

Salk Vaccine Made By Cutter Laboratory Ordered Withdrawn; Polio Reported

Government To Investigate Seven Paralytic Cases

Washington (U.P.)—The government ordered all Salk polio vaccine manufactured by the Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif., withheld from the public pending investigation of seven paralytic cases among children inoculated with it.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U.S. surgeon general, notified the

Dr. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said today that a government withdrawal of Salk polio vaccine manufactured by Cutter Laboratories does not necessarily mean that the vaccine was responsible for the seven cases of polio among children inoculated with it.

Dr. Merkel said that reports received at his office showed heavy polio incidence in the areas where the cases occurred. He said that children receiving inoculations since the vaccine was released on April 12 have not had time to develop immunity and that the disease was most likely incurred through natural exposures.

laboratories of the action today. It was the first such move taken by the government since the Salk shots were licensed for public use.

Cutter Laboratories, one of six firms producing the serum, were ordered "to withdraw all lots of vaccine manufactured in its laboratories from distribution."

The Public Health Service said Cutter Laboratories "immediately agreed to comply." It said "all state and territorial health departments are being advised of this action."

The service said the seven cases of paralytic polio had occurred among children who had received shots produced by Cutter Laboratories. The cases were reported, it said, from four cities in California, two in San Diego, Ventura, Napa and Oakland, one in Contra Costa county, and one in Chicago.

The Health service said it ordered the Cutter vaccine withdrawn "until completion of an investigation which is now underway."

There was no immediate indication how long the inquiry would take.

No Explanation Given
There was no explanation immediately of what might be the source of trouble in the seven cases reported in California and Illinois.

Thousands of children were inoculated with Salk vaccine last year in mass tests conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. On April 12, Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. declared the tests showed the shots to be 80 to 90 per cent effective against paralytic polio.

Officials disclosed only yesterday that the government already has approved the distribution of more than 10,000,000 doses to the public this year. This is enough to inoculate 5,000,000 children.

Government approval of all vaccine is based on rigid standards of safety, purity, and potency. Detailed reports of tests and other data must be submitted by manufacturers on each batch to show these standards have been met. The government also runs control tests on some batches to make sure the vaccine is safe.

Laboratory Sends Urgent Telegram To Halt Use of Polio Vaccine

Berkeley, Calif. (U.P.)—Cutter Laboratories today sent urgent telegrams to all health departments and drug stores telling them to "immediately" discontinue use of its Salk polio vaccine. Simultaneously, the laboratories asked "all news services to make this information widely known as soon as possible."

The firm, one of the major producers of Salk vaccine, made the announcement after it re-

ceived a telegram from the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Md., saying "you are requested to discontinue distribution of polio vaccine until further notice and to withdraw

WRONG ATTITUDE

Minneapolis (U.P.)—Municipal Judge Tom Bergin ordered Albert A. Bergeron, Onoka, to spend 90 minutes in the jail "bullpen" after Bergeron became angry over being fined \$30 for speeding.

all issued unused packages of the product from the market." "Kindly notify all consignees of shipments of polio vaccine accordingly," the institute said. Cutter officials said it im-

RIGHT AT HAND

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mediately sent the following telegram to all health departments and drug stores which have received supplies of the vaccine from Cutter:

"Urgent. No further injections of Cutter polio vaccine are to be made. Immediately advise your physicians. Please return unused supplies of polio vaccine."

The Cutter statement said the laboratories have requested "the assistance of all news services to make this information widely known as soon as possible."

APPROVAL

Indianapolis (U.P.)—Dr. Stewart W. Hartfelder made his usual reminders from the pulpit to his Prentice Presbyterian Church congregation of meetings which failed to get into the church bulletin. When the service was over, a departing small-boy greeted Dr. Hartfelder at the door and remarked: "You did very well with the commercials today."

