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AMERICANS CRUSADING FOR HEALTH LIBERTY

Fluoridation Bill S.B. 865

S.B. 865 by Holmdahl came out of Committee May 13, with a do-pass recommendation, but not until it was amended in several particulars. One amendment set forth the idea that passage of this bill by the legislature did not mean the legislature was endorsing or recommending the addition of fluorides to drinking water.

Another amendment provided that when a ballot was mailed to voters there should accompany it, arguments for and against the measure to be voted on, in a manner similar to the state practice on statewide measures. Each side to prepare its own argument.

On May 14 we heard a great deal of praise for the able, statesmanlike presentation against the measure made by Mr. Hoffman, as a representative of the Christian Science Church, and there was nothing but praise for the able presentation made by Dr. Helen McDonald of the East Bay. Those in the know gave Dr. McDonald much credit for getting the measure amended for the protection of the people.

Mrs. Bernice Moore, in behalf of the Pure Water Association, put in a great deal of time in an unsuccessful endeavor to defeat the measure.

To work out our life problems, we need to add love, subtract hate, multiply good, and divide between truth and error.

You can borrow brain, but you cannot borrow character.

Dilworth Mental Health Bill of Rights

Wednesday, May 12, at a night session, the California Senate Judiciary Committee voted to refer the entire subject mater to the Rules Committee with the request it be reassigned to the Judiciary Committee for an interim committee study. It was also a part of the motion that all laws relating to mental health procedure should be reviewed by this same interim committee with the purpose of making any changes needed to protect the rights of individuals, it being further understood the chief purpose of the interim study is to perfect a Constitutional Mental Health Bill of Rights Amendment for submission to the legislature for approval during the 1961 session.

Senator Dilworth and proponents of his amendment were of course disappointed, but it could well be the action taken will result in greater benefit to all. The National Health Federation will be represented at all hearings held by the Interim Committee.

KEEP ON GOING

One step won't take you very far, You've got to keep on walking. One word won't tell folks who you are, You've got to keep on talking. One inch won't make you very tall; You've got to keep on growing. One little call won't do it at all; You've got to keep on going.

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Cancer Control Act S.B. 194 Report

By FRED J. HART

For three months I, Fred J. Hart, with Don C. Matchan, as representatives of the National Health Federation, have spent three days of each week at Sacramento working with the Senate and Assembly to:

- 1. Convince the legislators that there is absolutely no need for Senate Bill 194 because the Public Health Department itself had testified to the Interim Committee that if it were supplied with sufficient funds to hire a full-time doctor, a full-time lawyer and three additional inspectors, with a few minor changes in present laws it could eliminate all cancer quackery from California.
- 2. Failing in this attempt, endeavor to amend the bill in such a manner as to make it a workable and beneficial piece of legislation. In this latter attempt, we met with very good cooperation in the Senate and Assembly.

Senators Co-operated

In the Senate we were able to secure amendments which removed most of the evils of the original bill. We also secured the assurance of many Senators, including authors of the bill, that if the decisions of the Council were biased and the enforcement of the Act became a detriment to cancer sufferers, they would cooperate with the National Health Federation at the next session of legislature to either amend the Act or repeal it.

Some Sections Need Clarification

There are some sections of the bill which still need legal clarification. An attempt was made on the floor of the Senate to refer the matter to the Senate Judiciary Committee for this purpose. There were 18 Senators who voted to refer the bill and 16 against. However, while the roll call was proceeding, for some reason two Senators changed their vote from yes to no, thus defeating the motion. A motion was then made by the author of the bill to pass the measure. During the debate on the motion the author of the bill promised to put in as author's amendments any practical amendments suggested by the Senators. The bill then passed the Senate 31 to 1.

We Pressed Our Advantage

Immediately the session was over we, as your representatives, consulted with

the authors of the bill and secured their consent to insert as author's amendments:

1. The word "efficacy" in the Section of the bill which defines what the word "testing" means. (This addition of the word efficacy means that clinical testing on animals and humans will be necessary) and 2. In Section 1714 the words "for gain" after the word "person" and at the end of the Section "nothing in this Section shall abridge the existent rights of the press."

Debate on Floor Is Valuable

Because of certain questions raised in debate on the Senate floor the Legislative Council of the Senate ruled that a new Section, numbered 1720, must be added to the bill. This Section reads, "All hearings authorized by this Chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the Government Code." This is a very important Section and guarantees that all hearings shall be full and complete.

The Assembly Considers the Bill

At the request of the authors of Senate Bill 194, and with our approval, the Assembly Public Health Committee, under the able and fair chairmanship of Assemblyman Byron Rumford, adopted the above mentioned author's amendments. Fred J. Hart, as President of National Health Federation, made the following statement to the committee:

"We believe the bill, as amended, will pose no untoward threat to the welfare of cancer patients, except for the fact that the Council of 15 charged with administering the Act, by provision of the Act itself, will, with the exception of three, consist of men who, by education, occupation and experience, believe that sur-

gery, X-ray and irradiation are the only present cures for cancer. With this type of background it will be hard for these men to arrive at an unbiased decision as to the merits or demerits of a product or device.

We believe that there are some sections of the bill which need clarification. Each member of the Assembly has received a copy of the National Health Federation's suggested amendments to the bill. If the members of the Assembly, with this knowledge of the position of the National Health Federation, decide to vote in favor of S.B. 194 without further amendment, the National Health Federation will go along with the bill and do all within its power to make it work for the benefit of the cancer victims of California."

We further stated to the Committee that "if the administration of this legislation does not work to the benefit of the general public, cancer victims in particular, the Federation will be back at the next session seeking the cooperation of the Senate and Assembly to either amend S.B. 194 or repeal it." Following this statement, the Committee voted in favor of the legislation and sent it to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration. As this article is written, the bill has not yet reached this latter Committee.

We Faced A Stone Wall

In explanation of our statement to the Committee, we offer the following: We were unable to get the proponents of the bill to allow the authors of the bill to accept any amendment changing the makeup of the membership of the Council. For three months we, as your repre-

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With N.H.F. General Counsel

Decision in The Case of *California* vs. *Harre* does not restrict Chiropractors Use of Food Supplements.

