

L.T.-DELCO. TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1955

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today was one of the most exciting days in the history of Michigan University. A crowd of students, around Rackham Memorial Hall. Movie, newsreel and TV cameras - grinding away. Flash bulbs popping - as a stream of people entered the building.

Everyone waiting to hear the answer to the question - has the scourge of polio been conquered? They got the answer in three words of the official report by Dr. Thomas Francis - "the vaccine works." Then Dr. Francis went on, "It is safe, effective, and potent."

As Dr. Francis read his report of the experiment that involved almost two million children - the hero of the event was sitting on the platform. Dr. Jonas Salk, who discovered the vaccine. It was his discovery that had to stand the test of the biggest experiment in medical history -

the verdict, the "Salk solution" worked in from eighty to ninety per cent of the cases tested.

When Dr. Salk rose to read his own report - he received a thunderous ovation. Then he went on to tell how the vaccine was developed - and how he thinks it should be used to save humanity from the affliction that has crippled countless children.

VACCINE FOLLOW SALK

Across the nation, health departments are getting ready to give shots of "Salk solution" to millions of children. Doctors are placing orders for their share of the life-saving fluid. Fortunately, drug manufacturers did not wait for an official go-ahead, they've already got millions of shots of the vaccine in refrigerated warehouses. It was a bit of a gamble, because the "Salk solution" might not have turned out a success. But the gamble paid off - with today's announcement that Dr. Salk has found a cure for polio.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower made a public appearance in South Carolina today - his first in that state, since the election campaign of nineteen fifty-two.

Mr. Eisenhower stopped at one of the nation's oldest military colleges - The Citadel. The President of the college is General Mark Clark, who served under General Eisenhower during World War Two. Following today's parade, Mr. Eisenhower was given a brief reception at General Clark's quarters.

Then the presidential plane was off for Augusta, Georgia - to the National Golf Club, where the President will rest for a week, with a bit of golf to help out.

FORMOSA

Secretary of State Dulles declares that the Eisenhower administration has been exploring an approach to the Formosa crisis - which is very close to the one urged by Adlai Stevenson. The leader of the Democratic Party has said that we and our allies should pledge to defend Formosa - while handing over Quemoy and the Matsus. Stevenson, also coming out for a United Nation declaration against the use of force in the Formosa area.

Today Secretary Dulles told his news conference that the Administration has been trying just that approach. Dulles pointed out that he himself has said numerous times - that we are not pledged to defend the coastal islands, unless Formosa or the Pescadoes are in danger. In other words, the Administration would be quite willing to use ~~words~~ the Stevenson approach - and was trying to do so even before Adlai made that speech.

Dulles did criticize Stevenson on one point -

support for Nationalist China. Our Secretary of State saying, that Stevenson is too willing to rebuff Chiang Kai-shek -- one of our most faithful allies.

Apart from his attitude toward Chiang, Stevenson has, in the words of Secretary Dulles, "endorsed the main features of the Administration's program in relation to Formosa."

CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek visits Quemoy. The Nationalist leader was accompanied by Madame Chiang, and his Chief-of-Staff. The party, flying into Quemoy.

During the visit, Chiang was briefed by his commander on that island. He inspected forty thousand nationalist troops - dug in to meet any invasion by the Reds. Chiang, spending more than six hours on Quemoy.

The Generalissimo's visit came after two days of artillery exchanges. The Reds on the mainland, and the Nationalists on Quemoy - bombarding one another with their big guns. The Nationalists declare that they drove back about ten Communist junks - apparently headed for one island in the Quemoy group.

The latest report from Taipei reveals that Mao Tse-tung now has one hundred and fifty thousand men massed along the so-called "invasion coast" opposite Quemoy. And the Reds have drawn up their artillery along an arc - facing Quemoy on three sides. Everything pointing to a big attack - if Mao Tse-tung wants one.

INDO-CHINA

In South Viet Nam, the rebellious religious sects are threatening Saigon - with the fate of ancient Rome. The rebel radio declaring that the capital city will be sacked by the rebel troops - if fighting breaks out again. The radio adding, that if this happens - Saigon will look like ancient Rome, given up to the fury of the Army.

The Communist radio says that the civil population should evacuate Saigon. And thousands are obeying that warning - the roads out of Saigon, full of civilians trying to get away.

Meanwhile, Emperor Bao Dai has cabled again from his villa on the French Riviera. The playboy monarch, appealing to both sides to extend their Easter truce. Bao Dai declaring that his country is very close to a full-scale civil war. But he doesn't say anything about returning from the Riviera - to handle the problem himself. So far he's done nothing - except send cables, begging his people not to fight one another.

