In the opportunity that we pay a deserved homage to the creator of the oral anti-polio vaccination, immunizing method of highly value, I regret that attributions of my duty as Secretary of Health having to meet the Governors with the President of the Republic in Rio de Janeiro, deprive me of the pleasure of attending personally, this meeting in which I will be represented by the sanitary engineer Heitor Pinto Tameirão, Chief of Cabinet.

The anti-polio vaccination, that in the last years is one of the most discussed subjects in scientific congresses, found out in Sabin's exhaustive researches and investigations a technique that is now a positive conquest of those who fight for the child's defense and for the preservation of mankind's health of the future.

It is also very timely that we present in behalf of the children of São Paulo our thanks to the scientist Albert Sabin, for his constant abnegation of a whole life devoted to the study of the virus of the poliomyelitis and for his perseverance in the fights he had to face to carry out entirely his true apostleship.

At this moment that I greet the emeritus scientist, I wish to express my sincerest votes that his sojourn among us, be an incentive for the prosecution of the campaign of the oral anti-polio vaccination in which the Government of this State is so earnestly committed, following the exemple
of all civilized peoples, in this crusade in which the scientist to whom we pay this homage today is undoubtedly the most distinguished representatives throughout the world.

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