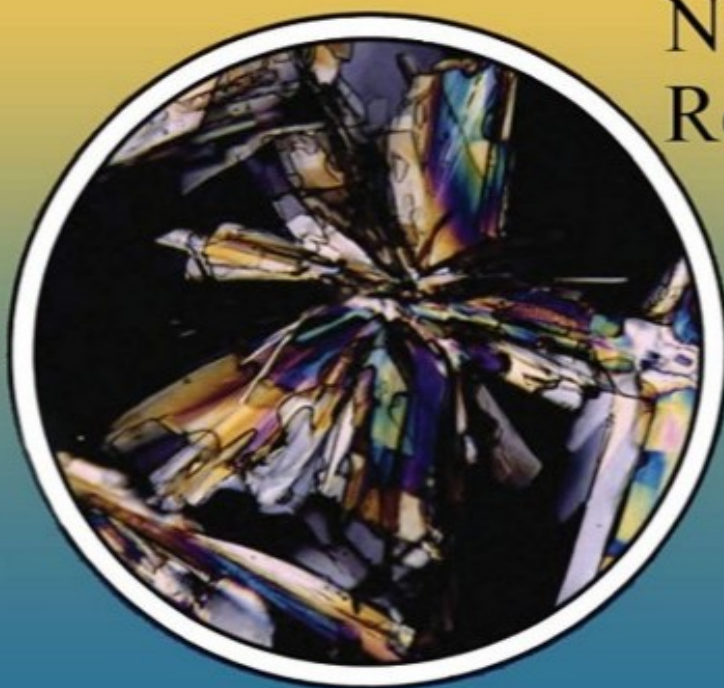


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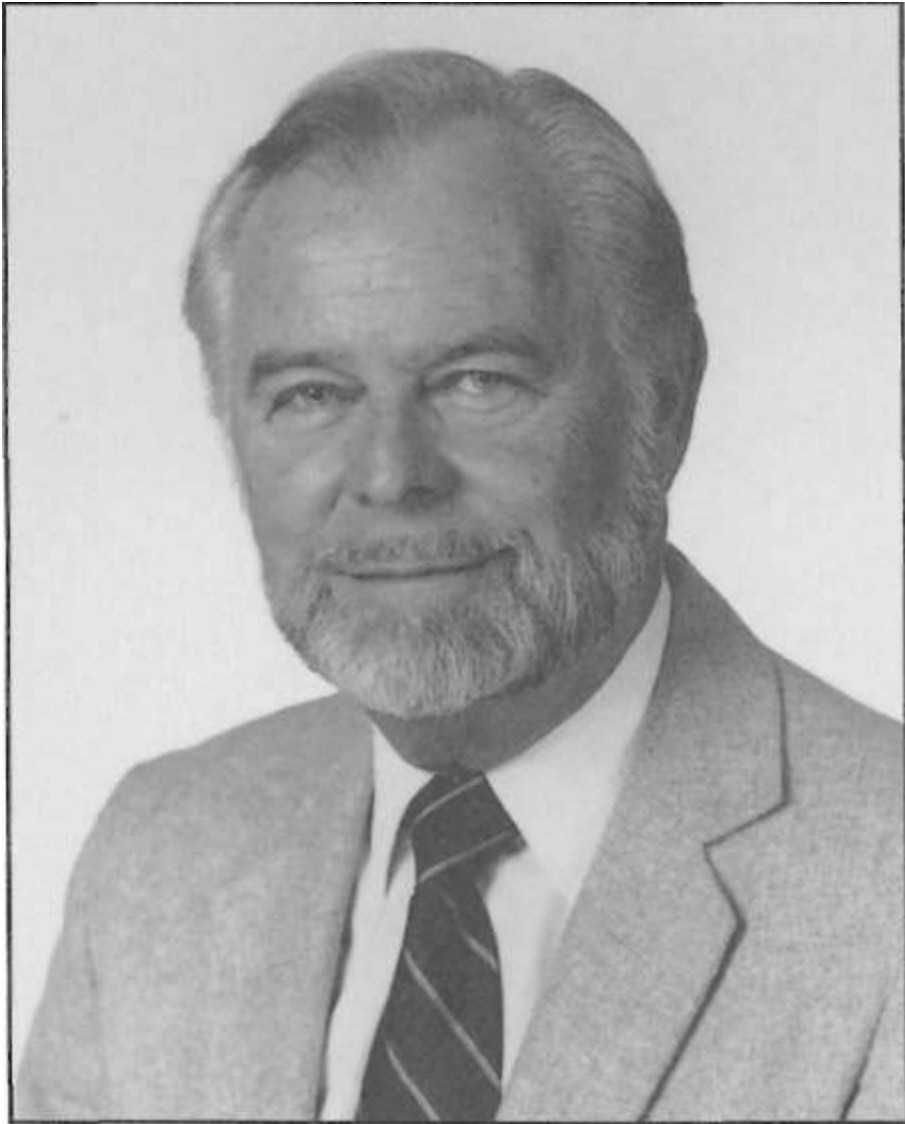
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As we shall see in the pages that follow, there is a great deal of

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—more than enough to convince most people that the thesis is proven. But the word *proven*, when used by the FDA, has an entirely different meaning. It is a technical definition. When the

FDA says a therapy is *proven*, it means only that its promoters ever be legally available for cancer or *any other* disease unless its have complied with the testing protocols set by the agency to source can be monopolized or its processing can be patented. No demonstrate safety and effectiveness. It is important to know, matter how safe and effective it may be, and no matter how many however, that the successful completion of those tests does not people are benefited, it will forever be relegated to the category of mean, as the terminology implies, that the therapy is safe and

“unproven” therapies. As such, freely available cures from nature effective. It merely means that tests have been conducted, the will always be illegal to prescribe, to promote, and in many cases results have been evaluated, and the FDA has given its approval even to use.

for marketing, often *in spite of the* dismal results.

It is partly for these reasons that the following warning and If cancer patients undergoing these *FDA-proven* therapies disclaimer is offered. But even without that background, it is only were to read the actual laboratory reports, they would recoil in common sense that cancer victims should be

encouraged to horror. They show neither safety nor effectiveness and, in fact, exercise great caution when selecting their therapy. Be advised, they are not intended to do so. Their purpose is to establish the therefore, that *Laetrile is, officially, an unproven cancer treatment.*

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specialists in their fields.

Then there is the question of money. The testing protocols established by the FDA are costly. The promoters of a new therapy must assign a large staff of technicians and compile many thousands of statistical pages. The complete reports often weigh hundreds of pounds and stack over six feet in height. The process can take years and consume over two-hundred-million dollars per study.

Only the large pharmaceutical companies can play that game.

(Although they publicly complain about this expense, they privately approve, because it prevents competition from smaller companies.) The potential reward of getting a new product into the world market is well worth the investment. But who would be willing to spend that kind of money on

developing a product that cannot be patented? *Substances found in nature cannot be patented*; only those which are invented by man. If a company were to spend two-hundred-million dollars to obtain FDA approval for a natural substance, its competitors then would be able to market the product, and the developer could never recover the investment.

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A great deal of drama has been enacted on the cancer stage since the first edition of this book was published. While it is true **First Photo Section 129-136**

that many of the original actors have been replaced by their **Second Photo Section 239-246**

understudies, the plot of the play has not changed. This is the outline of that drama.

Each year, thousands of Americans travel to Mexico and Germany to receive Laetrile therapy. They do this because it has **Bibliography 359**

been suppressed in the United States. Most of these patients have been told that their cancer is terminal and they have but a few **Index 362**

months to live. Yet, an incredible percentage of them have recovered and are living normal lives. However, the FDA, the AMA, the American Cancer Society, and the cancer research centers continue to pronounce that Laetrile is quackery. The recovered patients, they say, either had “spontaneous remissions” or never had cancer in the first place.

If any of these people ultimately die after seeking Laetrile, spokesmen for orthodox medicine are quick to proclaim: “You see? Laetrile doesn’t work!” Meanwhile, hundreds of

thousands of patients die each year after undergoing surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy, but those treatments continue to be touted as

“safe and effective.”

The average cancer patient undergoing Laetrile therapy will spend between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for treatment. That is a lot of money, but it is peanuts compared to the astronomical bills charged by conventional medicine. Yet they never tire of complaining that Laetrile doctors are greedy quacks and charlatans who profiteer from the sick and the frightened.

That is a classic case of accusing your opponent of exactly what you yourself are doing. It is common today for an elderly couple to give their entire life savings to a medical center and a battery of attending physicians and technicians, all in the vain hope of saving the husband or wife from cancer. Even their house may have to be sold to pay the bills. And the maddening part is that, in most cases, the doctors *know* there is no chance of long-term success. But the surviving spouse is seldom told that.

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The next time you hear a spokesman for orthodox medicine Burzynsky from accepting the boy as a patient unless he first had condemn those greedy, money-grubbing Laetrile doctors, watch undergone chemotherapy and radiation.

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there won't be anything left of him to salvage if we make him The only real difference between the controversy today and take that awful treatment first.” When he did not fall in line with when it began in the 1970s is that the media has lost interest in it.

the doctors' demands, he began to receive harassing phone calls from hospital personnel. One oncologist threatened to file The sparsity of coverage has created the false impression that

charges with the state. When Mr. Navarro still refused, the Laetrile has fallen into disfavor, but nothing could be further from doctor went to the protective-services agency and filed child-the truth. The number of patients using Laetrile today continues abuse charges against the parents.

to run in the thousands.

In 1980, movie actor Steve McQueen also made news when It has been suggested that the mass media have decided to he went to Mexico for Laetrile and other unorthodox therapies.

ignore Laetrile because, when it did receive national publicity, it When he died following surgery four months later, the press had become popular. People decided to give it a try in spite of the a heyday telling the American people that Laetrile didn't work.

negative press. If they had been told they were going to die What they failed to report is that McQueen's cancer was, indeed, anyway, why not? And the clinics in Mexico thrived. Another apparently cured by Laetrile, and that only a non-cancerous reason may be that, although the controversy continues, there is tumor remained in his abdomen. (Most tumors are composed of nothing *of substance* that is really new. Each unfolding event is a mixture of cancer and non-cancerous tissue.) McQueen was merely an extension of forces and arguments that have preceded.

feeling great and decided to have the bulge removed for cosmetic For example, in 1977, the parents of Chad Green kidnaped reasons. It was a complication of *that* surgery, not cancer, which their own son and took him to Mexico to avoid being forced by caused his death. Not a word of his prior recovery was to be officials in Massachusetts into giving him chemotherapy for his found in the major press. Consequently, millions of Americans leukemia. They preferred nutritional therapy instead. This is part who followed the story came away with the conviction that of the heavy price we pay for allowing government the power to Laetrile is just another hoax. That, too, is merely an extension of decide what is best

for us and our families. When special-interest the kind of biased media reporting that has become a permanent groups become politically strong enough to write the laws, then it part of the coverage of Laetrile. It continues today.

is *those groups* that tell us what to do-all in the name of protecting The most notable example of continuity has been the us, of course.

so-called scientific tests conducted by the nation's largest The Chad Green story made big headlines but, unfortunately, cancer-research centers to establish if Laetrile works or is a hoax.

the same thing involving other children has happened numerous Both the Mayo Clinic and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer times since then with only minor news coverage. For example, in Center played conspicuous roles in this particular act. The 1999, James and Donna Navarro were told that their four-year-old evidence of foul play that rose from the smolders of the data son, Thomas, had a malignant brain tumor. Surgery left the child debris left behind is so shocking and conclusive that I have speechless, blind, and unable to walk. When the doctors told the created an entire new chapter in this edition to showcase it. If Navarros that Thomas would also have to undergo radiation and you read nothing else in this book, read that section for sure. It chemotherapy, they researched the medical literature and learned will change your view of the integrity of American medical that these treatments probably would further impair the boys research, to say the least. But even that was a continuation of brain function and that long-term survival was unlikely anyway.

pseudo science enlisted in defense of economic vested interest So they decided to try an alternative therapy called *antineoplastons* that was well established in the early 70s.

offered at the Stanislaw R. Burzynsky Research Institute in So, although many events have happened since this book was Houston. At this point, the FDA stepped in and prohibited Dr.

first published, the basic story remains the same.

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to bring it up to date has required an amazingly small amount of revision. It is still bad news for freedom-of-choice in cancer therapy.

It was during the summer of 1971 that I first remember hearing the word Laetrile. The late Dr. John Richardson and I were sharing a short vacation in Oregon attempting to enjoy the natural beauties of that state. I say *attempting* because the good doctor, who was an extremely intense person, had brought his briefcase with him. It was not loaded with fishing gear. In fact, it yielded an almost endless supply of correspondence, research papers, and books all on the unlikely subject of "L-mandelonitrile-beta-glucuroniside in the Treatment of Human Cancer."

At first, I had about as much interest in this topic as in learning Part One

about internal stresses in the construction of girder bridges.

Undoubtedly, these are fascinating subjects to the physician and the engineer whose professions are wrapped around the minutiae of related theory and formula. But to me, the lush green forest and the babbling stream were objects infinitely more worthy of my attention, and I'm sure that my impatience had begun to show.

But my determined companion continued with all the persistence **THE**

of a bulldog with a fresh hold on a seat of pants. And he insisted that I read the first draft of a manuscript he had prepared with the **SCIENCE OF**

possibility of submission for magazine publication.

In the course of reading that manuscript, I became aware for the first time that, although there was overwhelming evidence

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that vitamin therapy is effective in the treatment of cancer, apparently there were powerful forces at work to prevent this fact from **THERAPY**

being known. Reacting as most people do when they first hear this assertion, I remember asking skeptically, “Who are *they*, John? Who on earth would want to hold back a cure for cancer?”

With the asking of that question, my interest finally had been aroused and, even though I wouldn't have believed it at the time, I was already embarked upon a course of inquiry that was to lead to the uncovering of one of the most amazing stories of the twentieth century. The ambitious purpose of this book is to present at least the highlights of that story and to answer the question “Who are *they*, John?”

G. Edward Griffin

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THE WATERGATE

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Examples of dishonesty and corruption in the field of drug research; a close look at the first major study which declared Laetrile (vitamin

B17) “of no value;” proof that the study was fraudulent; the FDA’s ruling against the use of Laetrile because it had not been tested; and the refusal then to allow anyone (except its opponents) to test it.

This year 550,000 Americans will die from cancer. One out of three of us will develop cancer in our lifetime. That is eighty-eight million people in the United States alone.

The purpose of this study is to show that this great human tragedy can be stopped *now* entirely on the basis of existing

scientific knowledge.

We will explore the theory that cancer, like scurvy or pellagra, is a deficiency disease aggravated by the lack of an essential food compound in modern man's diet, and that its ultimate control is to be found simply in restoring this substance to our daily intake.

What you are about to read does not carry the approval of organized medicine. The Food and Drug Administration, the American Cancer Society, and the American Medical Association have labelled it fraud and quackery. In fact, the FDA and other agencies of government have used every means at their disposal to prevent this story from being told. They have arrested citizens for holding public meetings to tell others of their convictions on this subject. They have confiscated films and books. They even have prosecuted doctors who apply these theories in an effort to save the lives of their own patients.

The attitude of Big Brother, expressed bluntly in 1971 by Grant Leake, Chief of the fraud section of California's food and

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drug bureau, is this: "We're going to protect them even if some of businessman admitted under cross-examination that he had lied them don't want to be protected.(1)

under oath twenty-eight times. When asked if he regretted what Early in 1974, the California medical board brought formal he had done, he replied: "No. I don't have any regrets. I wouldn't charges against Stewart M. Jones, M.D., for using Laetrile in the hesitate to tell a lie if it would help the American consumer.(1) treatment of cancer patients. It was learned later, however, that The FDA is not squeamish over its tactics to "help the Dr. Julius Levine, one of the members of that board, *himself* had American consumer." When a

businessman falls into disfavor been using Laetrile in the treatment of his own cancer. When Dr.

with the bureaucracy, there are no holds barred, and the law is Jones' case came up for review, the political pressures were so used, not as a *reason* for attack, but as a *weapon* of attack. In other great that Dr. Levine felt compelled to resign from his post rather words, the FDA does not take action because the law says it than come out openly in support of Dr. Jones and his patients.(2) should. It does so because it wants to, and then searches through This is happening in a land which boasts of freedom and the law for an excuse. In the celebrated case of U.S. *vs* Dextra whose symbol is the Statue of Liberty. For the first time in our Fortified Sugar, for example, the FDA had ruled that it was history, people are being forced to *flee from* our shores as medical

“misbranding” to fortify sugar with vitamins and minerals and emigrants seeking freedom-of-choice and sovereignty over their still call it sugar. But the court ruled otherwise, pointing out: own bodies. Laetrile has been available in Australia, Brazil, The basic flaw in the government's case is that it is seeking, Belgium, Costa Rica, England, Germany, Greece, India, Israel, under the guise of misbranding charges, to prohibit the sale of a Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Spain, food in the market place simply because it is not in sympathy with Switzerland, Russia, Venezuela, and Vietnam—but it is not its use.

allowed in the “land of the free.”

Usually there is much more going on in these cases than In spite of this, however, many doctors have defied the over-zealousness on the part of a few bureaucrats. Pretending to bureaucracy and have proved in their own clinics that the protect the public is the favorite cover for hidden agendas.

vitamin-deficiency concept of cancer is valid.

Legislation claiming to protect the consumer usually is written by With billions of dollars spent each year in research, with representatives of the very industries from which the consumer

additional billions taken in from the cancer-related sale of drugs, supposedly is to be protected. Politicians who are grateful for the and with vote-hungry politicians promising ever-increasing financial support of those industries are eager to put their names government programs, we find that, today, there are more people on the legislation and push for its enactment. Once it becomes making a living from cancer than dying from it. If the riddle were law, it serves merely to protect the sponsoring industries against to be solved by a simple vitamin, this gigantic commercial and competition. The consumer is the victim, not the beneficiary.

political industry could be wiped out overnight. The result is that the *science* of cancer therapy is not nearly as complicated as the This is just as true in the field of medicine as in any other. In *politics* of cancer therapy.

medicine, however, there is the added necessity to pretend that If there was any good that came from the Watergate scandals everything is being done scientifically. Therefore, in addition to of the Seventies, it was the public awakening to the reality that recruiting the aid of politicians, scientists also must be enlisted—a government officials sometimes do not tell the truth. And when feat that is easily accomplished by the judicious allocation of caught in such “mendacities,” they invariably claim that they lied funding for research.

only to protect national security, public health, or some other This reality was revealed by former FDA Commissioner, equally noble objective.

James L. Goddard in a 1966 speech before the Pharmaceutical This Watergate syndrome is not new. Several years ago, an Manufacturers Association. Expressing concern over dishonesty FDA agent w h o h a d testified in court against a Kansas City in the testing for new drugs, he said:

1. Omar Garrison, *The Dictocrats* (Chicago-London-Melbourne: Books for 1. “Debate Over Laetrile,” *Time*, April 12, 1971, p. 20.

Today, Ltd., 1970), p. 130.

2. "Laetrile Tiff, State Medic Out," *San Jose Mercury (Calif.)*, April 10, 1974.

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I have been shocked at the materials that come in. In addition to These are not unusual or isolated cases. John Braithwaite, a the problem of quality, there is the problem of dishonesty in the criminologist at the Australian Institute of Criminology (and also investigational new drug usage. I will admit there are gray areas in former Commissioner of Trade Practices in Australia), states: the IND [Investigation of New Drug] situation, but the conscious

"The problem is that most fraud in clinical trials is unlikely to withholding of unfavorable animal clinical data is not a gray matter.

even be detected. Most cases which do come to public attention The deliberate choice of clinical investigators known to be more only do so because of extraordinary carelessness by the criminal concerned about industry friendships than in developing good data is not a gray matter.(1)

physician.(1)

According to Dr. Judith Jones, former Director of the Division Goddard's successor at the FDA was Dr. Herbert Ley. In 1969, he testified before a Senate committee and described several cases of Drug Experience at the FDA, if a research facility obtains of blatant dishonesty in drug testing. One case involved an results that do not demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of a assistant professor of medicine who had tested 24 drugs for 9

drug, it is not uncommon for the drug company to bury the different companies. Dr. Ley said:

report and continue testing elsewhere until they find a facility that gives them the results they want. Unfavorable reports are Patients who died while on clinical trials were not reported to

the sponsor.... Dead people were listed as subjects of testing. People rarely published, and clinicians are pressured into keeping quiet reported as subjects of testing were not in the hospital at the time of about them.(2)

tests. Patient consent forms bore dates indicating they were signed The incentive for clinical investigators to fabricate data is after the subjects died.(2)

enormous. American drug companies pay as much as \$1,000 per Another case involved a commercial drug-testing firm that patient, which enables some doctors to collect over \$1 million per had worked on 82 drugs from 28 companies. Dr. Ley continued: year from drug research—all the easier if the treatments are Patients who died, left the hospital, or dropped out of the study imaginary. Even if the tests are not fabricated, there is still the were replaced by other patients in the tests without notification in effect of subconscious bias. These doctors know that, if they don't the records. Forty-one patients reported as participating in studies produce the results the drug companies are seeking, the likeli-were dead or not in the hospital during the studies.... Record-hood of their receiving future work is greatly diminished.

keeping, supervision and observation of patients in general were That commercially operated testing facilities should become grossly inadequate.(3)

corrupted by money is not hard to imagine. But it is often Between 1977 and 1980, it was discovered that 62 doctors had assumed that university laboratories are different, that they are submitted clinical data to the FDA which was manipulated or immune to the profits that flow from criminal science. The truth, completely falsified.(4) In one study conducted by the FDA itself, it however, is that money speaks just as loudly on campus as it does was discovered that one in every five doctors investigated—

elsewhere. Referring to a survey conducted by the FDA, Dr. doctors researching the effects of new drugs—had invented the Braithwaite explains:

data they reported and pocketed the fees.(5)

As one would predict from the foregoing discussion of how contract labs can be used by sponsors to abrogate responsibility for quality research, contract labs were found to have a worse record of GLP [Good Laboratory Practices] violations than sponsor labs. The 1. See Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, worst record of all, however, was with university laboratories. One *Preclinical and Clinical Testing by the Pharmaceutical Industry*, 1976, U.S. Senate, must be extremely cautious about this finding since there were only Washington, D.C., 1976, pt. II, p. 157.

five university laboratories in the study. Nevertheless, it must 2. U.S. Senate, *Competitive Problems in the Pharmaceutical Industry*, 1969, undermine any automatic assumption that university researchers, pts. 6, 7 & 10; cited by John Braithwaite, *Corporate Crime in the Pharmaceutical Industry* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1984), p. 52.

3. *Ibid.*

1. Braithwaite, *op. cit.*, p. 54.

4. Braithwaite, *op. cit.* p. 53.

2. Arabella Melville and Colin Johnson, *Cured to Death; The Effects of Prescription 5. Science*, 1973, vol. 180, p. 1038.

Drugs (New York: Stein & Day, 1982), p. 119.

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with their supposed detachment from the profit motive, are unlikely During the course of Dr. Ivy's trial, a letter was read into the to cut corners on research standards.(1)

court record written by a doctor from Indianapolis. The doctor The trail of corruption leads all the way to the FDA itself. A stated in his letter that he was treating a patient who had multiple study conducted by *USA TODAY* revealed that more than half of tumors, and that a biopsy of the tissue had shown

these tumors to the experts hired to advise the government on the safety and be cancerous. The doctor said that he had obtained Krebiozen effectiveness of medicine have financial relationships with the from Dr. Ivy's laboratories and had administered it, but that it pharmaceutical companies that are affected by their advice. The had done absolutely no good. When called to the witness stand, report stated:

however, the doctor's answers were vague and evasive. Under the pressure of cross-examination, he finally broke d o w n and These experts are hired to advise the Food and Drug Administration on which medicines should be approved for sale, what the admitted that he never had treated such a patient, never had warning labels should say and how studies of drugs should be ordered the biopsy in question, and never had used Krebiozen designed. These experts are supposed to be independent, but *USA* even once. The whole story had been a lie. Why did he give false *TODAY* found that 54% of the time, they have a direct financial inter-testimony? His reply was that one of the FDA agents had written est in the drug or topic they are asked to evaluate. These conflicts the letter and asked him to sign it. He did so because he wanted include helping a pharmaceutical company develop a medicine, to help the agency p u t an end to quackery.(1)

then serving on an FDA advisory committee that judges the drug.

In September of 1963, the FDA released a report to the effect The conflicts typically include stock ownership, consulting fees, or research grants.(2)

that Krebiozen was, for all practical purposes, the same as creatine, a c o m m o n substance that w a s found in every Let's bring this into focus on the issue of cancer. Science can hamburger. To prove this point, they produced a photographic be used, not only to p u s h drugs into the market that do *not* work, overlay supposedly showing the spectrograms of Krebiozen and but also to hold back remedies that *do*— because these remedies creatine superimposed over each other. These were published in represent potential competition to the

pharmaceutical industry *Life* magazine and other segments of the mass communications which controls the drug-approving process. The controversy that media as “unimpeachable proof” that Krebiozen was useless.

once surrounded Dr. Andrew Ivy’s anti-cancer drug known as When Senator Paul Douglas saw the spectrograms, he was Krebiozen is an example of this phenomenon.

suspicious. So he asked Dr. Scott Anderson, one of the nation’s Prior to crossing swords with the FDA in the early 1960s, Dr.

foremost authorities on spectrograms, to make his own study.

Ivy had been widely acknowledged as one of the nation’s fore- Using standard techniques of analysis, Dr. Anderson identified most medical specialists. As head of the University of Illinois twenty-nine differences between the two substances. There were Clinical Sciences Department, he had prepared 350 candidates for sixteen chemical and color differences. The version released to the graduate degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master the press by the FDA had been carefully moved off center until of Science (M.S.). He was an American representative at the there was a maximum *appearance* of similarity, but when restored Nuremberg trials after World War II in Germany. The American to the true axis, the two were as different as night and day.(2) Medical Association had awarded him bronze, silver, and gold The tactics used against Laetrile are even more dishonest than medals in recognition of his outstanding work in the field of medicine. He had written over a thousand articles published in those against Krebiozen. Perhaps the most damaging of them has scientific and medical journals. In fact, the FDA itself often had been a pseudo-scientific report released in 1953 by the Cancer called upon him as an expert to offer medical testimony in court.

Commission of the California Medical Association. Published in But when he began to use an unorthodox approach to cancer

the April issue of *California Medicine*, the report presented an therapy, overnight he was branded as a “quack.”

Impressive collection of charts and technical data indicating that 1. Braithwaite, *op. cit.*, p. 82.

1. Garrison, *op. cit.*, pp. 134-35.

2. “FDA advisers tied to industry,” *USA TODAY*, Sept. 25, 2000, p. 1A.

2. *Ibid.*, pp. 278-80.

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exhaustive research had been carried out into every aspect of It is important, therefore, to know something of the nature of Laetrile. Its molecular composition had been analyzed, its chemi-the California Report and of the scientific integrity of those who cal action studied, its effect on tumor-bearing rats observed, and drafted it.

its effectiveness on h u m a n cancer patients determined. The stern Although the report as published in *California Medicine* was conclusion of all this supposedly objective research was stated: unsigned, it was written by Dr. Ian MacDonald, Chairman of the

“No satisfactory evidence has been produced to indicate any Commission, and Dr. Henry Garland, Secretary. Dr. MacDonald significant cytotoxic effect of Laetrile on the cancer cell.”

was a prominent cancer surgeon, and Dr. Garland was an The conclusions of this California Report are sufficient for internationally famous radiologist. Both were listed in *Who’s Who*.

most physicians and researchers. Not one in ten thousand has There were seven other prominent physicians on the cornmis-ever even seen Laetrile, much less used it. Yet, they all know that sion—including four more surgeons, another radiologist,

and a Laetrile does not work because the California branch of the AMA pathologist—but they played no major part in the preparation of Cancer Commission said so, and they have had no reason to the report. Not one of these men— *not even MacDonald* or question the reliability of those who did the work.

Garland—had ever used Laetrile in first-hand experiments of their Reporter Tom Valentine interviewed many leading cancer own. All they had done was to make *evaluations* and *summaries* of specialists to determine what they thought about Laetrile. Here the written records of others.

he describes a typical reaction:

Before examining those evaluations and summaries, let us first recall that MacDonald and Garland were the two physicians Dr. Edwin Mirand of Roswell Memorial Hospital in Buffalo, N.Y., said: “We’ve looked into it and found it has no value.” When who had made national headlines claiming that there was no asked if the renowned little hospital, which deals only with cancer, connection between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. In an actually tested Laetrile, Dr. Mirand said, “No, we didn’t feel it was address before the Public Health Section of the Commonwealth necessary after others of good reputation had tested it and found it Club of San Francisco on July 9, 1964, Dr. Garland had said: had no effectiveness in the treatment of cancer.” He referred, as all A current widely held hypothesis is that cigarette smoking is authorities do, to the California Report.(1)

causally related to a vast number of different diseases, ranging from Others have run up against the same stone wall.

Professional cancer to coronary arteriosclerosis. After studying the question for several years, notably in its reported relationship to primary researcher, David Martin, reported this experience: bronchial cancer, it is my considered opinion that the hypothesis is The cancer expert in question, as I had anticipated, told me that not proven....

Laetrile was “sugar pills.” Had he told me that he had used Laetrile Cigarettes in moderation are regarded by many as one of the experimentally on X number of patients and found it completely better tranquilizers.... It is likely that obesity is a greater hazard to ineffective, I might have been impressed. But when I asked him American health than cigarettes.

whether he had ever used it himself, he said that he had not. When I asked him whether he had ever travelled abroad to study the Dr. MacDonald was even more emphatic. In an article in *U.S.*

experience with Laetrile therapy in Germany, Italy, Mexico, the *News & World Report*, he was shown with a cigarette in his hand, Philippines, or other countries, he replied that he had not. And and is quoted as saying that smoking is “a harmless pastime up to when I asked him if he had ever made a first-hand study of the pros twenty-four cigarettes per day.” And then he added: “One could and cons of the subject, again he conceded that he had not. He was modify an old slogan: A pack a day keeps lung cancer away.”(1) simply repeating what he had heard from others who, in turn, were probably repeating what they had heard from others, going all the It is a curious fact that it was precisely at this time that way back to the antiquated 1953 report of the California Cancer cigarette manufacturers were beginning to experience a slump in Commission.(2)

sales because of public concern over lung cancer. In fact, the tobacco industry had already pledged the first ten-million dollars 1. “Government Is Suppressing Cancer Control,” *The National Tattler*, March 11, 1973, p . 2.

1. “Here’s Another View: Tobacco May be Harmless,” *U.S. News & World* 2. *Cancer News Journal*, January/April, 1971, p. 22.

Report, Aug. 2,1957, p p . 85-86.

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out of a total of eighteen million to the AMA for “research” into With the expenditure of a mere eighteen-million dollars the question of smoking and health.

which is small, indeed, compared to the tobacco industry’s The effect of this veritable flood of money from a source with, advertising budget over the same period—it was possible to shall we say, “a vested interest” in the outcome of the research, direct the AMA’s medical research away from the important was incredible and did *not* speak well for the AMA. The result was question of cancer and into a hundred giddy questions that the conversion of a relatively simple, straight-forward project into served only to confuse and delay the ultimate truth.

a monstrous boondoggle of confusion and waste.

Dazzled by the meteor shower of thousand-dollar bills, the In the report of the AMA’s Committee for Research on AMA, in its December 1959 issue of the *American Medical Associa-*
Tobacco and Health, it says:

tion Journal, published an editorial stating flatly that there was To date, approximately \$14 million has been awarded [from the insufficient evidence “to warrant the assumption” that cigarette tobacco industry] to 203 individual research projects at 90 universi-smoking was the principal factor in the increase of lung cancer.

ties and institutions. As a direct result of these grants, 450 reports Furthermore, through its gargantuan research program, the AMA have been published in scientific journals and periodicals.(1) was making it increasingly difficult to obtain that evidence.

The report then listed the research projects and described Was there any connection between the eighteen-million dollars their purposes. Here are just a few:

given to the AMA from the tobacco industry and the public Nicotine Receptors in Identified Cells of the Snail Brain.

pronouncements of MacDonald and Garland, two of its most The Effects of Nicotine on Behavior of Mice.

prominent members in California? Perhaps not, although it has Angina Pectoris and Bronchitis in Relation to Smoking— A Study in been rumored that these gentlemen of science actually did American and Swedish Twin Roosters.

receive \$50,000 for their “testimonials.”(1) Post-Maturity Syndrome in the Pregnant Rat After Nicotine Absorption Whether or not this is true is not important now. What is During Pregnancy.

important is the fact that their medical opinion, if it had been Interactions of Nicotine, Caffeine and Alcohol in Squirrel Monkeys.

widely followed, clearly would have resulted in the suffering and death of untold additional millions. Also important is the fact The Effect of Smoking in Placental Oxygen Transfer in Gravid Ewes.

that these are the same “experts” whose medical opinion has been Urinary Excretion, Tissue Distribution and Destruction of Nicotine in widely quoted and followed in the question of Laetrile.

Monkey and Dog.

An interesting footnote to this subject is the fact that Dr. Body Build and Mortality in 105,000 World War II Army Veterans.

MacDonald was burned to death in bed a few years later in a fire Upon going through the back reports of the AMA’s Commit-started by his cigarette. Dr. Garland, who had boasted of chain-tee for Research on Tobacco and Health, one is able to count but smoking since early childhood and who claimed to be living proof five research projects that are primarily concerned with cancer.

that cigarettes are harmless, a few years later died of lung cancer.

One of those dealt with laboratory-testing procedures only, and In 1963, ten years after publication of the original

California another was an experiment to see if tobacco smoke could be used Report, the California State Department of Health officially to cure cancer of the skin! So only three of these projects really decreed that the findings of the antiquated study were “true” and dealt with the area of major public concern. Three out of two adopted them as its own. When it did so, however, it performed hundred and three is only about one-and-a-half percent—which an unexpected favor for the public because it published for the first tells us something about the AMA’s scientific integrity on the time all the original experiments and studies upon which the subject of smoking and cancer.

report had been based and, in doing so, it made available the 1. Third Research Conference, Committee for Research on Tobacco and Health, 1. See The Immoral Banning of Vitamin B17, by Stewart M. Jones, M.S., M.D., Palo AMA Education and Research Foundation, May 7-9, 1972, p. 4.

Alto, Calif., Jan., 1974, p. 1. Also Cancer News Journal, Jan./April, 1971, p. 3.

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documentary evidence proving that MacDonald and Garland Laetrile. In a statement dated December 15, 1952, for example, John had falsified their summary of those experiments.

W. Budd, M.D., reported: “Case 1M.... Hemorrhagic necrosis of In the 1953 report, the authors published the conclusions of tumor is extensive.... An interpretation of chemotherapeutic effect John W. Mehl, M.D., to the effect that cyanide could not be might be entertained.”

released from Laetrile. As will be explained in a later chapter, the Also an autopsy report by J.L. Zundell, dated September 10, release of cyanide at the cancer cell is part of the reason that 1952, discusses two clear cases of observed anti-tumor effect. It Laetrile works. Therefore, implying that cyanide cannot be states:

produced was a severe blow to the credibility of Laetrile theory.

M-1.... This might represent a chemical effect since the cells Dr. Mehl was quoted as saying: "These results are inconclusive, affected show coagulation necrosis and pyknosis....

and will be extended, but they do not support the claims made M-3.... There appears to be more degeneration in the tumor for Laetrile."

cells in the lymph node. I would consider this as a possible result of With the publication of the original experiments ten years chemical agent....

later, however, quite a different story emerged. Buried in a maze Two cases ... showed moderate changes ... which might be of statistics, tables, and charts can be found an item labeled considered as chemotherapeutic toxic cellular changes.(1)

"Laetrile Report Appendix 4." It is a laboratory report signed by Nothing could be more plain than that. Nevertheless, MacDonald G. Schroetenboer and W. Wolman. It states:

and Garland stated flatly in the California Report: "No evidence of After refluxing for three hours, the odor of hydrogen cyanide cytotoxic changes was observed by any of the consultants."(2) That state-could be detected.... The hydrogen cyanide was distilled into ment, of course, was a lie of gigantic proportions.

sodium hydroxide and determined by the Prussian Blue technique.(1) Even if the findings of these researchers had not been falsely summarized by MacDonald and Garland, the 1953 California This report was dated January 14, 1953—two months before Report still would have been totally useless as a scientific verdict Dr. Mehl claimed that cyanide could not be released from against Laetrile because the strength of the doses used on cancer Laetrile. It is significant, therefore, that MacDonald and Garland patients was too weak to prove anything. In fact, it was about completely ignored the positive

report while giving prominence one-fiftieth of what generally is used to obtain optimum results.

to the negative one.

In the earlier days of Laetrile research, clinicians cautiously Since that time, the release of cyanide from Laetrile has been administered only fifty to one-hundred milligrams at a time.

confirmed by the AMA's chemical lab, by the cytochemistry Gaining confidence with experience, these levels gradually were section of the National Cancer Institute, and even by the Califor-raised until, by 1974, Laetrile was being used intravenously at nia Department of Public Health. This is the same California levels of six to nine thousand milligrams daily. Generally, it takes Department of Public Health that then officially pronounced the an accumulation of fifty to seventy thousand milligrams over a original report to be "true" and adopted it as its own.

period of about a week or ten days before the patient can report Another claim made by Drs. MacDonald and Garland was that tangible indications of improvement. But in the experiments used microscopic examinations of tumors from patients w h o had been for the California Report, the typical dose given was only about treated with Laetrile showed absolutely no indication of favorable fifty milligrams per injection. The maximum single dose was less chemical effect. Ten years later, however, this assertion was shown than two hundred milligrams, and the maximum accumulative to be a bald-faced lie. Appendix Three contains the findings of two dose was only two thousand milligrams spread over twelve pathologists who stated in plain English that they did observe injections. Five patients received only two injections, and five anti-tumor effects which, indeed, could have been caused by the received only one.

1. Report by Cancer Advisory Council on Treatment of Cancer with Beta-Cyanogenic Glucosides ("Laetriles"), California Department of Public Health, 1963, 1. Ibid., Appendix 3, pp. 1-2.

Appendix 4, pp. 1-2.

2. Report by Cancer Advisory Council, op. cit., p. 324.

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It is not surprising, therefore, that the California experiments and it is suspected that the letter may actually have been failed to produce conclusive evidence that Laetrile was effective written much later but back-dated so as to make it impossible against cancer. As Dr. Krebs observed at the time, "There is to comply with the already ridiculous ten-day deadline. On May nothing quite so easy to accomplish as failure."

*12 six days after receipt of the "deficiency letter,"
McNaughton In spite of all the incredible distortions of fact and the perver-received a telegram from the FDA advising him that the approval sions of scientific truth, Drs. MacDonald and Garland were forced for Investigation of New Drug had been revoked.*

to admit on page three of their California Report:

Nevertheless, hoping that the FDA would reinstate its IND

All of the physicians whose patients were reviewed spoke of approval upon receipt of the additional data, McNaughton increase in the sense of well-being and appetite, gain in weight, and proceeded with the paperwork and, on May 15, just nine days decrease in pain....

after receipt of the FDA's initial order, sent off to Washington Then, attempting to belittle these important results, they added: everything that had been requested. By now, however, the FDA

... as though these observations constituted evidence of definite was firm. Laetrile would not be tested.

therapeutic effect.

A former high official of the FDA told Dr. Dean Burk of the That statement, alone, should have disqualified the California

National Cancer Institute that he could not recall in over thirty Report, for these observations are, indeed, among the very things years of service any instance in which just ten short days were which indicate to a physician whether or not his drug therapy is demanded for a fifty page reply to alleged deficiencies. And, on effective. (1) Most doctors would be ecstatically happy if they could October 1, 1970, there was nothing in the FDA procedural manual cause their cancer patients to experience an increase in a sense of requiring termination notices after allowing only ten days for well-being and appetite, a gain in weight, and especially a compliance. (1) Clearly, the entire action was contrived in response decrease in pain.

to political pressures as an excuse to stop the testing of Laetrile.

In the 1970s, there was little chance that Laetrile would be One of the reasons given for revoking approval for IND was given a chance to be tested except by its opponents. Every time that Laetrile might be toxic. The FDA said solemnly: proponents attempted to obtain permission to do so, they were Although it is often stated in the IND that amygdalin is turned down cold. On April 6, 1970, for example, the non-toxic, data to demonstrate this lack of toxicity are absent.... It McNaughton Foundation, under the sponsorship of Andrew is considered to be dangerous to base the starting dose for a McNaughton, submitted an application to the FDA for permis-chronic (6 + weeks) study in man on a single dose study in mice. It sion to engage in what is called IND (Investigation of New Drug) is also dangerous to initiate human studies while the nature of the Phase One studies. Permission was granted on April 27. Then, in toxicity has not been elucidated in large animal species. (2) the words of one reporter, "All hell broke loose." (2) The FDA This is an incredible statement. First of all, as will be illus-apparently received a phone call from an irate and politically trated in a later chapter, the non-toxicity of amygdalin (Laetrile) influential figure who passed the word: "Stop the tests!"

has been a well-known, fully accepted, and non-controversial fact The next day, April 28, the FDA sent another letter to the for a hundred years. Second, the case histories submitted as part Foundation advising that, upon reviewing the records, certain of the IND application were further proof of Laetrile's safety.

"deficiencies" had been found in the IND application, and And third, the very question of toxicity is absurd inasmuch as all demanding extensive additional data within ten days. Curiously, of the drugs approved by the FDA and currently used in orthodox the letter was not delivered to the McNaughton Foundation until May 6, nine days after it supposedly had been written, 1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Elliot Richardson, Secretary of HEW, dated Oct. 19, 1971; G. Edward Griffin, ed., Private Papers Relating to Laetrile, (Westlake 1. Current Diagnosis & Treatment, (Palo Alto: Lange Med. Publications, 1972), p. 902.

village, CA: American Media, 1997).

2. Don C. Matchan, "Why Won't They Test Laetrile?" Prevention, Jan., 1971, 2. The Ad Hoc Committee of Oncology Consultants For Review and Evaluation of pp. 149-50.

Amygdalin (Laetrile), FDA, Aug. 12, 1961, pp. 3-4.

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Another reason given by the FDA for refusing to permit the testing of Laetrile was that the doctors who had used it did not keep sufficiently detailed clinical records. This, too, was a lame Chapter Two

excuse, because Phase One studies do not require clinical records.

In righteous indignation, the courageous Dr. Burk of the GENOCIDE IN

National Cancer Institute wrote to Elliot Richardson, then Secretary of HEW (which administered the FDA), and said:

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The granting of FDA permission for Phase One studies of IND has no absolute or invariable requirements for any clinical studies at Continued attempts by the cancer industry to

all, although the sponsor is requested to supply any type of indica-prove that Laetrile is worthless; the suppressed tion that he may possess, which the McNaughton Foundation has lab reports from the Sloan-Kettering Institute

complied with to the limit of current feasibility. Dr. Contreras [of Mexico] and Dr. Nieper [of Germany] have been primarily preoccu-which proved that Laetrile works; the Rockefel-

pled, quite justifiably, with treating cancer patients with Laetrile and ler connection to the pharmaceutical industry;

related adjunctive therapies, and not with carrying out a clinical the story of how a group of employees at Sloan-evaluation of Laetrile in the precise and complete schedule of FDA Kettering leaked the truth to the outside world.

protocols. For you to indicate that their records are inadequate for such a purpose is clearly a red herring, since there is no such IND

Phase One requirement involved, nor corresponding claim made.(1) In addition to the California Report, there have been numerous other Laetrile studies by supposedly qualified and reputable But the "fix" was on. Laetrile would not be approved for organizations. These include a 1953 project at Stanford Univer-testing, regardless of the facts. On September 1, 1971, the FDA sity, a 1961 study at the University of California-Berkeley, one in announced that the Ad Hoc Committee of Consultants for 1962 at the Diablo Labs in Berkeley, and a 1965 study on behalf of Review and Evaluation of Laetrile had found "no acceptable the Canadian Medical Association at McGill University in Mont-evidence of therapeutic effect to justify clinical trials." And then it real. Every one of these has been tarnished by the same kind of announced that, because of their findings, Laetrile could no

scientific ineptitude, bias, and outright deception as found in the longer be promoted, sold, or even tested in the United States. (2) 1953 California Report. Some of these studies openly admitted The California Report has remained as one of the primary evidence of anti-cancer effect but hastened to attribute this effect authorities cited by cancer “experts” ad nauseum and as the basis to other causes. Some were toxicity studies only, which means of legal restraints against Laetrile. The cancer industry has also they weren’t trying to see if Laetrile was effective, but merely to refused the advocates of Laetrile a chance to conduct their own determine how much of it was required to kill the patient.

clinical trials on the basis of such flimsy excuses that they would In most of these experiments, the only criterion used to be laughable if the consequences were not so serious. All of this is measure the success of Laetrile was reduction in tumor size. That the product of bias, not objectivity. The reports and pronouncements are calculated to deceive, not to clarify. It is fiat, not may sound reasonable at first, but one must realize that most science.

tumors are a mixture of malignant and benign cells and that the Why is this happening? We shall deal with that part of the transplanted tumors used on laboratory mice contain only about story next.

ree or four percent outright cancer tissue. The more malignant tissues are rejected by the healthy mouse and cannot be successfully transplanted. Even if Laetrile eliminated one-hundred 1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Elliot Richardson, Oct. 19,1971, op. cit.

2. Press release, HFW/FDA, Sept. 1,1971.

percent of the cancer, these tumors would be reduced only three

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or four percent at the most. Life extension, not tumor size, is the cases were selected in which the medical records indicated that only meaningful test of therapeutic success.

Laetrile had been effective. The details were submitted to a panel In 1973, after months of extensive Laetrile studies on mice, the of twelve cancer specialists for evaluation. Cases involving tradi-Southern Research Institute in Birmingham, Alabama, released a tional therapy were also mixed in, and the panel was not report of its findings to the National Cancer Institute. The NCI informed which cases received which treatment. Judgment would then announced that these studies once again proved Laetrile had be based only on results. NCI sifted through the Laetrile cases no effect in the treatment of cancer. Upon further investigation, and rejected most of them, so the panel was allowed to review however, all was not as it appeared. Digging into the raw data only twenty-two.

contained in the report's tables and charts, Dr. Burk discovered How does one evaluate the success of a cancer treatment? Is it that there were three groups of mice in the experiment: (1) a large the length of life? The quality of life? The feeling of well-being group that received too little Laetrile, (2) another large group that and absence of pain? The ability to function normally on a daily received too much, and (3) a small group that received an basis? All of these are the criteria used by doctors who apply optimum dose. Those that received too little died just as quickly nutritional therapy. They are not concerned with the size of a as those in the control group which received none at all. Those tumor because, as stated previously, they know most tumors are a that received too much died sooner than those in the control mixture of malignant and benign cells, and that most tumors have group. But those that received the proper dosage survived only a small percentage of cancer cells. If Laetrile succeeds in significantly longer than those that received none at all!

removing 100% of a patient's cancer, his tumor may only decrease by 5% or 10%. But who cares? The patient is back

among the In view of these results, one may wonder how the National living again. The tumor is not the disease; it is merely the Cancer Institute could have said that Laetrile was of no value.

symptom of the disease.

