

Salk Anti-Polio Vaccine Distribution Further Stalled by New Delays

189 New Cases of Polio For Week Ending May 14 Listed by Health Service

Washington —(U.P.)— The Public Health Service said today that 189 new cases of polio were reported in the nation during the week ending May 14.

That represented an increase of about 27 per cent over the 149 cases reported during the preceding week. It was about 25 per cent more cases than the 151 reported during the corresponding week of 1954.

Total Number Lesser
The total number of polio cases for this calendar year stood at 1786 compared to 2271 in the comparable period of last year. For the "disease year" starting April 1, there have been 722 cases in 1955 compared to 718 in 1954.

California, which has been the state hardest hit so far this year, reported 45 new cases during the week ending May 14 compared to 27 in the preceding week.

Oregon had seven compared to one.

No Appraisal Offered
The Public Health Service reported offered no appraisal of what effect, if any, the polio vaccination program has had on the incidence of the disease this year.

However, it repeated figures announced yesterday showing that through May 7 the service had received official reports of 77 cases of polio among persons who had been vaccinated.

Dagwell Names Group To Review Candidates
Portland —(U.P.)— The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon's Episcopal diocese, has appointed members of an eight-man committee to review candidates for his eventual successor.

Named to interview prospective co-adjutors were the following priests: Louis B. Keiter, Portland; George H. Swift, Salem; Aronah H. MacDonnell, McMinnville and S. Tyson, Roseburg.

Laymen named are Allen Fletcher and Russell Colwell, both of Portland; Richard Freidrich, Oregon City and William Russell, Eugene.

The bishop has announced he will retire in 1958 at the age of 68.

Coon Accepts Two Debate Invitations
Washington —(U.P.)— Rep. Sam Coon, Oregon Republican, has accepted two invitations to debate Democratic Senator Richard L. Neuberger at Ontario and Pendleton.

Neuberger challenged Coon to a series of grass roots debates on Coon's bill for partnership construction of John Day dam on the Columbia river.

Coon accepted an Ontario offer Tuesday to hold one of the debates there, and yesterday both men agreed to a meeting at Pendleton at the invitation of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

A date will not be set for the meetings until the two men are more sure when Congress will adjourn.

ARCHITECT RETAINED
Yreka—The Siskiyou county board of supervisors has voted to retain Medford Architect Robert J. Keeney to design a new \$100,000 building to replace the present old people's home.

Additional Data Requested From Wyeth Laboratory

Washington —(U.P.)— The nation's Salk vaccine distribution program fell behind schedule today with the announcement of new delays in clearing Salk vaccine.

U. S. Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele said the delay in releasing additional vaccine will last for "several days." He did not elaborate.

But a Public Health Service spokesman said the delay resulted because federal inspectors rechecked vaccine produced by Wyeth Laboratories at Marietta, Pa., were unable to get sufficient data "to either clear or reject" its supplies.

Want Additional Information
He said the company has been asked to furnish additional testing information and that several days will be required to receive and study it.

He emphasized this did not mean inspectors found anything wrong with the Wyeth product.

Inspectors, meanwhile, moved on to Pittman-Moore Co. Laboratories at Zionville, Ind., in their recheck of vaccine produced by five manufacturers. They previously had rechecked the Parke-Davis Laboratories at Detroit and the Eli Lilly Laboratories at Indianapolis, clearing for immediate use some 2,000,000 Salk shots from these two firms.

The rechecks were being made on vaccine produced before April 27 when the government ordered a ban on the vaccine of Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif. It ordered that ban after large numbers of children inoculated with Cutter vaccine suddenly came down with polio.

Withholds New Vaccine
The Public Health Service declined, meanwhile, to comment on a published report that the government as not released any new vaccine manufactured by drug firms since the April 27 Cutter ban.

Jack Steele, staff writer for Scripps-Howard newspapers, reported that this holdup—rather than any hitch or slowdown in production—primarily is responsible for the current vaccine shortage.

He quoted an unnamed industry spokesman as saying the five firms other than Cutter already have produced enough vaccine to supply two shots for 9,000,000 first and second-grade children. The spokesman was reported as saying this could be tested, packaged and distributed within 10 days "if and when the government releases it."

Meanwhile, Dr. James E. Salk, developer of the vaccine, again defended the vaccine's safety in an address at Pittsburgh. He said the fact that 77 children have contracted polio after being inoculated is "clearly coincidental."

Two-Day Civil Defense Alert Set June 15, 16

The Jackson County Civilian Defense unit will participate in a two-day national alert warning June 15 and 16, Maj. Gen. J. H. Hicks, head of the local unit, has announced.

Gen. Hicks said the county control center in the Federal building, 33 North Riverside ave., will be open between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. June 15, and that Jackson county's participation primarily would be radio operators.

Two alerts will be sounded, the first yellow, or "lemon-juice," which means an attack is possible, and the second a red, or "applejack," alert which means an attack is imminent.

Plans Being Readied For Eagle Point Work
Eagle Point — Sketches and plans for two new school buildings at Eagle Point are being drawn up by an architect, and bids on \$150,000 in bonds to finance construction will be called as soon as possible, school officials have announced.

Voters in Eagle Point district approved the bond issue, 121 to 42, recently for a multi-purpose building for the elementary school, and a vocational agricultural building for the high school.

Dr. Salk Sees 77 Polio Cases Developed by Children Given Shots of Vaccine as 'Clearly Coincidental'

Pittsburgh —(U.P.)— The 77 cases of polio developed by children who had received the Salk polio vaccine are "clearly coincidental" among the more than 5,000,000 who were inoculated, according to Dr. James E. Salk.

The University of Pittsburgh scientist who developed the polio vaccine told a poliomyelitis symposium here yesterday most children build up "good" immunity to polio about 14 days after their first shot.

He said that studies show some youngsters begin developing polio anti-bodies in their blood as early as three days after the initial dose.

Salk said the "good effect" appears "two weeks after the first injection" provided the vaccine is strong enough. He said there is a great deal of leeway between safety and potency, so "you can make doubly sure that a vaccine is safe without weakening it."

The scientist repeated his statement that the longer the wait between the first and second inoculations the better the immunity induced.

"Results are cumulative," he said, and good spacing is "important to prolongation of effect."

Dr. Salk said there is "no evidence" that the vaccine is "provocative" in inducing the disease nor is there any reason "to suspect that vaccine would precipitate paralytic polio."

Another University of Pittsburgh scientist, Dr. William Hammon, said he did not think the vaccine should be given during any polio epidemic. He carefully differentiated a polio epidemic from polio season.

Dr. Hammon, who helped develop gamma globulin, said GG would be preferred in a polio epidemic.

"Children and pregnant women who have not been vaccinated several weeks — preferably months—before potential exposure to polio should receive gamma globulin, if anything, and gamma globulin alone."

'Heat Wave' Blamed
Portland —(U.P.)— The Morrison street bridge here was closed to traffic for several hours yesterday following its failure to close properly after being opened for a tug. The failure was blamed on the warm weather which caused metal structure of the span to expand. It was the first such failure in two years.

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Central Point
Central Point Grange will meet Friday night, May 20. A safety program is planned by the lecturer, there will also be a number by Juvenile Grange members.

Second quarterly meeting of Home Economics club will be held May 27 at the home of Mrs. Delmar Smith. Dessert luncheon will be served at 1:30 p.m. by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Walter Mang. All Grange ladies are welcome.