

Vaccine Approval Vindicates Work

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Twenty-five years of research on a dread, crippling disease have been vindicated by government approval of Dr. Albert Sabin's live polio vaccine for use in this country.

Sabin, a 56-year-old University of Cincinnati professor, has fought for four years to convince U.S. authorities of the safety and effectiveness of his vaccine.

Many foreign countries, notably Russia, have reported successful use of the Sabin vaccine for two years.

Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney announced Wednesday that the U.S. government is ready to license pharmaceutical laboratories to manufacture his vaccine as soon as they meet certain technical requirements.

The Lederle Laboratories said it would start manufacturing the vaccine as soon as possible. Burney said the Public Health Service expected to license manufacture next spring. But he said mass production was not anticipated before the fall of 1961.

Easier To Take

The Sabin vaccine has certain advantages over the Salk killed type vaccine which has been in use since 1955. For one thing, it is taken orally, either in liquid or tablet form rather than injected.

Officials hope that this will induce a greater number of Americans to become vaccinated. They are disappointed that only about half the population has taken the Salk shots, with the result that polio has been drastically reduced but not entirely eliminated.

They hope that the combined use of the Salk and Sabin vaccines in a concerted nationwide program will eradicate polio just as diphtheria, yellow fever and other diseases have been conquered.

Public Health Service officials want to work out a way to administer the live vaccine on a community rather than individual basis. They believe there is some danger of a reversion to virulence if only a few individuals are inoculated in a given area.

Study Soviet Program

Officials finally were convinced of the Sabin vaccine's safety by evidence produced at numerous international polio conferences in the past three years. A team of U.S. polio experts also visited the Soviet Union earlier this summer to study the Russian program.

The cautious approach of U.S. officials was reflected in Burney's decision to give the go-ahead to only the Sabin vaccine. He withheld approval of two other live vaccines, developed by Dr. Harold Cox of Lederle Laboratories and Dr. Hilary Koprowski of the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, because they have produced damage to the nervous system of some monkeys.

The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis estimates that more than \$1 million in "March of Dimes" contributions went into development of the live vaccine. The Salk vaccine experiments and field tests cost more than \$25 million.

It is generally believed that the oral vaccine will be cheaper than the Salk injected type when it is produced in mass quantities.

Since the Salk vaccine went on the market, about 91 million Americans have been inoculated. This is reflected in a steady drop in the number of polio cases reported.

Indiana Trucker Is Killed At Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio (UPI) — An Indiana trucker was killed early today when the semi-trailer he was driving went off U. S. 224 about two miles west of here and was demolished.

Ohio State Police said Benjamin R. Folsom, 39, Somerville, Ind., was killed when he apparently lost control of his truck loaded with watermelons. The truck ran off the road for an estimated 350 feet, jackknifed and rolled over, sliding on the cab and pinning Folsom in the wreckage, police said.



YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE MAILMAN—Huge mail box dwarfs Marilyn Galman, 18, of Springfield, Ill. The big box was put up for advertising purposes.

Valuable Timber Is Lost In Fires

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Forest Service said today that damage to the nation's timber supply from fires burning in national forests in California and other western states will be felt more in about 20 years than now. Loss of young trees destroyed in the current fires will cut into the timber supply in 1980 and later when demands for lumber will be greater. Some of the mature trees that have been burned this summer can be salvaged. How many can be salvaged, however, won't be known until the trees actually are harvested.

The Forest Service said more than 325,000 acres of national forests already have gone up in smoke in July and August. This compares with a five-year average of 230,000 acres burned annually.

Many of the burned acres this year were on what the service calls watershed value lands. These are brush lands. The brush has no value itself, but it has incalculable value in helping to hold back water during floods and rainy seasons for use later for irrigation and municipal water supplies.

The two big fires now burning—Volcano and Donner Ridge, each in the Tahoe National Forest—cover a total of about 61,000 acres. The service estimated damage to timber at Volcano at \$1 million. The Donner fire destroyed no commercial timber but all the little trees there probably are a total loss, the Service said.

In July, a forest fire in California did about \$1.2 million damage to timber, the Service estimated. These figures are preliminary because there have been no salvage operations.

