonanza
8:00: Bonnie Prince Charlie
9:30: Newswatch
9:40: Dialing For Dollars
10:00: To Tell the Truth
10:30: The Beverly Hillbillies
11:00: TV 11 News; Seven O'Clock Edition (c)
11:30: Tonight Show (c)
12:30: Sign Off

WBAL TV (11)
6:15: Sign On and Devotions
6:30: Learning to Read
7:00: Today Show (c)
7:00: TV 11 News: 7:25 Edition
7:30: Today Show (c)
8:25: TV 11 News: 8:25 Edition
9:30: Today Show (c)
10:00: Dinah's Place (c)
11:30: The Doctors (c)
12:00: Another World-Bay City (c)
12:30: Days of Our Lives (c)
1:30: As The World Turns (c)
2:00: The Doctors (c)
2:30: He Said, She Said (c)
3:00: Another World-Bay City (c)
3:30: He Said, She Said (c)
4:00: Another World-Somerset (c)
4:30: Famous Flicks: "Charlie Chan at the Olympics" (Warner Oland, Keye Luke, 1936)
6:00: TV 11 News: 5:30 Edition (c)
6:30: NBC Nightly News
7:00: TV 11 News: Seven O'Clock Edition (c)
7:30: The High Chaparral (c)
8:30: The Name of the Game (c)
9:00: Bracken's World (c)
11:00: TV 11 News; Eleven O'Clock Edition (c)
11:15: Weather Watch
11:20: Sports Watch
11:25: Bible Reading
11:30: Sign Off

WJZ TV (13)
6:10: Sermonette
6:15: Operation Alphabet
6:45: Consumer Checkout
6:55: Eyewitness News
7:00: Lorenzo's Cartoon Festival
7:30: The Arnold Zenker Show (c)
8:00: Baltimore Movie: Some South of Saez (1949) George Brent, Brenda Marshall
10:30: That Girl (ABC) c
11:00: Eyewitness News
11:30: A World Apart (ABC) c
1:00: All My Children (ABC) c
1:30: Let's Make a Deal (ABC) c
2:00: One Life to Live (ABC) c
2:30: It Takes A Thief (ABC) c
3:30: Monday Night Movie (ABC) c Hostile Witness, George Montgomery
7:30: Today Show (c)
8:25: TV 11 News: 8:25 Edition
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WMAR TV (2)
6:30: "The Friday Movie (1952) Susan Hayward, Robert Mitchum
8:00: Love American Style (ABC) c
11:00: Eyewitness News
11:30: The Dick Cavett Show (ABC) c
12:55: Eyewitness News
1:00: Lucy (New Neighbors)
1:30: A Child Is Waiting
2:00: Days of Our Lives
2:30: The Doctors (c)
3:00: Another World-Bay City (c)
3:30: He Said, She Said
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4:30: Famous Flicks: "Charlie Chan at the Olympics" (Warner Oland, Keye Luke, 1936)
6:00: Eyewitness News
7:00: ABC Evening News
7:30: The Flying Nun

WMPB TV (67)
10:00: Sesame Street (c)
11:00: Mr. Lancaster, Paul Sorfield)
11:30: TV 11 News (c)
11:35: Tonight Show (c)
1:00: Devotions
1:15: Sign Off

WZ TV (42)
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9:30: Today Show (c)
10:00: Dinah's Place (c)
10:30: Concentration (c)
11:00: The Galloping Gourmet (c) (Grilled Squares (c)
11:30: The Hollywood Squares (c)
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