

students of propaganda by sending the material to us."

At the beginning of the present European war, requests for propaganda were sent to the various belligerents and they have cooperated by sending it. Other material has already been collected by Mr. Mohrhardt and by Prof. Riegel and his students of propaganda.

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METEOROLOGY

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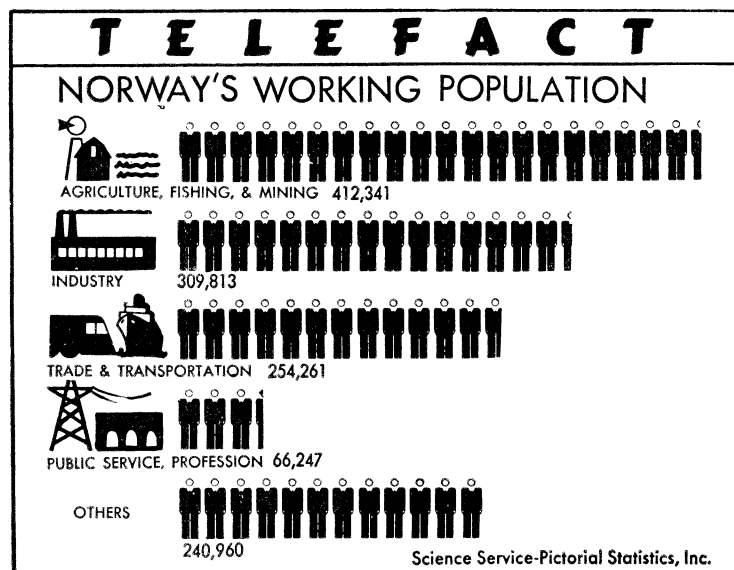
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MEDICINE

Insulin Helps Patients with One Type Digestive Disorder

PATIENTS with a certain type of gastro-intestinal disease have been helped by doses of insulin, the diabetes remedy, Dr. William J. Mallory, professor of medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine, announced at the school's annual Post Graduate Clinic.

He described the case of a patient with chronic dilatation of the stomach, with excess secretion of gastric juice but no obstruction, who was permanently relieved of his trouble by this hormone treatment.

The insulin achieves its effect by improving the muscle tone of the stomach and intestinal tract and stimulating peristalsis, Dr. Mallory explained. It is used for patients who, sometimes because of a nervous condition and sometimes following surgical operations, suffer from a paralysis of the digestive tract. The condition is not extremely common but neither is it rare. Once the relaxed stomach and intestinal tract have been stimulated to normal constriction and peristaltic movement, the insulin doses can be stopped.

In a general discussion of modern treatment of internal diseases, including specific serum treatment, chemical treatment and hormone treatment, Dr. Mallory said that the hormone treatment,

when it can be used, may be considered the most scientific because it is physiological, "supplying some known deficiency, augmenting some action that is inadequate, or initiating some function that is in abeyance."

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