

Tests Planned for Vital New Discovery on Polio

NEW YORK (AP) — A vital new discovery about polio will be tested on children this summer, to prevent infantile paralysis.

The discovery is that the polio virus apparently gets into the blood first, before it enters nerves and destroys them. And while the virus still is in the blood, it can be killed by giving antibodies.

This kind of prevention of polio has worked in monkeys and chimpanzees.

Next, children threatened by an epidemic will be given the antibodies to hit the virus before it makes them sick. Where or when the tests will come was not disclosed.

The antibodies will come from human blood. Most people have had polio, without ever knowing it, and they made their own antibodies to destroy the virus. One substance in your blood carries these antibodies.

The new discoveries were reported to the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology by Dr. David Bodian of the Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Dorothy M. Horstmann of Yale.

Their findings in monkeys apparently apply as well to humans. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis supported their work.

The monkeys got polio virus in their food — just as humans do. A week or two later, the virus was found in their blood, and it stayed there for a few days. All this time, the monkeys showed no signs of sickness.

Later some monkeys got sick and

became paralyzed, when the virus left the blood and attacked nerves. All the monkeys produced their own antibodies, but some apparently did not make enough, or did not make them soon enough.

If the monkeys were first given an extra dose of antibodies, they did not get sick.

The hope is that such antibody shots would protect many humans in a polio epidemic. It might be a hard problem to get enough of the blood medicine, or to give it soon enough. And the antibodies that are given this way don't last effectively for very long.

But there is another encouraging fact — that only a small dose of antibodies does the trick, Dr. Bodian said.

This brightens the hopes for a real vaccine.



A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC will be presented at Community Church of the Brethren, Thursday, 8 p.m., by the La Verne College Chapel Choir (above). The group is currently on an Easter vacation tour that will take them as far north as Wenatchee, Wash. La Verne College is sponsored by the Church of the Brethren.

'Father's Night' Date Changed

Due to conflict in dates with other activities in the community, Mills school "Father's Night" meeting will be held Thursday, 8 p.m., in the auditorium.

Parents are urged to visit the classrooms between 7 and 8 p.m. A panel of four adults will speak on "This business of home and family life," with Principal Verne Speira acting as moderator.

A community sing, boys' quartette and novelty numbers by Mr. Hardin will also be featured. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria at the close of the general meeting.

PETERSON TO SPEAK
EUGENE (AP) — Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska will speak here May 2 in the mock Republican convention sponsored by University of Oregon students.

Negro Thrush Slaps Commie

FRANKFURT, Germany, (AP) — Helen Phillips, American Negro soprano, said Wednesday that she was so the face of a Russian soldier "for protection" while on a train in the Soviet zone of Austria.

She said she was returning to West Germany from a concert tour in Austria last week when the incident occurred.

"He and his officer came into the compartment and the soldier tried to get fresh with me," she said in an interview. "He tried to get me to talk politics with him," she said. "But I wouldn't, and when he grabbed my glasses and tickled me under

the chin, I slapped him good and hard."

"That stunned him," she said. Then, she said, the Soviet officer grabbed the soldier and took him out of the compartment. Both got off at the next station.

She said the soldier used a German passenger in the compartment as his interpreter.

"The soldier said 'Truman is a fascist and Acheson is a fascist,' but I told him that I wouldn't discuss politics," she said.

She said the Russians "apparently had been drinking."

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Noisy Student May Be Genius

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Miss Teacher, you know that noisy, jumping Jack who's so stubborn about doing his lessons? Well, try and get along with him. He might be a genius or at least one of your better students.

Yes, Ma'am, you should try to "find something of value in every child in the classroom," — even if he does hit you with a spitball every now and then.

That's the advice of Dr. Paul Weaver, president of Lake Erie College at Painesville, O., given to the annual study conference of the American Association for Childhood Education.

"Sometimes it is very hard to accept the very active child," he told more than 1,000 educators. "But freedom means being accepted for what we are and being valued for it. This applies to children as well as adults and teachers must teach discipline, rather than maintain it; if children are to become responsible citizens."

CHEST X-RAYS
PHOENIX (AP) — More than 13,000 persons have been x-rayed in the chest disease survey project in Multnomah County. The number is expected to exceed 150,000 by the end of the week.

Ruling Blocks Rail Strikes

CLEVELAND, (AP) — Federal Judge Emerich H. Freed Tuesday granted the government's request for a no-strike injunction against three rail unions.

He observed, "The courts must not and should not be used as instruments to impel collective bargaining in good faith."

Spokesman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, one of the three unions, said in Washington the ruling will be appealed immediately to the U. S. Circuit Court in Cincinnati.

The ruling had been anticipated, he said, adding that the union will not comment formally until it has had time to study the judge's opinion.

Among the points the union will stress in its appeal, he said, are claims that the government has no right to say it is an employer since it has put less than 50 Army officers to work on the railroads, and the government has set up no court for union grievances.

Said Judge Freed: "This court is impelled to observe that injunction is not the solution to the dispute over wages and working conditions which has existed for a period of three years."

That the burden of resolving the differences should be imposed on the courts is not contemplated in the law.

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The duty rests with the government, the railroads and the unions involved.

"It is apparent, however, that the court must in the interests of national safety, exercise its power to prevent irreparable injury."

MORE CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Defense Department Wednesday identified 51 more Korean War battle casualties (list No. 543). Of the total, 11 are dead, 39 wounded, one injured in battle zone accident.

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