Here is how it was done. All three groups were lumped into the Orthodox medicine, on the other hand, is totally focused on same statistics—including those which received too little and the tumor. To most oncologists, the tumor is the cancer. If they those that received too much. When these large groups were remove it surgically or burn it away, they happily announce to the added to the small group that survived significantly longer, they patient: “Good news. We got it all!” They may have all of the brought down the average to the point where they honestly could tumor, but did they get what caused the tumor? And, in the say that these mice, as a total group), did not survive significantly process, did they dislodge some of those malignant cells, causing longer than those which had received no Laetrile at all. The them to migrate through the circulatory system only to find new statistics didn't lie. But liars had used statistics.(1) homes elsewhere in the body? Is that the reason so many cancer Meanwhile, the number of recovered cancer patients singing patients die of metastasized cancer to multiple locations only a the praise of Laetrile continued to grow. These patients and their few months after hearing those ludicrous words: “We got it all”?

families established a national, grass-roots organization called In any event, Laetrile practitioners have always warned that The Committee for Freedom-of-Choice in Cancer Therapy.

reduction in tumor size is the least meaningful of all the measures Several hundred chapters across the country held public meet-of success. So what was the primary criterion chosen by NCI?

ings and press conferences, and provided testimony before state Tumor size, of course. Not only was that consistent with

the legislative committees calling for the legalization of Laetrile.

orthodox view of cancer, but it also would skew the results in Somehow, these “laetrilists” had to be answered.

favor of treatments, such as radiation and chemotherapy, which So, in 1978, the National Cancer Institute launched yet have a more pronounced effect on tumor shrinkage than Laetrile.

another study to debunk the movement. Ninety-three cancer A living and healthy patient with a tumor reduced by only 15% would be classified as a failure. A sick and dying patient with a 1. Dr. Dean Burk presented a devastating expose of this manipulation of tumor reduced 60% would be a success.

statistics in a fourteen-page open letter to Dr. Seymour Perry of the NCI, March 22, 1974. See Private Papers Relating to Laetrile, edited by G. Edward Griffin In spite of this stacked deck, here is what the panel found: (Westlake Village, Calif.: American Media, 1997)

Among the Laetrile cases reviewed, 2 patients showed complete

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response (total tumor disappearance), 4 had partial regression Sugiura broke his experiments down into a series of tests (greater than 50%), 9 were “stabilized” (tumors had stopped using different types of laboratory animals and different tumors: growing), and 3 had “increased disease-free intervals.” In other some transplanted and some naturally occurring. At the conclu-words, 18 out of 22, or 82%, had some kind of beneficial response sion of his experiment, he reported five results: (1) Laetrile

—even when using tumor size as the criterion. There are very few stopped metastasis (the spreading of cancer) in mice, (2) it

“approved” anti-cancer drugs that can show a report card as improved their general health, (3) it inhibited the growth of small good as that.

tumors, (4) it provided relief from pain, and (5) it acted as a None of these encouraging numbers made any difference. The cancer prevention. The official report stated:

official report of the NCI stated: “These results allow no definite The results clearly show that Amygdalin significantly inhibits conclusions supporting the anti-cancer activity of Laetrile.”(1) The the appearance of lung metastasis in mice bearing spontaneous wording was brilliantly deceptive. No one was expecting “defi-mammary tumors and increases significantly the inhibition of the nite conclusions” from a single study. But an honest and full growth of the primary tumors.... Laetrile also seemed to prevent report of the results would have been quite nice, thank you.

slightly the appearance of new tumors.... The improvement of Nevertheless, the carefully structured statement conveyed the health and appearance of the treated animals in comparison to impression that Laetrile once again had failed a scientific test.

controls is always a common observation.... Dr. Sugiura has never observed complete regression of these tumors in all his cosmic Words had been used, not to communicate, but to obfuscate.

experience with other chemotherapeutic agents.(1)

The next act in this drama of pseudo science was a clinical trial involving 178 patients at the Mayo Clinic. Amygdalin was to The reader is advised to go back and read that last section be tested again, but this time it was to be combined with again for, as we shall see, just a few months later, spokesmen for

“metabolic therapy” consisting of diet, enzymes, and nutritional Sloan-Kettering were flatly denying that there was any evidence supplements—exactly what the nutritional doctors had been that Laetrile had any value.

advocating. The leading Laetrile practitioners, however, bitterly To fully appreciate what happened next, a little background is objected that the protocol used was not comparable to theirs.

in order. The board of directors at Sloan-Kettering is virtually Furthermore, there was serious doubt about the purity of the controlled by corporate executives representing the financial amygdalin being used. It was suspected that the entire experi-interests of pharmaceutical companies. Most of that control is ment was carefully crafted to fail. And fail, it did. The Mayo held by the Rockefeller dynasty and their cartel partners. At the doctors reported: "No substantive benefit was observed."

time of the Sugiura tests, there were three Rockefellers sitting on the board (James, Laurance, and William) plus more than a dozen It is hard to beat this unbroken record of deception in the men whose companies were within the Rockefeller financial cloak of science, but the granddaddy of them all occurred a few orbit.

years later at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. For five years, between 1972 and 1977, Laetrile was The history of how the Rockefellers became involved in the meticulously tested at Sloan-Kettering under the direction of Dr.

pharmaceutical industry is contained in Part Two of this book.

Kanematsu Sugiura. As the senior laboratory researcher there, But, to appreciate how that effects this part of the story, we must with over 60 years of experience, Dr. Sugiura had earned the know that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., and his son, J.D., II, began highest respect for his knowledge and integrity. In a science donating to Memorial Hospital in 1927. They also gave a full laboratory, where truth is sought to the exclusion of all else, he block of land on which the new hospital was built in the 1930s.

would have been the perfect man for this test. For the purposes of Nothing was given without something to be

received. In this case, Sloan-Kettering, however, he was the worst possible choice.

was control over one of the great medical centers of the world.

How that happened was described by Ralph Moss, former I. N.M. Ellison, "Special Report on Laetrile: The NCI Laetrile Review. Results of the National Cancer Institute's Retrospective Laetrile Analysis." New England J. Summary of the Effect of Amygdalin Upon Spontaneous Mammary Journal of Medicine 299:549-52, Sept. 7, 1978.

Tumors in mice" Sloane Kettering report, June 13, 1973.

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Assistant Director of Public Affairs at Sloan-Kettering. Speaking As it turned out, several others had already duplicated of the expansion of Sloan-Kettering after World War II, Moss Sugiura's experiments and had obtained essentially the same wrote:

positive results. One was Dr. Elizabeth Stockert and another was Dr. Lloyd Schloen. Both were biochemists at Sloan-Kettering The composition of the board of trustees at that time reveals a kind of balance of power, with the Rockefellers and their allies in when they did the work. Schloen had gone so far as to add overall control, but with those representing the Morgan interests proteolytic enzymes to the injections—as is commonly done by assuming many positions of power.... From this period forward the Laetrile doctors—and reported a 100% cure rate among his Swiss world's largest private cancer center was ruled by what looks like a albino mice! That was not the result they wanted. In fact, it was consortium of Wall Street's top banks and corporations.

down-right embarrassing. It would have been nice if they could By the mid 1960s, the MSKCC board had begun to take on a simply dump these reports into the memory hole and then claim rather uniform appearance. What stood out was that many of its that they never existed. But it was too late for

that. They were leading members were individuals whose corporations stood to lose already in the public record, and too many people knew the facts.

or gain a great deal of money, depending on the outcome of the

“cancer war.” (1)

It was now time to bury all of these findings under a mountain of contrary reports and statistics. Even the sweetest smelling rose With this background in mind, it should come as no surprise will be ignored in a heap of garbage.(1)

to learn that Sugiura’s findings did not please his employer. What The easiest thing in the world to accomplish is failure. It is not goes on inside the laboratories is generally of little interest to difficult to fail to make Laetrile work. All that is necessary is to board members. It is assumed that, whatever it is, it will result in make a few changes in protocol, lower the dose, switch the source a new patented drug that will keep the cash flow moving in their of material, change the criteria for evaluation, bungle the proce-direction. They were slow to pick up on the implications of dure, and, if necessary, lie. All of these stratagems were used to Sugiura’s work but, when they did, all hell broke lose in the discredit Sugiura’s findings.

board room. If a cure for cancer were to be found in an extract For those who cannot believe that scientists would lie about from the lowly apricot seed, it would be a terrible economic blow such important matters, it should be remembered that, in 1974, to the cancer-drug industry.

Sloan-Kettering was the scene of one of the greatest scientific Never before had Sugiura’s work been questioned. In 1962, scandals of the century. Dr. William Summerlin, one of the more than 200 of his scientific papers were published in a four-top-ranking researchers there, claimed to have found a way to volume set. The introduction was written by Dr. C. Chester Stock, prevent transplanted tissue from being rejected by the recipient.

the man in charge of Sloan-Kettering's laboratory-testing division. To prove his case, he displayed white mice with square black patches. Dr. Stock wrote:

patches of fur, claiming that the skin grafts from black mice were Few, if any, names in cancer research are as widely known as now accepted by the white mice.

Kanematsu Sugiura's Possibly the high regard in which his work Not so. He had created the black patches with a marker pen.(2) is held is best characterized by a comment made to me by a visiting If success can be falsified, so can failure. Dr. Daniel S. Martin investigator in cancer research from Russia. He said, "When Dr.

at the Catholic Medical Center in Queens, New York, had Sugiura publishes, we know we don't have to repeat the study, for we would obtain the same results he has reported."

previously failed to obtain positive results with Laetrile, but had not used the same protocol as Sugiura. To overcome this All that was forgotten now that Sugiura's findings were Problem, Sugiura was asked to participate in a second series of threatening the cash flow. The same Dr. Stock who wrote those tests by Martin, which he did. This time, however, the results were words was now a Sloan-Kettering vice-president and part of the in favor of Laetrile.

pack howling for a whole new series of tests. Sugiura had to be proven wrong!

1- Ibid.,p.139.

2. See Joseph Hixon, The Patchwork Mouse; Politics and Intrigue in the Campaign 1. Ralph Moss, The Cancer Syndrome (New York: Grove Press, 1980), p. 258.

Conquer Cancer (New York: Anchor Press/Doubleday, 1976)

By visual examination, there were twice as many new tumors Chairman of President Carter's National Panel of Consultants on in mice that did not receive Laetrile than in those that did. The the Conquest of Cancer. That is the group that dreamed up the next step in the Sugiura protocol would have been to use a

so-called “war on cancer” which turned out to be primarily a microscope to examine the lung tissue (which is where the cancer means for channeling billions of tax dollars into research centers had been located) to measure the extent of tumor growth at the such as Sloan-Kettering.

end of the experiment. Martin, however, refused to accept either To Schmidt, the only purpose of testing Laetrile was to visual or microscope examination and insisted instead that a convince the public that it doesn't work. Whether it might work process be used called bioassay. In bioassay, the mouse's lung or not was unimportant. This reality was brought to light—quite tissue was shredded and then injected into two other mice. If accidentally, no doubt—in an interview with Dr. Martin that cancer developed in either of them, it was assumed that the appeared in the December 23, 1977, issue of Science. When the injected tissue was cancerous.

reporter asked Martin if the Sloan-Kettering tests were aimed This cleared away all the variances between great improve- primarily at scientists, he replied: “Nonsense. Of course this was ment, small improvement, or no improvement at all. No matter done to help people like [Benno] Schmidt and congressmen how much the cancer might have been weakened, no matter that answer the laetrilists.”

it might be in the process of being destroyed altogether by Not to advance science, not to test a possible cancer cure, not Laetrile, so long as there were any cancer cells left for transfer to to find the truth, but to “answer the laetrilists”!

the living mice, it was called a failure. Since the original mice In a statement carried in the August 11, 1975, issue of Medical were sacrificed before the Laetrile had a long-term chance to do World News, Schmidt said: “Clinical trials? No way! There's no its work, it was assured that virtually all of them, no matter how way, I believe, that they can convince the people at Sloan-improved they may be, would still have at least some cancer cells.

Kettering there's any basis for going further.”

Therefore, they all would be classified as failures for Laetrile. By Normally, if the Vice Chairman says there's no way, there's this method, Dr. Martin was able to announce with a straight face no way. But the furor caused by publication of Second Opinion that there was no difference between the treated and the control forced the strategists to keep the book open a little longer and to animals.(1) One again, science had been used to conceal the truth.

assume the stance of fairness and open-mindedness. And what By this time, a group of employees at Sloan-Kettering became could be more fair than another test?

angered over the way their top management was attempting to So here we go again. On October 6, less than four weeks after cover up Sugiura's findings. They began to circulate a series of the "no basis for going further" statement, Medical World News open letters to the public under the name Second Opinion. The carried another story explaining that a new round of trials had identities of the authors were not known, but it was obvious from been scheduled. It said: "He [Sugiura] will have another chance the data they released that they were well connected within the to check [his] belief, in a collaborative experiment with Dr.

organization. Photocopies of important internal memos—even Schmid."

copies of Sugiura's laboratory notes—were sent to Laetrile Franze A. Schmid, was a veterinarian with many years of advocates and to selected members of the press.

service with Sloan-Kettering. He also was Sugiura's son-in-law These broadsides became a source of embarrassment to the who shared his living quarters in Westchester. Needless to say, administrators who were anxious to close the book on the subject that relationship was placed under considerable strain in the and let it fade from public attention. One of the most outspoken following months.

proponents of this view was Benno Schmidt, Sloan-Kettering's Schmid was apparently chosen to co-conduct these tests Vice

Chairman. Schmidt was an investment banker with power- because of two previous Laetrile tests he performed which fulfilled connections in all the right places. He was a close friend of produced negative results, or at least that's what the press was Laurance Rockefeller, a member of SK's board of managers, and told. In truth, in the first test, Schmid had not used microscope examination to evaluate the results, so there was no way to know I. Moss, Cancer Syndrome, op. cit., p. 140.

what the results really were. In the second test, he had been

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instructed to use a dose of Laetrile that was one-fiftieth the But in this case, the patients were mice. Apparently, it was feared amount used by Sugiura. Naturally, there was no positive effect that Sugiura would handle the Laetrile mice more gently, impart-on tumor shrinkage or metastasis. But, in both cases, the Laetrile-ing to their little psyches the anticipation of becoming well. Or treated mice lived longer than the control mice—a fact that was perhaps his prior knowledge might translate into telepathic never reported to the public. No one outside the Institute knew of power which would corrupt the judgment of the evaluation team.

this until a reporter extracted the information from Dr. Stock a In any event, only Dr. Martin was to know which mice were being year later.

treated—or, for that matter, whether any of them were. Ah, isn't The new test, conducted jointly by Sugiura and Schmid, science wonderful?

solidly confirmed Sugiura's original results. There was less than Apparently half of the mice were being given Laetrile in this half as much cancer in the mice receiving Laetrile than in those in test because, after four weeks, Sugiura was able to see which the control group.

cages contained specimens with fewer and smaller tumors. And The results were promptly leaked to the press by Second they were friskier, too. His guess was eventually confirmed by

Opinion, and the fallout was not good news for SK's damage- none other than SK's vice president. Sugiura was jubilant when control department. In a feature article in the San Francisco he told the news to Ralph Moss. "Last Friday," he said, "Dr. Stock Examiner, reporter Mort Young wrote: "The mice in Doctor told me that I picked the controls and the experimental Schmid's test divided this way: 100 per cent of the control mice correctly.... That means I don't have to rewrite my progress had lung metastases, while of the group given Laetrile, 31 per report." The tally at the end of the test showed that the cent had lung metastases.... It is a dramatic reversal of Dr.

Laetrile-treated mice had less than half the number of tumors as Schmid's previous tests."(1)

the controls. Once again, Sugiura had been proven correct.

The casual observer might have concluded that the issue was The reaction of Sloan-Kettering management was predictable.

finally settled. Sugiura was vindicated at last. But the casual They had no choice—considering the nature of the economic observer would have been wrong. There was too much at stake forces that control them—but to scrap this test, also, and move on here to simply jump over the net and congratulate the victorious to another one. Dr. Stock told reporters that the experiment had to opponent. It was a case of "Damn it all. Let's play another round, be terminated because Dr. Sugiura had figured out which mice and another, and another until the proper side wins."

were being treated. "We lost the blindness aspect of it," he said. In Sloan-Kettering handled its defeat in the only way it could—

an interview with Science magazine, he added that the experiment with total silence. Dr. Schmid was told to say nothing to anyone went bad because of clumsy injection procedures."

about his results, and he dutifully complied. Management, on the According to the official Sloan-Kettering report on Laetrile, other hand, responded by scheduling still another test to “clarify”

released at a much later date, Dr. Martin claims that he did not the results of the previous one; the implication being that, keep all of the Laetrile mice in the same cages but mixed them somehow, it had been flawed. No one would discuss it.

together with the control mice. Therefore, Sugiura could not have The next test was to be performed at the Catholic Medical picked the right cages.² Interesting. That means either (1) Dr.

Center and supervised, as before, by Dr. Martin. This time, Stock lied when he said the blind had been removed, or (2) Dr.

however, Dr. Sugiura was to be what they call “blinded.” Blind Martin lied when he said the mice were mixed, or the report testing means that the patients and the people administering the was in error.

program are not informed who is receiving the real medication Most likely, the report was in error. The authors possibly and who gets the placebo. That serves a valuable function with confused the circumstances with the next series of tests (yes, one humans because, otherwise, the patient might be influenced by a more) which, indeed, did mix the mice all together. This was also subconscious anticipation of what the results are supposed to be.

under the supervision of Dr. Martin and it was also blinded to 1. “Sloan-Kettering Tests Continue,” San Francisco Examiner; Nov. 12, 1975, 1. Moss, Cancer Syndrome, op. tit., p. 147.

p. 8.

2. Ib id. p. 147.

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Sugiura, but it was conducted at Sloan-Kettering where things others including Dr. Kanematsu Sugiura who had been invited to could be watched more closely. Sugiura warned that mixing the attend but not to participate.

mice was very dangerous, because there would be no dependable Dr. Good began the conference by reading aloud the press way to insure that the lab technicians would always make the release which said that, after exhaustive and carefully controlled correct identification. What would happen if the controls were testing, "Laetrile was found to possess neither preventive, nor accidentally given Laetrile instead of saline solution? His warn-tumor-regressant, nor anti-metastatic, nor curative anti-cancer ings were ignored, and the experiment proceeded. Martin was in activity. After he was finished with his statement, the floor was total control.

opened to questions.

It is apparent that treating the wrong mice is exactly what

"Dr. Sugiura," someone shouted out suddenly. "Do you stick happened. The data showed that some of the mice supposedly by your belief that Laetrile stops the spread of cancer?"

receiving saline solution had their tumors stop growing 40% of The television cameras quickly turned to Sugiura for his the time! That is impossible. Salt water never before in history reply. A hush fell across the room. Sugiura looked at the reporter stopped tumor growth. Yet, in this test, all of a sudden it is a and, in a loud, clear voice, said: "I stick!"

magic bullet. How did the Laetrile mice fare by comparison?

The following month, in July of 1977, hearings were held Their tumors were arrested only 27% of the time. The untreated before the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research, mice did better than the treated ones! At last, they had the results which was under the chairmanship of Senator Edward Kennedy.

they had been waiting for.

The nature of the hearings was made obvious by the title under Dr. Sugiura was incensed at the audacity of releasing which they were published, which was "Banning of the Drug blatantly impossible statistics. He said:

Laetrile from Interstate Commerce by FDA." One of the experts to There's something funny here. The small tumors stopped testify was Dr. Lewis Thomas, President of Sloan-Kettering. This growing 40% of the time in the saline control group and only 27% of is what he said:

the time in the treated group. We people in chemotherapy use saline There is not a particle of scientific evidence to suggest that solution because it does not affect tumor growth. Now this happens.

Laetrile possesses any anti-cancer properties at all. I am not aware of They must not forget to mention that there was more stoppage in any scientific papers, published in any of the world's accredited the controls than in the treated! I won't give in to this.(1) journals of medical science, presenting data in support of the substance, although there are several papers, one of these recently Dr. Stock was not concerned about the integrity of the data. It made public by Sloan-Kettering Institute, reporting the complete supported the desired conclusion and was good enough. His final absence of anti-cancer properties in a variety of experimental statement was short and to the point: "Results from the experi-animals.

ment do not confirm the earlier positive findings of Sugiura." Of In the following months, the directors and officers at Sloan-course, they didn't. The experiment was rigged.

Kettering continued to denigrate Sugiura's findings, claiming Once again, truth was sacrificed on the altar of monetary that no one else had ever been able to duplicate them. In other avarice. The book was finally closed. There would be no more words, they lied. Not only did they lie, they did so on a subject tests.

that directly effects the lives of hundreds of thousands of cancer Five months later, on June 15, 1977, a news conference

was victims each year. It is not an exaggeration to say that over a called at Sloan-Kettering to announce the conclusion of the million People have needlessly gone to their death as a result of Laetrile trials. All of the key players were in the room: Dr. Robert that lie. There is a word for that.

Good, Director and President of the Institute; Dr. Lewis Thomas, It is genocide.

President of the Center; Dr. C. Chester Stock, vice president; Dr.

Ralph Moss was the Assistant Director of Public Affairs at Daniel Martin, from the Catholic Medical Center; and seven Sloan-Kettering during most of these events. In fact, he was the one who was required to write the press release claiming that
1. Ibid .p. 148.

laetrile was ineffective. But Moss was one of the leaders in the

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Second Opinion underground and had helped to get the truth out Why would anyone, in or out of government, deliberately to the rest of the world. Finally, in November of 1977, he decided falsify the clinical results of past Laetrile experiments and then to “surface” and go public. He called a press conference of his make it impossible for anyone else to do tests of his own? In spite own and, before a battery of reporters and cameramen, charged of Dr. Relman’s smug derision, the pharmaceutical connection is that Sloan-Kettering officials had engineered a massive cover-up.

the key to understanding the answer. That is an amazing and He provided supporting documents and named names.

fascinating story in itself and it is so rich in detail that the entire Not surprisingly, Moss was fired the next day. What was the second half of this book is devoted to the telling of it. But we must official justification? As he explained it: “I had Tailed to carry out understand at the outset that the economics of

cancer therapy my most basic job responsibilities’—in other words, to collabo-often weigh more heavily than the science of cancer therapy.

rate in falsifying evidence.”(1)

This fact was dramatically revealed at a high-level meeting Moss and the other whistle-blowers were soon forgotten by which was held at Sloan-Kettering on July 2, 1974. The discussions the mainstream media, and the public has been spared the were very private and candid. We would never have known trouble of hearing any more about it. In the end, the cancer about it except for the fact that the minutes of the meeting were industry had won. As in all wars, it is the victor who writes the obtained several years later under the Freedom-of-Information accepted history. What follows is the way our medical historians Act by Representative John Kelsey of the Michigan House of now explain this episode. It was written by Dr. Arnold S. Relman, Representatives. The minutes showed that, even then, numerous and appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine on Sloan-Kettering officials were convinced of the effectiveness of January 28, 1982:

Laetrile, although there remained some question about the extent Over the past few years we have devoted a lot of attention to of that effectiveness. Then the minutes read: “Sloan-Kettering is Laetrile. By 1978 it had achieved a certain folk status, celebrated as a not enthusiastic about studying amygdalin [Laetrile] but would kind of anti-establishment natural remedy being suppressed by a like to study CN [cyanide]-releasing drugs.”

venal conspiracy between pharmaceutical manufacturers and physicians. According to the folklore, the conspirators were ignoring That is precisely the prediction this author made in 1974 in evidence of Laetrile’s effectiveness and attempting to promote their the first edition of the book you are now reading. (It is still there more orthodox (and more toxic) forms of cancer chemotherapy.

in chapter 24.) The substance of that prediction is that amygdalin There have never been any facts to support this folklore....

cannot be patented because it is found in nature. Big money can Laetrile, I believe, has now had its day in court. The evidence, be made only with patented drugs. Therefore, the cancer industry beyond reasonable doubt, is that it doesn't benefit patients.... No will never be interested in amygdalin, no matter how effective it sensible person will want to advocate its further use, and no state legislature should sanction it any longer.(2)

may be. Instead, they will seek to create a man-made chemical to imitate the mechanism by which it works. Since the mechanism This, then, is the background on the so-called scientific by which amygdalin works is the selective release of cyanide at evidence that Laetrile is a fraud. Based upon this perversion of the cancer site (see chapter 6), it is logical that the moguls at truth, laws have been passed making it illegal to prescribe, Sloan-Kettering were "not enthusiastic about studying amygdalin administer, sell, or distribute Laetrile or to "make any repre-but would like to study CN-releasing drugs instead."

sentation that said agents have any value in arresting, alleviating, or curing cancer."(3)

Although the entire second half of this book is devoted to an analysis of the economics and politics of the cancer industry, that one sentence taken from the minutes of a policy meeting at Sloan-Kettering tells it all.

1. Ralph Moss, The Cancer Industry; Unraveling the Politics (New York: Paragon Returning one more time to the vexing question of why the House, 1989), p. xi.

cancer industry wages war on Laetrile, let us listen to the answer 2. "Closing the Books on Laetrile," New England Journal of Medicine, Janu-given by the unsinkable Dr. Burk in a letter to the Honorable ary 28,1982, p. 236.

3. See Section 10400.1, Title 17, of the Calif. Administrative Code.

Robert A. Roe, dated July 3, 1973. He said:

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observed in NCI experimentation, a permanent crack in bureaucratic armor has taken place that can widen indefinitely by further AN APPLE A DAY

appropriate experimentation. For this reason, I rather doubt that experimentation ... will be continued or initiated. On the contrary, efforts probably will be made, as they already have, to "explain A review of entrenched scientific error in

away" the already observed positive efficacy by vague and unscien-history; the vitamin-deficiency concept of

tific modalities intended to mislead, along early Watergate lines of cancer as advanced in 1952 by Dr. Ernst T.

corruption....

Krebs, Jr.; and a survey of the evidence both in There are now several thousand persons in the United States nature and in history to support that concept.

taking Laetrile daily. M.D.'s by the hundreds are studying or even taking it themselves, and certain hospitals are now undertaking its study. FDA or no FDA, NCI or no NCI, obfuscations or no The history of science is the history of struggle against obfuscations. The day may not be far off when face-saving on the entrenched error. Many of the world's greatest discoveries part of the NCI-FDA spokesmen of the type just indicated will have initially were rejected by the scientific community. And those lagged beyond possibility, as is already now the case for some

who pioneered those discoveries often were ridiculed and Watergate casualties of Courts and Hearings, as a result of persons condemned as quacks or charlatans.

placing personal integrity secondary to other considerations.

(1) Columbus was bitterly attacked for believing the Earth was round, that takes *guts*. For a man who is employed by the round. Bruno was burned at the stake for claiming that Earth was federal government, especially as head of the Cytocchemistry not the center of the Universe. Galileo was imprisoned for section of the National Cancer Institute, to charge openly that his teaching that the Earth moved around the Sun. Even the Wrights superior are corrupt — well, such a man is, unfortunately, a rare Brothers were ridiculed for claiming that a machine could fly.

specimen in Washington. Concluding his testimony on Laetrile In the field of medicine, in the year 130 A.D., the physician before a Congressional committee in 1972, Dr. Burk explained: Galen announced certain anatomic theories that later proved to I don't think of myself as a maverick. I am just telling you what I believe correct, but at the time he was bitterly opposed and actually honestly think, and when I think something is true, I am quite forced to flee from Rome to escape the frenzy of the mob. In the willing to say so and let the chips fall where they may....

Sixteenth Century, the physician Andreas Vesalius was And now, I will get back to my laboratory where truth is denounced as an impostor and heretic because of his discoveries distilled.(2)

in the field of human anatomy. His theories were accepted after Let us, figuratively speaking, follow Dr. Burk to his labora-his death but, at the time, his career was ruined, and he was sorry. Let us put aside, for the moment, the question of politics and forced to flee from Italy. William Harvey was disgraced as a cor

u p t i o n , a n d t u r n n o w t o t h e d i s t i l l a t i o n o f s c i e n t i f i c t r u t h .

physician for believing t h a t b l o o d w a s p u m p e d b y t h e h e a r t a n d m o v e d a r o u n d t h e b o d y t h r o u g h a r t e r i e s . W i l l i a m R o e n t g e n , t h e d i s c o v e r e r o f X - r a y s , a t f i r s t w a s c a l l e d a q u a c k a n d t h e n c o n d e m n e d o u t o f f e a r t h a t h i s " r a y " w o u l d i n v a d e t h e p r i v a c y o f h e b e d r o o m . W i l l i a m J e n n e r , w h e n h e f i r s t d e v e l o p e d a v a c c i n e a g a i n s t s m a l l p o x , a l s o w a s c a l l e d a q u a c k a n d w a s s t r o n g l y 1 . L e t t e r r e p r i n t e d i n *Cancer Control Journal*, S e p t . / O c t . , 1 9 7 3 , p p . 8 , 9 .

2. From Hearings, Subcommittee on Public Health and Environment of the criticized as a p h y s i c i a n f o r h i s s u p p o s e d l y c r u e l a n d i n h u m a n C o m m i t t e e o n I n t e r s t a t e a n d F o r e i g n C o m m e r c e , H o u s e o f R e p r e s e n t a t i v e s , e x p e r i m e n t s o n c h i l d r e n . A n d I g n a z S e m m e l w e i s w a s f i r e d f r o m N i n e t y - S e c o n d C o n g r e s s .

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his Vienna hospital post for requiring his maternity staff to wash Southeast were decimated by the dread disease of pellagra. The their hands.

well-known physician Sir William Osier, in his *Principles and Centuries ago it was not unusual for entire naval expeditions Practice of Medicine*, explained that in one institution for the insane to be wiped out by scurvy. Between 1600 and 1800 the casualty in Leonard, North Carolina, one-third of the inmates died of this list of the British Navy alone was over one million sailors.

disease during the winter months. This proved, he said, that Medical experts of the time were baffled as they searched in vain pellagra was contagious and caused probably by an as yet for some kind of strange bacterium, virus, or toxin that suppos-undiscovered virus. As far back as 1914, however, Dr.

Joseph edly lurked in the dark holds of ships. And yet, for hundreds of Goldberger had proven that this condition was related to diet, years, the cure was already known and written in the record.

and later showed that it could be prevented simply by eating In the winter of 1535, when the French explorer Jacques liver or yeast. But it wasn't until the 1940's—almost thirty years Cartier found his ships frozen in the ice off the St. Lawrence later—that the “modern” medical world fully accepted pellagra River, scurvy began to take its deadly toll. Out of a crew of one as a vitamin B deficiency.(1)

hundred and ten, twenty-five already had died, and most of the The story behind pernicious anemia is almost exactly the others were so ill they weren't expected to recover.

same. The reason that these diseases were so reluctantly accepted And then a friendly Indian showed them the simple remedy.

as vitamin deficiencies is because men tend to look for positive Tree bark and needles from the white pine—both rich in ascorbic cause-and-effect relationships in which something *causes* some-acid, or vitamin C—were stirred into a drink which produced thing else. They find it more difficult to comprehend the negative immediate improvement and swift recovery.

relationship in which *nothing* or the *lack* of something can cause Upon returning to Europe, Cartier reported this incident to an effect. But perhaps of even more importance is the reality of the medical authorities. But they were amused by such “witch-intellectual pride. A man who has spent his life acquiring doctor cures of ignorant savages” and did nothing to follow it scientific knowledge far beyond the grasp of his fellow human up.(1)

beings is not usually inclined to listen with patience to someone Yes, the cure for scurvy was known. But, because of scientific who lacks that knowledge—especially if that person suggests that arrogance, it took over two hundred years and

cost hundreds of the solution to the scientist's most puzzling medical problem is to thousands of lives before the medical experts began to accept and be found in a simple back-woods or near-primitive concoction of apply this knowledge.

herbs and foods. The scientist is trained to search for *complex* Finally, in 1747, John Lind, a young surgeon's mate in the answers and tends to look with smug amusement upon solutions British Navy discovered that oranges and lemons produced relief that are not dependent upon his hard-earned skills.

from scurvy and recommended that the Royal Navy include To bring this a little closer to home, the average M.D. today citrus fruits in the stores of all its ships. And yet, it still took has spent over ten years of intensive training to learn about forty-eight *more* years before his recommendation was put into health and disease. This educational process continues for as long effect. When it was, of course, the British were able to surpass all as he practices his art. The greatest challenge to the medical other sea-faring nations, and the "Limeys" (so-called because profession today is cancer. If the solution to the cancer puzzle they carried limes aboard ship) soon became the rulers of the were to be found in the simple foods we eat (or *don't* eat), then Seven Seas. It is no exaggeration to say that the greatness of the what other diseases might also be traced to this cause? The British Empire in large measure was the direct result of overcom-implications are explosive. As one doctor put it so aptly, "Most of ing scientific prejudice against vitamin therapy.

my medical training has been wasted. I've learned the wrong The twentieth century has proven to be no exception to this things!" And no one wants to discover that he has learned—or pattern. Only two generations ago large portions of the American taught—the wrong things. Hence, there is an unconscious, but 1. See Virgil J. Vogel's *American Indian Medicine* (Norman, Oklahoma: Univer-1. See Edwin H. Ackerknecht, *History and Geography of the Most Important city of Oklahoma Press, 1970).*

Diseases (New York: Hafner Publishing Co., Inc., 1972) pp. 148 -149.

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natural, tendency among many scientists and physicians to reject sickle-cell anemia. Scientists have spent billions of dollars search-the vitamin-deficiency concept of disease until it is proven, and ing for a prevention of these cripplers and killers, but they are no proven, and proven again.

closer to the answers today than they were when they started.

By 1952, Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., a biochemist in San Francisco, Perhaps the reason is that they are still looking for that *something* had advanced the theory that cancer, like scurvy and pellagra, is which causes these diseases instead of the *lack* of something.

not caused by some kind of mysterious bacterium, virus, or toxin, Dr. Krebs has pointed out that, in the entire history of medical but is merely a deficiency disease aggravated by the lack of an science, there has not been one chronic, metabolic disease that essential food compound in modern-man's diet. He identified was ever cured or prevented by drugs, surgery, or mechanical this compound as part of the nitriloside family which occurs manipulation of the body. In every case—whether it be scurvy, abundantly in nature in over twelve-hundred edible plants and pellagra, rickets, beri-beri, night blindness, pernicious anemia, or found virtually in every part of the world. It is particularly any of the others—the ultimate solution was found only in factors prevalent in the seeds of those fruits in the *Prunus Rosacea* family relating to adequate nutrition. And he thinks that this is an (bitter almond, apricot, blackthorn, cherry, nectarine, peach, and important clue as to where to concentrate our scientific curiosity plum), but also contained in grasses, maize, sorghum, millet, in the search for a better understanding of today's diseases, cassava, linseed,

apple seeds, and many other foods that, gener-particularly cancer.

ally, have been deleted from the menus of modern civilization.

But there are other clues as well. As everyone who owns a It is difficult to establish a clear-cut classification for a dog or cat has observed, these domesticated pets often seek out nitriloside. Since it does not occur entirely by itself but rather is certain grasses to eat even though they are adequately filled by found in foods, it probably should not be classified as *a food*. Like other foods. This is particularly likely to happen if the animals are sugar, it is a food component or a food factor. Nor can it be not well. It is interesting to note that the grasses selected by classified as a drug inasmuch as it is a natural, non-toxic, instinct are Johnson grass, Tunis grass, Sudan grass, and others water-soluble substance entirely normal to and compatible with that are especially rich in nitrilosides or vitamin B17.

h u m a n metabolism. The proper name for a food factor that Monkeys and other primates at the zoo when given a fresh contains these properties is *vitamin*. Since this vitamin normally is peach or apricot will carefully pull away the sweet fleshy part, found with the B-complex, and since it was the seventeenth such crack open the hard pit, and devour the seed that remains.

substance to be isolated within this complex, Dr. Krebs identified Instinct compels them to do this even though they have never it as *vitamin* B17. He said:

seen that kind of fruit before. These seeds are one of the most concentrated sources of nitrilosides to be found anywhere in Can the water-soluble non-toxic nitrilosides properly be nature.

described as food? Probably not in the strict sense of the word. They are certainly not drugs *per se*.... Since the nitrilosides are neither Wild bears are great consumers of nitrilosides in their natural food nor drug, they may be considered as accessory food factors.

diet. Not only do they seek berries that are rich in this substance, Another term for water-soluble, non-toxic accessory food factors is but when they kill small grazing animals for their own food, vitamin.(1)

instinctively they pass over the muscle portions and consume A chronic disease is one which usually does not pass away of first the viscera and rumen which are filled with nitriloside its own accord. A metabolic disease is one which occurs within grasses.(1)

the body and is not transmittable to another person. Cancer, In captivity, animals seldom are allowed to eat all the foods of therefore, being all of these, is a chronic, metabolic disease.

their instinctive choice. In the San Diego Zoo, for example, the There are many of these diseases that plague modern man, routine diet for bears, although nutritious in many other respects, such as muscular dystrophy, heart disease, multiple sclerosis, and is almost totally devoid of nitrilosides. In one grotto alone, over a 1. Krebs, *The Laetriles/Nitrilosides in the Prevention and Control of Cancer* 1. See Peter Krott, Ph.D., *Bears in the Family* (New York E.P. Dutton & Co., (Montreal: The McNaughton Foundation, n.d.), p. 16.

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six-year period, five bears died of cancer. It was generally rather than bacteria and viruses, it wouldn't take them long to see speculated by the experts that a virus had been the cause.

why the cancer rate in America is steadily climbing.

It is significant that one seldom finds cancer in the carcasses Measured in terms of taste, volume, and variety, Americans of wild animals killed in the hunt. These creatures contract the eat very well, indeed. But expensive or tasty food is not necessar-disease only when they are domesticated by man and forced to ily good food. Many people assume that it makes

little difference eat the foods he provides or the scraps from his table.

what they put into their stomachs as long as they are full.

It is amazing how cancer researchers can come face-to-face Magically, everything that goes in somehow will be converted with this evidence and still fail to realize its significance. Dr.

Dennis P. Burkitt, the man who first identified the form of cancer into perfect health. They scoff at the thought of proper diet. Yet, known as Burkitt Lymphoma, delivered a lecture at the College many of these same people are fastidious about what they feed of Medicine at the University of Iowa. After two decades of their pedigreed dogs and cats or their registered cattle and experience and research in Uganda and similar parts of the horses.

world, Dr. Burkitt observed that non-infectious (chronic metabo-Dr. George M. Briggs, professor of nutrition at the University lic) diseases such as cancer of the colon, diverticular disease, of California, and member of the Research Advisory Committee ulcerative colitis, polyps, and appendicitis, all seem to be related of the National Livestock and Meat Board, has said: “The typical in some way. “They all go together,” he said, “and I’m going to American diet is a national disaster. . . . If I fed it to pigs or cows, go so far as to suggest that they all have a common cause.” He without adding vitamins and other supplements, I could wipe went on to say that all of these diseases are unknown in primitive out the livestock industry.”(1)

societies and “always have their maximum incidence in the more A brief look at the American diet tells the story. Grocery economically developed nations.”

shelves are now lined with high carbohydrate foods that have Then Dr. Burkitt turned his attention to cancer specifically been processed refined, synthesized, artificially flavored, and and observed:

loaded with chemical preservatives.(2) Some manufacturers, This is a disease caused by the way we live. This form of cancer aiming their advertisements at the diet-conscious consumer, even is almost unknown in the animal kingdom. The only animals who boast of how little real food there is in their product.

get cancer or polyps of the large bowel are those that live closest to Everyone knows that modern processing removes many of our way of life—our domestic dogs eating our leftovers.(1) the original vitamins from our foods, but we are told not to worry These are all excellent observations. But apparently neither about it, because they have been put back before sending to Dr. Burkitt nor anyone in his esteemed audience could find any market. And so we see the word “enriched” printed cheerfully meaning in these facts. The lecture closed with the conclusion across our bread, milk, and other foods. But make no mistake that colon cancer probably is related to bacteria in the large bowel about it, these are *not* the same as the original. As the June 1971

and that we should all eat more bran and other cereal fibers to *Journal of the American Geriatric Society* reported: increase the roughage content of our intestines and the size of our stools!

Vitamins removed from food and returned as “enrichment” are not a safe substitute, as witnessed by the study in which Roger J.

At least Dr. Burkitt was looking at the foods we eat, which Williams, Ph.D., reported that rats fed enriched bread died or were was a huge step forward. He may have been heading in the wrong direction, but at least he was on the right track. If more 1. “University of California Nutrition Professor, A Health Advisor to the U.S.

cancer researchers would think in terms of foods and vitamins Government... Charges the Typical American Diet is a National Disaster,”

National Enquirer, Dec. 5, 1971, p. 2.

2. There are now approximately 3,000 additives used in U.S. food products for flavoring, coloring, preservation, and similar purposes. Most are safe in the quantities used, but many of these chemicals pose a serious health hazard with 1. “The Evidence Leavens: We Invite Colon Cancer,” *Medical World News*, prolonged use. See *Toxics A to Z*, by Harte, Holdren, Schneider, and Shirley Aug. 11, 1972, pp. 33, 34.

(Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991).

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severely stunted due to malnutrition. Rats fed a more whole bread And so we see that the foods that once provided the American flourished, for the most part, by comparison.

people with ample amounts of natural vitamin B17 gradually Much illness, we are learning, may be due to vitamin-mineral have been pushed aside or replaced altogether by foods almost deficiencies. Even senility has been proven to be caused by a devoid of this factor. Significantly, it is during this same period deficiency of Vitamins B and C.

that the cancer rate has moved steadily upward to the point Indeed, here is a worthy experiment that can and should be where, today, one out of every three persons in the United States carried out in every grade-school science class. Rodents fed only is destined to contract this disease.

“enriched” bread very soon become anti-social. Some even It cannot be argued that the cancer rate is up merely because become cannibalistic, apparently responding to an instinctive other causes of death are down and, thus, people are living drive to obtain the vital food elements they are lacking. Most will longer. First of all, they are *not* living that much longer—only a die within a month or two. Once children have witnessed this, few years, on the average, over the past four generations. In 1972, they seldom retain the same appetite for white bread that they a year in which the average age of the

American population was may have had prior to the experiment.

headed *downward*, a year in which the population growth rate had shrunk practically to *zero*, the death rate from cancer rose to

“Enriched” bread is just one small part of the larger picture.

the highest level it had yet reached: *three times* the 1950 rate.

(1) Millet once was the world’s staple grain. It is high in nitriloside Secondly, in those countries where people live *longer* than in the content. But now it has been replaced by wheat which has United States, the cancer rate for them is *lower* than for us.

practically none at all—even whole wheat. Sorghum cane has There is no escape from the significance of these facts. While been replaced by sugar cane with the same result. Even our cattle the medical world, the federal government, and the American are fed increasingly on quick-growing, low-nitriloside grasses so Cancer Society are spending billions of dollars and millions of there is less vitamin B17 residue in the meat we eat. In some man-hours searching for an exotic cancer virus against which places, livestock now are being fed a diet containing fifteen they plan to spend an equal amount to create an effective percent *paper* to fatten them quicker for market. (1) man-made immunization, the answer lies right under their noses.

In retrospect, there were many customs of our grandparents In fact, it has existed in the written and spoken record for that, although lacking in scientific rationale at the time, were thousands of years:

based upon centuries of accumulated experience through trial And God said: Behold I have given you every herb-bearing seed and error, and have since been proven to be infinitely wise. “An upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their apple a day keeps the doctor away” could well have been more own kind, to be your meat. (*Genesis* 1:29)

than an idle slogan, especially in an era when it was customary for everyone to eat the seeds of those apples as well. It is a fact that the whole fruit—including the seeds—of an apple contains an amazingly high concentration of vitamins, minerals, fats, and proteins that are essential for health. Apple seeds are especially rich in nitrilosides or vitamin B17. The distasteful “spring tonic”

or sorghum molasses and sulphur also was a rich source of nitriloside. And grandma’s apricot and peach preserves almost always contained the kernels of these canned fruits for winter eating. She probably didn’t know what they contained or why they were good for you. But she knew that they *were* good for you simply because her mother had told her so.

1. “Cancer Cure Still Eludes Scientists,” (NEA) *News Chronicle* (Calif.) Aug. 29, 1973, p. A-9.

1. “Paper Fattens Cattle,” (UPI) *Oakland Tribune*, Nov. 22, 1971.

Chapter Four

THE ULTIMATE TEST

A look at the many cultures around the world

that are, or have been, free from cancer; and an analysis of their native foods.

The best way to prove or disprove the vitamin theory of cancer would be to take a large group of people numbering in the thousands and, over a period of many years, expose them to a consistent diet of rich nitriloside foods, and then check the results. This, surely, would be the ultimate test.

Fortunately, it already has been done.

In the remote recesses of the Himalaya Mountains, between West Pakistan, India, and China, there is a tiny kingdom called Hunza. These people are known world over for their amazing longevity and good health. It is not uncommon for Hunzakuts to live beyond a hundred years, and some even to a hundred

and twenty or more. Visiting medical teams from the outside world have reported that they found no cancer in Hunza.

Although presently accepted science is unable to explain *why* these people should have been free of cancer, it is interesting to note that the traditional Hunza diet contains over two-hundred times more nitriloside than the average American diet. In fact, in that land where there was no such thing as money, a man's wealth was measured by the number of apricot trees he owned. And the most prized of all foods was considered to be the apricot seed.

One of the first medical teams to gain access to the remote kingdom of Hunza was headed by the world-renowned British surgeon and physician Dr. Robert McCarrison. Writing in the January 7, 1922, issue of the *journal of The American Medical Association*, Dr. McCarrison reported:

The Hunza has no known incidence of cancer. They have ... an abundant crop of apricots. These they dry in the sun and use very largely in their food.

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Visitors to Hunza, when offered a fresh apricot or peach to eighty-five years. This is in puzzling contrast to the United States eat, usually drop the hard pit to the ground w h e n they are where, at that time, life expectancy was about seventy-one years.

through. This brings looks of dismay and disbelief to the faces of Even now, more than two decades later, life expectancy at birth their guides. To them, the seed inside is the delicacy of the fruit.

in the U.S. is only about seventy-six.

Dr. Allen E. Banik, an optometrist from Kearney, Nebraska, That number may sound pretty good, but remember that it was

one such visitor. In his book, *Hunza Land*, he describes what includes millions of old people who are alive but not really *living*.

happened:

The *length* of their lives may have been extended by surgery or My first experience with Hunza apricots, fresh from the tree, medication, but the *quality* of their lives has been devastated in came when my guide picked several, washed them in a mountain the process. They are the ones who stare blankly into space with stream, and handed them to me. I ate the luscious fruit and casually impaired mental capacity, or who are dependent on life-support tossed the seeds to the ground. After an incredulous glance at me, mechanisms, or who are confined to bed requiring round-the-one of the older men stooped and picked up the seeds. He cracked them between two stones, and handed them to me. The guide said clock care. There are no such cases buried in the statistics from with a smile: “Eat them. It is the best part of the fruit.”

Hunza. Most of those people are healthy, vigorous, and vital My curiosity aroused, I asked, “What do you do with the seeds right up to within a few days of the end. The quality of life is you do not eat?”

more important than the quantity. The Hunzakuts have both.

