

Ouch!



HERE'S A COUPLE to make any scale say "Ouch!" Luigi Favero, a lot of man at 388 pounds, and Speranza Gavrioli, a neat 328-pounder, weigh in together after topping all competitors in the annual fat folks feast at Cavour, Italy. (AP Wirephoto)

US Health Authorities Await Advice on Vaccine Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government health authorities maintained an attitude of caution Sunday as they awaited fresh advice which could determine how soon the nation's anti-polio vaccination campaign gets started again.

Specialists in the field are conferring today on the findings of a team of experts who have inspected the manufacturing and testing processes of vaccine producers.

Their conclusions possibly could result in still tighter safety

standards for the vaccine already given to nearly six million youngsters. Any move in this direction would have a delaying effect on the drive to inoculate children of the most susceptible ages this year.

The on-and-off vaccination campaign slowed down again last week when the Public Health service temporarily stopped clearing vaccine already produced.

Rep. Scott (R-Pa.) told a TV-radio audience on the American Forum the vaccine was released about two months earlier than might have been justified because of "a publicity stunt."

Released on Birthday

Without identifying the person, Scott said "an advertising man" decided "the birthday of the late President Roosevelt was a fine day to announce the Salk vaccine" because of Roosevelt's work in the polio campaign.

The congressman obviously meant the vaccine was released on the anniversary of Roosevelt's death, April 12.

Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., who headed the staff which compiled the Salk vaccine report, said in reply to similar criticism recently that it was "pure coincidence" the report was made on the anniversary of Roosevelt's death.

Francis, of the University of

Michigan, said the report originally was scheduled for release April 1. The report was postponed, he said, when it became apparent it could not be completed by that time.

Scott said Secretary of Welfare Hobby is "doing a terribly difficult job" well and much of the confusion was caused by "sometimes foolish conflicting statements" by others than Mrs. Hobby.

Surgeon-General Leonard A. Scheele confirmed late Saturday that a group of experts, including manufacturers' technicians, would review findings of the inspectors at a meeting here today.

But Scheele, who has emphasized a better-safe-than-sorry approach, specified in his announcement that the group's recommendations will be "advisory." He gave no indication when his own decision on the next step would be announced, saying only it "will be made as soon as possible."

Salk Misses Session

Dr. Jonas E. Salk, developer of the vaccine, will miss today's session. A Health Service spokesman said the University of Pittsburgh scientist sent word it would be "impossible" for him to be here. Salk has sat in on previous discussions of testing and manufacturing problems.

US Troops May Set Up Italy Base

ROME (AP)—Italian newspapers said Sunday U.S. occupation troops to be pulled out of Austria may be asked to set up bases in Northeastern Italy if a Russian-proposed "neutral" zone is established.

There has been no official confirmation of these reports.

Informed sources said the Austrian independence treaty which will leave that country in a neutral position and reports that the Russians would like to have a neutral Yugoslavia emerge from forthcoming talks in Belgrade between President Tito and Soviet leaders may force Western defense planners to revise their blueprints.

These informants said any new U.S. bases in Italy would have to be decided on in Washington and at NATO headquarters in Paris after Italian approval.

The Communists are already firing protests against further establishment of U.S. bases in Italy and stepping up demands for making this country neutral in the cold war.

Forum Features 'East' Basketball

"Basketball in the Far East" will be the topic of tonight's University radio forum on KOAC at 8:30 p.m.

W. J. Robert, associate professor of business administration, will be moderator. Panel members include Bill Borchert, basketball coach, Orville Lindstrom, University business manager, and Howard Page, co-captain of this year's basketball team.

Chinese Reds Building Air Base by Formosa

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) — The Chinese Reds were reported Sunday to be working 30,000 laborers around the clock to add another air base to their growing ring of jet fields within striking distance of Formosa.

Tatao News Agency said the base was at Changting, 280 miles west of Formosa. Russian experts were reported directing the work on the huge base, which will be capable of handling every type of plane.

Tatao said the Communists also have finished a smaller jet airfield at Kienow, 220 miles northwest of Formosa. Tatao, which claims mainland underground contacts, said no jets had yet been reported based at Kienow.

By Tatao's account, the base at Changting would be similar to the one recently finished at Lu-

kiao, 220 miles north of Formosa. Lukiao is reputed to be the largest air base in all Red China.

Underground Hangars

To protect it from air attack, the Changting base will have underground hangars, fuel storage and repair shops, the agency reported.

Changting also is within range of the second major Nationalist offshore island holding—the Matsus, 120 miles northwest of Formosa. Kienow is 120 miles west of the Matsus.

The Communists also have begun finishing work on air strips at Foochow, only 40 miles from the Matsus.

The relative calm in the Formosa Strait area was broken Sunday by a heavy Red shelling of the Quemoy group, the Defense Ministry said.

Magazine Claims US Misinformed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Aviation Week said Sunday that Russia has displayed over Moscow aircraft so advanced and so numerous it has shocked "even the top level and the most knowledgeable military aviation leaders in the Pentagon."

The usually well-informed magazine thus joined the argument that has been raging the past week over how strong Soviet air power is.

Most of the military and civilian officials who have expressed an opinion have agreed the Red air strength is growing but they disagree widely on whether the Russians are ahead or behind the United States.

Reports Released

The Pentagon itself touched off the dispute by releasing intelligence reports which indicate Russia has increased her lead over the United States in numbers of supersonic jet fighters.

Aviation Week said every American should be shocked by the Soviet air growth and also by "what appears to be a deliberate deception practiced against them by some of the highest civilian officials in their government" in not disclosing what planes flew in the Russian air

show in late April and early this month.

The magazine referred particularly to statements by Secretary of Defense Wilson that Russia is developing a "defensive air force" and that "We give the Russians credit for having aircraft that they just don't have."

Aviation Week said the Air Force's 137-wing buildup scheduled for completion in 1957 is now regarded as obsolete in the face of the fast growing Russian air power.

The article by Robert Hotz, editor of Aviation Week, said top military men are shocked by:

1. The way Soviet progress has virtually wiped out the technical superiority formerly held by the United States.
 2. The lack of adequate intelligence on details of the Russian air program.
 3. "Consistent misinterpretation of what intelligence has been available by the top civilian heads of the government who actually determine U.S. military policy."
- Hotz said President Eisenhower should "tell the American people the complete story of the Moscow air show and what it means to the future of this country."

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