

# County Schools Will Get Bulk of O & C Money



**POLIO SERUM WORKS**—Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. (left) and Dr. Jonas E. Salk are shown beaming at Ann Arbor, Mich., after releasing to the press the report on effectiveness of Dr. Salk's polio vaccine.

## Salk Vaccine Report Hailed Here; Local 'Shot' Plans Complete

Members of the Jackson county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were jubilant today over the favorable report on the effectiveness and safety of the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Arrangements have been completed for giving vaccinations to all first and second grade students in Jackson county who have the consent of their parents, foundation members said.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said that only the go-ahead from the state board of health is necessary to put the plans into effect. It is expected that the county's supply of vaccine will arrive by plane Saturday, and that the first shots will be administered Monday.

Oak Grove school is the first on the list of those where youngsters of the first two grades will get the shots.

More than 2,800 consent slips from parents of first and second graders have been received, Dr. Merkel said. There are some 3,000 students in those two grades in the county.

The health officer added that a decision on how the series

of shots will be given will be made by the state board of health. Previous plans called for a series of three, with the second being given one week after the first, and the third four weeks later.

But Dr. Jonas Salk, originator of the anti-polio vaccine, has reported better results if the third shot is given some seven months after the first two. Dr. Merkel said it is likely that the second method described will be the one employed in Oregon.

## Black Market Eyed In Polio Vaccine

Washington — (U.P.) — The administration is considering calling a quick conference on ways to prevent a black market in Salk polio vaccine.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, told senators about the tentative plan. She said "The White House is very much aware of the problem."

Her comment came after Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.) asked her to urge President Eisenhower to call a national conference. The meeting would seek voluntary means of preventing a black market and assuring proper distribution of the limited supplies of the new vaccine until there is enough to inoculate all who desire it.

In another step to regulate distribution of the vaccine, the Commerce department put all exports except to Canada under regulation. The vaccine cannot be exported except under a Commerce department license.

The department's action followed government approval of the new vaccine. Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby signed licenses yesterday which gave the go-ahead to release of the vaccine to the general public.

## Tax Deadline Friday; Officials Offer Help

The Internal Revenue Service office in the federal building, 33 North Riverside ave., will be open Friday until 7 p.m. only for taxpayer assistance, according to Erle Gray, who is in charge of the office.

He reported that the office will open at 8 a.m. Friday and that hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Friday, April 15, is the deadline for the payment of both state and federal income taxes this year. The federal deadline in previous years has been March 15.

## State Sales Tax Will Be Included in Bill To Be Drawn by House Committee

Salem — (U.P.) — A state sales tax which initially would raise \$90,000,000 will be provided for in a bill to be drawn up by the House Tax Committee.

The proposal is for a 3 per cent tax, with exemptions on food and possibly feed, seed and fertilizer.

Rep. Loren Stewart (R-Cottage Grove) chairman of the committee, appointed a subcommittee of Reps. Ed Cardwell (R-Sweet Home), Ward Cook (D-Portland) and Charles Tom (R-Rufus) to draw up the bill.

The subcommittee also was directed to study possibilities of a partial income tax offset from the sales tax revenue, a \$10 per cent child offset to the counties for relief of the local school tax burden, relief for the state basic school fund and a method by which the bill should be put to the people.

The committee's decision was made after a discussion of the Senate Tax Committee's program which probably will call for a 50 per cent increase in the income tax as compared with the

## 57,000,000 To Get Polio Shots in Record Time

By DELOS SMITH  
United Press Science Editor  
Ann Arbor, Mich. — (U.P.) — The 57,000,000 Americans most susceptible to polio will receive shots of Dr. Jonas Salk's miracle vaccine in record time — perhaps before mid-summer, it was predicted today.

The polio killing serum was rushed from manufacturers and pharmaceutical houses to beat the hot weather polio epidemic season. It appeared possible the first vaccinations would be given today, within 30 hours of announcement of the success of the serum.

Preparations to immunize those most susceptible to the disease — persons between the ages of six months and 21 years — took place hastily today across the country, in schools, through the National Foundation For In-

fantile Paralysis and among family physicians.

Those familiar with the vaccine and its distribution prophesied that 27,000,000 children will be inoculated with two shots of the vaccine within a month to six weeks. Enough to give two shots to others in the most susceptible age group should be ready for commercial distribution during June.

Distribution by June would beat the summer polio season in all sections of the United States except the South.

Dr. Salk himself recommended a many persons in the susceptible age bracket as possible be given two shots of vaccine from supplies available. He urged a seven month waiting period between the second and third shots and supported his recommendation with persuasive

scientific arguments. Pharmaceutical house officials assured the writer that there could be no doubt of the six companies to have the third "booster" shots ready within seven months.

There even will be limited supplies for world markets. On the other hand, there was nothing to stop foreign pharmaceutical houses from making it. Indeed a German pharmaceutical house is already offering it for sale. The foundation has made Dr. Salk's work public property. Technical data is available to qualified persons—no royalties are asked.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, was clearly pressing hard to get as many persons vaccinated as quickly as possible. He has never made any secret of his consum-

ing ambition to wipe paralytic polio from the earth.

