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## Government Asks Halt To Polio Inoculations

### Delay Urged Until New Report Made

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government today called for a halt to mass anti-polio inoculations pending a report tomorrow on the safety of present vaccine.

Surgeon Gen. Leonard A. Scheele announced the recommendation at 4 a.m. after a day-and-night session of experts investigating the "manufacture and testing" of Salk vaccine.

The move reversed Scheele's earlier position. He said yesterday the Public Health Service had temporarily withheld clearance of all new batches of the serum, but suggested that vaccinations continue with existing stocks that had been okayed.

Public health officials declined later to elaborate on Scheele's early morning announcement. Initial reports from state health authorities indicated it had little immediate effect. Generally, the few areas planning weekend inoculations called them off.

Some states already had held up their campaign of vaccinating first and second-grade children. Vaccine stocks had been exhausted in several states, others had begun their first round of shots and most had no plans for Saturday and Sunday treatments.

Southern Bell termed the offer "a calculated attempt to gain from an arrier what the union has been able to justify through the process of collective bargaining." This strike also is in its 55th day.

"We have ample evidence that in Michigan, at least, we are dealing with a safe and effective vaccine. We have been unable to get anything specific out of Washington, local health officials of the program. All we do is read the press releases."

**WANT DIRECTIVE**  
Scheele said Michigan "will act in accordance" whenever it gets a directive from national licensing authorities.

There were indications of uncertainty and confusion from other parts of the country. But for the most part, local health officials said they would wait for the report tomorrow.

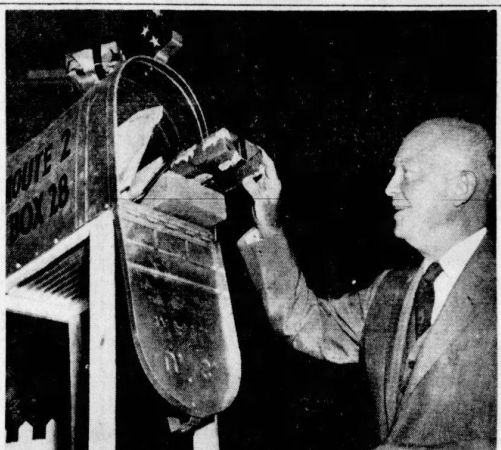
Scheele released his statement after a six-member medical panel completed a two-day study of the methods by which the vaccine is made and tested.

He indicated "other information" also would be considered before conclusions are reached and announced tomorrow. He gave no hint of what the panel had recommended as the result of a review undertaken after withdrawal of all shipments from Cutter Laboratories.

Another case  
Meanwhile, another case of possible polio was reported among inoculated youngsters. A 6-year-old Detroit boy was taken sick 11 days after treatment of vaccine produced by Parke, Davis & Co. laboratories.

The company declined comment except to say "we have confidence in our vaccine." And Michigan health authorities noted that two children, spaced several weeks apart, are considered necessary to build up any substantial immunity.

Some 44 cases, 41 of them paralytic, had been reported as of yesterday. The health service said there had been four deaths—two in Idaho and one each in Louisiana and Hawaii.



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER reaches into a loaded rural mailbox, a replica of the one at his Gettysburg, Pa., farm, to receive the gift presented to him by members of the Congressional Club, an organization of wives of congressmen and former congressmen. The Chief Executive addressed the group informally at their annual "breakfast," held this year as a luncheon affair at Washington, D. C. (AP Wirephoto)

## Rodney Brodie Stricken Surviving Siamese Twin Near Death

CHICAGO — (AP) — Rodney Brodie, who made medical history two and a half years ago by becoming the first head-injured Siamese twin to survive separation, is in grave condition following an unexpected setback.

University of Illinois Research Hospital said the famous 3½-year-old boy has a brain hemorrhage which doctors are unable to check. Rodney has been in a coma since early yesterday.

Doctors say there is no apparent injury to Rodney's brain, which has been without a hard covering, and that they have been unable to determine the cause of the bleeding.

The younger, who had been living a normal life at his family's Ferris, Ill., farm home, was returned to the hospital Tuesday after his parents noticed he had not eaten and was lethargic and did not run.

Surgeons discovered the internal bleeding in an exploratory operation Thursday, but the setback was a serious chance to survive.

