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JONAS SALK TO ADDRESS USD COMMENCEMENT

JUNE 1

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Diego, California

Jonas Salk, M.D., will address the University of San Diego's undergraduate and graduate students at their three o'clock commencement in the Civic Theatre on Saturday, June 1.

Dr. Jonas Salk was born in New York City in 1914. He attended the New York City public schools and was graduated from City College of New York in 1934. He received his M.D. in 1939 from New York University College of Medicine.

In 1942, Salk went to the University of Michigan, under a National Research Council Fellowship, sponsored by the National Foundation - March of Dimes. He remained in Ann Arbor for the next several years, carrying on intensive studies on the immunology of influenza viruses and immunization against influenza.

In 1947, he went to the University of Pittsburgh as Associate Research Professor of Bacteriology and Director of its Virus Research Laboratory. In 1949 he became a full Professor and in 1954 the Chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine.

While at Pittsburgh, Dr. Salk was engaged in classifying the many strains of poliovirus. In the course of this work observations were made bearing on the immunology of polio, pointing the way toward the development of vaccine for paralytic polio.

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In recognition of this and other contributions, the state of Pennsylvania, in 1955, created a newly endowed chair at the University of Pittsburgh, appointing Dr. Salk as the first Commonwealth Professor of Preventive Medicine. In 1965 Dr. Salk was presented with the Congressional Gold Medal as an expression of the nation's appreciation of his achievements.

In 1963 the Salk Institute, La Jolla, opened bringing together scientists in different fields to perform research concerned not just with scientific discovery, but with the implications of their work for man as an individual and as a social being. Today The Salk Institute for Biological Studies is referred to as a leading center of research.

Dr. Salk, as Director and Resident Fellow of the Institute, is engaged in the overall work of the Institute, as well as conducting research programs in his own laboratory. He is the author of two books, both published by Harper & Row: "Man Unfolding" first appeared in September 1972, and "The Survival of the Wisest", which was published in May 1973.

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