



ALBINO GOPHER—Two albino gophers were captured by a student in the Fillmore Joint Union High School, Fillmore, Calif., and this one was photographed by Dr. James E. Bliss. W. L. Hall, instructor in biology and physiology at the school, states: "These two animals were pure albinos, having even whiter coats and pinker eyes than my rats, which are of true Wistar strain."

GENERAL SCIENCE

World University

Has been suggested to UNESCO from several quarters to encourage scientific research and higher education at international level.

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➤ A WORLD UNIVERSITY is advocated from several quarters, who have communicated their suggestions to the Secretary of UNESCO, the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Colombian delegation was among the first to ask for a University of the United Nations in order to encourage scientific research and higher education both in technical science and in other branches of human knowledge.

The International Committee for a World University Alliance of New York, created to promote the establishment of a world university, has submitted a scheme for a World University Charter.

Dr. Maxwell Garnett, formerly of the League of Nations Union, suggested that UNESCO should take steps for the creation by UNO of an international university, established mainly for research workers qualified in a number of fields.

Dr. Hugh Trowbridge (U.S.A.) proposed the establishment of a United Nations University in realization of Article 62 of the Charter. At the same time he suggested the creation of degrees for the United Nations, a program of study, means for promoting the scheme and a method for the selection of candidates for this university.

All these proposals, and many others dealing with the future work of UNESCO in the educational and allied fields, have been referred for further study to special committees.

Month of Culture

➤ A UNESCO month, during which lectures, exhibitions and films would bring out vividly the value of international cultural cooperation to the public has been agreed upon as an important early feature by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The UNESCO Month is to precede the annual conference which, ac-

ording to its Constitution, UNESCO must arrange every year in a different country.

These intellectual and artistic manifestations are designed to bring about the right atmosphere in the host country, and to provide at the highest level a discussion on current intellectual and spiritual problems. The host country would be stimulated to mobilize all its best intellectual and artistic resources to the advantage both of its own people and its distinguished guests, and these would enable the conference to start its proceedings in a spirit attuned to the nature of its task. It is not intended that this UNESCO Month should deal exclusively with the culture of the host country. Leading authorities in other countries would no doubt cooperate in this work of international understanding.

This scheme, which was put forward by the Executive Secretary of UNESCO, Sir Alfred Zimmern, was approved by the preparatory commission. The first UNESCO Month will probably be held in Paris next fall.

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CHEMISTRY

"Goop" Now Reducing Forest Fire Hazard

➤ "GOOP," the fire-spreading jelly that helped to lay Tokyo and other Japanese cities in ashes, is now playing a paradoxical role in saving American forests from fire. It does this by helping to burn, under watched and controlled conditions, the tops, branches and other debris left after logging operations, which form a bad fire hazard if left to themselves.

"Goop," whose more proper name is Pyrogel, is a greasy jelly containing magnesium powder. It was the most destructive of known incendiary bomb fillers at the end of the war. Another incendiary mixture, a liquid known as Napalm, also promises to be useful in removal of fire-hazardous forest slash.

The Army has about 50,000,000 pounds of "Goop" left on hand. It has no possible use except to start fires. To destroy it by burning would cost an estimated \$200,000, and dumping it into the ocean would probably produce protests from conservationists. Hence any use that can be made of it in starting slash-removal fires is just so much cash saved to the taxpayers.

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Human hair grows faster in summer than in winter.