

## Polio Foundation Plans For Program To Test Vaccine

### 500,000 to Million School Children Involved In Mass Vaccination

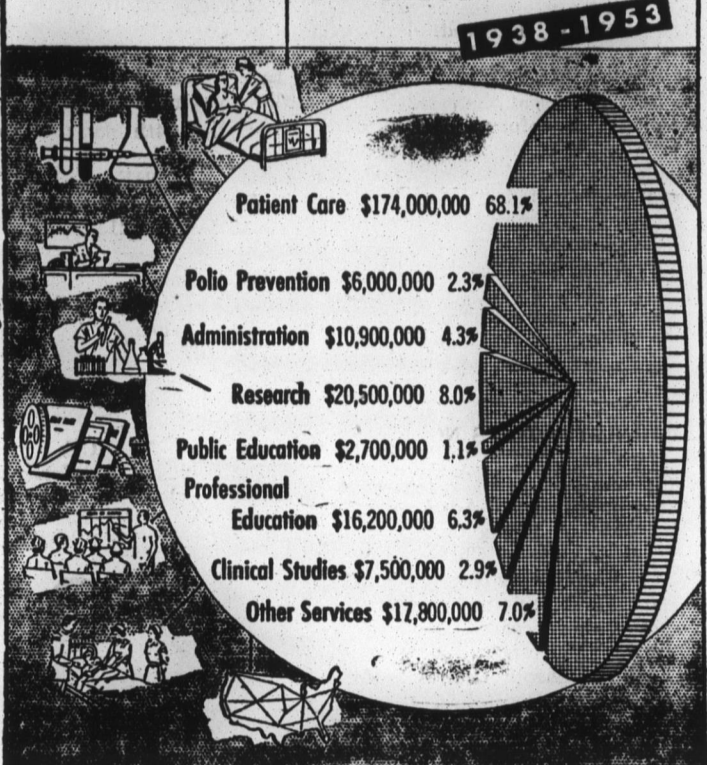
A nationwide study to determine the effectiveness of a polio vaccine in preventing paralytic polio will get underway in one or more southern states during the week of February 8, 1954. This study is announced by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

In a gradually expanding program, more than two hundred counties throughout the United States will be involved before the mass vaccination project ends by June 1, 1954. During that period, 500,000 to 1,000,000 school children of the second grade will have taken part in one of the largest studies of its kind ever undertaken. Participation will be on a voluntary basis with the consent of the child's parents or legal guardians. Final results of the evaluation study are not expected until some time in 1955.

In general, school children of the second grade will be vaccinated during a non-epidemic period and then observed during a subsequent polio epidemic to evaluate the protective effects of the vaccine. The basic factor for determining the protective effects of the vaccine will be a comparison of the incidence of paralytic polio in the vaccinated group with that of children in the first and third school grades.

In announcing the vaccine study, Mr. O'Connor emphasized that the uniqueness of the project was not merely its size. "For the past sixteen years," he said, "millions of Americans have actively supported scientists in the laboratory helping them create this new potential weapon against polio. And now they will continue that cooperation and help prove whether we have really reach-

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ed our goal—the conquest of polio." In the counties selected for the study, local physicians will administer the vaccine under the supervision of the county health officer. Members of the National Foundation's 3,100 chapters will participate as volunteers in providing the many non-professional services required in the mass vaccinations. Other community and civic groups also will play a leading role in easing the task of vaccinating a half million or more children in hundreds of communities throughout the nation.

The two hundred or more counties to be included in the vaccine validity study are being selected mainly on the basis of a previous polio history that will provide a statistically significant result.

## Weekly Devotional Column

By JAMES MacKENZIE

An extremely important article appeared recently in the "Biblical Recorder," which is the official publication of the North Carolina State Convention of the Southern Baptist (Missionary Baptist) denomination. It was unique in that, while it appeared in a Baptist paper, it was copied from a Methodist paper, and quoted an Episcopal Bishop, and the moderator of the Northern Presbyterian Church, and the president of Princeton Seminary, which, I believe, is the largest Protestant seminary in the United States. Further, it touched upon a political issue, and Baptists are notorious for refusing to meddle in politics.

The political issue was the recent, ill-fated attempt by a non-Protestant Senator to use his position to dishonestly smear some 7,000 Protestant ministers as communists, or commun-

ist dupes. This was an attack on Protestantism as such, not upon modernism, or fundamentalism; and it was a deliberate, organized, below-the-belt attempt by members of another faith to falsify the facts of history, which testify unanimously that Protestantism always has been, and still is, the mother of democracy, and the only successful foe of dictatorship.

For example, our American ideal of separation of Church and State, of which the senator seems to be ignorant, is primarily a Baptist ideal. All the great social reforms of the past century and a half are a direct outgrowth of the Methodist revival. And, I blush to mention it, our American concept of government, a representative democracy, with three branches, and two legislative houses, is patterned after the government of the Presbyterian Church. Indeed, our modern concept of democracy itself, as well as our capitalistic system, stem from the theology and the economic philosophy of that great Christian, John Calvin.

Further, one look at a map of the world will convince anyone who is neither blind to truth nor hopelessly stupid that it is the Protestant countries which are making the stand against communism, and the non-Protestant countries which have succumbed to it. Italy, for example, 99.7 per cent of whose population belongs to a non-Protestant denomination, has the largest communist party outside of Russia, and would have long since turned communist had it not been for economic assistance from Protestant America. As long as the senator from Wisconsin wishes to investigate communist dupes within the churches, I suggest he begin with his own denomination. It was the head of the senator's denomination who unwittingly played into communist hands by urging our president to spare the lives of convicted communist spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (sticking his roman nose into something that is none of his business, by the way, since "His Holiness" is not an American citizen, and therefore in

no position to tell us how to run our government).

Three cheers and a box of sugar-candy to a Baptist paper that has the courage to tell the truth, even at the cost of humbling itself and quoting a Methodist, an Episcopalian, and, let's face it, a Presbyterian.

## Army Man To 'Look Sharp' With New Socks

The Army is dressing up its enlisted man all the way down to his toes. Realizing that the soldier wants to look sharp from head to toe when he leaves the barracks, the Army has taken steps to provide a G.I. sock which dresses up the enlisted man's uniform.

The old sock was an "admirable foot covering" but contributed nothing to the soldier's appearance, the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers notes.

The new sock is a handsome ribbed style made of the finest mercurized cotton yarn. Hosiery experts have been working with the Army for months to get the best possible

appearance in the sock while keeping the low cost enough to avoid extra burden on the G. I. uniform budget.

In commenting on the new item, an Army officer noted, "Lack of an attractive sock does to a soldier's uniform what lack of a front tooth does to his face. It may not be so important in itself, but it ruins the whole effect."

## Pfc. Robert G. Ward Stationed In Japan

Army Pfc. Robert G. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ward of Tyner is serving in Beppu, Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat team.

The 187th "Rakkasans," who made two combat jumps into Korea and fought with nearly every UN division, were anchoring the right flank of the 2d Division at the time of the cease fire. They are now stationed

at Beppu as part of the security force. Ward, a gunner, joined the 187th last June. In the Army since February, 1951, he has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the Korean and UN Service Ribbons.

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