The guide informed me that many are stored, but most of them It will be noted that the Hunzakut intake of vitamin A may are ground very fine and then squeezed under pressure to produce run seven-and-a-half times the maximum amount the FDA a very rich oil. “This oil,” my guide claimed, “looks much like olive allows to be used in a tablet or capsule, while that agency has oil. Sometimes we swallow a spoonful of it when we need it. On special days, we deep-fry our *chappatis* [bread] in it. On festival tried to outlaw entirely the eating of apricot seeds.

nights, our women use the oil to shine their hair. It makes a good The women of Hunza are renowned for their strikingly rubbing compound for body bruises.”(1)

smooth skin even into advanced age. Generally, their faces In 1973, Prince Mohammed Ameen Khan, son of the Mir of appear fifteen to twenty years younger than their counterparts in Hunza, told Charles Hillinger of the *Los Angeles Times* that the other areas of the world. They claim that their secret is merely the average life expectancy of his people is about eighty-five years.

apricot oil which they apply to their skins almost daily.

He added: "Many members of the Council of Elders w h o help my In 1974 Senator Charles Percy, a member of the Senate Special father govern the state have been over one hundred."(2) Committee on Aging, visited Hunza. When he returned to the With a scientific distrust for both hearsay and the printed United States he wrote:

word, Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., met with Prince Khan for dinner We began curiously to observe the life style of the Hunzakuts.

where he queried him on the accuracy of the *LA. Times* report.

Could their eating habits be a source of longevity? ...

The prince happily confirmed it and then described how it was Some Hunzakuts believe their long lives are due in part to the not u n c o m m o n to eat thirty to fifty apricot seeds as an apricot. Eaten fresh in the summer, dried in the sun for the long after-lunch snack.(3) These often account for as much as 75,000

winter, the apricot is a staple in Hunza, much as rice is in other International Units of vitamin A per day in addition to as much parts of the world. Apricot seeds are ground fine and squeezed for their rich oil, used for both frying and lighting.(1) as 50 mg of vitamin B17. Despite all of this, or possibly because of it, the life expectancy in Hunza, the Prince affirmed, is about And so, the Hunzakuts use the apricot, its seed, and the oil from its seed for practically everything. They share with most 1. Allen E. Banik and Renee Taylor, *Hunza Land* (Long Beach, Calif.: Whitehorn, western scientists an ignorance of the chemistry and physiology 1960), p p . 123-24.

of the nitriloside content of this fruit, but they have learned 2. *Los Angeles Times*, May 7, 1973, Part I-A.

empirically that their life is enhanced by its generous use.

3. Seeds in Hunza contain only about 6% of the amygdalin in typical California apricots. Eating that many U.S.-grown seeds would not be wise because of the possibility of a toxic effect. See Chapter Seven for information on toxicity.

1. "You Live To Be 100 in Hunza," *Parade*, Feb. 17, 1974, p. 11.

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Five or six excellent volumes similar to Dr. Banik's have been and inexpensive jams and jellies—a diet not too far removed from written by those who have risked their lives over the treacherous that of many Americans. Not only did the rats develop all kinds Himalaya Mountain passes to gain entrance to Hunza. Also, there of chronic metabolic diseases, but they also became nervous have been scores of magazine and newspaper articles published wrecks. McCarrison wrote:

over the years. They all present the identical picture of the They were nervous and apt to bite their attendants; they lived average Hunza diet. In addition to the ever-present apricot, the unhappily together, and by the sixteenth day of the experiment they Hunzakuts eat mainly grain and fresh vegetables. These include began to kill and eat the weaker ones amongst them.

(1) buckwheat, millet, alfalfa, peas, broad beans, turnips, lettuce, It is not surprising, therefore, to learn that westernized man is sprouting pulse or gram, and berries of various sorts. All of these, victimized by the chronic metabolic disease of cancer while his with the exception of lettuce and turnips, contain nitriloside or counterpart in Hunza is not. And lest anyone suspect that this vitamin B17.

difference is due to hereditary factors, it is important to know that It is sad to note that, in recent years, a narrow road was

finally when the Hunzakuts leave their secluded land and adopt the carved through the mountains, and food supplies from the menus of other countries, they soon succumb to the same diseases

“modern world” have at last arrived in Hunza. So have the first and infirmities— *including cancer*—as the rest of mankind.

few cases of cancer.

The Eskimos are another people that have been observed by In 1927 Dr. McCarrison was appointed Director of Nutrition medical teams for many decades and found to be totally free of Research in India. Part of his work consisted of experiments on cancer. In Vilhjalmur Stefanson’s book, *Cancer: Disease of Civiliza-*

albino rats to see what effect the Hunza diet had on them tion? An Anthropological and Historical Study,(2) it is revealed that the compared to the diets of other countries. Over a thousand rats traditional Eskimo diet is amazingly rich in nitrilosides that come were involved in the experiment and carefully observed from from the residue of the meat of caribou and other grazing birth to twenty-seven months, which corresponds to about fifty animals, and also from the salmon berry which grows abundantly years of age in man. At this point the Hunza-fed rats were killed in the Arctic areas. Another Eskimo delicacy is a green salad and autopsied. Here is what McCarrison reported:

made out of the stomach contents of caribou and reindeer which During the past two and a quarter years there has been no case are full of fresh tundra grasses. Among these grasses, Arrow grass of illness in the “universe” of albino rats, no death from natural (Triglochin Maritima) is very common. Studies made by the U.S.

causes in the adult stock, and, but for a few accidental deaths, no Department of Agriculture have shown that Arrow grass is infantile mortality. Both clinically and at post-mortem, examination probably richer in nitriloside content than any other grass.

of this stock has been shown to be remarkably free from disease. It may be that some of them have cryptic disease of one kind or another. What happens when the Eskimo abandons his traditional way of life and begins to rely on westernized foods? He becomes even more cancer-prone than the average American. (1)

more cancer-prone than the average American.

Dr. Otto Schaefer, M.D., who has studied the diets and health of the Eskimos, reports that these people have under-bad teeth, crooked spines, loss of hair, anemia, skin disorders, gone a drastic change in their eating habits, caused indirectly by heart, kidney and glandular weaknesses, and a wide variety of the construction of military and civilian airports across the gastrointestinal disorders.

Canadian Arctic in the mid-50's. These attracted the Eskimos to new jobs, new homes, new schools—and new menus. Just a little In follow-up experiments, McCarrison gave a group of rats the diet of the lower classes of England. It consisted of white over one generation previously, their diet consisted almost bread, margarine, sweetened tea, boiled vegetables, canned meat, entirely of game and fish, along with seasonal berries, roots, leafy 1. Ibid. p. 97.

1. Quoted by Renee Taylor, Hunza Health Secrets (New York: Award Books, 2. New York: Hill and Wang, 1960.

1964), pp. 96-7.

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greens and seaweed. Carbohydrates were almost completely lacking.

In the same population of white persons, the doctors said there would have been about 1,800.

Suddenly all of that changed. Dr. Schaefer reports: Thirty-six cases compared to eighteen hundred represents When the Eskimo gives up his nomadic life and moves into the only two percent of the expected number. Obviously, something is settlement, he and his family undergo remarkable changes. His responsible.

children grow faster and taller, and reach puberty sooner. Their teeth rot, his wife comes down with gallbladder disease and, likely Dr. Krebs, who has done exhaustive research on this subject, as not, a member of his family will suffer one of the degenerative has written:

diseases for which the white man is well known.(1)

I have analyzed from historical and anthropological records the nitrilosidic content of the diets of these various North American There are many other peoples in the world that could be cited tribes. The evidence should put to rest forever the notion of toxicity with the same characteristics. The Abkhazians deep in the in nitrilosidic foods. Some of these tribes would ingest over 8,000

Caucasus Mountains on the Northeast side of the Black Sea are a milligrams of vitamin B17 (nitriloside) a day. My data on the Modoc people with almost exactly the same record of health and Indians are particularly complete.(1)

longevity as the Hunzakuts. The parallels between the two are A quick glance at the cancer-free native populations in striking. First, Abkhazia is a hard, land which does not yield up a tropical areas, such as South America and Africa, reveals a great harvest easily. The inhabitants are accustomed to daily hard work abundance and variety of nitriloside-rich foods. In fact, over throughout their lives. Consequently, their bodies and minds are one-third of all plants native to these areas contain vitamin B17.

strong right up until death, which comes swiftly with little or no One of the most common is cassava, sometimes described as “the preliminary illness. Like the Hunzakuts, the Abkhazians expect to bread of the tropic.” But this is not the

same as the sweet cassava live well beyond eighty years of age. Many are over a hundred.

preferred in the cities of western civilization. The native fruit is One of the oldest persons in the world was Mrs. Shirali Mislimov more bitter, but it is rich in nitriloside. The sweet cassava has of Abkhazia who, in 1972, was estimated to be 165 years old.(2) much less of this vital substance, and even that is so processed as The other common factor, of course, is the food, which, to eliminate practically all nitrile ions.(2)

typically, is low in carbohydrates, high in vegetable proteins, and As far back as 1913, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the world-famous rich in minerals and vitamins, especially vitamin B17.

medical missionary to Africa, had put his finger on the basic The Indians of North America, while they remained true to cause of cancer. He had not isolated the specific substance, but he their native customs and foods, also were remarkably free from was convinced from his observations that a difference in food was cancer. At one time, the American Medical Association urged the the key. In his preface to Alexander Berglas' Cancer: Cause and federal government to conduct a study in an effort to discover Cure (Paris: Pasteur Institute, 1957), he wrote: why there was so little cancer among the Hopi and Navajo On my arrival in Gabon in 1913, I was astonished to encounter Indians. The February 5, 1949, issue of the Journal of the AMA no cases of cancer. I saw none among the natives two hundred miles declared:

from the coast.... I can not, of course, say positively that there was The Indian's diet seems to be low in quality and quantity and no cancer at all, but, like other frontier doctors, I can only say that, if wanting in variety, and the doctors wondered if this had anything to any cases existed, they must have been quite rare. This absence of do with the fact that only 36 cases of malignant cancer were found cancer seemed to be due to the difference in nutrition of the natives compared to the Europeans....

out of 30,000 admissions to the Ganado Arizona Mission Hospital.

The missionary and medical journals have recorded many 1. Nutrition Today, N o v . / D e c , 1971, as quoted in "Modern Refined Foods such cancer-free populations all over the world. Some are in Finally Reach The Eskimos," Kaysers Health Research, May, 1972, pp. 11, 46,48.

2. "The Secret of Long Life" by Sula Benet, (N.Y. Times News Service), L.A.

Herald Examiner, Jan. 2, 1972, p. A-12. Also "Soviet Study Finds Recipe for Long 1. Letter from Dr. E.T. Krebs, Jr. to Dr. Dean Burk of the National Cancer Life," National Enquirer, Aug. 27,1972, p. 13.

institute, dated March 14,1972, Griffin; Private Papers, op. cit.

2. The Laetriles/Nitrilosides, op. cit., pp. 9,10.

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tropic regions, some in the Arctic. Some are hunters w h o eat great Another group that, because of religious doctrine, eats very quantities of meat, some are vegetarians who eat almost no meat little meat and, thus, a greater quantity of grains, vegetables, and at all. From all continents and all races, the one thing they have in fruits which contain B17, is the Mormon population. In Utah, common is that the degree to which they are free from cancer is in which is seventy-three percent Mormon, the cancer rate is direct proportion to the amount of nitriloxide or vitamin B17

twenty-five percent below the national average. In Utah county, which includes the city of Provo and is ninety percent Mormon, found in their natural diet.

the cancer rate is below the national average by twenty-eight In answer to this, the skeptic may argue that these primitive percent for women and thirty-five percent for men.(1) groups are not exposed to the same cancer-producing elements In the summer of 1940, the Netherlands became occupied by that

modern man is, and perhaps that is the reason they are the military forces of Nazi Germany. Under a dictatorial regime immune. Let them breathe the same smog-filled air, smoke the the entire nation of about nine-million people was compelled to same cigarettes, swallow the same chemicals added to their food change its eating habits drastically. Dr. C. Moerman, a physician or water, use the same soaps or deodorants, and then see how in Vlaardingen, the Netherlands, described what happened they fare.

during that period:

This is a valid argument. But, fortunately, even that question now has been resolved by experience. In the highly populated White bread was replaced by whole-meal bread and rye bread.

The supply of sugar was drastically cut down and soon entirely and often air-polluted State of California there are over 100,000

stopped. Honey was used, if available. The oil supply from abroad people comprising a population that shows a cancer incidence of was stopped and, as a result, no margarine was produced any more, less than fifty per cent of that for the remaining population. This causing the people to try and get butter. Add to this that the unique group has the same sex, age, socioeconomic, educational, consumer received as much fruit and as many vegetables as occupational, ethnic and cultural profile as the remainder of the possible, hoarding and buying from the farmers what they could. In State's population that suffers twice as high an incidence of short: people satisfied their hunger with large quantities of natural cancer. This is the Seventh Day Adventist population of the State.

elements rich in vitamins.

Now think of what happened later: in 1945 this forced nutrition There is only one material difference that sets this population suddenly came to an end. What was the result? People started apart from that of the rest of the State. This population is eating again white bread, margarine, skimmed milk, much sugar, predominantly vegetarian. By increasing

greatly the quantity of much meat, and only few vegetables and little fruit.... In short: vegetables in their diet to compensate for the absence of meat people ate too much unnatural and too little natural food, and they increase proportionately their dietary intake of vitamin B17

therefore got too few vitamins.(2)

(nitriloside).(1) Probably the reason that this population is not Dr. Moerman showed that the cancer rate in the Netherlands totally free from cancer—as are the Hunzakuts, the aboriginal dropped straight down from a peak in 1942 to its lowest point in Eskimos, and other such populations—is that #1) many members 1945. But after 1945, with the return of processed foods, the cancer of this sect have joined it after almost a lifetime on a general or rate began to climb again and has shown a steady rise ever since.

standard dietary pattern; #2) the fruits and vegetables ingested Of course the experience in the Netherlands or among the are not consciously chosen for vitamin B17 content nor are fruit seventh Day Adventists or Mormons is not conclusive for it still seeds generally eaten by them; and #3) not all Seventh Day leaves open the question of the specific food factor or factors that Adventists adhere to the vegetarian diet.

were responsible. So let us narrow the field.

Since the 1960s, there has been a steadily-growing group of 1. There are other substances found in vegetables that also have shown an people who have accepted the vitamin theory of cancer and who anti-cancer effect—such as beta-carotene and a group of chemicals known as saponins which are found in a wide variety of vegetables and legumes.

1. Cancer Rate for Mormons Among Lowest,” Los Angeles Times, Aug. 22, Nitrilosides, however, appear to be the most potent. See “Vegemania, Scientists 1974, Part II, p. 1.

Tout the Health Benefits of Saponins,” by Richard Lipkin, Science News, 2. “The Solution of the Cancer Problem” (m.s.,

1962) p. 31.

December 9, 1995, pp. 392-3.

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have altered their diets accordingly. They represent all walks of life, all ages, both sexes, and reside in almost every advanced nation in the world. There are many thousands in the United States alone. (1) It is significant, therefore, that, after maintaining a disproof

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f of the effectiveness of Laetrile.

diet rich in vitamin B17, none of these people has ever been known to contract cancer. (2)

suffering from cancer at the rate of one out of every three, not one in a thousand who regularly ingests nitrilosides has been known of the nation's best-known nutritionists—a woman who was to contract this dread disease.

considered to be an expert on the relationship between diet and cancer—herself was stricken with one of its most virulent forms.

great that it would be easy to close the case right here. But, in May of the following year she passed away. It seemed that this view of the powerful opposition against this concept, let us not be the end of the nutritional theory of cancer. But, upon content ourselves with the logic of the theory. Let us reinforce our closer investigation, in none of her many books or lectures did convictions with the science of the theory also,

that we may she ever treat nitrilosides as a vitamin or even as an essential food understand why it works the way our logic tells us that it must.

substance. She did mention that Laetrile was, in her opinion, an effective treatment for cancer after it was contracted, but she apparently failed to consider it, in its less concentrated and more natural form, as vital to one's daily nutrition. Even after her cancer had been diagnosed, she apparently still did not see the full connection. The author had corresponded with her on this very question, and her reply was, in part, as follows: Since carcinogens surround us by the hundreds in food preservatives, additives, poison sprays, chemical fertilizers, pollutants and contaminants of air and water, the statement that cancer is a deficiency disease is certainly inaccurate and over-simplified.(3) It should be stated for the record that this lady was an excellent nutritionist. She had helped thousands of people regain their health through better diet and more healthful cooking. But it is 1. Dr. Dean Burk, in a letter to Congressman Lou Frey, Jr., on May 30, 1972, stated that he had been contacted by at least 750 persons, "including many M.D.

physicians," most of whom were "using it merely with prevention of development of cancer in view." See Cancer Control Journal, May/June, 1973, p. 1.

Likewise, the author has been in contact with literally thousands of Laetrile users over the past two decades.

2. Since writing those words in the 1974 edition of this book, the author has met two people who claimed they contracted cancer after routinely ingesting apricot kernels. Two! It is unknown how many kernels they ate or what else was in their diet (in one case the diet was known to be atrocious), or how faithful they were to the program, or what their prior health was, or to what kind of carcinogens they may have been exposed, including medical X-rays and smoking. Nevertheless, these cases prove that the vitamin concept of cancer control is not 100% perfect. Would you accept 99%?

3. *Note from Adelle Davis to G. Edward Griffin dated August 1, 1973; Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit.*

Chapter Five

CANCER: THE

ONRUSH OF LIFE

An explanation of the trophoblast thesis of cancer; a description of a simple urine test for cancer; an appraisal of BCG vaccine as an anti-cancer agent; and a review of the vital role played by the pancreas in the control of cancer.

In 1902, John Beard, a professor of embryology at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, authored a paper published in the British medical journal Lancet in which he stated there were no differences between cancer cells and certain pre-embryonic cells that were normal to the early stages of pregnancy. In technical terms, these normal cells are called trophoblasts. Extensive research had led Professor Beard to the conclusion that cancer and trophoblast are, in fact, one and the same. His theory, therefore, is known as the trophoblast thesis of cancer.(1) The trophoblast in pregnancy does exhibit all the classical characteristics of cancer. It spreads and multiplies rapidly as it invades into the uterus wall preparing a place where the embryo can attach itself for maternal protection and nourishment.

The trophoblast is formed as a result of a chain reaction starting with another cell identified as the diploid totipotent. (2) For our purposes, let us call this simply the “total-life” cell because it contains within it all the separate characteristics of the complete 1. Sometimes referred to as the unitarian thesis of cancer on the basis that all cancers are, fundamentally, the same.

*2. there is no need to go into all the details surrounding the formation of these cells, for they only tend to burden us with facts that are not essential to an understanding of the basic theory. Anyone interested in this background can readily obtain it at the public library from any standard reference book on embryology. Of particular value are John Beard's *The Enzyme Treatment of Cancer and its scientific Basis* (London:*

Chatto & Windus, 1911) and Charles Gurchot's The Biology of Cancer (San Francisco: Friedman, 1948).

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organism and has the total capacity to evolve into any organ or body can lead to cancer if the body's healing processes are not tissue or, for that matter, into the complete embryo itself. functioning properly—as we shall see.

About eighty percent of these total-life cells are located in the Dr. Stewart M. Jones of Palo Alto, California, described the ovaries or testes serving as a genetic reservoir for future process this way:

offspring. The rest of them are distributed elsewhere in the body Whenever a trophoblast cell appears in the body outside of for a purpose not yet fully understood but which may involve the pregnancy, the natural forces that control it in a normal pregnancy regenerative or healing process of damaged or aging tissue.

may be absent and, in this case, it begins uncontrolled proliferation, The hormone estrogen is well known for its ability to effect invasion, extension, and metastasis. When this happens, it is changes in living tissue. Although it is generally thought of as a initiated by an organizer substance, usually estrogen, the presence female hormone, it is found in both sexes and performs many of which further promotes the trophoblast activity. This is the vital functions. Wherever the body is damaged, either by physical beginning of cancer.(1)

trauma, chemical action, or illness, estrogen and other steroid If it is true that the trophoblast cell is brought into being by a hormones always appear in great concentration, possibly serving chain reaction which involves estrogen or other steroid as stimulators or catalysts for cellular growth and body repair.

hormones, then it would follow logically that an unnaturally high It is now known that the total-life cell is triggered into exposure to these substances would be a factor that favored the producing trophoblast when it comes into contact with these onset of cancer. And, indeed, this has been proven to be true. The steroid hormones acting as “organizer stimuli.” When this use of diethylstilbestrol as a fattening agent for cattle was halted happens to those total-life cells that have evolved from the in 1972 because it was proven that this synthetic estrogen fertilized egg, the result is a placenta and umbilical cord, a means compound, which was present in trace amounts in the beef at our of nourishing the embryo. But when it occurs non-sexually as a grocery stores, had caused stomach cancer in experimental rats.

part of the general healing process, the result is cancer. To be more It also has been found that women taking contraceptive accurate, we should say that it is cancer if the healing process is pills—especially those containing estrogen—not only undergo not terminated upon completion of its task.

irreversible breast changes, but become almost three times more Hardin B. Jones, Ph.D., in his highly revealing “A Report on cancer-prone than women who do not. This fact was stressed by Cancer,”(1) touched upon this phenomenon as follows: Dr. Otto Sartorius, Director of the Cancer Control Clinic at Santa Barbara General Hospital in California, w h o then added: A second important consideration about cancer is that all forms

“Estrogen is the fodder on which carcinoma [cancer] grows. To of overt cancer are associated with a random chance of survival produce cancer in lower animals, you first introduce an estrogen which does not lessen with the duration of cancer. This strongly base.”(2)

implies that there is some natural physiological restraint against progress of the disease and that the cause of the commonly observed There is a confusion factor in all this because, occasionally, rapid development of cancer in the terminal stages is the failure of some cancers appear to

respond to hormone therapy—the admini-the natural restraining influence.

stration of estrogen or testosterone. But the only cases in which We shall see shortly why this natural restraining influence on this kind of therapy is rewarded with favorable results are those the healing process should fail but, for now, at the risk of greatly involving cancer of the sexual glands, such as the breasts or over-simplifying the process, we may say that cancer is the result Prostate, or those organs that are heavily affected by sexual of over-healing. That is why it has been said that smoking, or hormones. Female patients are given male hormones and males excessive exposure to the sun, or any number of harmful chemi-1. "Nutrition Rudiments in Cancer," by S.M. Jones, M.S., B.A., Ph.D., M.D., cals seem to cause cancer. Anything that causes damage to the (Palo Alto, California., 1972) p. 6.

2. As quoted in "Birth Control Pills Endanger Your Breasts," by Ida Honorof, 1. Paper delivered before the American Cancer Society's Eleventh Annual P revention, July 1972, p. 89. Also see "Pill Linked to Cancer Risk," L.A. Times, Science Writer's Conference, New Orleans, March 7,1969.

Nov.21,1972,p.A-21.

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are given female hormones. The apparent favorable action is the (CGH).(1) If cancer is trophoblast, then one would expect that result of the hormones' attempt to oppose or neuter those glands.

cancer cells also would secrete this hormone. And, indeed, they If the cancer is retarded, it is because the organ is retarded.

do. It is also true that no other cell is known to produce CGH. (2) The side-effects of this kind of therapy are the altering of the This means that, if CGH is detected in the urine, it indicates that sexual physiology of the patient. Also, the

beneficial results it there is present either normal pregnancy trophoblast or abnormal produces, if any, are usually described by physicians as palliative, malignant cancer. If the patient is a woman, she either is pregnant which means that the cancer is not cured, only retarded temporarily-or has cancer. If he is a man, cancer can be the only cause.

ily. But the worst part is that—especially in the case of men using The significance of this fact is far-reaching. A simple urine test estrogen—the presence of unnaturally high levels of steroids similar to the well-known rabbit test for pregnancy can detect the throughout the system could well be a factor favorable to the presence of cancer long before it manifests itself as illness or a production of new cancer tissue other than at the primary site.

lump, and it throws serious doubt upon the rationale behind When cancer begins to form, the body reacts by attempting to surgical biopsies. Many physicians are convinced that any cutting seal it off and surrounding it with cells that are similar to those in into a malignant tumor, even for a biopsy, increases the likelihood the location where it occurs. A bump or lump is the initial result.

that the tumor will spread. (More on that in a later chapter.) In Dr. Jones continues:

any event, there is questionable need for such procedures in view In order to counteract the estrogenic action on the trophoblast, of the fact that the CGH urine test is available.(3) In the 1960s and the body floods the areas of the trophoblast in a sea of beta-70s, Dr. Manuel Navarro, Professor of Medicine and Surgery at glucuronidase (BG) which inactivates all estrogen on contact. At the the University of Santo Tomas in Manilla, offered this test to same time the cells of the tissues being invaded by the trophoblasts American physicians and reported 95% accuracy with both defensively multiply in an effort at local containment.

cancer and non-cancer patients. Almost all of the so-called errors Usually the efforts of the body to control the nidus of

were in showing cancer activity with patients who presumably trophoblast are successful, the trophoblast dies, and a benign polyp did not have cancer. But in a large percentage of these, those same or other benign tumor remains as a monument to the victory of the body over cancer.(1)

patients later developed clinical manifestations of cancer, suggesting that the CGH test was accurate after all. Doctors who Under microscopic examination, many of these tumors are have had experience with this test have learned never to assume found to resemble a mixture or hybrid of both trophoblast and it is in error when it indicates the presence of trophoblast.

surrounding cells; a fact which has led some researchers to the Let us turn now to the question of defense mechanisms.

premature conclusion that there are many different types of Before we can hope to conquer cancer, first we must understand cancer. But the degree to which tumors appear to be different is how nature conquers cancer—how nature protects the body and the same degree to which they are benign; which means that it is controls the growth of trophoblast cells. One would suppose that the degree to which there are non-cancerous cells within it.

this would be the primary question that determines the direction The greater the malignancy, the more these tumors begin to of cancer research today. Unfortunately, it is not. Most research resemble each other, and the more clearly they begin to take on projects are preoccupied with exotic and toxic drugs or machines the classic characteristics of pregnancy trophoblast. And the most hat deliver death rays to selected parts of the body. There is no malignant of all cancers—the chorionepitheliomas—are almost indistinguishable from trophoblast cells. For, as Dr. Beard pointed 1. In Human biology, it is sometimes referred to as the HCG (human chorionic out almost a century ago, they are one and the same. gonadotrophic) hormone.

*An interesting sidelight to these facts is that trophoblast cells
2. A similar substance is produced in the anterior pituitary
gland, but it is not the same produce a distinct hormone that
readily can be detected in the 3. this is a modified, more
sensitive micro-Aschheim Zondek test and is not to urine. This
is known as the chorionic gonadotrophic hormone be confused
with the Anthrone test which is based upon a similar principle
but, due to technical problems connected with the test itself, so
far has not been as 1. Ibid., p. 7.*

reliable as the CGH test.

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*counterpart for any of this in nature, and it is small wonder
that charge. And, since like polarities repel each other, the
trophoblast progress has been disappointing. But, recently, a
small group of is well protected. The blocking factor is nothing
more than a researchers has begun to look back to nature,
and, if they persist cellular electrostatic field. Commenting on
the significance of in this course, they cannot help but succeed
eventually. The most these facts, Dr. Krebs wrote:*

*promising of all this work lies in the study of the body's
natural For three-quarters of a century classical immunology
has, in mechanism for immunity.*

*effect, been pounding its head against a stone wall in the vain
quest All animals contain billions of white blood cells. There
are for "cancer antigens," the production of cancer
antibodies, etc., etc.*

*different types such as lymphocytes, leukocytes, and
monocytes, The cancer or trophoblast cell is non-antigenic
because of the but they all serve the same function which is to
attack and destroy pericellular sialomucin coat..(1).*

*anything that is foreign and harmful to our bodies. Persons
who Part of nature's solution to this problem, as pointed out by
develop a low white-cell blood count become susceptible to*

Professor Beard in 1905, is found in the ten or more pancreatic infections of all kinds and, in fact, if the condition is sufficiently enzymes, of which trypsin and chymotrypsin are especially severe, they can die from a simple infected cut or a common cold.

important in trophoblast destruction. These enzymes exist in their Since the destruction of foreign bodies is the function of the inactive form (as zymogens) in the pancreas gland. Only after they white cells, it would seem logical, therefore, that they would reach the small intestine are they converted to their active form.

attack cancer cells also. As one medical journal stated the When these are absorbed into the blood stream and reach the problem:

trophoblast, they digest the negatively-charged protein coat. The One crucial property our bodies have is the ability to distin-cancer then is exposed to the attack of the white cells and it dies.(2) guish between self and non-self. In other words, we can recognize In most discussions of this subject, it is assumed that the (biologically) foreign material that finds its way into our bodies.

lymphocytes are the most active counterpart of all the various This ability enables us to fight infections and to build up resistance white blood cells. But opinions on this currently are in a state of to future infection. It also means that organ transplantation is not flux. In one study, for example, it was reported that the real just a simple matter of intricate surgery. As far as the body's defense aggressor was the monocyte. Although monocytes compose only systems—the immunological apparatus—are concerned, bacteria, two or three percent of the total, they were found to be far more viruses, and transplanted organs are all foreign invaders and have to be repelled. What has puzzled immunologists for a very long destructive of cancer tissue than the lymphocytes which were time is that, although cancer cells are undoubtedly foreign, they more numerous. Either way, the end result is the same.(3) seem to escape the lethal attentions of immunological

systems. The Soon after Beard advanced his startling theory, physicians crucial question is, how?(1)

began experimenting with pancreatic enzymes in the treatment of In this otherwise excellent article, we find one of the great cancer, and favorable reports began to appear in the medical false assumptions that plagues almost all orthodox cancer 1. Letter from Dr. Krebs to Andrew McNaughton, the McNaughton Founda-research today: the assumption that cancer cells are foreign to the tion, San Francisco, Calif., dated Aug. 2,1971, Griffin, Private Papers, op. tit.

body. Quite to the contrary, they are a vital part of the life cycle 2. Th e operation of this mechanism is considerably more complex than this (pregnancy and healing). Consequently, nature has provided simplified description would indicate, and there is much that is not yet fully understood. For instance, investigators have not yet solved the puzzle of how them with an effective means of avoiding the white blood cells.

pregnancy trophoblast cells are protected from chymotrypsin during the One of the characteristics of the trophoblast is that it is initial phase of pregnancy. Obviously they have some kind of extra blocking surrounded by a thin protein coating that carries a negative or that non-pregnancy trophoblast cells do not enjoy. It is possible that it is an increased local level of cobalomine that converts the hydro-cyanic acid into electrostatic charge. In technical terms this is called the pericellular thiocyanate (vitamin B12), plus a temporarily high level of rhodanese (protecting sialomucin coat. The white blood cells also carry a negative enzyme). But this is not at all certain, and it represents an interesting area for future research.

1. "New Assaults on Cancer," by Roger Lewin, World of Research, Jan. 13,1973, 3. See Cancer killing Cells Found to Eat Tumors," by Harry Nelson, Times p. 32.

Medical w riter, LA. Times, April 4,1973, p. 32.

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journals of the day In 1906, Frederick Wiggins, M.D., described banned refined sugar, poultry and eggs, and called for raw vegetable his success in a case of cancer of the tongue and concluded with a blessing, plenty of fish and multiple vitamin supplements.

Within two months, the swelling was down, Dr. Wheeler said. hope “that further discussion of and clinical experience with Recent laboratory tests showed a remission of cancerous Trypsin and Amylopsin within a reasonable time will demonstrate cells—that is, a return to a normal healthy state—and the presence strates beyond question that we have at our disposal a sure and of new, healthy tissue, he said.(1)

efficient remedy for the treatment of malignant disease.”(1) Let us analyze. The diet given to Dr. Wheeler consists of foods Between November, 1906 and January, 1907, the medical that do not consume pancreatic enzymes for their digestion. This journals carried this and three additional reports of cancer is similar to the kind of diet prescribed by doctors using vitamin successfully treated by pancreatic enzymes.

B17 therapy because it releases almost all of the pancreatic Starting in 1972, there was a flurry of publicity given to the enzymes for absorption into the blood stream where they can do

“promising” experimental work done with BCG (the anti-tubercular work on the cancer cell. In addition to this, Dr. Wheeler was tuberculosis vaccine known as Bacillus Calmette Guerin). The given “multiple vitamin supplements.” It is quite possible, there-theory behind it is that BCG—which is a TB virus that has been fore, that these two factors were just as important, if not more so, weakened so as to pose no threat to the patient—stimulates the than the administration of BCG.

body’s production of white-blood cells as part of its natural Returning to the subject of pancreatic enzymes, we find that

defense mechanism. When the vaccine enters the blood stream, the trophoblast cells in the normal embryo continue to grow and the body does not know that the TB virus is weak and it begins to spread right up to the eighth week. Then suddenly, with no produce white cells to repel the invader. And they remain as a apparent reason, they stop growing and are destroyed. Dr. Beard barrier to any real TB virus that may come along later. These cells had the general answer to why this happens as long ago as 1905.

not only act as a future barrier against TB but, theoretically at But recent research has provided the specific explanation. It is in least, they also are presumed to be effective against cancer cells.

the eighth week that the baby's pancreas begins to function.

And there have been cautious reports of some progress in this It is significant that the small intestine, near the point where direction. As we have seen, however, the presence of white cells the pancreas empties into it, is one of the few places in the human body where cancer is almost never found. The pancreas itself by themselves is but one part of the solution to the cancer problem.

often is involved with primary malignancy, but this is because the Without consideration of the pancreatic and nutrition factors, real all-important enzymes do not become activated until they leave progress along these lines will be highly limited.

the pancreas and enter the intestines, or the blood stream. Thus, Many of the reports of success with BCG may have been due the small intestine is bathed in these substances, whereas the as much to nutritional factors as anything else. One such report pancreas itself may receive very little. As one clinician has described the treatment for cancer administered by Dr. Virginia observed:

Livingston. The patient, who was also a physician, had decided from his own experience that, since conventional cancer therapy One of the most striking features about the

pathology of malignant disease is the almost complete absence of carcinoma was so unproductive of results, he would try BCG instead. So he

[cancer] in the duodenum [first segment of the small intestine] and approached Dr. Livingston who, at the time, was one of the few its increasing frequency throughout the gastrointestinal tract in physicians who knew about this approach. The article then direct proportion to the distance from this exempt segment.(2) explained the treatment:

Dr. Wheeler [the patient] was injected with BCG and put on a strict low-cholesterol diet and given antibiotics. The diet, he said, I. Wiggin, F.H., "Case of Multiple Fibrosarcoma of the Tongue, with Remarks Vaccine BCG Used With Amazing Success—Brings Complete Reversal of on the Use of Trypsin and Amylopsin in the Treatment of Malignant Disease," cancer in Patient With Malignant Neck Tumor," National Enquirer, Nov. 26, 1972.

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84 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One We note, also, that diabetics—those who suffer from a pancreas malfunction—are three times more likely to contract cancer than non-diabetics.(1)

These facts, which have puzzled medical investigators for years, at last can be explained in light of the trophoblast thesis of Chapter Six

*cancer. This thesis, as Dr. Krebs has asserted, "is not a dogma inflexibly held by its proponents; it is merely the only explanation **THE TOTAL***

that finds total congruence with all established facts on cancer."

To which Dr. Stewart M. Jones adds:

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This theory is the oldest, strongest, and most plausible theory of cancer now extant. It has stood the test of seventy years of The nutritional factor as a back-up mechanism

confrontation with new information about cancer without ever to the enzyme factor; a biographical sketch of

being disproved by any new fact.... The voluminous, heterogeneous Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., and his development of science of cancer developed since then is coherent only in the light Laetrile; the beneficial effects of vitamin B17 on of this theory.(2)

a wide range of human disorders; and an

It is the height of restraint to call this a theory. There comes a appraisal of the complexity of nature's total

time when we must admit that truth is truth and that the search is anti-cancer mechanism.

over. That finally happened on October 15, 1995, in the pages of an orthodox medical journal—93 years after Professor Beard As demonstrated in the previous chapter, cancer can be published the theory and 43 years after Dr. Krebs shouted it from thought of as a kind of over-healing process in which the body the housetops. It was the report of a study at the Allegheny produces trophoblast cells as a part of its attempt to overcome Medical College in Pittsburgh by Doctors Acevedo, Tong, and specific damage to or aging of normal tissue. These trophoblast Hartsock. The study, involving the genetic characteristics of cells are protected by an electrostatically charged protein coat.

h u m a n chorioic gonadotrophin hormone, confirmed that cancer But in the presence of sufficient quantities of the pancreatic and trophoblast were the same. The report concluded: "After 93

enzymes, this protective coating is digested away, exposing the years, Beard has been proven to be conceptually correct."(3) trophoblast to the destructive force of the body's white blood The debate, however, will continue. For many, the search is

cells. Thus, nature has assigned to the pancreas the vital job of more exciting (and more profitable) than the discovery. So they preventing cancer by keeping trophoblast cells under control.

will continue to clutter their minds and laboratories with dead-But what happens if, due to age or hereditary factors, the end theories and projects for as long as the money holds out.

pancreas is weak, or if the kinds of foods we eat consume almost But the truth is both startling and simple. While most all of the pancreatic enzymes for their digestion leaving very little researchers are operating on the assumption that cancer is foreign for the blood stream? What if, due to surgery or radiation, there is to the body and part of a process of death and decay, it is, instead, scar tissue around the cancer which inhibits circulation and a vital part of the life cycle and an expression of the onrush of prevents the enzymes from reaching it? And what if the rate of both life and healing.

cancer growth is so high that the pancreatic enzymes can't keep up with it? Then what?

1. Jones, Nutrition Rudiments in Cancer, op. cit., p. 8.

2. Ibid., pp. 1, 6.

The answer is that nature has provided a back-up mechanism, 3. " Human Chorionic Gonadotropin-Beta Subunit Gene Expression in a second line of defense, that has an excellent chance of doing the Cultured Human Fetal and Cancer Cells of Different Types and Origins," by job even if the first line should fail. It involves a unique chemical Herman F. Acevedo, Ph.D., Jennifer Y. Tong, Ph.D., and Robert J. Hartsock, M.D., Cancer, October 15, 1995, Volume 76, No. 8, pp. 1467-1473.

compound that literally poisons the malignant cancer cell while

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nourishing all the rest. And this is where the vitamin concept of The antibiotic activity of oil fractions from the root of cancer finally comes back into the picture.

Leptotaenia dissecta was determined on 62 strains and species of bacteria, molds and fungi. The ... agent was bactericidal for The chemical compound in question is vitamin B17, which is gram-positive bacteria ... and gram-negative bacteria.

found in those natural foods containing nitriloside. It is known also as amygdalin and, as such, has been used and studied In 1953, scientists at the University of Utah School of Medicine extensively for well over a hundred years. But, in its concentrated cine published a number of papers called "Studies on Antibiotic a n d purified form developed by Dr. Krebs specifically for cancer Extract of Leptotaenia."(1) They confirmed the effect Dr. Krebs, Sr., therapy, it is known as Laetrile. For the sake of clarity in this had claimed for leptenin against flu viruses. The reality of volume, however, we shall favor the more simple name: vitamin leptenin as a broad-spectrum antibiotic had become so well B17.

established that the Department of Bacteriology at the University Professor John Beard, the man who first advanced the of Southern California School of Medicine granted a student a trophoblast thesis of cancer, had suspected that there was a master's degree in microbiology for its study. The same student, nutritional factor in addition to the enzyme factor but was never Daniel Everett Johnson, later obtained his doctorate in microbiol-able to identify it. It wasn't until 1952 that this "extrinsic" factor ogy at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1953 on the w a s discovered by Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., and his famous father of basis of his thesis showing the antibiotic action of leptenin t h e same name.

against hundreds of different microorganisms.

During the great flu epidemic of 1918 which took the lives of Dr. Krebs, Sr., also had taken an early interest in cancer. He over ten-million Americans, Dr. Krebs, Sr., was able to save

noticed that this appeared to be primarily a white man's disease.

almost 100% of the hundreds of patients who came under his care. Remembering the lesson of "Dortza Water," he suspected that as both a graduate pharmacist and an accredited physician key probably was hidden either in an herb or in the food supply.

practicing in Nevada, he had taken a keen interest in the fact that The final discovery, however, was made, not by him, but by his t h e Washoe Indians of that area enjoyed almost complete freedom son who, by that time, had become totally wrapped up in the from the respiratory diseases of the white man. He discovered search for an answer to the cancer riddle.

t h a t their native remedy for such ailments was called "Dortza Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., initially wanted to follow his father in Water," a decoction of the root of a wild parsley-like plant known the practice of medicine. Soon after he enrolled in medical school, botanically as Leptotaenia Dissecta. He experimented with this he realized that his interest lay, not in the treatment of patients, h e r b , devised more efficient methods to extract the active ingredi-but in the world of medical chemistry. After three years of e n t s , and discovered that it possessed amazing antiseptic and anatomy and medicine at Hahnemann Medical College, he healing properties. It was this extract that was used to save the changed his direction and became a doctor of biochemistry.

lives of his patients during the epidemic of 1918.

He pursued his undergraduate work at the University of Thus Dr. Krebs, Sr., in 1918 was the first to introduce and use Illinois between 1938 and 1941. Specializing in bacteriology, he an antibiotic in scientific medicine. At that time, however, even received his Bachelor's Degree at the University of Illinois in 1942.

t h e claim for the possibility of an antibiotic or "internal germi-he did graduate work at the University of Mississippi

and also at c i d e ” that would kill bacteria without harming the body was the University of California.

considered preposterous. The Journal of the American Medical

. During his lifetime, Dr. Krebs authored many scientific papers Association on June 5, 1920, dismissed these claims out of hand.

Including “The Unitarian or Trophoblastic Thesis of Cancer” and Thirty years passed before Carlson and Douglas of the Western

“The Nithlosides in Plants and Animals.” He was the recipient of Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, rediscovered leptinin numerous honors and doctorates both at home and abroad. He

-the antibiotic in the roots of Leptotaenia—and published their was the science director of the John Beard Memorial Foundation findings in the Journal of Bacteriology in May of 1948. Their 1. Antibiotics and Chemotherapy (3 (4) 393), 1953.

summary reads:

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prior to his death in 1996. He was also the discoverer of vitamin man either of them separately; a phenomenon known in biochem-B15 (pangamic acid), which has proven to be an important istry as synergism.(1)

adjunctive therapy in the treatment of many illnesses related to Fortunately, the unlocking enzyme is not found to any impaired circulation.

dangerous degree anywhere in the body except at the cancer cell, Early in his student work, Dr. Krebs became familiar with the where it always is present in great quantity, sometimes at levels in trophoblast thesis of cancer advanced by Professor John Beard.

excess of one-hundred times that of the surrounding normal cells.

Working within the context of this theory, and encouraged by Dr.

The result is that vitamin B17 is unlocked at the cancer cell, Charles Gurchot, a professor of pharmacology at the University releases its poisons to the cancer cell, and only to the cancer cell.

of California Medical School, he began a search for the nutritional There is another important enzyme called rhodanese, which we factor hinted at by Beard.

shall identify as the “protecting enzyme.”(2) The reason is that it By 1950 he had identified the specific composition of this has the ability to neutralize cyanide by converting it instantly into substance, had isolated it into crystalline form, had given it the by-products that actually are beneficial and essential to health.

name Laetrile,(1) and had tested it on animals to make sure it was This enzyme is found in great quantities in every part of the body not toxic. The next step was to prove that it was not harmful to except the cancer cell which, consequently, is not protected.

humans. There was only one way to do that. So he rolled up his Let us examine what, at first, may appear to be exceptions to sleeve and injected it into his own bloodstream.

these rules. We have said that the unlocking enzyme is not found Just as he had predicted, there were absolutely no harmful or to any dangerous degree anywhere in the body except at the distressing side effects. He was now ready for the final state of cancer cell. That is true, but note the phrase “to any dangerous experiments—cancer patients themselves.

degree.” The unlocking enzyme actually is found in various The B17 molecule contains two units of glucose (sugar), one of concentrations everywhere in the human body. It is particularly benzaldehyde, and one of cyanide, all tightly

locked together prevalent in the healthy spleen, liver, and endocrine organs. In all within it. As everyone knows, cyanide can be highly toxic and of these instances, however, there also is present an even greater even fatal if taken in sufficient quantity. However, locked as it is quantity of the protecting enzyme (rhodanese). The healthy tissue in this natural state, it is chemically inert and has absolutely no is protected, therefore, because the excess of this protecting effect on living tissue. By way of analogy, chlorine gas also is enzyme completely neutralizes the effect of the unlocking known to be deadly. But when the chlorine is chemically bound together with sodium forming sodium chloride, it is a relatively enzyme. harmless compound known as common table salt.

The malignant cell, by comparison, not only has a greater concentration of the unlocking enzyme than found in most There is only one substance that can unlock the B17 molecule and release the cyanide. That substance is an enzyme called normal cells but it is totally lacking in the protecting enzyme.

beta-glucosidase, which we shall call the “unlocking enzyme.” (2) Thus, it is singularly vulnerable to the release of cyanide and When B17 comes in contact with this enzyme in the presence of benzaldehyde.

water, not only is the cyanide released, but also the benzaldehyde, The non-cancerous organs, therefore, are endowed by nature which is highly toxic by itself. In fact, these two substances with the unique capacity of protecting themselves and even working together are at least a hundred times more poisonous 1. In passing, it is interesting to note that nature has used this same synergism a defense mechanism for the poisonous millipede found in Louisiana and Mississippi. The creature is equipped with paired glands located on eleven of its segments. When threatened, it ejects cyanide and benzaldehyde from these 1. The material was derived from apricot kernels. Because it was laevorotatory glands with a deadly effectiveness that is well known. See “Secretion of (left-handed) to polarized light, and because chemically it was a ” Mandelo-Benzaldehyde and Hydrogen

Cyanide by the Millipede Pachydesmus Crassicu-nitrile,” the first and last syllables were united to produce the word *Laetrile*.

tis, “Science, 138;513, 1962.

2. This is a generic term applied to a category of enzymes. The specific one that 2. *Since about 1965*, rhodanese has been identified in technical literature as appears to unlock the synthesized B17 known as Laetrile is *beta-glucuronidase*.

thiosulfate transsulfurase.