Many of the scientists who attended Tuesday's meeting at which Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., professor of epidemiology, revealed his longwaited evaluation of last summer's mass-testing of the vaccine in 1,829,916 children in 44 states, were more and more impressed the more often they read through his 113 pages of text, charts, graphs, and tables. Some were willing to predict, privately, that the vaccine when properly made and properly used could make polio as much a has-been disease in the United States as smallpox.

The report was simple. Some of the experts told the writer that they were only beginning to grasp its full implications Tuesday night, after they had

read it over several times and had devoted hours to studying its tables and graphs of statistics. The nub of the report, as revealed by close study, was that the vaccine used in the mass testing was not all properly made and not entirely properly used.

Despite these weaknesses, Dr. Francis said that his findings "suggested" it was 80 to 90 per cent effective against paralytic polio. The most effective vaccines now in common use, that for smallpox and yellow fever, are 95 plus per cent effective.

It may well be that the Salk vaccine will prove to be as perfect as any vaccine can be.

Time will tell that only time plus widespread use. But there seemed to be no doubt that it was effective to a very high degree against paralytic polio. (See stories on Page 7)

## Funds To Be Given On Census Basis For Debt Payments

\$685,859 Slated For Local Districts

School districts of Jackson county will receive the bulk of the more than \$815,000 in converted O&C money the county recently received, it was announced this morning.

Tom Wray, chairman of the county budget committee, said the decision to distribute the funds to school districts was made yesterday. The distribution will be made on a student per capita basis, based on school census figures in the county's 28 school districts, he said.

**Bulk of Amount**  
The amount to be distributed totals \$685,859.07, Wray reported. Some of the money the county has received has been absorbed by other budget requirements, he said, but the sum which will go to school districts represents the bulk of the converted amount.

Use of the funds by school districts will be limited to the payment of existing school construction bonded indebtedness, the committee chairman said.

Decision to make the distribution was made by the budget committee and county court. Members are Wray, Medford, chairman, Arnold Bennett, Central Point, and Roger Rath, Ashland; County Judge Rodney Keating, Ashland, and County Commissioners L. G. (Shy) Morthland and Chester Wendt, both Medford.

**County's Share**  
The \$815,000 was received by the county a few months ago and represented the county's share of an impounded fund held by the department of the interior over a period of years, representing revenues from the sale of timber from the so-called "converted" portions of the Oregon and California railroad re-vested lands.

Payment of the money from the converted lands is in addition to regular payments of O&C money, which is distributed to the counties in which the land lies on a basis of 75 per cent to the counties and 25 per cent to the federal government. In recent years, Jackson county's income from regular O&C monies has amounted to more than \$1,000,000 annually.

Most of the O&C lands reverted to the government after terms of land grants to the old O&C railroad were violated, and have been administered by the bureau of land management and its predecessors. But a portion of the lands have been claimed for administration both by the BLM and Forest Service. Payments of funds to the 18 O&C counties in western Oregon from revenues from the disputed lands was upheld until the dispute was settled by legislation last year.

Wray said the final meeting of the county budget committee will be held next Wednesday, after which the budget will be prepared for publication.

## Sanitation Study Group Sets Meeting

Last in a series of study meetings on the county's sanitation and sewage disposal problems will be held at 8 p.m. today in the county health department office in the courthouse.

Victor Morgan, sanitarian for Lane county, will attend to tell how county zoning has affected sanitation problems in Lane county. The meetings have been held by a special committee of the Jackson County Public Health association.

It is also expected that reports will be given on a public hearing held in Salem last night on Senate Bill 434, which would authorize the creation of large sanitation districts in affected areas.

## Weather

**FORECAST:** Clear and colder tonight. Partly sunny and warm Thursday. Low tonight 30. High Thursday 60.  
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## Air India Plane Crash Declared To Be Accident

### United States Denies Order of Sabotage

London — (U.P.) — The Foreign Office today officially described the crash of an Air India plane carrying Communist Chinese representatives to the Afro-Asian conference in Indonesia as an "unfortunate accident."

The statement came shortly after the United States denied a "preposterous" the Peiping government's charges that Washington ordered the plane sabotaged.

**Precautions Taken**  
The Foreign Office said full precautions were taken by Hong Kong authorities to prevent sabotage when the four-engine Constellation stopped there for an hour on its flight to Djakarta, Indonesia.

The British view took the steam out of a statement by Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru that the crash in the South China sea Monday "has some very unusual features." He called it "peculiarly painful and distressing" because the plane was carrying the Peiping delegates.

**Only Three Saved**  
Eight Chinese Communists, a representative from the Red state of Viet Minh in Indochina, two European journalists and seven Indian crew members were aboard the plane. Only three persons, all Indian crewmen, were believed saved.

