

POLIO IN THE VACCINATED

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Altogether, 242 cases of poliomyelitis (137 paralytic, 105 non-paralytic) were reported in vaccinated persons in England and Wales during 1959. This represents about 12 per cent of the corrected notifications received by the General Register Office, which totaled 1994 (1419 paralytic, 575 non-paralytic).

Of the vaccinated cases 64 had only one dose of vaccine; 173 had had two doses, and 5 had had three doses. Four patients died, and of these 1 had had one dose and 3 had had 2 doses of vaccine. These figures, reported in the *Lancet* (July 9, 1960, p. 87) prove beyond question that, in spite of the claims of the vaccinists to the contrary, inoculation with two doses of the Salk vaccine does not prevent the occurrence of paralytic cases of poliomyelitis. Even three doses do not guarantee complete protection from the paralytic form of the disease.

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WHERE IS TRUTH?

Truth is reported to be found "at the bottom of the well" according to The Arcadians. How deep is the well? If propaganda be concerned it may be very deep. It has almost certainly been noted that press references, one after the other, to recent polio outbreaks have insisted with monotonous regularity that "None of the cases have been immunised" so, we read with interest the following letter which appeared in the *East Anglian Daily Times*, April 20, 1961:

"Sir,—On April 11th my daughter Penelope was admitted to St. Helen's Hospital, and although tests taken to date have proved negative she is, nevertheless, regarded as a case of polio. I believe this case was reported as confirmed in your columns recently.

I was very concerned to hear a statement on B.B.C. Regional News on Tuesday evening to the effect that all cases of polio reported so far were unprotected by inoculation. This is a complete travesty of the truth. Penelope received the full quota of injections, the last being carried out 18 months ago.

A statement of this nature reflects grave neglect on my part, and I trust that I may be allowed, through the medium of your column, to refute this lie in the most vigorous possible terms. The foregoing facts can be substantiated by the appropriate medical authorities.—"ALEC CAGE"

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