

# Investigation Under Way on Polio Vaccine From Cutter Laboratories

## Program To Conquer Infantile Paralysis In Short Time Endangered by Happenings

New York (U.P.)—A scientist and a scientific administrator close to the development of the Salk anti-polio vaccine said today that what they had most feared might happen, had happened—and it endangered the whole big-scale program to conquer paralytic polio in a comparatively short time.

Salk, the vaccine's developer. "Properly prepared and properly used, the vaccine is completely safe and completely effective," he said—and it should be kept in mind that "completely effective" he exemplified the very small minority of persons who, by the nature of their body chemistry, are very poor antibody producers.

No scientist disputes the first part of the statement—that when "properly prepared" formaldehyde does "kill"—or, more scientifically, "deactivate"—polio viruses. That has been proven beyond the thinnest shadow of a doubt. Every virus that goes into properly prepared Salk vaccine has been "deactivated" with formaldehyde.

Scientists and administrators close to the vaccination program saw the tragic events in the West as an ideal tool for the ill-informed and the malicious to whip up public hysteria against the vaccine. They had two particular individuals in mind—one a scientist, the other a non-scientist, but both commanding large audiences—who have been unfriendly to the vaccine from the very beginning.

### Officials Seek To Determine Cause of Illness

By UNITED PRESS  
A cross-country investigation was launched today to determine whether inoculations of California-produced Salk vaccine have infected children with the very disease it was supposed to prevent—infantile paralysis.

### No Evidence of Vaccine Panic

New York (U.P.)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis said today that it had received no evidence of panic or refusal of Salk anti-polio vaccine as a result of yesterday's recall of one laboratory's vaccine production following some outbreak of the disease.

Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, foundation medical director, said that in fact health officers in California, where most of the polio cases occurred, asked immediately for vaccine to replace the withdrawn Cutter Laboratories product and complete their inoculations of first and second grade children. He said he believed about two thirds of the more than 400,000 ccs of Cutter vaccine in California had already been used. More than 100,000 ccs of other vaccine had also been supplied there.

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### Susan Hayward Won't Make Up

Hollywood (U.P.)—Fiery Susan Hayward, nearly recovered from her suicide attempt, expects to leave Cedars of Lebanon hospital tomorrow but she said there was no chance she might patch things up with her ex-husband, Jess Barker.

The 35-year-old actress released a brief statement through her studio yesterday in which she squelched rumors of a possible reconciliation but offered no explanation of why she swallowed the massive dose of sleeping pills that nearly took her life Tuesday.

"There is not the slightest possibility of a reconciliation," she said. "If Mr. Barker can discuss the future of our children in a rational manner, I shall always be willing to confer with him on this subject."

Barker rushed to Hollywood from New Orleans when he learned of Miss Hayward's attempt on her life. He was not permitted to see his former wife by her physician, Dr. Stanley Imerman. The only visitor Miss Hayward had was her close friend and agent, Ned Marlin, who saw her briefly yesterday.

Barker at first was reported eager for a reconciliation, but upon his arrival here he indicated his primary concern was with the couple's twin sons, Tim and Greg, 10.

Health experts said there was no way of telling whether the Cutter vaccine caused the disease. They also pointed out that some of the children might have had polio before they received the shots and that in at least one case the afflicted child was recovering from an ear infection when he was inoculated.

However, emergency measures were taken to make sure the Cutter vaccine is safe.

Two health service specialists were rushed across the nation to Berkeley to study the company's production methods. Another U.S. disease expert was en route from Atlanta, Ga., to Idaho, where the polio death occurred.

Meanwhile, the federal government banned all Cutter vaccine. Mass inoculation programs in California, where the Cutter vaccine was most widely used, were halted in 26 counties.

In Washington, the National Institutes of Health began tests to check the vaccine's safety, purity and potency.

Elsewhere, the flurry caused by the government ban appeared to be dying down as officials discovered that distribution of the Cutter vaccine had been primarily confined to the West.

At Philadelphia, Pa., officials halted mass inoculations of 30,000 parochial school children, but decided later to go ahead. Investigations were launched in other cities to make sure the Cutter vaccine is not being used. Doctors were warned not to use the vaccine in inoculations of private patients.

The cases of polio among children inoculated with Cutter vaccine were:

California: Five paralytic polio cases and four suspected cases.

Pocatello, Idaho: A 7-year-old girl died of bulbar polio nine days after she was inoculated. A 6-day-old boy was also stricken.

Chicago: An 18-month-old boy was hospitalized with polio affecting both legs and an arm. He received an inoculation of Cutter vaccine from a private physician after suffering from an ear infection. Health authorities have warned against inoculating children who have been ill.

