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11 Polio Vaccine 'Don'ts' Enumerated By Medical Association Board Chairman

Chicago — Dr. Dwight H. Murray, Napa, Calif., chairman of the board of trustees of the American Medical Association, urges the public to beware of hysteria and compulsory federal controls over the Salk anti-polio vaccine.

Dr. Murray's warning came as two congressional committees prepared to investigate reasons why a halt of vaccine approval was recommended over last week end.

The board chairman listed 11 "don'ts" regarding the vaccine. They follow:

1. Don't let hysteria guide your thoughts and actions. While poliomyelitis is a serious disease, it has not reached epidemic proportions. Since January 1 of this year only 1,452 cases of polio have been reported, compared with 1,976 in the corresponding weeks last year. This figure, applied against a population of 163-million persons in the United States certainly is not alarming.

2. Don't permit your child to be vaccinated if he or she complains of not feeling well. Fol-

low the advice of your family doctor to determine whether or not your child is well enough to be vaccinated.

3. Don't condemn the Salk vaccine. Because a few children, out of the many thousands so far vaccinated, developed polio after inoculations, is no good reason to knock down the effectiveness of the vaccine. In those isolated cases the vaccine may have been given too late to arrest development. Scientific study now going on will provide the answer eventually.

4. Don't expect vaccine to be produced overnight. Pharmaceutical houses manufacturing it are working day and night to speed production and everything is being done to produce sufficient vaccine to inoculate as many children as possible before the polio season gets rolling.

5. Don't expect the Salk vaccine to be 100 per cent effective. Some cases will develop but this vaccine is far better than anything we have ever had before.

6. Don't believe rumors that the Salk vaccine is being bootlegged or is available on the black market. Immediately af-

ter the Francis report was given in Ann Arbor, Mich., only 1 per cent of the vaccine was made available for commercial use.

Since then the vaccine has been withdrawn entirely for commercial purposes. Dr. Chester S. Keefer, chairman of President Eisenhower's polio conference, reports that some manufacturers haven't shipped any vaccine into commercial channels since April 13. All vaccine produced today is allocated to the National Institutes of Health and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Developments Studied

7. Don't follow the advice of alarmists and self-styled health experts. With the immediate shortage of vaccine, intense emotional interest has been built up. Representatives of 50 organizations concerned with children have been meeting in Washington and have studied the latest developments in the problems of producing and distributing the vaccine. Have faith in the judgment of these qualified and responsible people who have the situation well in hand.

8. Don't be influenced by political demagoguery. Let's not

be stampeded into compulsory Federal controls.

9. Don't ask your doctor to give you—an adult—priority over children. The present supply of vaccine is committed for use in inoculating the first and second graders. By the end of the school year it is hoped that enough vaccine will have been supplied to vaccinate 9,000,000 children, or about 30 per cent of those in the 1 to 9 age group.

10. Don't forget that every lot of vaccine must undergo many tests under supervision of the laboratory of biologics control, United States Public Health Service. Safety, identity, toxicity and potency are all carefully checked under the biologics control law.

11. Don't fear that any child will be denied the vaccine for financial reasons. From the beginning the medical profession pledged to see to it that children of indigent parents would get the vaccine.

Dr. Murray said his "eleven don'ts" are offered in an effort to end public confusion over the Salk vaccine and mass inoculations.



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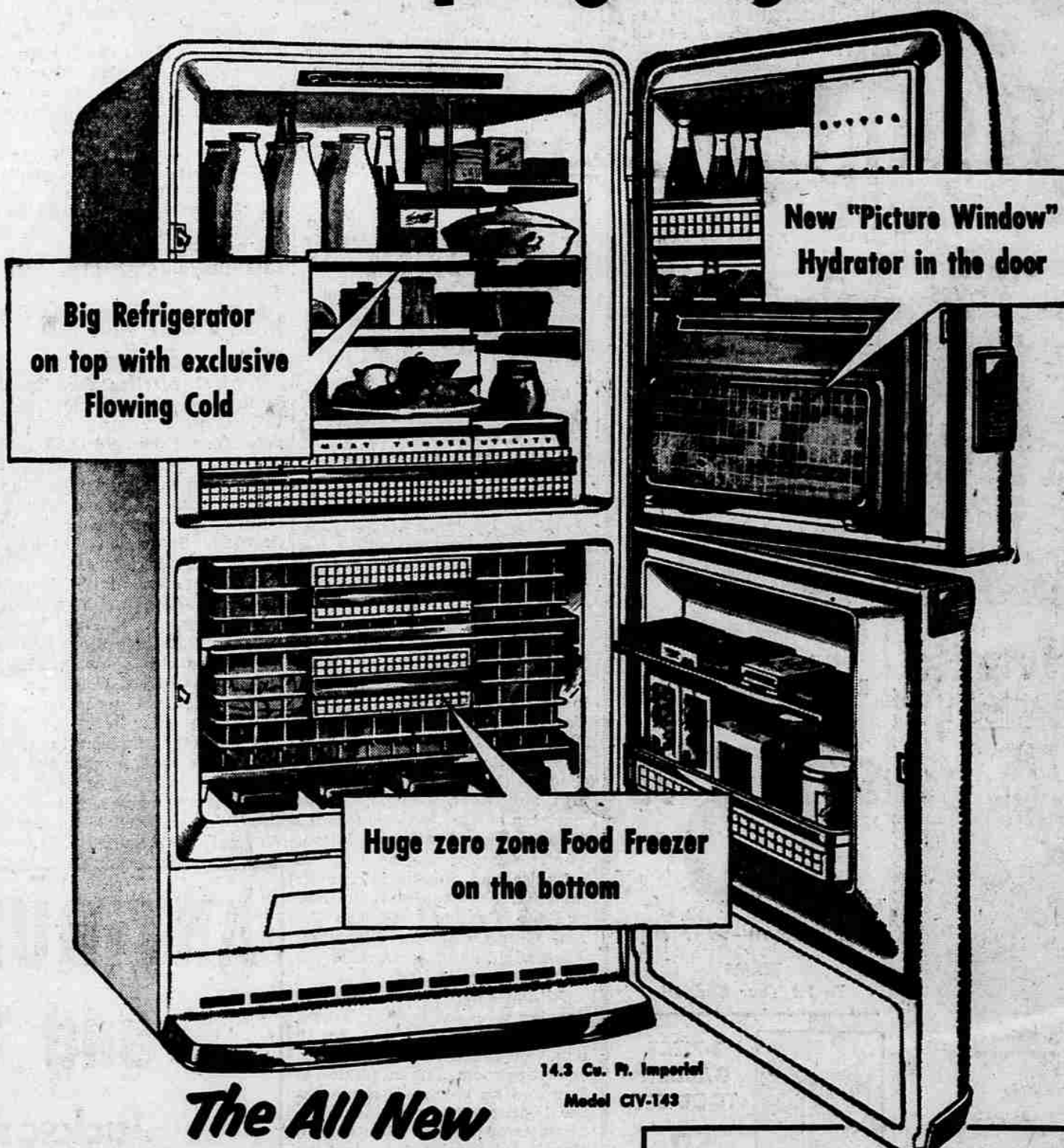
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