



OBVIOUSLY RELISHING PICNIC LUNCH, President Eisenhower polishes chicken drumstick at Rutland, Vt., dairy festival during which observers believe he indicated he might run for reelection in 1956 barring unforeseen developments. (International)

## Salk Effectiveness Safety Challenged by Idaho Health Chief

Washington — (U.P.) — L. J. Peterson, acting director of the Idaho Public Health department today challenged the effectiveness, as well as the safety, of the Salk polio vaccine.

At the same time he accused "developers and promoters" of the vaccine of an "apparent lack of interest" in the polio outbreak which followed inoculations in his state.

In a copyrighted interview with the magazine, U. S. News and World Report, Peterson also expressed "nothing but sympathy for the Cutter laboratories" of California which produced the vaccine used in Idaho. "We feel that Cutter laboratories produced the vaccine . . . exactly as they had been instructed to do."

Although three of the nation's top polio experts challenged the safety of the vaccine at a congressional round table session last week, none questioned its effectiveness. And the U. S. Public Health service gave the present vaccine and the nationwide inoculation program a ringing vote of confidence last week after 11 of the experts voted 8 to 3 in their favor.

Peterson said his department henceforth would demand "much greater reassurances and evidence of absolute safety" before again recommending the vaccine. In any event, he said, mass immunization is out in Idaho. Any future shots will be on a family physician-patient basis.

He also expressed "great doubts at this time that the Salk vaccine is effective against paralytic polio" and questioned the report of Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., who headed the group which evaluated the vaccine experiments of Dr. Jonas E. Salk.

Commenting on the polio outbreak in Idaho following the inoculations, Peterson said "we think we had reason to expect that top scientists . . . should have immediately come to Idaho to help us."

But, he added, "we have been disappointed in the apparent lack of interest of all of the developers and promoters of the vaccine program."

"We have had the feeling at times that some individuals in authority have been operating on the basis that, if they only close their eyes long enough, the Idaho problem would disappear," Peterson said.

The government's long-awaited report on what apparently went wrong with two suspect lots of Cutter vaccine is expected to be made public this week. This report, the result of two

months of intensive investigation, may tell whether the primary blame for an unusual outbreak of polio among the Cutter-inoculated cases should be placed on the Cutter laboratories in California or on the government's admittedly inadequate minimum safety standards that were in effect early this year.

Up to June 11, 22 polio cases had occurred in Idaho among children who received Salk shots, Peterson said. Another 49 cases occurred among children and adults who were associates of vaccinated children — mostly family contacts — and four cases were reported among apparent close associates of children receiving the shots.

Six deaths have occurred among all these cases.

## Magnuson Speaker For Union Conclave

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) addressed the opening day gathering of some 1000 delegates attending the 19th AFL Western Conference of Teamsters from 11 western states today.

The senator traced the development of the trucking business. He said, ". . . Ours is a path of progress in transportation as in most other fields of national life. We have mass produced the trucks not only for our domestic transportation picture, but have shown the world how to build the trucks to move their goods."

The opening address was given by Dave Buck, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, U.S. Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America.

## Youngster Bitten By Bear in Zoo

Portland — (U.P.) — A two-year-old girl wandered too close to a bear cage at Portland zoo yesterday and was bitten for her curiosity.

The victim was Yolanda Schultz, daughter of Robert W. Schultz Jr., of El Sobrante, Calif. The index finger of her left hand was chewed by a young Himalaya bear when she poked it through the wire mesh covering the cage.

The girl was treated at a local hospital. The nail from the child's finger was torn off but she was not seriously hurt. She was the third person to be bitten by the bear in a week.

## COAL OUTPUT

About 64,000,000 tons of coal came from Kentucky in 1954.

## Backstairs: Weeks Entertains President

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
United Press White House Writer  
Farmachenee Lake, Maine — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the traveling White House:

Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks was President Eisenhower's host last week at the Weeks family farm, Cat Bow, outside Lancaster, N.H.

The secretary's handsome gray frame manor house was built in 1929, but the interior of the pine-walled den just inside the front door looks like a setting from Revolutionary War days.

The interesting room is completely paneled with pieces of pine over 160 years old. Some of the pine panels are more than 30 inches across, cut from what the New Englanders call "pumpkin pine."

Weeks bought the room almost intact from an abandoned New Hampshire farmhouse in the late 1920's and had it restored in his own home when he built it in 1929.

