

AMA: Birth Drug Doesn't Cause Clots

Drug Firm Chief Echoes Statement

CHICAGO (AP) — There is no evidence that the use of the oral contraceptive pills cause blood clotting, says the American Medical Assn. and the president of the drug firm which manufactures the pill Enovid.

The AMA statement Thursday followed a report of thrombophlebitis cases affecting women who had taken Enovid. Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, executive vice president, said the AMA had made a careful scientific review of oral contraceptives.

The study, he said, "has found absolutely no evidence that the use of the oral contraceptive caused the reported cases of thrombophlebitis, blood clotting."

Banned in Norway

Public concern over the reported cases led to a ban on the sale of the drug in Norway.

John G. Searle, president of the G. D. Searle & Co., manufacturers of Enovid, said in a letter to the company's more than 16,000 stockholders that intensive research was made into the possibility of adverse side effects after the company was told in December 1961 that two women who died in Los Angeles of pulmonary embolism as a result of blood clotting had been taking Enovid.

As a part of the research he said, a conference was held in Philadelphia last April at which leading medical and drug authorities took part.

'No Relationship'

"The conference concluded that no causal relationship between Enovid and thrombophlebitis had been demonstrated and that the taking of Enovid involved no more risk of thrombophlebitis than would be incurred in early normal pregnancy," Searle said.

Searle said that since Enovid was first marketed in 1957, the firm's medical staff has received reports of 28 cases of thrombophlebitis involving women who were taking Enovid.

"In 10 of the 28 cases, pulmonary embolism occurred and five of these proved to be fatal." He added that an estimated one million women have used Enovid in the past five years.

The firm has advised some 350,000 physicians to give particular attention to the lack of positive information when considering prescribing the drug for patients with thrombotic disease or a history of thrombophlebitis.

Retail Sales Gain in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales increased by two per cent in July—a significant advance—following a two-month decline, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Preliminary figures placed July sales at \$19,451,000,000—up from the June total of \$19,086,000,000. The July level was \$19 million higher than the figure for May but fell short of the April peak of \$19.6 billion.

The advance report on retail sales was one of the economic indicators awaited by President Kennedy as he moved toward a decision on whether to ask Congress for a 1962 tax cut. Many economists also had been anticipating the July report as a measure of consumer confidence.

The figures announced Friday were adjusted to take account of normal seasonal swings and differences in trading days. The report was based on a survey of 2,000 firms operating 39,000 stores.

Benefit Dance Set

The annual Irving Fire Department benefit square dance will be held Saturday at 8:30 p.m. standard, 9:30 daylight in the Irving School. In event of rain the dance will be held in the Irving fire hall.



(AP Wirephoto)

Lad's Life Saved

Eight-year-old Timmy McCabe steps out of a wheelchair at Children's Hospital in Los Angeles with the aid of Dr. John M. Southwell as he prepared to star at a news conference Thursday. Timmy was born with a rare ailment doctors call "prune belly," in which lack of any abdominal muscles allows the internal organs to be swollen, infected and out of place. A recent rare operation by Doctor Southwell and others repaired Timmy's abdomen by the transfer of muscles from his thighs to his midsection.

Integration Leader Placed on Probation

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Negro leaders temporarily suspended mass demonstrations Friday after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was placed on probation for a July 27 prayer vigil.

Two planned "prayer pilgrimages" by large groups of Negro mothers and both white and Negro ministers were called off while efforts were renewed to talk with city officials.

King and his associate, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, said they would leave Albany—at least for the weekend—but promised to return.

"I would be very happy to leave temporarily," King said at a news conference shortly after he and three other Negro leaders were released under suspended sentences.

They were convicted in the recorder's court of disorderly conduct, congregating on the sidewalk and failing to obey an officer during their prayer vigil two weeks ago at city hall.

Sentence was imposed by Recorder A. N. Durden Sr.

But Durden suspended the sentences of \$200 fines and 60 days in prison.

"I'm going to let you serve it on probation," Durden said, making the probation conditional upon the defendants not violating valid city ordinances and "general good behavior."

The recorder said he did not mean King and the others would have to obey segregation ordinances already ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

King was arrested July 27 along with nine other Negroes. They lined up on the sidewalk in front of city hall, intending to hold a 24-hour prayer vigil. They were jailed after refusing to leave.

Architects Named

NEW YORK (AP) — The Charles Luckman Associates architectural firm of New York has been named to design the United States pavilion for the 1964-65 World's Fair. Congress has approved \$17 million for the pavilion, which will cover 190,000 square feet on the site of Flushing Meadow Park in New York.

