

Salk Vaccine Critic Asks New Formula For Serum Devised

By HERB ALTSCHULL
WASHINGTON (U)—Dr. Albert B. Sabin, a long-time critic of the Salk polio vaccine, recommended Wednesday that its manufacture be halted and a new vaccine developed with a "less virulent" strain of the disease. Other doctors disagreed.

Sabin, a University of Cincinnati researcher, made his recommendation in testifying at a symposium on the vaccine conducted by a House commerce subcommittee.

Public Debt Back Near Wartime High

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WASHINGTON (UP)—In the 10th year of what passes for peace, the United States public debt has soared close to the high reached with World War II spending.

War spending boosted the national debt to a peak of \$277,912,000,000 on Feb. 28, 1946. That was 10 months after the shooting actually stopped. It took that long to reverse the spending trend.

Treasury figures for the first 11 months of the fiscal year 1955 show the public debt as of May 31 to have been \$277,009,000,000. This figure will have been considerably reduced when the fiscal year ends next week on June 30.

Even so, the budget successfully has resisted Republican efforts to bring it into balance and is likely to do so throughout President Eisenhower's current term of office. When the books close next week the Treasury will be in the red for the 12-month fiscal period by about \$4,504,000,000. The deficit estimate for the next fiscal year is \$2,408,000,000.

It is likely that Mr. Eisenhower will end his present White House term with an average deficit of about 3 billion dollars or more for each of the four years. Republicans did considerably better than that when they controlled Congress, but were shut out of the White House. That was during the 80th Congress which President Truman called the worst ever.

The Republican-controlled House and Senate in the 80th clipped spending from 60 billion dollars to 39 billion dollars and then to 33 billion dollars to achieve budget surpluses in fiscal years 1947 and 1948.

Mr. Truman led Democrats to a surprise triumph in the 1948 elections and spent the first year of his term nearly 7 billion dollars over the previous year's figure. The hot war in Korea and the cold war world-wide have required a high rate of defense spending, although not as high as the Democrats believe to be necessary. Mr. Eisenhower, however, has turned the spending level down. The figure will be around 63 billion dollars for the fiscal year now ending against nearly 68 billion dollars last year.

Not Much Promise
There is not much promise of tax relief in such Treasury figures. But 1956 is an election year. It is not unlikely that Congress will pass and Mr. Eisenhower sign a 1956 tax cut.

There won't be any 1956 tax cuts comparable to the happy days after World War I. Andrew W. Mellon was being hailed then as the greatest Treasury secretary since Hamilton. Income taxes steadily were trimmed. A man making approximately \$100 a week could settle his income tax for about \$15. And at the same time Mellon was paying off three-fifths of the national debt in a bit over eight years. The debt had grown to \$28,348,000,000 in World War I and Mellon regarded that as far too great. It had been a mere \$1,023,000,000 the week before the United States started out to hang the Kaiser in April, 1917.

GIRL IMPROVED
STAYTON—The condition of Cheryl Webb, 9-year-old Mehama girl knocked from her bike by a logging truck Tuesday, Wednesday was reported as slightly improved at Santiam Memorial Hospital. She was seriously cut and bruised and may have head injuries.

LUCERO TO STEP DOWN
BUENOS AIRES (U)—A government spokesman predicted Wednesday night that Army Minister Franklin Lucero's special role as commander-in-chief of the repression forces and temporary chief of all the armed services would end soon.

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Witness Says Bridges Joined Commie Party

SAN FRANCISCO (U)—Big John H. Schomaker, the prosecution's "Sunday punch" witness against Harry Bridges at his 1949-50 perjury trial, told in court again Wednesday his account of how the labor leader was recruited into the Communist Party in 1933.

He added some new details, including description of Bridges' welcome into the party by its state chairman, Sam Darcy, at the labor leader's first unit meeting.

"Well, Harry, we welcome you into the Communist Party," Schomaker quoted Darcy. "The Communist Party is the general staff of the working class."

Darcy then continued, Schomaker testified, with a speech about building unions into a revolutionary army, using the general strike as a prelude for armed revolution to "overthrow the existing government."

Schomaker, ex-Communist and onetime hod-carrier, testified at the government's civil suit seeking to cancel Bridges' citizenship on the ground he obtained it fraudulently by concealing his Communist Party membership.

Five years ago government prosecutors credited the hod-carrier's testimony with key importance in winning the perjury conviction. This later was reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court on the ground that the statute of limitations barred the prosecution in the first place. The statute does not apply to the present civil action, which is regarded as a prelude to new deportation proceedings against Australian-born Bridges.

Wednesday Schomaker told essentially the same story of signing up Bridges he related before. He said it was done over a restaurant table on lower Market Street. Present, he said, were Bridges, Schomaker and B. B. Jones, described as a party functionary.

