

## Polio Hits Epidemic Level in Eastern States

Washington, Aug. 21.—(U.P.)—Polio-melitis—infantile paralysis—is reaching epidemic levels in eastern and central states and generally is on the rise elsewhere, the public health service said Monday.

It reported that the national total now is more than 2,300 reported cases and that July totals were 1,000 more cases than in July 1943, when the polio rate was higher than for any other recent year.

In the south Atlantic, middle Atlantic, and east central regions, the health service said, the number of cases reported last month was 10 times the average July figure for the past five years.

On the basis of figures for the first two weeks of August, it said, a continued rise was indicated. Nation-wide totals for the week ending August 5 were 932. For the week ended August 12 totals were 1,015.

## Polio Epidemic Grows

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