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PROVISIONAL INFORMATION ON SELECTED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ON DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 1, 1964

CLAM-ASSOCIATED HEPATITIS - CONNECTICUT

An outbreak of infectious hepatitis apparently transmitted through raw clams has occurred during the past two months in South Central Connecticut. The source of the clams has been determined to be either Connecticut or Rhode Island; investigations are still in progress.

Since October 1, 69 cases of infectious hepatitis are known to have occurred in South Central Connecticut. Fifty-seven cases have been investigated to date. The majority have occurred since December 1. Of the total, 52 (91 percent) have been among adults.

Thirty-eight of the 57 cases ingested raw clams during the 10 to 60 days preceding onset. The peak of the epidemic among raw clam consumers appears to have been reached in the week ending January 11 (see figure, page 38). Intensive investigations in Rhode Island and along the eastern coast of Connecticut have thus far revealed only 2 cases associated with the consumption of raw clams.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES

Age	Clam Associated Cases	Non-clam Associated Cases
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10-19	2	
20-29	14	5
30-39	7	7
40-49	14	4
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Total	38	19

Table 1. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES

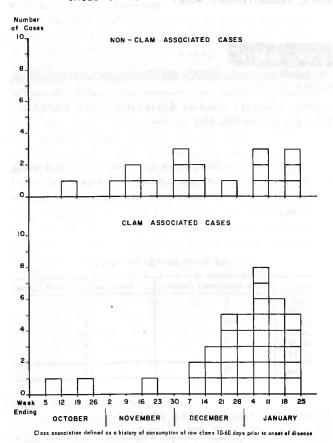
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Diphtheria	4	9	22	21	31	107	
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Measles hepatitis	927	1,225	1,225	4,371	5,321	5,321	
Measles	6,470	9,346	10,166	27,457	39,366	41,627	
Meningococcal infections	60	65	57	250	267	269	
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Tetanus	10,097	9,098		43,855	42,114		
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Rabies in Animals	74	54	73	318	267	30	

Table 2. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OF LOW FREQUENCY

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CASES OF HEPATITIS BY WEEK OF ONSET



The suspect clams ingested by the cases were obtained in one or more of 24 restaurants or fish markets in the greater New Haven-Bridgeport area. The clams are believed to have been harvested in Rhode Island or Connecticut waters but the source has not yet been identified. Studies are still in progress.

(Reported by James C. Hart, M.D., Director of Preventable Diseases, Connecticut State Department of Health; Dr. John B. Atwater, Director, New Haven Department of Health; and teams from the Division of Environmental Engineering and Food Protection, and the Communicable Disease Center).

INFLUENZA-LIKE DISEASE

Outbreaks of influenza-like disease have recently been reported from communities in northwestern Washington, from nearby areas on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and from several areas in the Orient, notably Japan and Taiwan. The epidemic in Washington is the first to have been noted in the U.S. this year. Preliminary data on these outbreaks are as follows:

Washington State

An outbreak of acute febrile respiratory disease, clinically compatible with influenza, has recently been observed among residents of Skagit County in northwestern Washington.

Physicians in the area first reported seeing cases in mid-January. They described a syndrome characterized by fever (reaching 103-4°F in severe cases), dry cough, sore throat, myalgia, and eye pain lasting 3-4 days, followed by a period of fatigue and lassitude lasting several more days. No deaths have been reported.

Most severely affected has been the town of Concrete (pop. 840) where elementary and high-school absenteeism reached peak levels of 17-21% during late January, as compared to usual rates of 5-7%. Practitioners in the neighboring communities of Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon were also seeing an increasing case load of flulike illness, but absenteeism in school and industry has remained at normal levels in these areas. Adjacent counties have reported only scattered cases thus far. In particular, the Seattle-King County area, lying about 65 miles south of Skagit County, reports no evidence of epidemic activity.

Throat washings and sera have been obtained from selected patients in Skagit County and are currently being processed at the State laboratories in Seattle as well as at the Respirovirus Laboratory, CDC.

The Skagit County outbreak followed by a brief period a similar epidemic illness on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The southern end of the island lies due west of Skagit County. (See below for details of Canadian outbreaks.)