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nourishing themselves from the digestion of the B17 molecule, From this it is easy to see why anything that improves normal whereas cancerous tissue converts the same vitamin substance respiratory metabolism is an inhibitor to cancer growth. The into powerful toxins against which it has no defense.

point, however, is that any benzaldehyde that might diffuse away With this in mind, it is amusing to watch the scientific from the cancer cell and come into contact with normal cells, will

“experts” who oppose Laetrile reveal their abysmal ignorance be oxidized and converted into harmless benzoic acid. Benzoic and arrogance on this subject. In the 1963 report of the California acid is known to have certain anti-rheumatic, antiseptic, and Cancer Advisory Commission, for example, we read:

analgesic properties. This could partially account for the fact that The opinion of Dr. Jesse P. Greenstein, chief of the laboratory of B17 produces the unexpected effect of relieving the intense pain biochemistry at the National Cancer Institute, was obtained in associated with terminal cancer, and does so without the aid of respect to the distribution of beta-glucuronidase in neoplastic narcotics. Although not a pain reliever *per se*, when it comes in

[cancer] and non-neoplastic [healthy] tissues, and as to the implication-contact with cancer cells, it releases benzoic acid right at the time that there was a “tumor” beta-glucuronidase [unlocking]

inflicted location and, thus, bathes that area with a natural enzyme. The fact is, reported Doctor Greenstein, that beta-analgesic.(1) Meanwhile, the benzaldehyde that remains at the glucuronidase is found in all tissues of the animal body... In other cancer cell will find itself in an almost total lack of oxygen words, there is much more “normal” beta-glucuronidase than

“tumor” beta-glucuronidase in any animal body. In a letter dated causing it to linger and perform its deadly synergistic action for a November 10, 1952, Dr. Greenstein wrote “Such statement as ... ‘the prolonged period of time.

malignant cell ... is virtually an island surrounded by a sea of On the other hand, if a small amount of cyanide should beta-glucuronidase’ is sheer nonsense.”(1)

diffuse into adjacent normal cells, it is converted by the enzyme Dr. Greenstein is perfectly correct in observing that the rhodanese, in the presence of sulphur, into thiocyanate which, as unlocking enzyme is found in all tissue of the animal body, but he stated previously, is perfectly harmless. But, more than that, is one-hundred percent in error when he tries to scoff at its thiocyanate is known as a natural regulator of blood pressure. Its abundance within and around the malignant cell. His lack of also serves as a metabolic pool for the body’s self-production of expertise, however, is made abundantly clear by the fact that vitamin B12 or cyanocobalamin, a substance essential for health. It apparently he is totally unaware of the corresponding presence comes as a great surprise for many to learn that cyanide is an and counteraction of the protecting enzyme in these tissues. He is essential and integral part of vitamin B12 as well as B17.(2) castigating as “sheer nonsense” a biochemical mechanism of Another unexpected, but welcome, consequence of vitamin which he apparently is totally ignorant.

B17 is that it stimulates the hemoglobin or red blood cell count. As Dr. Otto Warburg received the Nobel Prize for proving that long ago as 1933 it was shown that exposure to small amounts of cancer cells obtain nourishment, not through oxidation as do cyanide gas produced this effect in mice,(3) but only since the work other cells, b u t t h r o u g h fermentation of sugar. Warburg begun by Dr. Krebs has this also been demonstrated in humans as explained:

a result of the internal chemical action of Laetrile.

From the standpoint of physics and chemistry of life, this Other experiments have indicated that trace amounts of difference between normal and cancer cells is so great that one can cyanide and benzaldehyde released in the mouth and intestine, scarcely picture a greater difference. Oxygen gas, the donor of far from being cause for panic, actually are a part of the delicate energy in plants and animals, is dethroned in the cancer cells and replaced by an energy-yielding reaction of the lowest living forms; 1. It is the opinion of Laetrile clinicians, however, that the *primary* cause of pain namely, a fermentation of glucose.(2)

reduction probably is the halting of the tumor's invasion and destruction of healthy tissue.

2. Vitamin B12 is not produced in plant tissue. It is the product of animal metabolism in which the cyanide radical is combined with hydrocobalamin (B12a) to form cyanocobalamin (B12).

1. Report by Cancer Advisory Council, *op. cit.*, pp. 14,15.

• Maxwell and Bischoff, *journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapy*, 2. As quoted in *Prevention*, May 1968.

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As mentioned in the previous chapter, there is much speculation of nature and serve entirely beneficial purposes. In the

tion today about carcinogens—the things that supposedly cause mouth and stomach, these chemicals attack the bacteria that cause cancer. We are told that smoking, or extensive exposure to the tooth decay and bad breath. In the intestines they interact with Sun, or chemical additives to our food, or even certain viruses all the bacterial microflora to suppress or eliminate the flatulence can cause cancer. But, as we have seen, the real cause is an long associated with westernized foods.

enzyme and vitamin deficiency. These other things merely are the The most interesting sidelight of all, however, is the probable specific triggers that start the process.

connection between vitamin B17 and the disease, *sickle-cell anemia*.

Anything that produces prolonged stress or damage to the In Africa, the black race has developed sickle cells in the blood body can trigger the healing process. If this goes unchecked apparently as a natural immunity factor to malaria. The develop-because the body lacks the necessary chemical ingredients to ment of this trait was dependent, in part, on the rich nitrilosidic restore the equilibrium, then the result is cancer.

content of the native African diet. Once the black man began to Specific carcinogens, therefore, like cigarette smoke or migrate into the modern cities of America and Europe, his eating viruses, do not *cause* cancer; they merely determine where it is habits were changed drastically. The result is the painful going to occur.

hemolytic crisis caused by the clumping of the red cells. It already Nature's defenses against cancer include more than just the has been learned that this disease can be ameliorated by cyanate pancreatic enzymes and vitamin B17. For example, doctors in tablets. But cyanate also can be produced by vitamin B17 acting Europe have reported that *hyperthermy*—the deliberate raising of within the body, and it seems logical

to assume that this is the the patient's body temperature—has increased the effectiveness way nature intended it to be taken.

of vitamin therapy so greatly as to suggest another synergism, as between cyanide and benzaldehyde. They tell us that when the Let us pause, then, and reflect on the significance of these body temperature is raised from its normal 37 degrees to 41

indicators. Is it possible that the rheumatic diseases, certain degrees Celsius (98.6 to 105.8 degrees Fahrenheit), there is a gain aspects of hypertension (high-blood pressure), tooth decay, many in effect of from three to ten-fold. In other words, at the higher of our gastrointestinal disorders, sickle-cell anemia— *and* level of 41 degrees, it takes only one-third to one-tenth as much *cancer*—all are related directly or indirectly to a simple vitamin Laetrile to acheive a given anti-cancer effect. It is possible that the B17 deficiency? And if this is possible, what then of the other non-fermentive function of the cancer cell is impaired by the increased infectious diseases that plague mankind and puzzle medical oxygenation and circulation associated with fever.

research? Could their solutions also be found in the field of Along this line, it is interesting to note that Dr. Wilfrid Shute nutrition rather than drugs?

(the world-famous champion of vitamin E therapy for heart The answers to these questions may not be fully answered for patients) reported that, for some reason unknown to him, patients decades, b u t let us return to the main topic—cancer —and to the who were on massive doses of E did not appear to contract cancer realm of those questions for which we *do* have answers. It is no as often as other patients. Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling longer a speculation but a fact supported by a mountain of has suggested that vitamin C might also have value as an evidence that vitamin B17 is a vital part of an amazing biochemi-anti-cancer agent. Dr. Umberto Saffiotti of the National Cancer cal process that destroys cancer cells while, at the same time, institute has blocked lung cancer in mice with vitamin A.(1) And, nourishing and sustaining non-cancer cells.

as reported in the October, 1971, issue of *Biomedical News*, massive Every person possesses trophoblast cells as a result of the oral doses of the vitamin-B complex reduced the growth of cancer continuing and normal regeneration process. These, however, are experimental mice by as much as seventy percent.

held in check by a metabolic barrier consisting of the pancreatic enzyme chymotrypsin and the nitrilase food factor vitamin B17—This barrier is an intricate and perfect mechanism of nature that 1. “Is There An Anti-Cancer Food?” by Gena Larsen, *Prevention*, April, 1972.

simply could not have been accidental.

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direct-acting of all these factors, but none of them can be ignored, for they are an interlocking part of the total natural mechanism.

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Fortunately, it is not necessary for man to fully understand every aspect of this mechanism in order to make it work for him.

A newspaper account of a couple who reportedly

The necessity of eating foods rich in *all* the vitamins and *were poisoned by eating apricot kernels; a close m i n e r a l s — p a r t i c u l a r l y v i t a m i n B17—and of m i n i m i z i n g look at the facts in this case; an evaluation of the prolonged damage or stress to the body is all that he really needs toxic potential of seeds containing BIT, and*

to know.(1)

proof that Laetrile is less toxic than sugar.

On September 1, 1972, the California State Health Department released its Monthly Morbidity Report to the medical profession and to the press. It contained an entry about a Los Angeles couple who were treated for “cyanide poisoning” after eating thirty apricot kernels. On September 4, the *Los Angeles Examiner* ran a UPI dispatch under the heading: FRUIT PITS CAN CAUSE CYANIDE.

And six days later, the *New York Times* ran a similar story: APRICOT

KERNELS LINKED TO POISONINGS ON COAST.

All Americans had been warned—and scared—to stay away from those seeds! For those who were only vaguely familiar with the story of Laetrile, it was a near knock-out blow to the use of vitamin B17. And, as shall be demonstrated in a following chapter, it is likely that it was intended to be just that.

In response to this news story, Mr. Jay Huchinson, a former cancer patient who attributes his recovery to Laetrile, dashed off the following whimsical letter, sent airmail special delivery, to Mohammed Jamel Khan, Mir of Hunza:

Dear Mir and Rhani of Hunza:

I am rushing this extremely urgent warning to you so that you can take immediate steps to notify your government and your people of the health hazard reported by the California State Department of Public Health during the week of September 3, 1972. I enclose articles from San Francisco newspapers....

Mir, you must get your people to stop eating those pits! Stop making flour out of them! Stop feeding your new-born infants the oil and, for Mohammed's sake, stop anointing them with it!...

1. An excellent guide to the preparation of foods rich in vitamin B17 is June de Spain's *The Little Cyanide Cookbook* (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, Please write soon, and when you do, would you mind telling us 1975).

why your people are among the healthiest in the world, and why

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your men and women live vigorous lives well into their 90's, and Murray-Chinn material on amygdalin [the story of the Los Angeles why you and your beautiful people never get cancer?(1) couple] made the press throughout the country—presumably with For most people, however, the sarcasm was completely lost.

the help and guidance of the state health authorities.

Mr. Gray has written, in an incipient article, “The health They took the story of the poisoned couple with *deadly* serious-department’s approach has been to discredit Laetrile without ever ness. Many who had heard that these seeds might be helpful mentioning it directly. They have gotten the cooperation of the press against cancer, but who did not understand the chemistry when reporters have not gone beyond the offices of the health involved, now were afraid to use them and were filled with department in writing their stories.”(1)

doubts. An over-zealous health department in Hawaii confiscated In another letter, dated December 20, 1972, Dr. Burk expanded all apricot seeds from the shelves of health food stores, and most his views further:

of the stores on the mainland were intimidated into dropping them from their line. The “news” story had served its purpose The facts are that a very considerable number of people eat 10-20 apricot kernels throughout a day, and after awhile, even well.

50-100 kernels safely, though hardly all at once as the ... Angeleno Suspecting that there might be more to the story than met the gastronomes actually did. The same general situation holds with eye, this writer attempted to get more details from the Depart-respect to a large number of ordinary

foods that can be poisonous or ment of Health—particularly the names of the couple in question.

allergic, etc., such as strawberries, onions, shrimps, and so on, that But it seemed that the department did not want them questioned.

are never removed *en masse* or *in toto*, from food store shelves by Dr. Ralph W. Weilerstein, the California public health medical health agencies imbued with the spirit of 1984....

officer, Bureau of Food and Drug, replied: “We regret that the It is one thing for a health agency to warn people against foolish confidentiality of morbidity reporting precludes interviewing the and rare actions with respect to any aspect of health, and quite patients who were poisoned in Los Angeles.”(2) another to totally deprive people of excellent food quite safe if Dr. Dean Burk of the National Cancer Institute apparently ingested in a normal common sense way observed by 99.999% of the population.(2)

w a s able to get more information. In a letter dated December 13, 1972, he explained:

We have said that vitamin B17 is harmless to non-cancer cells.

This is true, but perhaps it would be more accurate to say it is as This couple from Los Angeles ... really got sick and were treated in an emergency hospital, following ingestion by mouth of an harmless as any substance *can* be. After all, even life-essential overnight brew made from apricot nuts, apricot fruit, and distilled water or oxygen can be fatal if taken in unnaturally large doses.

water—a concoction that probably fermented somewhat overnight, And this is true also of vitamin B17. For instance, there normally and was undoubtedly very bitter, and which brought on the illness is a very small amount of beta-glucosidase (the “unlocking”

(nausea, vomiting, etc.) after “about an hour,” which is rather long enzyme) found within the seeds of most nitriloside fruits.

This for cyanide, which usually acts within minutes of being swallowed.

enzyme, when activated by the secretions of the mouth and Mr. Murray [of the Los Angeles County Health Department] was stomach, causes a minute amount of cyanide and benzaldehyde not willing to commit himself that cyanide was the chief cause of the illness, from which it would appear they promptly recovered. He to be released in these locations. As mentioned previously, the said “that under the circumstances ... you don’t want to leap to Presence of limited amounts of these chemicals in the mouth, conclusions and say that their illness was definitely due to the stomach, and intestines, is not dangerous and, in fact, appears to ingestion of amygdalin.... I don’t think I could personally say that I be part of an intended delicate chemical balance of nature, the proved that their illness was due to apricot kernels.”

absence of which can contribute to tooth decay, bad breath, and It is interesting, of course, that, somehow, out of the, I presume, thousands of items in the California Monthly Morbidity Reports, the 1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Mr. M. Standard, December 13, 1972, Griff priv papers .

1. Quoted in “Of Apricot Pits and Hunzaland,” by Mike Culbert, *Berkeley Daily* 2. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Mr. B. Stenjen President of the Waikiki Chapter *Gazette*, August 13,1972.

of the National Health Federation, December 20, 1972, Griffin, *Private Papers*, 2. Letter to author, dated Sept. 20,1972; Griffin, *Private Papers*, *op. cit.*

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all kinds of gastrointestinal disorders. But what happens if these quantity of nitrilosides, but you can take a part of the plant and do seeds are eaten in gigantic quantities?

so.(1)

There is one case of a man who, reportedly, died from Dr. Krebs further pointed out that roasting these seeds does devouring almost a cup of apple seeds. Incidentally, the case not impair the vitamin B17 factor, but it does destroy the unlocking enzyme. So, those who are concerned about toxicity never has been authenticated and could well be entirely fictitious; can take the added precaution of roasting their seeds before but assuming it's true, if the man had eaten the apples also, he eating. (2) It should be remembered, however, that this is not the would have obtained enough extra rhodanese (the "protecting way nature intended them to be consumed and, by so doing, we enzyme") from the fleshy part of the fruit to offset the effect of lose whatever benefit there may be from chemical activity in the even that many seeds in his stomach. But that would have mouth, stomach, and intestines.

required that he eat several *cases* of apples which, of course, The amount of nitriloside needed by the body is an unknown would have been impossible in the first place.

quantity. Perhaps it never can be determined for, surely, it will It should be noted that, in a few places in the world, there are vary depending on the person—his age, sex, condition of certain strains of apricot trees that produce seeds containing ten pancreas, diet, weight, and hereditary factors. That is why it is times the concentration of nitriloside found in those trees grown absurd for anyone to try to publish or decree by law the so-called in the United States. Even these seeds are not dangerous, of Minimum Daily Requirements (MDR's) or Recommended Daily course, when eaten in reasonable quantity and with the whole Allowances (RDA's), as they now are called.

fruit, but when eaten as seeds only, and in large quantity, they can Also, there is a tendency to think of deficiency diseases as present a danger. In Hunza, seeds from the first fruit of all new either existing or not existing, with nothing in between. We either apricot trees are tested by the elders for extreme bitterness. If they have scurvy or we don't. This can be

misleading. Scurvy is the one found to be so—which is very rare—the tree is destroyed.

extreme form of a vitamin-C deficiency. A lesser form may not. Occasionally, these unusual trees are found also in Turkey. But they reveal the classic symptoms of scurvy but could manifest itself as here, they are not destroyed because the seed is considered to be fatigued, susceptibility to infection, and other non-fatal maladies.

“good for health.” As a result, there have been one or two cases in World-famous biologist, Albert Szant-Gyorgyi, phrased it this Turkey where little children have mistaken the seeds from the way:

“wild apricot” to be those from the domestic variety, and they Scurvy is not the first symptom of deficiency. It is a sign of the have become ill or died. But even in Turkey this is extremely rare.

final collapse of the organism, a pre-mortal syndrome, and there is a In the United States, of course, there is no record of such trees very wide gap between scurvy and a completely healthy condition....

even having been in existence.

If, owing to inadequate food, you contract a cold and die of During a public lecture on the subject of Laetrile, Dr. E.T.

pneumonia, your diagnosis will be pneumonia, not malnutrition, Krebs, Jr., was asked by a woman in the audience if there was any and chances are that your doctor will have treated you only for danger from eating too many seeds containing the B17 factor.

pneumonia.(3)

Here was his reply:

Likewise, it is impossible to know what health problems, This is an excellent question. In fact, it sometimes illustrates the short of cancer, may be caused by a *partial* vitamin B17 deficiency.

indwelling cussedness of the human spirit. If we eat the seed with So, when in doubt, most observers agree that it is best to err in the the whole fruit, it is impossible for us to get an excess of nitrilosides direction of surplus.

from the s e e d s . On t h e o t h e r h a n d , if we take a p p l e s , t h r o w a w a y all of the fruit, and collect half a cup of apple seeds, and decide to eat 1. *cancer News Journal*, Sept./Dec, 1970, pp. 7, 8.

that half cup of apple seeds, there is a possibility we can suffer 2. For those who want to do this, Dr. Krebs suggests roasting for 30 to 50

seriously from an overdose of cyanide....

minutes at 100°c or 212° Fahrenheit to deactivate the beta-glucosidase.

You can't eat enough peaches or apricots or prunes or cherries 3. *The Living State; With Observations on Cancer* (New York and London: Academic Press, 1972), p. 77.

or apples to get a sufficient amount of seeds to provide a toxic 100 *WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One THE CYANIDE SCARE* 101

Dr. Krebs has suggested a minimum level of fifty milligrams small wonder that the American people are victims of the of B17 per day for a normal, healthy adult. Naturally, one who is fulminating deficiency disease known as cancer.

pre-disposed to cancer would require more, and one who already go much for the cyanide in natural foods. What about the was afflicted with the disease would need *much* more.

laboratory forms of vitamin B17 known as amygdalin or Laetrile?

The average apricot seed grown in the United States contains The answer is that here there is even *less* cause for concern. For approximately four or five milligrams of B17. But this is an over a hundred years standard pharmacology reference books average figure only and can vary by as much as a factor

of six, have described this substance as non-toxic. After almost two depending on the size of the kernel, the type of tree, the climate, centuries of use in all parts of the world, there never has been and soil conditions. But, using the average figure, we can see that even one reported case of related death or serious illness.

it would take ten to twelve apricot kernels per day to obtain fifty Amygdalin generally is said to have been first discovered in milligrams of B17.

1830 by the German chemist Leibig. According to the *American* Is this a dangerous quantity? Hardly. There are cases reported *Illustrated Medical Dictionary* (1944 Edition) amygdalin means in which people eat eighty-five to one-hundred apricot kernels

“like an almond,” suggesting that the material from which the every day with no ill effects. Let us hasten to point out, however, first sample was isolated was the bitter almond seed. (1) In one form that this is not a recommended dosage. Since it is possible for or another, it has been used and studied almost constantly since these kernels to vary in nitriloside content by as much as six to that time and, according to Dr. Burk, “More is known chemically one, it is conceivable that eighty-five kernels from one tree could and pharmacologically about amygdalin than most drugs in be the same as over *five-hundred* kernels from another tree.

general use.” It was listed in pharmacopoeias by 1834. Toxicity Nature can only do so much. It cannot anticipate excess of this studies were conducted with it on dogs as early as 1848. By 1907 it kind. Therefore, it is wise to follow the simple rule that one was listed in the Merck Index. And in 1961 it appeared in the should not eat at one time more seeds than he likely could Chinese-Korean Herbal Pharmacopoeias by Sun Chu Lee and consume if he also were eating a reasonable quantity of the whole Yung Chu Lee describing its reported use specifically for “cancer fruit. This is a common-sense rule with a large safety margin that dissolution.”(2)

can be followed with complete confidence.

Like many chemical compounds, amygdalin may exist in several different crystalline forms. Which form it takes depends on the number of molecules of water that are incorporated into it.

an ignorance bordering on superstition dating back to the early days of science when it was first discovered that cyanide had a they all yield one and the same amygdalin.

toxic potential. This ancient misapprehension has been perpetuated. The type of amygdalin crystal, known as Laetrile, developed ated right up to the present time so that, to the average person, by Dr. Krebs is unique because it is considerably more soluble the word *cyanide* is synonymous with *poison*. As a result, we have than any of the other forms and, thus, can be administered to the developed a cultural antipathy toward this substance whenever it patient in a much greater concentration in the same volume of is discovered in our food. Every effort has been made to eliminate injected material.

it. Local health agencies swarm over our grocery shelves to make sure that it does not reach us, and the federal Food and Drug 1. In the United States, commercial or “sweet” almonds contain no vitamin B17.

Administration even has promulgated laws that make it illegal to The “bitter” almonds, however, are very rich in this substance—even more rich sell any substance containing more of it than one four-than apricot kernels. But partly due to the American preference for the flavor of the sweet almond, and partly because the FDA has limited the sale of bitter hundredths of one percent! (1) With that kind of “protection,” it is almonds (see previous footnote), almost all bitter almond trees now have been destroyed.

1. See "Requirements of the United States Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act," FDA 2. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Mr. M. Standard, December 13, 1972; Griffin, Publication No. 2, Revised June, 1970, p. 26.

private Papers, op. tit.

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Commenting on the question of possible toxicity of Laetrile, Aspirin is an analog of a substance found in nature but it is, Dr. Burk has summed it up with this emphatic statement: nevertheless, a man-made drug. It is not the same as the model With forty-five years of study and research on the cancer from which it was fashioned. By contrast, B17 is a substance problem, the last thirty-three years in the U.S. National Cancer fo und abundantly in plants that are appropriate for human Institute, and with files of virtually all published literature on the consumption. It is not a man-made chemical and is not alien to use of amygdalin ("Laetrile") with reference to cancer, and with the body. Its purified form called Laetrile is even less toxic than suger.

innumerable files of unpublished documents and letters, I have found no statements of demonstrated pharmacological harmfulness In a series of tests on adult mice, Dr. Dean Burk reported that of amygdalin to human beings at any dosages recommended or they could live in perfect health to extreme old age when their employed by medical doctors in the United States and abroad.(1) normal diet consisted of fifty percent defatted apricot kernels. He Dr. D.M. Greenberg, Professor Emeritus of Bio-Chemistry at said that this provided each mouse with a whopping one-the University of California at Berkeley, and consultant to the hundred and twenty-five milligrams of vitamin B17 per day. And Cancer Advisory Council of the California Department of Public he added that the kernels provided "in addition, excellent food Health added this note of concurrence:

material, rich in protein and minerals.”(1)

There is no question that pure amygdalin (Laetrile) is a non-In another series of tests, white rats were fed *seventy times* the toxic compound. This is not questioned by anyone who has studied normal h u m a n dose of Laetrile, and the only side-effects the reports submitted to the Cancer Advisory Council of the State of produced were greater appetite, weight gain, and superior health; California.(2)

just what one would expect from taking a vitamin.

In the early days of experimentation with Laetrile, it was feared that the substance might be toxic if taken orally. This concern was based on the fact that, in the beginning, ways had not yet been perfected to remove the beta-glucosidase (unlocking enzyme) from the apricot extract and, since Laetrile is a highly-concentrated form of B17, on the basis of theory, it was feared that it might pose a problem when activated by the secretions of the stomach. Consequently, some of the early written works on Laetrile recommended injections only and cautioned against taking the substance orally. That caution, however, has long outlived its usefulness, and there is now no medical reason whatsoever to avoid the oral form.

Aspirin tablets are twenty times more toxic than the equivalent amount of Laetrile. The toxicity of aspirin is cumulative and can build up for days or even months. The chemical action of B17, however, is completed usually within a few hours leaving behind absolutely no build-up. Each year in the United States, over ninety people die from aspirin poisoning. No one ever has died from B17.

1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Stephen Wise and Gregory Stout, Attorneys, dated Dec. 17,1972; Griffin, *Private Papers, op, cit.*

2. Statement made on Oct. 13,1969, as quoted in report attached to letter from 1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Congressman Lou Frey, Jr., dated May 30,1972, Dr. Dean Burk, *Ibid.*

reprinted in *Cancer Control Journal* May/June 1973 p 6

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Chapter Eight

THE LAETRILE

“QUACKS”

The names, professional standings, medical achievements, and clinical findings of some of the more prominent doctors who endorse

Laetrile; the beneficial side-effects produced by its use; a suggested anti-cancer diet; and a brief description of vitamin B15.

“Laetrile is goddamned quackery!”

Such was the pronouncement of Helene Brown, president of the American Cancer Society of California.(1)

As early as 1974, there were at least twenty-six published papers written by well-known physicians who had used Laetrile in the treatment of their own patients and who have concluded that Laetrile is both safe and effective in the treatment of cancer.(2) In addition, there are the voluminous private records of physicians who have used it clinically but have never published their findings except in letters to their colleagues or in public lectures or interviews. The American Cancer Society and other spokesmen for orthodox medicine would have us believe that only quacks and crackpots have endorsed this conclusion. But the doctors who conducted these experiments and those who share their conclusions are *not* quacks. Here are just a few of the names: In West Germany there is Hans Nieper, M.D., former Director of the Department of Medicine at the Silbersee Hospital in Hanover. He is a pioneer in the medical use of cobalt and is credited with developing the anti-cancer drug, *cyclophosphamide*.

He is the originator of the concept of “electrolyte carriers” in the 1. ” The Pain Exploiters ” The Victimized of Desperate Cancer Patients,” *Today’s health*, Nov., 1973, p. 28.

2. a complete list of these papers is contained in *The Laetriles/Nitrilosides, op. cit* , pp. 84, 85.

106 *WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One* prevention of cardiac necrosis. He was formerly the head of the Philippine Cancer Society, and many other medical groups. He Aschaffenburg Hospital Laboratory for chemical circulatory has been recognized internationally as a cancer researcher and research. He is listed in *Who’s Who in World Science* and has been has over one-hundred major scientific papers to his credit, some the Director of the German Society for Medical Tumor Treatment.

of which have been read before the International Cancer He is one of the world’s most famous and respected cancer Congress. In 1971 Dr. Navarro wrote:

specialists.

I ... have specialized in oncology [the study of tumors] for the During a visit to the United States in 1972, Dr. Nieper told past eighteen years. For the same number of years I have been using news reporters:

Laetrile-amygdalin in the treatment of my cancer patients. During this eighteen year period I have treated a total of over five hundred After more than twenty years of such specialized work, I have patients with Laetrile-amygdalin by various routes of administra-found the nontoxic Nitrilosides—that is, Laetrile—far superior to tion, including the oral and the I.V. The majority of my patients any other known cancer treatment or preventative. In my opinion it receiving Laetrile-amygdalin have been in a terminal state when is the only existing possibility for the ultimate control of cancer.

treatment with this material commenced.

In Canada there is N.R. Bouziane, M.D., former Director of It is my carefully considered clinical judgment, as a practicing

Research Laboratories at St. Jeanne d'Arc Hospital in Montreal oncologist and researcher in this field, that I have obtained most and a member of the hospital's tumor board in charge of significant and encouraging results with the use of chemotherapy. He graduated *magna cum laude* in medicine from Laetrile-amygdalin in the treatment of terminal cancer patients, and that these results are comparable or superior to the results I have the University of Montreal. He also received a doctorate in obtained with the use of the more toxic standard cytotoxic agents.(1) science from the University of Montreal and St. Joseph's University, an affiliate of Oxford University in New Brunswick. He was a In Mexico there is Ernesto Contreras, M.D., who, for over Fellow in chemistry and a Fellow in hematology, and certified in three decades, has operated the Good Samaritan Cancer Clinic clinical bacteriology, hematology and biochemistry from the (now called the Oasis Hospital) in Tijuana. He is one of Mexico's college. He also was Dean of the American Association of most distinguished medical figures. He received postgraduate Bio-Analysts.

training at Harvard's Children's Hospital in Boston. He has After the first series of tests with Laetrile shortly after it was served as Professor of Histology and Pathology at the Mexican introduced, Dr. Bouziane reported:

Army Medical School and as the chief pathologist at the Army Hospital in Mexico City.

We always have a diagnosis based on histology [microscopic Dr. Contreras was introduced to Laetrile in 1963 by a terminal analysis of the tissue]. We have never undertaken a case without histological proof of cancer....

cancer patient from the United States who brought it to his In our investigation, some terminal cases were so hopeless that attention and urged him to treat her with it. The woman they did not even receive what we consider the basic dose of thirty recovered, and Dr. Contreras began extensive investigation of its grams. Most cases, however, became ambulatory and some have in properties and use. Since that time he has treated many

this short time resumed their normal activities on a maintenance thousands of cancer patients, most of whom are American dose.(1)

citizens who have been denied the freedom to use Laetrile in their In the Philippines there is Manuel Navarro, M.D., former own country.

Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Santo Dr. Contreras has summarized his experiences with vitamin Tomas in Manila; an Associate Member of the National Research therapy as follows:

Council of the Philippines; a Fellow of the Philippine College of The palliative action [improving the comfort and well-being of Physicians, the Philippine Society of Endocrinology and Metabo-the patient] is in about 60% of the cases. Frequently, enough to be lism; and a member of the Philippine Medical Association, the 1. Letter from Dr. Navarro to Mr. Andrew McNaughton, The McNaughton 1. "The Laetrile Story," *op. cit.* p. 3. Also *Cancer News Journal*, Jan./Apr., 1971, Foundation, dated January 8, 1971, published in the *Cancer News Journal*, p. 20.

Jan/April, 1971, pp. 19,20.

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significant, I see arrest of the disease or even regression in some 15%

prevent Laetrile from being used in the United States;(1) Dr. of the very advanced cases.(1)

Philip E- Binzel, Jr., a physician in Washington Court House, In Japan there is Shigeaki Sakai, a prominent physician in Ohio, who has used Laetrile for over twenty years with outstand-Tokyo. In a paper published in the October 1963 *Asian Medical ing* success; and many others from over twenty countries with *Journal*, Dr. Sakai reported:

equally impeccable credentials.

Administered to cancer patients, Laetrile has proven to be quite Most of these practitioners have reported independently that free from any harmful side-effects, and I would say that no anti-patients usually experience several important side effects. These cancer drug could make a cancerous patient improve faster than include a normalizing of blood pressure in hypertensive patients, Laetrile. It goes without saying that Laetrile controls cancer and is improved appetite, an increase in the hemoglobin and red blood quite effective wherever it is located.

cell count, the elimination of the fetor (which is the unpleasant In Italy there is Professor Ettore Guidetti, M.D., of the Univer-odor often associated with terminal cancer patients), and above sity of Turin Medical School. Dr. Guidetti spoke before the all, a release from pain without narcotics. Even if the patient has Conference of the International Union Against Cancer held in started Laetrile therapy too late to be saved, this last effect is a Brazil in 1954 and revealed how his use of Laetrile in terminal merciful blessing in itself.

cancer patients had caused the destruction of a wide variety of One must not conclude that the only value in Laetrile is to tumors including those of the uterus, cervix, rectum, and breast.

improve the quality of life as the patient is dying. Extension of the

“In some cases,” he said, “one has been able to observe a group of *length* of life is the grand prize for many patients. Dr. Binzel, in his fulminating and cauliflower-like neoplastic masses resolved very book, *Alive and Well*, compared the long-term survival statistics of rapidly.” He reported that, after giving Laetrile to patients with his own cancer patients with the survival rates of those who lung cancer, he had been “able to observe, with the aid of undergo orthodox therapies. His study involved 108 patients radiography, a regression of the neoplasm or the metastases.”

representing 23 different types of cancer. This is what he reported: After Guidetti's presentation, an American doctor rose in the audience and announced that Laetrile had been investigated in period of 18 years, 76 of those patients (70.4%) did not die of their the United States and found to be worthless. Dr. Guidetti replied, disease. Again, even if I concede that the 9 patients who died of

"I do not care what was determined in the United States. I am "cause unknown" did, indeed, die from their cancer, I am looking at merely reporting what I saw in my own clinic."(2) ... 62.1% [long-term survival]....

In Belgium there is Professor Joseph H. Maisin, Sr., M.D., of If you consider only those patients who have survived five the University of Louvain where he was Director of the Institute years or more, this means that my results were 287% better than of Cancer. He also was President Emeritus of the International those reported by the American Cancer Society for the treatment of League Against Cancer which conducts the International Cancer *metastatic* cancer by "orthodox" methods alone.(2) Congress every four years.

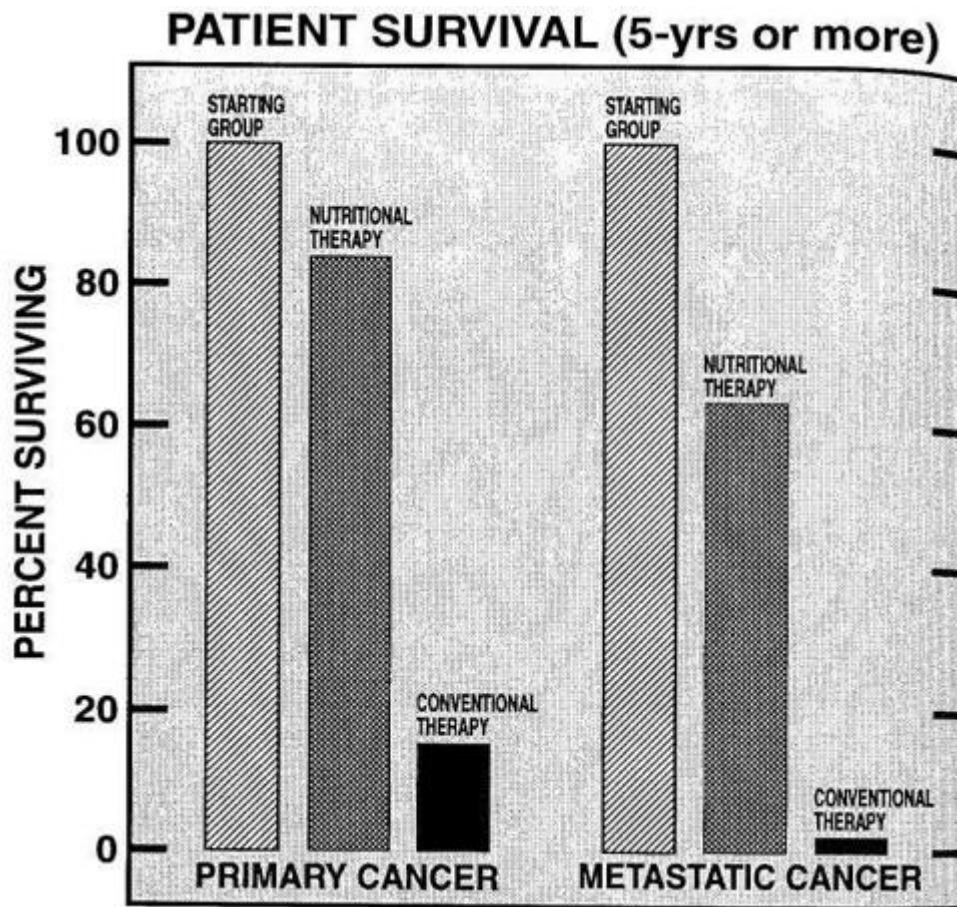
The following graph, taken from Dr. Binzel's book, *Alive and* And in the United States there are such respected names as Well, shows his comparison between nutritional and conventional Dr. Dean Burk of the National Cancer Institute; Dr. John A. therapies. *Primary Cancer* represents patients with only one cancer Morrone of the Jersey City Medical Center; Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., location. *Metastatic Cancer* represents patients whose cancer has w h o developed Laetrile; Dr. John A. Richardson, the courageous spread to multiple locations.

San Francisco physician who challenged the government's right *I. See* John A. Richardson, M.D., and Patricia Griffin, R.N., *Laetrile Case 1. Cancer News Journal*, Jan./April, 1971, p. 20. We must bear in mind that these *Histories; The Richardson Cancer Clinic Experience* (Westlake Village, CA:

are *terminal* patients—people who have been given up as hopeless by orthodox American Media, 1977).

medicine. Fifteen percent recovery in *that* group is a most impressive accom-2. Philip E. Binzel, M.D., *Alive and Well: One Doctor's Experience with Nutrition in* plishment.

The Treatment of Cancer Patients (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, 1994), 2. *Cancer News Journal*, Jan./April, 1971, p. 19.



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supplemental therapy as well. The late John Richardson, M.D., of San Francisco achieved one of the highest recovery rates among Laetrile practitioners in the

the entire world. Here, in his own words, the advice he gave to his patients:

Vegetable Kingdom: In the vegetable kingdom eat anything and everything that is edible and for which you have no idiosyncrasy.

Eat everything whole. Eat all of the edible parts of the food—especially the roughage. This food is preferably eaten raw; but when you cannot tolerate it raw, cook the food just sufficiently to make it tolerable.

Animal Kingdom: Eat any or all fish as fresh as possible and lightly cooked in the absence of animal fats (vegetable oils may be used). Eat the skin-free meat of poultry. Whatever does not fall within this formula, forget it. Don't eat it. The formula is all-inclusive, so it's not necessary to mention: no dairy products, beef, mutton, pork, bacon, ham, etc.

The liver is to neoplastic diseases what the heart is to circulatory diseases. The liver is central.

Adequate liquid intake with fresh juices plain or carbonated.

Vitamin Supplements: Vit. C, 1500 mg to 5000 mg; 800 - 1200

International Units of d-alpha tocopherol (vitamin E) plus a good brand of therapeutic multi-vitamins, preferably of organic or natural derivatives.

Toxins of all kinds to be avoided including tobacco, alcohol.

Discourage coffee, tranquilizers, sedatives, analgesics.

Antibiotics In addition to the clinical results obtained by these physicians OK. Rest is important while exercise should spare the affected in the treatment of humans, there have been at least five carefully area....

controlled experiments on mice that have shown definite Laetrile You should include Vitamin B15 (pangamic acid) which detoxi-anti-cancer action. These include: (1) the experiments done by fies the liver as a transmethylating agent, and increases the oxygen uptake potential of the tissues, and since trophoblast lives by the

Scind Laboratories of San Francisco in 1968, (2) the studies fermentative process, the rationale for the B15 is obvious.

completed at the Pasteur Institute (Paris) in 1971, (3) those at the *Pancreatic Enzyme Supplementation*: We find dessicated pancreas Institute von Ardenne (Dresden, Germany) in 1973, (4) the substances to be an effective supplement.(1)

experiments at the Southern Research Institute in 1973, and (5) numerous trials at Sloan-Kettering from 1972 to 1977. In spite of The dietary restrictions prescribed by Dr. Richardson are for all this, spokesmen for orthodox medicine still proclaim there is nose who have cancer. It is not recommended for healthy persons no evidence that Laetrile works. The evidence is everywhere. (1) because it is unnecessarily restrictive. For those who do not have While the use of Laetrile alone has proven to be effective in cancer, a general diet containing foods rich in nitriloside content many instances, even better results usually are obtained with should be adequate. (2) Here is what Dr. Krebs suggests: 1. Open letter to interested doctors dated Nov. 1972, revised 1974; Griffin, *Private Papers, op. cit.*

1. "See How They Lie, See How They Lie," by Dr. Dean Burk, *Cancer News* 2. Again, we highly recommend June de Spain's *The Little Cyanide Cookbook, Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (June, 1974), p. 5.

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usually in the company of other members of the vitamin-B

For breakfast, gruel of buckwheat, millet, and flaxseed, with elderberry jelly on millet toast. All this accompanied by stewed complex

prunes.

Like B17, it too was discovered by Dr. E.T Krebs, Jr., while For lunch, lima beans or a succotash with chick peas; millet rolls exploring the chemical properties of apricot kernels in 1952. It with plum jam; elderberry wine.

could be said that it was an unexpected bonus or by-product of For dinner, a salad with bean and millet sprouts; dinner rolls of the search for vitamin B17.

buckwheat and millet sweetened with sorghum molasses extracted The best way to understand the effect of vitamin B15 is to from sorghum cane; rabbit which, hopefully, fed on clover; and after think of it as instant oxygen. It increases the oxygen efficiency of dinner apricot, peach, cherry, or plum brandy originally prepared from crushing the entire or whole fruit.

the entire body and aids in the detoxification of waste products.

Nibbling on any member of the raspberry family, macadamia Since cancer cells do not thrive in the presence of oxygen but nuts, and bamboo sprouts is also suggested.

depend rather on fermentation of glucose, it is probable that B15, Dr. Krebs has pointed out that in the Old Testament there is a indirectly, is an enemy of cancer.

formula for the preparation of grains for bread, and it speaks of Vitamin B15 is not widely known or used in the United States.

six ingredients, five of which are rich in nitrilosides. They are The reason is almost an exact parallel to the Laetrile story. The barley, beans, lentils, millet and vetch (chickpea or garbanzo government officially has refused to recognize that B15 is of value.

beans).(1)

Meanwhile it is used extensively in many other countries. Russia The intended balance of nature does not require a *vast* amount in particular is far ahead of the United States in the use of this of vitamin B17 in the daily diet any more than it is

required of the substance and has conducted extensive research into its uses. In other vitamins. It is possible that if one did no more than eat the fact, in 1965 the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences released a 205-page seeds from an apple or two a day he could obtain an adequate symposium of its findings up to that date. In 1968 the Scientific supply. But that would probably be bordering on the low side, Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Health unanimously especially considering that, in westernized society B17 is not ratified all the original claims in the report and authorized the generally available in other foods to supplement it. So it probably Soviet drug industry to begin mass-production of B15 for general would be advisable to obtain a higher level of intake than that. use.

Obviously, some of the foods mentioned by Dr. Krebs are not It has been reported that the Russian athletes have been given readily available to the average city dweller. As a substitute, heavy doses of B15 during their participation at the Olympics. If many people simply have adopted the habit of eating six to this is true, there is good reason for it. Experiments have shown twelve apricot or peach seeds each day, or have ground them in that this substance, although just a natural food factor, greatly their blenders and used them as a light seasoning for cereals, increases physical strength and stamina. When rats were put into salads, and the like. For those who dislike the slight bitter taste of tubs of water and forced to swim, those that h a d been these seeds, they can be ground up and loaded into empty vitaminized with B15 were all still swimming long after the others capsules. Which means that no one need be deprived of this had fatigued and drowned. When other rats were put into glass vitamin if he really wants it.

chambers from which oxygen gradually was removed, the Vitamin B15 has been mentioned several times as an impor- vitaminized rats lived much longer—thus on less oxygen— than the control group.

tant auxiliary therapy to vitamin B17, and there often is confusion between the two. So let's take a moment to

differentiate.

The Soviet scientists disclosed that vitamin B15 is effective in Vitamin B15 sometimes is called *pangamic acid*. Pan implies such areas as circulatory problems, heart conditions, elevated *everywhere* and *garni* means *seed*. It was so named because it is blood cholesterol, skin disorders, hardening of the arteries, bron-found in small amounts almost everywhere on earth in seeds and chial asthma, diabetes mellitus, and wound healing. They were especially emphatic in their findings that B15 was effective in 1. *Ezekiel IV:9*.

retarding the aging process! Professor Shpirt of the City Clinical

114 *WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One* Hospital No. 60 in Moscow concluded: "I believe the time will come when there will be calcium pangamate (B15) next to the salt shaker on the table of every family with people past forty."(1)

Doctors who wish to use vitamin B15 in America have been forced to operate on the fringe of the law because their govern-Chapter Nine

ment has harassed its manufacturers and blocked its movement in commerce. As Dr. Krebs observed:

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Our concern is with vitamin B15—a natural constituent of natural foods, one that experimentation has shown to be of definite **CANCER CURES**

value in increasing resistance to disease and in maintaining healthy functioning of the body as well.

Clinical evidence in support of the trophoblast Pangamic acid is giving the people of Russia, Japan, Yugoslavia, thesis; laboratory experiments showing that

France, Spain, and Germany a tremendous health and longevity advantage. But it is not available to us in the land in which it was *Laetrile kills cancer cells; and case histories of first discovered.*

terminal cancer patients who attribute their

Fortunately, there is some evidence that B15 is finally becoming recovery to the effect of Laetrile.

ing recognized by several of the more prestigious medical institutions in spite of government obstacles. Let us hope that the trend The cyanide scare mentioned previously was but one small rapidly continues.

salvo in the continuing barrage of officialdom's attacks against It is possible that B15 will be recognized and accepted by Laetrile. The total weaponry runs the gamut from scare tactics to orthodox medicine long before B17. This is because there is less outright falsehoods. But mostly they take the form of scholarly vested interest to overcome. There have been no broad deroga-pronouncements, cloaked in the cloth of apparent concern for the tory pronouncements by the AMA and, hence, no reputations are public welfare, that vitamin therapy may sound good in theory, at stake. But, in time, the sheer weight of the facts will force the but in practice, it simply does not work.

acceptance of B17 as well. And the men who now bear the brunt of Dr. Ralph Weilerstein, Public Health Medical Officer of the controversy, professional ostracism, and social scorn, will emerge, California Food and Drug Administration has said flatly: not as quacks, but as the great medical pioneers of their day.

“Nobody's come up with any reliable data that it is of any value.”(1) The Federal FDA has proclaimed: “The Food and Drug Administration has seen no competent, scientific evidence that Laetrile is effective for the treatment of cancer.”(2) And the American Cancer Society, in an impressive volume entitled *Unproven Methods of Cancer Management*, has stated:

After careful study of the literature and other information available to it, the American Cancer Society does not have evidence that treatment with Laetrile results in objective benefit in the treatment of cancer in human beings.(3)

Commenting on this statement, Dr. Dean Burk of the National Cancer Institute described it as:

1. For a detailed analysis of these findings, see *Vitamin B15 (Pangamic Acid)* 1. "Food additive ban likely," *San Jose Mercury* (Calif.), Sept. 9, 1972.

Properties, Functions, and Use. (Moscow: Science Publishing House, 1965)/

2. *A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* (published by ACS) July/Aug., 1972.

translated and reprinted by McNaughton Foundation, Sausalito, Calif.

3. *Unproven Methods of Cancer Management*, 1971, p. 139.

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... a s t a t e m e n t w i t h c l o s e t o z e r o s c i e n t i f i c w o r t h , h o w e v e r m u c h c y a n i d e f u m e s h a d t o b e d a n g e r o u s l y c l o s e t o l e t h a l — a p r o b l e m s h e r p r o p a g a n d a v a l u e . T h e f a c t i s . . . t h e r e a r e f e w " P r o v e n "

that is not present when the cyanide is released only at the cancer m e t h o d s o p e r a t i n g o n a l a r g e s c a l e a n y w h e r e , s o t h a t t h e w o r d " U n - 1 1 a s i t i s i n t h e a c t i o n o f v i t a m i n B 1 7 . N e v e r t h e l e s s , t h e s e r a t s p r o v e d , " a s u s e d b y t h e A C S , i s a h i g h l y a n d u n j u s t i f i e d l y w e i g h t e d w o r d . " (1)

showed, not only complete tumor regression, but, compared to the control group without cyanide, an average life extension in As far as the general public is concerned, however, if the excess of three-hundred percent.

