

MEASLES

L.T. Quick, Fisher. Fri. Apr. 22-26.

From Washington - news today of a possible breakthrough at long last - ~~is~~ in the search for a vaccine against German measles; a leading cause - of ~~birth~~ birth defects in children.

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Dr. Paul Parkman and Dr. Harry Meyer of the National Institute ~~for~~ of Health, ^{are the} developers of the vaccine. Their initial tests - said to be "real promising."

A full report - scheduled next week, at a meeting of the American Society of Pediatrics - in Atlantic City.

DEGAULLE

President Johnson's request for an extra year - in which to withdraw U S troops and bases from France - formally rejected today by DeGaulle; in a note to the U S Embassy in Paris - later relayed to Washington.

DeGaulle asserting that his stated deadline for withdrawal of American troops - by April First of next year - that he ~~will~~ ^{says DeGaulle.} must stand. Further calling on the United States - to stop arguing about legal technicalities - so that there can be serious talks - on details of meeting the deadline.

VIET NAM

In Viet Nam - one of the major allied victories of the war. U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese rangers - today trapping and crushing a Communist elite force; in operation "Hot Springs" -- about three hundred and thirty miles northeast of Saigon.

This, the fifth straight time in recent months - that American and allied troops have met and routed the same enemy force. Communist losses in today's action - totaling more than five hundred and twenty dead. A Marine Commander remarking that "one of these days - they're going to learn to keep ~~the devil~~ out of our way."

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Meanwhile, to the south -- U S jets today ~~were~~ blasting a Communist jungle hideout -- near the Saigon River, ~~barely~~ ^{only} a couple of miles - from the heart of the capital. Shock waves from the attack - breaking windows and shaking buildings in the city itself.

PRESIDENT FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home -- President Johnson today predicting a ~~pr~~ practical solution to the political ~~skis~~ crisis in South Viet Nam, as he put it -- "in good time". The President adding -- "a nation will be born -- a constitutional government will exist."

CALL FOLLOW RELIGION

~~In somewhat the same vein - an item today from~~

Nha Trang, Viet Nam: - Air Force Chaplain Captain

Charles Prewitt disclosing a new use - for those airplanes equipped with big loudspeakers - normally employed in psychological warfare.

Captain Prewitt reporting that he now summons the faithful - by means of a weekly flight in one of the planes. His call to worship - starting out: "Hello, my people. This is the voice from above - watching thee."

A sure attention-getter - we're told. With attendance at services - showing a sudden increase.

RUSK

Secretary of State Dean Rusk - headed home tonight from Turkey. His main mission at the just-concluded Cento Meeting - that of mending U S relations with Pakistan - apparently a success.

At a final news conference - Dean Rusk reporting private talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, covering a wide range of topics - including the touchy question of Pakistan's increasingly-closer ties with Red China. These talks - said he - resulting in a "better understanding on certain points of view - on which there have been differences in the past."

As for Viet Nam - Dean Rusk reasserting his contention that the only obstacle to peace talks - is Communist North Viet Nam. Said he: "I would be at Geneva tomorrow - if there were someone to talk to."

ROME

At Rome -- agreement today on a new scientific and technical exchange treaty -- between Italy and Russia. The pact approved by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko -- and his Italian counterpart -- Amintore Fanfani. Clearing the way for scheduled talks -- on problems of disarmament -- the spread of nuclear weapons -- plus European and world security.

Gromyko also expected to seek an audience with Pope Paul -- before his departure for home next week.

SUKARNO

At Jakarta - swift reaction today - to Sukarno's speech of yesterday - saying that he refuses to become a figurehead ~~Pres~~ President.

The militant anti-Communist Indonesian student organization - adopting a five-point resolution, heartily endorsing the new regime of Lieutenant General Suharto - and urging a thorough review of all past presidential decrees; ~~Meaning~~ those of Sukarno - when he was in absolute command.

Similar ~~res~~ resolutions - also circulated among other anti-Communist leaders; to be presented to the new cabinet - at a mass rally tomorrow at Government headquarters.

FOOTNOTE

Something of a surprise today -- in a footnote to a recent psychiatric study. The footnote relating to a common complaint -- among those who are mentally ill, to the effect that they are not crazy -- it's the rest of us, the people around them.

And often they are right, says ~~is~~⁹ Dr. David Swanson -- of Loyola University at Chicago. He tells us this as a result of studies -- in-depth -- on patients referred to psychiatrists by their families.

The studies showing that in fully twenty percent of such cases -- there actually was a member of the patient's family -- who displayed greater "diagnosable psychopathology." In other words -- even further off the bean.

Dr. Swanson adding that in most cases -- "it was difficult to determine who needed the help the most, the patient -- or the folks back home.

WEEKEND

A thought for the weekend comes today -- from the Reverend Dr. William Thompson -- a professor of the art of preaching -- at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Dr. Thompson observing that all too often -- preachers actually have very little to say; and what is worse says he, they often take an awfully long time to say it. He even cites the Bible reference to the case of Greek youth -- who went to sleep and fell from a balcony -- during a long-winded sermon by the Apostle Paul.

The good doctor contending, nevertheless, that a boring situation can be turned to good advantage by what he calls "good, creative listening." Here's an encouraging thought. Says the theological seminary professor: "If you listen closely -- there's nearly always something to chew on -- even in the worst sermon." So -- let's do our best to keep awake on Sunday, Warren.

RELIGION FOLLOW WEEKEND

Speaking of religion - this next from Auburn, California. The story today of a Latter-Day Gold Strike -- at newly constructed St. Paul's Lutheran Church in that city.

A bulldozer - cutting a new roadway to the church - when it bared ^a the rich vein of ore -- later assayed at a value of nearly six hundred dollars a ton. Enough to set off - another gold rush.

In fact - they've now set up a road block - to discourage claim-jumpers. While the congregation tries to figure out - what to do with the ^{gold} ~~damn~~ stuff.