

Studies Show No Ill Effects of Atom Bomb Blasts on Japanese Children

Hiroshima, Japan — (UP) — The Hiroshima and Nagasaki atom bombs did not create dwarfs or freaks.

So far, there is no evidence that they have affected the growth of children, either physically or mentally.

These opinions were concurred in by both Japanese and American doctors in Hiroshima and Nagasaki today, on the 13th anniversary of the Hiroshima A-bomb.

Dr. Ichiro Hayashi, professor of Pathological anatomy at the same university, said, "There may be some individual cases of feeble-minded children and other freaks. But I found no extreme effects attributable to the atom bomb."

Dr. Darling commented, "When the results are in on our study, we may be scientific basis for a definite reply. But our studies so far agree with those of the Japanese doctors in Nagasaki. We don't expect any real difference one way or another."

Observers considered it doubtful that the observations of these scholars would have any braking effect upon the masses here at a time every year when pacifist and left-wing groups concentrate upon whipping up anti-A-bomb hysteria.

Views Reconsidered

But they interpreted the statements of the Japanese as reflecting the trend of Japanese scientists to reconsider and re-assess their earlier views about the far-reaching effects of radioactivity upon the human body.

Dr. Izumi said his study of school children in Nagasaki showed:

"Absolutely no difference in absences from school among those exposed to the atom bomb and those who were not. The average number of colds was absolutely the same."

"After giving them diphtheria, typhoid and BCG (anti-tuberculosis) injections, we found the same ratio of immunity."

"In weight and height, there was not much difference."

Izumi said primary school teachers reported a large percentage of nervousness and inability to concentrate in A-bomb exposed children. In drawing, they showed a slower rate of progress and "found it harder to grasp subjects requiring reasoning power such as mathematics."

"Of course," he added, "we can't tell whether these differences are the direct results of atom bomb radiation or due to emotional or environmental disturbances caused indirectly by the A-bomb."



DRAWING BEAD ON TARGET is National Skeet Champion Alex Kerr, 44, Beverly Hills, Calif., who is competing in world skeet shooting championship at Waterford, Mich.

Their observations were based on independent and joint scientific studies into one of the most widely feared effects of nuclear warfare today—the nightmare birth of a race of freaks.

Studies Continue

The studies are still in progress. The results of one of the most extensive studies along this line—the biochemical assay of hormones of 1,700 children exposed to A-bomb radiation in their mothers' wombs—by the U. S.-directed Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission and an unnamed Japanese university is to be made late next year.

But the scholars believe their tentative conclusions are based on sound foundations.

The timing of these investigations is especially significant because the unborn children of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are now entering puberty—that stage when children grow into adults.

Period of Change

"This is the period when any evidence of any change should be measured," said Dr. George Darling, director of the ABCC. "It would have to be within the next year or two that this study would have to be carried out."

Japanese research into the effect of radiation on school children has been concentrated chiefly in Nagasaki.

Dr. Nariyuki Izumi, director of the Nagasaki University hospital and a leading authority on children's diseases, said, "our studies of children in Nagasaki show almost no difference among children exposed to the atom bomb and those who were not in weight, height, resistance to illness and immunity. We found it difficult to believe but that is what our studies showed."

'Clean Hands' Vote By Probers Asked

Washington — (UP) — Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.), demanded today House influence-investigators prove they have "clean hands" before the House votes on their request for a contempt citation against millionaire Bernard Goldfine.

Charging anew the subcommittee's conduct "has become a public scandal," Curtis said the House should get a full explanation from the group which investigated Goldfine, gift-giving friend of Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

The congressman, a frequent critic of the subcommittee headed by Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), listed a number of charges against the panel in a statement published in today's Congressional Record.

Des Moines, Iowa — (UP) — Better days are in store for home owners. The Iowa State Fair plans to exhibit a lawnmower with headlights, horn, three speeds forward, a reverse and a radio.

Congress Warned Of \$400 Billion Spending Splurge

Washington — (UP) — Federal Budget Director Maurice H. Stans has warned Congress there is a "strong possibility" the federal government will spend as much as \$400 billion over the next five years.

That would average well over \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Stans made the statement when he was questioned by the House Ways and Means Committee about the administration's request for legislation raising the ceiling on the national debt to a peacetime record high of \$288 billion.

The testimony was made public in advance of a drive by House leaders to ram the legislation through the House.

The administration bill for the next two years would raise by \$8 billion the temporary limit of \$280 billion. It would raise the permanent ceiling to \$285 billion from its present level of \$275 billion. The request is based on the assumption that red-ink spending in the fiscal year which began July 1 will reach a peacetime record high of \$12 billion with spending of \$79 billion and revenues of \$67 billion.

Could Reach \$80 Billion

But the testimony showed that both Stans and Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson agreed spending could easily soar to \$80 billion this fiscal year, particularly if Congress insists on enacting a number of pending new programs opposed by the administration.

In a formal report accompanying the measure, the Ways and Means Committee sounded an even gloomier note on the prospects for holding down future federal spending.

The committee said "only under the most optimistic circumstances" will the government be able to avoid asking Congress for a further increase in the ceiling on the national debt next year.

Advertisements to Promote Oregon

Salem — (UP) — The drive to tell prospective industries why they should consider Oregon for new plant locations or expansions will be stepped up this fall through a series of advertisements in national magazines and newspapers.

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38 Disease Cases Reported Last Week

Thirty-eight cases of communicable diseases were reported to the Jackson County Health department during the week ending Aug. 1, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Whooping cough and mumps led the list with nine cases of each. Medford had all the cases of whooping cough and mumps were spread between Medford, one; Prospect, two; Shady Cove, four; Jacksonville, one; and Central Point, one.

German measles struck four in both Medford and Prospect; influenza hit two in Ashland; strep throat struck one in Talent; two Ashland people reported chicken pox; one Central Point resident came down with typhoid fever; one case of infectious mononucleosis was reported in Medford; and measles struck three in Ashland, and one each in Shady Cove and Jacksonville.

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