American Cancer Society classifies vitamin B17 or Laetrile as an When we turn to the laboratory reports on *Laetrile*, the results

"unproven cancer cure," that's all they need to know. Conse- are even more encouraging, especially since there is none of

the quently, official pronouncements from prestigious organizations danger connected with the inhalation of cyanide fumes. Dr. Dean such as these are hard to ignore. But so are the favorable findings Burk, Director of the Cytochemistry Section of the federal govern-of those clinicians who have used Laetrile on their own patients.

ment's National Cancer Institute, reported that, in a series of tests *Somebody* is wrong!

on animal tissue, the B17 had no harmful effect on normal cells, In previous pages we examined the scientific integrity of the but released so much cyanide and benzaldehyde when it came in research projects upon which official opposition to Laetrile is contact with cancer cells that not one of them could survive. He based, and we saw that they are shockingly lacking on all counts.

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said, "When we add Laetrile to a cancer culture under the We discovered, also, that almost all of the cancer "experts" who have spoken out against Laetrile have done so, not out of microscope, providing the enzyme glucosidase also is present, we personal experience or experimentation, but simply out of their can see the cancer cells dying off like flies."(1) complete faith in the scientific integrity of these discredited While participating in the Seventh International Congress of reports.

Chemotherapy held in Prague in 1971, Dr. Burk declared: Laetrile appears to work against many forms of cancer includ- Showing that the case against Laetrile is fraudulent, however, ing lung cancer. And it is absolutely non-toxic....

does not constitute a case *for* Laetrile. It is necessary, therefore, to *In vitro* tests with Ehrlich ascites carcinoma [a particular type of examine the evidence that vitamin B17 actually *does* work in cancer culture] revealed that, where cyanide alone killed one practice just as well as it does in theory.

percent of the cells and benzaldehyde alone killed twenty percent, a The effectiveness of the trophoblast thesis as a basis of cancer combination of the two was effective against all the cells.

therapy has been demonstrated both in the laboratory and in the Amygdalin [Laetrile] with glucosidase [the “unlocking enzyme”]

clinic. In 1935, for example, long before the development of added also succeeded in killing 100 percent of the ascites tumor Laetrile, Dr. Isabella Perry of the Department of Pathology at the cells, due to the freeing of the same two chemicals.(2) University of California Medical School conducted a series of In another series of tests, Dr. Burk reported that Laetrile was experiments in which she subjected tumor-bearing rats to pro-responsible for prolonging the life of cancerous rats eighty-longed inhalation of cyanide fumes. Here is what she wrote: percent longer than those in the control group not innoculated.(3) A c o n s i d e r a b l e p e r c e n t a g e o f t h e a n i m a l s s o t r e a t e d s h o w e d The man who made these findings was one of the foremost c o m p l e t e r e g r e s s i o n o f t h e t u m o r . B o t h r e g r e s s i n g a n d g r o w i n g cancer specialists in the world. He was the recipient of the t u m o r s i n t r e a t e d a n i m a l s h a d l i t t l e capacity for t r a n s p l a n t a t i o n . (2) Gerhard Domagk Award for Cancer Research, the Hillebrand Perry observed that these experiments were probably of little Award of the American Chemical Society, and the Commander value to humans because, in order to be effective, the level of 1. “Laetrile Ban May Be Lifted,” *Twin Circle*, June 16,1972, p. 11.

2. “Amygdalin Claimed Nontoxic Anti-Cancer Therapeutic Agent,” *Infectious* 1. Letter from Dr. Dean Burk to Dr. Frank Rauscher, Director of the National Cancer Institute, dated April 20, 1973, reprinted in the *Cancer Control Journal, diseases*, Oct. 15,1971, pp. 1, 23.

Sept./Oct. 1993, p. 5.

3. Testimony in *Hearings* before the Subcommittee on Public Health and 2. "The Effects of Prolonged Cyanide Treatment on The Body and Tumor environment, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Growth in Rats," *American Journal of Cancer*, 1935, 25:592.

Representatives, Ninety-Second Congress, quoted in *Cancer News Journal*, July-October, 1972, p. 48.

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In cancer, the process is different. Instead of normal tissue Knighthood Of The Medical Order of Bethlehem (Rome) founded failing to form or becoming ma/formed, it literally becomes in 1459 by Pope Pius the Eleventh. He held a Ph.D. in biochemis-distroyed. The cancerous growth invades and corrupts, leaving try earned at the University of California. He was a Fellow of the behind organs that cannot function because they are almost gone.

National Research Council at the University of London, of the A man who has been shot with a gun can have the bullet Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology, and also Harvard. He was removed but still die from the wound. Likewise, a patient can senior chemist at the National Cancer Institute, which he helped have his cancer deactivated by vitamin B17 and still die from the establish, and in 1946 became Director of the Cytochemistry Section. He belonged to eleven scientific organizations, wrote irreversible damage already done to his vital organs.

three books relating to chemotherapy research in cancer, and was And so, in view of this tremendous handicap, the number of author or co-author of more than two-hundred scientific papers terminal patients who *have* been restored to health is most in the field of cell chemistry.

impressive. In fact there literally are thousands of such case If Dr. Burk says Laetrile works, *it works*\

histories in the medical record. The American Cancer Society has Dr. Burk is not a physician. He is a biochemist. His experiments have been with cancer cultures and with laboratory animals, not people. As we have seen, however, the health records of the Hunzakuts, and Eskimos, and other groups around the world reveals quite a different story. Let's take a look at just a few world areas statistically conclusive that vitamin B17—together with examples.

other substances associated with it in nature—does control cancer **DAVID EDMUNDS**

in human beings with an effectiveness approaching 100%. But Mr. David Edmunds of Pinole, California, was operated on in what about cancer that already has started? Can B17 restore a June of 1971 for cancer of the colon, which also had metastasized person to health *after* he has contracted the disease?

or spread to the bladder. When the surgeon opened him up, he The answer is yes, *if* it is caught in time, and *if* the patient is found that the malignant tissue was so widespread it was almost not too badly damaged by prior X-ray treatment or toxic drugs.

impossible to remove it all. The blockage of the intestines was Unfortunately, most cancer victims start taking Laetrile only after relieved by severing the colon and bringing the open end to the their disease is so far advanced that they have been given up as outside of his abdomen—a procedure known as a colostomy. Five hopeless by routine medical channels. Usually they have been months later, the cancer had worsened, and Mr. Edmunds was told that they have only a few more months or weeks to live. And told that he had only a few more months to live.

it is in this tragic state of near death that they turn to vitamin Mrs. Edmunds, who is a Registered Nurse, had heard about

therapy as a last resort. If they die—and, indeed, many of them Laetrile and decided to give it a try. Six months later, instead of do—then they are counted as statistical failures for Laetrile. In lying on his deathbed, Mr. Edmunds surprised his doctors by reality, it is a victory for Laetrile that *any* of them should be saved reeling well enough to resume an almost normal routine.

at this stage. Once a deficiency disease has progressed so far, the An exploratory cystoscopy of the bladder revealed that the damage it has done simply cannot be reversed.

cancer had disappeared. At his own insistence, he was admitted It is known, for example, that a severe vitamin-A deficiency in to the hospital to see if his colon could be put back together again.

a pregnant animal will result in an offspring that is completely In surgery, they found nothing even resembling cancer tissue. So blind. In fact, it will be born without orbits, retina, or even optical they re-connected the colon and sent him home to recuperate. It nerves. No amount of vitamin A administered at that late stage was the first time in the history of the hospital that a *reverse* can cause the eyes to grow back.

colostomy for this condition had been performed.(1) Likewise, a child whose legs become bowed by rickets, a vitamin-D deficiency disease, can never achieve a normal bone 1. See ” Cancer ‘Miracle-Cure’,” by Mark Trantwein, *Berkeley Daily Gazette*, structure again, no matter how much vitamin D he receives.

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At the time of the author’s last contact three years later, Mr.

Our last contact with Mrs. Williams was nine years after her Edmunds was living a normal life of health and vigor.

doctor told her she couldn’t possibly live longer than twelve

JOANNE WILKINSON

weeks without surgery. She was living a healthy and productive In 1967 in Walnut Creek, California, Mrs. Joanne

Wilkinson, life and all that was left as a grim reminder of her narrow escape mother of six, had a tumor removed from her left leg just below was a small scar from the biopsy.

the thigh. Four months later there was a recurrence requiring

JOE BOTELHO

additional surgery and the removal of muscle and bone.

Mr. Joe Botelho of San Pablo, California, underwent surgery A year later, a painful lump in the groin appeared and began (trans-urethral resection) and was told by his doctor that he had a to drain. A biopsy revealed that her cancer had returned and was prostate tumor that simply had to come out. His reaction?

spreading.

I didn't let them take it out because I figured that would only Her doctor told her that surgery would be necessary again, spread it. The doctor told me I wouldn't last too long. He wanted to but this time they would have to amputate the leg, the hip, and give me cobalt, and I wouldn't agree to that either.

probably the bladder and one of the kidneys as well. The plan At a health food store I heard about a doctor in San Francisco was to open up her lungs first to see if cancer had located there. If who used Laetrile. I went to see him, was told that the prostate was it had, then they would not amputate, because there would be no the size of a bar of soap. I got one injection every four days for several months.(1)

chance of saving her anyway.

At the urging of her sister and of a mutual friend, Mrs.

Mr. Botelho, who was sixty-five at the time, also maintained a Wilkinson decided not to undergo surgery but to try Laetrile strict diet designed specifically not to use up the body's pancre-instead. Her doctor was greatly upset by this and told her that, if atic enzyme, trypsin. When the author interviewed him three she did not have the surgery, she couldn't possibly live longer years later, his tumor was gone, and he even reported that his hair than twelve weeks. Mrs. Wilkinson

describes in her own words was turning dark again. He was not sure what was causing that, what happened next:

but attributed it to his better eating habits.

That was Saturday, November 16, 1968. I'll never forget that **ALICIA BUTTONS**

day! The stitches from the biopsy were still in the leg.

Alicia Buttons, the wife of the famous actor-comedian Red Dr. Krebs(1) gave me an injection of Laetrile—and the tumor Buttons, is among the thousands of Americans who attribute their reacted. It got very large—from walnut size to the size of a small lives to the action of Laetrile. Speaking before a cancer convention lemon—and there was bleeding four or five days. I went back on in Los Angeles, Red Buttons declared:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week for five weeks to get Laetrile saved Alicia from cancer. Doctors here in the U.S. gave injections, and the tumor then started getting smaller. Five weeks her only a few months to live last November. But now she is alive later I could no longer feel it.

and well, a beautiful and vital wife and mother, thanks to God and An X-ray was taken the first Monday, and regularly after that to to those wonderful men who have the courage to stand up for their watch the progress. Injections were continued for six months—ten science.(2)

cc's three times a week and of course the diet: No dairy products, nothing made with white flour—no eggs—but white fish, chicken, Mrs. Buttons had been suffering from advanced cancer of the turkey.

throat and was given up as terminal by practitioners of orthodox And I felt wonderful! In fact, in August, 1969, the doctor told me medicine. As a last resort, however, she went to West Germany to I needed no more injections. My X-rays were clear, showing that the seek Laetrile therapy from Dr. Hans Nieper of the Silbersee tumor had shrunk, was apparently encased in scar tissue, and was hospital in Hanover. Within a few months her cancer had not active.(2)

1. Ibid., PP- 175, 176.

1. She is referring here to Byron Krebs, M.D., the brother of Dr. E.T. Krebs, fr.

2. Comedian Red Buttons Says ‘Laetrile Saved My Wife From Death By 2. See “Laetrile—An Answer to Cancer?” *Prevention*, Dec. 1971, pp. 172-175.

cancer/” *The National Tattler*, Aug. 19, 1973, p. 5.

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completely regressed, the pain had gone, her appetite had it with a hypodermic, but it continued to fill up. She was having returned, and she was as healthy and strong as ever. Doctors in minor heart attacks.

the United States verified the amazing recovery, but could not After six weeks and three heart-cavity taps, her physicians believe that a mere vitamin substance had been responsible were still debating whether or not to remove the pericardium (the Alicia is still going strong twenty-three years later.

membrane enclosing the heart cavity). On November 28, 1970, it **CAROL VENCIUS**

was removed.

The reluctance of many physicians to accept the reality of the By July, general fatigue, sleeplessness, and loss of appetite vitamin concept of cancer was well described by Miss Carol had returned and for several months grew worse until it was Vencius, a former cancer victim from Marin County, California.

decided to try drugs.

After successful Laetrile treatment in Tijuana, Mexico, under the The first injection left me with mild nausea. Two weeks later, I care of Dr. Ernesto Contreras, Miss Vencius returned

home. Here received two more injections which produced acute nausea and is what she reported:

diarrhea followed by a week of intense pain in my jaw. It was so bad I went to another doctor who had treated me. He greeted me I couldn't eat. This was followed by a one-week migraine headache, with "Well, what do they do down there? Do you crush the apricot followed by stomach cramps, followed by leg cramps. In all, the pit, bathe in it? Do they light incense over you?"

symptoms lasted four weeks.

I said to him, "Okay, enough with the jokes, " and asked him to For ten days following this, however, I felt great, better than I read the *College of Marin Times* article [which contained information had in years. This positive response, I was told, was a sign that the about Laetrile]. He said his mind was closed on the matter. When I disease was still active and that the drugs had done some good.

pressed, he finally said, "Carol, I guess you might be able to help me Then it was downhill again, a return of pain, sleeplessness, fatigue, after all. You see, I have insomnia and I'm sure that if I read that and all the rest. I decided then, whatever happened, I would not article it would put me to sleep."(1)

undergo chemotherapy again.

Miss Vencius' story, unfortunately, is not unique. She had At this point, Miss Vencius concluded that it was hopeless begun to complain of feeling generally ill: night sweats, itching, anyway so there was no reason why she should not go to Mexico fever, and headaches. After extensive tests in the hospital she was and try Laetrile after all. Dr. Contreras told her that Hodgkins told that she had Hodgkins Disease (a form of cancer initially Disease was slower to respond to vitamin therapy than many affecting the lymph nodes), Miss Vencius continued: other cancers such as those of the lung, pancreas, liver, or colon, but that it certainly was worth a try. After just the third day on Only a couple of days after that, a friend came

to visit and told Laetrile, however, she reported that her pain had gone completely me about vitamin therapy in Mexico called Laetrile. I never followed up on his advice, I was too frightened. And besides, at the and that within only a week she was feeling almost normal again.

time I had complete faith in my doctors....

Within a few months she had recovered her health and was The first thing they tried was cobalt radiation treatments. Soon continuing a routine maintenance dose of vitamin B17.

after they began, my doctor told me, “Carol, of course you know The issue of maintenance doses is important. Once a person this treatment will make you sterile.” Hell no, I didn’t know.

has contracted cancer and recovered, apparently the need for Naturally I became pretty upset.... I went through menopause at the vitamin B17 is considerably greater than for those who have not.

age of 28.

Most physicians who have used Laetrile in cancer therapy have Other “side effects” were indescribable pain, loss of appetite, learned through experience that their patients, once recovered, and temporary loss of hair. Six months after the treatments, her can reduce their dosage levels of Laetrile, but if they eliminate it lungs and heart cavity began to fill with fluid. They tried draining altogether, it is almost a certain invitation to a return of the cancer.

it’s for this reason that physicians using Laetrile never say that it 1. “Laetrile Works Through C.O.M. Times,” *College of Marin Times*, April 12, *cures* cancer. They prefer the more accurate word *control*, implying 1972.

a continuing process.

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Within a few weeks the pain and the coughing had

MARGARET DeGRIO

progressed to the point where no amount of medication could hold it back. Forced to crawl on his hands and knees, and unable to sleep for three days and nights, he became despondent and desperate. Groggy from the lack of sleep, from the drugs, and with her cancer continuing to spread, she was told by three physicians that her case was hopeless and that there was nothing further that modern medical science could do. But Mike DeGrio to bring on sleep, he proceeded to administer the Laetrile directly into an *artery*. Before losing consciousness, Dr. Danner had treatment. It was the same old story: She began to improve and succeeded in taking at least an entire ten-day supply—and immediately and, after four months of intensive treatment, she possibly as high as a twenty-day supply—all at once.

When he awoke thirty-six hours later, much to his amazement, not only was he still alive, but also the cough and pain were greatly reduced. His appetite had returned, and he was feeling better than he had in months. Reluctantly he had to admit that Shortly afterward, however, Mrs. DeGrio contracted a serious respiratory infection and was hospitalized in San Francisco for began routine treatment with smaller doses. Three months later pneumonia. While she was there for over three weeks, her he returned to her Northern California home with only minor symptoms of her original cancer. The rapid disappearance of her ment, not only was he still alive, but also the cough and pain were tumors was confirmed by her American doctor, although he greatly reduced. His appetite had returned, and he was feeling could not explain why it happened.

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was back at work.(1)

physician and the hospital staff refused to allow her the maintenance dose of Laetrile because they feared it might be against the **WILLIAM SYKES**

California anti-quackery law. The denial of this dose came at a critical time in the recovery and healing stage. Mrs. DeGrippo developed lymphocytic leukemia plus cancer of the spleen and liver. He succumbed to cancer on the night of October 17, 1963.⁽¹⁾ After removal of the spleen, he was told by his doctors that he had, at best, a few more months to live.

DALE DANNER

Although chemotherapy was recommended—not as a cure In 1972, Dr. Dale Danner, a podiatrist from Santa Paula, but merely to try to delay death a few more weeks—Mr. Sykes California, developed a pain in the right leg and a severe cough.

chose Laetrile instead. In his own words, this is what happened: X-rays revealed carcinoma of both lungs and what appeared to be When we saw the doctor a few weeks later, he explained how massive secondary tumors in the leg. The cancer was inoperable and why Laetrile was helping many cancer patients, and suggested and resistant to radio therapy. The prognosis was: incurable and that I have intravenous shots of 30 cc's of Laetrile daily for the next fatal.

three weeks. He also gave me enzymes and a diet to follow along At the insistence of his mother, Dr. Danner agreed to try with food supplements.

Laetrile, although he had no faith in its effectiveness. Primarily In a few days I was feeling better, but on our third visit the just to please her, he obtained a large supply in Mexico. But he doctor said that he could no longer treat me. He had been told that w a s convinced from what he had read in medical journals that it his license would be revoked if he continued to use Laetrile. He showed my wife how to administer the Laetrile, sold us what he w a s nothing but

quackery and a fraud. "Perhaps it was even had, and gave us an address where more could be obtained.

dangerous," he thought, for he noticed from the literature that it The next week I continued on the program and was feeling contained cyanide.

better each day. One afternoon the doctor from Ann Arbor called to ask why I had not returned for the chemotherapy. He said I was 1. "The Laetrile Story," by Jim Dean and Frank Martinez, *The Santa Ana* playing "Russian Roulette" with my life. He finally persuaded me to *Register*, Sept., 1964. For an excellent portrayal of the futility and tragedy orthodox cancer therapy read Wynn Westover, *See the Patients Die*, (Sausalito, CA: Science Press International, 1974)

1. Story confirmed in tape-recorded interview by author.

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return for chemotherapy, so I went to Ann Arbor and started the This letter was written in 1992. When the author contacted treatments. Each day I felt worse. My eyes burned, my stomach felt him in June of 1996, Mr. Robinson was still going strong. His age like it was on fire. In just a few days I was so weak I could hardly get at that time was 75, not 71, and the number of cancer patients he out of bed.... The "cure" was killing me faster than the disease! I had helped to recover was up to 90.

couldn't take it any longer, so I stopped the chemotherapy, returned The use of amygdalin in the treatment of cancer is not new.

to my supply of Laetrile and food supplements, and quickly started feeling better. It took longer this time as I was fighting the effects of The earliest recorded case was published in 1845 in the *Paris* the chemotherapy as well as the cancer....

Medical Gazette.(1) A young cancer patient was given 46,000 milli-In a short time I could again do all my push-ups and exercises grams of amygdalin over a period of several months

in 1842 and, without tiring. Now, at 75 years of age [20 years after they said I had reportedly, was still living at the time of the article three years only a few more months to live], I still play racquet ball twice a later. A woman with extensive cancer throughout her body week.(1)

received varying amounts of amygdalin starting in 1834(!) and In a letter to the author, dated June 19,1996, Mrs. Hazel Sykes was still surviving at the time of the report eleven years later.

provides this additional insight:

Since the publication of this first report, there have been After Bill had conquered cancer, a doctor came to him one day.

literally *thousands* of similar case histories r e p o r t e d and (This was an M.D. who gave chemotherapy in a well-known documented. It is important to know that because, as demon-hospital.) He wanted to know how Bill had conquered his cancer, strated previously, spokesmen for orthodox medicine have stated because his wife was quite ill with cancer. Bill said: “Why don’t you authoritatively that there simply is no evidence that Laetrile give her chemotherapy?” His answer was: “I would never give chemotherapy to any of my friends or family”! He was not the only works. The truth is that the evidence is *everywhere*.

doctor who came to Bill with the same question.(2)

When confronted with this evidence, some doctors, because of their professional bias against nutritional medicine, seek **BUD ROBINSON**

alternate explanations. Their favorite is that the cancer had a The following letter from Bud Robinson in Phoenix, Arizona, delayed response to previous treatment such as radiation or needs no further comment. It was sent to Dr. Ernst Krebs, Jr. drugs. And when it occasionally happens that there has been no Dear Dr. Krebs,

previous treatment except Laetrile, they then say that the patient Thank you for giving me another birthday (May 17).

probably didn't have cancer in the first place., And when it is Please, again, remember November 15th, 1979, when my doctor and four other urologists gave me a maximum of four months to demonstrated that the presence of cancer was proven by surgery live with my prostate cancer, and they set up appointments for or biopsy, they ultimately fall back on the claim that it was a radiation and chemotherapy, which I knew would kill me if the *spontaneous remission*, meaning that it just went away on its own cancer didn't, and refused their treatment.

with no outside help.

Then on a Sunday afternoon I contacted you by telephone and It is true, of course, that, occasionally, there are cases in which went with your simple program.

I am 71 years old and am in my 13th year [of survival]. *Three* of cancers either stop spreading or disappear without medical the four urologists have died with prostate cancer, and forty or fifty treatment.(2) But such cases are rare. With certain cancer loca-people are alive today, and doing very well, because they followed ions such as testicular chorionepithelioma, for example—they my "Krebs" simple program.

re so rare as to defy statistical analysis. And when one comes up Thanks again for giving me back my life.

With a *series* of such cases, all of which involve proven cancers, Your friend,

H.M. "Bud" Robinson(3)

1. *Gazette Medical de Paris*, Vol. 13, pp. 577-582.

2. It would be interesting to examine such cases for a possible change in eating 1. Open letter to "Dear Friends"; Griffin *Private Papers*, *op. cit.*

habits to see if there were any connection. My guess is that such a study would 2. Letter to the author, June 19,1996; Griffin, *Private Papers*, *op. cit.*

show a change in foods, either by selection or by a change in locale, that placed 3. Letter from Bud Robinson to Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., May 18, 1992; Griffin, *Prt* less of a demand upon the pancreas and / or provided a higher source of natural *Papers, op. cit.*





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Photo from San Francisco Medical Society

and all of which have responded to B17, it is beyond reason to speak of spontaneous regressions.

In a banquet speech in San Francisco on November 19, 1967

Dr. Krebs reviewed *six* such cases. Then he added: Now there is an advantage in not having had prior radiation, because if you have not received prior radiation that has failed, then you cannot enjoy the imagined benefits of the delayed effects of prior radiation. So this boy falls into the category of the “spontaneous regression....”

And when we look at this scientifically, we know that spontaneous regression occurs in fewer than one in 150,000 cases of cancer.

The statistical possibility of spontaneous regression accounting for the complete resolution of six successive cases of testicular chorionepithelioma is far greater than the improbability of the sun not rising tomorrow morning.

With the passage of each year and the presence of a growing stream of patients who are living proof of their claim, it becomes increasingly difficult to ignore or dismiss these recoveries. If they are spontaneous remissions, then, indeed, it must be said in all fairness that Laetrile produces far more spontaneous remissions than all other forms of therapy put together!

Photo from L.A. County Medical Bulletin

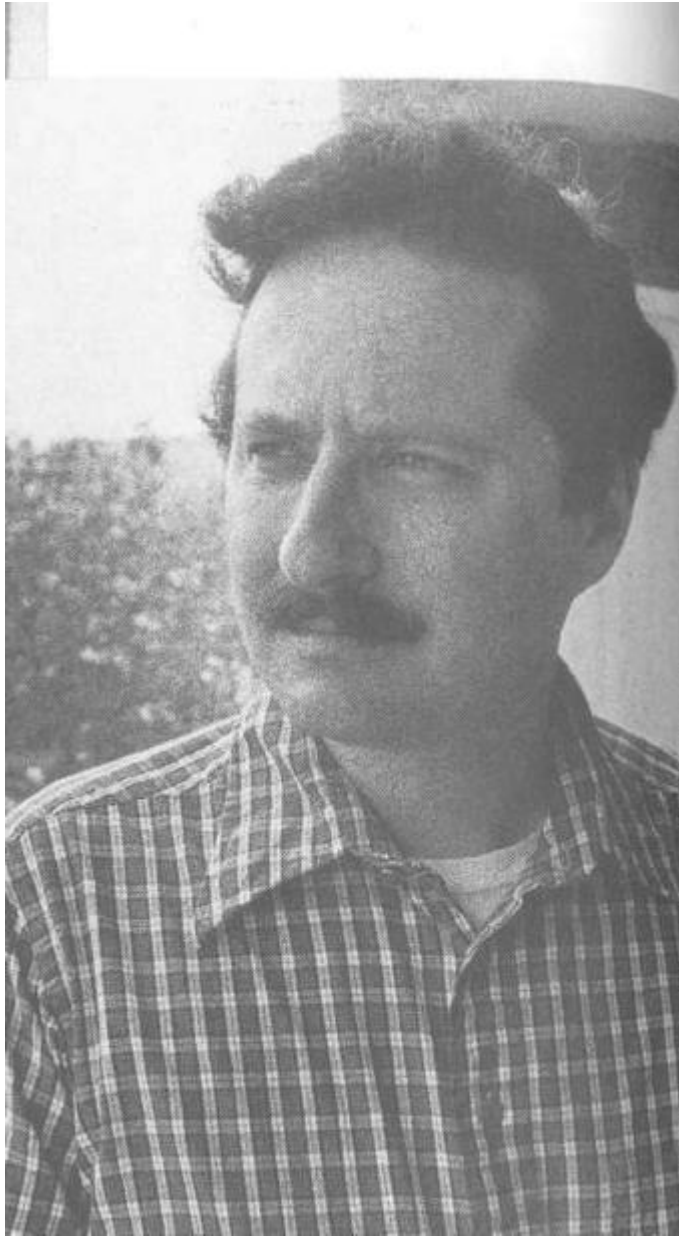
Dr. Ian MacDonald (left) and Dr. Henry Garland (right) wrote the famous 1953 report of the California Medical Association that since has become the basis of almost all scientific opposition to Laetrile. It was learned later, however, that the findings in this report had been falsified.

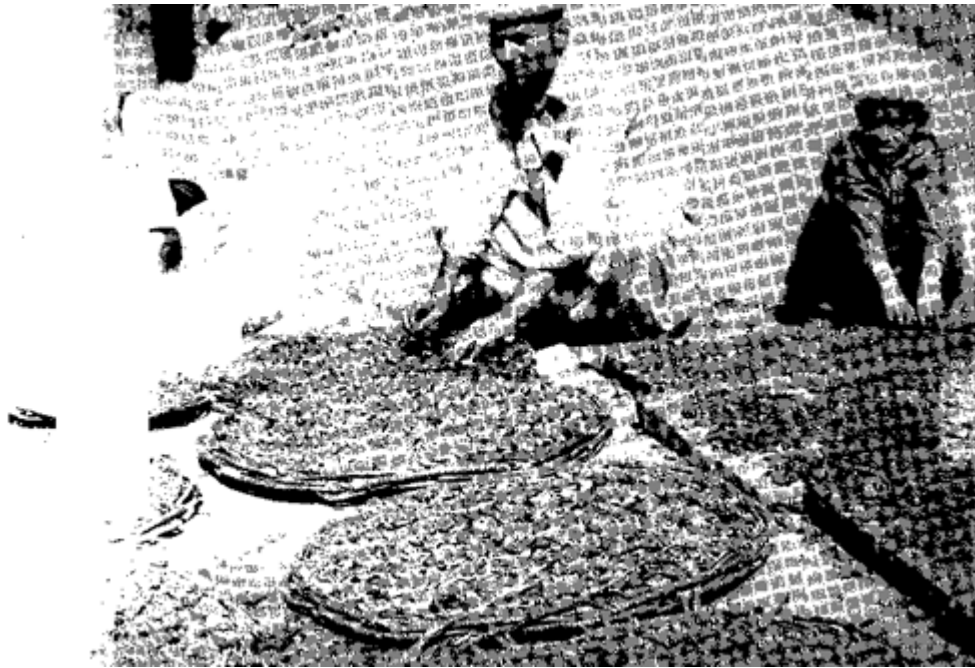
Both doctors defended cigarette smoking as a harmless Pastime unrelated to lung cancer. Dr. MacDonald had Publicly stated: "A pack a day keeps lung cancer away."

1. Speech delivered before a meeting of the International Association of Cancer Victims and Friends at the Jack Tar Hotel, Nov. 19,1967.



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The Hunzakuts are world renowned for their amazing longevity and good health. There is no cancer in Hunza. The native diet contains over two-hundred times more vitamin B17 than found in the average diet of industrialized societies.

(Photos courtesy of Dr. J. Milton Hoffman.)

Dr. Kanematsu Sugiura (left) was the senior laboratory researcher at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute. He reported that, in his experiments with mice, Laetrile was more effective in the control of cancer than any substance he had ever tested. This was not acceptable to his superiors. Instead of being pleased at the possibility of a breakthrough, they brought in other researchers to duplicate Sugiura's experiments and to

prove that they were faulty. Instead, the follow-up studies confirmed Sugiura. Undaunted, his superiors called for new experiments over and over again, following procedures designed to make the tests fail. Eventually they did fail, and it was that failure that was announced to the world.

Ralph Moss (right) was the Assistant Director of Public Affairs at Sloan-Kettering at the time of the Laetrile tests. When he was ordered by his superiors to release false information In Hunza, the apricot and its seed are the most prized of all foods about the results of those tests, he resigned in protest.

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Photo by author



John A. Richardson, M.D., (above left) shares his scrapbook of newspaper clippings with the author.

Dr. Richardson was in the forefront of the legal battle for the right of a physician to administer Laetrile.

Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr. (opposite page, left), the biochemist who pioneered Laetrile and the vitamin concept of cancer, likely will be acknowledged in history as the Louis Pasteur of our day.

Dr. Ernesto Contreras (opposite page, right), one of Mexico's most distinguished medical figures, established the world's first hospital specializing in Laetrile as the treatment of choice for cancer.

Shown at left are (from left to right) Dr. Dean Burk, head of the Cytochemistry section of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Krebs, and Dr. Hans Nieper, famous cancer specialist from Hanover, Germany. Drs. Burk and Nieper are among the many prominent

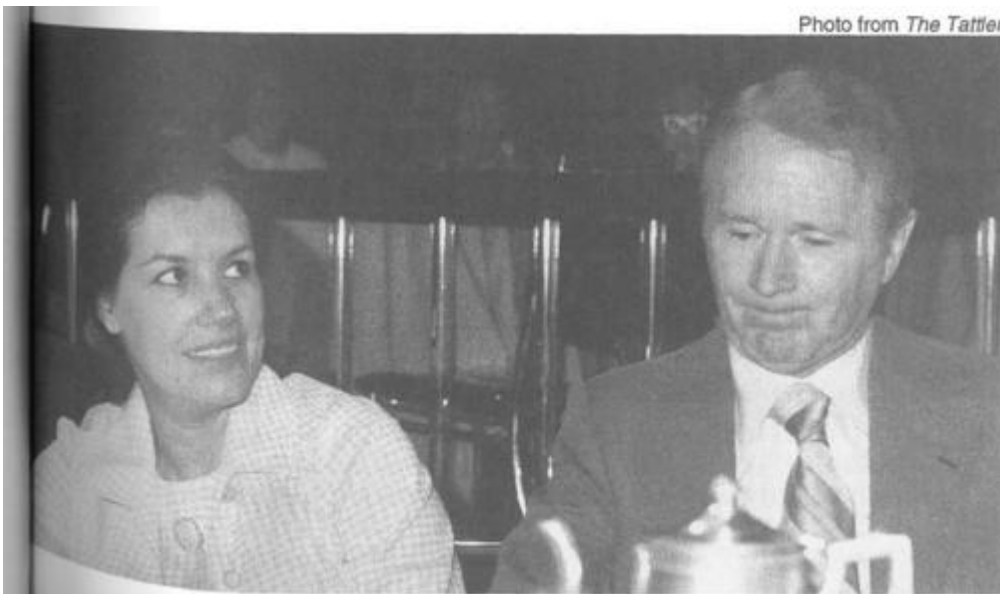
supporters of Dr. Krebs and his work with Laetrile.

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Photo from *The Tattler*



Dr. Dale Danner (left), a terminal cancer victim himself, at first had no faith in Laetrile. On the brink of death he self-administered a massive dose as a last resort and was amazed to experience a release from pain and a return of appetite. Three months later he was able to return to work.

In 1967, cancer victim Joanne Wilkinson (bottom left) was told that it would be necessary to remove her leg, hip, bladder, and one of her kidneys. When she chose Laetrile instead, her irate physicians warned her that she could not possibly live longer than twelve weeks. This photo was taken many years afterward. Mrs. Wilkinson has enjoyed a healthy and productive life.

Alicia Buttons, wife of the famous actor-comedian Red Buttons (below), had been given up as hopeless by

practitioners of orthodox medicine. After a few months of Laetrile therapy, however, her cancer had completely disappeared. The couple is shown here at the 1973 Cancer Control Convention in Los Angeles. Alicia was still going strong twenty-three years later.

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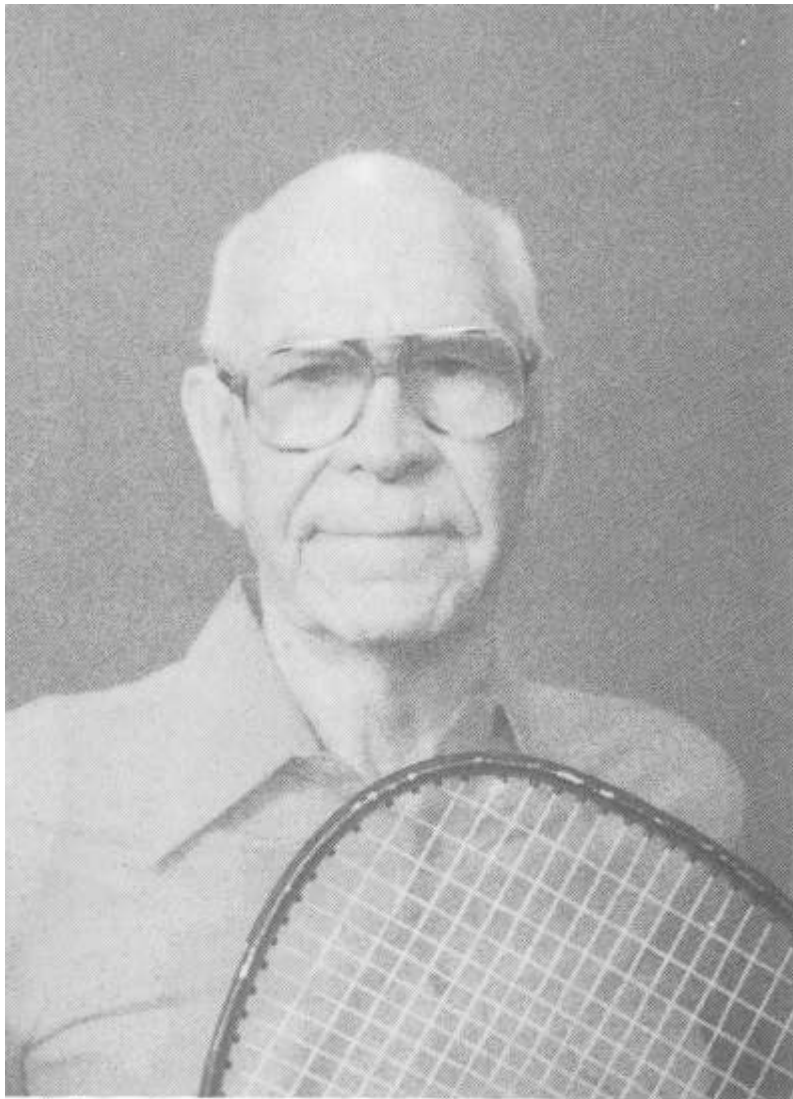


Photo from Sykes family

Chapter Ten

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CANCER CURES

The effects of surgery and radiation in the treatment of cancer; a comparison showing that those who receive no treatment at all live just as long, if not longer, than those who are treated.

The advocates of Laetrile therapy have always emphasized that there is no *cure*, as such, for cancer. Since it is essentially a deficiency disease, one can only speak of *prevention* or *control* but not *cure*. Among the advocates of orthodox therapies, however, there is no such restraint. Official spokesmen for the cancer industry tell the American public, without batting an eyelash, that they have *proven cures* for cancer, and that anyone who resorts to such nostrums as Laetrile is merely wasting valuable time in which he would be far better off availing himself of these proven cures. What are these cures? They are surgery, radiation, and Bill Sykes (left) was given up as hopeless when he

drugs.

developed Stage-4 Lymphocytic Leukemia and cancerous The following report carried in a Los Angeles paper is typical: tumors in his spleen and liver. He was told that

chemotherapy might prolong his life a few months but no Warnings of a mounting scale of cancer quackery activity more. Instead, he turned to Laetrile and enzyme therapy.

affecting the San Fernando Valley were issued today by the American Cancer Society.

That was over 20 years ago. Bill is now 74 and plays racquet Mrs. Stanley Grushesky, Education Chairman of the Society’s ball twice a week.

Valley area, said she is concerned over the possibility that some local residents have been deceived in recent weeks by propaganda issued X-rays (right) are known to cause cancer, not to cure it. The on behalf of unorthodox practitioners with claims of unproven cancer "cures"... which could easily lure unsuspecting victims into patient often dies from X-ray damage rather than cancer.

a quackery mill....

Those who receive no treatment at all live just as long- or Mrs. Grushesky said that ... "Cancer quackery kills many longer — than those who undergo radiology or unsuspecting patients because time wasted on phony devices and chemotherapy. Orthodox cancer therapies treat the treatments delays effective treatment until it is too late to save the symptom (the tumor) rather than the cause.

Patient's life."1

1. "Amer. Cancer Soc. Warns of Valley Quacks," *The Valley News* (Van Nuys, Calif.), Dec. 10, 1972.

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Echoing the same theme, Dr. Ralph Weilerstein of the California Department of Public Health declared:

tumor—even for a biopsy—does two things that can aggravate the condition. First, it causes trauma to the area. That triggers the use of Laetrile in early cancer cases to the exclusion of conventional treatment might well be dangerous since treatment healing process which, in turn, brings more trophoblast cells into with acceptable, modern curative methods—surgery or being as a by-product of that process. (See Chapter IV.) The other radiation—would thereby be delayed potentially until such time as effect is that, if not all

the malignant tissue is removed, what metastases had occurred and the cancer, therefore, might no longer remain may become encased in scar tissue from the surgery.

be curable.(1)

Consequently, the cancer tends to become insulated from the Public Library references on cancer often contain bookmarks action of the pancreatic enzymes which are essential for exposing distributed by the American Cancer Society. One of these depicts trophoblast cells to the surveillant action of the white blood cells.

an ace of spades along with the slogan: THE UNPROVEN CANCER

Perhaps the greatest indictment against surgery is the fact CURE. DON'T BET YOUR LIFE ON IT. On the back it says: "For more that, statistically, there is no solid evidence that patients who information on proven cancer cures, write or phone the American submit to surgery have any greater life expectancy, on the Cancer Society." In response, the author sent a letter expressing average, than those who do not. The first statistical analysis of surprise at the assertion that any cancer therapy is successful this question was compiled in 1844 by Dr. Leroy d'Etoilles and enough to warrant being called a proven cure. This is the reply: published by the French Academy of Science. It is, to date, the To Mr. G. Edward Griffin:

most extensive study of its kind ever released. Over a period of thirty years, case histories of 2,781 patients were submitted by 174

Thank you for your note. There *are* proven cures—if detected in physicians. The average survival after surgery was only one year time—surgery and /or radiation and, more and more, chemotherapy is playing its part.(2)

and five months—not much different than the average today.

Dr. Leroy d'Etoilles separated his statistics according to By 1996, the American Cancer Society was claiming *millions* of

whether the patient submitted to surgery or caustics, or refused cures. In their release of statistics for that year we find this: such treatment. His findings were electric:

It is estimated that over 10 million Americans alive today have a history of cancer, 7 million diagnosed five or more years ago. Most The net value of surgery or caustics was in prolonging life two of these 7 million can be considered cured. (3)

months for men and six months for women. But that was only in the first few years after the initial diagnosis. After that period, those This is the position of orthodox medicine. Therefore, let us who had not accepted treatment had the greater survival potential take a look at the results and benefits of the so-called cures by about fifty percent.(1)

obtained through surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy.

Recent surveys have produced similar results. Patients with Surgery is the least harmful of the three. It can be life-saving, breast cancer used to have, not only their tumor removed, but the particularly where intestinal blockages must be relieved to entire breast and the lymph nodes as well. The procedure often prevent death from secondary complications. Surgery also has removed the ovaries also because cancer is stimulated by the the psychological advantage of visibly removing the tumor and hormones they produce. Finally, in 1961, a large-scale survey was offering the temporary comfort of hope. However, the degree to begun, called the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project. After which surgery is useful is the same degree to which the tumor is seven-and-a-half years of statistical analysis, the results were *not* malignant, The greater the proportion of cancer cells in that conclusive: There was no significant difference between the tumor, the less likely it is that surgery will help. The most percentage of patients remaining alive who had received the malignant tumors of all generally are considered inoperable.

smaller operation and those who had received the larger.

1. As quoted in *College of Marin Times* (Kentfield, Calif.), April 26, 1972.

2. Letter from Mabel Burnett dated Dec. 18, 1972; Griffin, *Private Papers, op- cv-1. Walter H Walshe, The Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology and Treatment of Cancer, (Boston: Ticknor & Co., 1844). ‘*

3. *Cancer Facts & Figures— 1996, p. 1.*

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It was to be expected that an effort would be made to discredit of the disease. Thus, those cases in which the neoplastic process this study. Teams of auditors combed over the records of 5,000

progresses slowly [and thus automatically favors a long-term survival] are more likely to become “treated” cases. For the same physicians at the 484 medical centers which participated. In 1991

reason, however, those individuals are likely to enjoy longer it was announced that the study was not reliable. Why? Because survival, whether treated or not. Life tables truly representative of one of the doctors (out of 5,000) had falsified his data and two of untreated cancer patients must be adjusted for the fact that the the medical centers (out of 484) could no longer locate all their inherently longer-lived cases are more likely to be transferred to the patients’ lab tests or consent forms.(1)

“treated” category than to remain in the “untreated until death.”

But the evidence could not be buried. At the University of The apparent life expectancy of untreated cases of cancer after such California-Irvine College of Medicine, a similar study conducted adjustment in the table seems to be greater than that of the treated cases.

between 1984 and 1990 produced this conclusion: “All other

[Emphasis added]

factors being equal, there is no difference between BCS [breast-What, then, is the statistical chance for long-term survival of conserving surgery] and total mastectomy in either disease-free five years or more after surgery? That, we are told, depends on or overall survival.”(2)

the location of the cancer; how fast it is growing, and whether it One of the nation’s top statisticians in the field of cancer is has spread to a secondary point. For example, two of the most Hardin B. Jones, Ph.D., former professor of medical physics and common forms of cancer requiring surgery are of the breast and physiology at the University of California at Berkeley. After years the lung. With breast cancer, only sixteen percent will respond of analyzing clinical records, this is the report he delivered at a favorably to surgery or X-ray therapy. With lung cancer, the convention of the American Cancer Society:

percentage of patients who will survive five years after surgery is In regard to surgery, no relationship between intensity of somewhere between five and ten percent.(1) And these are optimis-surgical treatment and duration of survival has been found in tic figures when compared to survival expectations for some verified malignancies. On the contrary, simple excision of cancers other types of cancers such as testicular chorionepitheliomas.

has produced essentially the same survival as radical excision and dissection of the lymphatic drainage.(3)

When we turn to cancers which have metastasized to secondary locations, the picture becomes virtually hopeless—surgery That data, of course, related to surgery of the breast. Turning or no surgery. As one cancer specialist summarized it bluntly: his attention to surgery in general, Dr. Jones continued: A patient who has clinically detectable distant metastases when Although there is a dearth of untreated cases for statistical first seen has virtually a hopeless prognosis, as do patients who comparison with the treated, it is surprising

that the death risks of the two groups remain so similar. In the comparisons it has been were apparently free of distant metastases at that time but who assumed that the treated and untreated cases are independent of subsequently return with distant metastases.(2)

each other. In fact, that assumption is incorrect. Initially, all cases are An objective appraisal, therefore, is that the statistical rate of untreated. With the passage of time, some receive treatment, and the long-term survival after surgery is, on the average at best, only ten likelihood of treatment increases with the length of time since origin or fifteen percent. And once the cancer has metastasized to a second location, surgery has almost no survival value. The reason 1. See Ravdin, R.G., et.al., "Results of a Clinical Trial Concerning The Worth of Prophylactic Oophorectomy for Breast Carcinoma," Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics, 131:1055, Dec, 1970. Also "Breast Cancer Excision Less with Selection, 1. See "Results of Treatment of Carcinoma of the Breast Based on Pathological Medical Tribune, Oct. 6, 1971, p. 1. Also "Breast Cancer Research on Trial," Science Staging", By F.R.C Johnstone, M.D., Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics, 134:211, News, April 30,1994, pp. 277, 282, 283, 286.

1972. Also "Consultant's Comment," by George Crile, Jr., M.D., Calif. Medical 2. "Treatment Differences and Other Prognostic Factors Related to Breast Digest , Aug 1972, p.893 Also "Project at better Lung Cancer Survival,"

Cancer Survival: Delivery Systems and Medical Outcomes," by Anna Lee Medical tribune, Oct. 20. 1971. Also Statement by Dr. Lewis A. Leone, Director of Feldstein, Hoda Anton-Culver, and Paul J. Feldstein, Journal of the Amend the department of Oncology at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, as quoted Medical Association, ISSN:0098-7484, April 20,1994.

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11th Annual Science Writers Conference, New Orleans, Mar. 7, 1969.

2. Johnstone, "Results of Treatment of Carcinoma of the Breast," op. cit.

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is that, like the other therapies approved by orthodox medicine newspaper tells us: FIND 'ALARMING' NUMBER OF CANCER CASES

surgery removes only the tumor. It does not remove the cause.

IN PEOPLE WHO HAD X-RAY THERAPY 20 YEARS AGO.

