

From Los Angeles:
Singer Jeannette MacDonald has filed a \$7,500 damage suit against writer James Brough who helped her write her AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

She charged that Brough was paid a \$2,500 advance for doing the job but that his work didn't measure up to either her standards or those of the publisher. The suit also seeks to nullify Brough's share of the royalties.

PERSONALLY, I am no more interested in an autobiography written by a hired stooge than in a political speech written by a hired ghost writer.

THE BIG question: WHY did the Republicans cross over?

If we knew that, we'd know more about the grass roots political situation in this campaign year of 1960 than we know now.

SOME advice to the average voter:

In this political campaign, the big issue is WHO OF ALL THE ASPIRANTS FOR THE PRESIDENCY, WILL MAKE THE BEST PRESIDENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE?

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Foreign Students Speak at Meeting Of Local Ministers

Two foreign students at Southern Oregon college told of their impressions of the Christian faith in the United States at the Tuesday morning meeting of the Medford Ministerial association.

Students who spoke at the meeting were Dusan Pasic, Yugoslavia, and Gil Banaag, Philippine Islands. The boys, both seniors at the college, have spent two years and four years, respectively, in the United States.

Both students were impressed by the number of persons who attend church in the United States saying that at first they thought it was a "very" Christian country.

Pasic said that he was a Greek Orthodox member by birth. The number of Protestant denominations surprised him and he added that he had had trouble understanding the meaning of church membership in the United States.

Number of Churches

Banaag also mentioned the many different churches in each community in the United States. He said that the Roman Catholic church is the predominant religious group in the islands so many communities there had only one church. He added that he would encourage more churches in each town.

He said that he enjoyed attending different churches in Ashland and particularly liked the singing.

Pasic and Banaag commented that they had also met persons here that were more concerned with material things than the spiritual. Although both agreed that Christianity seemed a vital part of the lives of Americans.

Good Friday Services

Good Friday services sponsored annually by the Ministerial association were discussed. Hal Gardner, United Medford Crusade campaign chairman, spoke of UMC Sunday this fall. He asked that the observance be Sept. 18, the day prior to beginning of the campaign.

Dr. Dwight Dodson, Portland, American Baptist secretary for Oregon, gave the devotional prior to the meeting.

The Rev. Glenn McKerrow, interim pastor at First Christian church, invited the ministers to attend the installation ceremonies Sunday, April 10, at 3 p.m. of the new pastor of the church. The new minister will be the Rev. Frederick Ross Evans of Bremerton, Wash. A reception will follow.

The next meeting of the association will be Tuesday, May 10, at the First Methodist church. Election of officers will be held.



TO MEETING—Dr. Frederick J. Frost, assistant professor of psychology at Southern Oregon college, will attend the American Sociological association meeting in New York during August. Dr. Frost will read a paper on "Group Dynamics, the School, and Delinquency" for the small groups session. At a recent meeting of the Northwest Council on Family Relations in Portland, Dr. Frost read his paper "Sex Attitudes of College Students."

Pauley Denies Try To Sabotage Demo Convention

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Oilman Edwin W. Pauley, who resigned his post last fall with the Democratic National Convention Host committee after a bitter battle over convention tickets, Sunday night denied reports he was attempting to sabotage convention fund-raising efforts.

Pauley admitted writing a letter questioning the legality of claiming tax reductions for contributions to the convention.

But, he said, the letter was written to his attorney to seek a legal opinion on the matter. It was not to his knowledge distributed to potential contributors, said Pauley.

Wanted Advice

"They (the fund-raising committee) were asking me and companies I'm affiliated with for a contribution and I wanted to get advice on it," Pauley said. "If I get a ruling that it's legal, I'll contribute."

Other party officials here were surprised—both at the report that Pauley should be accused of attempted sabotage and, at least by one official, California Committee man Paul Ziffren, that Pauley should doubt convention contributions are legally deductible.

"It sounds like scuttlebutt rumor to me," said Mark Boyar, convention Finance committee chairman.

