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Fountain, Flood Take the Ball: 'Shoddy' Report Quiz Topic NCI Ignored New NHF-Burk Findings

REP. L. H. FOUNTAIN

Fountain calls it 'important' issue in public health. Flood 'welcomes' research material, says Congress can 'move quickly' when facts are assembled.

REP. DANIEL J. FLOOD

Inside the FDA: Frustrated Staffers Trying to Be Honest, Charge Coverup, Harassment By Brass; Schmidt Denies It. New Bill Would Protect 'Whistle-Blowers'

'Sore Throat': Why Don't Chiro Leaders Sue A.M.A.?

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Congressman Laces Agency Statisticians

Delaney Furious Over NCI 'Game-Playing'

Upon receipt of a copy of the Nov. 14, 1975, National Cancer Institute report on "Fluoridated Drinking Water and the Occurrence of Cancer" — a report denying a link between cancer and fluoridation — Congressman James J. Delaney in letters to two House Subcommittee chairmen called for investigation of HEW and NCI, and requested that "responsible individuals" be brought "to reckoning."

His words were a key to his resentment over the handling of the NCI answer to the National Health Federation-Dean Burk Foundation study which found a 10%-15% increase in the cancer death rate in fluoridated areas.

"To say that it (the NCI study) is a 'definitive' study is nothing short of brazen," he wrote Congressman Daniel J. Flood, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health, Education, and Welfare, House Appropriations Committee. "It does not deal with absolute mortality rates; it does not deal with population data; it deals with counties rather than with cities; it spends a great deal of its 17 pages on 'natural fluoridation' when the scientists who submitted their original report to me were concerned with the *process* of *artificial* fluoridation. I am sure you are aware that people have been dying of cancer at a higher rate in the first seven months of 1975 than at any time since the Federal Government began gathering such data. Yet we are confronted with a bureaucracy that insists on playing games while the health of the American people is placed in possible danger. I trust you will launch a complete investigation into the conduct of the Department and its Agency, the NCI, and deal fittingly with both when they next approach you for appropriation monies."

LETTER TO FOUNTAIN

To Congressman L. H. Fountain, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources, Mr. Delaney wrote: "I know of your deep personal concern over the 'use of and exposure to chemicals in our daily lives,' and the recent alarming increase in cancer mortality rates. I understand that you yourself have contacted Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Jr., of the National Cancer Institute to emphasize your concern. I am writing you now to bring you up to date on the shoddy treatment given to the investigation of a possible carcinogen in the environment by the National Cancer Institute . . .

"We are both well-acquainted with bureaucratic posturing and attempts to safeguard vested interests within the Federal Govern-

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ment. The Comptroller General himself, for example, in response to a request by one of our colleagues on the Senate side, revealed on Oct. 20 that the Food and Drug Administration, another branch of D.H.E.W., has permitted the continued use of Red-2 for an extended period while questions concerning its safety remain unresolved and the health of the people is exposed to unnecessary risks. There is nothing new in such potentially deadly manipulation..."

'IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS'

"These are but a few of the irresponsible actions with which I have had to contend:

"(1) After its initiation, but long before the supposed completion date of the 'impartial' study, my office received numerous calls concerning communications that had gone out from the NCI denying any linkage between fluoridation and cancer. I have a telegram from Dr. James Peters to a profluoridation dentist in Seattle dated Oct. 22, 1975, used in an attempt to influence a fluoridation referendum in Washington state. Dr. Rauscher's own office, in a phone conversation of 11:25 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4, admitted that at least 10 letters denying a causative-linkage had gone out in the name of the Institute. There was a 'leak' to Jack Anderson published in his nationally-syndicated column all the way back on Sept. 10 announcing tentative conclusions of 'no link.'

"Thus it is clear that although the study had not been published, its 'findings' were long since known. This conduct can only indicate either outright incompetence or a sinister manipulation of official public information. In either case, the responsible individuals should be discharged immediately."

The congressman pointed out that the author of the April 1975 NCI release – Robert N. Hoover, M.D. – denying a cancer-fluoridation link, also coauthored the Nov. 14 report. "I wish someone would explain how there could be no conflict of interest here," he wrote.

In Response to Delaney Request

2 House Committees To Probe NCI

Congressman James J. Delaney has been assured by two subcommittee chairmen that National Cancer Institute officials will be questioned during committee hearings as to the reasons the agency failed to respond substantially to the findings of Dr. John Yiamouyiannis and Dr. Dean Burk that fluoridation is causing at least 25,000 cancer deaths a year.

Said Congressman L. H. Fountain, chairman of the Subcommittee on

Fluoridation-Cancer: The Ball Has Passed to Congress!

Letter Deals With NCI 'Mishandling' of Issues

An articulate response to the latest National Cancer Institute turndown of the NHF study's conclusions of a link between cancer and fluoridation is presented in a letter prepared for circulation to Congressmen.

Written by Legislative Advocate Clinton R. Miller in collaboration with Dr. John Yiamouyiannis and Dr. Dean Burk, it calls upon

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Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources: "Thank you for your Nov. 19, 1975 letter and enclosures relating to the possibility of a link between water fluoridation and increase in cancer mortality, and for your comments on the conduct of NCI and HEW personnel.

"It is my intention to commence a thorough Subcommittee investigation of the effectiveness of the National Cancer Program early in 1976. Carcinogenesis and prevention of cancer will be an important focus of that study. In this connection, I anticipate that the Subcommittee will make a thorough investigation of the handling and disposition of the data that the National Health Federation believes establishes a potential link between fluoridation and cancer . . ."

Said Congressman Daniel J. Flood, chairman of the Subcommittee on Labor-HEW Appropriations: "This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 17 concerning your encounter with the Cancer Institute on the subject of the causal relationship between fluoridation and excess risk of cancer.

"I can assure you that I will look into this matter during our hearings on the 1977 Cancer Institute Budget. Thank you for your views."

Congressman Flood told a friend in Pennsylvania that he has instructed his subcommittee staff "to give top priority" to the fluoridation-cancer issue. "I welcome and urge Dr. Burk and the National Health Federation to continue to supply my Committee and the Congress with their ongoing research results as they unfold.

"You can be assured that this matter will receive exceedingly careful scrutiny when my subcommittee holds hearings on HEW and NCI appropriations early in 1976. Congress has the ability and the will to move quickly once it has all the facts, and the consensus of both the federal research agencies and groups such as yourselves."

members of Congress to support a suggestion by Congressman Delaney that Congressman Daniel J. Flood's Health Appropriations Subcommittee "launch a complete investigation into the conduct" of HEW and NCI, and "deal fittingly with both" during the next budget requests.

Recognizing the impact the letter is destined to have on the outcome of the fluoridation battle, NHF President Charles I. Crecelius urges NHF members to obtain copies from the Monrovia office ($2 per 100 plus postage), "and flood the capital with them. This issue deserves the same high priority we gave the food supplement issue. Lives are at stake, the cause of honest government is at stake. We accept the challenge head-on!"

In a margin note, Mr. Miller comments: "We are dealing here with ongoing, negligent homicide by agents of the federal government involving tens of thousands of avoidable deaths annually."

THE LETTER

The letter, addressed to Congressmen, follows:

"More than 25,000 persons were reported by The National Health Federation and the Dean Burk Foundation to have died of cancer last year from drinking *artificially* fluoridated water. (See Representative James J. Delaney's statement in the July 21, 1975 *Congressional Record,* pp. H. 7173-7176).

"Unless you, Sir, join with Rep. Delaney to demand 'immediate suspension of all *artificial* fluoridation,' still more than 25,000 excess cancer deaths will continue to occur annually.

"Three times (March, April, and Nov. '75) the National Cancer Institute has denied any link between cancer and *artificially* fluoridated water.