Denver, Colo.: A baby who was inoculated April 15 was stricken April 22. The child is still severely paralyzed. Denver doctors were advised to give gamma globulin injections to all children who received Cutter vaccine inoculations.

In all, the Cutter vaccine went to 43 states. However, the laboratory is not a major contributor to the mass inoculation of school children and in most of the country.

The two top producers for the mass vaccination program promptly issued statements saying they had received no reports of children afflicted with polio after receiving inoculations of their vaccine.

**STRIKE TALKS CONTINUE**  
Detroit (U.P.)—Parke, Davis & Co. today began "across the table" discussions with the CIO Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union aimed at avoiding a strike which would cut off a major supply of Salk vaccine.

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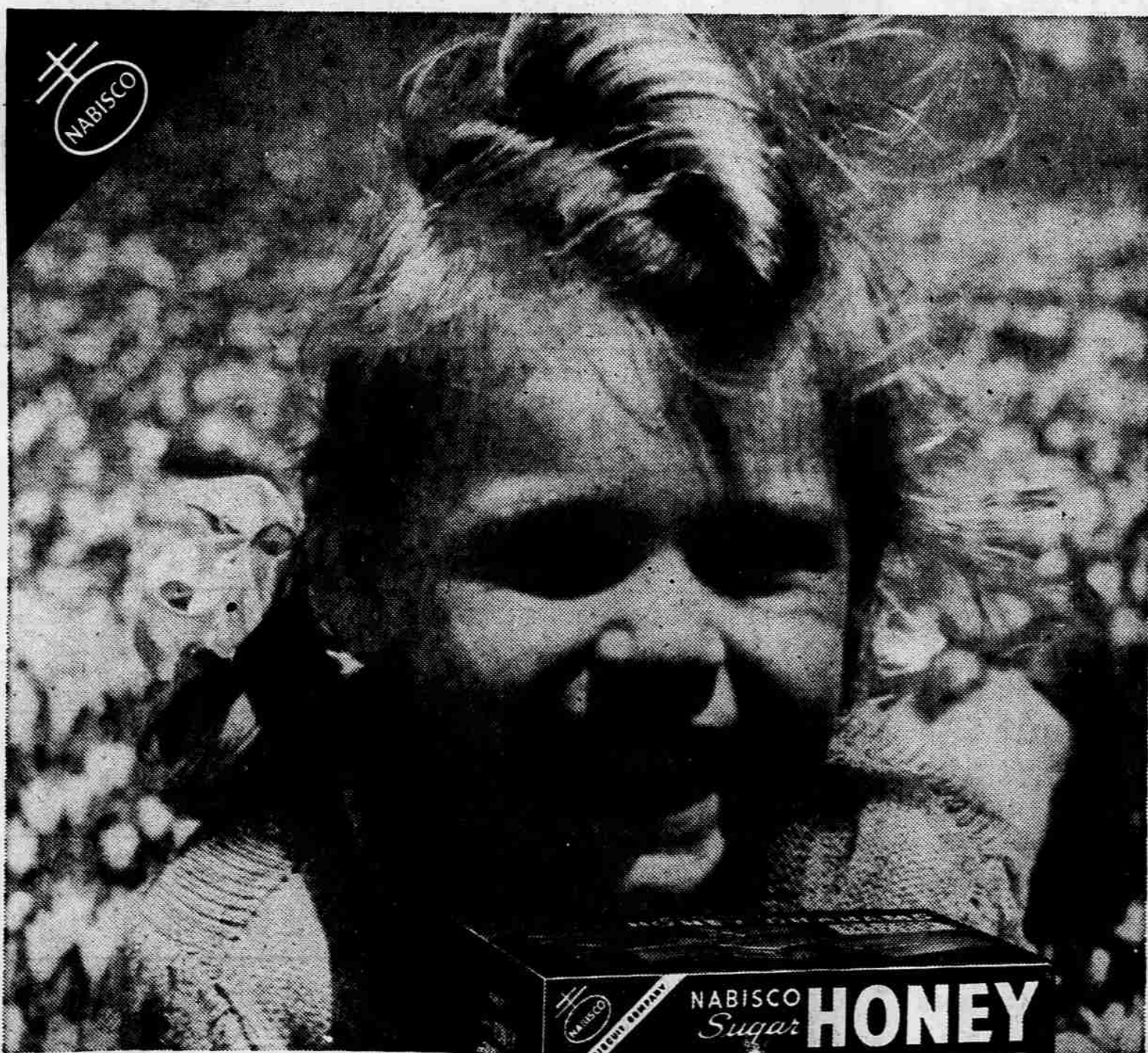
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