

SALK POLIO REPORT SET

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NEW YORK, March 23.—(AP)—The official verdict of the Salk polio vaccine—perhaps signaling the end of polio—will be announced April 12.

Just how good the vaccine is to prevent paralytic polio will be disclosed by Dr. Thomas F. Francis, Jr., University of Michigan, at a conference in Ann Harbor.

Dr. Francis has headed the team analyzing the results of vaccine trials involving nearly two million children.

ANNOUNCEMENT SET.

The date and place for the eagerly-awaited verdict were announced tonight by Basil O'Connor, foundation president, and Dr. Harlan Thatcher, University of Michigan president.

The foundation sponsored the vaccine research of Dr. Jonas E. Salk, University of Pittsburgh, and the difficult task of learning how effective it may be.

There was no hint in tonight's announcement whether the vaccine protected children, or how well.

But unofficially there is optimism the vaccine was good, and that vaccinations can end the terror of polio.

If the report is favorable and the vaccine is licensed by the National Institute of Health, some eighteen million persons, mostly children, are expected to receive it this year.

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MORE INNOCULATIONS.

These same firms are reported planning for another 9,000,000 or more vaccinations, to be given by private physicians. Patients would, of course, pay for this vaccine and the doctor's services.

Vaccinations consists of three shots, spaced about five weeks apart.

The retail cost of the vaccine for three shots is expected to be \$5 to \$6.

Some 440,000 children in the United States, Canada and Finland have received the vaccine. Another 210,000 received harmless shots of useless material, to compare what happened to them during the polio season. Another 1,180,000 children had no injections of either kind, but were followed to see if they developed polio.

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TESTS.

In some test areas, no one knew whether a child getting the shots was getting the real vaccine.

If the vaccine is given a green light, this secret will be disclosed. The children who got the useless shots will then be offered the real vaccine. This includes some children in third grades who took part in the tests.

The Polio Foundation will make vaccine available to public health officials without charge for school children in the United States, Hawaii and Alaska.

The Polio Foundation gambled \$9,000,000 the report would be favorable, and ordered the 9,000,000 courses of vaccine in order to be ready. Pharmaceutical firms also took the gamble and began preparing vaccine over and above amounts ordered by the foundation.

Newsman, radio and television representatives will be invited to attend the news conference on the test findings. Physicians and scientists from all parts of the nation also are invited.