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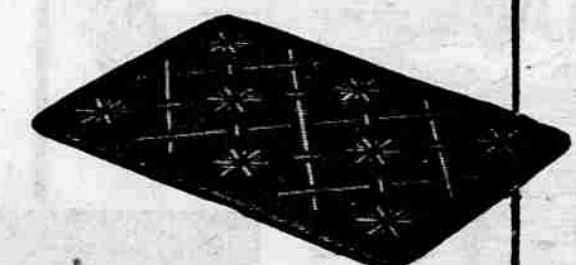
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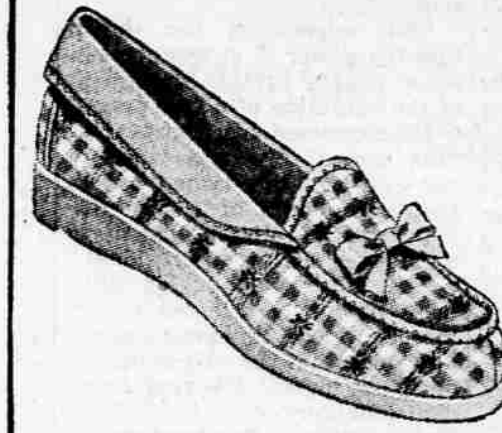
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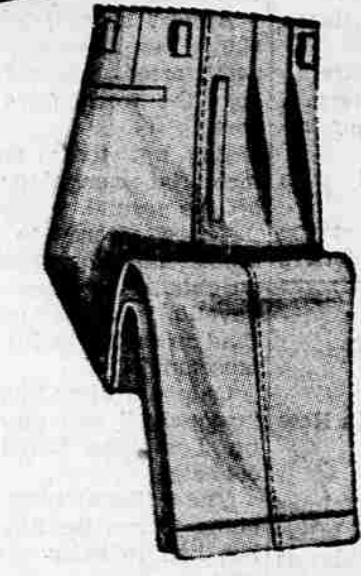
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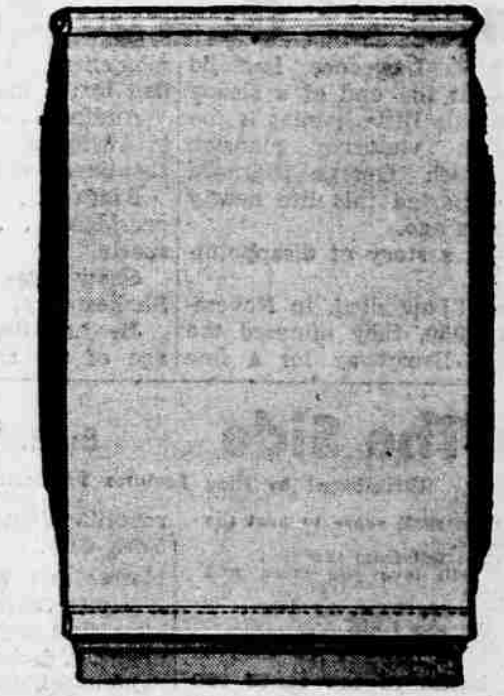
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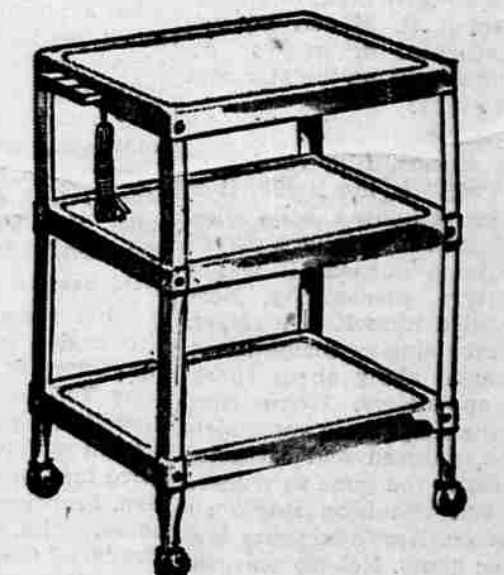
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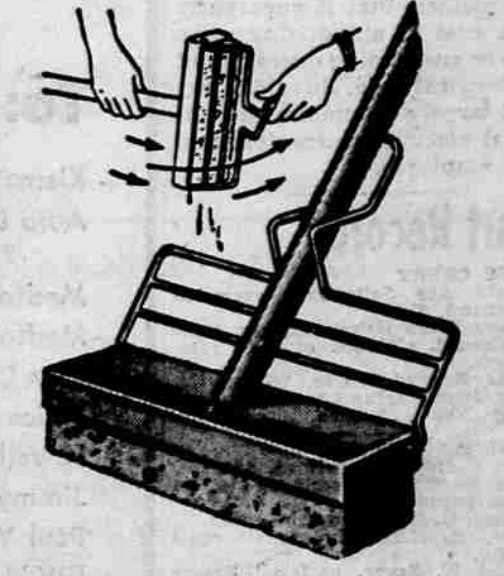
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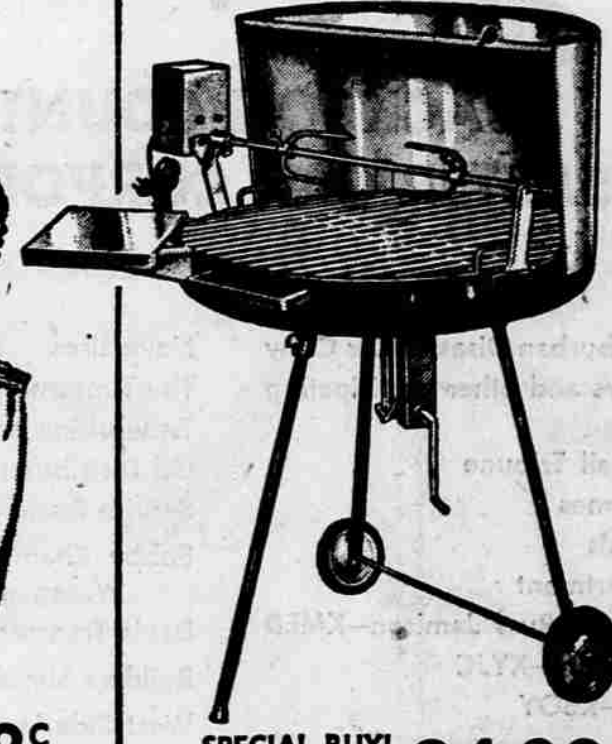
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