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# Flu Cancels 128th LDS Conference

## Faubus - Riot Link Hinted

By BRYCE MILLER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (UP)—Federal agents investigated Friday Mayor Woodrow Wilson Mann's charges that a close friend of Gov. Orval Faubus was a "principal agitator" of last Monday's violence at Central High School.

## Court Blocks Elections By Teamsters

By HUGH MORRIS  
WASHINGTON (INS)—A federal judge Friday granted a temporary injunction to stop the Teamsters elections scheduled to start in Miami Monday.

The order was granted by Judge F. Dickinson Letts after 13 rank and file members from New York charged the elections are "rigged" in favor of James R. Hoffa to succeed Dave Beck as president of the nation's largest union.

Letts earlier refused to delay the proceedings and denied a motion by Teamsters attorneys to dismiss the suit.

The New York members charged that the union—largest in the nation—has been captured from the decent elements and is being run like a Fascist dictatorship.

Their attorney, Godfrey Schmidt, declared that the New Yorkers have been disgraced by the "notorious chicanery and corruption of the high officials of this organization."

Teamster Counsel Martin P. O'Donoghue argued that alleged breaches of trust by the retiring Beck, Hoffa and other union officials have nothing to do with local elections of delegates.

Furthermore, O'Donoghue claimed, the 13 Teamsters who brought the suit, are guessing in advance at the outcome and have "blackened the character of each delegate" by saying the election "is rigged."

The counsel for the international sought dismissal of the case on grounds that the court lacked jurisdiction, that the 13 Teamsters were not representative of the membership and that they had not exhausted all sources within the union by challenging delegates before the credentials committee.

In answer, Schmidt produced 198 affidavits which he said showed there had been no local election of delegates. See ELECTIONS on Page A-2

## No Conference In Salt Lake City This Fall



Upon recommendation of the Utah State Health officials, the First Presidency of the Church Friday canceled the Semi-Annual Conference, scheduled Oct. 4, 5 and 6. The health authorities suggested that everything should be done to avoid crowds such as the one above, taken at last spring's General Conference.

## Riveter Arrested For Kidnaping Boy

EVERETT, WASH. (UP)—A 20-year-old riveter was booked on a charge of kidnaping here Friday. He allegedly admitted he abducted 8-year-old Lee Cray and sent a note to the boy's parents demanding \$10,000 ransom. The man's common-law wife was charged as an accessory.

The boy who suffers from rheumatic fever, was found Thursday afternoon walking along a road 20 miles from his home in Edmonds, near Seattle.

He told FBI agents he had been kidnaped by "a real nice guy" shortly after he left home Monday evening but escaped Thursday morning by chewing through a belt which had been used to tie his arm around a tree. Lee said he had seen it done in an old western movie.

Statement Signed  
Tall, blond George Edward Collins Jr., of Everett, Wash., signed a 12-page statement admitting the story as essentially described by young Cray. Snohomish County Sheriff Bob Twitchell, who booked the Boeing Airplane Co. riveter, also held Catherine Myers, 21.

## Mrs. Roosevelt Meets Russian

MOSCOW, (UP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt met with Soviet Communist Party leader Nikita Khrushchev Friday at a Yalta villa not far from where her late husband conferred with Josef Stalin in 1944.

A Tass dispatch from the Black Sea coast said that "during the reception, a conversation was held between Khrushchev and Mrs. Roosevelt which passed in a warm and friendly atmosphere."

No further details were immediately available.

## History Repeats As Flu Cancels LDS Conference

This is the second time in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that a General Conference has been cancelled or changed due to an influenza epidemic.

It was in April of 1919 that the First Presidency postponed the conference until the following June 1 (Sunday) when the opening session of the 88th annual conference was conducted by President Heber J. Grant.

Outstanding feature of that conference was the sustaining of President Grant as president of the Church succeeding President Joseph F. Smith, who died Nov. 19, 1918. During World War II conferences were curtailed because of transportation problems.

## Romulo Scoffs At Dad Claim

## Asian Flu Wave Still Spreads Throughout Utah

Utah's 10-day-old flu epidemic continued to spread across the state Friday in a scattered patchwork pattern.

School absenteeism was running 20 to 50 per cent in some areas with Salt Lake City and northern counties of the state hit very hard.