Uses Dorgan Name
The witness quoted Jones directly as saying "what about joining the party, Harry," and said there was considerable discussion. It was finally agreed Bridges would use the name "Dorgan"—his mother's maiden name, as a party member, Schomaker testified.

Just as the membership card was ready to be signed, Schomaker testified he left the restaurant for 10 or 15 minutes, so didn't actually see Bridges put pen to paper. But Jones later showed him the card as they walked up the street together. The name "Harry Bridges" was on one side and "Harry Dorgan" on the other.

At the perjury trial, the Bridges defense countered the Schomaker testimony by producing Jones, a sailor and longshoreman, who flatly denied the whole story about his signing up Bridges.

States Urged to Plan for Serum Distribution
WASHINGTON (U)—The national advisory committee on polio vaccine Wednesday urged states to get their distribution plans worked out as soon as possible—even though no Salk vaccine is now available for general use.

Dr. Chester S. Keefer, chairman of the committee, told newsmen after a day long committee meeting that the supply situation "is not clear" but that it was felt states should have things lined up so they could go ahead with their programs "on very short notice."

"It is not known how long it will take the manufacturers to get material available to present to the National Institutes of Health for release under the new standards," Keefer said.

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Japan-Style Pre-Fab to Go on Sale

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY
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PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—A Japanese style pre-fabricated house will be offered for sale to home shoppers next fall, a West Coast architect said here Wednesday.

The house will have a raised lounging platform where the living room furniture usually goes, a sloping roof with a pagoda-type overhang and a black-trimmed green exterior.

"It couldn't have happened 10 years ago," said Chris Choate, a Los Angeles architect, who designed the house.

He claims young couples are all set to start dreaming about vine-covered oriental bungalows. Sitting on the floor on the lounging platform not only cuts down the furniture bill, he pointed out, but it fits right in with the informal living that has become a part of the American way of life.

Choate described the Japanese-inspired house, which will be sold for around \$10,000 next fall by the Cliff May Homes in Los Angeles, in an interview conducted on a lounging platform.

The living room section of the house was set up here as part of the 50-year anniversary exhibit of new ideas at the convention of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association. It got its first nationwide preview yesterday on the NBC Home television show.

"It leads to a nice sort of informality of living when you can lounge on the floor," Choate said, surveying the colored cushions scattered over the beige rug. "It's an old Japanese custom."

Only one seating area was raised above the floor. That was a four by seven foot platform against the wall built to hold a foam rubber mattress. This served as a couch. Designed to Sell

"Everyone agrees that this is a design that will sell well," the architect said. People put glass in the walls and began appreciating the outdoors. All architecture is opening out. This is typical of the Japanese. They are great lovers of the outdoors.

The new house will have a traffic area around the lounging platform to lead to the other rooms and to hold such conventional equipment as bookcases and storage cabinets. The bedrooms will have platforms to hold bed mattresses, Choate said. And there will be other orient-inspired features such as a suspended ceiling hung over the lounging platform and room dividers balanced on delicate legs to resemble Japanese screens.

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Duplicates of 'First Life' Reproduced

PASADENA (UP)—A noted scientist of the California Institute of Technology says he has produced in a laboratory what may be duplicates of the first primitive cell life that appeared on Earth.

Dr. Stanley Miller told a Pacific Division meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he created his duplicates by developing a mixture like the early Earth's atmosphere and bombarding it with electricity for a week.

The Caltech scientist said his experiments have been submitted in a report to the Botanical Society of America.

Dr. Miller said that when the Earth was a gaseous ball, slowly cooling and developing into a planet capable of supporting life, it had an atmosphere composed of methane, ammonia, water and hydrogen.

He stated that one theory as to the origin of life is this gaseous mixture, incapable itself of supporting or starting life, was slowly changed by cosmic ray bombardment and produced, in the process, organic compounds that started in the form of plant life.

To investigate the theory, he said he exposed a mixture of gases similar to the Earth's early atmosphere to electrical discharges for a week to determine if change could be brought about by electrical action.

Dr. Miller said he found a startling series of events. At first, he said, the electrical discharge formed aldehydes and hydrogen cyanide, but later these compounds reacted with the water to form life sustaining amino acids.

"The experiment shows," he said, "that not only would the formation of organic compounds be easy, but that a significant fraction of the carbon on the surface of the earth would be in the form of organic compounds of the ocean."

He said these organic compounds probably were the forerunners of ocean cell life in the form of plants.

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The passengers, more than half of them teenagers, were removed in less than half hour by three tugs and a police boat.

The Wilson Line ship began to list soon after the passengers had been transferred and within two hours her lower and second decks were awash by the stern.

Storms Plague Kootenay Area

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The victims were listed by the Army as:
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