"In the latest report, NCI spends 17 pages of text and tables to attempt to show no cancer link to 'natural fluoridation.' The NHF and Dean Burk studies quoted by Delaney were directed exclusively to the *process* of *artificial* fluoridation.

"California's Governor Brown has invented a new phrase that covers what NCI has done. It is called 'The Squid Process.'

" 'To Squid: to squirt ink upon a subject in such a manner as to confuse; to write memoranda so lengthy and complex as to be unintelligible.' Under attack, a squid squirts ink into the area of his opponents to create a smokescreen.

"Cristine Russell accurately reported Nov. 19, 1975, in *The Washington Star* that the NCI study . . . 'does not attempt to explain the Federation's findings.'

"Instead, NCI officials have tried to use the squid process on the Congress and the public. Therefore, please do not answer this letter with a copy of NCI's 38-page November report unless you yourself have read it, can understand it, and 'desquid' it to show me where and how it disproves the evidence uncovered by Dr. Dean Burk and NHF's Dr. Yiamouyiannis.

"One innocent person will continue to die every 20 minutes from

Scientists Dissect Agency's Findings

Yiamouyiannis, Burk Find NCI Report 'Unresponsive'

"Unresponsive" and "unfounded conclusions" are the words used by Dr. John Yiamouyiannis and Dr. Dean Burk to describe the National Cancer Institute report (Nov. 14, 1975) in response to the NHF-Dean Burk Foundation findings that fluoridation increases the cancer death rate 10% to 15% a year.

The NCI study, they said, "compares 'fluoridated areas' which are in large part nonfluoridated, with 'nonfluoridated areas' which are in large part fluoridated. Further, instead of presenting data in terms of cancer mortality, the authors — Dr. Robert N. Hoover, Frank W. McKay, and Dr. Joseph F. Fraumeni, Jr. — present results in terms of vague, ill-defined, and biased ratios in an attempt to 'snow' the U. S. Congress and the American people.

"The following statements were made by NCI and released to the public. Neither is supported by the data presented in the report itself:

"NCI says 'no significant excess mortality from cancer could be detected up to 15 years after fluoridation in areas where 95% of the population had been abruptly and continuously exposed.' In fact, the report states, 'A county was included as a 'fluoride county' if more than two-thirds of the county' were exposed to fluoridated water. No comparisons were reported between the same fluoridated and nonfluoridated groups of counties before, during, and 15 years after fluoridation. This would be impossible since the study covers only a 20-year period: 1950-1969. Since this period was broken down into four 5-year periods (1950-54, 1955-59, 1960-64, 1965-69), in order to study a period 15 years after fluoridation, the areas would have had to have been fluoridated during the first 5-year period. If this were the case, no comparison could have been made with a nonfluoridated period. Table 3 in the NCI report is deceptive in that it leads one to

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fluoridation-linked cancer until the Congress has acted. I will be disturbed if Congress takes as long as NCI to act in this matter.

"On Nov. 17, 1975, Rep. Delaney wrote a letter on NCI's gross mishandling of this issue to the Honorable Daniel J. Flood, Chairman, Health Appropriations Subcommittee, asking him to 'launch a complete investigation into the conduct of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and its agency, the National Cancer Institute, and deal fittingly with both when they next approach you for appropriation monies.'

"Sir, as a taxpayer I am 100% in support of Delaney's suggestion. I respectfully urge you to *forward this letter to Representative Flood with a strong supporting letter of your own.*"

believe the same counties were compared 10 years before, as well as 15 years after the 5-year period of fluoridation, when in fact those ratios refer to comparisons of *different counties at different times.*

'LUDICROUS'

"NCI has implied 'reduced mortality from cancers of the brain and nervous system in communities with high levels of natural fluoride.' The data used to support this allegation is based on a total decrease of only one brain or nerve-cancer death over the course of two years. The NCI statement of cancer prevention by natural fluoride is ludicrous. Yet by making this statement, NCI has given false hope to many that fluoridated water may be a means of reducing brain cancer mortality."

WHY NATURAL?

"The *Congressional Record* report indicated about a 12% increase in cancer deaths in the 10 largest cities fluoridated before 1960 as compared to the 10 largest cities not fluoridated as of 1969. In response, the NCI claims, 'It is beyond the scope of this report to reconcile our findings with the positive report in the *Congressional Record.*'

"While the NCI spent extensive time with the issue of natural fluoridation, this issue never was brought up in the *Congressional Record,* except to mention: 'To consider 'natural fluoridation' is beyond the scope of this report.' That statement was made because of the variabilities in natural fluoride levels, as well as the time involved to do the study *properly.*"

"'If fluoride does affect cancer mortality,' says NCI, 'then . . . differences should occur in naturally-fluoridated areas . . .' No data is given to back this conclusion. The *Congressional Record* made it quite clear that: 'We would emphasize that our results refer, in a strict sense, to the *process of fluoridation,* without commitment as to whether the fluoride component is wholly responsible for the effects observed and reported.'

"The NCI report further states: 'If fluoride does affect cancer mortality then (1) there should be changes after fluoridation (artificial) in both sexes.' While we have no reason to disagree with this, we see no reason for this a priori conclusion that the effect of fluoridation on cancer death rate cannot possibly be sex-linked."

'UNTRUE'

"'If it follows the pattern of almost all other exposures known to affect cancer risk,' says the NCI report, 'there should be a considerable time lag between the fluoridation and the change in risk (latent period).' This is untrue, as we know from the work of Nobel Prize Winner Charles Huggins. The only two published studies we know of regarding experimentally-induced tumors and tumor growth (I. H. Herskowitz and I. L. Norton, *Genetics* 48: 307-10 (1963) and A. Taylor and N. C. Taylor, *Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biol. and Med.* 119: 252-5 (1965)) have indicated no 'considerable lag time.' In fact, our new time-trend studies (reported above) indicate that fluoridation has a substantial effect within 5 years.")

NCI SAMPLING METHODS

The two scientists offered these comments on sampling methods used by NCI statisticians:

"(1) Areas designated as fluoridated are in large part not fluoridated ('A county was included as a 'fluoride county' if more than two-thirds of the persons in the county' were exposed to fluoridated water, according to the NCI report).

"(2) Areas designated as nonfluoridated are in fact fluoridated. For example, in the NCI Appendix Table 2, more than half of the 'control (so-called nonfluoridated) counties used in the artificial fluoride study' from Texas contained as much or more fluoride (.7 ppm to 2+ ppm fluoride) in their drinking water as the 'fluoridated' counties.

"3. Estimation of the proportion of persons in a county exposed to natural fluoridation is extremely difficult, if not impossible. This is particularly true of the small counties used in the NCI report, where substantial parts of the population derive water from wells which may or may not be fluoridated. In addition, natural fluoride levels vary from year to year as well as from season to season. Finally, the *Natural Fluoride Content of Community Water Supplies,* the source used by NCI for data, is by no means inclusive. In fact there is serious doubt as to whether those living in "naturally fluoridated" Texas counties as a group were exposed to a higher or lower level of fluoride than the 'nonfluoridated' Texas counties.

"4. The number of cancer deaths is so low in some instances as to make comparisons ludicrous (see especially the high natural fluoride samples in Table 1 where only 8 of the 33 tissues compared had more than 2 cancer deaths per year."

'BIASED CHOICE'

"5. The choice of Denver in a comparison of cancer incidence with Birmingham is biased. Denver is the only major fluoridated city with a cancer death rate below the national average. This is due in large part to its location. In fact, when compared to comparable-sized cities in its own geographical area, Denver had a cancer death rate higher than any nonfluoridated city-county (see July 21, 1975, *Congressional Record,* p. H7174: Type III Comparisons).

"The reason the specific counties were chosen (by NCI) and others excluded was not given. All that was stated in the NCI report was 'there is no reason to believe that our study counties are as a group unrepresentative of all counties that would meet our study criteria' (which was never defined).