Your Washington counsel is of the opinion that the case of *California* vs. *Harre*, Superior Court No. Cr. A-3904, does not restrict or circumscribe the use, by a chiropractor licensed in California, of vitamins, minerals, concentrated foods, dietary food supplements or foods for special dietary use for which no therapeutic claims are made.

Upon a study of the opinion of Judge Swain, it appears clearly that the Court only discussed the illegal practice of medicine by a chiropractor whose license does not encompass the use of medicines, patent medicines, or products for which therapeutic claims are made by the chiropractor.

Harre Case Did Not Make Law

Judge Swain's opinion or decision did not make law; it only declared the law as it stands on the California Statute books.

California Chiropractic License Law Does Not Restrict Doctors Use of Dietary Food Supplements

There are those people who would like to restrict the professional rights of chiropractors.

It is often the practice that chiropractors and other doctors in the healing arts field restrict themselves unnecessarily when in fact the laws and court decisions do not restrict their professional rights in certain areas.

For example, many California chiropractors have been told and have believed that the act regulating the practice of chiropractic in California denied them

of the right to use dietary food sup-plements, vitamins, minerals, concentrated foods and foods for special dietary uses. This is not so when the products are given to the patient only to balance the patient's diet and to supply the dietary deficiency for which given, and when the doctor does not make any therapeutic claims that the product will diagnose, prevent, mitigaate or cure and disease of man.

The California Chiropractic Act Restricts Uses of Drugs and Medicines Only

The fact that food products such as dietary food supplements, vitamins, minerals, concentrated food or food for special dietary uses are "included in materia medica" does not mean that a chiropractor in California cannot use such food products in his practice under Section 7 of the Act, because the restriction refers only to the use of any drug or medicine now or hereafter included in materia medica. This means that the use of food products which are not drugs or medicines, although they are included in materia medica, is not restricted to the doctor of chiropractic, in the absence of therapeutic claims therefor.

New Legislation is needed to preserve and expand professional rights of doc-

The thousands of members and the state regional offices of the National Health Federation should take every step available to help the doctors engaged in the healing arts practice to preserve and expand their professional rights by backing their legislative programs.

The doctors have in many cases, more rights than they realize. They have prac-

ticed unnecessarily under fear of laws and restrictions that do not exist actually in the laws or in the court decisions. The misinterpretation of Section 7 of the California Act mentioned above is an example of some doctors being mislead into thinking they can't use foods for special dietary uses when, as a matter of law and fact, they can do so.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Restricts Chiropractic

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued an injunction forbidding a chiropractor the right to assume the title of "Dr." or "doctor" or to add the title "D.C."

Use of Supplementary Foods Not Restricted by Wisconsin Supreme Court

The Wisconsin Court injunction specifically excepted "supplementary foods" for nutritional purposes in the original containers. This includes the right to use food supplements and vitamins, in my opinion, as foods for special dietary uses and as nutritional supplements to balance the patient's diet provided no therapeutic claim is made by the chiropractor that the product will diagnose, prevent, mitigate or cure any disease of man.

Chlorophyl

The appropriate officials of the Federal Food and Drug Administration have advised your Washington counsel that there has been no finding to date by the chemists and analysts in the Administration that Chlorophyl has any nutritive value, although the subject matter has been explored and is being studied at the present time.

Legal questions concerning rights of doctors and patients should be referred to National Health Federation.

Whenever a member of National

Health Federation has a question concerning the rights of the doctors or the patients to use particular professional techniques for health care, the member should not rely on rumor or hearsay. The real professional rights of the doctor and patient can be accurately determined by officials of the National Health Federation and its Washington counsel.

Suggestions for Washington Counsel's News Items Are Requested

Your Washington counsel believes that the members of National Health Federation have legal problems that may be typical of the problems of others, and the answers to which could possibly end fears not based on laws or facts. This news item is for your benefit. Your advice and assistance will be appreciated.

Charles O. Pratt General Counsel National Health Federation 1012 - 14th St., N. W. Washington 5, D. C.

This Job Needs to Be Done

Only you can do it. If you have not already done so please write a letter to your Congressman and one to each of your two Senators. Have these letters state in your own language the following:

"The National Health Federation of which we are members has opened a permanent office at 2400 S. W. Washington, D. C., with Mr. Harold Edwards in charge. Mr. Edwards will represent us in all matters affecting legislation and is there to be of assistance to you in anyway possible. We have asked Mr. Edwards to call on you and we would appreciate it if you would be of assistance to him in getting acquainted with the ways of legislation."

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PROTECTING OURSELVES

By ROBY C. DAY Member Board of Governors, N.H.F.

Every well informed student of health knows that we have several complex dangers. Basically, the major and very obvious dangers may be found in three groups. They are: (1) Soil depletion and bad soil management; (2) Over processing and commercial contamination of our foods; (3) Local administration, marketing methods, etc. If we are effectively to protect ourselves, we MUST have a three protect ourselves, we MUST have a threeselves so as to deal effectively with the three phases or classifications of the evil forces which are so well established and so dangerous. Individually we can do so little, even on the local front, that we are virtually useless. Of course we can do much to protect ourselves if we have a garden. As we have demonstrated, we can help ourselves considerably, even in a hotel room, by sprouting seeds. But when we look away from our little selves and consider the welfare—the health—of our community there is only one answer. That is organization - Organization and Education. No mere local organization can be worth much in dealing with the first two groups of threatening dangers. We, therefore, must have and certainly we should be active members of a larger organization to deal with the problems of soil destruction and land conservation. In the same way and for the same reason we must have and certainly should be active members of a nation-wide organization that can and will operate in the legislative field. Only there, can we hope for any effective protection against the organized MAY - JUNE, 1959

processors, chemicalizers, etc. Fortunately we have available now the organizations so essential to our personal safety. They are the National Health Federation, the Natural Food Associates and our own Natural Food Foundation. Dr. Royal Lee, in his recent lecture, wisely advised us to support all three. He specifically mentioned The Natural Food Associates and The National Health Federation. Of course his own presence on our platform was sufficient endorsement of our local organization.

