

POLIO

K.F.-K. Wed. Nov. 11 - '53,

a most important

From the world of science, ~~the~~ announcement: ~~is~~ ~~that~~

the polio virus has been isolated. For the first time, the virus which causes infantile paralysis in human beings has been identified.

The statement comes from Dr. Wendell Stanley of the University of California, head of the virus laboratory at Berkeley. He says the discovery was made after fifteen years of research by two colleagues of his, Dr. Howard Bachrach and Carlton Schwerdt.

The polio virus, now identified, is an immensely minute organism, a spherical particle about a millionth of an inch in diameter. Now that they've found it - they'll analyze the ~~ami~~ chemical character of the tiny evil thing.

EISENHOWER-TRUMAN

President Eisenhower's declaration today, on the subject of ex-President Truman and the subpoena - is worth looking at closely. I have a transcript of the news conference, in which the President expressed his disapproval of the notion of calling the former President before a congressional committee.

He said he didn't want to criticize Congress. But, as his own personal reaction - he would not have issued the subpoena.

A newspaper correspondent asked: "Mr. President - do you, yourself, feel that former President Truman knowingly appointed a Communist spy to high office."

The President replied - no, it was inconceivable.

He said he didn't believe that any President would knowingly damage the United States. ^{and} He repeated the word - inconceivable.

The President also thinks that former Attorney General, now Supreme Court Justice, Tom Clark - should not

have been subpoenaed.

As for the storm about Harry Dexter White, the President said that Attorney General Brownell told him that certain facts had come to light, which Brownell felt should be made available to the public. They concerned a man named White. The President didn't know anything about Harry Dexter White. He told the Attorney General that, if he felt it his duty to publish the information - why go ahead, and do it on a purely factual basis.

COMMITTEE

President Eisenhower's disapproval of the Truman subpoena is echoed by top Republican leaders. They're against ~~MAX~~ making a circus of an affair that serious. The committee on Un-American Activities is being ^{(criticized} ~~xxxxxx~~ for butting in. If ex-President Truman is to be questioned it should be done by the Senate Internal Security Committee. The satirical view being - that there's a rush to get in the headlines produced by the big sensation.

Today, Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin gave his ~~MAX~~ opinion of that Eisenhower statement. He said the President is just - "being a gentleman". Whereupon the Senator proceeded to call ex-President Truman - a liar.

ADD TRUMAN

The Truman appearance is in ^a ~~xxx~~ state of confusion tonight. With Democratic members of the committee on Un-American Activities declaring - it has been postponed. Republicans on the committee deny this, and say the hearings will be held on schedule. However, some Republicans think - it would be better to hear from Governor Byrnes, before questioning ex-President Truman.

The Chicago Daily News, tonight, says it has word of how the former President will explain the whole thing. He'll say that Harry Dexter White was transferred to the higher job on the international monetary fund, so that he could be kept on surveillance more effectively. That - he was raised to this other job, precisely because he was under suspicion of being a Soviet spy.

In that case, ~~xxx~~ former President Truman would be confirming the statements made by Attorney General Brownell. But - explaining the facts.

Former ^ePresident Truman indicates that he will appear before the committee on Un-American Activities - and testify. Answering questions - about the charge that he promoted the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Harry Dexter White, after the F B I had sent information to the White House, picturing White as a Soviet spy.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Truman continues to ridicule the uproar. Today, he said it was the doing of "snollygosters". He defined "snollygoster" as one ~~whose parents were~~ "born out of wedlock". However, the Funk and Wagnalls dictionary says it means a "pretentious, swaggering, prattling fellow".

But, the former President gives it his own definition, and that's what he calls the Republicans who are stirring up the trouble.

BYRNES FOLLOW TRUMAN

Governor Byrnes of South Carolina says - he'll answer ~~to~~ questions that are submitted in writing. Or, the committee on Un-American Activities can come down to his own state - question him. But he won't go to Washington. He'll ignore the subpoena.