"Samples chosen apparently included only white males and females. This could throw a bias into the sample, particularly if it could be shown that nonwhites tend to aggregate in fluoridated areas (central cities), whereas whites

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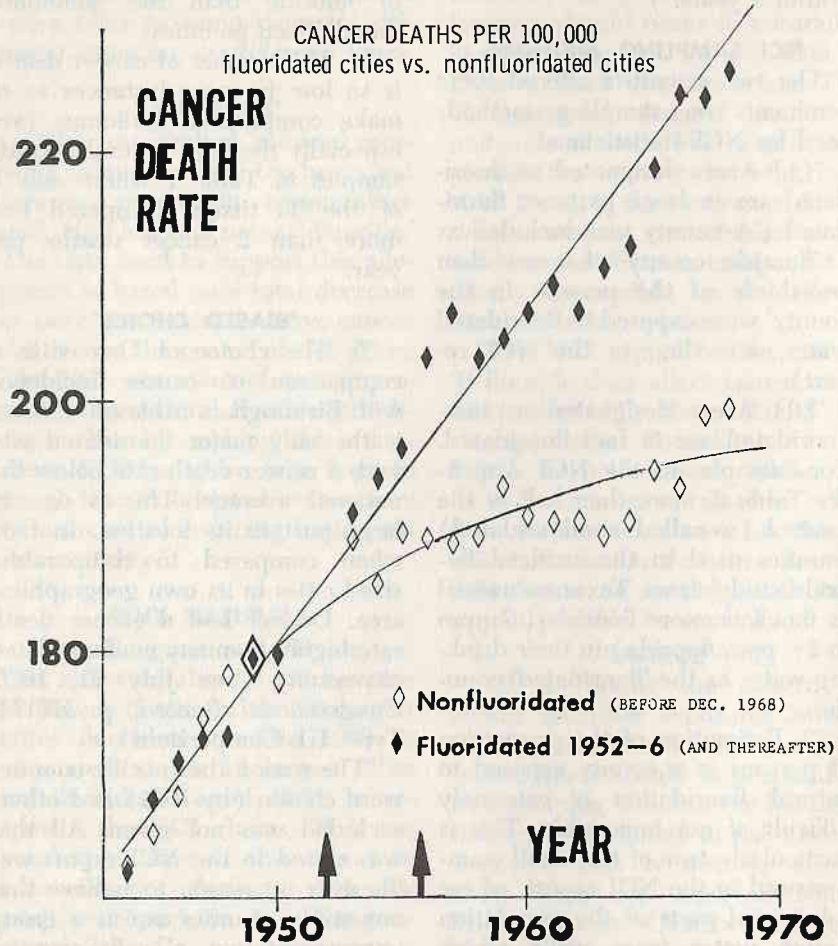

COMPARISON OF THE 10 LARGEST CITIES FLUORIDATED BEFORE 1960: Chicago (1956), Philadelphia (1954), Baltimore (1952), Cleveland (1956), Washington, D.C. (1952), Milwaukee (1953), St. Louis (1955), San Francisco (1952), Pittsburgh (1952-3), and Buffalo (1955) - total population (as of 1960) of 11,500,703

WITH THE 10 LARGEST CITIES WITH COMPARABLE CANCER DEATH RATES DURING THE PREFLUORIDATION PERIOD 1944-1950, AND NOT FLUORIDATED AS OF 1969: Los Angeles, Boston, New Orleans, Seattle, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Kansas City (Mo.), Columbus (Ohio), Newark, Portland (Ore.) - total population (as of 1960) of 7,075,560. Graph, prepared by Dr. John Yiamouyiannis, based on 850,000 cancer deaths.

NHF-NCI Data Comparisons

Drs. Burk and Yiamouyiannis offer the following comparisons as to data included in the NHF-Burk Foundation report, and the NCI report:

Sponsoring Groups	National Health Federation & Dean Burk Foundation	National Cancer Institute
Principal Investigators	Dean Burk, Ph.D. John Yiamouyiannis, Ph.D.	Joseph Fraumeni, M.D. Robert Hoover, M.D.
Supporting Animal Studies	2	0
Years of Fluoridation Given	Yes	No
Criteria for Sample Selection Given	Yes	No
Population Consistency of Sample (Population Ratio — Largest Area/ Smallest Area)	*Cities* 500,000 to 3,500,000 (7:1)	*Counties* 5,000 to 5,000,000 (1000:1)
Extent of Fluoridation of Fluoridated Areas	100%	67%+
Extent of Fluoridation of Non-fluoridated Areas	0%	0-100%
Year-by-year Figures Given	Yes	No
Number of Time Intervals Studied	25	4
Results Reported For	Whites & Nonwhites	Whites Only
Cancer Mortality Rates Reported	Yes	No
Manipulation of Data	No	Yes
Correlation found between Fluoridation & Cancer	Yes	No
Basis of Conclusion	10-15% increase in Cancer Death Rate in Fluoridated Areas	Relatively unchanged Ratios
Predicted Cancer Deaths as a Result of Fluoridation	20,000 to 35,000 per year in the U.S.	0

Caustic Comments By Washington Star

Red No. 2 With Us 15 Years After FDA Started Studying

Procrastination, said Don Marquis, is the art of keeping up with yesterday. In the case of the cosmetic food dye, Red No. 2, the Food and Drug Administration has transformed procrastination into a science. For 15 years, the agency has avoided decision on the safety of the color additive, widely used in food, beverages and drugs.

So bombarded have we been in recent years with intimations of mortality concealed in favorite food and drink, in the air we breathe and the materials that surround us, that a sardonic fatalism seems a tenable attitude.

However, there is a difference between some other additives and Red No. 2: It serves only as a coloring agent. It does not enhance flavor, does not have any preservative qualities – it simply produces a more brilliant shade of red in products and is an ingredient to more than 200 other color additive mixtures – in lipsticks, in candies and soft drinks, cereals and, of course, the maraschino cherry. Red No. 2 has no arguably positive function.

In a General Accounting Office study ordered by Senator Gaylord Nelson, the auditing agency "found that, during the past 15 years, scientific studies conducted by the FDA and others in the U.S. and abroad, have shown that Red No. 2 or its components cause birth abnormalities; genetic damage; adverse effects on reproduction, including gonadotoxicity, embryotoxicity, and resorptions (fetal deaths); toxicity and cancer." If, therefore, a significant question exists over its potential threat to health, why is continued use of the superfluous dye tolerated?

The answer appears to be primarily inertia – it is cheap, has been around for decades, and an alternative dye, Red No. 40, is more expensive and produces a less desirable coloration. But that alternative coloring agent is approved as safe to human health for the same uses to which Red No. 2 is put.

Finally, the General Accounting Office report indicates that a marvelous administrative flexibility at FDA has contributed to the unabated lathering of consumer products with the suspect coloring. Senator Nelson points out that under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the agency is required to establish regulations on color additives.

Under 1960 amendments to the law, a "grandfather" clause was provided, stipulating that dyes already commercially established could be provisionally approved by FDA for use in an "interim period" while scientific tests on their safety were completed. That provisional listing was to be allowed for no more than 2½ years from enactment of the 1960 amendments; the Food and Drug Administration, however, could extend that period "if such action were consistent with the objective of carrying to completion, in good faith, as soon as reasonably practicable, the scientific investigations necessary for making a determination as to the additive's safety."

Such a "determination" still has not been made, and industry-requested postponements to ending the provisional listing of Red No. 2 have been granted by FDA fourteen (14) times since 1962.