(1)

The rationale behind X-ray therapy is the same as with The Textbook of Medical Surgical Nursing, a standard reference surgery. The objective is to remove the tumor, but to do so by for Registered Nurses, is most emphatic on this point. It says: burning it away rather than cutting it out. Here, also, it is This is an area of public health concern because it may involve primarily the non-cancer cell that is destroyed. The more malig-large numbers of people who may be exposed to low levels of nant the tumor, the more resistant it is to radio therapy. If this radiation over a long period of time. The classic example is of the were not so, then X-ray therapy would have a high degree of women employed in the early 1920's to paint watch and clock dials success—which, of course, it does not.

with luminizing (radium containing) paints. Years later, bone sarco-If the average tumor is composed of both cancer and non-mas resulted from the carcinogenic effect of the radium. Similarly, leukemia occurs more frequently in radiologists than other physi-cancer cells, and if radiation is more destructive to non-cancer cians. Another example is the Hiroshima survivors who have shown cells than to cancer cells, then it would be logical to expect the the effects of low levels of radiation....

results to be a reduction of tumor size, but also an increase in the Among the most serious of the late consequences of irradiation percentage of malignancy. This is, in fact, exactly what happens.

damage is the increased susceptibility to malignant metaplasia and C o m m e n t i n g on this mechanism, Dr. John Richardson the development of cancer at sites of earlier irradiation. Evidence explained it this way:

cited in support of this relationship refers to the increased incidence Radiation and /or radiomimetic poisons will reduce palpable, of carcinoma of skin, bone, and lung after latent periods of 20 years gross or measurable tumefaction. Often this reduction may amount and longer following irradiation of those sites. Further support has to seventy-five percent or more of the mass of the growth. These been adduced from the relatively high incidence of carcinoma of the agents have a selective effect—radiation and poisons. They selec- thyroid 7 years and longer following low-dosage irradiation of the tively kill everything except the definitively neoplastic [cancer] cells.

thymus in childhood, and from the increased incidence of leukemia For example, a benign uterine myoma will usually melt away following total body irradiation at any age.(2)

under radiation like snow in the sun. If there be neoplastic cells in In 1971, a research team at the University of Buffalo, under the such tumor, these will remain. The size of the tumor may thus be direction of Dr. Robert W. Gibson, reported that less than a dozen decreased by ninety percent while the relative concentration of routine medical X-rays to the same part of the body increases the definitively neoplastic cells is thereby increased by ninety percent.

risk of leukemia in males by at least sixty percent.(3) Other As all experienced clinicians know—or at least should know—

after radiation or poisons have reduced the gross tumefaction of the scientists have become increasingly concerned about the growing lesion the patient's general well-being does not substantially im-American infatuation with X-rays and have

urged a stop to the prove. To the contrary, there is often an explosive or fulminating madness, even calling for an end to the mobile chest X-ray units increase in the biological malignancy of his lesion. This is marked by for the detection of TB.(4) And these “routine” X-rays are harm-the appearance of diffuse metastasis and a rapid deterioration in lessly mild compared to the intense radiation beamed into the general vitality followed shortly by death.(1)

bodies of cancer patients today.

And so we see that X-ray therapy is cursed with the same X-rays induce cancer because of at least two factors. First, they drawbacks of surgery. But it has one more: It actually increases do physical damage to the body which triggers the production of the likelihood that cancer will develop in other parts of the body-trophoblast cells as part of the healing process. Second, they Excessive exposure to radioactivity is an effective way to induce cancer. This was first demonstrated by observing the 1. National Enquirer, Oct. 7,1973, p. 29.

increased cancer incidence among the survivors of Hiroshima, 2. Brunner, Emerson, Ferguson, and Doris Suddarth, Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing, (Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Co., 1970) 2nd Edition, p. 198.

but it has been corroborated by many independent studies since 3. “Too Many X-Rays Increase Risk of Leukemia, Study Indicates,” National then. For example, a recent headline in a national-circulation Enquirer, Dec. 5,1971, p. 11.

4. “Top FDA Officials Warn: Chest X-Rays in Mobile Vans Are Dangerous and 1. Open letter to interested doctors, Nov., 1972; Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit-Must be Stopped,” National Enquirer, Sept. 10,1972, p. 8.

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weaken or destroy the production of white blood cells which, as increased morbidity which may occur in patients without

favorable we have seen, constitute the immunological defense mechanism response to the additional therapy.(1)

the body's front-line defense against cancer.

What Dr. Powers means when he says "increased morbidity"

When it comes to statistics, there is little or no evidence that is that radiation makes people ill. In a study at Oxford University, radiation actually improves the patient's chances for survival.

it was found that many women who received radiation died of The National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Project, previously heart attacks because their hearts had been weakened by the mentioned in connection with surgery, also conducted studies on treatment.(2) Radiation also weakens the immune system which the effect of irradiation, and here is a summary of their findings: can lead to death from secondary causes such as pneumonia.

... the use of post-operative irradiation has provided no Many patients whose death certificates state heart failure or discernible advantage to patients so treated in terms of increasing pulmonary pneumonia or respiratory failure really die from the proportion who were free of disease for as long as five years.(1) cancer—or, to be more exact—from their cancer treatment. Cancer statistics—based as they are on data from death certificates—

In August of 1998, Science News published a review of over 30 conceal the truth about the failure of orthodox cancer therapy. years of data and reported that radiation can actually reduce a patient's chances for survival:

At the convention of radiologists previously mentioned, Dr.

Phillip Rubin reviewed the cancer-survival statistics published in Data from nine studies ... show that radiation treatments after the Journal of the American Medical Association. Then he concluded: surgery actually hurt the survival chances of many patients, particularly those whose cancer hadn't spread

initially. The findings The clinical evidence and statistical data in numerous reviews appear in the July 25 Lancet.... The survival rate 2 years after are cited to illustrate that no increase in survival has been achieved surgery was 48 percent for those getting radiation treatments and by the addition of irradiation.

55 percent for surgery-only patients.(2)

To which Dr. Peters added:

This is an embarrassing fact for radiologists to face, for it In carcinoma of the breast, the mortality rate still parallels the brings into question the justification for their existence in the incidence rate, thus proving that there has been no true improve-medical fraternity. Consequently, one does not expect to hear these ment in the successful treatment of the disease over the past thirty issues being discussed by radiologists or those whose livelihood years, even though there has been technical improvement in both depends on the construction, sale, use, or maintenance of the surgery and radiotherapy during that time.

multi-million-dollar linear accelerators. It comes as a surprise, In spite of the almost universal experience of physicians to therefore, to hear these truths spoken frankly by three radiologists the contrary, the American Cancer Society still prattles to the sharing the same platform at the same medical convention. They public that their statistics show a higher recovery rate for treated were William Powers, M.D., Director of the Division of Radiation patients as compared to untreated patients. After all, if this were Therapy at the Washington University School of Medicine, Phillip not the case, why would anyone spend the money or accept the Rubin, M.D., Chief of the Division of Radiotherapy at the Univer-pain and disfigurement associated with these orthodox treat-sity of Rochester Medical School, and Vera Peters, M.D., of the ments? But how can they get away with such outright lies?

Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Powers stated: The answer is that they are not really lying—just

bending the Although preoperative and postoperative radiation therapy truth a little. In other words, they merely adjust the method of have been used extensively and for decades, it is still not possible to gathering and evaluating statistics so as to guarantee the desired prove unequivocal clinical benefit from this combined treatment....

results. In the words of Dr. Hardin Jones:

Even if the rate of cure does improve with a combination of radiation and therapy, it is necessary to establish the cost in 1. Preoperative and Postoperative Radiation Therapy for Cancer," speech ore the Sixth National Cancer Conference, sponsored by the Amer. Cancer I. Fisher, B., et. al., "Postoperative Radiotherapy in the Treatment of Breast Society and The National Cancer Institute, Denver, Colorado, Sept. 18-20,1968.

Cancer; Results of the NSAPP Clinical Trial," Annals of Surgery, 172, No. 4, Oct. 1970.

2. Breast Cancer U p d a t e / Q & A, by Ridgely Ochs, Newsday, December 19, 1995,p. B23.

2. "Lung Cancer Radiation Questioned," Science News, August 1,1998, p. 68.

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Evaluation of the clinical response of cancer to treatment by As Dr. Hardin Jones revealed:

surgery and radiation, separately or in combination, leads to the following findings:

Beginning in 1940, through redefinition of terms, various The evidence for greater survival of treated groups in compari- ' questionable grades of malignancy were classed as cancer. After son with untreated is biased by the method of defining the groups that date, the proportion of "cancer" cures having

“normal” life All reported studies pick up cases at the time of origin of the disease expectancy increased rapidly, corresponding to the fraction of ques-and follow them to death or end of the study interval. If persons in tionable diagnoses included.(1)

the untreated or central group die at any time in the study interval, The American Cancer Society claims that patients are now they are reported as deaths in the control group. In the treated surviving longer, thanks to orthodox therapy. But people are not group, however, deaths which occur before completion of the treatment are rejected from the data, since these patients do not then living longer after they get cancer; they are living longer after they meet the criteria established by definition of the term “treated.” The are diagnosed with cancer. With modern diagnostic techniques, longer it takes for completion of the treatment, as in multiple step cancer can be detected at an earlier stage. The time between therapy, for example, the worse the error....

diagnosis and death is longer, but the length of life itself has not With this effect stripped out, the common malignancies show a increased at all.(2) This is merely another statistical deception.

remarkably similar rate of demise, whether treated or untreated.(1) When X-ray therapy is used, the body’s white blood cell count Such statistical error is significant, but it is doubtful if it could is reduced which leaves the patient susceptible to infections and account for the American Cancer Society’s favorite claim that other diseases as well. It is common for such patients to succumb

“there are on record a million and a half people cured of cancer to pneumonia, for instance, rather than cancer. And, as stated through the efforts of the medical profession and the American previously, that is what appears on the death certificate—as well Cancer Society with the help of the FDA.”(2)

as in the statistics. As Dr. Richardson has observed: The answer lies in the fact that there are some forms of cancer, I have seen patients who have been paralyzed by cobalt spine such as skin cancer, that respond very well to treatment. Often radiation, and after vitamin treatment their HCG test is faintly posi-they are arrested or disappear even without treatment. Seldom tive. We got their cancer, but the radiogenic manipulation is such are they fatal. But they affect large numbers of people— enough that they can't walk.... It's the cobalt that will kill, not the cancer.(3) to change the statistical tabulations drastically. In the beginning, There is an old joke about the doctor who told the recent skin cancers were not included in the national tabulations. Also, widow: "You will be happy to know we cured your husband's in those days, very few people sought medical treatment for their disease just before he died." The death of U.S. Senator Paul skin disorders, preferring to treat them with home remedies, Tsongas in January of 1997 was proof that this is no joke. His many of which, incidentally seem to have worked just as well as obituary stated: "Hospitalized Jan. 3 with a liver problem because some of the more scientifically acceptable techniques today.

of cancer treatments, Tsongas was cancer-free at his death."

At any rate, as doctors became more plentiful, as people If the patient is strong enough to survive radiation, then he became more affluent and able to seek out professional medical help, and as the old-time remedies increasingly fell into disre-stall faces a closed door. Once the cancer has metastasized to a pute, the number of reported skin cancers gradually increased second location, there is practically no chance that the patient will until it is now listed by the ACS as a "major site." So, all they had live. In addition to an almost zero survival value, radio therapy to do to produce most of those million-and-a-half "cures," was to Has the extra distinction of also spreading the very cancer it is change their statistics to include skin cancers— presto-chango!

supposed to combat.

1. Jones, "A Report on Cancer," *op. cit.*

Jones, "A Report on Cancer," *op.cit.*

2. Letter from Mrs. Glenn E. Baker, Executive Director, Southern District, ACS, 2. Robert N. Proctor, *Cancer Wars: How Politics Shapes What We Know and Don't* addressed to Mr. T.G. Kent, reprinted in *Cancer News* journal, Jan./Feb., 1972

Know About Cancer (New York: Basic Books, 1995), p. 4.

p. 22.

1. Letter from John Richardson, M.D., to G. Edward Griffin, dated Dec. 2, 1972; Griffin, *Private Papers*, *op. cit.*

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One of the most publicized claims by The American Cancer cancer cases is now "cured" or "controlled," but seldom if ever backed up with the requisite statistical or epidemiological support Society is that early diagnosis is a n d t r e a t m e n t increases the chance for such a statement to be scientifically meaningful, however of s u r v i v a l . This is o n e of those slogans t h a t d r i v e s millions of effective for fund gathering. Such a statement is highly misleading, p e o p l e into their d o c t o r s ' offices for that mystical experience since it hides the fact that, with systemic or metastatic cancers, the called the a n n u a l c h e c k u p . "A check a n d a c h e c k u p " m a y be an actual rate of control in terms of the conventional five-year survival effective s t i m u l u s for r e v e n u e to the cancer i n d u s t r y b u t its is scarcely more than one in twenty....(1)

m e d i c a l v a l u e is n o t as p r o v e n as t h e h y p e w o u l d s u g g e s t . As Dr.

One may well ask Dr. Weilerstein where are all the modern H a r d i n Jones stated emphatically:

curative methods to which he, the California Cancer Advisory Council, and indeed so many administrators so glibly refer? ... No, In the matter of duration of malignant tumors before treatment, disseminated cancer, in its various forms and kinds remains, by and no studies have established the much talked about relationship large, as "incurable" as at the time of the Kefauver Amendment ten between early detection and favorable survival after treatment....

years ago.(2)

Serious attempts to relate prompt treatment with chance of cure have been unsuccessful. In some types of cancer, the opposite of the The statistics of the ACS are fascinating. They constitute many expected association of short duration of symptoms with a high pages of tables and charts showing cancer by location, sex, age, chance of being "cured" has been observed. A long duration of and geography. But when it comes to hard numbers about those symptoms before treatment in a few cancers of the breast and cervix

"proven cures," there is nothing. There is only the unsupported is associated with longer than usual survival.... Neither the timing statement: "One out of three patients is being saved today as nor the extent of treatment of the true malignancies has appreciably against one out of five a generation ago." This may or may not be altered the average course of the disease. The possibility exists that treatment makes the average situation worse.(1)

true, depending on one's definition of the word saved. But even if we do not challenge it, we must keep in mind that there also is a In v i e w of all this, it is e x a s p e r a t i n g to find s p o k e s m e n for corresponding gain in the number of those who are getting cancer.

o r t h o d o x m e d i c i n e c o n t i n u a l l y w a r n i n g t h e p u b l i c a g a i n s t u s i n g W h y i s t h a t ? H e r e i s t h e o f f i c i a l e x p l a n a t i o n :

Laetrile on the grounds that it will prevent cancer patients from benefiting from "proven" cures. The pr on

ou n c e m e n t by Dr. Ralph Major factors are the increasing age and size of the population.

Science has conquered many diseases, and the average life span of Weilerstein of t h e California D e p a r t m e n t of Public H e a l t h cited at Americans has been extended. Longer life brings man to the age in t h e o p e n i n g of this c h a p t e r is typical. But Dr. Weilerstein is which cancer most often strikes—from the fifth decade on.

v u l n e r a b l e o n t w o p o i n t s . First, it is v e r y r a r e to find a n y p a t i e n t s e e k i n g L a e t r i l e t h e r a p y w h o h a s n ' t a l r e a d y b e e n subjected to the All of which sounds plausible—until one examines the facts: so-called " m o d e r n curative m e t h o d s " of s u r g e r y a n d radiation. In First, the increasing size of the population has nothing to do fact, m o s t of t h e m h a v e b e e n p r o n o u n c e d h o p e l e s s after these with it. The statistics of "one out of three" and "one out of five"

m e t h o d s h a v e failed, a n d it is o n l y t h e n that these p e o p l e t u r n to are proportional rather than numerical. They represent ratios that v i t a m i n t h e r a p y as a last resort. So Dr. Weilerstein h a s set up a apply regardless of the population size.

s t r a w - m a n objection on that score. But, m o r e i m p o r t a n t t h a n that Second, the average life expectancy of the population has is the fact t h a t t h e Weilersteinian t r e a t m e n t s s i m p l y do not work.

been extended less than three years between 1980 to 1996. That Battling as a l o n e w a r r i o r w i t h i n t h e e n e m y s t r o n g h o l d , Dr.

could not possibly account for the drastic increase of the cancer D e a n Burk of the N a t i o n a l Cancer Institute r e p e a t e d l y h a s laid it death rate within that time.

on the line. In a letter to his boss, Dr. F r a n k Rauscher, he said: And third, increasing age need not be a factor, anyway—as the cancer-free Hunzakuts and Abkhazians prove quite

conclu-In spite of the foregoing evidence, ... officials of the American sively.

Cancer Society and even of the National Cancer Institute, have continued to set forth to the public that about one in every four 1. Letter from Dean Burk to Frank Rauscher; Griffin, Private Papers, *op. cit.*, p. 3.

2. Letter from Dean Burk to Congressman Frey; Griffin, Private Papers, *op. cit.*, p. 5.

1. Jones, "A Report on Cancer," *op. cit.*

150 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One In May of 1986, the clouds of propaganda parted and a sun-ray of truth broke through into the medical media. The New England Journal of Medicine published a report by John C. Bailar, III, and Elaine M. Smith. Dr. Bailar was. with the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard School of Public Health; Dr. Smith was Chapter Eleven

with the University of Iowa Medical Center. Their report was brutal in its honesty:

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*Some measures of efforts to control cancer appear to show **OF MURDER***

substantial progress, some show substantial losses, and some show little change. By making deliberate choices among these measures, one can convey any impression from overwhelming success against Anti-cancer drugs shown to be ineffective and cancer to disaster.

cancer-causing; FDA-approved experiments on

Our choice for the single best measure of progress against humans resulting in death from drugs rather

cancer is the mortality rate for all forms of cancer combined, age than from cancer.

adjusted to the U.S. 1980 standard. This measure removes the effects of changes in the size and age composition of the

population, The following article appeared in the Los Angeles Times on prevents the selective reporting of data to support particular views, August 18, 1973, under the heading:

CANCER “CURE” LAETRILE

minimizes the effects of changes in diagnostic criteria related to HIT:

recent advances in screening and detection, and directly measures the outcome of greatest concern—death....

Los Angeles (UPI)—The manufacturers and distributors of the drug Laetrile were called “purveyors of deceit and outright quack-Age-adjusted mortality rates have shown a slow and steady ery” Wednesday by the president of the California division of the increase over several decades, and there is no evidence of a recent American Cancer Society.

downward trend. In this clinical sense we are losing the war against Helene Brown ... said the FDA has tested Laetrile at regular cancer.... The main conclusion we draw is that some 35 years of intervals, obtained negative results, and prohibited its use as a intense effort focused on improving treatment must be judged a cancer remedy.

qualified failure.(1)

Cancer quackery is “a new dimension of murder,” according to In a follow-up report released eleven years later, Dr Bailar Mrs. Brown who said ... there are now 10 kinds of cancer which can revealed that the dismal picture had not improved. He said: “We be cured or controlled by chemotherapy—the treatment of disease by drugs.

have given it our best effort for decades: billions of dollars of support, the best scientific talent available. It hasn't paid off.”(2) Less than a month later, while speaking at an ACS national It is clear that the American Cancer Society—or at least conference on cancer nursing, Mrs. Brown said flatly: “Present someone very high within it—is trying to give the American medical knowledge makes it possible to cure seventy

percent of people a good old-fashioned snow job. The truth of the matter all cancers, if they are detected early.”(1)

is—ACS statistics notwithstanding—orthodox medicine does not Spokesmen for the American Cancer Society never tire of Perpetuating the myth of “proven cures.” But they seldom look have “proven cancer cures,” and what it does have is pitifully quite so foolish in the eyes of those who know anything about inadequate considering the prestige it enjoys, the money it true survival statistics as they do when they speak of cures by collects, and the snobbish scorn it heaps upon those who do not chemotherapy.

wish to subscribe to its treatments.

We briefly have viewed the miserable results obtained by orthodox surgery and radiation. However, the record of so-called 1. “Progress Against Cancer?” New England Journal of Medicine, May 8, 1986, p. 1231.

2. “\$30 billion ‘War on Cancer’ a bust?” USA Today, May 29, 1997, p. 1.

1. “Cancer Quacks Deadly,” (AP) The Clarion Ledger, (Miss.), Sept. 13, 1973.

anti-cancer drugs is even worse. The primary reason for this is are not exposed to them. The Handbook of Cancer Chemotherapy, a that most of them currently in use are highly poisonous, not just standard reference for medical personnel, offers this warning: to cancer but to the rest of the body as well. Generally they are The potential risks involved in handling cytotoxic agents have more deadly to healthy tissue than they are to the malignant cell.

become a concern for health care workers. The literature reports All substances can be toxic if taken in sufficient quantity. This various symptoms such as eye, membrane, and skin irritation, as is true of aspirin, sugar, Laetrile, or even water. But, unlike those, well as dizziness, nausea, and headache experienced by health care the anti-cancer drugs are poisonous, not as a result of an overdose workers not using

safe handling precautions. In addition, increased concerns regarding the mutagenesis and teratogenesis [deformed or as a side-effect, but as a primary effect. In other words, their babies] continue to be investigated. Many chemotherapy agents, the poisonous nature is not tolerated merely as a necessary price to alkylating agents in particular, are known to be carcinogenic [cancer-pay in order to achieve some desired effect, it is the desired effect.

causing] in therapeutic doses. [Emphasis added.] (1) These chemicals are selected because they are capable of differentiating between types of cells and, consequently, of Because these drugs are so dangerous, the Chemotherapy poisoning some types more than others. But don't jump to the Handbook lists sixteen OSHA safety procedures for medical conclusion that they differentiate between cancer and non-cancer personnel who work around them. They include wearing dispos-cells, killing only the cancer cells, because they do not.

able masks and gowns, eye goggles, and double latex gloves. The procedure for disposing needles and other equipment used with The cellular poisons used in orthodox cancer therapy today these drugs is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency cannot distinguish between cancer and non-cancer cells. They act under the category of "hazardous waste." Yet, these same instead to differentiate between cells that are fast-growing and substances are injected directly into the bloodstream of hapless those that are slow-growing or not growing at all. Cells that are cancer patients supposedly to cure their cancer!

actively dividing are the targets. Consequently, they kill, not only the cancer cells that are dividing, but also a multitude of normal Most of these drugs are described as radiomimetic, which cells all over the body that also are caught in the act of dividing.

means they mimic or produce the same effect as radiation.

Consequently, they also suppress the immune system, and that is Theoretically, those cancers that are dividing more rapidly one of the reasons they help spread the cancer to other areas. But than normal cells will be killed before the patient is, but it is nip whereas X-rays usually are directed at only one or two locations, and tuck all the way. In the case of a cancer that is dividing at the these chemicals do their deadly work on every cell in the body. As same rate or even slower than normal cells, there isn't even a Dr. John Richardson has pointed out: theoretical chance of success.

In either event, poisoning the system is the objective of these Both radiation therapy and attempts to "poison out" result in a drugs, and the resulting pain and illness often is a torment worse profound hostal immunosuppression that greatly increases the than the disease itself. The toxins catch the blood cells in the act of susceptibility to metastasis. How irrational it would be to attempt to treat cancer immunologically and/or physiologically, and at the dividing and cause blood poisoning. The gastrointestinal system same time administer immunosuppressants in the form of radiation is thrown into convulsion causing nausea, diarrhea, loss of of any kind, methotrexate, 5-FU, Cytosin, or similarly useless and appetite, cramps, and progressive weakness. Hair cells are fast-dangerous general cellular poisons. All of these modalities, as we growing, so the hair falls out during treatment. Reproductive know, have been used to depress the rejection phenomena associ-organs are affected causing sterility. The brain becomes fatigued.

ated with organ transplantation. The entire physiological objective Eyesight and hearing are impaired. Every conceivable function is in rational cancer therapy is to increase the rejection phenomena.(2) disrupted with such agony for the patient that many of them elect to die of the cancer rather than to continue treatment.

1. Roland T. Skeel, M.D., and Neil A. Lachant, M.D., Handbook of Cancer Chemotherapy; Fourth Edition (New York: Little, Brown and Company, 1995), It is ironic that the

personnel who administer these drugs to cancer patients take great precautions to be sure they themselves 2. Open letter to interested doctors, Nov., 1972; Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit.

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The view that toxic "anti-cancer" drugs usually accomplish.

But then, even in the face of the evidence, including your own White just the opposite of their intent is not restricted to the advocates of House statement of May 5, 1972, all pointing to the pitifully small Laetrile. It is a fact of life (or shall we say death?) that has become effectiveness of such drugs, you went on to say quite paradoxically widely acknowledge even by those who use these drugs. Dr.

it seems to me, "I think the Cancer Chemotherapy program is one of the best program components that the NCI has ever had." ... One John Trelford, for instance, of the Department of Obstetrics and may ask parenthetically, surely this does not speak well of the Gynecology at Ohio State University Hospital has said:

"other program areas?" ...

At the present time, chemotherapy of gynecological tumors Frankly, I fail to follow you here. I submit that a program and does not appear to have increased life expectancy except in sporadic series of the FDA-approved compounds that yield only 5-10%

cases.... The problem of blind chemotherapy means not only a loss

"effectiveness" can scarcely be described as "excellent," the more so of the effect of the drugs, but also a lowering of the patient's resistance to since it represents the total production of a thirty-year effort on the the cancer cells owing to the

toxicity of these agents [Emphasis part of all of us in the cancer therapy field.(1)

added.](1)

There is little evidence for long-term survival with chem-

Dr. Trelford is not alone in his observation. A report from the therapy. Here is just a sampling of the negative verdict handed Southern Research Institute, dated April 13, 1972, based upon down by physicians, many of whom still continue to prescribe it: research conducted for the National Cancer Institute, indicated Dr. B. Fisher, writing in the September 1968 issue of Annals of the most of the accepted drugs in the American Cancer Society's Surgery, stated:

"provenure" category produced cancer in laboratory animals As a result of its severe toxicity and its lack of therapeutic effect, that previously had been healthy!(2) further use of 5-FU as an adjuvant to breast surgery in the regimen In a courageous letter to Dr. Frank Rauscher, his boss at the employed is unwarranted.(2)

National Cancer Institute, Dr. Dean Burk condemned the Insti-Dr. Saul A. Rosenberg, Associate Professor of Medicine and the Institute's policy of continuing to endorse these drugs when everyone Radiology at Stanford University School of Medicine: knew that they caused cancer. He argued: Worthwhile palliation is achieved in many patients. However, Ironically, virtually all of the chemotherapeutic anti-cancer there will be the inevitable relapse of the malignant lymphoma, and, agents now approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use either because of drug resistance or drug intolerance, the disease or testing in human cancer patients are (1) highly or variously toxic will recur, requiring modifications of the chemotherapy program at applied dosages; (2) markedly immunosuppressive, that is, destruc-and eventually failure to control the disease process.

(3) tive of the patient's native resistance to a variety of diseases, including cancer; and (3) usually highly carcinogenic [cancer-Dr. Charles Moertal of the M a y o Clinic:

causing].... These now well established facts have been reported in Our most effective regimens are fraught with risks and side-numerous publications from the National Cancer Institute itself, as effects and practical problems; and after this price is paid by all the well as from throughout the United States and, indeed, the world.

patients we have treated, only a small fraction are rewarded with a Furthermore, what has just been said of the FDA-approved anti-transient period of usually incomplete tumor regressions....

cancer chemotherapeutic d r u g s is true, though perhaps less Our accepted and traditional curative efforts, therefore, yield a conspicuously, of radiological and surgical treatments of human failure rate of 85%.... Some patients with gastrointestinal cancer can cancer....

have very long survival with no treatment whatsoever. [Emphasis In your answer to my discussion on March 19, you readily added.](4)

acknowledged that the FDA-approved anti-cancer drugs were indeed toxic, immunosuppressive, and carcinogenic, as indicated.

1. Letter to Frank Rauscher, dated April 20, 1973; Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit.

2. Surgical Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Cancer of the Breast: Results of A 1. "A Discussion of the Results of Chemotherapylogical Cancer and the Host's Decade of Cooperative Investigation," *Annals of Surgery*, 168, No. 3, Sept., 1968.

Immune Response," Sixth National Cancer Conference proceedings, op. cit.

3. *The Indications for Chemotherapy in the Lymphomas,*”
Sixth National 2. NCI research contract PH-43-68-998.
Information contained in letter from cancer Conference
proceedings, op. cit.

Dean Burk to Congressman Lou Frey, Jr., May 30, 1972;
Griffin, Private Papers, op.

4. *Speech made at the National Cancer Institute Clinical*
Center Auditorium, cit., p. 5.

May 18, 1972.

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Dr. Robert D. Sullivan, Department of Cancer
Research at the to condition people not to try any other
forms of therapy. That is why they perpetuate the myth
of ” proven cures.”

L a h e y Clinic Foundation :

The American Cancer Society, in its Unproven
Methods of There has been an enormous undertaking of
cancer research to Cancer Management, stated:

develop anti-cancer drugs for use in the management of
neoplastic diseases in man. However, progress has been slow,
and no chemical When one realizes that 1,500,000 Americans
are alive today agents capable of inducing a general curative
effect on disseminated because they went to their doctors in
time, and that the proven forms of cancer have yet been
developed.(1)

treatments of radiation and surgery are responsible for these
cures, he is less likely to take a chance with a questionable
practitioner or If it is true that Orthodox chemotherapy is (1)
toxic, (2) an unproven treatment.(1)

immunosuppressant, (3) carcinogenic, and (4)
futile, then why Before leaving the subject of cancer therapy
and moving on to would doctors continue
to use it? The answer is that they don't the field

of cancer research, let us clarify and summarize our knowledge now what else to do. Patients usually are not scheduled into findings so far. Here is a brief outline of the four optional modes chemotherapy unless their condition seems so hopeless that the of cancer therapy:

loss of life appears to be inevitable anyway. Some doctors refer to SURGERY: Least harmful. Sometimes a life-saving, stop-gap measure this stage, not as therapy, but experimentation, which, frankly, is a cure. No evidence that patients who receive radical or extensive surgery more honest description.

cal options live any longer than those who receive the most. Another reason for using drugs in the treatment of cancer is conservative options, or, for that matter, those who receive none at all.

that the doctor does not like to tell the patient there is no hope. In Believed to increase the likelihood of disseminating cancer to other his own mind he knows there is none, but he also knows that the locations.

patient does not want to hear that and will seek another physician. When dealing with internal tumors affecting reproductive or vital who will continue some kind of treatment, no matter how useless.

organs, the statistical rate of long-term survival is, on the average, 10-15%. After metastasis, the statistical chances for long-term. So he solves the problem by continuing the treatment himself.

survival are close to zero.

In his book The Wayward Cell, Cancer, Dr. Victor Richards RADIOLOGY: Very harmful in many ways. Spreads the cancer and make it clear that chemotherapy is used primarily just to keep the weakens the patient's resistance to other diseases. Serious and painful patient returning for treatment and to build his morale while he

side-effects, including heart failure. No evidence that treated patients dies. But there is more! He said:

live any longer, on the average, than those not treated. Statistical rate Nevertheless, chemotherapy serves an extremely valuable role of long-term survival after metastasis is close to zero.

in keeping patients oriented toward proper medical therapy, and CHEMOTHERAPY: Also spreads the cancer through weakening of prevents the feeling of being abandoned by the physician in patients immunological defense mechanism plus general toxicity. Leaves with late and hopeless cancers. Judicious employment and screening of patient susceptible to other diseases and infections, often leading to potentially useful drugs may also prevent the spread of cancer quackery. (2) death from these causes. Extremely serious side-effects. No evidence

[Emphasis added.]

that treated patients live any longer, on the average, than untreated patients. Statistical rate of long-term survival after metastasis is close Heaven forbid that anyone should forsake the natural, to zero.

pain-racking, cancer-spreading, admittedly ineffective” proven VITAMIN THERAPY: Non-toxic. Side effects include increased ap-cures” for such” quackery” as Laetrile!

petite, weight gain, lowered blood pressure, increased hemoglobin Here, at last, is revealed the true goal of much of the so-called and red-blood cell count. Eliminates or sharply reduces pain without

” educational” programs of orthodox medicine—psychologically narcotics. Builds up body’s resistance to other diseases. Is a natural substance found in foods and is compatible with human biological 1. “Ambulatory Arterial Infusion in the Treatment of Primary and Secondary

experience. Destroys cancer cells while nourishing non-cancer cells.

Skin Cancer,” Sixth National Cancer Conference proceedings, op. cit.

2. Victor Richards, The Wayward Cell, Cancer; Its Origins, Nature, and Treatment, 1. Unproven Methods of Cancer Management, op. cit., pp. 17,18.

(Berkeley: The University of California Press, 1972), pp. 215-16.

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Considering that most patients begin vitamin therapy only after they The reason for this is simple. These men are the beneficiaries have been cut, burned, or poisoned by orthodox treatments and have of research grants from the federal government, tax-exempt been told that there no longer is any hope, the number of patients foundations, and the American Cancer Society. They must claim who have been brought back to normal health on a long-term to be making encouraging progress or their funding will disap-survival basis (15%) is most encouraging. For those who turn to vitamin therapy first, the long-term survival rate is greater than 80%|

pear. If they reported honestly that they have worked for over (See next chapter for statistical breakdown.)

four decades, employed thousands of researchers, consumed millions of man-hours, and spent billions of dollars to produce Turning, at last, to the question of cancer research, we find that nothing of consequence—well, one can imagine what would it is plagued with the same frustrations and self-induced failures happen to the future funding of their research projects. The as cancer therapy. Almost all current research projects are preoccu-cancer-research pie now is reaching out to the multi-billion-dollar pied with the question of how to cure cancer rather than what is mark annually. The ones who get the biggest slice of that pie are cancer. Consequently, the basic

*problem of cancer research today the ones who claim to be
“on the verge of a great breakthrough,”*

remains one of fundamental rather than applied science.

*for who would want to be responsible for cutting funds just
when The 1926, Thirteenth Edition of the Encyclopedia
Britannica the cure was so close?*

says this of cancer theories:

*In the meantime, researchers are busying themselves, not in
The very number and variety of hypotheses show that none are
trying to understand what cancer is, but in finding a substance
or established. Most of them attempt to explain the growth but
not the origin of the disease.*

*a treatment to get rid of it. And it seems that, the more wild the
theory, the better chance it has of getting federal money.*

*When applied to orthodox medicine, that statement is just as
When research grants are reported in the press, they often true
today as it was in 1926. As a result, researchers have come up
carry headlines that tell the whole story: SEA SQUIRTS HELP
with an ever-lengthening list of things that supposedly
“cause”*

*SUPPRESS MICE CANCER, (L.A. Times); EXPERTS HUNT
MYSTERIOUS*

*cancer—everything from smog in the air to insecticides on our
CANCER. AGENT, (LA. Times); RAT POISON HELPS
TERMINAL CANCER*

*raw fruits and vegetables, to a multitude of obscure viruses.
Not PATIENTS LIVE LONGER, CLAIMS TEAM OF
DOCTORS, (National recognizing that all of these merely act
as trigger mechanisms for Enquirer); WAITING IN THE
WINGS? (Medical World News).*

*the real cause—an enzyme and vitamin deficiency—they then
run off in all directions at once trying to find a thousand
separate This last headline perhaps needs expansion. The
article began:*

“cures,” each designed specifically to filter out the smog, to On an educated hunch that insects synthesize compounds that eliminate the insecticide, to destroy the virus, and so on. The can inhibit cell growth, chemist George R. Pettit of the University of more they research, the more “causes” they discover, and the Arizona in Tempe has spent six years and some \$100,000 extracting chemicals from a quarter of a million butterflies ... part of a more hopeless becomes their task.

National Cancer Institute program. To get his ... butterflies, Dr.

In spite of this continuum of failure, almost daily we can read Pettit enlisted the help of 500 collectors in Taiwan.

in our press encouraging stories about how we are on the very brink of a cancer breakthrough. On September 23, 1972, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner even announced to the world in bold wings, sea squirts—everything except the natural foods of man.

front-page headlines: CANCER CURE FOUND! And respected It is significant that the only time orthodox research produces researchers from the nation’s most prestigious medical institu- useful information is w h e n it is in conformity with the tions parade routinely before television cameras telling us how trophoblast thesis of cancer. Or, stated another way, there is their latest findings have, at last, brought the solution to the nothing in the realm of solid scientific knowledge gained through cancer puzzle within their grasp. We have been “on the verge or recent research that does not conform to the trophoblast thesis of great breakthrough” for decades!

cancer. This is true of a wide range of research projects.

For example, the excitement over the possibility of BCG acting as an anti-cancer agent is in conformity with the fact that

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the white blood cells are a front-line defense mechanism against unfortunately, have no inkling of the significance of their discov-cancer, as theorized by Dr. John Beard almost a century ago.

eries. Some of them, however, eventually do begin to grasp the Dr. Robert Good, former president of the Sloan-Ketterine picture. Dr. Bruce Halstead, for instance, Director and founder of Institute, while previously serving as chairman of the Pathology the World Life Research Institute of Colton, California, travelled Department of the University of Minnesota, discovered that to the Soviet Union and discovered that scientists there were altering the protein content of the diet in mice appears to have an studying natural non-toxic compounds as early as the 1960s and effect on increasing their resistance to cancer. He said: "The work appeared to be way ahead of the United States in this field. He raises questions about the role of diet in human cancer." (1) spoke glowingly of one such compound called Eleuterococcus His studies were sparked after observing that the aborigines which, from his description, sounds suspiciously like pangamic of Australia consumed a low protein diet and showed an excel-acid or vitamin B15 discovered by Dr. Krebs.

lent immunity to cancer. The good Doctor Good was on the right At any rate, Dr. Halstead was unsuccessful in getting the FDA track, but it was a track he never followed. A low-protein diet to approve experimentation with this compound. He complained: cannot be patented.

I've tried everywhere. I can't get any pharmaceutical company Dr. J.N. Davis, Professor of Pathology at Albany Medical to support it because of the FDA's regulations which are for College, also stumbled across a part of the solution when he specifics. This is where the whole field of medicine is in conflict.

noticed that there was a staggering increase in cancer of the Dr. Halstead also was on the right track, which undoubtedly esophagus in Kenya, Africa, in recent years, while there was is why he ran up against a stone wall of resistance from the practically none in neighboring Uganda. He noticed, also, that Medical and Political Establishment. After noting that Congress there appears to be some kind of relationship between cancer of had just authorized 1.6 billion dollars for cancer research, he said the colon and diet. He asked, "Why should there be a low that, in his opinion, it would not produce results because it all incidence of colon cancer in poor countries where food is scanty?"

would be spent for research into exotic and toxic artificial drugs For those familiar with the traditionally high nitriloxide rather than in the investigation of natural non-toxic compounds.

content of unrefined foods in poor countries, the answer is Then he added:

obvious. If Dr. Davis keeps asking the right questions, sooner or I predict that cures for cancer can be expected out of the natural later he is bound to find the right answers. And then he will have products field. Someday we'll discover that some native population the whole medical establishment to fight. In the meantime, he has had the cancer cure product and was using it. They may not have come to the conclusion that the reason for the difference may be been using it intentionally for this reason, but we'll find out that found in the types of beer drunk in these two countries—which they were using it, and the results were bona fide.

may not be too far off, for the different beers are made out of I believe that if we could really do a thorough study of all the different grains such as maize, sorghum, and millet, all of which natural occurring materials used by primitive tribes on a world have varying concentrations of vitamin B17.(2) But as long as Dr.

scale, we (the U.S.) could become a highly-productive area of cancer Davis theorizes only about the beer and not the vitamin, he will research.(1)

retain the respect of his colleagues and probably will continue to But this is not the approach of the cancer industry. Instead, receive funding for his research program.

infatuated with their newly acquired skills in creating artificial And so it goes. Over and over again, the trophoblast thesis compounds, they scorn nature and plunge billions of tax dollars (fact) of cancer is confirmed by independent researchers who, into their poisonous concoctions. And, as scores of these drugs are developed each year, cancer patients become the human I. "Protein Study—Diet Linked to Cancer Control," San Francisco Chronicle, guinea pigs upon which they are tested.

October 21, 1971. Also, "American College of Surgeons, A New Cancer Link; Gene-Pool Pollution," Modern Medicine, Nov. 29,1971, p. 13.

2. See "Seek Clues to Dramatic Rise of Throat Cancer in Kenya," Infectious I. "Russia, U.S. Join Ranks in Cancer Battle Project," L.A. Herald Examiner, Diseases, July 2,1972.

Feb. 20,1972, p. A-18.

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N o t all testing is in an a t t e m p t to cure cancer. M u c h of it is free. Somebody was free. I don't know who it was. I don't know d o n e just b e c a u s e the researchers h a v e at their d i s p o s a l large who it was, but he was free.

n u m b e r s of p a t i e n t s w h o , as t h e y reason, are g o i n g to die a n y w a y , Grof asked the patient if it was he who was set free, and the man s o w h y n o t u s e their b o d i e s w h i l e t h e y still h a v e s o m e life. If that replied, "Yes, yes."(1)

s o u n d s like too h a r s h a j u d g m e n t , t h e n consider t h e research T h e next d a y the p a t i e n t w a s convinced h

had had a project funded by the federal government at the Maryland religious experience. The staff was pleased because, as they Psychiatric Research Center in Cantonsville. The project was explained it, they had helped the patient find "meaning in his life" had died by Dr. Stanislav Grof, a Czechoslovakian-born psychiatrist to enjoy his last months more fully."

trist who specializes in the use of psychedelic drugs, particularly four days later, the man died from cancer.

LSD.

It is shocking to learn that, under the code of ethics followed The story here is so bizarre that many persons will find it hard by the FDA and the medical profession it now controls, it is not to believe. So let us examine the eye-witness account of a special necessary to advise a patient that he or she is being experimented reporter to the Washington Post who visited the research center upon. This is an ominous fact, not only in regard to the patient and observed videotapes of some of the experiments. The who is receiving the experimental drug, but also to the patient reporter, by the way, was extremely sympathetic to the entire who expects medical help but instead is placed into the control experimental program and presented it in the most favorable group and, thus, receives placebo — no help at all. Robert N.

light possible. But even in spite of this bias, the report is a Veatch, a specialist in medical ethics, told a Senate Health shocking expose of the total disregard that these men have for the Subcommittee in 1973 that, in just one typical research project, human "specimens" given to them for experimentation: ninety-one children acting as controls in a study of treatment for On the morning of his session, the patient is given a single red asthma "received ineffective treatment for periods lasting up to rose in a vase. The center's music

therapist has selected a program fourteen years. " He confirmed also that " no mother or child intended to heighten the experience—Vivaldi, Beethoven, Bach, the study knew any sort of study was underway. " (2) Wagner, Simon and Garfunkel, the Balinese Rarnazana Monkey As of 1970, there were over 100,000 cancer patients who had Chant, and others....

been used in experiments without either their knowledge or Here is an example of one session preserved on video-tape: The consent.(3)

cancer patient, a laborer in his late forties who was depressed and In a report prepared for the Chairman of a Senate Subcommittee -

afraid of his imminent death, was apprehensive as he sat on the couch talking with Grof and the nurse.

tee, and published in the Congressional Record of October 5,

"It hurts so bad," he said in a choked voice. " I never cry, I mean 1966, Dr. Miles H. Robinson revealed:

I can't help it, but I've got to let it come out sooner or later." He An undetermined number of cancer patients with an otherwise sobbed, and Grof comforted him.

substantial expectation of life have died in these tests, according to The nurse injected him intravenously with a single high dose of reports in NCI's Cancer Chemotherapy Reports. The full extent of LSD, and he waited the ten to thirty minutes for it to start to take mortality and morbidity is difficult to estimate, since the journal's effect. When it did, he reacted with fear. "I don't know what to do,"

editor told me only the "best" investigations are published.(4) he cried, and he moaned and eventually vomited into a pan.... Grof The following statements are taken from just a few of these soothed him with a few words then slipped a stereophonic headset over his ears. The patient was overcome with the mighty sound of

*” b e s t ” official Chemotherapy Reports: the Mormon
Tabernacle Choir singing “The Lord’s Prayer.”*

1. *“LSD Therapy: Quiet Revolution in Medicine,” LA. Times,
Dec. 15, 1972, He lay motionless.... After a long while the
patient started Part VII, pp. 10, 11.*

uttering words:

2. *“Unethical Experiments Hit,” Prevention, July, 1973, p. 97.*

“Like a ball of fire. Everything was dumped into this that I can

3. *Omar Garrison, The Dictocrats, (Chicago, London,
Melbourne: Books for remember. Everything was destroyed in
a final way. It had all Today, Ltd., 1970), p. 271.*

*disappeared. I don’t remember, but whoever it was said they
was set 4. Ibid., p. 273.*

*164 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part One An effort was
made to choose patients who were well enough to withstand
the anticipated toxicity.... Unexpectedly, early death of two of
the first five patients treated caused a reduction to 8.0*

*mg/kg/day. No significant anti-tumor benefit of any duration
was observed....*

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In this study, six of the eight patients [children] died.... No therapeutic effect was observed. Toxic clinical manifestations consisted of vomiting, hypotension, changes in oral mucus A
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membranes, and diarrhea, in that order of frequency. Renal damage and cerebral edema were observed at postmortem examination in
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each of the six patients who died while receiving this drug....

*The death of two patients was unequivocally caused by drug
The inherent weaknesses of all cancer statistics; toxicity....
Eight of the fourteen patients who survived their initial
courses of therapy showed rapid general deterioration and
died the need for statistical comparisons in spite of within ten
weeks after therapy began. It was our opinion that drug those
weaknesses; a comparison of the results*

toxicity contributed to the rapid demise of these patients....

obtained by orthodox and Laetrile physicians;

*Because of severe toxicity, which led to the death of a number
of and the consequences of consensus medicine.*

*the forty patients initially treated with the full five-day
“priming doses” used by the Wisconsin workers, investigators
in the Eastern A substantial part of the resources of the
American Cancer group voted to omit the fifth “priming”
doses of each course.(1) Society and the National Cancer
Institute is spent on gathering It is a fact that many of these
experiments are carried out, not statistics. Each year the
records of thousands of physicians and to see if the drug is
effective against cancer, but only to determine hospitals are
combed through to produce cancer statistics by how much of it
can be administered before the patient becomes ill geography,
age, sex, site, extent, type of treatment, and length of from its
toxic effect.*

survival. It is a mammoth task consuming hundreds of thousands. It is difficult for the average person to fathom the depth of man-hours and millions of dollars. This activity is about as these legalized tortures and murders committed on unsuspecting important to victory over cancer as is a body count in time of war.

victims in the name of science. And it is a sad commentary that so The experts know all about who has cancer but nothing about many people in and near the medical profession accept them how to cure it.

without protest. It is insult added to injury when the FDA Unlike the proponents of orthodox medicine who publish finances and encourages the wider use of these killer-drugs while reams of statistics on just about everything, the proponents of at the same time forbidding doctors to experiment with vitamin therapy are extremely reluctant to speak in these terms.