Governor ~~Byrnes~~ Byrnes gives the committee a sharp answer. He says he does not recognize, what he calls - "the right to command a governor to leave his state and remain in the city of Washington until granted leave by your committee to return." ^{That} "If any such right were admitted, a congressional committee could summon the governors of the ~~four~~ forty-eight states to Washington, and paralyze state administration." Sounds like South Carolina, talking up states rights.

Governor Byrnes has already stated that he and ^{our} then-
^{Harry} President Truman, discussed the F B I report on Harry Dexter White. White, nevertheless, was promoted.

FOLOW BYRNES

Tonight, Attorney General Brownell releases a memorandum written by Secretary of State Byrnes to President Truman in Nineteen Forty-Six -- Byrnes calling the President's attention to the F B I report, sent along by J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F B I. This tends to confirm the Byrnes declaration - ~~xx~~ although ex-President Truman denies he ever saw the F B I report, with evidence of espionage.

Attorney General Brownell says he is merely citing indications of "laxity" in the Truman administration, carelessness concerning Communism. He emphasizes that he makes no charge of disloyalty against the former President.

DEMOCRATIC REPLY

Tonight, Congressman Walter, Democratic member of the Committee on Un-American activities, declares that former President Truman had "no greater access" to the F B I information - that ^v~~the~~ President Eisenhower, who ~~was~~ was then Army Chief of Staff. He pointed out that a copy of the report on Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Harry Dexter White was sent to ~~General Hoyt Vandenberg, who was then~~ head of Army Intelligence. So he argued, this material was available to General Eisenhower. →

~~Newsman checked with the White House, the President stating - he never ~~was~~ saw the F B I report. This, by the way, went ~~along~~ along to General Vandenberg - after the promotion of Harry Dexter White had gone through.~~

FOLLOW DEMOCRATIC REPLY

Tonight, the word is that material was passed along to Army Intelligence - because two persons named in it were employed by the Army. The F B I having evidence of espionage against them.

The General Assembly of the United Nations has voted to debate the American charges of mass murder and torture in Korea. Soviet delegate Vishinsky objected noisily, but the vote was - fifty-three to five. Only the Soviet bloc voting - against. So now the world organization will take up the atrocities inflicted on U N prisoners of war.

KOREA ARMISTICE

Armistice day was a bit ironical for the G I's in Korea. Who well might growl - which armistice? The one being celebrated was a long time ago, and they have their own uneasy armistice over there - vigilant, rigorous duty. On the qui/vive - if the Reds should start something.

EISENHOWER-CALIFORNIA

President Eisenhower was grinning when he greeted the White House news conference today. He remarked that - things were different when he met the reporters last week. He hadn't so much to smile about - then. Following - the election of a Democratic Mayor in New York, and the sharp defeats of the Republicans in New Jersey.

The Presidential grin today was over the result of yesterday's election of a congressman in California. The G O P thought it was in trouble out there. But Glenard Lipscomb defeated his Democratic opponent.

The battle ~~of~~ of ballots, held in a section of Los Angeles, had a spectacular background, of course. That uproar in the Harry Dexter White case. Republican leaders, today, were playing down that ~~anti~~ espionage angle, saying it didn't figure much in the voting. However, the belief is that public opinion was affected by the sensational picture of Soviet spies in government. *Final vote, Lipscomb 42,000. Arnold, the Democrat, 34,000.*

The Democrats are saying - oh well, the congressional district was Republican anyway.

I've been talking with General Jimmy Doolittle, who attended the presentation of the award, and he was recalling Bert's father's life. As a boy, he had been with his father - and was helpful when a Lincoln airplane engine had some mechanical trouble.

When he came to the United States, the young man was made a pilot in Admiral Byrd's famous flight across the Atlantic - the flier really got his start when he saved the lives of the 4 in that plane. Byrd went on to polar exploration, and the next thing you know - he was a commander in chief of the frozen world.