Flanking the massive fireplace are early American pewter sconces that undoubtedly date back to the days when "The Great Stone Face" was yet undiscovered in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

When the President attended the ceremony commemorating the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the massive, granite "Old Man of the Mountain," one of the incongruous sights at the base of the towering Cannon Mountain was an Indian, clad only in leather pants and thoroughly done up in garrish war paint smeared across his face in angry stripes.

He fitted into the primitive scenery except for one thing. As the President spoke, the redskin sat in a modern folding chair, puffing calmly on a filter-tip cigarette.

Mr. Eisenhower's overnight stop at Laconia, N.H., produced excellent examples of New England "town meeting" cooperation at work. Mrs. Regina Stafford and her daughter, Grace, made all the doughnuts and sweetrolls not only for the President's breakfast, but for nearly 100 members of his traveling caravan.

And the Dexter Whitmores were busy weeks ahead of time

raising Mammie Eisenhower carnations just for the occasion. The Mammie carnation is white with candy red stripes.

Furthermore, the Laconia Tavern moved out all but three guests to make room for the presidential party, and a local shopkeeper opened at 7 o'clock the showery morning Mr. Eisenhower left Laconia to answer a sudden demand for raincoats needed by the persons in the

White House party.

The Army fatigue hat Mr. Eisenhower wore in New England as his fishing cap is a left-over from his 1952 trip to Korea.

In Seoul, the Army gave Mr. Eisenhower some summer weight clothes to wear aboard the cruiser Helena en route back to the United States. The fatigue cap was part of the wardrobe and the President now finds it restrained color fine for fishing.



SLIPPED THROUGH RADAR DEFENSE—North Korean pilots, 1st Lt. Lee Eun Sung, 24 (left), and Capt. Lee Woon Yong, 24 (right), head for the Republic of Korea Air Force headquarters after landing Red training plane at Seoul. They flew from Red Air Force base in Pyongyang, crossing the demilitarized zone without detection by UN forces.



MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY, Humberto Valenzuela (left), Santiago, Chile, new Lions International president, gives outgoing president, Monroe L. Nute, Kennett Square, Pa., a "drink of peace" from ram's horn at annual convention. (International)

## Truman Memoirs

On Sale Oct. 12

Kansas City, Mo.—(U.P.)—The first volume of a two-volume set of memoirs by former President Harry S. Truman will go on sale Oct. 12, according to an advertisement in which he said the books will be offered in a special sale at which Mr. Truman will autograph first editions.

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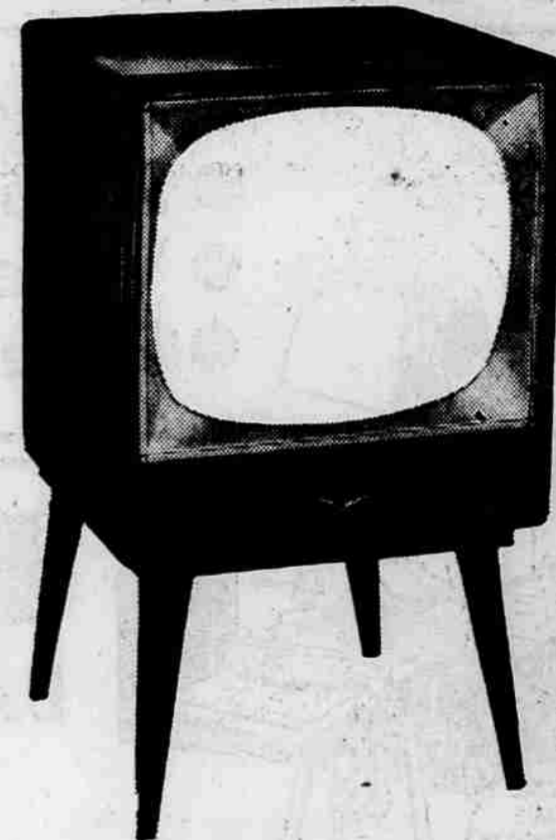
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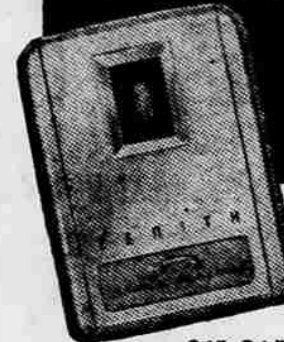
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