

Penicillin Held Useless As Cold Cure

Year's Trial on 2900
Kaiser Workers Gives
Negative Results

CHICAGO, Sept. 1—Hope that daily prophylactic doses of penicillin would keep people from catching colds and other respiratory ailments and losing time from work because of such illness can be given up in the light of a report to the Journal of the American Medical Association here today.

The report is by Drs. Clifford Kuh and Morris F. Cullen of the Permanente Hospitals at Oakland, Cal. These hospitals are part of the Permanente Health Plan established by Henry Kaiser early in the war for workers in his shipyards and their families.

Large scale trial of daily penicillin doses as prophylaxis against nose, throat and similar illnesses was carried out for one year among members of the Permanente Health Plan who volunteered to take part in the trial.

The results of this trial were negative, Drs. Kuh and Cullen report. Of the 2937 volunteers, 1486 were given twice-daily doses of penicillin pills. The other 1451 were given pills of a harmless chalk mixture (calcium carbonate). Records at the end of the period showed practically no difference between the two groups in amount of respiratory or other illness, days lost from work or regular activities, days in hospital or number of persons who sought medical attention.

Reported Every Month

None of the volunteers knew which kind of pills he was getting. They were given a month's supply of pills at a time, and had to report in person to the hospital for the next month's supply. At the time of each monthly report, information was obtained as to whether they had been sick, what illness they had had, whether they had lost time from work on account of it and whether they had been in the hospital for any illness. Many of the original group dropped out in the course of the year, but several hundred carried through for the entire period.

Many relatively mild reactions to penicillin and also to the chalk pills were reported but there were no disastrous toxic effects from the long-continued taking of the penicillin. Neither was there any evidence that the prophylactic doses of penicillin kept it from being effective when it had to be given in remedial doses for illness.

Optimists to Meet

A demonstration of the use of mobile telephone, under the auspices of Indiana Bell Telephone, will be given at the Indianapolis Optimist luncheon meeting at 12:15 p. m. tomorrow in the Hotel Severin.

KIWANIS CLUB TO MEET

Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, pastor of St. James Methodist Church, Manchester, N. H., will speak on "Palestine, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" at tomorrow's luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Claypool Hotel.

DePauw Students Stranded in N. Y.



Stranded in New York after a bargain-rate trip to Europe, Marcelle Hourt, 21-year-old DePauw University student (telephoning), calls her parents in Mystic, Iowa, to tell of her predicament. Looking on are (left to right) Maw Relling, Chicago; Camille Noble, Mystic; and John Westenberg, Rockford, Ill. They were among 48 students who reached LaGuardia Field in New York and found a scheduled bargain-rate plane from Chicago had failed to arrive.

What, No Fun?

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1 (UP)—The behavior of the legionnaires at their 31st national convention couldn't have been better, city officials and hotel men agreed today.

Mayor Bernard Samuel said the police did not receive a single complaint and J. Martin Hardy, vice president of the Philadelphia Hotel Association, said it was the most orderly convention ever held in the city.

Action of Actor's Union

ROUSES PETRILLO'S 'IRISH' NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (UP)—James Caesar Petrillo, fiery boss of 237,000 musicians, was on a new rampage today.

The arm-waving president of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM) was sore at another union. He said every time a horn-blower opened his mouth, the American Guild of Variety Artists said he was an actor and should take out a membership card at \$50 per card.

Unless this "raiding" stops, Mr. Petrillo threatened to pull orchestras out of night clubs, vaudeville theaters, taverns, hotels, and television shows "over the entire country."

FIND LINDSAY POETRY

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (UP)—President Truman will spend next Monday night at his home in Independence, Mo.

Okey-Dokey 'Pop'-er-Sir

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (UP)—Sir Tiruvayangudi Vijayaraghava Vacharya of India, arrived by plane from London today.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (UP)—United States exports dropped 12 per cent in July and imports fell off 19 per cent, the commerce department said today.

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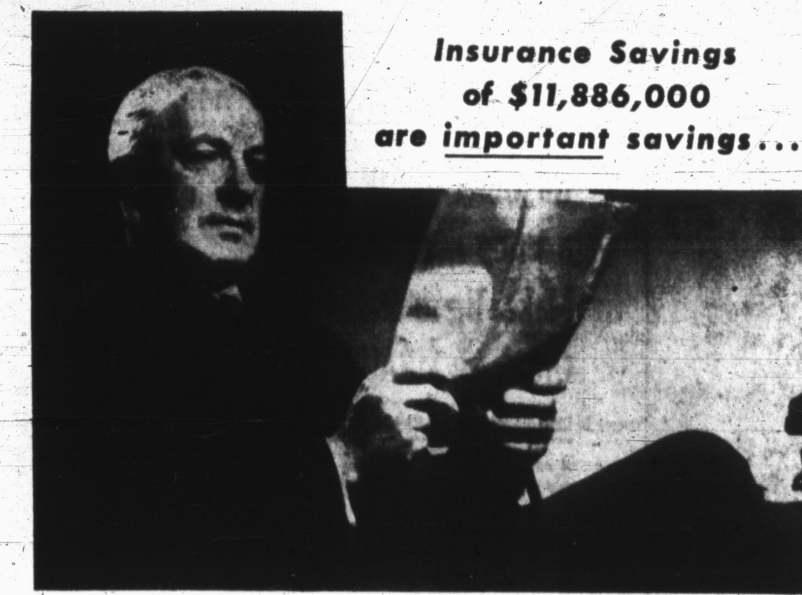
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