I see this picture, or problem, if you prefer that term, as a home or at least a house. There are three essentials to any house. It must have a foundation, or floor. It must have walls. It must have a roof. If any one of these is left out we have no house. Applying our illustration, the local organization is the foundation or floor of our much needed security. But for protection the floor is essentially worthless without the walls and the roof. Just so, the most essential reason for and the most vital mission of any one of the hundreds of little local organizations is to federate into National organizations and to support and finance these national organizations. We do not support them for their own welfare, but for our own good. We join them, we finance them because it is the only way we have of putting protecting walls and roof over our own lives. Of what value can we be as just one little isolated organization here in Southern California, when a vital issue is at stake in Washington or Sacramento? We have

about as much weight and as much effectiveness as the gnat that asked the elephant not to run through the trees because the gnat would be knocked off.

Certainly we want to build our organization; but for what purpose? Our first purpose should be to make us more effective, along with all other similar organizations in dealing with the great and menacing threats against which we alone are essentially useless. The second reason -but not the greatest-is to do all we can in our local community. We can educate a few people. We can entertain ourselves. We can and have fought local fluoridation. But the logic of history compels me to conclude that our greatest mission and our greatest privilege as well as our only means of effectively protecting ourselves, is to stand ready to go into action, when called upon by our own larger organizations, to stop bad legislation, or to promote good legislation in Sacramento and in Washington.

N.H.F. Supports Dilworth S.A.C. 3 Constitutional Amendment

On behalf of the members of the National Health Federation we presented a brief to the Senate Judiciary Committee which, stripped of excess verbage, made the following points:

- 1. We believe such important matters as are covered in Senator Dilworth's Constitutional Amendment on mental health should be submitted for approval or rejection to the voters of California.
- 2. In the light of present trends, we believe it is important that adequate safeguards be written into the Consti-

tution to protect the public against possible misuse or abuse of laws or regulations in the mental health field.

3. We believe that adoption of this Constitutional Amendment, as now proposed, will in no way hinder or restrict the lawful, reasonable and efficient functions of those officially engaged in the work of caring for the mental health of those in need of such care.

Food & Drug Administration Release

April 6, 1959—Persons on sugar-restricted diets will find it much easier to distinguish artificially sweetened canned fruits from those packed in sugar syrup under special standards developed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Under the new standards, the words "artificially sweetened" will appear on the label as part of and ahead of the name of the fruit, FDA officials said.

The standards will become effective in about 3 months unless stayed by objections by persons adversely affected and will apply to artificially sweetened peaches, apricots, pears, cherries, fruit cocktail, and figs.

The new standards permit use of a water solution of a safe non-nutritive artificial sweetener in place of the usual syrup to meet the needs of persons on sugar-restricted diets.

In addition to the prominent identification of such fruits as "artificially sweetened," the labels will include the common name of the artificial sweetener, its percentage by weight, and the number of calories in an average serving of the canned product.

Message from Washington

By HAROLD EDWARDS

Director N.H.F. Washington Office

The bill known as S 79 passed the Senate early in this 86th Congress and was rushed into hearings of the House and subsequently passed.

Food and Drug Administration, sponsors of the Bill have made much over the fact the new color is one fifth as toxic and only one fifth as much is used. They claim also to have developed a new carrier for it which holds it to the skin when the fruit is cut. The further claim is made that in all their tests the substance is found to be harmless.

Independent scientists are unavailable to bolster the case of those in Congress who demand proof of claims such colors are harmless. More and more that condition becomes a problem. Most every reputable scientist is either in the employe of industry or with a University laboratory. In each instance their employer is subsidized by the various industries or is dependent on grants from United States Public Health Service. Thus they do not feel free to speak their mind.

In spite of this the passage of S 79 through the House was held up for several weeks due to the tenacity of Congressman Delaney in holding to the principle of proof. Food and Drug Administration moved heaven and earth to produce that proof and produce it they did. In the fact of that, further road blocks could not be supplied.

Members and friends should not feel discouraged over present conditions. This Bill is described as a temporary stop gap

with a life limited to 2 years or until the Congress gets into the full scale review of the full color problem. Feel free to keep those letters coming into Washington on the whole matter of colors and additives.

Food and Drug Administration Obeys
the Court

We might point out at this time the color program of the Food and Drug Administration is an entirely separate action from the food additives bill which was signed into law by the President last September 6. The early December action of the Food and Drug in banning the four yellows and the Red 32 were not connected with passage of the Williams Bill, just mentioned, and known as H.R. 13254.

The Department action in banning Red 32 from oranges, after extensive tests proved it toxic, brought on a storm of protests and threats of court action by the citrus industry. The matter was quickly brought up to the United States Supreme Court who ruled in favor of Food and Drug.

The amount of pressure brought to bear on Congress in this instance has been enormous. Cries from all over Florida and Texas appear on every hand in Congress and their anguished pleas for help lest their industry be completely downed and ruined have made front page material for many weeks.

Industry Pressure Versus Your Letters

The enquished cries from industry still

The anguished cries from industry still do not match the power of those short

but sincere, hand-written letters from home. That home-town postmark on your letter is the key to whether the envelope will be opened and read or most likely cast into the wastebasket if originating in another part of the country. In spite of all the pressures from the various big interests a steady flow of those home-town letters briefly stating your wishes and opinions is by far the greater force for good.

We have already seen a dozen instances of that very thing. Numerous contacts in the Halls of Congress have confirmed the fact and friends in the know have kindly pointed that out as rating top priority in all efforts to influence legislative action. So be encouraged that your voice as a voter is worth much more if you reinforce it as often as possible with letters to your Congressman and the two Senators from your State.

To be effective they must be short and to the point. The second factor of importance—the letter must be respectful and friendly - otherwise the Congressional assistants have standing instructions to dump them into the basket without bothering the man you really want to tell the story to.

Members of Congress Need Your Support

Many folks feel here that the passage of food additives Bill 13254 last summer has stiffened the backbone of Food and Drug officials to go ahead with other needed legislation. It is apparent the many fighters among you who have carried this battle forward year by year will begin to reap deserved rewards from here on in.

The flood of letters over the last two

years were acknowledged to be the great and deciding factor. Members of Congress are helpless if they do not get the support from back home.

Former Senator Pepper from Florida is credited with having had a most comprehensive and highly progressive better health program ready to go into legislative action some years back. The story is told that when it came to lining up Congressional support for his proposals he suddenly found himself alone and without needed help.

