

Asiatic Influenza Epidemic Seen Increasingly Probable Next Month

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 Washington — Public health officials think it is increasingly probable that this country will have an epidemic of Asiatic influenza.

On the wall of Dr. William H. Stewart's office is a big map of the United States. It is already liberally sprinkled with red dots which indicate localized outbreaks in 13 states from Rhode Island to California.

Dr. Stewart is assistant to the surgeon general, U.S. Public Health Service. His main job these days is preparing for the expected epidemic.

His map depicts with long red arrows how the disease has been "seeded" all over the country—by Boy Scouts returning from their annual jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.; by college girls who attended a national conference at Grinnell, Iowa; by participants in a youth meeting at Davis, Calif.; by sailors from ships which came from the Far East to San Diego, Calif., Newport, R.I., and Norfolk, Va.; and by many individual travelers.

The Question: When?
 The big question is when these localized outbreaks—still rather widely scattered—will flare into an epidemic.

Historically, most flu epidemics in this country flare up in late October or November. But the deadly one of 1918 began in Boston at the end of August and swept across the nation like a great tidal wave within four weeks.

The best guess of public health experts at the moment is that the national epidemic is not likely to start before Sept. 1. After that, the probability will grow greater with each passing day.

Drug manufacturers are working shifts around the clock to produce a new vaccine which is expected to give about 70 per cent protection against Asiatic flu. But at best, only about five million shots will be available to civilians by Sept. 15. After that, vaccine will be pouring into civilian channels at a rate of about five million doses a week.

It takes 10 to 14 days for the vaccine to take effect. So it is obvious that an early epidemic would find comparatively few civilians inoculated.

Priority System Set
 Although no formal system of rationing or priorities is planned, the Public Health Service is urging that doctors, nurses and hospital workers get their shots at the first opportunity. It is imperative that they stay on their feet during an epidemic, to take care of the minority of patients who will develop serious complications.

Other groups who perform essential community services—such as firemen, police, transportation workers—also are being asked to get vaccinated early.

Elderly people who have chronic ailments, such as heart disease or tuberculosis, are particularly vulnerable to influenza. It is desirable that as many of these as possible be protected by vaccine.

Babies under 18 months of age also are susceptible to pneumonia resulting from flu, but they sometimes have an adverse reaction to the vaccine. The health service has asked the

American Academy of Pediatrics to recommend whether infants should be vaccinated, and if so, whether a reduced dose is indicated.

What about the average healthy child or adult? Is it desirable for him to be vaccinated? The Public Health Service says yes, if supplies are available. If not, don't fret about it.

Remember that you aren't likely to die of Asiatic flu. The death rate was only two per 1,000 cases in Asia, where medical facilities are notoriously inadequate. So far in this country it has been much lower—three deaths recorded among about 20,000 cases.

VFW Commander to Make Visitation

Henry G. Albrecht, recently elected commander of District 7, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will complete his summer visitations of posts in the district soon, it was reported today.

Albrecht will attend the Central Post meeting Aug. 15, the Shady Cove Steelhead post, Aug. 16, and the Walter A. Phillips post, Ashland, Aug. 20. A caravan of district officers and members will accompany Albrecht to Cave Junction Aug. 22 to assist the Illinois Valley post in its membership drive. A Camp White post visitation will be made early next month when the post's new quarters are opened.

A district meeting for all members of the VFW will be held at Brookings Sunday, Sept. 15. The second annual field day will be held Sept. 21 at Camp White.

Also on the organization's agenda is a state-wide membership banquet of the Department of Oregon at Grants Pass Sept. 22 starting at 10 a.m., at which all posts of the state will participate.

Detective Agency Here Changes Hands

The assumed business name, Forest Green Detective Agency, has been retired by Richard Koch, post office box 423, Medford, owner and manager of the agency for the past four years.

Koch, who will remain as manager of the agency at Pinehurst and Fir sts., Central Point, reported that he had retired the name so he will be able to be a candidate for Jackson county sheriff on the Democratic party ticket in 1958.

The business name of the agency has been assumed by Erwin Taylor of La Mesa, Calif., who will arrive in the valley this month.

Infant Drowns in Fall Into Irrigation Ditch

Madras — Mark Andrew drowned Monday when he fell into an irrigation canal near his home at Little Agency Plains, a small community west of here.