Ruling From Treasury

"We got a ruling from the Treasury Department that it's tax deductible as a nonprofit enterprise," said Boyar. "It's hard for me to believe Mr. Pauley would do anything like this."

"He's a good Democrat and he's responsible for bringing the convention here."

Boyar added that his committee already has raised \$300,000 of \$450,000 needed to cover convention costs. He said he expects to raise the rest of the money without trouble.

BEVAN SUFFERS SETBACK

London—(UPI)—British Labor Leader Aneurin Bevan, 62, recuperating from a serious abdominal operation three months ago, will take a two-week holiday because of a setback in health, it was learned Sunday night.

Salk Polio Vaccine Announced to World As Safe 5 Years Ago

Ann Arbor, Mich.—(UPI)—A short, bespectacled scientist arose behind a lectern five years ago to announce to the world that the Salk vaccine was a safe, effective and potent preventive of paralytic polio.

The heartwarming news on April 12, 1955, that the crippling disease, dating from the dawn of recorded history, could at last be brought under control was flashed around the globe.

The scientist, Dr. Thomas Francis Jr., was fully aware of the drama which heralded release from a fear haunting every American mother and father. As chairman of the epidemiology department of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, he had directed the work of evaluating the results of the mass field trials of the vaccine.

Vital Quotations

The report given by Francis, acting as director of the Vaccine Evaluation Center established by the National Foundation and financed by the March of Dimes, contained these vital quotations:

"On this (the field trials) basis it may be suggested that vaccination (is) 80-90 per cent effective against paralytic polio. . . . There is no doubt now that children can be successfully inoculated against paralytic polio. . . . The Salk vaccine has produced an extremely successful effect against bulbar polio. . . ."

The momentous field trials which were the start of the

Francis report began April 25, 1954.

Some 1,830,000 children, ages five to nine, participated with the consent of their parents. The children represented 44 states. Some 440,000 of them received Salk vaccine shots and another 210,000 were given placebo or innocuous dummy injections.

The placebo group, together with 1,180,000 children who received no shots of any kind, served as controls for comparison purposes. A coding system made it impossible to learn, until months later, which child had received the Salk shots or the dummy injections, identical in color with the vaccine.

300,000 Volunteers

More than 300,000 volunteer doctors, nurses, teachers and thousands from National Foundation chapters worked on the field trials. In an avalanche of mail the following year came the answer to the basic question:

Were antibodies, created in this way and in these amounts, effective in preventing paralysis caused by natural infection?

The answer: Today, the United States Public Health Service and the National Foundation regard the vaccine as 90 per cent effective.

The United States Public Health Service licensed the vaccine for mass production a few hours after reading the Francis report on the field trials.

The National Foundation had guaranteed in advance enough Salk vaccine for nine million children (three shots each) if the Francis report proved favorable. It was prepared to gamble \$9 million in March of Dimes contributions on the outcome of the field trials, so that the vaccine would be available against the next polio season.

Many knowledgeable scientists were fully aware that the battle against polio was certainly not yet won. But millions of people who had been terrified of polio became complacent.

Nevertheless, use of the vaccine was followed by a sharp downward trend in paralytic polio. In 1955, the disease struck at 13,850; in 1956, the total dropped to 7,911; in 1957, to 2,499; in 1958, to 3,697. For 1959, the provisional figure is 5,694, a substantial, ominous return.

Educational Campaign

To combat indifference and ignorance, the National Foundation undertook in 1955 a nationwide educational campaign.

Meanwhile, in areas where epidemics broke out, tens of thousands of men and women with their children queued up for Salk shots. At the peak of the 1959 polio season, nearly 91 million persons in the U. S. were unvaccinated, \$1 per

cent of a population of 178 million.

This state of affairs, said Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, "is a national disgrace."

In the five years since the historic "it works" announcement, other scientists with foundation research grants have been working to develop live-virus vaccines against polio.

Though live-virus polio vaccines have been widely tested throughout the world, the

United States Public Health Service has indicated that further studies are needed before it will be licensed for use in this country.

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