That greatly needed vocal encouragement from his own home district coupled with active demonstration of understanding and support from other sections of the country simply was not there.

The Federation is now in position to supply that kind of help and encouragement from across the length and breadth of this Nation. If you are among those who haven't seen the need for letter writing action or perhaps even a telegram or personal call, why not now join the ranks of those who are making the sacrifice of time and convenience to get that all important job underway.

This 86th Congress which convened in January to run the next two years is easily the greatest opportunity in history for decision—in the opinion of many observers here on the scene.

Recipe for Trouble

Take one generation of young people. Add one education from which God and the Bible have been removed.

Season liberally with much material-

Mix with a home life where Christ is only a curse word.

Allow to harden into adults.—Selected.

A BIG QUESTION

WHAT'S AHEAD?—"Will you still be in the Health Food business a year from today?" "Will there even be a Health Food Industry by the time 1960 rolls around?"

Silly questions? Absolutely not! On the contrary, they are two very real and very dangerous possibilities facing every one of us in the Health Food business unless we do something about the situation now! The Facts

Last August at the Atlantic City convention you learned that the American Medical Association was undertaking a multi-million dollar public relations campaign against "racketeering" house-tohouse vitamin salesmen and fraudulent food faddists.

On September 23 a PELLL bulletin warned you of the seriousness of this campaign.

Since that time your PELLL Committee has been in continuous session, meeting each week, sometimes even more frequently, to consider all the facts related to this situation and to determine upon the best course of industry action.

During these months we have been fortunate in having access to highly confidential sources of information, and the "inside" facts we have obtained have pointed up the need for extreme caution in developing a definite industry position.

Your PELLL Committee felt that premature reports to you would be both inaccurate and confusing. Your Committee therefore decided to withhold all information until a final decision concerning

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the industry's course of action could be reached.

Now, it is important for you to know that the AMA's campaign against food "quacks" may actually become a "holy war" that will fail to distinguish between the racketeer and the legitimate Health Food merchant.

Equally dangerous is the fact that similar campaigns are being launched or sponsored by other powerful groups with the apparent help and support of key agencies and officials. For example:

The AFL-CIO is inaugurating a campaign almost identical with that of the AMA, aimed at a "captive audience" of 40 million union members.

But this is only the beginning . . .

A powerful and politically influential national association has set 1959—this year—as the target date for passage of legislation that would stop health food retailers from selling vitamins and food supplements.

The Proprietary Drug Associaiton has announced that it no longer opposes such legislation.

Spokesmen for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Federal Food & Drug Administration and the American Medical Association have publicly denied the need for food supplements in normal diets, setting the stage for passage of this bill. This is con-

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- 2. Making a DONATION.
- 3. Getting a NEW MEMBER.

trary to previous official positions on this matter, and contrary to the opinion of leading medical nutritionists in this country.

In his nationally syndicated column, Drew Pearson reveals that pressures are already being exerted on our nation's law-makers to assure passage of this and other regulatory measures dealing with the dispensation of foods and proprietary drugs.

If this bill goes through it will mean a loss of 75 per cent of your volume . . .

But there are hostile interests that are hard at work to make it impossible for you to even keep the remaining 25 per cent. These interests have developed a plan that they hope will result in arbitrarily limiting what the Health Food store may or may not sell.

Our industry is also vitally concerned with certain practices presently being employed by the Post Office Department. Pressure is being exerted upon retail stores through letters requesting the discontinuance of various products. This practice poses a serious threat to the well-being of our industry and very specifically, to the position of the retail store.

For the legitimate members of the Health Food Industry "the chips are down." In this report we'd like to tell you what is now being done and what still must be done to protect our business from such unwarranted attacks.

We must plan and develop new and higher industry-wide standards, a greater sense of industry responsibility and more definite means of self-regulation

We must develop additional programs including education of our industry and of the public. These go hand in hand with the building of a strong industry and a strong Association.

We must speak as a responsible industry. At times it may be advisable to appear as "amicus curie" in test cases that may have important effects upon our entire industry.

The development of a program of industry self-regulation, following as it would in the footsteps of so many other industries is obviously essential in obtaining stature before the government and the public.

A coordinated program properly encompassing all facets, as herein outlined, will lead to the growth of our industry and our Association.

What Now?

The Health Foods Industry is at a cross roads.

We can take the path of least resistance—do nothing, or do too little too late—and it will be the end of your business and mine.

Or we can join ranks, coordinate our efforts, present a solid front to our enemies and individually do our utmost to support PELLL in its fight to defend our rights.

How can you help?

One way is to support PELLL! Attend your regional PELLL meetings to learn all th facts, to learn what PELLL is doing to protect you and what you must do to help PELLL do its job well.

National Health Federation Editor's note:

The foregoing article is a reprint from the Jan.-Feb. issue of Health Foods Retailing—the official publication of the Dietary Foods Association. PELLL is the public relations branch of the Association.

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National Health Federation Statement

By HAROLD EDWARDS, Vice President
Regarding S.J. Res. 41, 86th Congress, to Senate Committee
on Labor and Public Welfare

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

This statement embodies the general conceptions and attitudes of the various officers and members of the National Health Federation incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

The Committee, under its very able Chairman, has done a monumental work in the preparation of this resolution. We have only the highest praise and deepest respect for its objectives and motives for the common good.

Should Include Drugless Approaches to Health

In view of the tremendous area of medicine and health to be covered and its implications for the future problems and welfare of all citizens inherently attached to the principles of better health for all and the spirit of peace on earth for all men, we further beg the attention of this great legislative body. It is a consensus of opinion that this pending action is incomplete and falls short of representing the beliefs and wishes of representative segments of citizens whose basic health rights are to be considered here. For example:

The following medical and health pattern is acknowledged to prevail in the Nation at this time:

40 million patients patronize 160,000 medical doctors

10 million patients patronize 20,000 chiropractors

6 million patients patronize 10,000 osteopaths

25 million patients patronize 50,000 physical therapists, manipulative, etc.

20 million other Americans use the rule of good sense, good habits, and good nutrition.

