



WOOLY CHAPS and big hats were standard rig, apparently, back in 1924 for the annual rodeo parade. The formal gentleman in the lead was content with a business suit. —Photo from Ross McMillan

Oil Producers Differ Over Effect Of Foreign Imports

By SAM DAWSON

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Gasoline prices at your filling station are likely to be firmer soon, oilmen say today. But with gasoline stocks higher than they like and refinery capacity larger than civilian demand requires, oil producers have an uneasy eye on the course of business generally. They expect rising demand for their products, but they admit that any sharp drop in the economy would make their price structure shaky.

The oil industry also is sharply divided over how large a volume of imports of more cheaply produced foreign oil the United States should let come in now. Congressional debate on President Eisenhower's foreign trade program is likely to bring a new anti-import blast from the solely domestic producers, especially the smaller ones whose production rates have been cut back because of mounting stocks.

And then there is that perennial threat—the Senate has before it a proposal to cut the 27½ per cent depletion allowance oil companies can use in figuring their income taxes.

"The oil industry is reasonably healthy today," says John W. Brice, president of Carter Oil Co.

Peaceful Use Of H-Bomb Hoped For

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Former President Truman says he hopes the hydrogen bomb will be a contribution to peace but he "knows too much about the bomb to talk about it."

Truman, at a brief press conference last night after a testimonial dinner honoring Rabbi Samuel Thurman of St. Louis, said:

"We made every effort possible to get disarmament and the outlawing of lethal weapons for peace. The Russians always refused and we met over 250 times."

"If the hydrogen bomb can bring about peace, it is one of the greatest things in the world and worth all we've spent for it."

The former President, in a speech at the dinner, stressed the importance of organizing the "moral, God-fearing forces" to bring about peace and freedom in the world.

About 1,000 persons attended the dinner, honoring Rabbi Thurman for 40 years service to his congregation.

Reds Question Japan Fishermen

TOKYO (AP)—Twelve Japanese fishermen said today their Russian captors had questioned them for 13 days about American forces stationed on the northernmost Japanese main island of Hokkaido. They were released last night.

The crews of two fishing boats were captured by Soviet patrol ships March 23 off Russian-occupied Kunashiri Island. Their boats were given back to them when they were freed.

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Authorities Deny Charges Made About Polio Vaccine

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
AP Science Reporter

NEW YORK (AP)—Three top authorities today gave their positive assurance of the safety of the Salk polio vaccine, after Walter Winchell had broadcast that it "may be a killer."

The safety statements came from the U. S. Public Health Service, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and Dr. Jonas E. Salk, who developed the vaccine. Two firms making the vaccine also declared no vaccine is used or will be used unless proved safe. The vaccine is scheduled to be given soon to up to one million children to test its effectiveness, to learn whether it actually protects against polio this summer.

DEAD VIRUS

The vaccine is made of dead polio virus. Dead virus cannot cause polio. Each batch of vaccine is given triple tests, including injections into monkeys, separately by the manufacturer, the Public Health Service and Dr. Salk's laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh. The safety program thus calls for nine tests in all of every batch to detect any live and dangerous virus.

Winchell said on his regular Sunday night ABC network program: "Attention all doctors and families in the United States... The Public Health Service tested 10 batches of this new polio vaccine. The government's health department, I am told, found that seven of the 10 contained live — not dead — polio virus. It killed several

monkeys."

STATEMENT

Immediately the Public Health Service said in a statement that difficulties had been anticipated in converting Salk's small-scale laboratory method to full-scale commercial production.

"We have found some positives (live virus) in the lots of vaccine that we have tested," and so have other tests, it said.

When live virus are found, that batch is discarded, it said. "The Public Health Service is confident the foundation would not release for use in this mass immunization program any vaccine which was not considered safe according to the most exacting standards that can be established for such preparations."

"No vaccine will be used" which does not pass the triple tests. He said four batches had "failed to pass the required tests" because "they were not manufactured" according to Dr. Salk's specifications and "were therefore eliminated by the testing. This demonstrates the validity of these tests and the safety they assure to the public."

VACCINE USED

Dr. Salk declared, "There is absolutely nothing to be concerned about. Nothing that contains live virus is considered to be a satisfactory vaccine."

Dr. Salk has inoculated his own children among about 5,000 given the vaccine prepared in his own

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laboratory. Dr. Van Riper said Dr. Salk also has inoculated about 3,000 children with vaccine made commercially.

Winchell also said that the Michigan State Medical Society has refused approval, the first state to do so. The polio foundation is trying to kill the story — but the U. S. Public Health Service

will confirm this in about 10 days. Why wait 10 days? The Michigan Medical Society has not made any public announcement.

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