

Most States Go Along With Recommendation to Halt Polio Vaccinations

Public Health Service Asserts 'Complete Faith' in Salk Vaccine

Washington—(U.P.)—The U.S. Public Health Service, asserting its "complete faith" in Salk shots said today it hopes to get the nation's stalled polio vaccination program started again late this week.

Meanwhile however, it strongly recommended that states hold up all inoculations until government experts run a new safety check on current vaccine stocks.

The service expressed hope that some double-checked vaccine will be cleared for public

use in a few days. But it admitted it will be "later on" before the great bulk of present supplies are approved.

Delay Advisable

This means millions of children will get their shots much later than expected — many when the polio season has reached or passed its peak. But Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U.S. surgeon general, said the delay is advisable.

"We believe — and I am sure that the American people join us in believing," he said, "that

in dealing with the lives of our children it is impossible to be too cautious."

Scheele announced the vaccine recheck Sunday night in a 2,400-word report based on a 10-day study of the problem by America's top polio experts, including Dr. Jonas E. Salk, who developed the vaccine.

The statement climaxed a week of uncertainty and confusion in history's greatest mass immunization project.

Assures Parents

"I want first and foremost to assure the parents of children who have received an injection of polio vaccine this spring that in the very best judgment of the Public Health Service they have no cause for alarm," said Scheele in the report.

Scheele said the vaccine recheck is designed to iron out bugs in the production line and to provide "additional factors of safety in the distributed product."

Although Scheele said the vaccine review should delay the vaccination program only slightly, other experts think the timetable is going to be thrown considerably out of kilter.

On April 22, the government figured there would be enough vaccine by June 1 to give two-shot protection to 16,000,000 children. On Friday, Scheele scaled the estimate back to about 12,000,000 children. And the new delay is expected to reduce the total even further.

Two Areas Refuse To Comply With Federal Request

By UNITED PRESS

Most states obeyed a government recommendation to halt Salk polio vaccinations today. But there were at least two outright refusals to comply and some state officials grumbled.

A United Press check showed that 31 states and Alaska immediately agreed to stop Salk vaccinations until current vaccine stocks are "double-checked."

But Michigan authorities flatly refused to go along with the government recommendation. In Utah, doctors and state officials joined in deciding to continue giving children their first Salk inoculations, although the second round will be held up.

The majority of state officials accepted the "strong recommendation" of U.S. Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele without question, even though it meant a last minute change of plans in some areas.

A number of states and cities had planned to start mass inoculations of first and second graders today, but called off the vaccinations after Scheele's statement. These included Oregon, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, Washington, and Los Angeles.

Many state health department heads voiced unshaken confidence in the Salk vaccine and some indicated dissatisfaction with the suspension, even though they went along with it.

Vaccine Called Safe

In Michigan, authorities based their decision to ignore the government recommendation on their conviction that "they might as well wait until next fall." Kansas authorities said the suspension will mean a one to three week delay in shots and children will be out of school before the program can get under way again.

But in Iowa, Health Commissioner E. G. Zimmerer said it was "just as well" the program was suspended "because of the rising public hysteria."

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Saddler Scheduled To Meet Lopes May 24

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — Featherweight Champion Sandy Saddler Saturday rescheduled his non-title match with Joey Lopes, Sacramento, for May 24.

The fight originally was set for April 19th but was postponed because of Saddler's illness. The match was confirmed in a wire from Charley Johnston, Saddler's manager, to local Matchmaker Jackie King.

Gus Zernial Near 1954 Homer Swatting Mark

Kansas City—(U.P.)—It won't be long before Gus Zernial matches his entire 1954 home run production.

The 225-pound Kansas City Athletics' outfielder hit No. 7 and 8 Sunday and needs only six more to equal the 14 he hit last season in 97 games.

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Polio Foundation Faced With Big Decision

New York —(U.P.)—The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis considered today the possibility of calling off its inoculation program for New York and New England because of the delay in production of Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Foundation officials are attempting a Solomon's decision.

Should they attempt to provide one shot of vaccine for each of the nearly nine million first and second grade youngsters they planned to inoculate, providing perhaps a 50 per cent immunity to all?

Or should they try to provide second shots for Southern and other youngsters who have already received one shot, giving them perhaps 90 per cent immunity at the expense of nearly one million children who would receive no vaccination this season?

In either case, said one foundation official, "We must live to face the wrath of the public in the fall" if the decision is proved to be wrong. And no one can be sure today just how essential is the second shot in providing im-

munity to the crippling disease.