75 million other Americans follow no system of doctoring

No reason has thus far been advanced as to why the interests of the 80,000 non-medical practitioners along with the 136 million non-medical divisions of the citizenry should not be included in your present considerations. At this moment there is not and there is no apparent provision being entertained for them. In this, we believe, is followed the practice of the past in which an unofficial alliance of the United States Public Health service and the American Medical Association is accepted as part of a governmental plan. Nothing, of course, is further from moral and legal reality.

Is it not in the public interest to constantly improve the scientific standing of the drugless professions or to improve the lot of medically unattached Americans? Should not the numerous other groups of physicians, drugless and manipulative, enjoy the benefits of the millions in tax funds being spent for scientific improvement? Should the patient of a drugless practitioner be denied the advantages that will accrue from the spending of these public monies for advanced science in health?

It's Time to End This Practice

For the moment the proposal is set up to follow the age-old practice of steer-

ing all public largesse of a scientific nature to the ultimate benefit of members of the privately owned medical corporation known as the American Medical Association. Similarly, only institutions staffed with members of that body seem destined to enjoy the results of such benefactions. It is noted too that all medical staffers within the suggested control agency—the United States Public Health Service—are members of that same group.

Science Restrained—Detrimental

It has been inferred that no seat of learning may participate in these funds unless all individual beneficiaries be members or allied with members in good standing of the corporation mentioned. Proposals for scientifc research of materials and modalities by individuals or groups lacking the affiliation, though seeming to be considered for a time are always ultimately turned down. It is believed by many that this practice has been leading to a grave weakening in our health structure.

To quote a previous witness in the present hearings:

"Over 50% of our American youth could not pass the necessary physical tests of our armed forces in the Korean War."

Quoting further from medical annals of the same conflict:

"Team of American doctors autopsied 300 GI's in their early twenties who had died of natural causes, found that 72% of the group showed signs of advanced cardiac and blood vessel deterioration."

As quoted in Public Health Monograph No. 30:

"The Major causes of illness and

death in six aged periods" 1957. Figure 5, page 14 shows cancer to be the leading cause of death in the school age group from 5-14, next to accidents. Then follows leukemia and next, heart disease—conditions popularly supposed to exist only in the aged.

From the August, 1956 "Sports Illustrated" in article "Where are America's Milers?" author David Richardson had this to say:

"Even apart from the Olympic showings, the record books bear testimony to this long standing deficiency. They show that while U. S. Athletes have consistently captured most of the world records in the majority of track and field events, the number of Americans who have managed to set marks at races of a mile or longer during the last half century can practically be counted on one hand."

We incline to the opinion that popular beliefs on the subject, engendered by medical writers, are very wide of the official figures mark. Heart disease and cancer have been increasing rapidly over the last 50 years, at all ages. Spokesmen blandly note this will get increasingly worse. This committee is well aware of the inroads from other degenerative causes.

S.J. Res. 41 Should Be More Definitive

We believe certain dangers will attend the passage of this Bill in its present limited form. Nowhere is there specific proposals of what the end products are to be beyond the hope of world peace and more and more scientific medicine. When and how is chemotherapy in cancer treatment going to be applied? Noth-

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ing is specifically stated regarding application of even present advanced health and medical knowledge to the enormous increase each year of heart disease, cancer, mental and retardation deficiencies, allergies, strokes, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, deafness, blindness, epilepsy and the palsies. Stated and implied in the proposal is the admission that medical control still hasn't shed any light on many common ailments such as the cold.

Why is it the More We Spend the Sicker We Grow

Millions of taxpaying Americans are beginning to wonder when the tens of billions previously expended in medical research will begin to cut back this tremendous cost and the fearful dangers constantly pictured by medical propagandists. A look at the record clearly shows the adult population of this country are in more imminent danger from serious degenerative disease today than they were a century ago. It appears that only the infant population has benefited in the mortality column to make medical statistics look good.

Basic Health Factors Ignored

Ignored or overlooked here are such basic ideas as God, Christian or God-like principles, improved family life, family unity, rebuilding the social structure, charitableness, generosity, unselfishness. Much has been said about rebuilding the reputation of America and Americans abroad which was admitted to have suffered much in recent history. No one has attempted to picture how one can rebuild the spirit of the good neighbor without these proper tools of neighborliness.

It's Time to Re-Evaluate

It is our belief, additionally, these factors have been overlooked unwittingly

by the authors and that a long look is called for into the foregoing in relation to comparison with good health practices and good neighbor policies across the seas. For example, poliomyelitis is almost exclusively an American style ailment along with the few overly prosperous countries who follow much the same level and type of diet as Americans.

Notable exceptions in health enlightenment are to be found in such countries as Switzerland whose government takes steps to insure a more rounded diet in the basic food items of its citizens. There, white flour is heavily taxed while the whole grain, stone ground type is tax free. As a result a loaf of white bread sells for 35 cents while the whole grain can be profitably dispensed for 12. Similar conditions have been diligently promoted in other places, notably in Denmark, Germany, Russia and others behind the Iron Curtain.

It has been pointed out in the hearings, by one well known heart disease authority, that the incidence of cardiac problems is almost zero among natives of South Italy while contemporaries from that region living in the United States experience the disease at the going American rate. Time and space do not permit going into numerous other desirable factors worth noting over the earth. Time for Sober and Unselfish Thinking

Enough creditable proof has not been advanced thus far to justify continuation of present medical policies at such high cost that are proposed to be spread over all the nations. We plead that more time and thought be applied to this proposition and that more intensive perusal of the world-wide facts and figures in basic health and nutrition be brought to bear

by this body. More mature thought can be applied to the possible contributions of the drugless sciences in this universal health scene with benefit to the many interests involved.

It seems certain that no one in the Congress would willingly deny the rights and interests of the many thousands of non-medical practitioners and other physicians outside the ordinary pale of medical acceptance. Public interest demands their well being and professional standing be considered in these deliberations.

S. J. Res. 41 Caters to the Medical Sect Which Closes Doors Instead of Opening Them

Additionally there is the case of Doctor William F. Koch, formerly of Detroit, native born, university educated and considered by many to be somewhat ahead of his time in medical science. All the resources of the Food and Drug Administration were brought to bear against him after his announcement of an effective cancer cure—glyoxilide — in 1918. Some millions of Federal funds were expended on prosecution costs to remove this man from the scene and certain basic rights were denied him, according to the record. Constant harassment compelled this man to remove to Brazil where he is honored in scientific circles today.

