



That Little Pink Card!

# Doctor Protest Against Mass Polio Vaccine Shots

By DAVE McREYNOLDS

The effect of a request by the wife of a Houston pastor to secure Salk Polio vaccine shots for the members of her congregation has gone well on the way to gain national recognition and smear the reputation of the American Medical Association.

It all began when Mrs. James B. Argue, a registered nurse, and wife of the pastor of Foster Place Church, Houston, acted on the suggestion of a church member to secure mass polio inoculations for other church members.

Mrs. Argue asked the opinion of the Harris County Health Officer and got his approval at what he deemed a "worthwhile cause." He, in turn, suggested she ask the opinion of Dr. M. D. Levy, president of the Harris County Medical Society.

This was done and Dr. Levy said he saw no reason why the program shouldn't begin right away. In addition he advised her to contact Dr. Thomas M. Royce, chairman of the society's public relations committee, and he told Mrs. Argue the society had no set policy on such a program and to go ahead with her shots.

The shots were administered under the supervision of a doctor at wholesale cost of \$1 per shot. Seven hundred and fifty persons received shots under the church plan.

Until this time all went well. Then the villain entered. A news story ran telling of the church and its shot program. This brought a flood of requests from over the Gulf Coast asking how to go about organizing such a program in other communities.

Then the doctors came up with an abrupt about face with a statement in which they say the program was carried out without their blessing.

In Sunday's issue of the Fort Worth Star Telegram a news story was carried about the blocking of such a movement in Tarrant County by their Medical Society.

So, it seems that somewhere the doctors have gotten their bills added up and in the case of the Houston action, see where their

colleagues have missed out on about \$9,000 in fees which they would have realized if the polio shots were given in their offices at \$5 each.

The question is now, who got their story wrong in Harris County? The wife of the preacher who, regardless of what happens later, got 750 inoculated against the dreaded disease or—the doctors who are all aghast at the movement which might cost them fees.

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Contacts for booking the exhibitions can be made through Dick Atcheson for the fencers and gymnasts and Jim Belsey for the water team. Both of these men can be reached through Sports Illustrated.

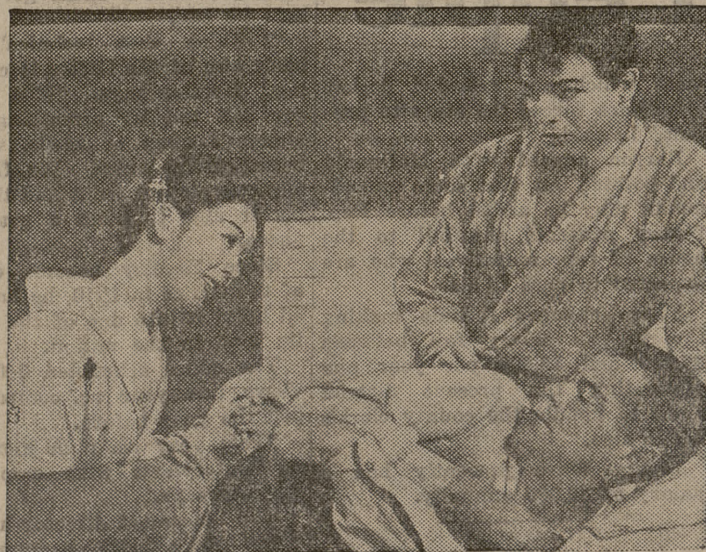
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