

Only Trickle of Salk Vaccine Available for Commercial Use

Editor's note: What's the low-down on the new polio vaccine? Is production and distribution going as planned? How long may it be before the supply meets the demand?

In an effort to get the answers to these and other pertinent questions on the new vaccine the United Press surveyed all the drug companies that are in production. The results are included in the following dispatch.

By JACK WOLISTON
United Press Correspondent

New York—(U.P.)—A survey of the six drug companies producing the Salk polio vaccine showed today that only a trickle of the fluid would be available for commercial channels until the "no charge" program of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is completed.

Even the foundation's program was lagging, but primarily it was a case of distribution—not production. The chief reason was the intensive scrutiny which each batch of vaccine must be given by government scientists to decide if it is safe for public use.

The survey of drug company officials showed that unless a child is between the ages of 6 and 10—the ages generally covered by the foundation program—his chances of getting the anti-polio vaccine through commercial channels in the next eight

weeks are rather slim. Vaccine shipments Tuesday night that five of the six companies manufacturing the vaccine had shipped enough of it to provide first shots for 4,173,120 children. This is not quite half of the 9,000,000 throughout the United States and its territories who are slated to get the two-shot, anti-polio treatment at foundation expense.

The companies manufacturing the vaccine are Cutter Laboratories, Eli Lilly Co., Parke-Davis Co., Pittman-Moore Co., Wyeth Laboratories, Inc., and Sharp and Dohme.

The shipments went to 24 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Southern California. Most of the 4,173,120 cubic centimeters of vaccine (one CC represents one shot) went to southern states, the foundation explained, because of the earlier incidence of polio and the earlier closing of schools in that area.

Officials said they felt sure that vaccine for first shots for the rest of the 9,000,000 children and for second shots for all of them would be available by the original target date, June 1. It depends on the speed with which the government certified the product as to safety, purity and potency.

Infinitesimal Amount

It was disclosed that to date only an infinitesimal amount of the vaccine had gone into commercial channels—not enough, drug firm officials said, to form the basis for any profitable "black market."

Most of the drug firms said they would not supply vaccine to commercial channels until they have completed their commitments to the National Foundation to supply two shots each for the 9,000,000 children. These include all children in the first and second grades, all children who participated in the 1954 field trials of the vaccine, and the 440,000 children who actually received the vaccine in 1954. The last group will receive booster doses only.

One unavoidable factor delaying shipment of the vaccine, drug firm officials said, was the strict tests which samples of each batch must undergo at the biologicals control laboratory of the National Institute of Health in Washington.

Eli Lilly Co. pointed out it had nine months' production on hand when the vaccine was approved for use by the government following release of the vaccine evaluation study April 12. It said each batch produced by the company during that period had to be re-tested after April 12 and the results of those tests sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH) for its okay.

Testing Period

The company said it took from 21 to 28 days to re-test each batch and prepare the scientific data which accompanied the test sample to the NIH. There, the sample and the written material comes under closest scrutiny by NIH scientists who approve it only if it meets federal

Medford Delegation To Attend KC Meeting

Grand Knight Rudolf J. Batzer, and a delegation from the Rogue River Council 1594, Knights of Columbus, will attend the 47th annual meeting of the Oregon jurisdiction of the KCs on May 13, 14 and 15, it was reported today.

Representatives from 45 subordinate councils are expected. The Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland in Oregon, will open the convention, and among the speakers will be the Most Rev. Francis Leipzig, bishop of Baker, and Rt. Rev. Abbot, Damon Dentges, abbot of the Benedictine abbey at Mt. Angel, Ore.

standards as to safety, purity and potency.

Manufacturers said the NIH at this time probably was "overwhelmed" with a considerable number of samples, but they agreed that such cautious and minute checking was necessary to safeguard the public health.

In Washington, an NIH spokesman said the government had not rejected any batches of Salk vaccine through Tuesday. He said that in a few cases final clearance of batches had been held up pending receipts of technical data required by law from the manufacturer.

Another factor contributing to the shortage of the vaccine for a time was the lack of rhesus monkeys, whose kidneys are used in the production of the vaccine. But this shortage, caused by a government ban on export of monkeys from India, was only temporary and a sufficient supply of the animals now are at hand.

