weeks post vaccination compared with the normal, expected, endemic incidence. Notably, Alexander Langmuir had also led the epidemiological investigation of the Cutter inactivated poliomyelitis vaccine incident two decades earlier (97–99).

SUMMARY COMMENT

We find ourselves entering a particularly promising era in the history of vaccinology, spurred on by application of the tools of modem biotechnology that are resulting in a new generation of novel vaccines. And yet, even as we look ahead with great anticipation at this newly unfolding ''golden era'' of vaccinology, we glance back with admiration at the legacy of pioneering achievements left by our scientific forefathers, who developed the first vaccines, provided our initial understanding of immune mechanisms, and forged the early methods to assess the safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy of vaccines in clinical and field trials.

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