Dr. Joseph P. Kesler, acting director, State Health Department, said the disease was apparently spreading throughout the entire state, but at a slower rate than anticipated.

A total of 10,772 new doses of flu vaccine arrived in Utah Thursday, making a total of 29,118 doses received by the state so far.

However, a national Public Health Service official said that

## Fear Of Epidemic Brings Decision

The First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Friday canceled all sessions of the scheduled October 128th semi-annual Church conference because of the threat posed by Utah's flu epidemic.

Conference sessions were slated to be held in Salt Lake City Oct. 4-6.

The First Presidency said the action was taken after consultations with the Utah State Health Department.

To Reach Peak  
Also recommended was cancellation of all missionary reunions and other similar gatherings scheduled in connection with the conference.

Church officials said they were told by Health Department leaders that the Utah flu epidemic was expected to reach its height "about Oct. 4."

Taken into consideration by the First Presidency in their decision was the fact that Church members attend conference from all parts of the state and nation. If exposed to the flu virus, Church members on their return home could greatly increase the incidence and spread of the disease.

Text Given  
The full text of the First Presidency's statement follows: "To all members of the Church,

"With deep regret the First Presidency of the Church, with the concurrence of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, announces that out of regard for the health of the people, the semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, scheduled for Oct. 4, 5, and 6, 1957, together with all meetings, planned in connection therewith, will not be held."

"This will include specifically the general sessions of the conference, the General Priesthood Meeting, the meeting arranged by the Presiding Bishop for the dedication of the monument to the restoration of the Aronitic Priesthood, the General Relief Society conference, the General Conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union, the meeting provided for Welfare representatives, missionary reunions, and all other assemblies which bring the people in close contact with one another.

"We are chiefly persuaded to this decision from the opinion we have received from the Utah State Health Department of Health, the members of which at our request have given careful consideration to the matter.

"In a written opinion received from this department the state of Utah about Oct. 4, we quote one excerpt: "No exact prediction can be made as to whether conference would be disrupted with an attack rate of Asian flu, but in See CONFERENCE, Page A-12

"We are consulted with all public agencies available to us which are concerned in the problems of health, and whose opinion on the extent and progress of the influenza epidemic we regard as helpful in reaching a decision.

"Public health officials have emphasized time and again that although the new virus was expected to hit as many as one in every three Americans the illness would not be serious. Whether this pattern will continue when the winter wave hits is another matter, however.

Assistant Surgeon General William Stewart said the state health officials of Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi and Utah has informed the U.S. Public Health Service that Asian flu was epidemic in their areas. He said that east Texas also has been designated as an epidemic area. Stewart indicated that the

## Asia Flu Toll Hits 222,650 Across Nation

By EDWIN DIAMOND

WASHINGTON (INS)—The U.S. Public Health Service Friday estimated there were 122,650 new cases of Asian flu across the nation during the past week, with 46 states reporting scattered to "epidemic" outbreaks.

These new cases bring the total Asian flu toll to 222,650—more than double the cumulative total for the previous 14 weeks. An estimated 190,000 cases had been reported from early June through the last reported week.

The service said the figures were "incomplete." Latest figures from Louisiana, where an epidemic has been officially proclaimed, were not available for inclusion in the report.

Utah Included  
New cases were heavily concentrated in Arizona, Mississippi, east Texas and Utah—all designated as epidemic areas by local and state health officials.

Dr. C. C. Dauer, PHS official who prepared the weekly tolls, cautioned that it was still too early to say definitely that the first full-scale wave of Asian flu was sweeping through the nation.

He did indicate, however, that the flu outbreaks seemed lined to the opening of schools. "Public health officials noted a bright spot amid this rising tide of new cases spreading throughout the nation: the absence of a relatively innocuous illness—at least in this early fall wave."

"Many Instances"  
One official put it this way: "There have been many instances reported of persons being hit by the virus, running a few days of 102-104 degree temperature, missing a few days of work or school and then bouncing right back again."

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## BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
New York 401 box xxx  
Boston 402 box xxx  
Curtis and Herrs, Johnson (21)  
Nixon and ...  
Ballgame at Washington (night)  
Chicago at Detroit (night)  
Kansas City at St. Louis (night)  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia (night)  
Cincinnati at Milwaukee (night)  
Chicago at St. Louis (night)  
(Other dates not scheduled.)