The Indian government cancelled the ban only a few weeks ago.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Friday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 22-31	1 Trust	31 Time	61 In
Taurus APR. 21-30	2 You	32 Iron	62 And
May 1-31	3 Revelations	33 Morning	63 Flowing
GEMINI MAY 22-31	4 May	34 Block	64 Forcefulness
June 1-30	5 Favors	35 To	65 Good
Cancer JUNE 22-30	6 You	36 Trends	66 Attitude
July 1-31	7 Preciful	37 You	67 Efforts
Leo JULY 24-31	8 Don't	38 Go	68 Toward
Virgo AUG. 24-31	9 Bide	39 Concerning	69 Ahead
Sep. 1-30	10 Avoid	40 Things	70 Today
Oct. 1-31	11 Social	41 More	71 Hand
Nov. 1-30	12 Let	42 Before	72 Messages
Dec. 1-31	13 Your	43 Out	73 Now
Jan. 1-31	14 And	44 Tensions	74 Humor
Feb. 1-28	15 Your	45 Taking	75 An
Mar. 1-31	16 And	46 Put	76 Important
Apr. 1-30	17 Be	47 Hand	77 Of
May 1-31	18 Feet	48 Are	78 Of
June 1-30	19 Methods	49 Mail	79 To
July 1-31	20 Your	50 Are	80 Important
Aug. 1-31	21 Con	51 Con	81 Money
Sep. 1-30	22 Early	52 Than	82 More
Oct. 1-31	23 Doubt	53 Points	83 Differences
Nov. 1-30	24 Luck	54 Display	84 Project
Dec. 1-31	25 Ambitions	55 Your	85 Changes
Jan. 1-31	26 Frustrations	56 Any	86 Profit
Feb. 1-28	27 Frustrations	57 Your	87 Today
Mar. 1-31	28 Delays	58 You	88 Step
Apr. 1-30	29 That	59 Advise	89 Smoothly
May 1-31	30 Accomplish	60 Make	90 Progress

Good (G) Adverse (A) Neutral (N)

Portland—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson will be the principal speaker at the seventh annual reunion of the University of Oregon Alumni Association here Sunday.

QUICKIE COURSE
Baton Rouge, La. — (U.P.) — Louisiana State University is offering a short course on rabbit breeding today. The course ends Friday.

4-H Club

Gold Hill Club

A Breakfast club for 4-H beginners was organized April 14 by Mrs. Ralph Hixson with Patty Sears, Carolyn Morse and Marilyn Hixson as junior leaders.

Officers elected were Judith Higgins, president; Reba Taylor, vice-president; Sue Woodward, secretary; Gregg Schmidt, news reporter; Mary Beth Baily and Susan Sears, song leaders. Other members are Vervia Beman and Barbara Schatz.

First thing we learned was how to measure the right way. We will take turns bringing refreshments.

Gregg Schmidt Reporter

Central Point Club

Crater Clothing club of Central Point met April 18 in the homemaking room of Crater high school.

At this meeting we completed plans for our Mothers' tea. The tea is to be held May 2 at the home of Pat Snook.

Refreshments and the demonstrations for the first meeting after our tea were planned. Joan Dobrot Reporter

WANTED QUICK RIDE

Pope Air Force Base, N.C.—(U.P.) — Mike Waller, 6-year-old son of T/Sgt. and Mrs. Rex Waller, set out early to visit his grandmother at Columbus, Ga., taking his dog Sneezy and a bundle of clothes. Mike and Sneezy were found perched on the wing of an F80 jet plane waiting for the craft to take off.

EXPENSES APPROVED

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—Sen. Gordon Butler (R-Duluth) said he voted against a \$1,200 expense allowance for state legislators because he expected to make sacrifices when he sought public office. The measure passed anyway, with Butler the only dissenter.

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As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Shows Off For Her, But Doesn't Ask Her Out

Young teenagers are rarely really serious about members of the opposite sex. It's foolish for a young girl to refuse other dates and pine away over one boy who doesn't look her way.

(Q) "I have liked a certain boy for ten months now. He deliberately flirts with other girls while I'm around and shows off. He knows I like him and that is why he does it. I've never had a date with him though I wish I could. Do you think I should continue liking him and wait for him to ask me to go out or should I go out with other boys and forget him?"

(A) If you sit and wait for this boy to ask you for a date, you may sit until Doomsday. Do you think that would be very sensible? I don't.

Of course you should go out on dates with other boys. The more dates you have with different boys, the better it will be for your happiness and the better the impression it will make on the boy you like.

He is trying to impress you with the fact that he is a modern Romeo. Why not give him a taste of his own medicine and show him that you are popular too?

If he sees you going out with other boys, he will begin to think that he is missing out by not asking you for a date too. If he does get around to ask you for a date, don't jump at the chance, even though you have been waiting for this for the past ten months.

Instead, play the "hard-to-get" game with him. Let him wait for you as you have waited for him. If he wants to get to know you, that will be the best tactic you could use.

As for forgetting him, there is no reason for you to do so if you like him. However, you should try to get a better perspective on the whole matter. Since he obviously is not greatly interested in you, why should you allow yourself to pine away for him.

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Brockton, Ill.—(U.P.)—This village of 450 persons cancelled its scheduled election Tuesday because there were no candidates.

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