## Ash Pit In Nevada May Yield Oldest American Evening Prayer

LOS ANGELES — Dry bones given the right of investigation by an ash pit in southern Nevada may hold the answer to what the earliest American looked like.

Archaeologist Mark R. Harrington leaves today with a scientific expedition for the ash pit "some 100 miles from here," he said exactly where.

"We don't want a bunch of tourists to trample things up," he said. "Bones of giant sloths and other extinct animals have been found in the ashes. The condition of the bones indicates the animals were eaten by men."

"Since the ashes were found by the Carbon 14 test to be more than 22,000 years old, we may find the earliest evidence of man on this continent buried in that pit," Harrington said.

He explained the Carbon 14 test determines the age of the carbon in the ashes by means of measuring radiation. A super-sensitive Geiger counter is used and the radiation decreases as the age increases. When no radiation can be measured the carbon is assumed to be more than 22,000 years old.

The original discovery of the site was made by Fenley Hunter, representing the American Museum of Natural History. The Southwest Museum here, where Harrington is curator, has been

## Republican Job Claims Are Disputed

WASHINGTON — Some Republicans said today a new gain in employment—if the trend continues—promises to undermine a potential Democratic issue in the 1956 presidential campaign.

But some Democrats insisted an April figure of 61,683,000 persons working on civilian jobs is "misleading," arguing there is critical unemployment in many areas of the country. A joint report yesterday by the Labor and Commerce Departments also said unemployment dropped by 200,000 to 2,962,000.

Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) said the report that employment rose by a record 1,200,000 from early March to early April "entirely justifies the predictions the administration stuck to last year when Democrats were crying depression."

Sen. Kuchel (R-Calif.) said in a separate interview that if the trend continues "it certainly will destroy a Democratic campaign issue for 1956."

**AGREE ON BENEFIT**  
On the other hand, Sen. Kilgore (D-Wa.) contended the government report overlooked what he said was serious unemployment in many regions.

"This unemployment is going to hurt the Republicans next year," Kilgore asserted. "No matter what the statistics say, you can't convince a man he has a job if he doesn't have one."

Sen. Hill (D-Ill.) said the total employment figure is "misleading" because he contended it doesn't take into account an increase in the total labor supply. Hill noted that factory jobs were still well below the postwar record for April 1952.

"In spite of the figures, we unfortunately still have a very considerable amount of unemployment in Alabama," he said. "There are far too many people out of jobs and unable to find them. The situation in Alabama is only part of the picture."

## Germany Surrendered 10 Years Ago Today

REIMS, France — Ten years ago today Gen. Alfred Gustav Joffe strode into the map room at Allied headquarters here to surrender Germany's armed forces.

The big red-brown trade school across the railway cut, once Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, keeps the surrender room as it was at 2:41 a.m. May 7, 1945. Huge colored maps paper the wall, showing the advance of the Allied forces.

The Germans tried to give up to the Western powers alone, pleading there were six million German refugees in Eastern Europe and they had to keep fighting the Russians to protect the refugees. But Allied policy called for unconditional surrender of the Germans. Eisenhower insisted they give up to all. He got his way.



THEY HAVE BEEN MONEY POOR all their lives, but Emory Harrison (right) and his wife, Thelma, have been endowed with the blessing of 13 sons and the ability to raise them properly. Harrison explains it by saying simply we taught them to obey us, never to bother anybody, and never to pick up anything that belonged to anybody else. The family was brought to New York City from their country farm near Johnson City, Tenn., by a clothing firm. (AP Wirephoto)

## Despite New Violence L & N Peace Believed Near

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The end of the 14-state Louisville & Nashville Railroad strike on May 7th day next Monday appears likely today as the result of all night efforts to reach an agreement.

Even as negotiators worked in Washington on a basis for arbitrating the dispute, new dynamite blasts caused more damage to railroad property.

Two freight trains were derailed in Kentucky and a mainline bridge was damaged in Alabama.

In the Southern Bell Telephone Co. strike, also 55 days old today, another explosion in Chattanooga caused "considerable damage" to local circuits.

An exchange of statements was the only development on the negotiating front in that walkout.

**REACH BASIS**  
Management and union representatives working with the National Mediation Board were reported to have reached a broad basis for ending the rail strike and sending the issues to arbitration.