Laetrile—which is known to be at least a thousand times less At first this may appear as a lack of confidence on their part or, toxic—on the absurd contention that it has not yet been proven to even worse, as an indication that they really don't have any solid be safe! None of the FDA-approved cancer drugs has been proven evidence to back up their claims. Their reluctance, however, is to be safe, and most of them, quite to the contrary, have been well-founded.

proven to be extremely unsafe. And the American Cancer Society The first reason is that, in order to have statistics from which has the gall to label the use of Laetrile as “a new dimension of meaningful comparisons can be made, there has to be a control murder,” when, in reality, it is they and their worthless, unproven group. In other words, it would be necessary for those who nostrums that truly have earned that epithet.

believe in vitamin therapy to accept cancer patients but then not to treat some of them or to treat them with orthodox therapies.

This, of course, to the physicians involved would be tantamount to murder, and they could not participate in it. These men have 1. Ibid., pp. 273, 274.

already witnessed the tragic results of orthodox therapies on
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patients who come to them as a last resort. To ask these physicians who claim that breathing saved their lives. Of course, it saved those their lives. But anyone who didn't believe it could find a hundred treatments would be like asking them to place a hot poker on plausible explanations as to why something other than oxygen h u m a n flesh to see if it would cause burns and pain. And yet, not was responsible for their being alive.

to set up such control groups would leave an opening for the Dr. Richardson also advised strongly against using statistics, claim that, if the patient recovers, it could be due to other causes and then added:

such as "spontaneous regression" or "delayed response of the But this is a vitamin and enzyme deficiency disease. We dare not orthodox treatments."

talk about five-year survivals when we are really talking about Another fact is that, even if control groups were to be set up, it 100% survival with prophylaxis [prevention]. When you start killing people with radiomimetic insults to their bodies—you're talking would be impossible to make sure that they were meaningful.

about radiation deaths, not deaths from cancer.

There are so many variables in such factors as location of cancer, There are several other reasons for not using their false and degree of metastasis, dietary background, hereditary charac-misleading yardstick. One is that this yardstick is not applied to teristics, emotional state, age, sex, general health, medical history, vitamin deficiency diseases. Later on when B17 is accepted ... we environment, and so on. Almost any of

these variables could be may appear the fool by having cheapened our presentation by claimed as reasons for invalidating the statistics.

acquiescing in the use of the yardstick. Anyone who begins to see Whenever the proponents of vitamin therapy have attempted the vitamin aspect soon realizes that it is like measuring water and steel with the same clumsy apparatus.(1)

to offer surveys of their clinical results, the proponents of orthodox medicine have condemned them because their studies The reluctance to deal in statistics on the part of proponents of did not have adequate control groups, or that their results could vitamin therapy is based upon a respect for scientific truth. In be explained by some other factors, or that their follow-up spite of this, the public clamors for a statistical comparison, and records were inadequate. In most cases, these have been legiti-few people will take the trouble to study the problems deeply mate objections. But exactly these same weaknesses are present in enough to understand why such comparisons are not to be most of the statistical studies of orthodox medicine as well. The trusted. The result is that orthodox medicine, with its mountains primary difference is that orthodox studies are presumed to be of statistical charts and tables, easily wins the race for public accurate and, therefore, seldom challenged.

opinion, while the nutrition oriented doctors are condemned as The truth of the matter is that, because of the many variables quacks, charlatans, and murderers.

previously mentioned, there is no field of medicine in which Let us make it an honest race. Without defending the value of statistics are more confusing and meaningless than in the field of such statistics, let us at least see what they tell us, such as they cancer. In fact, there are many times when pathologists will are. Let us acknowledge that one should view all cancer statistics disagree among themselves as to whether or not a particular with reservation, but let us give the nutritional therapists the tissue even is cancer.

same right to use them that their critics have enjoyed.

So it is not just the nutritional therapist whose statistics are open to challenge. But it is only the nutritional therapist who, present rates, cancer will strike two out of every three families. Of generally speaking, honestly recognizes these problems and, every five deaths from all causes, one is from cancer. Of every five consequently, is reluctant to speak in terms of hard numbers or persons who get cancer, two will be saved and three will die. (2) ratios. Dr. Krebs, for example, repeatedly has refused to quote Two out of five, therefore, represents an ACS "cure rate" of approximately forty percent.

statistics because he thinks they are meaningless from a scientific point of view and cannot prove the reality of his theory. Anyone 1. Letter from John Richardson, M.D., to G. Edward Griffin, December 2, 1972; who insists on numbers, he says, reveals his lack of understanding of the scientific concept involved. It would be like trying 2. All data taken from Cancer Facts and Figures—1996, ACS, p. 1. Also California to prove the value of oxygen by collecting case histories of people Cancer Facts & Figures —-1997', ACS, p. 3.

standing of the scientific concept involved. It would be like trying 2. All data taken from Cancer Facts and Figures—1996, ACS, p. 1. Also California to prove the value of oxygen by collecting case histories of people Cancer Facts & Figures —-1997', ACS, p. 3.

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These figures are heavily weighted to present the most "regional spread" (the same category as "primary") cancer favorable picture possible. As mentioned previously, they include patients can anticipate a five-year survival of a whopping twenty-the relatively non-fatal cancers such as skin cancer, and they do eight percent! (1) Frankly, that is difficult to believe, even allowing not include those patients who die from cancer before they have for all the built-in enhancement factors. But, following our completed their prescribed course of treatment—which is a practice of taking these statistics as we find them, let us accept substantial number—and they do

not include the multitude of this one also, even if it is with a very large grain of salt.

deaths from the complications of cancer treatment, such as heart failure and pneumonia. For those who are presently healthy with no cancer at all, we

return to the American Cancer Society's statement that one out of three (33%) Americans will get cancer and that, of those, 40% will METASTATIC OR "TERMINAL"—Those whose cancer has survive five years. That means that 60% will die. Out of 100

spread to two or more distant locations, who have not responded to people who are "presently healthy," 33 will develop cancer and 13

surgery, radiation, or drugs, and who have been told by their doctor of those will survive 5 years or longer. Add those 13 to the 67 who that there no longer is any hope.

will not develop cancer in the first place, and we see that 80 of the PRIMARY—Those whose cancer is confined to a single area original 100 will survive under orthodox therapy. That's an with perhaps a few adjacent lymph nodes involved. It has been average survival rate of 80%.

detected before metastasis to a distant location and appears sufficiently limited or slow-growing to offer some hope of successful Now let's turn to the record of Laetrile therapy. Almost all of control by orthodox treatments. Skin cancer is not included in this the patients who seek Laetrile do so only after they have moved category.

into the metastasized or "terminal" category. The fact that most of PRESENTLY HEALTHY—Those who are in reasonably good

them do not survive five years after beginning vitamin and health and who have no clinical cancer or symptoms.

enzyme therapy is not surprising. What is surprising is that any of Admittedly, these categories are not absolute. They are

rightly they should be saved at that stage. Yet, Doctors Contreras, subject to all the criticisms of any such statistical categorization.

Richardson, and Binzel have all reported that approximately 15%

The first two are especially dependent upon the subjective of their patients have survived five years or longer. Fifteen evaluation of the physician, since no one can point out a clear percent, of course, is not good. But, considering that less than dividing line between them. But, whatever errors might be one-tenth of one percent survive under orthodox therapy, that generated by these problems will work randomly and equally on record is truly amazing.

behalf of both orthodox and nutritional therapies. Neither group Those whose cancer has not yet metastasized to secondary will have an advantage.

locations and who, therefore, fall into the localized or "primary"

The chances of a metastatic (terminal) cancer patient surviving five years after the point at which he has been classified as survival in response to Laetrile therapy. Doctors Richardson and such are so small as to defy statistical statement. Most physicians Binzel have found the response to be as high as eighty-five will say that there isn't one chance out of ten-thousand. Some will percent, providing the vital organs have not been too badly say one out of a thousand. Let's not quibble. We shall use the damaged by surgical, X-ray, or chemical intervention during more favorable figure which is one-tenth of one percent.

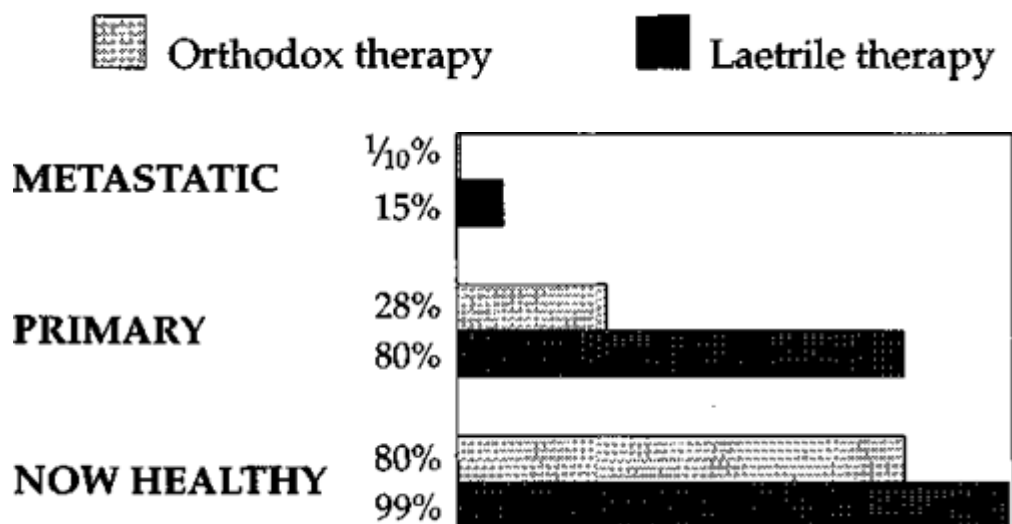
prior treatment. (2)

When it comes to "primary" cancers, it is difficult to know what figures to use. An unofficial poll conducted by the author 1. Letter from Marvin A. Schneiderman, Ph.D., Associate Scientific Director for Demography, NCI, to G. Edward

Griffin, dated March 21, 1973. See Griffin, and directed to a random group of Southern California doctors, *Private Papers, op. cit.*

produced an “opinion” of approximately fifteen percent long-2. 80% survival was reported by the McNaughton Foundation in its IND-6734

term survival in this category. The American Cancer Society was application for Phase-One testing of Laetrile. See *Cancer News Journal, Jan./Apr., 1971, p. 12.* Dr. Richardson’s data are contained in his letter to the author, Dec. 2, unable to produce either statistics or opinion. But a letter was 1972; Griffin, *Private Papers, op. cit.* Dr. Binzel’s record was published in his book received from the National Cancer Institute which claims that *Alive and Well, op. cit.*



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Of those who presently are healthy with no clinical cancer at can be and, especially considering that they have given the all, close to one-hundred percent can expect to be free from cancer proponents of orthodox treatments every conceivable advantage, as long as they routinely obtain adequate amounts of vitamin B17, they tell an impressive story that cannot be brushed aside.

and presuming they are not subject to some rare pancreas As physicians become aware of these facts and begin to malfunction or subjected to an unnatural exposure to carcino- experiment with the nutritional approach to cancer therapy, they genic agents such as massive radiation. Fortunately, the “control soon find themselves the victims of something called consensus g r o u p ” for this category already has been provided through the medicine. Consensus medicine is the tangible result of the belief existence of the Hunzakuts, the Abkhazians, the Eskimos, the that doctors need to be policed in order to prevent them from Hopi and Navajo Indians, and other similar populations around injuring or cheating their patients, and that the best people to the world.

police doctors are other doctors acting through professional Putting the two groups of statistics together, here is the story organizations, hospital staffs, and government agencies. The they tell:

result of this seemingly proper arrangement is that, no matter how useless or even harmful current practices may be, consensus medicine demands that they be used by every physician. Regard-LONG-TERM SURVIVAL

less of how many patients are lost, the doctor’s professional standing is upheld, because those who pass judgment through “peer review” are using the same treatments and getting the same tragic results. On the other hand, if a doctor deviates from this pattern and dares to apply nutrition as the basis of his treatment, even if he attains a high degree of success, he is condemned as a quack. He loses his hospital privileges, is denied malpractice insurance, and even becomes subject to arrest.

The result of this is that many physicians are just as afraid of cancer as their patients—afraid that they may miss a diagnosis or cause a month delay before surgery. They may know in their own mind that the extra month really makes little difference in the survival of the patient, but they know it will make a great

difference in their reputations. It requires great courage for a doctor not to operate or not to recommend radiation or drugs.

It bears repeating that all cancer statistics are subject to a host of unseen and undefined premises and are useful only for the relatives of the deceased could easily institute a malpractice suit most general reference purpose. These, in particular, because they are against him on the grounds that he did not do all that he could attempt to present a composite picture, can be misleading when it has been done. And, in light of the present abysmal ignorance about cancer, it would be next to impossible for the doctor to convince either the judge or the jury that the patient's cancer location, and degree of malignancy. Also, the categories would have died anyway, even without the "benefit" of surgery, are somewhat arbitrary when it comes to separating moderately spread cancers from those that are far advanced, for often there is radiation, or drugs. This is especially true if a spokesman for the gray area between the two. Nevertheless, for those who simply American Cancer Society were called to the witness stand and must have statistics, these are as accurate as any such tabulation unleashed the "statistic" of a million-and-a-half who, supposedly, are now alive only because of such treatments.



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And so the physician cannot follow his own judgment or his conscience. He gets into far more trouble by prescribing a few non-toxic vitamins than by prescribing the most radical surgery or violent chemical poisons. All but the very brave toe the line.

That is consensus medicine.

Consensus or no consensus, statistics or no statistics—cancer is a disease for which orthodox medicine does not have either a cure or control worthy of being called such. And the rate of cancer deaths continues to climb every year in spite of billions of dollars and millions of man-hours spent annually in search

for even a clue. It is ironic that those who have failed to find the answer themselves spend so much of their time and energy condemning and harassing others who merely want the freedom to be able to choose an alternate approach.

Dr. Krebs often commented that using a Chinese prayer wheel would produce just as good or possibly better results than orthodox treatment. And that was not said in jest. To those of us in the West, the use of such a device would be viewed as the same as no treatment at all. But no treatment at all would at least spare us the deadly side-effects of radiation and chemical poisoning. In that sense, the medical results of a prayer wheel would compare quite favorably to those produced at the Mayo Clinic.

“Cancer,” said Dr. Krebs, “is properly described as one of the last outposts of mysticism in medical science.” He was referring to the great wall of ignorance and vested interest that still prevents large numbers of present-day scientists from objectively viewing the evidence around them. If they did so, many of them would have to admit that they have been wrong. It is a humbling experience for a man who has spent a lifetime learning complex surgical procedures, concocting elaborate chemical structures, or mastering monster ray machines to accept in the end that during all these years the answer was right under his nose—not as the product of his intelligence or technical skills—but in the form of a simple food factor found in the lowly apple seed. So he persists in his quest for the complex answer.

Just as we are amused today at the primitive medical practices of history—the trepanning of skulls, the bloodletting, the medicinal elixirs of dog hair, goose grease, or lizard blood—future generations will look back at our own era and cringe at the senseless cutting, burning, and poisoning that now passes for medical science.

Part Two

**THE
POLITICS OF**

CANCER

THERAPY

Chapter Thirteen

CARTELS —

ESCAPE FROM

COMPETITION

A review of the science of cancer therapy; a summary of the politics of cancer therapy; the early history of the I.G. Farben chemical and pharmaceutical cartel; the cartel's early success in the United States; and its "marriage" with DuPont, Standard Oil, and Ford.

In Part One we presented the science of cancer therapy. Before proceeding with Part Two, the politics of cancer therapy, let's review briefly the major points previously covered.

As we have seen, cancer is the unnatural and unchecked growth of trophoblast cells which, themselves, are a normal and vital part of the life process.

Trophoblast cells are produced in the body as a result of a chain reaction involving the hormone estrogen. Estrogen always is present in large quantities at the site of damaged tissue, possibly serving as an organizer or catalyst for body repair.

Cancer, therefore, can be triggered by any prolonged stress or damage to the body—whether it be smoking, or chemical additives to our food, or even certain viruses—for these are what trigger the production of estrogen as part of the normal healing process.

Nature, fortunately, has provided a metabolic barrier—a complex mechanism to limit and control the growth of these trophoblast cells. Many factors are involved, but the most

direct-acting of them appear to be the pancreatic enzymes and the food factor known as a nitriloside or vitamin B17, a unique compound that destroys cancer cells while nourishing and sustaining all others.

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*The answer to cancer, therefore, is to avoid excessive damage
But does it necessarily follow that all opposition is innocent?*

*or stress to the body, to minimize foods that preempt the A re
we to believe that personal gain or vested interest is not a
pancreatic enzymes for their digestion, and to maintain a diet
rich factor anywhere along the line? The purpose of the
second half of in all minerals and vitamins—especially vitamin
B17.*

*this presentation is to provide the answers to those questions.
It Opposition to the nutritional concept of cancer is strong and
will be demonstrated that, at the top of the economic and
political vocal. This concept has been branded as fraud and
quackery by pyramid of power there is a grouping of financial,
industrial, and the Food and Drug Administration, the
American Cancer Society, political interests that, by the nature
of their goals, are the natural and the American Medical
Association.*

*enemies of the nutritional approach to health. It will be shown
It is important to stress again, however, that the average that
they have created a climate of bias that makes scientific
physician is not part of this opposition—except, perhaps, to
the objectivity almost an impossibility, and that they,
themselves, extent to which he trustingly accepts the official
pronouncements often become the victims of their own bias.*

*of these prestigious bodies. Most doctors, however, would be It
will be shown that these forces wield tremendous influence
more inclined to give Laetrile a try before passing
final.judgment.*

over the medical profession, the medical schools, and the medical As a result, an increasing number of physicians all around the journals; and that the average doctor is the last to suspect that world now are testing and proving the value of vitamin therapy much of his knowledge and outlook have been shaped subtly by in their own clinics. Doctors in the United States, however, are these non-medical interests.

forbidden both by law and by the pressure of peer review from It will be shown, also, that this elite group can move long experimenting with unorthodox therapies. Consequently, they levers of political power that activate government agencies in are not able to find out if Laetrile works, only if it is said to work.

their behalf; and that these agencies, which supposedly are the Meanwhile, with the evidence continuing to mount in favor of servants and protectors of the people, have become the mecha-vitamin therapy, the opposition and the controversy also continue nism of vested interest.

to grow. The reason is both simple and unpleasant. Cancer, in the These are serious indictments. They are not made lightly, nor United States at least, has become a multi-billion dollar business.

should they be accepted without challenge. So let us turn now to Not only are fortunes made in the fields of research, drugs, and the record to see what evidence there is to support them.

X-ray, but political careers are enhanced by promising ever larger The information that follows is taken primarily from govern-tax-supported programs and government grants.

ment hearings and reports published by various Senate and It is an ominous fact that, each year, there are more people House committees from 1928 to 1946. Principal among these are making a living from cancer than are dying from it. If the riddle the House Subcommittee to Investigate Nazi Propaganda in 1934, were to be solved by a simple vitamin found abundantly and the Special Senate Committee Investigating the Munitions Indus-inexpensively in nature, this

gigantic commercial and political try in 1935, the report on cartels released by the House Temporary industry could be wiped out overnight. It is not unexpected, National Economic Committee in 1941, the Senate Special therefore, that vested interest should play an important role in Committee Investigating the National Defense Program in 1942, clouding the scientific facts.

the report of the Senate Patents Committee in 1942, and the This does not mean that the surgeons, the radiologists, the Senate Subcommittee on War Mobilization in 1946.

druggists, the researchers, or the thousands of people w h o supply Other sources include the Senate Lobby Investigating Com-and support them would consciously withhold a control for mittee, the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, court cancer. They are, for the most part, highly motivated and consci-records of the Nuremberg trials, and dozens of volumes found as entious individuals w h o would like nothing better than to put an standard references in any large library. In other words, although end to human suffering. Furthermore, they and their families the story that follows is not widely known, it is, nevertheless, part succumb to cancer the same as the rest of the population.

of the public record and can be verified by anyone. This is that Obviously, they are not keeping any secret cures to themselves. story.

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In the years prior to World War II, there came into existence an well known chemist, Justus von Leibig. It is an interesting international cartel, centered in Germany, that dominated the coincidence that Leibig, shortly after he completed his university world's chemical and drug industries. It had spread its operations training in 1824, first attracted attention within the scientific to ninety-three countries and was a powerful economic and community by publishing a paper on the

chemical properties of political force on all continents. It was known as I.G. Farben.

the bitter almond, a substance rich in vitamin B17. He identified I.G. stands for Interessens Gemeinschaft, which means "commu-the presence of benzaldehyde, an ingredient that acts against nity of interests" or, more simply, "cartel." Farben means "dyes,"

cancer cells, but there is no indication that he ever followed up which, because the modern chemical industry had its origin in these studies with particular application to cancer therapy.(1) the development of dyestuffs, now is a deceptively innocent sounding category that, in reality, encompasses the entire field of I.G. Farben was created in 1926 by the dual genius of a chemistry, including munitions and drugs.

German industrialist by the name of Hermann Schmitz and a Munitions and drugs can be powerful human motivators.

Swiss banker by the name of Eduard Greutert.(2) Greutert's stock One offers the promise of health and prolonged life, while the in trade was keeping "loose books" and creating financial mazes other can be the carrier of death and destruction. There can be no to conceal Farben ownership of companies. Schmitz was a greater earthly desire for men than to have the first but to avoid director of the great Deutsche Reichsbank and of the Bank of the second. He w h o controls munitions and drugs, therefore, International Settlements headquartered in Switzerland. And so, holds the ultimate carrot and stick.

from the beginning, the leaders of I.G. Farben had been a part of The basic ingredient for almost all chemicals—including those the international banking structure.

that wound as well as those that heal—is coal tar or crude oil.

By the beginning of World War II, I.G. Farben had become the With the advent of the internal combustion engine, the value of largest industrial enterprise in Europe, the largest chemical these raw materials as the precursor of gasoline has given

those company in the world, and part of the most powerful cartel in w h o control their chemical conversions a degree of power over history.(3) It would take over an hour just to read aloud the names the affairs of the world that is frightening to contemplate. In other of the companies around the world with which it had interlock-words, the present movement of civilization is driven by the ing cartel agreements. There were, in fact, over 2,000 of them.(4) engine of chemistry. But the fuel of chemistry is oil. Whereas gold When the list is narrowed to include just those companies which once was the key to world power, now it is oil. And it has come to pass that it is the same men who now control both.

it owned or controlled outright, it still would fill many pages in a book. Here are just a few of the better known:

Howard Ambruster, author of *Treason's Peace*, summarizes: *Inside Germany*, the cartel included the top six chemical firms I.G. Farben is usually discussed as a huge German cartel which and extended to virtually all of heavy industry as well, especially controls chemical industries throughout the world and from which profits flow back to the headquarters in Frankfurt. Farben, however, the steel industry. Hermann Schmitz was a dominant figure in the is no mere industrial enterprise conducted by Germans for the Krupp Steel Works and was on its board of directors as well as on extraction of profits at home and abroad. Rather, it is and must be the board of the major steel combine, Vereinigte Stahlwerke.

recognized as a cabalistic organization which, through foreign subsidiaries and by secret tie-ups, operates a far-flung and highly 1. Richard Sasuly, *I.G. Farben*, (New York: Boni & Gaer, 1947), p. 21.

efficient espionage machine—the ultimate purpose being world 2. Greutert was a German national also. His bank was located in Basel and was conquest—and a world superstate directed by Farben.(1) known as Greutert & Cie.

3. This was the opinion of the U.S. Department of Justice as expressed in U.S.

Much of the earlier scientific knowledge that made it possible vs. Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. et. ah, U.S. District Court of New Jersey, May 14, for German industry to assume world leadership in the field of 1942.

4. General Eisenhower, as Supreme Commander in the American Zone of organic chemistry was the result of the pioneering genius of the Occupation, reported that I.G. had stock interests in 613 corporations, including 173 in foreign countries, piled up assets of 6 billion Reichsmarks, and “operated 1. Howard Ambruster, Treason’s Peace, (New York: Beechurst Press, 1947), with varying degrees of power in more than 2,000 cartels.” See New York Times, p. vii.

Oct. 21, 1945, Sec. 1, pp. 1,12.

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All-in-all, more than 380 German firms were controlled by the Alba Pharmaceutical, Bristol Meyers, Drug, Inc., Vegex, Inc., cartel.

Squibb and Sons Pharmaceutical, and scores of others, many of Elsewhere in Europe, I.G. Farben dominated such industrial which were large enough to be holding companies which, in turn, giants as Imperial Chemical in Great Britain, Kuhlmann in o w n e d n u m e r o u s smaller c o m p a n i e s — a n d some n o t - s o -

France, and Allied Chemical in Belgium. Leslie Waller, in his The small—as well.(1)

Swiss Bank Connection, provides this modest description: By 1929, I.G. Farben had concluded a series of limited cartel agreements with its largest American competitor, the DuPont Through the Basel connection, I.G. Farben spread out across the face of the globe widening its grasp of the chemical business by Company. DuPont was a major power in itself and it always had establishing thoroughly concealed interests in companies in been reluctant to enter into cooperative ventures with Farben Belgium, England, France, Greece, Holland,

Hungary, Norway, which usually insisted on being the dominant partner. Conse-Poland, Romania, various nations of South America, Sweden and quently, many of the agreements were made indirectly through the United States.(1)

Farben's subsidiary, Winthrop Chemical, through Imperial In the United States the cartel had established important Chemical (its cartel partner in Great Britain), and through Mitsui, agreements with a wide spectrum of American industry includ-its cartel partner in Japan. By 1937, American I.G. had substantial ing Abbott Laboratories, Alcoa, Anaconda, Atlantic Oil, Bell and stock holdings in both DuPont and Eastman Kodak. The Olin Howell, the Borden Company, the Carnation Company, Ciba-Corporation, a Farben holding, entered into the manufacture of Geigy, Dow Chemical, DuPont, Eastman Kodak, Firestone cellophane under a DuPont license.

Rubber, Ford Motor, General Drug Company, General Electric, The primary reason that such an industrial giant as DuPont General Mills, General Motors, General Tire, Glidden Paint, finally relented and entered into cartel agreements with I.G. is Goodyear Rubber, Gulf Oil, the M.W. Kellogg Company, that Standard Oil of New Jersey had just done so. The combina-Monsanto Chemical, N a t i o n a l Lead, Nestle's, O w l D r u g tion of these two Goliaths presented DuPont with a serious Company, Parke-Davis and Company, Pet Milk, Pittsburgh potential of domestic competition. DuPont might have been able Glass, Proctor and Gamble, Pure Oil, Remington Arms, Richfield to stand firmly against I.G. alone, but it could not hope to take on Oil, Shell Oil, Sinclair Oil, Socony Oil, Standard Oil, Texaco, both I.G. and the great Rockefeller empire as well. Standard Oil, Union Oil, U.S. Rubber, and hundreds more.

therefore, was the decisive factor that brought together the The list of companies which it owned outright or in which it ultimate "community of interest"—I.G., Standard Oil, Imperial had (or eventually would have) a dominant financial interest is Chemical, DuPont, and as we shall see, Shell Oil.

equally impressive. It includes the Bayer Co. (makers of aspirin), The agreement between I.G., Standard, and Shell with an American I.G. Chemical Corporation (manufacturers of photo-consummated in 1929. How it came about is a fascinating story graphic film and supplies), Lederle Laboratories, the Sterling and sheds considerable light on the behind-the-scenes maneuvers Drug Company,, the J.T. Baker Chemical Company, Winthrop of companies that, in the public eye, are perceived as competitors.

*Chemical, Metz Laboratories, Hoffman-LaRoche Laboratories One of the factors leading to Germany's defeat in World War I Whitehall Laboratories, Frederick Stearns and Company, the with its lack of petroleum. German leaders resolved never again to rely upon the outside world for gasoline. Germany may Ar-Dee Foods, Breck Inc., Heyden Anti-biotics, MacGregor not have had oil deposits within its territory, but it did have Instrument Company, Antrol Laboratories, the International Vitamin Corp., Cardinal Laboratories, Van Ess Laboratories, the 1. The listing of these firms does not imply illegality or impropriety. It is merely William S. Merrill Company, the Jensen Salsberry Laboratories, to establish the historical facts of either cartel contractual interlock or outright control. These facts can be verified by consulting back issues of standard Loesser Laboratories, Taylor Chemical, the Ozalid Corporation, business references such as Standard and Poor's Corporation Records and Moody's Industrial Manual. See also the findings of previous researchers in this field such as 1. Leslie Waller; *The Swiss Bank Connection*, (New York: Signet Books, New as *Cartels in Action*, by Stocking and Watkins; *Treason's Peace*, by Ambruster; and American Library, Inc., 1972), p. 162.*

The Devil's Chemist, by DuBois; all mentioned elsewhere in this study.

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abundant reserves of coal. One of the first goals of German only as a partner of Farben. Farben, in turn, agreed not to enter chemists after the war, therefore, was to find a way to convert coal the field of petroleum except as a joint venture with Standard.

into gasoline.

Each party disavowed “any plan or policy” of “expanding its By 1920, Dr. Bergius had discovered ways to make large existing business in the direction of the other party’s industry as quantities of hydrogen and to force it, under great pressure, at to become a serious competitor of that other party.”(1) high temperatures, and in the presence of specific catalysts, into As Frank Howard of Standard Oil phrased it:

liquid coal products. The final steps into refined gasoline were The I.G. may be said to be our general partner in the chemical then assured. It was only a matter of perfecting the hydrogenation-business.... The desire and intention of both parties is to avoid tion process. I.G. suddenly was in the oil business.

competing with one another.(2)

One might assume that the cartel would have eagerly gone To facilitate the implementation of this agreement, several into production. But the plan, instead, was to interest existing oil jointly owned companies were formed. One of these was the producers in their process and to use their patents as leverage to International Hydrogenation Patents Company (I.H.P.). Shell Oil gain concessions and business advantages in other areas. This also became a partner in this venture. Its purpose was not to was to be the bait to ensnare Standard Oil which, in turn, would promote the international use of the hydrogenation process, but bring in DuPont. And it worked exactly as planned.

to keep the lid on it as much as possible. An official Standard Frank Howard of Standard Oil was invited to visit the great memorandum declared:

Baldische plant at Ludwigshafen in March of 1926. What he saw was astounding—gasoline from coal! In a near state of shock, he I.H.P. should keep in close touch with developments in all countries where it has patents, and should be fully informed with wrote to Walter Teagle, president of Standard Oil:

regard to the interest being shown in hydrogenation and the Based upon my observations and discussions today, I think that prospect of its introduction.... It should not, however, attempt to stir this matter is the most important which has ever faced the up interest in countries where none exists.(3)

company....

The other jointly-owned company was created in 1930 and The Baldische can make high-grade motor oil fuel from lignite and other low-quality coals in amounts up to half the weight of the was known as Jasco, Inc. Its purpose was to allow each company coal. This means absolutely the independence of Europe on the to share in any future new chemical developments of the other.

matter of gasoline supply. Straight price competition is all that is Under the agreement, whenever I.G. or Standard developed a left....

new chemical process, it would offer to the other party an option I shall not attempt to cover any details, but I think this will be to obtain one-third interest in the patent. Jasco then would exploit evidence of my state of mind.(1)

the marketing of that process throughout the world.

The following three years were devoted to negotiation. The Here, then, was a perfect example of how two giant industrial cartel agreement was signed on November 9, 1929 and it accom-empires came together, a step at a time, until eventually, in large plished several important objectives: First, it granted Standard areas of their activity, they were moving in unison as one. The Oil one-half of all rights to the hydrogenation process in all goal of each simply was to

remove all marketplace competition countries of the world except Germany. This assured Standard between themselves and assure that each had a secure guarantee that it would control, or at least profit from, its own competition of future growth and profit. Dr. Carl Bosch, head of I.G. at the in this field. In return, Standard gave I.G. 546,000 shares of its time, was not merely being picturesque when he said that I.G.

stock valued at more than \$30,000,000. The two parties also and Standard had “married.” He was describing quite accurately agreed not to compete with each other in the fields of chemistry the philosophical essence of all major cartel agreements.

and petroleum products. In the future, if Standard Oil wished to enter the field of industrial chemicals or drugs, it would do so 1. George Stocking and Myron Watkins, Cartels in Action, (New York: The Twentieth Century Fund, 1946), p. 93.

2. As quoted by Ambruster, Treason’s Peace, op. cit., p. 52.

1. Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., pp. 144-145.

3. Ibid., pp. 492, 493.

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Space does not permit a detailed chronicle of all of I.G.

There is much more of significance known about these men, Farben’s polygamous marriages with other major U.S. firms, but but the bottom line is that they were more than mere businessmen at least two more should be mentioned in passing. On October 23, looking for a means of expanding markets and securing profits.

1931, I.G. and Alcoa signed an accord, known as the Alig They were part of that special breed whose vision extends far Agreement, in which the two companies pooled all their patents beyond profit-and-loss ledgers to the horizons of international and technical knowledge on the production of magnesium. The intrigue and politics.

other industrial giant that became part of the international web To fully understand that aspect of their careers, it is necessary was none other than the Ford Motor Company.

first to understand the nature of cartels. A cartel is a grouping of When Henry Ford established a branch of his company in companies that are bound together by contracts or agreements Germany, I.G. Farben immediately purchased most of the forty designed to promote inter-company cooperation and, thereby, percent of the stock which was offered for sale. The marriage was reduce competition between them. Some of these agreements completed when Carl Bosch, I.G. 's president, and Carl Krauch, may deal with such harmless subjects as industry standards and I.G. 's chairman of the board, both joined the board of directors of nomenclature. But most of them involve the exchange of patent the German Ford Company. In the United States, Edsel Ford rights, the dividing of regional markets, the setting of prices, and joined the board of directors of the American I.G. Chemical agreements not to enter into product competition within specific C o m p a n y as did Walter Teagle, president of Standard Oil, categories. Generally, a cartel is a means of escaping the rigors of Charles E. Mitchell, president of Rockefeller's National City Bank competition in the open free-enterprise market. The result always of New York, and Paul M. Warburg, brother of Max Warburg who is higher prices and fewer products from which to choose. Cartels was a director of the parent company in Germany.

and monopolies, therefore, are not the result of free enterprise, Paul Warburg was one of the architects of the Federal Reserve but the escape from it.

System which placed control of the American monetary system The motivation for businessmen to make cartel agreements is into the hands of the same banking circles he represented.

similar to that which leads laborers and skilled workers into trade According to the memoirs of Frank Vanderlip, this scheme was unions and professional associations. They reason that by lower-hatched at a secret meeting on Jekyll Island in

Georgia attended ing the price on their product or their labor they might be able to by Vanderlip himself, Senator Aldrich (both representing Rockefeller-attract a greater share of the existing market. But that is only true feller), Henry Davison, Charles Norton, and Benjamin Strong if others do not follow their example. It is reasonable to assume, (representing J.P Morgan), Abraham Piatt Andrew (from the however, that the competition will lower its prices also in order to Treasury), and Paul Warburg (representing the Rothschilds in avoid losing patronage. A price cut by one tends to lower the England and France). Warburg's brother, Felix, married Frieda prices of all. A person is encouraged, therefore, to join with other Schiff, the daughter of Jacob Schiff who headed the banking firm firms or other workers and agree not to follow competitive of Kuhn, Loeb, and Company.(1) Years later, according to his policies that will impoverish all.

grandson John, Jacob Schiff had given twenty million dollars to This does not mean that cartel members always succeeded in Trotsky for use in establishing a Soviet Dictatorship in Russia.(2) eliminating all conflict or competition.

Occasionally a party to an agreement will decide that the terms of the agreement no longer 1. For the complete story of how the Federal Reserve System operates as a are acceptable and it will break away and attempt to go it alone.

banking cartel under the guise of a government agency, read G. Edward Griffin's The Creature from Jekyll Island; A Second Look at The Federal Reserve System Price wars and fierce contests for markets periodically erupt with (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, 1995)

all the overtones of military war itself. But, just as in the case of 2. The comments by John Schiff first appeared in the Charlie Knickerbocker war between nations, eventually they come to an end. One party column of the New York Journal American, Feb. 3, 1949. See also the exclusive interview with Alexander Kerensky, leader of the Russian revolution, U.S. News either is vanquished or, as is more often the case in business wars,

& World Report, Mar. 13, 1967, p. 68.

one party clearly emerges with the dominant position, and then a

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“truce” and a new negotiated cartel agreement is worked out on This is reminiscent of the sentiments expressed in 1973 by the the basis of the new balance of power.

United States Tariff Commission. In its report to the Senate, it Stocking and Watkins, writing in Cartels in Action, describe said:

this process succinctly:

In the largest and most sophisticated multinational corpora-

“Price wars” broke out, were terminated by “armistices,” recur-tions, planning and subsequent monitoring of plan fulfillment have rently flamed up again, and finally settled into a long siege....

reached a scope and level of detail that, ironically, resemble more Chemical companies usually decide who shall sell what, where, than superficially the national planning procedures of Communist how much, and on what terms in foreign markets, by negotiation countries.(1)

rather than by competition, because they believe that cooperation The comments about resembling the planned economy of a

“pays.” They reach their decisions by driving hard-headed bargains.

Soviet Commissar in a Communist country are quite “on target.”

Each party tries to obtain the best terms for itself. Thus these They shed a great deal of light on the inherent philosophy of decisions reflect the relative bargaining power of the parties involved. This depends on many factors including the

efficiency of cartels. If it is true that cartels and monopolies are not the result of their processes, strength of their patent positions, quality of their free enterprise but the escape from it, then it follows that the best products, extent of their financial resources, and support of their way to escape free enterprise is to destroy it altogether. This is governments. In the final analysis, the issue turns on the compara-why cartels and collectivist governments inevitably work tive readiness of the several parties for a competitive “war” if together as a team. They have a common enemy and share a negotiations break down.

common objective: the destruction of free enterprise.

This kind of business rivalry differs from effective competition A million dollars put into politics to bring about the passage in that the bulk of its benefits are likely to go to the cartel members of a protective tariff law, a so-called fair-trade law, or an anti-rather than to the consumers.(1)

quackery law, is a tremendous bargain for those w h o benefit.

This is an accurate description of the hidden reality behind Even though these laws are masqueraded as being for the benefit most of the world’s major products today. Stocking and Watkins of the people, in reality they are a means of putting the machinery made extensive calculations of pre-war trade and proved quite of government into motion against cartel competitors. They convincingly that, in the United States, in the year 1939, cartels produce a return on the original investment many times over. Big controlled eighty-seven percent of the mineral products sold, government, therefore, with its capacity to regulate every facet of sixty percent of agricultural products, and forty-two percent of all economic life, is the natural friend and ally of cartels and manufactured products. Needless to say, the trend has greatly monopolies.

accelerated since 1939, so one can well imagine what the situation Cartels and monopolies, without the help of government, is like today. The chemical industry—and that

includes pharma-would be hard-pressed to exist, at least at the level they do now.

ceuticals—is completely cartelized. Even as far back as 1937, this Look at any of the major world markets—in sugar, tea, chocolate, fact was so obvious that Fortune magazine editorialized: rubber, steel, petroleum, automobiles, food—any of them, and The chemical industry, despite its slowly lowering curve of real one will find a mountain of government restrictions, quotas, and prices, is an “orderly” industry. It was practicing “cooperation” long price supports. And scampering all over this mountain, there is before General Johnson invented it in 1933. It has seldom been an army of lobbyists, representing special interests, applying bedeviled by over production, has had no private depression of its pressures on politicians who, in turn, endorse the laws that, own, and has not often involved itself in long or bloody price supposedly, are designed to protect the people.

wars.... By and large, the chemical industry has regulated itself in a manner that would please even a Soviet Commissar.... The industry Cartels are not alone in this racket. Organized labor sought

... is ... the practitioner of one definite sort of planned economy.(2) the escape from free-market competition when it demanded 1. Watkins, op. cit., pp. 398, 420.

1. Report entitled Implications of Multinational Firms for World Trade and Invest-2. “Chemical Industry,” Fortune, Dec, 1937, pp. 157,162.

ment for U.S. Trade and Labor, Feb. 1973, p. 159.

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government-enforced minimum wage laws and the closed shop.

Ferdinand Lundberg, in his book, The Rich and the Super Rich, Farmers did the same with price supports and subsidies. It seems put aside his Leftist cliches about the “exploitation of

the working that, increasingly of late, almost everyone wants the government class,” and his outspoken apologies for the Soviet system long to step in and “protect” him from the rigors of open and honest enough to recognize certain truths, or half-truths at least, about competition. The cartels are no different in this except that they the American system. He wrote, almost with glee:

were ahead of most of the others, have more money to spend, and The restriction of free enterprise has also come principally from have perfected the art to its ultimate state.

businessmen who have constantly sought to increase government It is not merely a question of prestige, therefore, but a matter regulation in their own interest, as in the case of tariffs, subsidies, of pure necessity that large multinational corporations often have and prohibition of price-cutting on trademarked items.

prominent political figures on their boards. ITT, for example, has In fact, the interests of businessmen have changed to a consider-displayed on its main board in New York such significant names able extent from efficiency in production, to efficiency in public as Eugene Black, former head of the World Bank, and John manipulation, including manipulation of the government for attain-McCone, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In ment of preferential advantages....

Europe it has had such figures as Trygve Lie, first Secretary-As everything thus far inquired into has obviously flowed General of the United Nations, Paul-Henri Spock of Belgium, and under the benign providence of government, it is evident that, Lord Caccia of Britain. There was even an attempt to recruit government and politics have more than a little to do with the Prime Minister Harold McMillan.(1)

gaudy blooms of extreme wealth and poverty in the feverish American realm.(1)

It is no coincidence that all of the above-named individuals are self-classified either as socialists or, at the very least, political All of which is true; but it is not all that is true. There

are two liberals. None of them would be caught dead advocating the free traps that can ensnare the unwary observer of these trends. The enterprise system. They know that the road to wealth now is first is the hasty conclusion that cartels and monopolies are an traveled, not by the carriage of industrial expertise, but by the expression of capitalism or free enterprise, and that the solution sport car of political influence. Government is where the action is.

to the problem lies in the replacement of capitalism with some The consequences can be seen everywhere—especially in the other kind of system. As we have emphasized, however, cartels world of international finance. The situation was aptly described and monopolies are just the opposite of competitive capitalism in the January 1973 Monthly Review of the Bank of Hawaii: and free enterprise.

There appears to be no ready answer to the complex interrelated The second trap is the conclusion that the solution for the domestic and international developments. Those standing to lose abuses of cartels and monopolies is to be found in the increase of the most include the individuals who seek to establish their own government regulations and controls. But that is precisely the business and those independent domestic firms seeking to compete problem already. It simply is not humanly possible to draw up a in the traditional open market place. They face increasing regimen- new law or combination of laws granting increased power to tation through bureaucratic red tape and preempted markets by government, supposedly to regulate commerce and to prevent federally subsidized competition.

monopoly and their political puppets, without accomplishing just Virtually immune are the multi-national corporations whose massive investments abroad, and effective lobbying positions, and the opposite of its stated objective.

allegiance to a world market unobstructed by local government and Current anti-trust laws are a perfect example. More often than competition, place them in a position to not

only straddle these not, they end up merely being the instruments whereby one developments but to encourage them.

business group uses the power of government to suppress or hinder its less politically influential competitors. Bigger and stronger government is not the solution, it is the problem!

1. Anthony Sampson, The Sovereign State of IIT, (New York: Stein & Day, 1973), 1. Ferdinand Lundberg, The Rich and the Super-Rich, (New York: Bantam, 1968), pp. 113,114.

pp. 153,154, 584.

192 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part Two Lundberg, like many other writers in this field, fell victim to both traps. He recognized that monopoly was not free enterprise.

He even saw that government was the inseparable partner of monopoly. But, having done so, he then turned around and opened the door for a move into bigger government, and even a Chapter Fourteen

“forward” step into Communism itself:

*We cannot go back to competition. We must go forward to some **THE ULTIMATE***

*new system, perhaps Communism, perhaps cooperativism, perhaps much more complete governmental regulation than we now have. I **MONOPOLY***

don't know what lies ahead and I am not particularly concerned....(1) There, in a nutshell, is the likely reason that Mr. Lundberg's Early examples of cartel support for totalitarian amazingly dull and oversized book (1009 pages) has been pushed regimes; I.G. Farben's role in lifting Hitler out into the bestseller list by the very Establishment which, on the of political oblivion and converting the Nazi

surface at least, he supposedly condemns. If men like Lundberg state into an instrument of cartel power.

would only stop to wonder why they are hired to teach at Establishment universities, and why their books are eagerly At this point in our survey, the reader may wonder what all of

sought by Establishment publishers, and why they are in demand this has to do with the politics of cancer therapy. The answer—as for TV and radio appearances on Establishment networks, and will become evident further along—is that it has everything to do with why they receive generous financial grants from Establishment with it. The politics of cartels and monopolies can be likened to a foundations, they might begin to catch on. The “super-rich” do football game with specific goals and rules. If one who had never not particularly care if their vast wealth and power is exposed so heard of football before came across two teams playing on the long as nothing practical is done to weaken that power.

field, and if he knew nothing at all about the sport, he would be If anyone has to be publicly recognized as a crusader against totally confused as to what was going on. Likewise, we can look them, how much better it is to have someone like Lundberg, at the actions of giant corporations and government agencies but, rather than an individual who also is a foe of big government.

There is a phalanx of government-worshipping intellectuals now if we are unaware of the rules that determine the play, we will leading the American people in their struggle against the increas-never be able to understand why things happen as they do, or ingly oppressive Establishment. Yet, the Establishment calmly even be able to tell what is happening in the first place.

tolerates them and even sponsors them in their efforts. As long as As outlined in the previous chapter, cartels and monopolies they can view “much more complete government regulation” or result from an effort to escape the rigors of free enterprise. In the even Communism as a step “forward,” they are no threat. To the long run, the best way to do that is to enlist the aid of contrary, the continued concentration of government power into government, to seek the passage of laws that will put the the hands of a few—until it is total power—is exactly what the regulatory power of the state on the side of the business venture world’s “super-rich” are determined to achieve.

and against its competition.

An individual or a corporation can succeed in breaking the cartels if they are determined and talented enough and can raise the necessary capital. The capital is relatively easy if the promise of profits is great—as it will be if the cartel's marketing and pricing policies are far out of line. If they are not out of line, then the harm they do is relatively small and there is no pressing need 1. Ibid., p. 154.

to disrupt them.