There is imputed here no fiendish motives to the industries involved – we have become very tired of the Mephistophelean mantle the more hysteric guardians of the consumer insist on throwing over business in general. In this case, we are inclined to blame a low bureaucratic metabolism where the goal of the law is not ambiguous. It would, of course, be reassuring to see industries that copiously use Red No. 2 discard it – because of the magnitude of the suspicion about the dye's effects and because an alternative is available.

Until that happens, however, we support Senator Nelson's effort to have the Food and Drug Administration do what it ought.

– Editorial
The Washington Star

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tend to inhabit relatively nonfluoridated areas (suburbs).

"Surely, care should be taken that there are similarities between and among groups to be compared. For example, comparison of counties varying in size from 5,000 to 5,000,000 are made in the NCI study. This is hardly desirable, and no manner of 'correction' for this heterogeneity can correct the situation."

PARAMETERS, CORRECTIONS

The comments of Drs. Burk and Yiamouyiannis on "Parameters and Corrections" included these points:

"(1) Cancer mortality rates are not reported. Instead, vague, ill-defined, and biasing ratios were used (see Nov. 1 letters from Dr. Yiamouyiannis to Clinton Miller and Dr. Lawrence Bergner).

"(2) The year of fluoridation was not defined other than to say it occurred within a 5-year period.

"(3) Populations were not reported.

"(4) Sample elements were disproportionately weighted.

"Counties were weighted by 'the square root of their . . . population' so that 40 counties with a population of 10,000 each (400,000 total) had the same effect on results as 4 counties with a population of 1,000,000 each (4,000,000 total)."

ABBOTT READY TO GO

Abbott Laboratories has refitted its facilities to produce limited quantities of cyclamates, betting that the six-year-old Food and Drug Administration ban on the sugar substitute will be lifted, said *The Wall Street Journal.*

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Proposal Aimed at Agency Power Abuse

Under legislation introduced by Senator Dale Bumpers, courts would be compelled to make judgments on the validity of government agency rules or regulations. The rules would be upheld only if a court were "clearly" convinced they are within the power intended by Congress, that they did not go beyond congressional intent, or in fact "thwart" the will of Congress, he said. The legal burden would be on the agency to establish the validity of its actions.

"A consensus is emerging among citizens of all persuasions that the initiative of the American people is being stifled by a mass of well-meaning but often misdirected regulation," said Senator Bumpers. "Congress is daily divesting itself of its power by creating more and more agencies and bureaus and giving them discretion to issue what are called regulations, but which have the effect of laws. Many agencies abuse this power."

— *Federal Times*

WOULD SPLIT FDA

Bills to divide the Food and Drug Administration into two agencies, one responsible for drugs and devices, the other for food and cosmetics, have been introduced by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of a subcommittee that spent months investigating the FDA.

The hearings revealed, said Senator Kennedy, that the FDA "is over-extended and unable to do its work responsibly. The problems are serious. They stem from an inadequate budget, an incredible range of unrelated responsibilities, and insufficient scientific expertise."

'Potential for Genetic Damage' in Red No. 2

The General Accounting Office, congressional watchdog agency, has recommended that the Food and Drug Administration "act promptly to establish the safety of red dye No. 2, or prevent its use in foods, drugs, and cosmetics."

FDA has been "studying" the issue for 15 years, and early in November formed a panel of specialists to determine the future of the dye which, according to the GAO report, possesses a potential for causing genetic damage in test animals.

FDA officials have contended that further tests have convinced them any chromosomal damage isn't of the type to be passed on to future generations in the form of mutations.

The report, requested by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin, said continued use of the dye — found in products ranging from strawberry ice cream to lipstick — without resolution of the safety questions, "may be exposing the public to unnecessary risk."

Industry Ties to Regulating Agencies

It Used To Be Called 'You Scratch My Back' . . .

An Associated Press survey, possible because of the Freedom-of-Information Act, has revealed that more than 100 of the federal officials who decide what drugs may be sold and what chemicals may be put into food, once worked for drug or chemical companies. The lists were compiled by agencies in response to a questionnaire from the investigations subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee.

The documents show that a total of 350 decision-makers out of several thousand in nine U.S. regulatory agencies once worked for the industries they now regulate.

And at least 41 high-level officials – "and probably many more," said AP – have left those agencies in the last five years, often to take more lucrative posts with companies in the same regulated industries.

The Food and Drug Administration leads the list, with 115 employees who came directly or indirectly from industries it regulates. The Consumer Product Safety Commission listed no employees at upper staff levels who came from industry.

Among examples of former government employees now working in regulated industries: The former director of the office of Nutrition and Consumer Sciences for FDA's Bureau of Foods, Ogden Johnson, left that post to work for Hershey Food Corp. (See page 10). And the former director of FDA's Office of Compliance for Products Safety, Rudolph Bignone, now works for Colgate-Palmolive.

Former SEC Commissioner James J. Needham is now chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. Former Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William D. Ruckelshaus is now in private practice, representing the plastics industry in a case before EPA.

Agency spokesmen defend the practice of hiring persons with experience in industry because of their knowledge in particular areas. They say federal laws and regulations are designed to prevent conflicts of interest . . .

NITRITE CURB COMING

The Agriculture Department soon will propose new restrictions on use of nitrite and nitrate chemicals in cured meat and poultry products, because of the hazard of cancer resulting from nitrosamine formation, according to *The Wall Street Journal.*

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO N.H.F. GET THE JOB DONE

The Food Biz Quiz

Match the government officials at the left with their former industry positions at the right.

A Earl Butz Secretary, USDA	1 Director, Grocery Manufacturers of America President, Keebler Biscuit Co.
B Edward Hekman Administrator, USDA Food and Nutrition Service	2 Libby, McNeill, & Libby
C Robert Long Assistant Secretary, USDA	3 Director, Ralston Purina
D Robert Schaffner Director, FDA Office of Product Technology	4 Bank of America (which has huge land holdings)

ANSWERS A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2

Match former government officials at the left with their present industry positions at the right.

A William Goodrich FDA General Counsel	1 Director, Pillsbury Co.
B Richard Lyng Assistant Secretary, USDA	2 private consultant to industry
C Caro Luhrs, M.D. Medical Advisor to the Secretary, USDA	3 Hershey Co.
D Ogden Johnson Director, FDA Division of Nutrition	4 President, American Meat Institute
E Virgil Wodicka Director, FDA Bureau of Foods	5 President, Institute of Shortening and Edible Oils

ANSWERS A-5, B-4, C-1, D-3, E-2

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Biologics Bureau Sat on Vital Info, Scientist Charges

Microbiologist Airs Secrecy, Mismanagement Allegations

WASHINGTON — Laboratory and office equipment listed at $70,000 (said by insiders to be only the tip of the iceberg) is missing from the Bureau of Biologics (BoB), the federal agency that assures the safety and efficacy of vaccines. Of the total, some $30,000 was missing from the division of virology.

Scientist discontent over the way BoB is being managed is said to be growing. As evidence, sources point out that four or five key staffers, some of whom were brought in as recently as 18 months ago to handle important scientific projects or to "clean up" the administration, are leaving.

They include a cancer virologist, a psychiatrist, a slow virologist, an immunologist and an administration lawyer.

Recently, charges of mismanagement in BoB were aired before HEW's standing viral advisory panel by Dr. J. Anthony Morris, a renowned microbiologist, and his lawyer, Jim Turner, a former Ralph Nader associate and author of *The Chemical Feast.*

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They maintain that for nine months BoB officials knew, on the basis of research done by Morris, that a live influenza vaccine—ts (1)E—produced cancer in laboratory animals, and yet refused to transmit this information to the clinical investigator who was testing this same product on humans with a view to marketing it.

The investigator agreed to abandon human clinical testing of what was to be the first live influenza vaccine to be sold in this country only after Morris personally informed him of the potential carcinogenicity of the vaccine.