Negotiators said it would be later today before final details may be ironed out for halting the longest railroad strike since 1933.

The latest dynamite blast at a 47-foot trestle over Bushy Creek south of Birmingham made the L&N main line impassable.

Division Sup. F. W. Kirschner said he also is investigating a report that another bridge north of Birmingham had been damaged.

In Kentucky, five diesel units and 12 freight cars were derailed by dynamite near Corbin and three cars of another freight jumped rails buckled by dynamite between Corbin and Louisville.

**ANGRY EXCHANGE**  
The railroad negotiators went back into session yesterday after an angry exchange of statements over gunshots that left one striker dead and seriously wounded another.

A railroad guard was wounded fatally last night in Kentucky but state police said "at this time the shooting is considered accidental."

## Parts Of U. S. Wet, Windy

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
It was wet and windy in some parts of the midcontinent but generally dry and pleasant spring weather appeared in prospect for most of the country today.

Thunderstorms or showers hit areas early today from the northern Great Lakes region southward across the middle Mississippi Valley to eastern sections of the Central Plains. Thunder showers also were reported in Central Texas.

Tenacious winds struck areas in Texas and low yesterday killing one woman and causing heavy property damage. Mrs. Mamie Bennett, 35, manager of a shoe plant in Temple, Tex., was killed when the strong winds ripped off the plant's roof and collapsed the walls. One man was seriously injured. Heavy hail and rain fell in central Texas.

Strong winds also swept the area from Indiana, Iowa, and Des Moines, but no injuries were reported.

## Our Weather

Increasing cloudiness and warm today. Mostly clear and mild tonight. Showers and scattered thunderstorms tomorrow. Low tonight—40.

High tomorrow—54. Low tomorrow—34. High tomorrow—54. Sunrise 5:30 a.m. Sunset 7:13 p.m.

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## Findings In Test Shelters Answer To Atom Weapons?

By BILL BECKER  
SURVIVAL CITY, Nev. — Man-made steel, concrete and earth shelters may be the man's most terrifying weapons, atomic and thermonuclear bombs.

That appears today to be the foremost tangible result of Operation Cue, the major Civil Defense test, and allied military experiments in Thursday's powerful atomic blast.

Two days in a concrete bathroom shelter lived through the blast that leveled the rest of one house 1/2 mile from Ground Zero. Mannequins in shelters in another shrouded house were unharmed.

And the commander of Task Force Bager, the tank group which rode out the blast in 55 tanks of 3,100 yards, said they might have been twice as close without damage.

**1,500-200 YARDS**  
"I believe we could move them in 2,000 yards, and some of our people say 1,500," declared Lt. Col. John G. Wheelock of Saigon, Mich.

Fifteen hundred yards is closer than the first row of houses in Operation Cue.

Moreover, scores of test dogs, rats, guinea pigs and mice survived the blast in shelters, both surface and underground, from 1,000 to 2,700 feet. R. L. Corbridge, director of civil effects tests for the Atomic Energy Commission, said 24 hours later, "I doubt that any were killed."

Civil Defense heads were envious of the results.

## H. L. Hunt's Wife Is Dead

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Mrs. Lydia Bunker Hunt, 66, wife of Dallas, Tex., oilman H. L. Hunt, reportedly one of the world's richest men, died last night after a short illness.

Mrs. Hunt was flown to Rochester from Dallas Monday for special treatment after suffering a stroke several days before.

Hunt, two daughters, Mrs. Loyd B. Sands and Mrs. A. G. Hill, and four sons, Hassie, Nelson, William Herbert and Lamar, all accompanied the stricken woman to the chartered DC-6 which flew her here.

Mrs. Hunt was born Jan. 26, 1889 in Lake Village, Ark. A graduate of Maddox Preparatory School for Girls in Little Rock, Ark., she also attended Pate College at Bowling Green, Ky. She and Hunt were married in 1914. They lived in Eldorado, Ark., until 1922 when they moved to Tyler, Tex., and moved to Dallas in 1927. Their home is a replica (though much larger) than the home of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Va.

**FIRST AIRCRAFT CONVERSION**  
In flight from helicopter to conventional airplane was made by this craft, the McDonnell XV-1 Convertiplane. It has a rotor and pusher-type propeller behind the cabin. (AP Wirephoto)