A Peiping protest said the Communist Chinese had warned Humphrey Trevelyan, British charge d'affaires in the Red capital, of possible sabotage when the plane reached Hong Kong. The Communist charges were broadcast first by the Peiping Radio. Moscow rebroadcast them today.

**Advance Warning Confirmed**  
A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that a Communist China gave Britain an advance warning "in general terms" of "possible trouble" in store for the Constellation, Kashmir Princess.

He said this information was passed promptly to Hong Kong authorities and they took immediate precautions. The fact the plane later crashed was only an "unfortunate accident," the Foreign Office said, and "we very much regret the loss of life."

At Singapore, a British Royal Navy spokesman said the frigate HMS Dampier had called off its search for survivors at the scene of the crash near the Na-toena Islands.

## Sharing of Atomic Secrets With NATO Nations OK'd

### Subcommittee To Investigate Ouster Of Edward Corsi

Dulles Expected To Be Witness

Washington — (U.P.) — A Senate subcommittee will investigate the controversial ouster of Edward J. Corsi as a State department adviser on refugee problems.

Chairman William Langer (R-N.D.) of the Judiciary subcommittee on Refugees announced his group will conduct a "full, complete and far reaching" inquiry. He said that presumably Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, who dropped Corsi as a consultant, will be called as a witness.

**Ousted Sunday**  
Corsi, Italian-born former New York state industrial commissioner, was named as Dulles' special assistant last January 10 to help speed up the refugee relief program to bring 214,000 refugees into the United States by the end of 1956. He was ousted last Sunday.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) sent Dulles a letter charging that the Corsi case "represents another aberration in the administration of the security program." He said the State department had set the 90-day limit on sensitive temporary appointments like Corsi's under an interpretation of an executive order.

**Refers To Limited Period**  
Actually, Humphrey said, the executive order covering such matters refers only to a "limited period" for temporary appointments to sensitive jobs. During that time, security checks are to be made.

Humphrey said the State department interpretation placing a 90-day limit on such tenure if the check is not completed makes Dulles "a prisoner of your own regulations which you have authority to amend."

## Camp White Illnesses Result in Quarantine

Camp White — An outbreak of influenza at the Veterans Administration domiciliary center here has put some 30 veterans in the infirmary, and caused others to take to their beds, it was reported today.

As a result, the medical staff has decided to "quarantine" the entire station, it was announced.

No members will be allowed off the station, and visitors will not be permitted until the situation improves, the doctors said. This automatically cancels activities here, including the annual Hobby Fair which was scheduled for Sunday, April 17.

**Health Group's Support**  
Mrs. Chester Guches, Medford, president of the Jackson County Public Health association, testified on behalf of the bill, both as an individual citizen and for the health association. She told of the study of various methods of solving sanitation problems which has been conducted by an association committee, and reported that the study committee has voted

## Local People Give Strong Support For Sanitation Measure

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**Outlines Plans**  
Senator Lowry led off the hearing with an outline of the measure, telling what it is hoped will be accomplished, and how it would be a help in solving sanitation problems not only in Jackson county but also in other areas with similar problems. He said the measure is designed to be flexible, and will help solve difficulties in many parts of the state.

Raymond Coulter, attorney for the League of Oregon Cities, was the second witness, giving the league's support for the measure and saying it is felt that the situation has got to a point where definite steps have got to be made to cope with the problem before it gets out of control.

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## Information To Be Available Under Program

Actual Weapons To Be Excluded

Augusta, Ga. — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today approved a proposal for sharing American atomic secrets, but not actual weapons or production know-how, with the 13 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The plan must be ratified by each of the NATO nations before going into effect.

The plan provides basically for the United States to make available to NATO atomic information which this country believes will assist:

1. The development of defense plans.
2. The training of personnel in the employment of and defense against atomic weapons.
3. The evaluation of the capabilities of potential enemies in the employment of atomic weapons.

The information taken from the "restricted" class of atomic energy secrets would be made available to NATO through channels now provided for exchanging classified military information.

The plan is in the form of a draft agreement which was approved March 2 by the NATO Council, but not made public until the White House acted today. The news was released simultaneously in the other 13 NATO countries.

The agreement provides specifically that under its terms there will be no transfer of atomic weapons or special nuclear material.

**DOW-JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — (U.P.) — Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 421.57 up 0.63; 20 railroads 157.55 up 0.47; 15 utilities 64.86 up 0.26, and 65 stocks 158.19 up 0.37. Sales today were about 2,820,000 shares, compared with 2,680,000 shares traded yesterday.

## Search for Peaceful End To Formosa Crisis Speeded

Washington — (U.P.) — The United States and its allies stepped up the search today for a peaceful solution to the crisis over Formosa.

For its part, the United States was reported looking toward the United Nations for some action — if new diplomatic talks give any hope of success for an international move.

Broad international action seemed to be likely. This likelihood became even greater after Adlai E. Stevenson, a Democratic spokesman and his party's 1952 presidential candidate, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, the Republican administration's foreign policy spokesman, appeared in general agreement on ways to tackle the Formosa problem.

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