It was agreed there would be extensive follow-up studies of the vaccine, a whole new protocol was to be established. But now, according to sources, the entire project costing thousands of dollars has been totally abandoned by BoB.

In addition, according to sources, it has now been established that the vaccine's investigators knew some time ago that when the vaccine was put into children, a wild virus, caused by the vaccine was loosened. There was thus a danger that vaccinated children could themselves transmit the virus and infect others.

This finding however was kept secret from the viral advisory panel which met April 10, 11, and 12 to hear Morris who has charged that influenza, measles and other vaccines now on the market could be ineffective, unsafe or both, and that this situation obtains because of BoB's inability to plan a coordinated vaccine policy.

FRUSTRATED

Morris came to these conclusions as a result of extensive work in his laboratory on cancer, hypersensitivity, toxicity and evaluation of vaccine potency tests. But each time he neared a conclusion, he told the panel, his efforts were frustrated and he was subjected to harassment by BoB management.

Morris, on various occasions, was prohibited from publishing papers, the watering system in his laboratory was changed without his permission resulting in hundreds of animals drowning, and recently he was the target of a secret investigation on the basis of false accusations made by unknown persons in the bureau.

Morris, developing his theme of

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"How would you like to start at the top? We need someone to blame for the mess the agency's in."

FEDERAL TIMES

Employee Charges of Industry Bias, Harassment, Denied

Schmidt Says His Probe of FDA Shows No Wrongdoing

After his own year-long investigation, Food and Drug Commissioner Alexander M. Schmidt in a 909-page report says employee charges that the agency favors the drug industry are not supported by evidence. Fourteen present and former FDA officials had charged before a Senate subcommittee that the agency is biased toward industry, that employees who try to be honest are harassed, that secret policy meetings had been held, and attempts made to alter FDA documents.

Commenting on the Schmidt report, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who chaired the hearing, said the report "does not remove the doubts of his (Schmidt's) agency's capability to protect the health and safety of the American people. The report focuses on only a small part of what the subcommittee has investigated. Thirty-four FDA employees as well as seven advisory committee members have testified over the past year, and until all the testimony has been analyzed, the commissioner's report must be considered incomplete. Volume alone cannot be equated with accuracy or completeness."

DR. SCHMIDT

Mr. Schmidt observed that "if the sound coming from the hearing suggested a jungle full of tigers to hunt down and kill, what I have found is a reasonably well-manicured lawn, some tabbycats, and an amplifier."

He said the problem he found most often during his probe was "one of faulty communication, not malicious behavior." He denied finding evidence that FDA medical officers who review new drug applications have been subject to harassment. In some instances, he conceded, they were "not properly notified of administrative and personnel changes."

The commissioner said he found no evidence to support charges that the FDA had approved unsafe drugs for marketing, and said many who raised the allegations in the Senate hearing failed to produce documentary evidence to support the allegations.

Nine FDA employees with a total of 89 years of agency service had charged their attempts to block approval of new drugs they considered worthless or unsafe were met with official harassment. Some complained, during the Schmidt investigation, that their attorney was not given access to drug company trade secrets on which their recommendations were based.

FREE PRESS LAST ON BUSINESSMEN'S LIST

A poll conducted by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce placed freedom of the press last on a scale on nine values, with freedom of speech ranking seventh.

Businessmen were asked to consider what they view as the most necessary values to carry this country through the next 10 years. Of the 1,046 who responded, here's the way they placed and ranked their values: (1) private economic system (2) personal responsibility (3) elected representative government (4) religious faith (5) national security (6) the work ethic (7) freedom of speech (8) personal security and (9) freedom of the press.

mismanagement in the bureau, told the panel that once he was given contaminated cell cultures by BoB personnel, and some of his experiments were ruined as a result.

Other BoB scientists and laboratory engineers have tended to support Morris' complaints in private.

They object to the new feeding and watering system for experimental animals which allows the animals to drown or die of thirst, and to the current system for maintaining cold storage and against preventing accidental thawing that causes coolers to overheat and destroy scientific material.

HARASSMENT

Morris' battle to make BoB take another look at its entire operation and policies is in the form of a grievance because it includes charges of harassment against him. The grievance was presented to the advisory panel during the open hearing.

Four months later, the panel has failed to produce a report of its conclusions. The panel also promised to undertake immediately a review of all work being done by BoB's senior scientists. This has still not happened.

Dr. H. M. Meyer, BoB's director, has refused to comment on the issues raised by Morris on the ground they are being considered by the HEW viral panel.

Meyer became director of BoB some two years ago after its former director Rod Murray resigned under pressure. This pressure built up after Morris and his lawyer, Turner, told Congress that BoB (then called the Division of Biologics Standards – DBS – an NIH agency) had knowingly allowed impotent vaccines to be marketed.

A General Accounting Office investigation confirmed this allegation, and HEW was forced to transfer DBS from NIH to the Food and Drug Administration with a new name and a new director.

– INDERJIT BADHWAR
Federal Times (7/23/75)

Liars in Federal Bureaucracy Would be Prosecuted

Teeth Urged in Bill to Aid Workers Who 'Blow Whistle'

WASHINGTON — Hearings on the Kennedy bill — S1210 — to protect government whistleblowers from official retaliation reached their final stage with the Massachusetts senator proposing two key amendments:

The bill would make it a federal crime for a government official "in the course of his official duties, to make a public statement involving official policy or action which he knows is false, if his purpose is to mislead Congress or the public."

It also would be a crime for a federal official to intimidate, threaten, or harass a government employee "to prevent, or in retaliation against, the exercise of a constitutional or legal right."

The Civil Service Commission remained opposed to the bill. Arguing the agency's position was Deputy General Counsel Carl Goodman who said the legislation is unnecessary because laws already on the books disallow disciplinary action against a federal employee for disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Besides, he opined, the Executive Branch "has a good administrative system" for redress of wrongs. He firmly opposed the bill's provision granting employees direct access to the courts if they feel they have been retaliated against by their agencies. The administrative process is speedy and less expensive, he said. Employees who testified supported the bill strongly.

HOW IT'S DONE

Arthur Palman, General Services Administration regional personnel director who blew the whistle before the Civil Service Commission on GSA's "patronage ring" causing a CSC investigation and recommended punishment of senior GSA officials, said his once "outstanding" ratings began to slip as a pattern of official harassment against him began to develop.

"Everything I do now is looked at with a fine-tooth comb," he said. "It's almost like a game. If I go left they say I should go right, and if I go right they say I should go left."

Mr. Palman testified he was also frustrated in a recent attempt to fill a vacant deputy's position. The man he chose was an employee who along with Palman had co-signed a letter to the Civil Service Commission in June 1973, spelling out alleged personal illegalities practiced by General Services Administration brass.

When he tried to appoint the deputy, Mr. Palman said his office was reorganized and "my choice was voided."

He then described GSA's attempt to brand him a racist. The attempt failed, he said, because the very people who, according to GSA, had charged him with racism gave sworn affidavits in his favor.

CONSCIENCE OR SECURITY

"I must caution the federal employee," Mr. Palman continued, "about blowing the whistle. He has no chance. The best he can do is survive. The only chance of success for him is to go to the Hill, but he must be very careful. Sometimes I'll advise an employee to go to the Civil Service Commission, but the chairman of the commission is not independent. He serves at the pleasure of the President and cannot always do what should be done."

"You cannot afford the luxury of 100% integrity if you have a family. The man raising a family has to make a choice between conscience and security. And you can't blame him if he chooses security."

The personnel chief gave an account of the anguish one of his colleagues faced after deciding to co-sign Mr. Palman's letter of complaint against GSA to CSC.

"He has four children. His wife was furious with him when he told her he would cosign the letter. He could not sleep. He could not eat. He would break down and cry. He cried in his own office. He cried in my office."

