

## DEGAULLE GROUP REASSEMBLEMENT

Second Significant Movement In The Last Week

PARIS, Dec. 27. — (AP)—The Rightist followers of Gen. Charles De Gaulle announced today the organization of a youth movement to be known as the "Rassemblement de la Jeunesse Francaise."

It was the second significant development in French politics in the last week of 1947. The split in the French labor movement, was brought about by organization of the anti-communist "workers force" under the leadership of Leon Jouhaux.

Both movements can be attributed to the recent month-long strike which all but wrecked France's fuel and transportation systems. The "workers force" stems directly from a split Jouhaux had with communist labor leaders during the strike. The youth movement, observers feel, stems from the strength De Gaulle camp leaders claim following a marked turn to the right in French public opinion.

When communist elements in the National Federation of Labor (CGT) formed a strike committee and began issuing orders to the unions without consulting Jouhaux, the veteran French organizer led 1,000,000 of his followers from the communist dominated CGT, estimated at between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 members.

In the past week Jouhaux has been organizing the new group and there is talk of holding a constituent congress to form the central organization of a trade union that will be in direct opposition to the communists.

Jouhaux's followers make no secret of the fact that they are angling for the approval of the world federation of trade unions. During the last executive committee meeting in Paris, James B. Carey, American delegate and CIO leader, declared "all the world knows what Leon Jouhaux had done for the labor movement."

The youth organization, at its conception no different than any one of a dozen other young people groups in France, is important for two reasons, observers feel—its potential size and its

## Plastics As An Aid To Life Described

By FRANK CAREY Associated Press Science Reporter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Temporary plastic substance replacements for human bone have been developed in research sponsored by the U.S. navy, the American association for the Advancement of Science was told today.

Captain C. W. Shilling, chief of the medical sciences program of the Office of Naval Research (ONR), reporting on some of the developments in American research institutions on projects aided by navy funds, told the association's 114th meeting in a prepared address:

"A successful method has been devised of replacement of diseased bones with inactive plastic substances, thus enabling the early rehabilitation of the patients, while the (plastic) material for the devising of an artificial joint seems to be a definite possibility."

He gave no amplification of the technique, but added: "The use of this (plastic) material for the devising of an artificial joint seems to be a definite possibility."

Shilling, who was not immediately available to supply further details, also listed these developments:

"A neurosurgeon has developed a successful technique for (stretching) nerves and thus allowing reinnervation of damaged limbs."

"A new method of arterial grafting, making it possible for the first time to permanently repair injured sections of arteries without restriction of blood flow has been developed."

He further stated that in research aimed at curing certain bone disorders and certain types of cancer by means of radiation "success has been obtained in devising an automatic machine so that patients can be treated with the exact dose of radium for a definite period of time."

In the field of germ-life, he said, it has been demonstrated that certain bacteria (meningococci) can be grown in the presence of the drug streptomycin "and in addition some strains become dependent upon the antibiotic for essential growth factors."

"This indicates," he said, indication that De Gaulle's French people party plans on being a factor in political affairs for a long time.

"care must be exercised in the use of antibiotics in the treatment of disease."

Shilling declared the navy had a particular interest in research on "motion sickness" designed to develop methods for the reduction of this condition in sea and airborne personnel.

"Laboratory experiments," he said, "have been conducted on dogs, monkeys and humans relative to intensity and duration of motion required to produce motion sickness; and various positions, and other measures have been tried out to determine the most effective method of reducing it."

"Results are sufficiently promising to be tried out in a field test at an amphibious training station next summer."

Rear Admiral Paul F. Lee, head of the Office of Naval Research, said ONR now has about 700 basic research projects "in 132 colleges, universities and non-profit institutions."

"By the end of this fiscal year," he said, "we will have obligated approximately \$53,000,000 for the support of this program."

Asserting that "one of the most serious problems we face today is the participation of scientists in our federal government," Admiral Lee said:

"It is my hope that there be built up in this country a tradition that scientists should devote a portion of their careers to government service. I believe this to be their duty, not only to our country, but to science as well."

## Obituaries

ASA L. CROOM

As Lovve Croom, 39, of Burgaw, died at Veterans Facility hospital, Oteen, N. C. December 26.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Burgaw Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Revs. P. L. Clark, William Poole, and R. E. Walston. Burial will follow in the Burgaw Cemetery, with full military honors by American Legion Post No. 10.

Croom was the son of Mrs. Annie Highsmith Croom and the late Finley Tate Croom of Burgaw, and is survived by his mother and three brothers, Finley T. and Woodrow S. of Burgaw, and Rodney B. of Wilmington.

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