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## Dr. Jonas E. Salk

Results of the Salk anti-polio research possibly was the poorest kept secret of the decade.

But, nevertheless, the official word that the vaccine is safe and effective was great news. It was news that will be further dramatized in the weeks ahead, and in the years to come.

Most important tip that the vaccine was found effective was the setting of April 12 as the date when the research findings were to be made public. That date coincided with the 10th anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It was President Roosevelt who dramatized the nation-wide fight against polio. Certainly the anniversary of his death would not be the time to announce that the vaccine was worthless.

There were also other tips and news leaks pointing to the success of the vaccine. Throughout the country arrangements were made for the administration of the vaccine, and in each community health leaders in charge carefully used "ifs" — obviously to carry out the element of uncertainty until the final word came from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dramatically that word came Tuesday, April 12, 1955. "The Vaccine Works" — was the headline the announcement wrote. The American Medical Association hailed the results of the polio research as "one of the greatest events in the history of medicine."

Tests revealed that the vaccine proved from 80 to 90 per cent effective. Among the 460,000 children who actually received the vaccine, only one died. This child succumbed after a tonsillectomy performed two days after he received the second shot in a series of three.

One of the most significant items in the long and complex report dealing with data obtained in the vaccinations was the showing that the vaccine is particularly effective, 80 to 90 per cent, against the paralytic or fatal type of polio.

And strangely enough, it proved least effective against the non-paralytic type, the least to be feared among the three types of polio viruses.

Some of the premature news releases were unfortunate. They indicated that the new vaccine had proved 100 per cent effective.

Medicine never has had a vaccine which is 100 per cent effective.

This has been attributed to the fact that there is a small "freakish" group of persons who either are unable to manufacture anti-bodies in their bloodstream, or whose body chemistry makes them poor anti-body producers.

Smallpox vaccine is one of the most effective of any known. It gives immunity to 95 per cent or more. Yellow fever vaccine is even more effective.

Yes, Tuesday, April 12, 1955, was a great day in the history of medicine. But even long after the day and the year are forgotten, the name of the creator of anti-polio vaccine will be remembered.

He is Dr. Jonas E. Salk.

## A Ghost Ship Passes

The state Senate, states a news item from Salem, sounded the death knell of the Battleship Oregon commission when it voted down a bill to appropriate \$7,500 for continuance of the project.

War, not the senate, sounded the death knell.

That was done when the proud battleship of the Spanish-American war was stripped of its superstructure, its guns and its equipment, and the hull was towed westward over the Pacific.

There it still rests, a rusting hull at Guam.

There was an effort to continue the memory of the Oregon by displaying its souvenirs and its relics in an old building in eastside Portland. True, it was a museum, but certainly it was not a battleship.

Now relics from the Spanish-American war and even the Civil war displayed in the old building are expected to be consolidated with the Oregon Historical society.

Such a move will be proper. Certainly any effort to perpetuate on land the ghost of a battleship that served in three wars, and is now turning to rust in salty spray, would be out of place.

## Quotable Quotes

They kept offering me contracts with gimmicks in them. I'm a ballplayer, not a gambler. If I wanted to gamble I'd go to Las Vegas. — Bobby Avila, Indian second baseman.

If Communist China would like to open diplomatic relations with Japan to recognize Nationalist China we would be very willing to open negotiations. — Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama, Japan.

There is going to be a prolonged struggle between the Communist and free worlds, but it will be waged on social, political, economic and ideological grounds. — Author Louis Fischer.

If I have learned anything from this experience, it is that you can't write tax legislation in a hurry. — Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.)

The split T is not conducive to a passing game. Under it your quarterback, who definitely is not expendable, can get the treatment. — Sid Gillman, new coach of Los Angeles Rams.

There is no reason why young colored people should consider themselves excluded from the priesthood and religious life. — Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

## "I Have a Little Shadow . . ."

—R. L. STEVENSON



## Edson in Washington

### Congressional Score Card

By PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Here is the score card for 8th Congress activity after three months, or half of the first session, according to Rep. Omar Burleson (D., Tex.):

"Nearly 7000 bills have been introduced; 178 reports have been filed; 12 bills have become law; about 60 roll calls have been taken; 50 new lobbyists have been registered.

"The Congress is taking a few days' recess for Easter. Perhaps during this breather and during the time which holds a religious significance for millions of people, members of Congress may take an inventory of themselves. . . . It is an easy matter to take an inventory of the accomplishments of the Congress. But it is not an easy matter to take an inventory of one's self."

Sen. Norris Cotton (R., N. H.) suspects that members of Congress are so loaded with special briefings and advice that they sometimes ignore plain common sense.

"The intellectual subtlety that abounds in Washington is enough to make your head swim," says Senator Cotton.

Here are some of the examples he gives:

"College professors lecture us on the finer distinctions of the philosophies of government. Diplomats brief us on the delicate phases of world relations. Sociologists instruct us on the causes of crime and delinquency and the psychological background of race prejudice.

"As for technical knowledge," adds Senator Cotton in a letter to his constituents, "if you could sit with us in committee rooms listening to scientists, military experts, and economists expound on everything from atomic energy to stockmarket, you would quickly realize that while we certainly need all the information we can get, too much exposure to technical knowledge can confuse the lawmaker and divert him from the direct, simple reasoning of common sense."

