

For release By Major A.H. Thiessen
Oct. 9, 1939 Science Service Meteorologist

Desert or jungle! If one were to choose to live in one or the other, the wisest choice would be the desert, for both comfort and health. There seems to be little doubt but that white people can live happily in the desert, but adaptation to the hot and humid jungle is very much more difficult. While the desert gets hotter than the jungle during the day, it also gets much cooler at night, which is invigorating: desert air is drier and there is more wind. The temperature of the hot forests is uniform, which is not at all conducive to activity. In one forest the extreme range of temperature for one month was only 11 degrees, while in arid countries daily ranges of from 30 to 50 degrees are not uncommon.
