

Salk Vaccine's Potency Told By Dr. Francis

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—The man who evaluated the Salk polio vaccine says a year of widespread use has proved the vaccine to be safe, potent and effective.

Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. said records for the period show the incidence of paralytic polio is 2 to 10 times greater among persons who did not receive the vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk in delivering the Gudakunst Memorial Lecture at the University of Michigan yesterday. The vaccine was evaluated originally at the university.

Most of the setbacks which followed release of the vaccine for public use last April 12 have been eliminated, he said.

Difficulties, he said, stemmed from variations in the potency of individual lots of vaccine and were caused by use of mercuric iodine as a preservative for the vaccine.

"It is interesting to note," he said, "that no laboratory-confirmed paralytic cases (of polio) occurred after vaccination with a vaccine which was more than 70 to 75 per cent potent."

He said new safety standards set by the government last May appear to have eliminated possibility of infection related to administering the vaccine.

Poultry Disease Session Slated

State agriculture officials will meet here Thursday with the disease control committee of the Oregon Poultry Council to discuss control of psittacosis.

M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the department's animal division, said that those attending the meeting hope to prevent future outbreaks of the disease, such as occurred recently in two turkey flocks.

DIVORCE CONTESTED

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A contest Jayne Mansfield faces a contested divorce. Her estranged husband Paul Mansfield, Dallas public relations agent, filed an answer yesterday to her suit and asked for custody of their 5-year-old daughter Jayne Marie. He denied her accusations of cruelty and claimed she was unfit as a mother.

Both Parties Divided on Electoral College Changes

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst
WASHINGTON (AP)—For 159 years—ever since 1787—Congress has talked about amending the Constitution to change the Electoral College system of choosing a president and vice president.

The Senate, debating it again, is wading in muddy water. Democrats and Republicans are divided among themselves. Neither friends nor foes of the amendment being considered can positively predict its ultimate effect if it became law.

Because delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 didn't trust the wisdom of the average voter in choosing a president and vice president, they put this method into the Constitution.

Each state would choose distinguished citizens—equal in number to a state's total number of senators and representatives in Congress—to select a president and vice president. These citizens were called electors.

The framers of the Constitution didn't foresee the rise of the big political parties which use the electoral system this way: Each party in each state picks a slate of electors. When a party's candidate wins the popular vote in a state, all that party's electors vote for its candidate although, under the Constitution, they could vote for whom they pleased.

A state's electoral votes all go to the candidate winning a plurality of the popular vote. For example: in a state with 45 electoral votes candidate Smith gets 500,000 popular votes and candidate Jones gets 499,000. By that 1,000-vote margin candidate Smith gets all 45 electoral votes while the 499,000 people who voted for Jones count for nothing.

This has long been criticized as a weak spot in the electoral system. Why not a constitutional amendment to let a president and vice president be chosen directly by popular vote?

It is not being seriously considered now. It seems to have little chance. The Constitution can't be amended unless—in addition to two thirds of the Senate and House—36 of the 48 states approve.

The three-part main proposal for amending the Constitution now being considered in the Senate would retain the electoral system but work this way, with some of the arguments being offered against it:

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Bennett Flabs \$64,000 Query

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Edward Bennett, 48-year-old store clerk of Kingsland, Ga., has fallen in a bid for the grand prize on The \$64,000 Question.

He thereby loses his winnings of \$32,000 piled up over the weeks by answering questions about Abraham Lincoln on the CBS television show. He'll receive a Cadillac as a consolation prize.

Bennett lost out on the program last night by not knowing how much Lincoln offered to compensate the states per slave for voluntary emancipation.

He guessed \$2,000. Ralph Newman, proprietor of the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop in Chicago, who was serving as Bennett's expert adviser, said he thought the offer was closer to \$1,600.

Master of ceremonies Hal March said \$400 was the figure. Bennett was the first contestant on the show to gamble for the grand prize and lose. Three have won the \$64,000 prize.

Ladino Growers Back Commission

Growers of ladino clover plan to form a commission to promote use of their product. State Agriculture Director J. F. Short said Tuesday.

He said the growers favored a commission at recent hearings in Madras and Medford. They will vote on it in the near future.

Most of the ladino clover acreage is in Jefferson, Josephine and Jackson counties, and in the Willamette Valley.

7000 Homeless After Japan Fire

TOKYO (AP)—Seven thousand persons were homeless Wednesday after a fire, spurred by gale-force winds, burned a third of Noshiro city. Eleven persons were injured.

Police said the blaze Tuesday destroyed 1,480 homes in six hours. It was believed to have started in a restaurant kitchen.

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