The installation of milk vending machines in the Republican and Democratic classrooms of Congress has given Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson a big lift.

"In those very rooms, through the years, the problems of the dairy industry have been discussed upon thousands of occasions," he told the Pacific Dairy and Poultry Assn. at its Salt Lake City convention.

"Non-Congressmen have the means of attacking the dairy surplus problem through consumption as well as through legislation."

A vast increase of "Parrot Mail" has been pouring into Congressional offices, according to Rep. Earle Wilson (R., Ind.). Parrot mail consists of identically worded letters written by different individuals living many miles from each other.

"Obviously such writers are tools of high pressure operators who themselves should be too smart to resort to such methods," says Representative Wilson.

He cites one example that fooled him completely. Several weeks ago he heard from one of his constituents with whom he had corresponded over the years on a number of matters. The letter was answered and the requested information supplied.

"Imagine my chagrin and annoyance when, a few days later, I received an identically worded letter from another constituent who lives several counties removed from the first. I am sure they were not acquainted," reports the Hoosier Congressman.

What did he do about it? "I did just what anyone would do," explains Representative Wilson. "I sent them identically worded answers. It was no more than they deserved."

## Letters

To the Editor:

On behalf of the White Buffalo staff, I would like to thank you for your recent editorial concerning our paper. Such encouragements are an important factor in the continued success of any publication.

I hope that the White Buffalo, as a school paper, may someday enjoy the popularity and esteem that The Bend Bulletin holds as Central Oregon's only daily.

Sincerely,  
JERRY RAMSEY  
Editor, Madras White Buffalo  
Madras, Oregon  
April 11, 1955

man's recent votes. "Enjoy yourself," the wire said tersely. "It's later than you think."

Another Texan got a wire from home demanding that the Congressman do something to get the cowboys and Indians off television.

After Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) introduced a bill to abolish the antiquated Electoral College voting system to rubber-stamp the election of President and Vice-President, he got a postcard from Hazel I. Dammeyer, of New Castle, Ind. It read:

Well, it isn't much of a college. For it's never produced, to our knowledge,

A good football team,  
And so it would seem  
It might just as well be abolished.

## Lighting Map Made for City

A map showing the location of street lights within the city has been prepared and submitted to City Manager Walter T. Thompson by the Pacific Power and Light company.

The map was prepared to aid the city in planning the extension of street lighting.

Estimates for extending the downtown lighting system along Greenwood and Franklin are currently being prepared by the power company for presentation to the city commission.

Budgeted for this year is \$2500 for improvement of the city's street lighting system.

Question of extending street lights along major arteries into the downtown streets has been raised at several recent city commission meetings.

Discussed has been the extension of lights along Greenwood from Bond to the underpass and along Franklin from Bond to E. 3rd.

The power company is expected to complete the preparation of estimates on extending the "white way" along the streets designated in time for the next commission meeting, scheduled for April 29.

## Letters

To the Editor:

The Yachats Ladies club staged a splendid hobby show on Wednesday, April 6th, showing the work of thirty-five exhibitors—not bad for such a small town! Curved leather, jigsaw puzzles, ceramics, oil paintings, embossed copper, agate jewelry, intricate needlework, and woodwork were included in the all day show. There were several exhibits of woodwork, each reflecting the personality of its artisan; collectively they demonstrated how different workers, with driftwood from the same beaches and similar tools and processes, produce objects of individuality. Each weaves a part of himself into his work.

But where were the rock collections? This neck of the woods is peppered with them, but not one was in sight! Cakes and pies galore were there. One visitor from North Dakota was heard to say to all and sundry, "Yachats has more top-notch bakers than any town I've visited; there are more scrumptious cakes and pies here than there are women in Yachats."

We were so taken with the show that we forgot to check on whether the ladies had replaced the washroom mirror which was sold at a rummage sale a couple of weeks ago.

Get ready for another whack at those clams! A long stretch of really low tides is coming up, beginning on Thursday, April 21st, at 5:25 a.m. and lasting through Thursday, April 28th, at 11:26 a.m. — eight days! The lowest of low tides will be 1.5 feet below mean low tide at 7:45 Sunday morning. Bring your muckintosh for warmth, we have shovels if you haven't, and catch a clam if you can.

Swamie  
Press Secretary,  
Yachats Chamber of Commerce,  
Yachats, Ore.

## Geology Groups Plan Joint Trip

Members of the Geological Society of the Oregon Country and the Salem Geology Society plan a joint trip into this part of the state over the Fourth of July holidays, with the Fort Rock basin their objective.

To scout camping spots and areas to be visited, Murray Miller of Oregon City, GSOC member, is in the Bend area this week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. Lyons.

Members of the combined group plan to spend a day in the Fort Rock basin, inspecting not only the formation that gives the basin its name, but the Hole-in-the-Ground, Moffatt butte and other landmarks.

There is a possibility that the group will swing south into the Summer lake-Albert lake region, to view the spectacular fault-block mountains and trace the shore lines of old lakes.

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