In an effort to obtain additional epidemiologic data, a telephone survey was undertaken in the town of Concrete on February 2. A random sample was obtained by selecting every fifth entry in the local telephone directory. Interviews were completed in 40 households, providing information on 121 individuals (approximately 14% of the total population). One adult member of the household usually provided data for all those residing in the household. A standard set of questions was asked at each

AGE-SPECIFIC ATTACK RATES - PHONE SURVEY
CONCRETE, WASHINGTON

Age Group	No.in Sample	Cases in Sample	Attack Rate for Sample (percent
0-4	17	1	6
5-14	18	4	22
15-24	14	4	29
25-34	14	1	7
35-49	26	8	31
50-64	15	1	7
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Total	121	19	16

interview regarding age and sex of all household members, and pertinent clinical data for household members who had been ill during the epidemic. A total of 19 cases were discovered in this sample, giving an overall attack rate of 16%. Age specific attack rates, and a quantitative summary of the symptom complex are given in the accompanying tables.

SYMPTOMS OF INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS - PHONE SURVEY CONCRETE, WASHINGTON - FEBRUARY 2, 1964

Symptom	Number	Percent
Feverishness	19	100
"eakness or malaise	18	95
neadacha	15	79
Cough	13	68
Chills	10	53
Myalaia	10	53
Sare throat	9	47
Eye symptom	7	37
	6	32
Vomiting	2	11
Diarrhea	0	' 0

Total No. of Cases - 19

In addition, increased school absenteeism has been observed in scattered areas of Whatcom County, which is adjacent to the north border of Skagit County. Investigations are underway to determine the significance of this increase.

(Reported by Ernest A. Ager, M.D., Chief, Division of Epidemiology, State Department of Health, Olympia, Washington; Richard Gross, M.D., Skagit County Health Officer, Mount Vernon, Washington; and a team from the Communicable Disease Center.)

Canada

Epidemic respiratory disease with symptoms typical of influenza has been reported from the community of Lantzville in central Vancouver Island. Peak incidence occurred in mid-January with an estimated 1,000 cases reported during the week ending January 17. Pneumonitis has complicated many of the cases. One death, in a 14-year-old boy, has been reported.

Earlier outbreaks of a similar illness were reported in December from several small villages in the Northwest Territories. The towns of Gjoa Haven, Pelly Bay, and Stence Bay accounted for an estimated 100-150 cases. (Reported by Dr. E. W. R. Best, Chief, Epidemiology Division, Department of National Health & Welfare, Ottawa, Canada.)

Taiwan

A severe respiratory disease epidemic is currently in progress on Taiwan with most extensive involvement apparently in the city of Taipei. The outbreak reached its peak in mid-January, and now appears to be waning, although an increasing number of cases are now being reported among American residents. Attack rates were estimated as high as 50 percent among children at the height of the epidemic. Of the 300 U.S. Naval personnel attached to the Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2 in Taipei, approximately 100 have contracted the illness thus far. Confirmatory laboratory studies and additional epidemiologic investigations are currently in progress.

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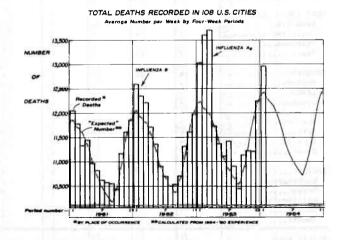
TOTAL DEATHS REPORTED IN 108 CITIES

The weekly average number of total deaths in 108 cities for the four-week period ending February 1 was 12,954 as compared with an expected weekly average of 12,413.

		Week E	ndina		4 Week	Weekly
	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1	Total	Average
bserved xpected	13,851	12,704	12,992	12,269	51,816	12,954
	12,425	12,432	12,415	12,381	49,653	12,413
Excess	1,426	272	577	-112	2,163	541

The reported numbers of deaths from all causes were elevated in early January but declined to slightly below expected numbers during the last week of the period. During the first week of the period, highest weekly totals were reported by the East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, East South Central, West South Central and Pacific States; during the second week by the New England States; during the third week by the Middle Atlantic

States; and during the fourth week by the Mountain States. During the fourth week of the period all divisions except the Mountain declined from their earlier elevated figures.



