

reporting system on distribution and administration of vaccine to maintain current information on its flow at every stage from the manufacturer's plant to the vaccinated child.

The system calls for reporting (1) by the manufacturers to the Public Health Service of vaccine available for shipment; (2) by the manufacturers to the Service and to State health departments of actual shipments; and (3) by druggists to State health departments of retail sales. In addition, the American Medical Association has requested all physicians to keep records of the vaccine they administer.

Each of the six manufacturers, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the American Medical Association have pledged to cooperate in carrying out the plan developed by this Department on the recommendation of the National Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine. All of these groups have encouraged their members to keep the records mentioned above.

On May 17 legislation was introduced in both houses of the Congress to provide grants-in-aid to the States for the purchase of vaccine for use in public vaccination programs. The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee and the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee have both held hearings on this legislation at which the Surgeon General and I, and other officials of the Department, have testified in support of the measure. On July 12 these Committees reported separate bills dealing with grants to the States for poliomyelitis vaccination programs.

We have sought to keep the public fully informed of developments with respect to poliomyelitis vaccine as they occurred,