The case of Dr. Andrew C. Ivy of Chicago has followed a very similar pattern as far as official medicine is concerned.

Attention should be focused also on the experience of Doctor Joseph Wilson of Pittsburgh and his Muchoricin remedy for cancer and other common ailments. It appears in this case that such simple ingredients as wheat, yeast, salt and water cannot be considered fairly and objectively as raw material for scientific advancement toward an acceptable cure.

Old Fashioned—Universal and Practical

The science of herbalism was practiced and advocated by Hippocrates and goes all the way back through the history of man. There is a tremendous potential to world-wide prosperity and well being with a more realistic and improved scientific approach to using products of the American farm and forest. Thousands of unrecognized herbal practitioners in this country could well prove to provide an important bond with their fellows in most every region on the face of the earth.

Improved farming and gardening of the popular and expanding organic variety are making an increasingly important contribution to the health status of Americans as well as in Great Britain and numerous other European countries. We humbly submit these factors toward health could bring important relief and assistance to millions more over the nations and over the earth at millions less in taxpayer burden. We earnestly suggest the application of scientific resources to these officially overlooked wells of better health possibilities.

In Conclusion

S.J. 41 in its present form is unrealistic, too narrow in scope and economically unsound.

New York City; Curbs for Ailing: The New York attorney general has asked the State Legislature to pass a bill prohibiting physicians, dentists, nurses, and other professional people licensed by the state from practicing if they underwent mental treatment for more than 60 days.

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Button, Button! Who's Got the Button?

By HAROLD EDWARDS

Vice President in charge of the Washington Office

The fate of S.J. 41—Senator Lester Hill's brainchild—is anybody's guess. A tipoff as to what impends could be in the delay of the hearings for a full week at the request of the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Arthur S. Flemming. When making his request Flemming stated he was "fully in accord with the purposes and objectives of this bill." He approved the idea of strengthening international health research programs and bringing them together under one law "as S.J. 41 is supposed to do." The administration recommends the following changes:

- 1. Vesting basic authority in the President rather than the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (as the bill provides).
- 2. Appropriating funds to the President as part of the special assistance section of the Mutual Security appropriation, instead of to the National Institutes of Health, the research arm of the Public Health Service.
- 3. Dropping the \$50,000,000 annual authorization in the bill and setting up instead an "open end" appropriation with Congress paying whatever costs are necessary.
- 4. Eliminating the mandatory provision to set up a National Institute for International Medical Research. The administration's position was that some other administrative pattern might be more desirable.

The proposed changes were widely regarded as having come from President

Eisenhower. Logical reasoning leads one to believe these changes were prompted by recent events. (We like to believe that the logical approach to this question as presented by the National Health Federation's Washington office had a great deal to do with upsetting the cut-and-dried program as originally set forth.)

Such puzzling developments have left many unanswered questions but two of them seem to stand out:

- 1. Why have top political interests stepped in, at least temporarily, to block this big, expensive addition to international medicine?
- 2. What future course will be plotted by those behind the scenes?

No concrete evidence was produced at the hearings to justify the creation of this 50 million dollar yearly super-colossal medical-political handout to foreign nations.

A Washington puzzle is why did 58 Senators generously endorse this measure before any hearings were held? Perhaps if one could supply the answer to the extent the World Health Organization reaches into our law making processes on Capitol Hill, a clearer grasp might be obtained. The approaching W.H.O. symposium slated for Washington in May could furnish enlightenment on that, no doubt. To interested Americans this raises the question as to just how completely our dollars supply the motive power for this potent world-pressure group.

In speaking on behalf of his resolu-

tion, S.J. 41, Senator Hill, as a part of a lengthy discourse, has the following to say:

"The kernel of a great medical discovery may be unwittingly brought to light in an obscure laboratory in Poland, or Thailand, or Ecuador. Another scientist or group of scientists in Washington or London or Paris may be able to see in this finding the implications which by further research can be converted into a great medical development, to the immeasurable benefit of man. But all too frequently, the obscure finding does not come to light for years. Progress is impeded. And precisely because of the lack of the means of communication and coordination which this joint resolution would provide.

There are countless examples of this kind which have come to light after a prime discovery has been made. If the obscurely discovered finding had been known, medical progress could have been advanced by years.

We are told, for instance, that if all the research experience in the world today, bearing on the subject of cancer and heart disease, could be brought together and sifted and refined, and further research conducted on the basis of that knowledge, a major breakthrough not only would be possible, but even likely in the near future."

The Senator, during his discourse, made it abundantly clear that our complexity of health problems here at home continually worsens. How much common sense does it make to state that perhaps a cancer cure may come from some remote corner of the world when formerly toprated medical scientists like Dr. William Koch and Dr. Andrew Ivy become quacks

the moment they announce a new and promising cancer remedy? And we find our large national medical research centers, financed with millions of dollars of Government funds, refusing to give such new approaches to the cancer problem fair, honest and impartial clinical research.

What form of integrity is this to declare that disease is rampant in foreign nations because of malnutrition and that for better health they need to be supplied with three square meals a day on the American plan while glibly inferring the quality of the American diet has no bearing on disease here in the United States. There are all together too many high sounding generalities in this proposed piece of legislation.

One well-known medical authority who testified for the bill may have unwittingly exposed the futility of and lack of necessity for this ambitious proposition in relating an actual experience. The unusually frank and honest Dr. Paul Dudley White (President Eisenhower's heart specialist) related his experience in the South of Italy as follows: "It was noteworthy that none of the natives in this part of Italy suffered from heart disease while their former neighbors who had migrated to the Boston area of the United States were found to be suffering from it to a considerable degree. He also told about a young man from the southern part of Italy who had decided to study medicine in America. Upon returning to his homeland after graduation he found that none of his old neighbors and friends wanted to become his patients. Dr. White noted, however, that after a long period of time and much consistent effort the young doctor was able to convince them

they needed medical attention from him."