'FETISH FOR SECRECY'

Backing Mr. Palman's view was Carl Mintz who recently "resigned under pressure" from the Federal Reserve Board. A statistician, Mr. Mintz had given information on comparative interest rates at different banks to *Consumer Reports* magazine. When the magazine article appeared, the Federal Reserve chairman ordered an FBI investigation into "who did this evil deed," said Mr. Mintz.

He insisted the information he gave out could in no way be construed as secret. "Any individual can get that data from any bank," he said. "Why they wanted to keep it secret makes no sense. In fact they asked FBI to investigate even before determining whether a law had been broken." Mr. Mintz said he had revealed the information in the interest of helping the consumer, "and I'd do it again because the information is blatantly in the consumer interest and not secret. The upper echelon at Federal Reserve has a fetish for secrecy."

— *Federal Times*

SENATE INVESTIGATING SILKWOOD DEATH

A Senate subcommittee is investigating the death of Karen Silkwood, killed in an automobile accident in Oklahoma in 1974 after questioning safety conditions at the Kerr-McGee plutonium plant.

Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana, chairman of the Senate Government Operations Subcommittee, said he decided to launch an investigation because a General Accounting Office report on the government's investigation of Miss Silkwood's charges did not provide enough information "to make an adequate judgment as to whether a full and complete investigation of these matters has been made by federal agencies."

'Sore Throat' Urges 'Immediate' Action

Lack of Chiropractic Support AMA Antitrust Case Deplored

Stating he "cannot understand" why "individuals highly placed in the chiropractic hierarchy" oppose bringing an antitrust action against the American Medical Association, the man who has been responsible for exposing interorganization memoranda describing AMA political activities – who signs himself "Sore Throat" – has appealed to individuals within the profession to press the leadership for such action.

A copy of the letter, dated Nov. 26, 1975, was sent to NHF Legislative Advocate Clinton R. Miller. Time is of the essence, said Sore Throat, as he detailed the reasons nongovernmental action should be taken to obtain an injunction to prevent destruction of evidence by the AMA.

Addressed to Dr. Chester Wilk, 5130 West Belmont, Chicago, Ill., who with other chiropractors is endeavoring to raise funds to finance a suit, the letter follows:

"I would greatly appreciate it if you would pass along the following to as many of the chiropractic profession as you are able:

"Dear Friends:

"While I am not a chiropractor, I have a special empathy for the chiropractic profession.

"You may know me as Sore Throat if you are familiar with press articles that have appeared over the last six months that tell of the AMA disclosures.

"As you may not know of me, let me briefly fill you in on what has occurred: Since early June 1975, a number of confidential internal AMA documents have been released to the press. Newspaper articles and radio shows have treated these documents in some depth.

"The documents told of AMA involvement with drug companies; receiving money from drug companies for their political arm, AMPAC; lobbying against Congressional legislation that would have lowered the cost of drug care in the United States; the action of the AMA's Executive Vice-President, James Sammons, in writing a letter for the use of drug company salesmen to sell harmful hypoglycemic drugs over this last year.

"Stories detailed alleged illegal campaign contributions of the AMA and AMPAC; alleged criminal postal fraud by the AMA; alleged tax evasion; questionable lobbying activities including apparent illegal attempts to influence legislation; and antitrust activity on the part of the AMA."

RESULTS TO DATE

"Disclosure of these documents, to date, has resulted in:

"1. A full-scale audit of the AMA by the Internal Revenue Service that may result in upwards of $21 million being assessed against the AMA.

"2. An investigation of the AMA and AMPAC by the Federal Elections Commission for illegal political campaign contributions.

"3. An investigation by the Criminal Fraud Section of the U.S. Postal Service looking into illegal lower mailing rates enjoyed by the AMA, due to a 'friend' in the Post Office, and,

"4. Most significantly, the transmittal of an antitrust case against the AMA to the Federal Trade Commission by Rep. Moss of California.

"You are all familiar, I am sure, with the monopolistic aspects of the AMA, and you have all been subjected to restraint of trade tactics of the AMA whether or not you are aware of them. This is why I am writing you."

TIME-LAG TOO GREAT

"Looking at the harsh realities of the monopoly situation, and in conjunction with a number of antitrust experts, I am advised that although the antitrust case the FTC is currently investigating is a strong case, due to governmental regulations meant to protect private organizations from governmental intervention, relief from the FTC case may take quite awhile.

"According to these experts, FTC probably will require three years at a minimum simply to ready the case for prosecution, and another seven years to complete the prosecution.

"I have been advised that relying on this case with the FTC may be suicidal, for a very good reason: Since August 1975, when the AMA purchased a number of paper shredders, they have been conscientiously destroying files that would tend to incriminate them.

"This destruction of files makes the subsequent subpoena of documents and litigation of the case extensively more difficult. FTC attorneys tell me that should the documents that make up the case become publicly known, they may be useless in the litigation as their counterparts in the AMA will be destroyed."

ONLY SANE COURSE

"Private antitrust experts advise me that the only sane course to follow involves an *immediate private antitrust case* undertaken against the AMA. Upon initiating this case, an immediate injunction can be obtained prohibiting the AMA from further destruction of files and making the files accessible for obtaining further proof of antitrust activity on the part of the AMA.

"A private case has the additional benefit of being a quick action that should be completed within 18 months. This however, requires money."

STRONG CASE

"I am in touch with Dr. Chester Wilk of the National Chiropractic Antitrust Committee. Dr. Wilk is well aware of the strength of the case against the AMA. As with me, attorneys have advised him that the case is an exceptionally strong one. A Congressional subcommit-

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tee antitrust attorney has informed me it is virtually an 'open and shut case.'

"Yet, I have also talked with individuals highly placed in the chiropractic hierarchy who will tell you to wait – that an antitrust case is not the correct action to take. But these individuals hold no expertise in antitrust litigation.

"Myself and a close contact within the AMA were able to produce thousands of newspaper articles, tv and radio shows, and four major governmental investigations into the AMA with virtually no outside help.

"I turned against the AMA because I became disgusted with its ties to the drug industry, I was disgusted with the lack of regard the AMA held for the patient as well as the physician, and I was disgusted with the political and economic nature of the AMA which resulted in poor health care and rising health costs.

"The chiropractic profession, in daily sessions within the AMA, was plotted against for decades, was discredited in the press and with your patients, and was systematically set up to be destroyed. The fact that you are not destroyed is a credit to yourselves and the efficacy of the profession.

"Surely you have more than sufficient grounds to expose the AMA in the courts for what it is, and to take your rightful place as a healing profession."

WHY NO SUPPORT?

"I personally cannot understand the lack of support for antitrust action against the AMA. You see, I have seen the documents. The antitrust experts I have spoken with were amazed that no previous action had been taken against the AMA. They could not understand how, with such a strong case, an entire profession could disregard the implications.

"I hope it is not disregard or apathy. I hope it is simply a case of being misinformed.

"I urge you to contact Dr. Wilk and learn of the potentials of this case for yourself, for your profession, and, I hope you feel as I do, for the people of this country.

"Because of the immediate urgency regarding the destruction of files and the need to initiate action, as I am advised, a united chiropractic profession is needed to protect its interests.

"Obviously, there are misunderstandings and honest differences of opinion within any group of individuals. But how there can be a difference of opinion as regards the AMA, I can't understand.

"Please help me in this, I can't do it alone."

– SORE THROAT

"P.S. Naturally, having had similar things done to you in the past by the AMA, I would expect that you would be somewhat skeptical of this letter and whether or not this really originated with Sore Throat. Please feel free to verify this with Dr. Wilk, 5130 W. Belmont, Chicago, Ill. 60641 (312-PA5-4878), or with Dr. Sidney Wolfe of Ralph Nader's Health Research Group, 2000 P. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202-872-0320)."

