

expanding the existing priority groups to include both older and younger children so that the priority group will become increasingly broader. For example, the age group might be broadened by including all children aged 4 through 10, or 3 through 11. The Committee will take action on this matter whenever the supply situation makes it feasible.

Recommendation No. 4: Departmental Responsibility

This recommendation called upon the Secretary to "direct on a national level the division among the States of the entire output of Salk vaccine, as pledged by the manufacturers". (Recommendations 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 also bear specifically on this point and are discussed in greater detail below.)

With the close cooperation of the Executive Committee of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers and of the manufacturers, and with guidance from the National Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine, a detailed plan has been worked out for the interstate distribution of poliomyelitis vaccine. The elements of the plan provide for:

- (a) allotment of available vaccine to each of the States on a formula basis (see Recommendation 5 below);
- (b) determination by each State of the proportions of its allotment destined for (i) purchase by public agencies, and (ii) normal drug distribution channels; and
- (c) shipment of vaccine by manufacturers in accordance with State plans, including a regular reporting system from the manufacturers to both the Federal and State governments.