Existing customs, habits and sources of food supply have maintained health levels in a major number of the world's population far superior in most ways to the depressing picture of American health drawn by Senator Hill in his plea in support of S.J. 41. In no other country can there be found the high incidence of polio, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, rheumatic heart, dental and eye troubles where native food habits are still preserved. Our neighboring country of Mexico is a good case in point where the level of child health has been studied recently under reliable medical auspices.

Strange as it seems, Americans have and are being denied the benefits of cancer advances made in certain European scientific centers. Government agencies are busily engaged at the moment in attempting to ban imported books and other highly scientific literature from England.

Most Americans would happily support such a bill if it were practical and realistic and would guarantee world freedom of scientific information, but they cannot willingly go along with a measure that appears to promise continuing control and repression of information in scientific research. What America needs is not more money for research but better supervision of the spending of the money now available plus Congressional action to set our scientists free and guarantee to them the right to make available to the public the results of their research.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . .

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

Announcing SECOND ANNUAL EASTERN CONVENTION of the National Health Federation

August 20, 21, 22, 23, 1959
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The program will include prominent persons in the field of Health covering the many phases which make up the whole man. (Various methods, means and modalities regarling treatments, soil building and storing methods, babies and their care, mental health and its pitfalls, charities, cancer treatment and legislation.) Among the speakers already on the roster are Dr. William A. Albrecht, Chairman of Department of Soils, University of Missouri; Dr. Royal Lee, Lee Foundation of Nutritional Research, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rev. Lyle Sheen, Geneseo, Illinois, etc. Detailed program will be available by August 1, 1959-sent upon request.

As a consolidating group for all who are interested in health, the National Health Federation holds a unique place in the Health field. Our aims are to ACT as well as EDUCATE.

People from all over the world are planning to spend their vacations in Chicago to attend the Pan-American Games, beginning August 3, and there are many other things of interest here, so bring the family and friends to visit our exhibits and enjoy a week-end of companionship and constructive programs. Many Organic or Natural Food growers will have produce to show and share.

The LaSalle is a 900 room, modern,

fire-proofed, first-class, air-conditioned hotel, located in the heart of Chicago's famous "loop." Convention headquarters Grand Ballroom (auditorium) and booths will occupy the entire 19th floor, served by 6 elevators.

Guest rooms have been reserved for our use at special rates of \$7.00 per person, \$14.00 double and \$16.00 for luxurious twin rooms. All are furnished with Radio or TV, and the entire hotel is equipped with AC current.

BOTTLED SPRING WATER is served in the restaurants and is available in coolers throughout the hotel corridors.

Room reservations may be made directly. Address communications to Mr. David Kilborn, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois. For information and program, please address.

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Welcome to Chicago.

MRS. D. SCHURINGA, Convention Chairman

If you are too busy to pray—you are too busy.

FLASH!

PELLL has engaged Milton A. Bass, Esq., as legal Counsel, effective immediately.

Mr. Bass is an attorney of national repute, known for his extensive work in the courts and before numerous Federal agencies on many problems vital to the entire Health Food Industry.

The Big Question

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We are glad at long last the organization is being alerted to the dangers which lie ahead. Eighteen months ago it was the pleasure of your editor as president of the National Health Federation to be the guest speaker at the Pacific Coast Convention of Health Food Stores. The subject was "The National Health Federation its plans and purposes." In the course of the discourse we pointed out the very dangers mentioned in the foregoing article.

The talk was well received by the owners of Food Stores present. Those in charge of PELLL at that time, were not so well pleased. We are very happy they are now of the opinion there is real danger ahead and propose to take steps to combat it.

The National Health Federation urges the industry to support this forward movement, but it also urges the need of each Health Food Store to push membership in the National Health Federation. National Health Federation is all of the people working together for the mutual protection and benefit of all the people in matters relating to health.

National Health Federation has pamphlets "Are We Living in a Fool's Paradise." These pamphlets tell the complete story. They will be furnished at the following prices: 10 for 30 cents—25 for 65 cents—50 or more—2 cents each. May we urge every reader, interested in preserving the right of stores to sell health foods and vitamins to purchase some of these pamphlets and mail them to their friends. Health Food Stores should see to it that every customer receives one.

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Cancer Control Act

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to secure an amendment which would have included a Chiropractor, a Veterinarian and five laymen as members of the Cancer Advisory Council. The proponents of S.B. 194 would have none of it. This made it impossible to secure the author's consent to the amendment and for some reason the Assembly would not support such an amendment without the author's approval; this, in spite of the fact that thousands of letters, cards and telegrams supported our position.

After interviewing those members of the Assembly who are on the Public Health Committee it appeared that if the Federation were to insist on this portion of their proposed amendments, earlier gains might be seriously jeopardized.

We Countered With a New Approach

A member of the Assembly Public Health Committee suggested that in the light of present bio-chemical and biophysical trends in the field of cancer research it would be practical and logical to substitute a bio-chemist and a biophysicist to the Council in place of a Chiropractor and a Veterinarian. This to us appeared to be sound reasoning and we therefore requested that such be done. To make a long story short, we were unable to get the author's consent without which the amendment was doomed to failure. However, we did get the promise from Senators and Assemblymen that they would use their influence to help us secure the appointment of a Chiropractor to the Council if the three branches of the Chiropractic profession in California could agree on one man.

Still Working

We are still working for further clarification of the bill and also for the inclusion in Section 1714 of the words "for gain" after the word "person." It was our understanding this was included with the author's amendment but upon receiving a printed copy of the revised bill we find it was omitted..

It is our prayer, that each member of the Assembly, as a representative of the people of California, will carefully weigh the pros and cons of Senate Bill 194 and be divinely guided in arriving at a fair and just decision as to how to vote on this important measure.

On behalf of the Officers of the National Health Federation we thank each and every one of you for the fine work you have done in writing letters and getting others to do so, as well as the sending in of thousands of petition cards. Without this great influx of mail we, as your representatives, would have been powerless to change the bill from its original form. We also thank each and every one of you who have donated funds. We are still short some \$500. The only money available for this work is from dues and donations. The work can move forward only as funds are made available. Please do what you can to pay this defi-

Ways and Means Blows Its Cork

S.B. 194, which has been lying peacefully in Ways and Means, finally fermented and came out of the Committee with a do-pass recommendation, but not until certain legislators almost blew the lid off and exposed the real purpose of the legislation as well as the perpertrators of the evil thing. Here is the way the San Francisco newspapers reported what transpired:

"Attacking a provision stipulating that nine council members shall be licensed physicians and surgeons, Assemblyman Lester A. McMillan of Los Angeles declared:

"Tm going to vote No, and urge others to vote No. I think this bill is a stinkeroo and will set us back years in medical science."

