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Immunization program to focus on rare flu strain

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Two dozen of the nation's top scientists are meeting with President Ford amid reports that government health experts are recommending a massive campaign to inoculate every American against a rare and deadly flu strain.

Any such immunization program would be the largest in the nation's history and would be aimed at the swine flu virus, a strain that has been dormant for nearly a half century.

The swine flu strain was blamed for 20 million deaths world-wide during a 1918 epidemic that claimed more American lives than World War I combat. In all, 500,000 Americans died of the flu strain during the epidemic.

Last month, the virus killed an Army recruit and afflicted four other soldiers at Ft. Dix, N.J.

Since then, public health specialists have been weighing

whether a massive public inoculation program should be launched. The Washington Post said today that Ford's health advisers have concluded that such a program is needed.

Officials at the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta indicated that a decision would be announced shortly.

The center said Tuesday it would take nearly six months to produce enough vaccine to provide shots for 215 million Americans.

Estimates of the crash program's cost range from \$107 million to \$150 million. Pharmaceutical companies would use millions of fertilized chicken eggs as cultures to develop the vaccine.

The center reported last week that this winter's epidemic of A-Victoria type flu has passed its peak. Through February, the flu had caused 1,270 more deaths in the United States than the 3,700 flu and pneumonia deaths the center predicted for this winter.

Commencement exercises

Speaking honors shared

Leon Jaworski and Gen. Fred C. Weyand, Army chief of staff, will share speaking honors at Texas A&M centennial commencement exercises May 7-8.

Jaworski, widely honored for his service as special prosecutor for the Justice Department in the wake of Watergate, will speak May 7 at 7:30 p.m. ceremonies for candidates for



LEON JAWORSKI

graduate degrees and undergraduate degree recipients in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Education, Liberal Arts, Science and Geosciences.

Jaworski is a senior partner in the Houston law firm of Fulbright, Crooker & Jaworski and is a past president of the American Bar Association. Even prior to his role as special prosecutor for the federal government, he was widely hailed for his governmental service on both the national and state level. He also has served in top positions for numerous civic, educational and charitable organizations, as well as having made major contributions to the legal professions in various capacities.

General Weyand has been the Army's chief of staff since October 1974. He entered active duty in 1940 as a second lieutenant and was promoted to his current rank in 1970. He has held a variety of key line and staff assignments.

General Weyand will address undergraduate degree candidates from the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Business Administration,

Veterinary Medicine and Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources at 9 the following morning.

The general also will speak at 1:30 p.m. ceremonies the same day for degree recipients being commissioned into the military.

All three events will be held in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M President Jack K. Williams said dual commencement exercises are necessary to insure seating for families and friends of the centennial class, expected to total more than 2,300 students.



FRED C. WEYAND

Council to hear rezoning requests

Two public hearings concerning land rezoning will be held at the College Station City Council meeting Thursday night.

Brentwood Inc. has asked the council to rezone 50 acres of land from single family residential to duplex residential. The tract is located northeast of the intersection of South Texas Avenue and Southwest Parkway.

A request to rezone a 12-acre tract from single family residential to apartment building will be made by Edsel Jones of Mohawk Ltd. The land is located on the south side of Luther Street approximately 1000 feet west of Wellborn Road.

The council will also consider an application by Roy Ellis to operate a bus in College Station.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in city hall.

International Week to hold displays, films

International Week at Texas A&M will begin March 29 and last through April 2.

Sponsored by the International Students Association, the week will include displays, films, a banquet, a talent program and roundtable discussion.

Opening the week of activities will be a two-day international display in rooms 212, 224 and 225 of the Memorial Student Center and a Monday-only display in Evans Library. At 8 p.m., "To Die in Madrid," a documentary will be shown in Rudder Theater.

Tuesday, displays open at 11 a.m. There will be a banquet at 6:30 p.m. followed by a show at 8 p.m. in the MSC.

There will be a roundtable discussion at 3:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower on April 1, and on April 2 another feature length documentary, "One Quarter of Humanity," which will be shown in Rudder Theater. Admission to films is \$1.

Texas A&M has about 1,000 international students representing 75 nations.

Student lobbyists to confer

The National Student Lobby's (NSL) annual Lobbying Conference will be held April 2-6 in Washington, D.C.

Students will spend two days on Capitol Hill conferring with members of Congress and their staffs on economic and educational issues affecting students.

Congress is considering a supplemental appropriations bill that could add as much as \$792 million to the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants program for the coming school year. NSL is calling for a strong student turnout in order to demonstrate to Congress widespread concern about the need for the Basic Grants supplemental funds.

Students will learn how to lobby in a series of legislative briefings, workshops and training sessions which will include role-playing with members of Congress and public-interest lobbyists.

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