Book Review

New Harmer Book Stinging Rebuke of AMA Practices

A shocking expose about the AMA by Dr. Ruth Mulvey Harmer who exposed practices of greedy undertakers and pesticide poisoners in *The High Cost of Dying*, is fittingly titled *American Medical Avarice* ($8.95, Thomas Y. Crowell, 666 5th Ave., New York 10003).

This book attempts to explain why we are a sick nation: "In our inefficient, inequitable and often ineffective system, any consideration of the subject must begin and end with the role of the American Medical Association, whose practices and policies reflect the triumph of 19th-century medical economics over 20th-century medical science.

"When Nathaniel Chapman, at the first annual meeting of the AMA in 1848, glowed with pride, 'This assemblage presents a spectacle of moral grandeur delightful to contemplate,' it was a far cry a century later when President Harry Truman disdainfully called it 'just another mean trust,' and a physician on the faculty of a major medical school, author of *The Healers*, wrote: 'If anything could accurately mirror the disgusting result of practicing medicine almost solely for profit and only secondarily as a healing science and art, it would have to be the AMA, deliberately, consciously and very openly patterning its philosophy and its course of action to achieve the goals deemed more important by a majority of its membership. The AMA is today's typical entrenched doctor, with all his cupidity and fraud writ large indeed.'

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$237,000 NIH Research Grant to Chiropractic

A $237,000 federal grant for a two-year research project, "Scientific Research on the Fundamentals of Chiropractic," has been awarded the University of Colorado.

C. H. Suh, Ph.D., project chairman who worked six years to obtain funding from the National Institutes of Health, HEW, said he is "grateful to members of our faculty who remained confident through these years that our chiropractic research project would receive this funding." He added, "I want to express my sincere appreciation to the ICA for its continuous and unyielding support, unlike that of the ACA" (American Chiropractic Association).

Said Dr. Joseph P. Mazzarelli, ICA president: "We know how much effort has gone into this achievement, and recognize this is only a beginning." He encouraged support of the Colorado project by the entire profession.

"Instead of inspiring governments to act," writes Dr. Harmer, "the AMA was building roadblocks to hold back every effort to extend medical care. Far from fighting court battles with drugmakers, the AMA was accepting millions from them. AMA had made medical care a superbusiness and turned scalpels into swords to defend it from those who envisioned it as something more . . .

"American medicine's rise to scientific distinction and its descent to flagrant profiteering began in 1904 when the AMA created the Council on Medical Education to encourage the country's medical schools to raise standards. During the last half of the 19th century, medical education became such a get-rich-quick business that the number of schools multiplied wildly from 52 in 1850 to 160 by 1900 . . . The AMA consistently inhibited the growth of prepaid group practice plans which operate on the theory doctors should be rewarded for keeping people well in addition to healing them when they are ill . . . For years it helped stave off the orders proposed by FTC that the tobacco industry issue warnings against cigarette smoking in advertisements as well as on packages. The AMA classified these as 'unsound in policy, wasteful, extravagant, tending to promote communism.' . . .

American Medical Avarice overflows with information that will help you combat the evils of the AMA. It exposes how money-hungry doctors, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals (many owned by doctors), nursing homes, and insurance profiteers have betrayed the American people to fatten their own bulging bank accounts. Dr. Harmer exposes unnecessary operations, drug-pushing, human experimentation, and the whole ugly machine – unethical, illegal, inhumane activities of organized medicine, which instead of helping prevent *dis-ease* has nurtured and gorged its insatiable greed on the life's energy of its victims . . ."

– IDA HONOROF's
Report to Consumer
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(ED. NOTE: Ms. Harmer's book has had a thorny road from inception 10 years ago, to publication. She sold the manuscript to Holt, Rinehart in 1965, got a glowing thank-you from then-Editor Sam Stewart about a "book so much in the public interest." Eight months later a large promotion ad appeared in *Publisher's Weekly* about the forthcoming book: ". . . Shocking, explosive, fully-documented . . . the first book that dares to tell the *truth* about the American Medical Association." Then Ruth Harmer got a telegram that "they wanted the manuscript toned down." A senior editor, Charlotte Mayerson, "was suddenly in the middle of the project, and I started getting letters. She particularly wanted me to tone down the material on the collusion between the drug industry and the medical establishment. No matter how documented the material was, she wanted it changed or deleted."

By late November 1966 Mrs. Mayerson wrote: "The manuscript really gets worse and worse . . . We are growing more and more convinced, as I go along, that it would have been a disaster to have published the book in this form and that it is urgent that the author accede to our basic suggestions." A week later the editor-in-chief wrote Ms. Harmer saying the manuscript "cannot be salvaged." He wanted most of the $5,000 advance returned – which didn't happen, incidentally. A review in the *Los Angeles Free Press* says Ruth Harmer "to this day doesn't know the motivation behind the sabotage of her book. One of the editors told her that Charlotte Mayerson's husand was a pharmaceutical company vice-president. 'But I don't know that for a fact,' says Ms. Harmer."

In 1972 the editor who originally told her how much he liked the manuscript – Sam Stewart – upon learning of its fate, bought it for Abelard-Schuman. Ms. Harmer, a teacher at California State Polytechnic, who specializes in scholarly research in areas of national scandal, brought the manuscript up to date, and it was released on schedule. Now *you* can read it!)

Kell Prepares Brief in Privitera-Leslie Laetrile Case

A 41-page printed brief dealing with the appeal by the District Attorney of the dismissal of charges against Dr. James R. Privitera and Carroll R. Leslie for making amygdalin (Laetrile) available to cancer patients has been prepared for the Appeals Court by Attorney George W. Kell, 1700 McHenry Ave., Modesto, Calif. A limited number of copies may be purchased from the Monrovia office of NHF at $1.25 each, plus postage.

When the case was tried before Municipal Court Judge Sam Cianchetti, he dismissed various counts on grounds Section 1707.1 of the California Health and Safety Code is unconstitutional. This provision holds that "The sale, offering for sale, holding for sale, delivering, giving away, prescribing or administering of any drug, medicine, *compound* or device to be used in the diagnosis, treatment, alleviation or cure of cancer is unlawful and prohibited unless (the substance has first been approved by State or Federal authorities for such use)."

Attorney Kell contends the state statute is "overbroad, arbitrary, unreasonable and in excess of the constitutional power of the Legislature" . . .; that it "unreasonably invades and violates the right of privacy" between physician and patient respecting the choice of medical remedies or disciplines to be chosen by the patient "in violation of the 14th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution"; and that the statute is "vague, confusing, and lacking in any ascertainable standard of prohibited conduct in violation of the Due Process Clause" of the California and U. S. Constitutions.

Reform Overdue at ACS . . .

"More effective control of cancer quackery can be accomplished through the following means:

"By enactment of more state antiquackery laws, California, in 1959, was the first state to enact model legislation to control cancer quackery. Presently, purveyors of unproven remedies in California are subject to a possible felony conviction. Other states with legislation making the use of unproven methods a criminal offense include Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio and Pennsylvania. No other states have control over the use or distribution of useless cancer tests and 'drugs.'

"By formation of state cancer commissions and cancer advisory councils to investigate exaggerated and unfounded claims for quack methods of diagnosing and treating cancer, and by initiating action, under state antiquackery laws, to halt the promotion and sale of these worthless methods.

"By programs of public education to alert the public that cancer can be treated with proven methods, and that by accepting proven tests to detect the onset of cancer at the earliest stage, and seeking appropriate treatment quickly, patients can afford themselves the best opportunity for cure."

Well, well — guess where that came from? Our old friend, the American Cancer Society — who else? March/April issue of *Ca — A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* (Vol. 25, No. 2).