His body was recovered from the ditch shortly after playmates missed him. Efforts at resuscitation by the Madras fire department failed.

Portland — Larry Landgraver says he has no immediate plans to seek the chairmanship of the Multnomah county Republican central committee.



TELLS OF PAYOFFS—Attorney Stanley Lehrer tells the Senate labor rackets committee in Washington that a New York City labor racketeer demanded \$2500 "protection" to bar other unions from picketing shops which signed a "sweetheart" contract with one of his unions. He said his members agreed to pay Johnny Dio \$25 for each employee to ward off jurisdictional picketing.

Many Red Spies Said 'Important People'

New York — Boris Morros, winding up a counter-espionage career, said Monday many Soviet agents in the United States "are important people."

Morros, whose cloak and dagger activities led to the indictment of five alleged spies, said, "many of the Soviets' most active workers in this country don't come from the rank and file, nor the under-privileged."

"They are," he said, "people who have the kind of contacts which will be useful to the Soviets and they are being paid for their job of treason to the U.S."

Morros told a news conference he is through with danger, one international intrigue. The 67-year-old agent, who worked under FBI instructions while ostensibly spying for Russia, met reporters for the first time since his "double dealings" ended last January.

MANUFACTURER DIES
 Boston — Jacob (Jack) Sandler, 59, president of the A. Sandler Co., shoe manufacturer, specializing in shoes for "junior misses," died Sunday while playing golf.

On The Side

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Holland is the most densely populated country in the world. It has 900 population per square mile. Also has the highest life expectancy in the world. And the lowest death rate. There is only one doctor for every 1,000 persons in Holland. That is all that are needed. If there were more they couldn't make a living. The government concerned about a lack of space for the growing and long lived natives recently suggested birth control. The Hollanders would have none of that. They like children and plenty of them. In Holland people having only four children are considered practically childless.

Passing By
 Frank Stevens, Guiding genius of one of the world's most remarkable catering organizations. Operates concessions at innumerable racetracks, major league ball parks, football stadiums, convention halls, etc. Frank is one of the second generation of Stevens in the organization. There are many third generation executives of the family in the outfit. As the Stevens are noted for being prolific parents, there are also many youngsters of the fourth generation being ready to join the company. To give you an

Crash Fatal To Seven
 Eindhoven, Holland — A speeding commuter train crashed into a slower commuter-packed train during the morning rush hour Monday. Seven persons were killed and more than 50 injured.

idea of a typical Stevens operation, consider the Roosevelt Raceway concession, which includes 73 food stations. In addition to several luxury type restaurants there is a cafeteria, 13 bars, five table service bars, 15 snack stands, 13 cigar stands, 12 beer stands and six ice cream stands.

Horses and Women
 Married women make the best secretaries. The concentration of the bachelorette secretaries on their work is handicapped by their endless thinking about love, boy friends and their matrimonial chances. So, sir, if you want to increase your secretary's efficiency, help her find a husband. If you are a bachelor, marry her yourself.

Among The Married
 A Seattle subscriber informs me that on July 8 this year she gave birth to twin girls. What's so wonderful about that? Well, she is in her 40s and a grandmother. This is her 13th blessed event. She has two married daughters. So, sir, you see it is as I am telling you. Just because your wife is in her 40s, has married daughters and is a grandmother, don't get the idea she will not be featured in another blessed event. She may have twins. Who knows, even triplets.

Asides
 Douglas Fairbanks Jr., is often referred to in the British press as "Sir Douglas Fairbanks." He apparently offers no corrections or objections. Am asked by a Cincinnati sub-

scriber if I care for German food. Answer is, not particularly. However, I can occasionally go for an order of Kartoffel Pfannekuchen or Wiener Schitzel.

Asking
 Queries from clients Q. Is Bettina, the ex-model who is scheduled to become the bride of Aly Khan a blonde or a brunette? A. The lady referred

to is a freckle-faced redhead which, as you know, is said to be a very powerful type as to male attraction. Even more so than the brown-eyed honey blonde. Q. Have you ever heard of a rich barber? A. Can't say definitely that I have. However, I know a barber in Beverly Hills, Calif., who owns a shop that employs 16 manicur-

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