Astoria Span Work Starts On Saturday

ASTORIA (UP) — Gov. Mark Hatfield will be wielding a gold-colored shovel as he turns the first bit of riverbank earth to signal the start of construction on the \$24 million Astoria bridge here Saturday.

The span across the Columbia River will be the most expensive project ever built by the State Highway Commission.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will take place at the Astoria approach to the bridge at 3:30 p.m. daylight time.

Master of ceremonies will be State Highway Commission Chairman Glenn L. Jackson.

Washington state officials will be headed by highway commission Chairman Ernest A. Cowell who will represent Gov. Albert Rosellini.

The 4.2 mile bridge will be one of the nation's longest and will complete the last missing road link in Highway 101.

The span will be in service in mid-1965 and will replace the present Astoria-Megler ferry.

Oregon and Washington will share construction costs and each state will build its own approach.

De Long Corp., New York, holds the first contract for bridge construction. It will construct 32 piers for a cost of \$7,868,033.

Two more contracts will be let for the bridge work in 1963 and the approaches will be covered by separate contracts.

With Truman Playing Supporting Role

Hoover Goes Home for Dedication

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WEST BRANCH, Iowa — Back in 1937, when he helped dedicate the Harry Truman Library in Independence, Mo., a gushing, matron asked Herbert Hoover what ex-presidents of the United States do with all their time.

"Madam," he said wryly, "we spend our time taking pills and dedicating libraries."

Friday, on his 88th birthday, Herbert Clark Hoover, was not noticeably spending much time on pills. But he was dedicating still another library—his own this time.

Friday, the 31st and 33rd presidents of the United States, were in Iowa in reverse roles. This time Hoover starred and Truman played a supporting role as a kind of a reciprocation among friendly, library-dedicating ex-presidents.

The Hoover Library, a handsome stone-faced building, stands on a 28-acre park near the two-room cottage where he was born in 1874, near the muddy creek he swam in and the hill where he rode sleds as a boy.

It was here too, that Hoover was orphaned at the age of 10 and from here was moved by relatives to Oregon with a total wealth of 20 cents in cash and a wardrobe limited to the suit he wore.

The library now tells much of the long, remarkable career that followed. There are

mementoes of Hoover's world-wide travels as a mining engineer. There is one room full of empty flour sacks. The flour had been sent to Europe when Hoover was food relief administrator during the first world war.

The sacks now in the library were ornately embroidered and sent back to Hoover by grateful Europeans.

There is an elaborate scroll of thanks sent Hoover by a grateful Communist government of Russia in 1923 — a gesture the Russians have since denied making. But Hoover can prove the donor down to the box and wrapping the scroll came in.

There are documents and mementoes of Hoover's career as secretary of commerce and as president from 1928 to 1932. Hoover was the first president to keep a telephone on his desk in the White House and both the desk and the phone (National 1414) are now in the library here.

There are priceless, Chinese vases and a huge Peruvian robe 2,000 years old among the gifts the former president received in his long career. But among the testimonials he prizes most

is a citation from the Boys Club of Houston which says "Herbert Hoover is a good egg." Attached to it is a glass egg. Hoover has headed National Boys Club fund drives for years.

There are awards and testimonials and keys to cities and honorary college degrees.

Among the honors awaiting him Friday were two more degrees—this time from the University of Missouri and Washington University in St. Louis. These make a grand total of 87 honorary degrees received by Hoover.

Meanwhile, the little crossroads town of West Branch population 1,053 has never seen such excitement. For days the Volunteer Fire Department has been hosing down and brushing the summer dust off its tree-lined streets.

Civic clubs and church groups strung up flags and bunting.

The section which townsfolk call "uptown" also has been spruced up. This is an intersection containing one hotel, one bank, the post office, Peterson's Variety Store, the "Town Tap and Cafe," the Edwards well drilling establishment, a grocery, two hardware stores and two filling stations.

Downey street was a stagecoach route when Hoover lived there.

The Hoover library made of native limestone, is the fourth of the presidential li-

braries created by Congress to make the records of White House administrations available to the American people. The new structure occupies 6,500 square feet and a second unit of 9,000 square feet is planned.

Already functioning are the libraries of Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It was Hoover's third official visit to West Branch on his birthday. He came here in 1948 and again in 1954.

Hoover was accompanied by his sons, Herbert Jr. and Allan, and their families.

Acting as master of ceremonies was Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the board of the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation and Hoover's former secretary. Strauss was chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, 1953-58.

Rome Court Reverses Ruling on Absolution

ROME (AP) — A Rome high court has ruled that a priest is not breaking Italian law if he refuses absolution because he disapproves of a penitent's politics.

The court ended a six-year relations this week when it reversed a lower court finding that the priest in the town of Amorus near Naples was guilty of influencing votes by withholding absolution of sins.



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