It really serves no purpose to harangue the ACS — it has a vested interest in the status quo. A portion of its income derives from the drug, Fluorouracil. And really — if cancer suddenly did cease to be a killer by virtue of a discovery such as Laetrile — what would happen to its multi-million-dollar operation? Would there be any reason to continue ringing doorbells once a year for contributions from well-meaning Americans?

In encouraging the stifling of research into the area of nutrition as a possible — and likely — villain, the American Cancer Society performs a distinct disservice. If the organization were truly dedicated in putting the cancer puzzle together, it long ago should have welcomed painstaking investigation of *all* approaches to cancer therapy. It should have been in the front lines asking the Food and Drug Administration to permit clinical testing of Laetrile (amygdalin — B-17) instead of condemning it and labeling it "quackery."

But this advice is met with derision at ACS headquarters . . . When the annual fund-raiser comes around again, perhaps you'll have the courage to quietly say, "No — sorry — not till your hierarchy sweeps out the cobwebs and opens its doors to all avenues of research."

— D. C. M.

POLLUTION, CANCER, AND INDIFFERENCE

While 70% to 90% of cancer is believed pollutant-related, only 10% of national cancer program funds go for environmental studies, and most pollutants are undetected, a Library of Congress report says.

Fluorides, asbestos, chlorines, nickel and mercury are among pollutants in air and drinking water which are increasing the risks of cancer, heart disease, and genetic mutations, said the report filed with a House science subcommittee on environment chaired by California Congressman George E. Brown, Jr.

"What seems to come out from their review is that we don't even know what is killing us, and very little is being done to find out," said Mr. Brown.

Titled "Effects of Chronic Exposure to Low-Level Pollutants in the Environment," the report disclosed that:

(1) The ability to detect chemically-induced health dangers is so limited that "only a portion of the damage can be recognized."

(2) The costs to society of diseases linked to environmental pollution, "while difficult to pin down, are staggering."

(3) Expensive and arduous testing methods are not sensitive enough to detect polluting agents.

The substances (listed above) affect the central nervous system, said the report. Most enter water and air through industrial processes.

Recycled Chicken Manure in Cattle Feed

Presently, the Food and Drug Administration is holding the line on recycling of chicken manure as animal feed, because of difficulty in assuring quality control. So those with an abundance of chicken manure are employing a different strategy—Virginia is working toward approval of the product. Californians beware: Now that your state approves treated manure of laying hens only — the cry has gone out to expand, and to permit use of chicken manure from broilers. This would mean the product could contain many more potent drugs than is permitted for laying hens.

Members should check in the states where this product is approved for cattle feed to ascertain if it also is fed to dairy cows. It seems it would be more profitable and certainly wiser to use chicken manure in a fertilizer. But presumably the manufacturers of chemical fertilizers would protest.

— *RUTH DESMOND*
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'LET'S ORGANIZE'

Editor:

To establish an organization whose voice can be heard loud, clear and effectively in the "hallowed halls of the hydra-headed ogre awesomely referred to as the FDA," why not get the several entities in the inter related health arena, viz: members of the healing art, scientific community, producers, distributors and consumers who advocate and promote the nutritional concept of healthier existence through nature's wisdom and benevolence, to close ranks and present a unified front of resistance to the bureaucrats who are dictating instead of cooperating? In other words — let's "unionize" the cause.

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DID YOU KNOW that Baltimore, fluoridated since 1952, has one of the highest tooth-decay rates in the country?

We could become very powerful...

On the personal side: We have had several inquiries on Laetrile as a result of the June article in *Let's Live*, and so far nothing worse than a couple of phone taps.

My wife is in excellent health, and I am still as vehement in my denunciation of the FDA-ACS as when you were visiting with us.

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Dosage Already Exceeds U.S. Standard

Physicist Urges Record-Keeping of Medical X-ray Exposures

Asserting that "a significant proportion" of the medical diagnostic radiation people receive is "unnecessary," Dr. C. S. Cook, professor of physics, University of Texas, El Paso, told delegates to the annual meeting of the American Physical Society at Anaheim Convention Center that in his opinion a lifetime record should be kept of the medical radiation each individual receives.

"As it is now, no one in the United States has any idea of how large a dose of radiation he has accumulated during a lifetime. Part of the reason is apathy, but a more important factor is that no regulations require that records be kept of medical and dental X-ray exposures," he said. Federal regulations require records of industrial and laboratory radiation exposure, but exempt exposure for medical diagnosis or therapy. Such diseases as leukemia, skin and other cancers, and genetic disturbances are attributed at least in part to radiation.

Cook said a federal standard established by a council of the National Academy of Sciences set 170 millirems a year of man-made radiation, as an upper limit of exposure for the average person, excluding radiation from medical sources. (A millirem is a measure of the radiation an adult receives, determined by recording radiation energy deposited on a cubic inch of surface under average conditions).

The average American receives 179 millirems: 102 from natural background radiation, 4 from global falout of past and current weapons-testing, 73 from medical diagnostic X-rays, and .003 from nuclear power plant emissions. Another millirem may be added for exposure to industrial radiation for the population as a whole, Dr. Cook said, and perhaps 2 for "miscellaneous." He stressed this is "an estimate, not an average." Some persons receive much more, some much less.

"If we are going to worry about radiation," he concluded, "we ought to worry about all the medical diagnostic radiation we are getting that no one is keeping track of." He said his estimates do not include radiation used in cancer therapy and medical procedures for other diagnostic purposes.

THEY'LL FLUORIDATE

The citizens of Laconia, N. H., approved fluoridation of the city's drinking water in a city election.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO N.H.F. GET THE JOB DONE

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The National Health Federation is America's largest, organized, noncommercial health consumer group. It is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1955. Its membership is comprised of men and women in all walks of life, belonging to a variety of religious faiths and political persuasions, and engaged in nearly every profession and trade.

Its members believe that health freedoms are inherently guaranteed to us as human beings, and our right to them as Americans is implied in the words, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Yet, frequently, these freedoms and rights have been and continue to be violated. Too often, as a result of the unopposed pressures from organized medicine, the chemical industry, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and others, laws and regulations have been imposed which better serve these special-interest groups than the public at large. We see and hear of new instances daily. To name a few: spiraling health-care costs, consumer exploitation by leading industries, excessive devitalization and adulteration of our foods, restriction of certain types of treatment, banning of certain health books from the mails, the harassment of those who advocate natural methods of healing and natural foods, the poisoning of our air, water and soil through greed and carelessness, and many other health-related issues.

The NHF opposes monopoly and compulsion in things related to health where the safety and welfare of others are not concerned. NHF does not oppose nor approve any specific healing profession or their methods, but it does oppose the efforts of one group to restrict the freedom of practice of qualified members of another profession, thus attempting to create a monopoly.

The public needs a strong voice, such as the NHF provides, to speak and act in their behalf in these health-related matters. Legislators need your support to balance the pressures exerted upon them by the special interests. The National Health Federation, through a special legal and legislative staff in Washington, keeps its members apprised of all health legislation, opposes inadequate or undemocratic health legislation, while supporting or drafting bills to protect the individual's health freedom.

Will you join us in this worthy effort?

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1. Support the principle of freedom of choice and liberty in health matters.
2. Be a part of a strong and united consumer's voice in all health matters.
3. Work for beneficial and needed health legislation and, at the same time, oppose proposals which are detrimental to the health interests of the people or which do not provide for equality of recognition of all legally established health professions.
4. Support a united effort to reduce the cost of health care.
5. Oppose insults upon our ecology which have an impact on health
6. Oppose the use of chemical food additives which have not been proved absolutely safe or which are not needed.
7. Secure fair and impartial enforcement of food and drug laws and regulations.
8. Insist that all monies raised for health research and care be used exclusively for these purposes.
9. Compel all health fund-raising organizations to disclose in an annual report, the amount of funds collected and how the funds were expended.

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