

Obstacles Blocking Use of Polio Syrup For Immunization

Washington—(Science Service)—A polio syrup can become a reality in the not-too-distant future.

But before it can be popped into the mouths of every man, woman and child in the world, it must hurdle at least five barriers to prove to the United States Public Health Service that it will not cause harm.

First of all, the polio syrup, unlike the Salk vaccine, contains attenuated polio viruses. This means that the viruses are alive. Tests to date have not established whether the live viruses used in this newer vaccine can actually cause the disease in persons or whether it only builds up a sufficient supply of antibodies to ward off an attack of polio.

It is also unknown at this time whether the virus can pass from vaccinated persons to the unvaccinated without causing the disease in the non-immunized.

There are three types of polio virus. Each builds up its own protection system of antibodies within the body. The USPHS has not received sufficient evidence that all three types of virus can be combined successfully into one dose, Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney of the Service reported in the Public Health Reports here.

Enough is not yet known about the effects on the polio viruses of other viruses normally found within the intestinal tract. These viruses may interfere with the development of immunity to polio.

Lastly, Dr. Burney pointed out, the exact meaning of results obtained from the popu-

lations that have been inoculated to date must be further studied.

The polio syrup type of vaccine has not been administered on a trial basis in any large body of persons in the U. S. because a large portion of the population here has been immunized by the Salk vaccine, he explained.

However, studies are being conducted in Africa and Russia. At present, three separate batches are being studied. They are called the Sabin, Lederle, and Koprowski strains, named respectively for their developers, Dr. Albert Sabin of the University of Cincinnati, Lederle Laboratories, and Dr. Hilary Koprowski of Wistar Institute of Philadelphia.

News About Servicemen

BASIC TRAINING—Pvt. Sidney P. Peterson, son of Bessie Peterson of Prospect, is taking basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif. He entered the Army in April.

ON CARRIER—Three men from this area are serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier, USS Lexington, on a tour of duty in the Western Pacific. They are Airman Apprentice Ronald A. Ward, son of Mrs. D. B. Patten of Central Point; Seaman Charles M. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Wells of Eagle Point; and George M. Miller, damage controlman third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Miller of Cave Junction.



POTATO CRISIS—Pfc. Arthur God was cleared by a court-martial at Fort Myer, Va., of charges that he improperly peeled potatoes while on KP. God was charged by his company commander with destroying government property, because of the way he removed bad spots in potatoes he was peeling.

HIGHER EDUCATION—Chicago—(UPI)—The YMCA announced a summer course in "the art of useless but enjoyable living." It will include instruction in "gamesmanship," "the art of Chinese food," and "the philosophy of cheese."

Revolt by Soviet People Given Little Likelihood by Reporter

(Editor's note: This is the first of three dispatches providing an appraisal of Russia today by a United Press International correspondent who recently returned to the United States from nearly three years in the Soviet Union.)

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Western statesmen who expect the Soviet people to revolt against Nikita Khrushchev and his Communist regime have a long wait.

After almost three years in Moscow, it is clear to me that not only is there very little likelihood this will happen, but popular support for the Kremlin and its rulers has increased sharply since Stalin's death in 1953.

During my stay in the Soviet Union, I talked with hundreds of Russians from all walks of life including factory workers, peasants, students, doctors, clerks and street cleaners. Many were only casual conversations in parks, airplanes, restaurants, in the streets and on the beaches. But some were with close friends who frankly shared their private thoughts with me.

The vast majority of these people, while acknowledging some shortcomings and mistakes of the regime, said they were convinced that Communism was the best system for Russia. They conceded readily that for the most part they

had never known any other way of life, but what they had heard about "capitalist democracy" via the propaganda apparatus had not made it an attractive alternative.

A few, of course, especially those who suffered greatly under Stalin's terror, despise and hate the system. They dream only of escape.

The growing acceptance of the present regime and its goals is based mainly on two developments which have affected the life of every Soviet citizen:

1. The relaxation of controls and surveillance of the individual, including the downgrading of the police, the increased freedom of thought, expression and movement.

2. The striking rise in the standard of living.

One of my closest Russian friends was a newspaper photographer. We saw each other several times a week, often ate together in restaurants, visited each other's homes.

