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Weak Testing Rules Blame In Cutter Case

Government Reports On Vaccine

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government today blamed the Cutter polio vaccine incident on "fundamental weaknesses" in its own now-discarded safety testing procedures.

It said new standards provided "adequate safeguards" against infective amounts of live virus again being injected into healthy children.

The Public Health Service report on a four-month investigation said some lots of Cutter vaccine contained live virus and caused polio but that scientists were unable to determine the exact reasons why the live virus was present.

FIRM CLEARLED

It is in effect cleared the Berkeley, Calif., concern of negligence with these words:

"The equipment, the physical arrangements and the routine handling procedures of the Cutter Laboratories were checked in detail to indicate any deficiencies in them might have led to contamination. Nothing was found to indicate that the infective amount of live virus in Cutter vaccine were attributable to contamination."

Cutter Laboratories called the health service statement a "courtesy report affirming our faith that no negligence or incompetence would be found."

A company statement added: "While naturally relieved that no vaccinees had been affected, we cannot remove our continuing deep regret for those who have been affected."

TO CONTINUE WORK

Arthur Beckley, vice president of Cutter, said in response to a question that his company intends to continue manufacturing polio vaccine.

With aid of a group of specialists in virus medicine, the health service adopted new production and testing standards before giving a go ahead for resumption of vaccinations.

Mr. Beckley said the study of the Cutter vaccine was begun.

Today's report, giving the results of that study, had this to say in its concluding section of "comment and summary":

"A study of poliomyelitis is being conducted by the U. S. Public Health Service."

SEEK AWAY FROM 16-A

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Evening Prayer

Almighty God, help us this day, and always, to test the brightness of the light of our lives by the radiance and brilliance of the life of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. In our Redeemers name we ask it, Amen.

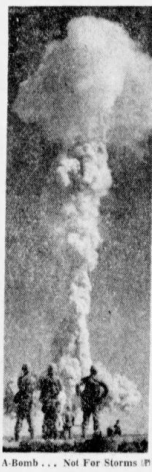
Would Encourage Hurricane A-Bomb Won't Help A Bit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Weather Bureau says the explosion of an atomic bomb within a hurricane probably would increase rather than diminish the storm's fury.

The proposal, made originally by Sen. Scott (D-N.C.), was raised recently by a Texas petroleum geophysicist in a letter to Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), who passed the query on to the government's weather experts.

F. W. Reichelderfer, chief of the Weather Bureau, in a letter Johnson released today said the possibility of such experiments had been given considerable study. The Texas scientist, A. L. Thomas of Gonzales, had suggested such an explosion at least might cause a hurricane to veer or to sea if not dissipate.

"From all we know at present," Reichelderfer wrote, "the explosion of an atomic bomb within a hurricane would be more likely to increase the intensity of the storm than to decrease it, but we believe the effect would be small in any event."



A Bomb ... Not For Storms

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CASH OR TRADE

"Such sales could be made for either cash, or in exchange for items stocks-materials to which we have a need," declared Scott, who is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Scott told the farm group that to him, "the trend that our farm economy has taken in the past few years presents a very sickening and frightening picture."

"What is most alarming it appears that the attending physician, Dr. Ezra Benson, is administering poison to the patient when the family's bank is turned—whether he means or not."

He said he had in mind "the revelation that Secretary of Agriculture Benson has been dabbling in the cheese market."

The deal I am talking about involved 68 million pounds of cheese and profits of more than two million dollars for a tight little group of speculators on the inside," Scott said.

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Edith, They Say, Is On Way Well... Here We Go Again

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—The year's fifth hurricane, Edith, spun ominously over the open Atlantic today and one of the top storm warning experts here said it was likely to have a force of 125 miles an hour or better by Saturday.

Gordon Dunn, chief storm forecaster of the Weather Bureau's Hurricane Center here, said Edith's winds at present were about 80 m.p.h. She was centered at 11 a. m. near latitude 23.3 north, longitude 59.8 west, or 350 miles northeast of Puerto Rico.

That location placed its center about 120 miles southeast of Miami and the same distance south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, N.C.

"Edith is a smaller, more concentrated storm than either Connie or Diane," said Dunn. "Her spawning ground was in the same general area as the other two, although Edith moved farther west in wave form than the others before spawning into a hurricane."

"This caused us to believe there is some persistent factor in the area which is causing storms to develop there. It is farther north than the usual breeding ground."

SAME OLD ROUTE

The storm's path is such that Edith probably will move in a westerly direction—either northwest or east-northeast for the next two days, at least. That's the same route that Connie and Diane followed. Edith will require a lot of close watching.

"Being more concentrated at the outset, Edith can be expected to show greater intensification by Saturday 1 expect her to have winds of 125 to 135 miles an hour near her center."

The storm's forward movement was toward the west-northwest at about 13 m.p.h. Gales extended outward 130 miles to the north and east and 50 miles to the south and west of the center.

Connie brought devastating winds and heavy rains earlier this month that forecasters knew another party, police said.

Diane followed last week. It caused the heaviest floods on record in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, leaving out in Canada.