"Democratic Majority Leader William A. Munnell of Montebello said he intended to support the bill with 'misgivings,' and Assemblyman John L. E. Collier of Los Angeles opposed it.

"'The trouble is the doctors today bury their mistakes,' Collier said. 'The medical profession has many things to clean up in their own field before they start regulating others.'

"Assemblyman Collier questioned whether those afflicted with cancer should be denied a last few hours of contentment and a feeling of security sometimes resulting from cancer treatments outside the medical profession.

"McMillan concluded:

"This bill is sponsored by our great Mr. Ben Read, working for selfish medical interests. Mr. Read's position is that if there's going to be an answer to cancer, it must come from the M.D.s. This is a charlatan bill and let's kill it right here."

"Read is the registered lobbyist for the Public Health League of California."

(The September-October issue of the N.H.F. Bulletin exposed the Public Health League as an organization made up of Medical Doctors and Drug men.)

N.H.F. Main Office Needs Help

To help our President keep up with his correspondence we need some one who is a good typist to volunteer one day a week or one evening a week. Someone who can type from a dictating machine or type letters by direct dictation. We know of no better way to serve your fellow man than in this manner.

We do appreciate the fine work of those already giving of their time, but we do need this one extra typist. We also need volunteers who can be on call to help stuff envelopes and get out special mailings. Please respond to this plea.

1958

It was a good year. That's the way it looks now that it has passed. We are now well into 1959, but do you know what? Many of our 1958 members have not yet paid their 1959 dues, even tho due and payable in January of this year, 1959.

I cannot scold too much, because I just remembered to pay my own dues three weeks ago. However, I did pay them and helped the N.H.F. treasury out that much. Now then, will each of you take a look at the cover of this issue of the Bulletin, read the message and look at the date alongside your name and address? If the numerals are 58, your dues are due and payable. N.H.F. has no source of revenue except dues. We cannot pay our bills unless you pay your dues as soon as you can. Thanks for your kind consideration of this plea.

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CONVENTION NEWS

The Second National Health Federation Eastern Convention will be held in Chicago August 20, 21, 22, 23, at the LaSalle Hotel. This will be an even better convention than the one in Cleveland. The program will include outstanding speakers who are experts in the health subjects they will discuss. You cannot afford to miss any of them.

Each day workshops will be held at which members will be taught how to organize local and county chapters of N.H.F., and how to conduct meetings, and many other things needed in this work.

One day will be given over to the Washington Office. The legislative program will be discussed in detail and you will be given an opportunity to suggest ways and means of protecting the health of the American people. Plan now to attend. Make your reservations early. Cost of rooms are given in another item on another page of this issue.

Annual Meeting and Convention

The fifth annual National Health Federation meeting and convention will be held February 12, 13, 14, 15 at the Sheraton Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, Calif. We are giving this news at this time in order that you may start planning now to attend. This will be the first time the Federation has expanded its annual meeting into a full-fledged convention.

The Eastern Conventions have been so successful, the Board of Governors decided it would be well to expand the annual meetings to enable those living in the western half of the United States to attend. Some already are planning Auto Caravans. Why do not you do likewise?

This Item Concerns All Members

The Washington Office is a very busy place. For the first time in history you are having a voice in health legislation and regulations. IS IT WORTH PAYING FOR? We believe it is. DO YOU? Many of you do for you have been most generous. The time is now here when we must appeal to those who have not yet sent in a donation to do so at once. We can only maintain that office as long as we are able to pay the bills each month. The next four months are very important ones at Washington and at the same time they are the months when for some reason the revenue of the Federation is at a low ebb. Our appeal to you is most urgent. Please gladden our hearts and make our burden lighter by generously responding to this appeal.

Californians Attention

The National Health Federation has gone in debt to finance the fight against Senate Bill 194. We still owe close to \$500.00. It is not fair to ask members living in other states to finance California's fight, even tho we know a victory in California will be beneficial to all members. Please, California members, do your best to send in a contribution to help wipe out this debt.

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1. CALIFORNIANS ATTENTION! URGENT! If you are at all interested in the drugless field of healing and in the use of vitamins, minerals and food supplements, then you should write an air mail letter or send a wire to members of the Senate Business and Professional Committee. Request their earnest support of S.B. 1414 by Senator Dolwig and S.B. 1334 by Senator O'Sullivan. S.B. 1414 clarifies the code regarding vitamins, minerals and food supplements and will help put a stop to the continual harrassment of the drugless profession and methods by the Drug industry. S.B. 1334 is a constitutional amendment, which the drugless profession is requesting the legislature to submit to a vote of the people at the next general election. This amendment is needed, because of the narrow interpretation the courts have put on the wording of the initiative Constitutional provision under which Chiropractors practice in California. In addition you should write to your State Senator and your Assemblyman urging their support of these important measures. Whether these bills are approved, depends on how many letters and telegrams members of the legislature receive urging their passage. IT IS UP TO EACH ONE OF YOU TO DO YOUR BEST AT ONCE. The members of the Senate Committee are Senators Johnson, McCarthy, Gibson, Holmdahl, Rattigan, Short, Steirn, Teale and Thompson. Address Senate Office Bldg., State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. "Just tell them you would like them to support these two measures." The committee members are the most important. Time is very short!

2. FLASH: Senate Bill 194 (Cancer Quack Control Bill) is on the Assembly calendar for action, but press of the Assembly's own bills is keeping the Assembly from acting on Senate bills. The day it comes up for action a move is to be made to send it to the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly for legal clarification and changes. The bill as it now stands has been changed in many ways to make it a better bill, but it is still in need of more work. The Council is still composed of 13 Doctors who cannot help but be biased. As one of the sponsors of the bill sorrowfully remarked, "It is a much better bill, but it still

stinks."