His later exploits as Chief of Rescue Service for the U.S. Air Force in the Arctic. I was with him in the war, 2 years ago. Bert's father, the Doolittle,

BALCHEN

The award of the Harmon Trophy to Colonel Bernt Balchen draws attention again - to one of the beguiling personalities of our time. Balchen - foremost aerial pioneer of the polar regions in aviation history.

I've been talking with General Jimmy Doolittle, who attended the presentation of the award, and we were recalling Bernt Balchen's two-fold life, as a Norwegian and an American. How, as a youth, he had been with Amundsen - and was helpful when a Lincoln Ellsworth Arctic expedition had some mechanical trouble.

When he came to the United States, the young Norseman was made a pilot in Admiral Byrd's famous flight across the Atlantic - the flier really got him there and saved the lives of the 4 in that plane. Byrd went on to polar exploration, and the next thing you know - Balchen was a premier airman of the frozen world.

His later exploits - as Chief of Rescue Service for the U S Air Force in the Arctic. I was with him in the north 2 years ago. Bernt Balchen, the burly,

laughing Norseman, who seems like a figure left over from
the days of the Vikings.

WEINSTEIN

Here's how Weinstein - became the Mayor of Yokohama. Over in Japan, Weinstein of Brooklyn, making a spectacular appearance as a high dignitary of Nippon, a regular Samurai.

Yokohama is a "rest and recreation" center for American soldiers on leave from Korea. For several years, G I's have been signing in there by the tens of thousands. So the local Japanese decided they'd make the one hundred thousandth - Mayor of Yokohama, an ancient office of dignity and splendor.

Today, number one hundred thousand was due to come up - and which G I would it be? As they signed in, the Japanese were wathhing, and the lucky G I turned out to be - Private Gilbert Weinstein of Brooklyn. Whose astonishment was intense - when they grabbed him, took him off, and arrayed him in the royal splendor of a Japanese dignitary of old.

Then, in all that glittering regalia, he went on a parade through the streets - Weinstein attended by three Yokohama beauties, clad in glowing satin embroidered kimonas.

Weinstein - in his glory.

It must have been like the scene in the Mikado, where they sing - "we are all gentlemen of Japan," talk about - being a king for a day. Weinstein of Brooklyn was a gentleman of Japan for a day.

REGENCY

In the London parliament, today, the Home Secretary assured the M P's that Princess Margaret ^{herself} is all in favor of the change in arrangements for a regency. The change - that would make the Duke of Edinburgh the regent, instead of Princess Margaret, if anything should happen to the Queen.

The question had been asked - did the Princess want to be ~~display~~ displaced. The Home Secretary said - yes, she agrees with her sister, the Queen. Who thinks that any regency for Little Prince Charles - should be headed by the boy's father.

The House of Commons thereupon voted approval of the change.

Meanwhile, Buckingham Palace was making an announcement. Prince Charles will be five on Saturday, and serious life will begin for him - education. A governess has been named - Miss Katherine Peebles. In her thirties - and Scottish, born and bred in Glasgow. Her qualifications

fit the pattern set forth by Her Majesty, the Queen. Which emphasized one point: "Completely firm, when necessary."

Miss Peebles of Glasgow being completely Scotch, is regarded as being completely able to be "completely firm, when necessary."

After next Saturday, the routine for Bonnie Prince Charlie will be as follows: Each day will begin with a lesson in the Bible. Then, the three r's, reading, writing and arithmetic. Miss Peebles, who is able to be completely firm, will also instruct him in court etiquette. They say that, already the five year old Prince - bows like a courtier. Imitating his father - as, for example, when the Duke bows to kiss the hand of Princess Margaret on state occasions.

And, Mike ~~and~~ Miss Peebles from Scotland will be completely firm with the young Prince - ~~Mike~~ - if it's necessary. Completely firm!