

FDA Proposes Ban On Drugs Useless In Battling Colds

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Food and Drug Administration Saturday proposed banning more than 50 "cold cure" prescription drugs after a team of leading medical scientists found that the antibiotics have no effect whatsoever on the common cold.

The proposed order would prevent the certification of prescriptions which include antibiotics in conjunction with analgesics, antihistamines, decongestants, and caffeine.

It would affect only prescription drugs taken by mouth.

The order also would initiate regulatory action, if necessary, to remove from the market analgesics, decongestants, caffeine and antihistamines when mixed with any other anti-microbial agents, primarily the sulfa family.

An FDA spokesman described the action as "major" and said it would affect 50 or more products manufactured by about 200 firms.

He said that most of the products contain antibiotics and a few other anti-microbial agents.

The proposed order was published in the Federal Register, an official government publication, and gave objectors 30 days to file protests or comment before it can take effect.

Under the order it would be illegal to manufacture the drugs specified and they would be unavailable to doctors. But the order would not affect popular cold remedies sold without prescription.

The spokesman said the combination drugs are frequently used in the treatment of colds. He said a number of scientists questioned their value and the Food and Drug Administration asked the National Academy of Sciences to make a panel study.

The chairman was Dr. Harry Dowling of the University of Illinois School of Medicine. Other members were Dr. Paul Beeson, Yale University School of Medicine; Dr. Maxwell Finland, Harvard University School of Medicine; Dr. William Jordan, University of Virginia School of Medicine; Dr. Edwin D. Kilbourne, Cornell University School of Medicine, and Dr. Cal Schmidt, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

There is no acceptable evidence that any antibiotic or other anti-microbial agent is of any value in the treatment of the common cold or any other upper respiratory viral infection.

Antibiotics and other anti-microbial agents are of no value in preventing bacterial complications in patients with common colds who are otherwise healthy, and therefore should not be used.

They may have some value in patients with underlying chronic pulmonary disease. But when preventive treatment of respiratory infection is justified the anti-microbial agents that may be used must be relatively free of inherent toxicity.

The antibiotic in a drug which includes analgesics, antihistamines, and possibly decongestants would have no effect on the cold itself and there is insufficient chemical evidence to show that it would be of value in the prevention of complicating infections of a cold.

The relief that may be provided by the other ingredients (other than the antibiotic) is no justification for any such product to contain an anti-microbial agent.



SERVICES — Funeral services for Jerry Michael Geraghty of Merrill who died Aug. 15 were held Saturday, Aug. 17, at 3:30 p.m. in the Merrill Presbyterian Church. Final rites and interment were in the Merrill IOOF Cemetery. Jerry was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Geraghty.

Man Jailed For Assault

Leon Pearson, wanted on a Klamath County warrant for assault and battery, was arrested by Sheriff Murray "Red" Britton and Deputy Del Summers in Dorris Friday and was transferred to the Klamath County Jail after he signed a waiver of extradition.

Pearson is charged with the beating of Cleo Williams, who was admitted to Klamath Valley Hospital on Aug. 8 as the result of injuries she received during the attack. She was released from the hospital two days later. The incident marked the second time in recent months that the two people were involved in an altercation which resulted in a complaint registered with local police, the district attorney's office reported.

Traffic Claims Three Persons

By United Press International
Three persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon Friday.

James E. Olson, a Portland teen-ager died following a one-car crash early this morning on Blue Lake Road between Blue Lake Park and NE Sandy Boulevard.

Five other occupants of the car were in Gresham Memorial Hospital. Two were listed in critical condition.

Officers said the car was northbound on Blue Lake Road, apparently traveling at a high rate of speed, when the vehicle veered off the road and struck a utility pole. One side of the car was sheared off.

Theodore S. Easton, 70, Myrtle Point, died in a two-car, head-on collision on Interstate 5, 14 miles south of Roseburg.

Lloyd L. Smith, 39, Myrtle Creek, who was driving the other vehicle, was treated and released at a Roseburg hospital.

William L. Davis, 16, Eugene, lost his life in a one-car crash on a Lane County road eight miles northwest of Eugene.

Davis lost control of his car on a curve, it rolled over and came to rest in a field.

Statue Returned

SALEM (UPI) — The Circuit Rider, battered, cracked and toppled by the Columbus Day storm, will return to the Capitol grounds Aug. 27, it was announced Friday.

The bronze statue of a man atop a horse was sent to Washington earlier this year to undergo repairs.

The statue normally stands atop a pedestal in the park adjoining the east side of the Capitol Building.