(See Table, page 43)

Table 3. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES FOR WEEKS ENDED

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Oregon	112	1	3	2	41	43				_ [19.
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Alaska	4	1	1	3	3	3		_	-	- 1		5y- 1/4
Hawaii	4	-	2	-	22	25	- N P-	-		-	L 123-	-

Table 4 (A). TOTAL DEATHS IN REPORTING CITIES

(Tables 4(A), 4(B), 4(C), and 4(D) will be published in sequence covering a four-week period.)

Area		For week	s ending		Area		For week	s ending	
	1/11/64	1/18/64	1/25/64	2/1/64		1/11/64	1/18/64	1/25/64	2/1/64
TEW ENGLAND:			4		SOUTH ATLANTIC:				
Boston, Mass.	258	325	272	271	Atlanta, Ga	194	123	143	134
Bridgeport, Conn.	35	37	39	45	Baltimore, Md	305	281	309	269
Cambridge, Mass.	31	36	33	27	Charlotte, N.C.	42	43	53	38
Fall River, Mass.	37	29	28	30	Jacksonville, Fla.	80	53	70	60
Hartford, Conn.	53	59	50	60	Miami, Fla.	91	89	118	102
Lowell, Mass.	40	26	28	29	Norfolk, Va.	96	45	52	48
Lynn, Mass.	30	22	32	37	Richmond, Va.	77	90	107	105
New Bedford, Mass	38	32	33	23	Savannah, Ga.	58	52	40	32
New Haven, Conn.	50	46	67	38	St. Petersburg, Fla	100	94	87	87
Providence, R.I.	61	78	52	57	Tampa, Fla.	110	88	57	100
Somerville, Mass	20	13	11	9	Washington, D.C.	241	220	242	214
Springfield, Mass.	46	61	47	67	Wilmington, Del.	56	36	33	36
Waterbury, Conn.	31	28	25	36	writingcoit, Der.	50	30	, ,,,	30
Worcester, Mass	75	62	40	54	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL:				
	,,	02			Birmingham, Ala	115	122	99	106
IDDLE ATLANTIC:						56	65		40
Albany, N.Y.	45	39	53	43	Chattanooga, Tenn Knoxville, Tenn	55	49	66	37
Allentown, Pa.	43	49	44	40		226	137	156	120
Buffalo, N.Y.		149	154	144	Louisville, Ky		1	1	123
Camden N 7	161	55		51	Memphis, Tenn	171	170	156	
Camden, N.J.	54		61		Mobile, Ala.	41	57	46	30
Elizabeth, N.J.	32	37	34	36	Montgomery, Ala	49	42	50	39
Erie, Pa.	51	36	37	38	Nashville, Tenn	143	120	105	100
Jersey City, N.J.	76	82	76	62					
Newark, N.J.	139	81	168	91	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL:			1	
Tork City N V	1,968	1,798	1,847	1,709	Austin, Tex.	45	50	62	42
- duerson. N. I	49	40	37	48	Baton Rouge, La	61	44	37	36
Tilladelphia. Pa	495	501	520	550	Corpus Christi, Tex	43	21	21	34
*** Sourch Pa	182	223	305	222	Dallas, Tex	194	120	198	146
"Cauing, Pa	57	52	60	57	El Paso, Tex.	59	50	47	44
The ster. N. V.	114	89	99	99	Fort Worth, Tex	77	68	79	65
Tellenectady N V	36	38	34	19	Houston, Tex	210	271	265	217
Panton. Pa	40	26	42	48	Little Rock, Ark	96	77	55	69
Jideuse, N V	68	67	76	53	New Orleans, La	184	195	194	171
** enton. N T	53	54	60	49	Oklahoma City, Okla	108	95	96	97
TCa. N.Y.	33	21	22	22	San Antonio, Tex	171	140	115	118
Yonkers, N.Y.	37	34	37	27	Shreveport, La.	55	74	40	73
					Tulsa, Okla	59	81	58	76
AST NORTH CENTRAL:					10100, 08101	2,	0.	30	
"Mion, Ohio	64	63	56	55	MOUNTAIN:				
- neon. Obio	31	36	30	35	Albuquerque, N. Mex	27	34	41	35
Chicago, Ill.	876	750	783	731	Colorado Springs, Colo	20	20	32	30
Cincinnati, Ohio	211	184	166	166	Denver, Colo	125	156	115	144
Cleveland, Ohio	248	208	230	231		1	1	21	19
Columbus, Ohio	133	135	115	144	Ogden, Utah	18	17	120	107
Dayton, Ohio.	91			92	Phoenix, Ariz	110	108		17
Detroit, Mich.		81	85		Pueblo, Colo.	23	16	18	
Evansuille T	421	330	371	356	Salt Lake City, Utah	43	37	54	68
Evansville, Ind.	49	41	39	32	Tucson, Ariz.	60	39	50	59
	37	50	35	52	PACTETC:	1			
	58	43	40	31	PACIFIC:			1	
- y, Ind.	37	19	36	36	Berkeley, Calif	16	31	14	16
Kanide Mich	83	51	48	41	Fresno, Calif	45	56	68	54
anapolie Ind	185	158	1 6 0	181	Glendale, Calif	25	55	48	35
	52	32	33	27	Honolulu, Hawaii	47	45	45	50
waukee. Wis	154	126	136	130	Long Beach, Calif	57	80	66	61
	26	38	3-2	27	Los Angeles, Calif	565	544	574	631
regiond 111	33	25	27	26	Oakland, Calif	94	104	95	96
	45	60	47	31	Pasadena, Calif	44	31	39	39
	144	124	96	117	Portland, Oreg	151	144	129	141
Youngstown, Ohio	76	61	62	55	Sacramento, Calif.	86	74	69	62
Ecr					San Diego, Calif.	112	114	126	107
Des Moi					San Francisco, Calif	257	192	203	184
	60	80	72	66	San Jose, Calif	33	48	22	47
Duluth, Minn.	34*	30*	30*	27*	Seattle, Wash	168	150	176	150
	58	40	39	44	Spokane, Wash	53	50	46	57
	157	153	145	141	Tacoma, Wash.	62	45	42	41
	55	20	24	25	Annual models	J-	17.7	1	1 7
	147	148	127	110	San Juan P D	19	21	22	()
	90	69	76	64	San Juan, P.R.	17			1,32-7
St. Louis, Mo.							-		-
	329	246	312	252	0				
St. Paul, Minn.	89	73	68	71	Current Week Mortality for				

