#### Hepatitis could be caused by new viruses

By our Science Correspondent

D) our scrence correspondent A more chronic liver disease can be caused by two unidenti-fied viruses, a report out today says. It has been held up to now that hepatitis A and B viruses were the sole asents causin acute viru hepatitis. The find-ing means that new screening techniques will have to be de-veloped to ensure that blood transfusions are hepatitis. From the transfusions are hepatitis. From the hepatitis and the source that blood transfusions are hepatitis. From the hepatitis and the source that hepatitis and the source that hepatitis and the source that hepatitis and the source the attrast and completely distinct types of virus, has been sharply chillenged by research carried out in the United States, according to the report of the Office of Health Economics A survey of patients suffer-me from multiple attacks of acute vire hepatitis, carried out by the University of Southern California. School of Medicine and published in the New England Lournal of Medicine, revealed that more than half of the broits. All the classical symptoms occurred and al-tinough the linitating organism was largely the B virus, neither the B on the A forms of the virus were detectable during the state virus were detectable during the state were detectable during the virted of the dises. Earlier studies have himted that dons the B virus, All the classical symptoms occurred and al-tinough the linitating organism was largely the B virus, neither the B on the A forms of the virus were detectable during the virus det wow new? Virus and be at work. Whether thus is another ex-ample of what is known as " antigent dorchange is identify" my coat and thus keep sheed of the reservoir of human tim-muity and he haveche distided studies is during virus were erroring the sidentify" my coat and thus keep sheed of the reservoir of human tim-muity and the vaccine makers organism are involved. Is not clear.

DENNIS JOHNSON reports on the dilemma of a developer who plans a hotel on a Bristol Channel island

## Fight over £3.8M short\_sea cross

A PLANNING application for 1202bedroom hotel has been received by Woodspring Dis-trict Council, Avon, only '24 hours after the developers threatened to take both the council and the Department of the Environment to court 'for making the project impos-sible to carry out. The developers, the Wess. ton-duper-Mare Pier Com-pany, say they situated the developers, the Wess. ton-duper-Mare Pier Com-pany, say they situated to cauber-Mare Pier Com-pany, say they situated to a caubpeld by the Data the pier to the to claim ESS mild an earlier re-tion lecaupheld by the Data the pier beet by the Data the pier with the to channel. Woodspring lawyers are understood to believe that there is no case to answer. But the pier company's davisers ague that adcelsion three years ago to give the hotel outline planning permission, provided the pier was strengthened, led to capi-tal expenditure, and contrac-tual arrangements which the company would not otherwise they have been advised by counsel that there are enough procedents in law mouth has been arrived at be enough procedents in law mouth the contract with a big US travel agent, and mongy already spent on the Birnbeck Pier, an iron

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structure about 150 yards long, was built by the com-pany in 1867 and provides the only access to the island for vehicles. Eleven months after the old Weston-super-Mare Council gave outline per<u>ulis-</u> sion for the hotel in January 1974, the DoE,

apparently to everyone's surprise listed the pier as. a building of architec-tural and historic interest. The company has Con-cluded that it is substantially for this reason that detailed application for reconstruction of the pier was refused by

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Mr Critchley and Birnbeck Pier\_\_\_\_

Woodspring Council in December 1975. Last week the DoE announced its deci-series after an appeal. The new application for the hotel, lodged with the council at the weekend, is for de-tailed planning consent and

has been made to comply with the three-year time limit which applies to decisions in outline. But unless lawyers can resolve the problem of the pier, on which visitors to Weston-super-Mare have strolled for generations, the project will remain no more

### Workers plan co **Courtaulds** cutba NUS poll

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favourite - By JOHN FAIRHALL

A NEMER of the Com-munist Party's national ex-ceutive, Mrs Sue Silpman, was chosen at the weekend as the Broad Left eandidate for the National Union of Stu-dents presidential "elections. With the backing of the coali-tion of Labour, Communist, and non-aligned Socialists which dominates the union's executive, she emerges as the favourile for the job. The main challenge will be from the Federation of Con-servative Students' enabled the the federation of Con-servative Students' enabled the the second second the second t

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By PETER HILDREW, Northern Labour Con

By PETER, HILDER, Aurtleff, Lauduff C. About 3,000 of the 4,200 about 60 per cent capacity with redundancies announced by the work force cut to 850. Some-Courtaulds in October had coning jobs, mainly for women, aken effect by the time the statuting 90-day notice period the plant with the unions hop-ran out at the weekend. Production has ended at the Skelmersdale weaving plant, to keep producting going even and a nyloon plants in Belfast longer. and anyloon plants in Belfast longer. redundancies announced by Courtaulds in October had taken effect by the time the statutory 90-day notice period ran out at the weekend ran out at the weekend.

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of the work force. Under a national agreement between the company chairman. Sir Arthur Knight, and the Transport and General Workers' Union leader, Mr Jack Jones, production of viscose will con-tinue until the end of May at

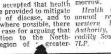
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'abused' The Magistrates' Association One of the candidates in the forthcoming battle for the leadership of the Transport and General Workers' Union yester-day joined the row over Marx-ism and Trotskyist military in the Labour Party with attack funkts Shirley williams, the Secretary for Education. Mr John Miller, a national secretary of the TGWU who has senson ince his interior of the togal and system by law-yers wanting to boost their fees. An ingiury by a congnite standing for the general secre-ticed on indiciment because of the standing for the general secre-taryship in succession to Mr Jack Jones, challenged Mrs Wil-tarses the say while as

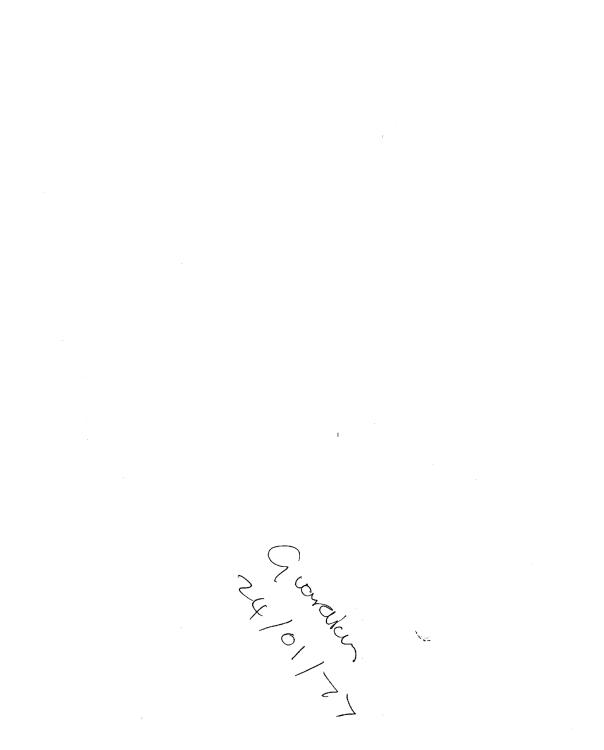
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North-west has top death rate

The death rate in Northwest England is higher than in Eng add and Wales as a whole and the region is particularly tid for 13.95 per cent of all filteted by brouchings mind deaths in the region, compared heart disease according to the with 13.73 per cent in England the region and the Northwest, and the report calls nong women-30 to 50 per cent mer the report says that in 1974. The report says in the Northwest and the northwest are form lead to all werease be specially that in this region and North Man freester. He worst district, was for per cent worse with 7.74 per



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