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ADMINISTRATOR — E. L. Short is the new principal of the Tulelake Joint Union High School. Prior to coming here, he served three years as vice principal of the high school at Princeton, Calif. Classes will start Sept. 10.

Annual Governors Meet Will Light Rights Fire

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va. (UPI) — Indications are the annual Southern Governors Conference opening here Sunday will produce considerable smoke but little fire on the touchy issue of civil rights.

With such hard-line segregationists as Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama and Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi in attendance there is bound to be some bombasties

over the subject, but the more liberal governors — by Southern standards — will call the official shots.

Passage of any resolution by the conference, which traditionally tip-toes around the race issues, will require a three-fourths majority. With such relative moderates as North Carolina's Terry Sanford, West Virginia's Bert Combs in the majority, this segment could easily block any move not to their liking.

This means that any racial pyrotechnics coming out of the meeting likely will be the result of statements made by various governors off the conference floor, rather than any official action by the group.

The first line of defense among the "moderate" majority of the attending 15 governors of Dixie and border states will be the resolutions committee — a group hand-picked by Chairman Orval E. Faubus of Arkansas.

Two-Thirds Vote Needed
It would take a two-thirds vote of all the governors, or 10 votes, to force a resolution out of the committee, with 12 votes still needed for final adoption.

Wallace has announced plans to submit five resolutions condemning use of federal troops to enforce school desegregation orders, the Kennedy administration's civil rights program and the Aug. 28 civil rights march on Washington.

The Alabama chief executive, attending his first Southern Governors Conference, will probably wait to sound out sentiment among his colleagues before deciding how far to press his campaign.

All of the governors except Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma are Democrats, and thus there will be no repetition of the partisan squabble over civil rights which marked the national governors conference at Miami Beach last month.

Accident Delays Arrival
Faubus' arrival at conference headquarters in the Greenbrier resort was delayed for several hours as a result of a highway accident Friday night involving his car. He was not injured.

Faubus will not preside at a formal meeting until the opening general session Monday. Sunday's program includes only a briefing and planning session for governors' aides, and a skeet shoot and reception.

Other states represented at the meeting, by delegations ranging from 6 to 24 persons, include Delaware, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. Only Maryland and Missouri among member states will not be represented by their chief executives.

No Substitute For Father's Influence

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I don't know if this is the kind of a problem I should be bothering you with but I am only 12 and I don't have much love life yet to speak of.

Well, to get to the point, I am crazy about horses. After many years of begging, my folks are finally buying me a horse in September. Now I need to know how to talk horse talk. I've got to get hold of a horse dictionary right away so I will be able to use words like gelding, filly, stud, wither, stallion and yearling.

Please tell me where I can get such a dictionary. I want to start studying now so I won't be ignorant in the horse-circles. — NO HORSE SENSE YET

Dear N.H.S. Yet: I know of no horse dictionary and furthermore, even if I did I wouldn't recommend it.

The best way to learn "horse talk" is by being around people who talk it. That's the way they learned.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 17, a girl, and very much worried about my little brother. He is 12 and getting completely out of control.

Dad died two months ago and mom had to go to work right away. This left me in charge of the house and my brother. He used to be obedient and polite and never caused any trouble. Now he susses me, leaves the house whenever he feels like it and comes home when he wants to.

I don't know where he is most of the time or who he is with. When I try to talk to him he tells me I am not his boss and we end up in a fight. My mother is too exhausted and too nervous to argue with him. Daddy was always the one who made the decisions in our family concerning my brother and now that he is gone I have inherited the job.

Please help me, Ann, before my little brother goes bad.—A SISTER

Dear Sister: This is a critical time in your brother's life and I urge you to get help from an adult male. An uncle would be ideal, or a friend of your father's.

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er. Perhaps your clergyman can come to the rescue.

Your approach to the boy should be gentle. He resents your taking his father's place as the authority in the family. Try to be soft-spoken, and above all, let him know you love him.

Dear Ann Landers: Two years ago I invested \$10,000 in a small business. For my \$10,000 I own 20 per cent. My partners are four men who are not related to me, but they are all related to each other.

The payroll looks like their family roll call. Before I sat down to write this letter I checked and this is the way it reads: A sister-in-law, two brothers-in-law, a son, two daughters, an uncle, three nieces, and a nephew.

The business is doing well, but I have the feeling it would do better if we got rid of some of the relatives. It was recently decided that two of the relatives will be sent to Europe at company expense to "look at items we might buy."

The trip is a phony and I'm burned up about it. What can I do about this boondoggle? — HOT UNDER THE COLLAR

Dear Collar: Sell your 20 per cent and remove yourself from the list of ulcer candidates. What you make on the investment cannot compensate for what you stand to lose.

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