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HEX ON PHISOHEX

Washington, D.C.—Hexachlorophene, the super ingredient that makes you glad you use Dial soap, is hazardous when used on your pimples and your pubes, and on your newborn baby. How it's official—from the wood, and Drug Adm. On September 22 the FDA announced restriction on over the counter sales of hexachlorophene. These restrictions were based on the much publicized French disaster in babies died from exposure to talc containing hexachlorophene, but also on the finding that lesions on the brain stem definitely correlated with exposure to the substance in 23 infants autopsied at the University of Washington, and on certain unpublished data.

Hexachlorophene products, with the exception of those containing less than .1% will be available only by prescription. Although the evening the announcement was made Phisohex and the Drug Fair labelled substitutes were on sale at a suburban Maryland Drug Fair.

Of the 15 deaths associated with the internal use of hexachlorophene in the United States, two involved the use of Phisohex impregnated vaginal packs, and one, occurring in 1968, occurred in a 21-year-old woman during an attempt to use Phisohex as a substitute for cleansing, and possibly injected. In 1957, a four-year-old child with an abnormally large colon died five weeks after having been given enemas with Phisohex. The child was suffering "piercing headaches."

A frequent advertisement by the drug industry interests to counteract its bad press touts the view that though some powerful drugs have side effects, dangerous ones, they cure disease. But this ignores the propaganda which sells compounds to us that we don't need, or that there are perfectly good substitutes for. We eat talcum powder, possibly contaminated with asbestos, a known cancer-causing agent, instead of cornstarch. We eat processed food with preservatives that may later be proved to be unsafe.

Even the strict hexachlorophene regulations allow some hexachlorophene products to be sold until the stock is depleted. Obviously so nobody loses too much money.

off our backs

QUOTES

The conquest of self is in a sense the inevitable consequence of true self-knowledge. If the self-centered self is shattered by a genuine awareness of the situation, then is the power of a new life in the experience. —GANDHI

Merely to refuse military service is not enough... This is (to act) after all the time you combating evil is practically gone. —GANDHI

The essence of true religious teaching is that we should serve and befriend all, it is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business. —GANDHI

Non-violence is not a cover for cowardice, but it is the supreme virtue of the brave... Cowardice is wholly inconsistent with non-violence...Non-violence presupposes ability to strike. —GANDHI

Did You Know?*

The World Health Organization estimates that one in ever 13 on the planet Earth smokes marijuana

Jane Fonda was Miss Army Recruiting in 1962.

The earliest authenticated strike of workers in the US is a single trade occurred in 1786, when Philadelphia printers gained a minimum wage of $6 a week.

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