

NEW DRUG APPEARS EFFECTIVE AGAINST HAY FEVER

A new drug that has given good results to some 500 patients in combating hay fever created considerable interest among doctors who attended a recent meeting of the American Academy of Allergy. The drug is called allpyral, a short term for "alum. precipitated pyridine-ragweed complex."

In practice, allpyral is used to desensitize patients who get hay fever from ragweed pollen before the hay fever season arrives. It differs from standard aqueous pollen extracts in that it contains the pollen oils as well as the proteins.

Allpyral is absorbed slowly by the body, and physicians can therefore give much larger doses of it at one time. This means that the number of injections can be reduced. From present indications it appears that one injection of allpyral every four to six weeks is sufficient. With the aqueous solutions, one injection a week is usually needed.

In the 500 or more patients already studied in the United States, 89 to 93 per cent have shown improvement. With standard aqueous solutions, about 80 to 85 per cent improve.

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a foreign policy that is outdated and no longer workable.

These then are some of the thoughts that a former diplomat, turned businessman and armchair diplomatic analyst, offers to those who are presently in charge of charting and steering our country's course in the tur-

bulent sea of world affairs. These views may not find ready concurrence, especially among the uninitiated and uninformed. But in the difficult business of providing one's country with the best possible of such courses and of trying to keep to it, we can only ignore these realities at great risk.