I once asked him whether he was not concerned about being seen so frequently with an American newsmen.

"Why should I be afraid?" he replied. "The old system is dead, buried with Stalin and Beria. We are freer now, not frightened of them (the police)."

Penetrated Barrier
"But a few years ago, you and I couldn't have been

friends. For me, it would have been the end."

More easily than most American correspondents, I was able to penetrate the invisible barrier that divides Russians from foreigners.

I spoke Russian fluently. This enabled me to make a fair number of friends whom I saw regularly. I was often invited to private homes where I attended birthday parties, poetry readings, dinner and once even a jazz concert taped from the Voice of America.

Are Russians afraid that some day there might be a return to the dark past, that there might be another Stalin?

Oleg, a student friend, answered this way:

"Another Stalin? I don't think so. Stalin was a temporary phenomenon who appeared at a certain stage in our country's development. People were backward and ignorant. Now we are preparing to fly to Mars and Venus. There is no place for a Stalin—or his methods—any more."

"I see many things in our country that are bad, but we will root them out. We have our shortcomings, of course, but our country is young and we can correct them. For us, there is only one way—socialism."

Most Russians are critical of many of the present conditions, but they complain about shortcomings in housing, shoes, combs, clothes, the high price of meat, the scarcity of eggs and fruit—not the basic structure of the regime, the one-party system, the government-controlled press.

Khrushchev and his regime have earned considerable popular support by the steady rise in living standards since 1953. The improvement was strikingly obvious during my three years in Moscow.

Cosmetics Available

When I left Moscow, housewives could buy all the pots and pans they needed. Nylon and blouses were plentiful, though not of the best quality, and expensive. Lipstick and other cosmetics were easy to obtain and even skin cream—with lanolin—was on sale.

Fresh milk, which was almost impossible to get regularly in 1955, was even being delivered to the door.

Despite the recent gains, the Russian standard of living remains low by U.S. standards, and by the standards of such countries as France and Italy. Most Russians say, however, that they are better than ever before, that things will improve. They are confident that past and present sacrifices will create a more prosperous life for themselves and their children.

(Next: Internal Stability.)

Harriman Denied Visit to Red China

Moscow—(UPI)—Averell Harriman disclosed today that Peiping had turned down his request to visit Communist China.

The former New York state governor told a press conference he received the word through the Chinese embassy in Moscow. He said he was told, however, it "might be convenient next year."

Harriman, former ambassador to Moscow, has just completed a 16,000-mile tour of the Soviet Union. During the six week trip he was given the warmest welcome of any American visitor here in recent years.

Harriman applied for his visa to Communist China six weeks ago with the approval of the U.S. State Department.

Oakridge Youth Killed in Wreck

Eugene—(UPI)—An Oakridge youth was killed and another critically hurt Sunday when their automobile crashed into a ditch on a curve on Highway 58 west of Oakridge.

Killed was John King Snyder, 19. Peter Henry Hedricks, 20, also of Oakridge, was taken to Sacred Heart hospital here where attendants late Sunday said his condition was critical.

Both were thrown from the car, state police said.

London Silent on Release of Fuchs

London—(UPI)—Government officials refused today to confirm or deny that atomic spy Klaus Fuchs was about to be released from Wakefield prison. Home office officials all but denied they knew he existed.

Persistent press reports said Fuchs, who gave Russia the secret of the atom bomb, would be released today but a Home Office spokesman said after persistent questioning "I have no information

on whether he has been released."

London newspapers cover the security over Fuchs whereabouts was drawn cover his release from prison and his departure for Communist East Germany. The Evening News said Scotland Yard and military intelligence were anxious he not talk before leaving the country. The News Chronicle said the release would come today.

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French Singer Returns To Paris

Paris—(UPI)—Edith Piaf was back today in the Paris she loves with two very personal export items from America, new found health and a young U.S. male friend.

Looking fit as a fiddle, France's idolized song star flew in Sunday from New York where she convalesced three months from a major operation.

Hand in hand with her was tall, personable U.S. painter Douglas Davis, 31.

"This one sings only in the bathtub," Piaf, 43, was quoted as telling her friends.

Piaf said that after three more weeks of rest in France she intends to start stage appearances again, with another American singing tour slated for next March.

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