McAULIFFE

The armed forces of the West will not retreat to the Rhine - in case of a Soviet attack based on the satellite nations. So stated by the Commander of our armed forces in Europe, General Anthony McAuliffe. General McAuliffe spoke at a meeting of the Foreign Press Association in Bonn. He said that there are two main reasons why the West should stand its ground no matter what happens. In the first place, the addition of twelve German divisions to the defense - will make enough troops available to meet Soviet aggression. Secondly, General McAuliffe noted that our troops in Germany now have tactical atomic weapons - which enable them to hold a more extended defense line than in the past.

General McAuliffe told his audience that "we now propose to fight - for every inch of the ground we hold."

NASSER

The Premier of Egypt arrived in New Delhi today - and was greeted by the Prime Minister of India. Nasser, arriving from Karachi - and met by Nehru at the airport.

Nasser is on his way to the African-Asiatic Conference in Bandung, Indonesia. He spent three days in Karachi - conferring with the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Now he'll confer with Nehru - and then the two political leaders will leave together on Friday - they'll be off for the Bandung Conference.

CORSI

That argument about our refugee program - is turning into something of a Donnybrook. With Secretary of State Dulles and his former assistant, Edward Corsi, right in the middle.

Dulles told his news conference today that Corsi was not qualified to run the refugee program. And the Secretary charged that Corsi wanted to take over the administration of the immigration law - which would have been illegal. Secretary Dulles added, that the dismissal of Corsi was not a result of charges made by Congressman Francis Walter - charges that Corsi had been a member of Communist-front organizations. Our Secretary of State declaring, that there was no question about Corsi as a security risk.

About that ninety-day appointment - Dulles admitted that he did not tell Corsi about the time limit. But he went on to say, that anyone working for the State Department should be aware of the general rule - that a job is on a ninety-day basis, if security investigation is not completed within that time.

Corsi promptly issued a reply to the Secretary of State. To the charge that he was not qualified -- Corsi answered that during twenty-five years of public work, he served men like Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, and Thomas E. Dewey. Corsi arguing, that if he were incompetent, men like that would not have employed him.

The ousted assistant said it was completely untrue that he tried to control immigration. And he charged that the relief program is not working well - because it has brought in less than one thousand refugees in seventeen months.

SOLDIER

In Berlin, an American soldier pleads innocent to the charge of deserting to the Russians, and betraying our intelligence secrets.

Private William Marchuk, of Norristown, Pennsylvania, disappeared from his unit on February First, Nineteen Forty-nine. He was in the hands of the Russians until they returned him in January of this year. Part of his time was spent in Vorkuta - the Soviet system of slave labor camps in the Arctic.

Private Marchuk is now accused of giving information about American Intelligence - giving it to the Russians during the six years they held him.

The prosecution told the military court today that Marchuk knew the information would be used against the United States. Marchuk insists he's innocent, and the defense declares it will prove he is telling the truth.

PLANE

The Peiping radio charges that agents of America and Nationalist China - sabotaged the plane that crashed into the South China Sea yesterday. The Red Radio, asserting that the motive was - to kill Communist delegates to the Bandung Conference.'

According to the Peiping Radio, the chief object of the sabotage was Chou En-lai -- although the Premier of Communist China was not on the plane. Peiping apparently believes that agents of the democracies placed a bomb aboard the plane - because the radio says that the plane exploded before it crashed.

In Hong Kong, the manager of the India Air Lines declares that the Communist charge is just a rumor. So far, no one knows just how the accident happened - the accident which left just three survivors. Apparently, all of the minor Communist officials en route to Bandung, were killed in the crash, or else lost at sea.

ROOSEVELT

The announcement of a cure for polio was made today for a special reason - it's the tenth anniversary of the death of one of the most famous polio victims in history. Just ten years ago today, Franklin D. Roosevelt died. He was crippled with the disease as a young man - but conquered it sufficiently to become a major figure in American history.

F.D.R. was known for his efforts to help the search for a cure. He was the founder of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He supported the "March of Dimes" - which raised most of the money used in the Salk experiments.

One man has been President of the Foundation from the beginning - Basil O'Connor, once Franklin Roosevelt's law partner. And it was Basil O'Connor who urged that the announcement of the Salk cure - be made today. It was a kind of commemoration ceremony for F.D.R. - who did not live to profit from the cure that he did so much to achieve.

FISHERMEN

A dispatch from Tokyo reveals that the Russians are waging a "war of nerves" against Japanese fishermen. The "war" involving the crab fishers - the fleet that works the sea off Japan's north island.

The season opened on March Fifteenth. And since then, the Soviets have seized nineteen Japanese crab boats. Twelve of these have been released. But three others were seized on Sunday. So it looks as if the Russians don't intend to imprison the Japanese crab fishermen permanently - the Kremlin just waging a "war of nerves."

The excuse the Russians use is that the Japanese boats are operating in Soviet waters off the Kurile Islands - which were turned over to the Soviets at the Yalta Conference.