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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

INSTITUTE SCORED FOR NOT USING
NEW POLYVACCINE METHOD

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In contrast to the evasive tactics of the commission, the scientific council acknowledged the importance of the article and admitted that the polyvaccines now produced do not meet the standards of epidemiological practice. The council also attempted to reconcile irreconcilable contradictions in order to avoid using the new method. Moreover, the council conclusively stated that there is no new method of producing polyvaccines. This is nothing more than an attempt to confuse medical workers because the new method is referred to in the decrees of the Ministries of Public Health of the USSR and RSFSR and it is being used successfully in the Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology imeni Gamaleya of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR and in many oblast and republic institutes.

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The fact that criticism is not welcome at the Institute was also made clear in the discussions of the article. At the session of the scientific council, Moldavskaya sharply questioned the separation of the scientific forces of the Institute from production. She was not allowed to finish speaking.

There is still another serious danger signal. The Institute imeni Mechnikov for a number of years has persistently avoided scientific work that would help improve the quality of antiphagin.

P. F. Zdrodovskiy, Active Member of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, recently sent a letter to the editors of Meditsinskiy Rabotnik in which he recalled that the All-Union Congress of Microbiologists had proposed that the problem of chemical vaccines from complete antigens be solved in the shortest possible time. He points out that 2 years after the Congress spoke, nothing has been done in the Institute to fulfill this requirement.

Several days ago, the Ministry of Public Health RSFSR received telegraphed reports from several localities concerning the increased reaction to polyvaccine. Khazanov appointed a special commission which, while acknowledging the preparation's poor quality, testified that it was still an experimental preparation. One might ask, "For how long?"

All these facts indicate that the management of the Institute imeni Mechnikov has not learned any lesson from the article and has disregarded the protests of medical workers. The position of the management can no longer be tolerated.

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