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New Vaccine Against Polio. May be Tried On Children in America This Summer

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NEW YORK (AP)—A safe new vaccine against polio has worked in a few humans, and probably will get large-scale trials on children this summer. Officials have raised guarded hopes that this spells the death knell of polio as a crippling and killer. The vaccine gives humans and

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WAMPVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—Readers of the classified section of the Oneida Daily Dispatch got the direct approach from a church here: "Wanted, men, women and children to sit in slightly used pews, Sunday morning, Wampville Presbyterian Church."

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animals antibodies against all three types of polio virus. Antibodies are natural disease fighters that can prevent invading viruses from doing any damage. Almost-final steps in developing this vaccine have been announced by Dr. Harry M. Weaver, director of research of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

He said the vaccine would not be available generally until after human tests are run. Scientists first must learn how long it takes the vaccine to give you antibodies, how long the protection lasts, whether booster shots might be needed after one vaccination.

But it means scientists have gone as far as they can in the laboratory. The next step definitely must be human tests, on many youngsters. And this also implies great confidence in the new vaccine for safety and protection.

The vaccine is made out of killed virus, killed by a chemical, formalin, so that the virus cannot hurt human nerve cells. It is thus perfectly safe.

But the killed virus still keeps some ability to produce antibodies in the human who gets the vaccine. That ability apparently can be stepped up by giving one or more kinds of mineral oils along with the vaccine, Dr. Weaver said.



DENNIS MORGAN prepares to take off after bandits as Rita Moreno and Jay Novello look on. Scene is from "Cattle Town," Warner Bros. action film which ends today at the Capitol Theatre.

Parliament Begins Drive To Adjourn by May 1

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament has begun its drive for an early adjournment—target date is May 1—so government leaders and others can attend the Coronation in London June 2.

With the controversial Currie report on the army works services sent to a committee, the government has scaled down the time allotted to private members' business and has started legislation through the Commons. Some of this already has Senate approval.

And Finance Minister Abbott has tabled his estimates of government spending for the 1953-54 financial year. He's going to present his budget Feb. 19.

The motion to give government business precedence on Mondays and Wednesdays—ordinarily devoted to private members' early in the session—was approved last week. Private members' time now is cut to two hours a week—an hour on Tuesday and an hour Friday.

When this action was taken Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto-Eglinton) asked Prime Minister St. Laurent if it was still hoped to wind up the session by the end of April or the first of May. Mr. St. Laurent replied: "The government still hopes that will be possible."

Major part of the government's legislative program for this session, which began Nov. 20, has been introduced. More may be in the offing but not much.

Proposed legislation ranges from routine changes in various acts, some new bills, to a hefty revision of the Criminal Code. The revision, which tightens the law against treason, has been sent to a special committee for study.

Another committee has been set up to study rural mail service with a view to bettering the lot of rural carriers and a special committee is proposed by Trade Minister Howe to "examine into the operations of the government in the field of atomic energy." This has yet to be explained by the government.

All in all, the Commons faces a hefty legislative job if it hopes to get through by May 1. The usual final hectic spurt finish can be expected.

Cubic Foot Measurement To be Delayed

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Sun says in a special dispatch from Victoria that the Social Credit government is expected to delay the over-all use of the cubic foot method of timber measurement in the province's forest industry.

Forest Minister R. E. Sommers has been studying protests from both the B.C. Lumber Manufacturers Association and the Truck Loggers Association.

The Victoria dispatch says no final decision is announced yet, but that it has been learned that the protests are expected to result in halting implementation of the method of measurement, perhaps for a year.

Lumbermen consider that the change-over, already partially instituted, is as revolutionary as altering the measurement of a ton or a gallon.

(Premier W. A. C. Bennett had no comment today when asked to confirm the reported government decision.)

SCREEN FLASHES

George Raft is starred in a searing story of the lucrative blood-money racket, "Loan Shark," a Lippert Pictures production which opens tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre for a two-day run.

Dorothy Hart is Raft's co-star and the strong supporting cast is headed by Paul Stewart, John Hoyt, Helen Westcott, Henry Slate and Margia Dean.

Raft is cast in familiar underworld surroundings but this time he is against the racketeers, working as an undercover man inside a vicious mob that terrorizes an entire city by beating and killing victims of the loan racket.

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