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At a conference in Paris of the French National Institute for Health Surveillance, Prof. Claude Desencios compared the current swine flu pandemic to the murderous 1918 flu, which killed 50-100 million people worldwide. Shown: an emergency hospital in Camp Funston, Ks., during the 1918 epidemic.

begun, 11 flu deaths were registered in Argentina over a 48-hour period, bringing the total deaths from H1N1 to 21. In Chile, death number 8—a 22-year-old dental student—was announced on June 25.

New Warnings from France

Meanwhile, at a conference in Paris today, the director of France's National Institute for Health Surveillance noted the similarities of this pandemic to the 1918 flu, which killed between 50 and 100 million worldwide. From information available to him, French specialist, Prof. Claude Desenclos said that the influenza deaths are tending to appear in the 20- to 30-year age group rather than primarily in the elderly, who are the usual victims of a seasonal flu. The virus causes bronchial irritation, creating the conditions for severe bacterial pneumonia and death through suffocation. In 1918, no antibiotics existed to fight such a bacterial infection, but today, the flu's deadliness is unexplained. Desenclos also noted that the WHO is not sharing the important information that is needed about severe cases.

In France, which is preparing for universal vaccination, there remains fear that the vaccine will arrive too late. It takes four months to produce it, and another two months to test it. Some experts spoke of scenarios from 40,000 to 120,000 dead by Winter.

Sane warnings are also being heard from China. A June 23 editorial in the *China Daily*, notes that the flu pandemic threat is not over, and expresses special concern for rural areas. Readers are warned not to let down their guard. "The real trouble is not that we cannot deal with its current symptoms, but that several countries are losing track of its chains of transmission," the government daily warns, noting that in a pandemic things could become much more difficult to control.

Sweden is preparing to vaccinate its population twice. Lacking its own vaccine production capabilities, Sweden has ordered two batches of 9 million doses each from United Kingdom producer GlaxoSmithKline. The hope is to protect the population in the early stages and at a later stage of evolution of the flu virus.

While every effort should be made to step up flu vaccine production, the ugly reality is, that even a worldwide gear-up for mass vaccination may not be

The Present Pandemic

June 21—There has been some blocking against reporting the implication of the fact that the complex of which the present, global flu pandemic is a part represents a true pandemic, and must be treated accordingly.

The additional cause for concern is the fact, that both Bertrand Russell and the World Wildlife Fund's Prince Philip have recommended a deadly pandemic as the means to be used for global population-control. This means that either the deploying of a pandemic, or condoning measures which would contribute to its spread, are the currently continuing British policy of the British interests behind U.S. President Obama's pro-Hitlerian health-care policies.

There is significance in determining which of the two means for promoting a pandemic is currently operating in the present situation; but, it makes little difference whether such a pandemic is being condoned, as Britain's puppet Obama has been doing, or actually cooked by such interests. The effect is approximately the same.

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