Foundation spokesmen were disturbed by the decision of Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele to hold up the vaccine program for further study in the face of his own statement that the incidence of polio among vaccinated children was no higher than would be expected, except

in the case of those who received one manufacturer, Cutter Laboratories, the already banned vaccine of 1955.

Minneapolis Hit By \$1,000,000 Fire

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.)—One of the worst fires in Minneapolis history raged through two downtown buildings Friday night and caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

The blaze threatened to spread through the Loop, Minneapolis' business district, before firemen ended a two-hour battle by bringing it under control.

The flames first shot through the six-story McNutt Glass Co. building and spread to the W. S. Nott Co. building, also six stories tall. Two walls and part of a third crashed from the McNutt building into the street.

Dense smoke sprang from rubber stocks in the Nott building and spread a pall over the district. Traffic was clogged as thousands of persons watched the blaze.

At one point, firemen fought 14 roof fires in a four block area. Three firemen were injured, none seriously.

FORGETFUL SHERIFF

Cheboygan, Mich. — (U.P.) — Sheriff Harold Werner wrote himself a traffic ticket when a pedestrian pointed out that the officer didn't have a 1955 license plate on his trailer. "I got a new plate for my car but I just forgot about the trailer," the sheriff said.

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Disfigured Japanese Girls Reach New York For Plastic Surgery

New York — (U.P.) — Twenty-five Japanese girls with disfigured faces and burn-scarred bodies arrived here today to begin the most important 12 months of their lives.

The Hiroshima maidens, as they have become known, will find out in the coming months of plastic surgery whether their faces ever can be pleasant to look at again.

Only Survivors

They were enrolled in school when the atomic bomb hit Hiroshima 10 years ago. Their ages today range from 17 to 31. Twelve of the girls were classmates who had been sent to the school basement to clean erasers. The school was destroyed and they were the only survivors.

The Air Force C54 bringing the girls, three Japanese physicians, the Japanese Methodist minister who helped the girls gain courage to face strangers with their disfigured faces and two interpreters landed at Mitchell Field near here at 3 a.m. (PST).

Their plane left Travis Air Force Base, Calif., at 3:05 p.m. (PST) Sunday after the girls were given a chance to rest and eat. The group landed at Travis Sunday morning on the flight from Honolulu.

Only two girls will be in Mt. Sinai Hospital, where the surgery will be done, at one time. Some of them will need as many as six and seven operations, and in between their hospital stays they'll be guests in homes arranged for by the New York Friends Center Association, a Quaker group.

Plight Made Known

The plight of the Hiroshima maidens was first brought to the attention of Mt. Sinai Hospital by Norman Cousins, editor of "The Saturday Review," who visited Hiroshima in 1953. The hospital's plastic surgery staff volunteered its services, the State Department approved the project, and the Hiroshima Peace Center Associates, the American Japanese Committee, and the U.S. Air Force joined in supporting the undertaking.

The girls all were "horribly burned" by the atom bomb explosion. Most of the burns were around their faces, although

some of the girls have become progressively more handicapped as the muscles in their hands and arms steadily contracted from severe burns.

Treatment Lacking

The Rev. Koyoshi Tanimoto, who is accompanying the girls, here, helped the injured girls find work and regain courage to face strangers. But until now they have had almost no medical treatment.

"There is nothing embittered about the girls," Cousins said. "Their attitude is a well-adjusted as any you can imagine. They were reluctant to appear in public at first, but they have overcome it gradually."

SPORTS

Title Kept By Dichter

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — By a nine-stroke margin, Ralph Dichter of Astoria retained his Oregon Golf Association Champion of Champions title here yesterday.

Dichter shot a 69 and a 73 for a total of 142 over the windswept, 6400-yard Reames Country Club course. Roy Wiggins of Oswego finished second with a 151.

Don Mueller Closes in In Giant Hitting Record

New York — (U.P.) — Don Mueller, the New York Giants' spray-hitting right-fielder, closed in on a 25-year-old club record today when he extended his batting streak to 21 games.

The record of 24 straight games was set by Fred Lindstrom in 1930.

Mueller has a long way to go, however, before he threatens either the National League record or the major league mark. The N.L. record of 37 straight games is held by Tommy Holmes of the 1945 Boston Braves, while the major league mark is 56, held by Joe DiMaggio of the 1941 Yankees.



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