^{*}Estimate - based on average percent of divisional total.

Totals for previous weeks include reported corrections.

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^{6,878}

This epidemic is of particular interest in light of a previous institutional outbreak in Taiwan in October 1962. Influenza B strains recovered at that time were found to be antigenically distinct from former B isolates. No additional recoveries of that strain have since been made.

(Reported by Capt. Robert Phillips, MC, USN, Officer in Charge, U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, Taipei; and Capt. Jack W. Millar, MC, USN, Director, Preventive Medicine Division, Department of the Navy.)

Japan

Extensive outbreaks of flu-like illness have recently been noted on the island of Kyushu, Japan, where an estimated 60,000 cases have occurred through January 31. The illness has been characterized by headache, fever, cough, and sore throat. Five of the island's seven Prefectures have been involved thus far, with increased absenteeism reported from about 50 schools, largely at the grade school level. Most severely affected have been the Prefectures of Saga and Miyazaki. There has been no evidence of disease spread beyond the island of Kyushu, as yet. Laboratory studies are in progress.

(Reported by Hideo Fukumi, M.D., Chief, Japanese Influenza Center, Tokyo.)

INTERNATIONAL NOTES - QUARANTINE MEASURES Dengue Fever - Antigua

Antigua has become the third Caribbean Island to officially report the occurrence of dengue fever. For the period December 1, 1963, to January 20, 1964, 300 cases were notified.

(Reported in Weekly Epidemiological Report, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 36:4, January 22, 1964).

In addition to the established procedures for reporting morbidity and mortality, the Communicable Disease Center welcomes accounts of interesting outbreaks or cases. Such accounts should be addressed to:

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