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First 'Definite' Isolation Of Polio Virus Announced

By FRANK CAREY
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — First "definite" isolation and identification of human infantile paralysis virus was announced Wednesday by University of California scientists who said the development "is expected to speed up the fight against polio."

Dr. Wendell Stanley said the development paves the way for a chemical analysis of the structure of the virus, and thereby might lead to improved polio vaccines and possibly even to the chemical development of a chemical weapon to treat the disease. The research is supported by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Stanley said two of his colleagues at the university's virus laboratory at Berkeley have obtained "the first photographs definitely identifying the human polio virus" and have established with certainty that it is a spherically-shaped germ about a millionth of an inch in diameter.

He added that the scientists were the first to distinguish—with experimental certainty—between virus particles and impurities accompanying them in preparations known to contain polio germs.

Stanley made the announcement of the virus identification at the autumn meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, convened at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he amplified on the technical details in an interview. He told the scientists that virus of "unusual purity" has been isolated—in small quantities so far—by means of special purification techniques. And he told a reporter: "The new knowledge is expected to speed up the fight against polio, primarily by providing more definite facts about the virus."

"Now that the virus has been identified definitely, it will be possible to analyze the chemical make up of the disease agent and to determine many of its properties. Efforts to obtain larger quantities of the virus in pure form are already under way in Berkeley."

"Also, if it is found desirable to use pure polio materials to prepare polio vaccines, the method developed at Berkeley may be useful. Vaccines currently being tested are composed of unpurified material."

Harry Dexter White, When Wrong, Was Hard Man to Beat Down in Argument

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON (AP)—The life blood of Harry Dexter White stopped coursing on Aug. 16, 1948, when it was blocked by a clot in his heart as he rested at his summer home in Fitzwilliam, N.H.

The suddenness of this insidious death by coronary thrombosis, the term used in the medical report, caused a headline flurry at the time.

For it ended the life of a man who, just three days before, had gone voluntarily before the House Un-American Activities Committee and denied spiritedly that he was a Communist, a spy or in any way disloyal to his country.

"My creed is the American creed," he had said, and applause crackled in the committee room.

Now, five years later, congressional investigators again are looking into his creed and his actions. Inspired by Atty. Gen. Brownell's assertion that former President Truman gave White a better job despite FBI reports linking him to communism, three committees have begun inquiries.

These investigations focus on the FBI reports and Truman's promotion of White. But what of White himself? What of the man about whose life mystery hangs like a pall, from his first infantile outcry to well past his dying death?

Harry Dexter White always gave his date of birth as Oct. 29, 1892, in Boston. But Boston's records have it Oct. 9. There was no other Harry White born in Boston, according to the city's records, from 1892 to 1900.

It may be assumed, then, that the man who was assistant secretary of the Treasury and U. S. director at the International Monetary Fund was the child born in the autumn of 1892 in Boston to Lithuanian immigrants.

His birthplace is given at Boston city hall as 57 Lowell St., which was then and still is in a tenement section of Boston. State house records say only that a male child named White was born Oct. 9, 1892, at 59 Lowell St., with the parents' residence listed as 57 Lowell St.

Information about his early years is hard to come by. The records

show he went to elementary school at Everett, an industrial and residential suburb of Boston.

He wound up two years service in World War I as a lieutenant in the infantry. Just before his enlistment he had married Ann Terry, a girl born in Russia.

Reports published in 1944, when he came into prominence as a U. S. Treasury official working up plans for a postwar international monetary fund and bank to stabilize world trade and currencies, mention "early years in business." But they do not say what business.

They also say he operated a Boston orphanage for the American expeditionary forces organization for two years after World War I.

The Harry Dexter White who, from 1924 onward leaves an ever widening trail in the scholastic and governmental world, apparently put none of this earlier data into the official thumbnail biographies he wrote for employers.

These autobiographies, as available here, start off with birth on Oct. 29, 1892, in Boston, and jump from there to Stanford University, 26 years later.

Here is a summary of his own record from files at the Treasury, the International Monetary Fund and the Civil Service:

He received an undergraduate degree in economics from Stanford in 1924, and a master's degree in 1925. Later he got a doctorate in economics from Harvard University.

Meantime, he had taught economics for two years at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., and for six years at Harvard.

He came to the Treasury as an economic analyst, at \$5,700 a year, in 1934, the second year of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal administration.

Two years later he was a \$6,500-a-year assistant director of the Treasury's research and statistical division. In 1940 he was promoted to director of monetary research, at \$9,000 a year. Later he became an assistant to the secretary of the Treasury, then Henry Morgenthau Jr., at the same salary, and in 1945 he became assistant secretary of the Treasury, at \$9,800 a year.

It was about this time that Elizabeth Bentley first accused White, to the FBI, of being part of a Washington spy network for which she said she was a courier.

On April 30, 1946 White resigned as assistant secretary of the Treasury, taking the \$17,000-a-year job of U. S. director on the executive board of the monetary fund.

He left the fund in April 1947. Truman says that, when it was discovered White was "wrong," he

was fired by being allowed to resign.

It is hard now to learn what kind of man Harry Dexter White was in the eyes of people who worked with him.

Many who knew him here have gone elsewhere. Some who remain would rather not recall the association.

He was a man of medium height and build, dark and possessed of a temper. Former associates recall him as brilliant, blunt, sarcastic; a man whose mind was so packed with information that, as one person who knew him said, "Even if he was wrong, it was hard to beat him down in argument."

His plan for the International Monetary Fund and world bank ran afoul many objections by the renowned British economist, the late Lord Keynes, who complained it unduly favored the United States. Keynes and White took their differences into a lengthy series of conferences.

The plan that emerged, very like the plan eventually adopted at Bretton Woods, N. H., in 1944, was by and large White's original plan.

Russia, represented at the Bretton Woods conference, objected that the White-Keynes plan assigned the Soviet too small a place in the monetary fund, too big a quota in the world bank. Russia never joined. Poland joined, but later withdrew. Czechoslovakia is now the only iron curtain member.

But one plan White wrote was never adopted—the controversial "Morgenthau Plan" of the postwar years to strip Germany of her industrial power and make her ex-

clusively an agrarian state. A "hard dealer" at the conference table, White played ping pong between rounds of negotiations. He liked a fast game of tennis on Sundays, and was a volley ball enthusiast.

He had two children, and his wife wrote children's stories.

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LONDON (AP) — Pakistan and United States officials said Wednesday that the United States is negotiating with Pakistan for permission to establish military bases on the Indian subcontinent in exchange for defense aid.

The officials said that the agreement if concluded would set American forces on both western and eastern segments of Pakistan, which are separated by more than 1,000 miles of Indian territory.

In Washington, officials told reporters the defense of the Middle East is getting top level consideration but no negotiations are actually under way with Pakistan.

However, the White House announced the governor-general of India, Ghulam Mohammed, will be a guest of President Eisenhower Thursday. Several members of the President's cabinet, including Secretary of Defense Wilson, also will attend.



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