In the extreme eastern Gulf of Mexico, a weak easterly wave was moving very slowly. Its crest west of a line between Havana and Key West.

The easterly wave—a hand of bad weather moving from east to west—had winds of 10 to 15 m.p.h. and stronger in showers, the Miami Weather Bureau said. So far it has shown no signs of developing into a tropical storm.

Schmidt And Rewed Wife Reconciled

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Airman Daniel Schmidt and the wife who said she had married another man, were back together today—apparently reconciled and happy.

The wife, Uva, arrived here late yesterday afternoon and their reunion "was something wonderful to see," a neighbor reported.

They promptly went into seclusion and were reported to be at an Oregon beach resort today.

Schmidt was released from a Red Chinese prison last month to learn his wife said she had thought him dead and had married another man. In California, where he spent three weeks trying to unravel his problem, Schmidt filed for divorce and asked custody of their small son.

But, said the neighbor, "He loved her and she loved him and they never had a chance to get together. Since he got back they had only seen each other across a desk with a lawyer present. You can't settle anything that way."

The neighbor—Mrs. Robert Thomas—said she understood arrangements for the trip here were completed shortly after Schmidt arrived here Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Ray Peters.

Unusual Circumstances Cop's Socialite Wife Found Dead

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A 22-year-old Philadelphia socialite who last June 24 eloped without her family's consent with a Miami, Fla., motorcycle policeman, was found dead last night under circumstances described as unusual by police.

Mrs. Doris Silver Ostreicher, daughter of Herman Silver, vice president of Food Fair, Inc., a large grocery chain on the eastern seaboard, died in the apartment of long-time friends near a social visit.

The attractive red-haired girl received nationwide publicity a few months ago when she ran off unexpectedly with Earl Michael Ostreicher, 28-year-old Miami policeman.

Police said a copy of their report was submitted to the homicide squad because of the unusual circumstances surrounding the death. Dr. Samuel Manstein, a physician who lived near the apartment of the Ostreicher girl was visiting, pronounced her dead and said he was unable to determine the cause of death.

Occupants of the apartment where Mrs. Ostreicher died included her husband. Her family lives in exclusive Melrose Park, a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia.

Ostreicher was notified of his wife's death in Miami Beach last night and was given emergency leave by the police department. He left Miami via plane.

The Silver girl and Ostreicher eloped to Folkston, Ga., while she was visiting relatives in Miami Beach last June. The marriage took her family by surprise. She had known Ostreicher, a handsome young man, only a few weeks, relatives said at the time.

The official police report gave this account of an investigation by Detective Nathan Smith:

"The girl arrived in company with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Silver."

Bride Wore Only Dress She Had, Groom Wore Fatigues In Wedding

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—It wasn't a stylish wedding—but only because a big flood ruined the town.

The bride wore the only dress she didn't lose in the flood.

The bridegroom wore his National Guard fatigues uniform and he was haggard from long flood duty.

They knelt on pieces of cardboard in Sacred Heart Catholic Church to protect them from flood waters.

Shirley Malo, 18, and Norman St. Germaine had planned a stylish wedding with formal clothes and scores of invited guests.

Instead, only a handful could reach the church in a badly battered part of town.

A reporter gave the pretty bride away in marriage last night because her father became ill after the flood.

Another reporter served as altar boy. A newspaper photographer was one of the official witnesses.

CANDLELIGHT

The Rev. Mos Ledoux married them by candlelight. There was no choice since there weren't lights in parts of town for a long while yet.

St. Germaine and Miss Malo originally were to be married last Friday, the day of the flood. They got away to church in the flood waters, engulfed their car.

A policeman rescued them and brought them to a nearby house. Several hours later they were evacuated from the house with a rope thrown to them by a friend.

They boarded a small boat

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and moderate; warm today and tomorrow. High tomorrow, 89. High today, 78.

Low this morning, 66. Low tonight, 65.

Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.; sunset, 6:59 p.m.

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15-Year-Old Boy Held In Death Of Girl, 11

SACO, Maine (AP)—An 11-year-old girl's nude and battered body was found in woods here early today and police Sgt. William Lombard said a 15-year-old boy had allegedly admitted killing her.

The victim, Doris Trudeau, had been reported missing by her parents late yesterday.

Lombard said that Fortunat Michael is being held without charge.

The Michael boy was under questioning by County Atty. William P. Donahue and City Marshal Raymond Kerry.

Police said Fortunat led them to the body in woods behind the Edwards plant of the Saco-Lowell shops of North York, N.H.

Doris' disappearance had been broadcast last night by Biddeford radio station WIDE and another boy told police he had seen the missing girl in Michael's possession.

The girl's body was sent to Portland for an autopsy. Medical examiner William T. Roussin, after preliminary examination, said the girl had died about three hours before the body was found. He said immediate cause of death appeared to be exposure.

Doris was reported missing when her father, Albert, arrived home from work in a machine shop and wondered why she hadn't returned from play. The Trudeau family also worried because the child had been under treatment for a heart condition.

Besides her parents, the girl leaves four brothers.