The watershed damage caused by fires this year has been estimated at about \$15 million.

The Forest Service already has spent about \$23 million this year in trying to control forest fires. An official said this seemed like a lot of money, compared with preliminary damage estimates. "But if we hadn't tried to control the fires, the damage would have been much greater."

Segregated Lunch Counters Picketed

United Press International Negroes picketed segregated lunch counters in Florida and South Carolina Wednesday, and Negro leaders at Hopewell, Va., vowed to fight for integration of a city-owned cemetery.

Eight Negroes filed a Federal Court suit last week demanding equal burial rights in Appomattox Cemetery at Hopewell. The city voted Tuesday night to sell the cemetery to private interests, instead, but Negro leader Curtis Harris said anyone who buys it "will buy a suit along with it."

Harris also promised new anti-segregation protests today at drug stores in Hopewell where eight Negroes were arrested Wednesday for seeking lunch counter service.

Six Negro anti-segregation pickets were arrested Wednesday at Greenville, S. C., on charges of obstructing traffic. But Greenville's teen-aged curfew, enacted last month to curb racial violence, was lifted.

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Time Payment Plan Increases In State

Indiana's economy was bolstered last year by the purchase of \$486,045,878 worth of automobiles, appliances, trucks, mobile homes, boats and other goods on the time payment plans of licensed finance companies.

"Numerically more than 50 per cent of installment contracts handled by sales finance companies in the state covered refrigerators, washing machines, television sets, motor boats and other household appliances," said William L. Snyder, manager of Budget Loans.

Loren H. Brewer, supervisor of consumer credit for the department of financial institutions, called the rising trend toward installment buying a "healthy sign of economic growth."

He pointed out that goods such as automobiles and large appliances, which once would have been available only to the well-to-do with cash on hand, are now easily within reach of the average Indiana family.

During 1959, the 321 finance companies licensed under the Indiana retail installment sales act bought 366,247 sales contracts from dealers, the department of financial institutions reported today. Figures are based on sworn annual statements of the companies.

Household appliances, motor boats and motors accounted for a 14.5 per cent slice of the total finance dollar, with \$9,945,997 financed in the 185,547 contracts purchased by the companies last year. The average contract was \$376.997. Another local member company participating in the consumer credit research and educational program of their state trade organization, Indiana consumer finance association is the Local Loan.

Another major share of last year's time sales dollar went to finance the purchase of new motor vehicles of all types. This portion, however, included only 19.3 per cent of all contracts purchased by the companies.

Hoosiers buying new automobiles, tractors, airplanes, mobile homes, and trucks obligated themselves to pay \$275,827,765 for their purchases. This was 56.7 per cent of the money advanced by the finance companies.

Since more than six of every 10 automobile purchases are arranged under conditional sales agreements, the second largest dollar slice in Indiana financing transactions went for the purchase of used motor vehicles.

The 109,797 contracts in this group represented future payments amounting to \$140,272,116. The largest share of this sum was the \$79,347,052 spent for trucks, tractors, automobiles and mobile homes less than two years old.

Only 17.6 per cent of all installment contracts were signed for the purchase of vehicles older than two years.

The role of the state agency in supervising installment credit is to establish maximum charges and insure ethical operations both as a public safeguard and a stimulant to healthy competition between the companies, Brewer stated.

In Indiana, the major share of installment financing of automotive, appliance and related sales was provided by the finance companies who accounted for 83.8 per cent dollar-wise of such financing last year.

Their total business was \$486,046,878.

Other institutions such as state and national banks accounted for another \$93,921,654.

Enters Guilty Plea To Vehicle Taking

Harold Lewis, formerly of near Ossian, pleaded guilty to a charge of vehicle taking before Adams circuit judge Myles Parrish Wednesday. Lewis was returned to the custody of the Adams county sheriff while a pre-sentence investigation is conducted by the probation officer during the next ten days.

Lewis was picked up on suspicion last month, but fled from the police station and stole a car. He was picked up a few days later in Huntington and brought back to Decatur on a charge of vehicle taking.

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