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It follows, therefore, that cartels and monopolies could not flourish as they do if they existed in a political environment of share of ownership in it. So the chief owns all the property, and limited government. Conversely, the more extensive the power of that theory about holding it on behalf of his followers is just a government, and the more it is accepted by its citizens as the ruse to keep them more or less content with the situation.

proper regulator of commerce, then the more fertile is the ground Likewise, our own TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) and the for the nourishment and growth of monopolies and cartels.

national parks supposedly are owned by “the people.” If you really think you own a part of them, however, just try to sell your bigger government is better, and total government is best. It is for share. The TVA, the national parks, and all the other “public”

this reason that, throughout their entire history, cartels have been property is owned by those who determine how it is to be used.

found to be the behind-the-scenes promoters of every conceivable Which means they are owned by the politicians and the bureau-form of totalitarianism. They supported the Nazis in Germany; crats—and the people who hold financial power over them.

they embraced the Fascists in Italy; they financed the Bolsheviks In communist and socialist countries, almost all property in Russia. And they are the driving force behind that nameless supposedly is owned by “the people”—which means by the three totalitarianism that increasingly becomes a grim reality in the percent who are members of the ruling elite. In the final analysis, United States of America.

everyone is a capitalist. All desirable property is owned by At first glance, it seems to be a paradox that the “super rich”

someone. And some of the world’s greatest wealth is very so often are found in support of socialism or socialist measures. It privately owned by communists and socialists w h o loudly would appear that these would be the people with the most to condemn the “evil” doctrine of capitalism.

lose. But, under socialism—or any other form of big govern-So just owning property does not make one a capitalist. The ment —there is no competition and there is no free enterprise.

more classical and correct use of the word should include the This is a desirable environment if one is operating a cartelized additional concept of free enterprise, the open marketplace with industry and also has powerful political influence “at the top.”

an absence or a minimum of government intervention. It is with That way, one can make larger profits and be part of the ruling this connotation that the word capitalist is used here.

class as well. These people do not fear the progressive taxation Returning to our point of departure, monopolists never can be scheme that oppresses the middle class. Their political influence free-enterprise capitalists. Without exception, they embrace either enables them to set up

elaborate tax-exempt foundations to socialism or some other form of collectivism, because these preserve and multiply their great wealth with virtually no tax at represent the ultimate monopoly. These government-sponsored all. This is why monopolists can never be true capitalists.

monopolies are tolerated by their citizens because they assume In the narrow sense of the word, a capitalist merely is a that, by the magic of the democratic process and the power of person who believes in the concept of private ownership of their vote, somehow, it is they who are the benefactors. This property. But that is not an adequate definition for a clear might be true if they took the trouble to become informed on such understanding of the ideological conflicts between the term matters, and if they had independent and honest candidates from capitalism, as it generally is used, and opposing concepts such as which to choose, and if the political parties were not dominated socialism or communism. In many primitive tribes there suppos-by the super-rich, and if it were possible for men to win elections edly is no such thing as private property. Theoretically, all things without vast sums of campaign money. In other words, these are held by the chief on behalf of his followers. The net result, monopolies theoretically could work to the advantage of the though, is that the property belongs to the chief, because he can common man on some other planet, with some other life form do with it whatever he pleases. Freedom of use is the test of responding to some other motives, and under some other politi-ownership. If you think you own a piece of property but cannot cal system. As for us Earthlings, forget it.

use it without permission from someone else, then you do not The reality, therefore, is that government becomes the tool of own it, he does. The extent to which you do not have control over the very forces that, supposedly, it is regulating. The regulations,

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upon close examination, almost always turn out to be what the Here is a rare glimpse into the cartel mind. Note that, in the cartels have agreed upon beforehand, except that now they have

“new” socialism, there will be no conflict with economic initiative the police power of the state to enforce them. And it makes it (for the cartels) and no threat to a “private capitalist economy”

possible for these financial and political interests to become (meaning the private ownership of wealth, not the free enterprise secure from the threat of competition. About the only time that system). Capital will be “regimented” and “concentrated in the these regulations are used to the actual detriment of any of the national economy and directed outward with uniform impetus”

multi-national companies or financial institutions is when they (controlled by government according to cartel priorities). The are part of the internal struggle of one group maneuvering for change will require a “reconstruction of a former counterpoise, position or attempting to discipline another group. The “people”

international socialism” (an acceptance of certain features of are never the benefactors.

Marxian communism which the cartels previously opposed). And One of the earliest examples of cartel support for totalitarian we must not only embrace the international socialism of Marx, but regimes occurred in Germany even before World War I. Those we must apply it differently to each country on the basis of cartels which, later, were to join together into the I.G. Farben, national socialism (Nazism, fascism, or any other purely national supported Bismarck because they saw in his collectivist philoso-manifestation of socialism).

phy of government an excellent opportunity to gain favoritism in Eighteen years later, the theoretical stratagem had become the the name of patriotism.

reality On September 30, 1934, Farben issued a report that Bismarck was the first to introduce socialized medicine as we declared: "A phase of development is now complete which know it in the modern world. He recognized that its appeal conforms to the basic principles of national socialist economics." (1) among the masses would make it an ideal opening wedge leading The encyclopedia reminds us that national socialism is the to more control over the rest of the economy later on. It was his term used in Germany to identify the goals of the Nazi party. In view that socialized medicine would lead the way to a socialized fact, the party's complete name was the National Socialist nation. It was a pilot program studied and imitated by all the German Workers' Party (NSDAP). But Nazism was also identi-world's totalitarians in succeeding years. (1) And fascism was no fied with the fascism of Mussolini, and the two terms have come exception.

to be interchangeable. Although the two did differ in some minor In 1916, while still under the regime of Kaiser Wilhelm, an respects, they both were merely local manifestations of national official of I.G. Farben, named Werner Daitz, wrote an essay that socialism, and were, consequently, totalitarian regimes regardless was printed and widely distributed by the cartel. In it he said: of the labels.

A new type of state socialism is appearing, totally different from The dictionary definition of fascism is government control that which any of us have dreamed or thought of. Private economic over the means of production with ownership held in private initiative and the private capitalist economy will not be crippled, hands. That definition may satisfy the average college exam in but will be regimented from the points of view of state socialism in political science, but falls far short of telling the whole story. In that capital will be concentrated in the national economy and will be directed outward with uniform impetus.... This change in capital-reality, the twentieth century fascism of Germany was private ism demands with natural peremptoriness a reconstruction of a monopolist control over the government which then did

control former counterpoise, international socialism. It breaks this up into industry, but in such a way as to favor the monopolists and to national socialism.(2)

prevent competition.

The American economist, Robert Brady, has correctly 1. For background on Bismarck's first government health insurance program described the German fascist state as "a dictatorship of monopoly and its ultimate incorporation into the programs of the International Labor Organization (ILO), see Marjorie Shearon's Wilbur J. Cohen: The Pursuit of Power, capitalism. Its 'fascism' is that of business enterprise organized on (Shearon Legislative Service, 8801 Jones Mill Rd., Chevy Chase, MD., 20015, 1967), pp. 3-8.

1. Scientific and Technical Mobilization, Hearings before the Kilgore Subcommit-2. Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., p. 53.

tee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, Pt. XVI, p. 1971.

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a monopoly basis and in full command of all the military, police, Be united, united, united! This should be the uninterrupted call legal and propaganda power of the state."(1)

to the parties in the ... Reichstag.... We hope that our words of today Stocking and Watkins summed it up this way:

will work, and will find the strong man who will finally bring The German chemical industries came as close to complete everyone under one umbrella for he [the strong man] is always cartelization as the combined efforts and organizational talents of necessary for us Germans, as we have seen in the case of Bismarck.(1) German business and a Nazi state could achieve—and that was At first, the cartel was not convinced that Hitler was the close, indeed. Even before 1933, industrial syndicalization had

“strong man” that would best serve their purposes. But his progressed far, perhaps farthest of all in chemicals. Fascism merely program of national socialism and his ability to motivate large completed the program and integrated the entire structure.... In the crowds through oratory singled him out for close watching and cartels which the Nazi state set up over German industry, it was often hard to determine where state control ended and cartel control cautious funding. Although certain leading members of the trust began. Totalitarianism ultimately involved almost complete unification had cast their lot with Hitler as early as 1928, it wasn't until 1931

tion of business and state.(2)

that the cartel officially began to make sizable contributions to the Nazi war chest. Max Ilgner, a nephew of Hermann Schmitz, was This unification did not happen as a result of blind, natural the first to establish a close and personal contact with Hitler.

forces. It came about as a result of long and patient efforts on the Ilgner generally was referred to as I.G.'s “Director of Finance.”

part of cartel leaders, plus the corruptibility of politicians, plus His real function, however, was as head of the organization's the abysmal naivete of the voters. Long before Hitler became a international spy network. Originally conceived as a means of national figure, the cartel had been the dominant force, behind gathering information about competitive business ventures, it the scenes, in a long succession of German governments. Farben's expanded rapidly into a politically oriented operation that president, Hermann Schmitz, had been a personal advisor to seldom has been equalled even by the efficient intelligence Chancellor Bruening. Dr. Karl Duisberg, I.G's first chairman, (also agencies of modern governments. As Sasuly observed: founder of the American Bayer Co.) and Carl Bosch, Schmitz's predecessor as president of I.G., created a secret four-man Politi-So complete was the coverage of every important aspect

of cal Committee for the purpose of forcing a controlling link with conditions in foreign countries, that Farben became one of the main each of Germany's political parties. At the Nuremberg trials, props of both Wehrmacht and Nazi Party intelligence.... What is Baron von Schnitzler testified that I.G. did not hesitate to use remarkable is the fact that the Supreme Command of the Army, which boasted of having the most highly-developed staff in the plenty of hard cash in its role of hidden political manipulator. He world, should call on a private business concern to do this work for estimated that each election cost the cartel about 400,000

*it. Even more remarkable is Ilgner's own admission that relations marks—which in the 1930's was a considerable expenditure. But with the OKW [Army Supreme Command] began as far back as 1928.(2) in this way, the cartel was protected no matter who was victorious In the following years, even closer ties were to be established in the political arena.
(3)*

by an I.G. official named Gattineau. Gattineau had been the As early as 1925, the cartel was setting the pace for German personal assistant of Duisberg and, later, of Bosch. He also acted politics. In a speech to the central organization of industry, the as I.G.'s public-relations director.

Reichsverband der Deutschen, Karl Duisberg explained: In the fall of 1932, the Nazi Party began to lose ground badly.

Yet, out of all the contesting groups, the Nazis were most suitable to Duisberg's plans. So, at the crucial moment, the entire weight 1. Sasuly, I. G. Farben, op. cit., p. 128.

of the cartel was thrown in Hitler's direction. The initial financial 2. Stocking and Watkins, Cartels in Action, op. cit., pp. 411, 501.

contribution was three million marks! And much more was to 3. A parallel to the hidden manipulation of American political parties is both follow.

*obvious and ominous. For the author's analysis of this situation, see his *The Capitalist Conspiracy*, (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, 1971). Also see his *The Creature from Jekyll Island; A Second Look at The Federal Reserve*, from *American I. Sasuly, I. G. Farben, op. cit. p. 65.**

Media, 1995.

2. *Ibid.*, p p . 97, 98.

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As Sasuly described it:

had coordinated the operation of such concentration camps as Hitler received backing more powerful than he had ever dared Auschwitz, Bitterfeld, Walfen, Hoechst, Agfa, Ludwigshafen, and hope for. The industrial and financial leaders of Germany, with I.G.

Buchenwald for the value of the slave labor they provided. They Farben in the lead, closed ranks and gave Hitler their full support....

built the world's largest poison-gas industry and used the With that backing, he quickly established a blood-thirsty fascist product experimentally on untold thousands who perished in state.(1)

those camps.(1)

Not only did the money arrive in what seemed like unlimited In May of 1941, Richard Krebs, who had been first a Commu-quantities, but many of the leading German newspapers, which nist and then a Nazi (and subsequently turned against both),(2) were either owned by or beholden to the cartel because of its testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities advertising accounts, also lined up behind Hitler. In this way, and said:

they created that necessary image of universal popularity that, in The I.G. Farbenindustrie, I know from personal experience, was turn, conditioned the German people to accept him as the

great already in 1934 completely in the hands of the Gestapo. They went leader. Germany's strong man had suddenly appeared.

so far as to have their own Gestapo prison on the factory grounds of Even in the United States this same heavy-handed tactic was their large works at Leuna and ... began, particularly after Hitler's ascent to power, to branch out in the foreign field through subsidi-used. If an American newspaper was unfriendly to the Nazi ary factories.(3)

regime, I.G. withheld its advertising—which was a tremendous economic lever. In 1938, I.G. sent a letter to Sterling Products, one At the Nuremberg trials, however, the leaders of Farben were of its American subsidiaries, directing that, in the future, all dismissed by the judges, not as Nazi war criminals like their advertising contracts must contain "... a legal clause whereby the underlings who wore the uniforms, but as over-zealous business-contract is immediately cancelled if overnight the attitude of the men merely in pursuit of profits. At the conclusion of the trials, a paper toward Germany should be changed."(2)

few were given light sentences, but most of them walked out of the courtroom scot-free. Yes, their strategy of remaining behind As previously stated, Schmitz had been the personal advisor the scenes was wise, indeed.

to Chancellor Bruening. After Hitler came to power, he became an honorary member of the Reichstag and also a Geheimrat, a secret One cannot help drawing parallels to political realities in the or confidential counselor. Another Farben official, Carl Krauch, United States. More and more, we are learning that the men who became Goering's trusted advisor in carrying out the Four-Year wield the greatest power in America are, not those whose names Plan. But, as a matter of policy, the leaders of the cartel avoided appear on our ballots, but those whose signatures appear on the taking official government positions for themselves, even though bottoms of checks—particularly when those checks are for

they could have had almost any post they desired. In keeping campaign expenditures.

with this policy, Schmitz repeatedly had declined the offer to be From time to time, the operations of these finpols (financier-named as the “Commissar of German Industry.” politicians) are exposed to public view, and, for a fleeting second, we see their presence in every sphere of government activity.

The Nazi regime was the Frankenstein monster created by Time and again we have learned of some private sector wielding Farben. But Farben was, at all times, the master, in spite of shrewd undue influence in foreign policy, monetary decisions, farm efforts on its part to make it look to outsiders as though it had become the helpless victim of its own creation. This was 1. For an excellent account of Farben’s role in administering these camps, see extremely wise, as was demonstrated later at the Nuremberg The Devil’s Chemists, by Josiah E. DuBois, Jr., legal counsel and investigator for trials. Almost all of these men were deeply involved with the the prosecution at the trial of I.G. Farben’s leaders at Nuremberg, (Boston: Beacon Press, 1952).

determination of Nazi policies throughout the war—and even 2. See Krebs’ own personal account, written under the pen name of Jan Valtin, entitled Out of the Night (New York: Alliance Book Corp., 1941). Richard Krebs is 1. Ibid., pp. 63, 69.

not related to Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr.

2. Ibid., p. 106.

3. As quoted by Ambruster, Treason’s Peace, op. cit., p. 273.

202 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part Two programs, labor laws, tariffs, tax reform, military contracts, and, yes, even cancer research. We are assured, however, that these manipulators are just businessmen. They are not politically motivated for, otherwise, they would run for office or would

accept appointments to important public posts. If they have any Chapter Fifteen

*political ideology at all, undoubtedly, they must oppose socialism because, see, they are rich capitalists! They may be guilty of greed **WAR GAMES***

and a little graft, but nothing more serious than that.

Let us hope that the memory of Auschwitz and Buchenwald Germany's industrial preparations for World

will dispel such nonsense while there still is time.

War II; the continued support by American industrialists given to Farben and to the Nazi regime during this period; and the profitable role played by Ford and ITT in war production for both Nazi Germany and the United States.

By 1932 it was obvious to many observers that Nazi Germany was preparing for war. It was equally obvious that I.G. Farben was both the instigator and the benefactor of these preparations.

It was during these years that German industry experienced its greatest growth and its highest profits.

In the United States, however, things were not going as smoothly for the cartel subsidiaries and partners. As the war drew nearer, the American companies continued to share their patents and technical information on their newest processes. But Farben was returning the favor less and less—especially if the information had any potential value in war production, which much of it did. When the American companies complained, Farben replied that it was forbidden by the Nazi government to give out this information and, that if they did so, they would be in serious trouble with the authorities!

Meanwhile, the American companies continued to honor their end of the contracts, mostly because they were afraid not to. In almost every case Farben controlled one or more patents that

were vital to their operations, and any overt confrontation could easily result in a loss of these valuable processes which would mean business disaster. This was particularly true in the field of rubber.

Rubber is basic to modern transportation. It is a companion product to gasoline inasmuch as it supplies the wheels which are driven by the gasoline engines. Without rubber, normal economic life would be most difficult. Warfare would be impossible.

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I.G. had perfected the process for making buna rubber but did not share the technology with its American partners. Standard ment of malaria—also was hindered by the cartel. Quinine was Oil, on the other hand, had been working on another process for the preferred prescription, but it was entirely controlled by a butyl rubber and passed on all of its knowledge and techniques.

Dutch monopoly which possessed its only source in Java. The Sasuly summarizes the situation that resulted:

Dutch company apparently chose not to join the international cartel, however, because Farben entered into competition by information. But they did not feel any obligation to the U.S. Navy. In marketing its own drug, atabrine, a synthetic substitute. When 1939, after the outbreak of war, a representative of the Navy's the Japanese captured Java, the United States was totally depend-Bureau of Construction and Repair visited Standard's laboratories ent on Nazi Germany as a source. Needless to say, the cartel did and was steered away from anything which might give clues as to not share the manufacturing technology of atabrine with the the manufacture of butyl.

United States, and it took many months after Pearl Harbor before Standard did not have the full buna rubber information. But American drug firms could produce an effective material. Mean-what information it did have, it only gave to the U.S. rubber makers while, the first GIs who fought in the Pacific Islands suffered after much pressure by the government when war was already immensely from malaria with no drugs to treat it—thanks again underway. As for butyl rubber, Standard did not give full rights to to the cartel.

manufacture under its patents until March, 1942....

The American development of optical instruments was yet Because of a cartel of the natural rubber producers, the United another victim of this era. The firm of Bausch and Lomb was the States found itself facing an all-out war without an adequate rubber largest producer of American high-quality lenses of all kinds.

stock-pile. And because of the operation of the I.G.-Standard Oil Most of these lenses were manufactured by the German firm of cartel, no effective program for making synthetic rubber was Zeiss. As was the pattern, American technology was deliberately underway.(1)

retarded by cartel agreement.

Aluminum is another material that is essential for modern These were the products that were in short supply or lacking warfare. But here, too, cartel influence stood in the way of altogether when the United States entered the war: rubber, American development. Even though the United States was the aluminum, atabrine, and military lenses such as periscopes, greatest user of aluminum in the world, and in spite of the fact rangefinders, binoculars, and bombsights. These were handicaps that its industrial capacity was greater than any other nation, in that, in a less productive and resourceful nation, could easily 1942 it was Germany that was the world's greatest producer of have made the difference between victory and defeat.

this war-essential metal. Alcoa (the Aluminum Company of America) had a major subsidiary in Canada known as Alcan, which was an integral part of the world aluminum cartel. It was immensely benefited by American technology. A document found in the files of this group to restrict the production of aluminum in captured files of I.G. Farben at the end of the war reveals how lop-sided was the exchange. In this report to the Gestapo, Farben was all nations except Germany—probably in return for valuable justifying its “marriage” with Standard Oil, and concluded: patent rights and promises of non-competition in other fields.

Even though Alcoa never admitted to becoming a direct participant-It need not be pointed out that, without lead tetraethyl, modern warfare could not be conceived.... In this matter we did not need to pant in these agreements, nevertheless, the record speaks for perform the difficult work of development because we could start itself. It did limit its production during those years far below the production right away on the basis of all the experience that the potential market demand. Consequently, here was another Americans had had for years.
(1)

serious industrial handicap confronting the United States as it was drawn into war.

1. Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., pp. 151,155.

1. New York Times, Oct. 19,1945, p. 9.

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American ties to German industry began almost immediately. Goering listened to me and then he said: “I agree. I shall see to it after the guns were silenced in World War I. The name of Krupp that the Deutsche Fordwerke will not be incorporated in the has become synonymous with German arms and munitions. Yet, Hermann Goering Werke.”

*the Krupp enterprises literally were salvaged out of the scrap
So I participated regularly in the supervisory-board meetings
to heap in December of 1924 by a loan of ten million dollars
from inform myself about the business processes of Henry
Ford and, if possible, to take a stand for the Henry Ford works
after the war had Hallgarten and Company and Goldman,
Sachs and Company, begun. Thus, we succeeded in keeping
the Fordwerke working and both in New York.*

operating independently.(1)

*Vereinigte Stahlwerk, the giant Farben-controlled steel works,
The fact that the Nazi war machine had received tremendous
likewise, received over one hundred million dollars in
favorable help from its cartel partners in the United States is
one of the most long-term loans from financial circles in
America.*

*uncomfortable facts that surfaced during the investigation at
the The 1945 report of the United States Foreign Economic
end of the war. And this was not just as the result of
negotiations Administration concluded:*

*and deals made before the war had started. It constituted
direct It is doubtful that the [Farben] trust could have carried
out its collaboration and cooperation during those same years
that Nazi program of expansion and modernization without the
support of troops were killing American soldiers on the field of
battle.*

the American investor.(1)

*The Ford Company, for e x a m p l e , not only operated But
far more than money went into Nazi Germany. Along*

*“independently,” supplying military hardware in Germany all
with the loans to German enterprises, there also went
American through the war, but in Nazi-occupied France as
well. Maurice technology, American engineers, and whole
American companies Dollfus, chairman of the board of Ford’s
French subsidiary, made as well. Ford is an excellent example.*

routine reports to Edsel Ford throughout most of the war As pointed out previously, the Ford Motor Company of detailing the number of trucks being made each week for the Germany was eagerly embraced by the cartel. Ford put forty German army, what profits were being earned, and how bright percent of the new stock on the market, and almost all of that was were the prospects for the future. In one letter, Dollfus added: purchased by I.G. Both Bosch and Krauch joined the board of The attitude you have taken, together with your father, of strict directors soon afterward in recognition of their organization's neutrality, has been an invaluable asset for the production of your substantial ownership interest. But well over half of the company companies in Europe.(2)

was still owned by the Ford family.

It was clear that war between the United States and Germany War preparations inside Germany included the confiscation made little difference. Two months after Pearl Harbor, Dollfus or "nationalization" of almost all foreign-owned industry. As a reported net profits to Ford for 1941 of fifty-eight million francs.

result, the Ford Company was a prime target. It never happened, And then he said:

however, primarily due to the intercession of Karl Krauch, I.G.'s chairman of the board. During questioning at the Nuremberg Since the state of war between the U.S.A. and Germany, I am not able to correspond with you very easily. I have asked Lesto to go to trials, Krauch explained:

Vichy and mail this....

I myself knew Henry Ford and admired him. I went to see We are continuing our production as before.... The financial Goering personally about that. I told Goering that I myself knew his results for the year are very satisfactory... We have formed our son Edsel, too; and I told Goering that if we took the Ford African company....(3)

*independence away from them in Germany, it would aggrieve
There are no records of Edsel Ford's return communications
friendly relations with American industry in the future. I
counted on with Dollfus after Pearl Harbor, if indeed there
were any. It is a lot of success for the adaptation of American
methods in German industries, but that could be done only in
friendly cooperation.*

1. DuBois, *The Devil's Chemists*, op. cit., pp. 247, 248.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 248.

1. *Ibid.*, p. 82.

3. *Ibid.*, p. 251.

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*likely that there were, however, in view of the continuing
letters together some of the key American business tycoons
who were that were sent by Dollfus. It is also impossible to
prove that Ford interested in protecting their German-based
operations during approved of his factories being used to
supply the same army the war. The meeting was called by
Torkild Rieber, chairman of that was fighting against the
United States. But there is no doubt the board of Texaco.
Among others present were James Mooney, about the fact that
both Dollfus and the German High Command chief of General
Motors' overseas operations; Edsel Ford; execu-considered
those factories as belonging to Ford all through the times from
Eastman Kodak; and Col. Behn, head of ITT.(1) war. And that
is a circumstance that could not have continued for The case
of ITT is most instructive. ITT began to invest in the long
without some kind of friendly assurances "of strict neutral-
Nazi pre-war economy in 1930. It formed a holding company
ity." At any rate, it was one of the curious quirks of war that,
called Standard Elektrizitats and then bought another
company, because of cartel interlock, the Ford Motor
Company was produc-Lorenz, from Philips. Seeing that war
was rapidly approaching, ing trucks for Nazis in both
Germany and France, producing ITT did everything possible*

to make its new holdings look like trucks for the Allies in the United States, and profiting hand-German companies. Then in 1938, just as the Nazi troops were somely from both sides of the war. And if the Axis powers had preparing to march into Poland, ITT, through its subsidiary won the war, the top men of Ford (as well as of other cartel Lorenz, purchased twenty-eight percent ownership of the Focke-industries) undoubtedly would have been absorbed into the Wulf Company which, even then, was building bombers and ruling class elite of the new Nazi order. With close friends like fighter planes. ITT could not claim either ignorance or innocence.

Bosch and Krauch they could not lose.

They simply were investing in war.

The Ford Company was not the exception, it was the rule. As During the course of that war, ITT's plants in Germany Stocking and Watkins explained:

became important producers of all kinds of military communica-When World War II broke out, I.G. and Mitsui on the one hand, tions equipment. They also installed and serviced most of the key and DuPont, ICI, and Standard Oil on the other, did not completely telephone lines used by the Nazi government.

sever "diplomatic relations." Although direct communication was In the United States, ITT was regarded as highly patriotic. It disrupted by the war, the companies merely "suspended" their developed the high-frequency direction finder, nicknamed Huff-collaboration. The general understanding was that they would take Duff, which was used to detect German submarines in the up again at the close of the war where they had left off, in an Atlantic. Colonel Behn, the head of ITT at the time, was awarded atmosphere of mutual concord and cooperation.(1)

the Medal of Merit, the highest civilian honor, for providing the The authors are much too cautious in their appraisal. The Army with land-line facilities.

record is clear that the heads of those financial interests did not Anthony Sampson, in The Sovereign State of ITT, summarizes: suspend their collaboration. They merely made them secret and Thus, while ITT Focke-Wulf planes were bombing Allied ships, reduced them to the bare minimum. In October of 1939, Frank and ITT lines were passing information to German submarines, ITT

Howard of Standard Oil was in Europe for the specific purpose of direction finders were saving other ships from torpedoes....

finding ways to keep the Standard - I.G. cartel functioning in In 1967, nearly thirty years after the events, ITT actually spite of the war. Howard himself described his mission: managed to obtain twenty-seven million dollars in compensation from the American government for war damage to its factories in We did our best to work out complete plans for a modus vivendi Germany, including five-million dollars for damage to Focke-Wulf which would operate through the term of the war; whether or not the plants—on the basis that they were American property bombed by United States came in. [Emphasis added.](2) Allied bombers. It was a notable reward for a company that had so On June 26, 1940, the day after France capitulated to the deliberately invested in the German war effort, and so carefully Nazis, a meeting was held at the Waldorf-Astoria which brought arranged to become German.

1. Stocking and Watkins, Cartels in Action, op. cit., p. 423.

1. Ladislav Farago, The Game of the Foxes, (New York: D. McKay Co., 1972), 2. Sasuly, I. G. Farben, op. cit., pp. 149,150.

pp. 463-479.

210 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part Two If the Nazis had won, ITT in Germany would have appeared impeccably Nazi; as they lost, it re-emerged as impeccably American.(1)

It is not within the scope of this study to analyze all of the possible motives of those who led us into the two global wars

of Chapter Sixteen

*the twentieth century. Standard text books give such explanations as ancient rivalries, competition for natural resources, militarism, **CONSPIRACY***

offended national or racial pride, and so forth. Certainly, these factors did play a part, but a relatively minor one compared to the Efforts to camouflage Farben ownership of financial and political goals of the men who, from behind the firms in America; the assistance rendered by scenes, set the forces of war into motion.

Rockefeller interests; penetration into the U.S.

War has been profitable to these men in more ways than one. government by agents of the cartel; and the

True, fantastic profits can be made on war production through final disposition of the Farben case.

government-backed monopolies. But those who were the most responsible also looked upon war as a means of bringing about Once again the reader may be wondering if it is really rapid and sweeping political changes. The men behind a Hitler, a necessary to include all of this history about cartels in a study of Mussolini, a Stalin, and, yes, even an FDR recognized that, in cancer therapy. And, once again, let us state most emphatically that it is. Not only does this history lead us to a clearer wartime, people would be far more willing to accept hardship, understanding of how the pharmaceutical industry has come to the expansion of government, and the concentration of power be influenced by factors other than simple product development into the hands of political leaders than they ever would have and scientific truth, but it also gives us the answer to an otherwise dreamed of doing in times of peace. The concept of big govern-most perplexing question. That question, often asked at the point ment—and certainly the appeal of world government—could not of first discovering that vitamin therapy is the target of organized have taken root

in America except as the outgrowth of national opposition usually is stated something like this:

and international crisis. Economic depressions were helpful, but

“Are you suggesting that people in government, in business, not enough. Sporadic riots and threats of internal revolution were or in medicine could be so base as to place their own financial or helpful, but also not enough. War was, by far, the most effective political interests above the health and well-being of their fellow approach. This was doubly so in Europe and Asia, as can be citizens? That they actually would stoop so low as to hold back a confirmed merely by comparing maps and ruling regimes before cure for cancer?”

1939 and after 1945. As Lenin had predicted, the best way to build The answer, in the cold light of cartel history, is obvious. If a “new order” is not by gradual change, but by first destroying prominent citizens, highly respected in their communities, can the old order and then building upon the rubble.(2) plan and execute global wars; if they can operate slave labor The desire for rapid political and social change, therefore, can camps and gas ovens for the extermination of innocent human be a powerful motivation for war on the part of the finpols who beings; if they can scheme to reap gigantic profits from the war would be the benefactors of those changes—especially if they industry of, not only their own nation, but of their nation’s enemy were playing their chips on both sides of the field. Yes, war can be as well; then the answer is: “You’d better believe it!”

extremely rewarding for those who know how to play the game.

So let us return to the dusty historical record for further enlightenment on current events.

1. Sampson, The Sovereign State of ITT, (New York: Stein & Day 1973), pp. 40, 47.

*The American cartel partners who attempted to conceal their
2. It is important to know that Lenin accepted but did not favor
outright war as ownership in German industry before the war
were not unique.*

*a means of destroying the old order. He claimed that
Communists should work at destruction from within, not by
external conquest.*

*German interests were active doing exactly the same thing in
the*

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*United States. World War I had taught them a lesson. During
that its ownership of American companies prior to the war.
The war, all German-owned industry in America was seized by
the memorandum states:*

*federal government and operated in trust by the office of the
After the first war, we came more and more to the decision to
Alien Property Custodian. At the end of the war, the industries
“tarn” [camouflage] our foreign companies ... in such a way
that the were sold under conditions which, supposedly, were to
prevent participation of I.G. in these firms was not shown. In
the course of them from reverting to German control. In the
field of chemicals time the system became more and more
perfect....*

*a n d pharmaceuticals, however, this goal w a s completely
Protective measures to be taken by I.G. for the eventuality of
[another] war should not substantially interfere with the
conduct of thwarted. Within a few years, all of these
companies were back business in normal times. For a variety
of reasons, it is of the utmost under Farben ownership or
control even more firmly than before importance ... that the
officials heading the agent firms, which are the war.*

*particularly well qualified to serve as cloaks, should be
citizens of One of the key figures in administering the
disposition of this the countries where they reside....(1)*

property was Earl McClintock, an attorney for the Alien Property This memorandum sheds considerable light on previous Custodian's office. McClintock later was hired (rewarded?) by events. On October 30, 1939, the directors of American I.G.

one of the cartel companies, Sterling Products, at several times the (including Walter Teagle of Rockefeller's Standard Oil, Charles salary he had earned on the government payroll.

Mitchell of Rockefeller's National City Bank, Paul Warburg of the It was during this period that Farben experienced its greatest Federal Reserve System, Edsel Ford, William Weiss, Adolph expansion in the United States. Sterling organized Winthrop Kuttroff, Herman Metz, Carl Bosch, Wilfried Greif, and Hermann Chemical. They brought DuPont into half interest of the Bayer Schmitz, w h o also had been president of American I.G.) Semesan Company. The American I.G. Chemical Company trans-announced that their company had ceased to exist. It had been formed itself several times and, in the process, absorbed the absorbed by one of its subsidiaries, the General Analine Works.

Grasselli Dyestuff Company, which had been a major purchaser Furthermore, the newly dominant company was changing its of former German properties. Sterling acquired numerous patent name to the General Analine and Film Corporation. The dead

"remedies" such as Fletcher's Castoria and Phillip's Milk-of-give-away letters "IG" had vanished altogether.

Magnesia. With Lewis K. Liggett they formed Drug, Incorpo- Nothing had changed except the name. Exactly the same rated, a holding company for Sterling, Bayer, Winthrop, United board of directors had served both companies since 1929. Later Drug, and Rexall-Liggett Drugstores. They b o u g h t Bristol on, as the system to "tarn" became "more and more perfect,"

Meyers, makers of Sal Hepatica; Vick Chemical Company; Hermann Schmitz was replaced as president of General

Analine Edward J. Noble's Life Savers, Incorporated; and many others. By his brother Dietrich who was an American citizen. But even the time the Nazis began to tool up for war in Europe, Farben had that was too obvious so, by 1941, Dietrich was replaced by obtained control over a major segment of America's pharmaceuti-easy-going Judge John E. Mack of Poughkeepsie, New York.

cal industry. Investment in both the arts of wounding and healing Mack was not qualified to lead such a giant conglomerate, but he always have been a dominant feature of cartel development, for easily could be told what to do by those on the board and by the profit potential is greater in these respective fields than in any strategically-placed advisors and assistants. His prime value was other. When one wishes to wage a war or regain his health, he in his name and reputation. Known to be an intimate friend of President Roosevelt, he brought to GAF an aura of American seldom questions the price.

respectability. The obviously German names on the board were When Farben's extensive files fell into the hands of American replaced by names of similar American prestige - such as troops at the end of World War II, they were turned over to the Ambassador William C. Bullitt - men who were flattered to be Justice and Treasury Departments for investigation and analysis.

One of the inter-office memorandums found in those files I. Ambruster, Treason's Peace, op. cit., p. 89. Also see Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., explained quite bluntly how the cartel had attempted to conceal p. 95, 96.

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named, but too busy with other matters to serve in a genuine also was on the board of these I.G. holding companies. But capacity.

Rockefeller was more deeply involved than that. In 1938, the As part of the camouflage, Schmitz turned to his banking

Securities and Exchange Commission began a lengthy investigation-expert in Switzerland, Edward Greutert, and formed a Swiss corporation of American I.G. Walter Teagle, a member of the board, was called to the witness stand. Mr. Teagle, as you recall, was also Unternehmungen A.G., more commonly known as I.G. Chemie.

president of Rockefeller's Standard Oil. Under questioning, Mr.

T.R. Fehrenbach, in The Swiss Banks, described the elaborate precautions in this way:

company he served as a director. He did not know how many The best North Atlantic legal firms, with offices in London, shares were held by I.G. Chemie, or who owned I.G. Chemie. In Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam, and New York, were paid to study the fact, he had the audacity to say that he didn't have any idea who problem. These firms had contacts or colleagues in Basel, Lausanne, owned the block of 500,000 shares—worth over a half-a-million Fribourg, and Zurich. They got together. It was quite simple to plan dollars—that had been issued in his name!

a succession of "Swiss" corporations to inherit licenses, assets, and Mr. Teagle, of course, was either lying, or suffering from a patents owned by certain international cartels. This was to muddy classical case of convenient amnesia. Evidence was introduced the track and to confuse all possible investigating governments.

later showing that, in 1932, he had received a letter from Wilfried The transactions themselves were incredibly complex.... Some Greif, Farben's managing director, stating in plain English: "I.G.

of them will probably never be known in their entirety. Edward Chemie is, as you know, a subsidiary of I.G. Farben." (1) Greutert and his bank, and a large number of "desk-drawer"

corporations formed through Greutert's services, became Schmitz'

Also brought out in the investigation was the fact that on May agents.

27, 1930, while Teagle was in London, he received a cable from Schmitz, who can only be described as a financial wizard, made Mr. Frank Howard, vice-president of Standard Oil, carrying this a weird and wonderful financial structure in Basel involving a message:

dozen corporations and sixty-five accounts in the Greutert Bank.

In view of the fact that we have repeatedly denied any financial Each account was in a different name. Some were for the paper interest in American I.G., it seems to me to be unwise for us to now corporations, and some were in the names of corporation groups or permit them to include us as stockholders in their original listing syndicates—the European term is consortia. These consortia were which is object of present transaction. It would serve their purpose owned by each other in a never-ending circle, and by Greutert and to issue this stock to you personally.... Will this be agreeable to you Farben executives.(1)

as a temporary measure?(2)

The final step in this planned deception was to go through the Finally, in June of 1941, after three years of investigation, the motions of selling its American-based companies to I.G. Chemie.

Securities and Exchange Commission gave up the cause. Either Thus, in the event of war, these companies would appear to be because it was baffled by the cartel's camouflage (unlikely) or Swiss owned (a neutral country) and with thoroughly American because it yielded to pressure from the cartel's friends high in leadership. The phrase "going through the motions" is used government (likely), it issued this final report to Congress: because all of the money received by the

American corporations All attempts to ascertain the beneficial ownership of the as a result of the “sale” was returned almost immediately to controlling shares have been unsuccessful.... As a consequence, the Farben in the form of loans. But, on paper, at least, I.G. Chemie of American investors, mainly bondholders, are in the peculiar position Basel was now the official owner of eighty-nine percent of the of being creditors of a corporation under an unknown control.(3) stock in Farben’s American companies.

The evidence of cartel influence within the very government The American side of this transaction was handled by Rockefeller agencies that are supposed to prevent them from acting against feller’s National City Bank of New York. This is not surprising inasmuch as the head of its investment division, Charles Mitchell, I. Ambruster, op. cit., p. 114.

2. Ibid., p. 114.

1. T.R. Fehrenbach, The Swiss Banks, (N.Y.: McGraw-Hill, 1966), pp. 216, 219.

3. Ibid., p. 121.

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the interests of the citizenry should not be passed over lightly. It being in direct conflict with the anti-cartel policies established by is, unfortunately, a part of the stain that obscures the picture of Congress some years earlier.

cancer research. So let us turn now to that aspect of the record.

Did President Hoover receive the support of the cartel The story begins in 1916 when Dr. Hugo Schwitzer, of the because he was a man whose party politics were “in harmony”

Bayer Company, wrote a letter to the German Ambassador von with its cause? It is hard to imagine otherwise. While he was Bernstorff in which he spoke of the necessity of bringing about Secretary of Commerce, he was given the heavy responsibility of the election of a president of the United States whose

personal deciding what to do about the menace of I.G. Farben. To broaden views and party politics were in harmony with the cause of I.G.

the share of responsibility for this decision and to brighten the Farben. At that time, the Republican Party was favored for that process with the aura of "democracy," he set up a Chemical purpose. Shortly afterward, Herman Metz, a Tammany leader Advisory Committee to study the problem and make recommen-and lifelong Democrat, switched allegiance to the Republican dations. This has become a standard ploy for making the voters Party. Metz was president of the H.A. Metz Company of New think that all viewpoints have been melted down into a "consen-York, a large pharmaceutical house that was controlled by Farben.

sus." The committee members usually are carefully selected so In 1925, he helped to organize General Dyestuff Corporation, that a clear majority can be counted on to conclude exactly what another Farben outlet, of which he became president. In 1929, he was wanted in the first place.

helped organize the American I.G., and he became vice-president If there were ever any exceptions to this rule, they did not and treasurer of that organization. The conversion of Metz from a occur on the Chemical Advisory Committee. Hoover appointed Democrat to a Republican was significant because it signaled the such men as Henry Howard, vice-president of the Grasselli cartel's affinity for the Republican Party.

Chemical Company, Walter Teagle, president of Standard Oil, In October of 1942, the Library of Congress received a sealed Lamot DuPont of the DuPont Company, and Frank A. Blair, gift of some nine-thousand letters comprising the files of the late president of the Centaur Company, a subsidiary of Sterling Edward T. Clark. These files were important, because Clark had Products. The cartel was in no danger.

been the private secretary to President Calvin Coolidge, and they The record of how the cartel succeeded in frustrating the

contained valuable data relating to behind-the-scenes politics. On mission of the office of the Alien Property Custodian at the end of March 4, 1929, Mr. Clark left his position in the White House and, World War I is amazing. Digging into the story is like trying to in a revealing switch of roles, became vice-president of Drug, separate a can of worms, but here, at least, are the visible and Incorporated, which was the giant Farben combine that pulled identifiable components.

together such important companies as Sterling and Liggett and Francis Garvan had been the Alien Property Custodian the multitude of subsidiaries which they owned.

during World War I. After American entry into the war he was Mr. Clark undoubtedly earned his pay. That he continued to instrumental in having all German-owned companies taken out maintain excellent contacts and to exercise influence at the of the hands of enemy control and held for later sale to American highest levels of government is beyond doubt. In fact, in August business firms. After the war, any Germans who could demon-of 1929, President Herbert Hoover asked him to return to the strate that, as private citizens, they had been deprived of personal White House as his personal secretary—which he did.

property through this action, were to be fully compensated out of Another prominent Republican with cartel connections was the proceeds of the sale. But, under no circumstances were these Louis K. Liggett. As Republican National Committeeman from industries to be returned to German control. That was the firm Massachusetts, he was no stranger to the intrigue of smoke-filled directive given to the APC by Congress. As chronicled previously, rooms. Working closely with Clark and other “men of influence,”

however, within only a few years after the truce, and after Garvan he was able to secure approval from the Justice Department for had left government service, every one of these major enterprises the merger that created Drug, Incorporated in spite of that merger had reverted to Farben control.

Garvan was enraged. He spoke out publicly against the Later, Miller was convicted and sent to the Atlanta Prison for corruption in Washington that made this possible. He sent letters being an agent of an enemy during wartime.

to Congressmen. He testified before investigating committees. He Garvan spared no names. His files showed that the office of named names.

the Attorney General, itself, had long been considered as the prize He had to be silenced.

of the cartel. Homer Cummings, who had been the Attorney Suddenly, in 1929, Garvan found himself as the defendant in a General for six years, later was employed as counsel for General suit filed by the Justice Department charging malfeasance in the Analine and Film with an annual retainer reported to be \$100,000.

discharge of his duties as the Alien Property Custodian! It was a Garvan testified:

perfect case of the best defense being a strong offense, and of All that time, the Attorney General of the United States ... and accusing one's accuser of exactly the things which one has done the Alien Property Custodian, Thomas Miller, were in the employ himself. If nothing else, it tends to discredit the first accuser and and pay of German people and had \$50,000 worth of U.S. Govern-to confuse the issue so badly that the casual observer simply ment bonds handed to them and put in their pockets by whom? By doesn't know w h o m to believe.

John T. King, the \$15,000 representative who died three days before The prosecution against Garvan was carried mainly by two he could be tried....

men: Merton Lewis and John Crim, both on the staff of the Some of you saw the other day that Senator Moses had Attorney General's office. The most significant thing about

these appointed Otto Kahn as treasurer for the election of new senators.

two men is that each of them previously had been intimately You did not associate the fact that his friend and partner, Warburg, is involved with the Farben cartel. Lewis had been retained as the head and front of the American interest in the American counsel by the Bosch Company in 1919. Crim had been the Interessen Gemeinschaft....

counsel for Hays, Kaufman and Lindheim, representing the It is never a dead issue. Peace? There is no peace. Always the German Embassy. (Garvan had sent two members of that law fight goes on for the supremacy in the chemical industry because it is the keystone to the safety of the United States or of any country in firm to jail for treasonous activity during the war.) the world today.(1)

In spite of the planned confusion of charges and counter charges, Garvan's testimony came through loud and clear. He The three posts in government which would be of special had the documents, the dates, the inside information that could interest to cartels are the presidency itself, the office of Attorney not be brushed aside. Here is what he revealed:

General, and the office of Secretary of State. We have touched Herman Metz had made campaign contributions to Senator upon the first two. Now let us examine the third.

John King, former Republican National Committeeman from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was the leading partner Connecticut.

in Sullivan and Cromwell, the largest of the law firms on Wall Before running for the Senate, John King had been on the Street. Sullivan and Cromwell specialized in representing foreign payroll of the Hamburg American line for three years, receiving business interests, and its partners held interlocking directorates an annual salary of \$15,000 for mysterious, unspecified services.

with many leading corporations and banking houses—especially King also had been appointed to the office of the Alien those comprising the Farben-American interlock.

Property Custodian through the influence of Senator Moses.

John Foster Dulles represented Blyth and Company, the Senator Moses had appointed Otto Kahn as treasurer of a investment banking partner of the First National City Bank and fund for the election of new senators.

the First Boston Corporation, two key investment enterprises of Otto Kahn was the investment partner of Paul Warburg, one the Rockefeller group associated with the Chase Manhattan Bank.

of the directors of American I.G.

Dulles also represented Standard Oil and was made chairman of King and Moses together secured the appointment of Thomas the Rockefeller Foundation, a position signifying great trust on Miller to the APC.

the part of the Rockefeller family. Sullivan and Cromwell had 1. Ambruster, op. cit., pp. 147, 151.

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been the principal representatives of such powerful investment previously, its American holdings were seized by the federal houses as Goldman, Sachs, and Company; Lehman Brothers; and government in February of 1942. Within a few months, all of the Lazard Freres, the firm that, together with Kuhn, Loeb and original directors and officers were compelled to resign. But Company, had masterminded the expansion and mergers of ITT.

whom did the government put in their places? Richard Sasuly As recently as 1945, Dulles had been listed as one of the answers:

directors of the International Nickel Company of Canada. This Operating control has passed to a group of men who are tied

in also was part of the Farben interlock and had been the prime with a constellation of corporate interests which is rising rapidly in mover behind the stockpiling of nickel in Nazi Germany before American business under the leadership of an international finan-the war.(1)

cier, Victor Emanuel. Emanuel himself sits on the board of directors Avery Rockefeller was a director of the J. Henry Schroeder of G.A.& F. [General Aniline & Film] There is a liberal sprinkling of Banking Corporation and the Schroeder Trust Company. He was his associates among the other directors and officers.(1) also a full partner and stockholder in its affiliate, Schroeder, Emanuel's assumption of leadership over I.G's holdings in Rockefeller and Company. It is not surprising to learn, therefore, the United States is significant. Between 1927 and 1934, he had that John Foster Dulles also had been the American representative been in London as an associate of the Schroeder banking interests.

of the Schroeder trust which was Hitler's agent in the United States. This is the same organization that, in conjunction with the Westrick had been a Sullivan and Cromwell representative Rockefeller group, represented I.G. and became the financial in Germany where he represented such multi-nationals as ITT.

agent of Adolph Hitler.

And at the beginning of World War II, Dulles became a voting trustee of Farben-controlled American corporations in an attempt Sasuly continues:

to prevent them from being seized as enemy property.

As is well known, the Schroeders of London are related to the Instead of this man going down in American history as a tool Schroeders of Germany. Baron Bruno Schroeder is credited with having introduced Hitler to the principal industrialists of the Ruhr.

of international monopoly and a possible traitor in war, he was Baron Kurt Schroeder held a high rank in the SS and was

known as appointed as a member of a special high-level consulting commit-

“The SS banker.” The London banking house, J. Henry Schroeder and Company, was described by Time magazine in July, 1939, as an basic policies of that office. And then he was chosen by President

“economic booster of the Rome-Berlin Axis.” (2) Eisenhower as Secretary of State. His brother, Allen Dulles, also a partner of Victor Emanuel, President of Standard Gas and Electric, who dominated the “new” leadership of the Rockefeller-cartel web as a negotiator with Farben interests for the Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland. (It was then that Allen Dulles had said, “Only hysteria entertains the idea that Germany, Italy or in a report of the Securities and Exchange Commission dated Japan contemplates war upon us.”) At the end of the war, after January 19, 1943. It said:

using his influence to protect Hitler’s agent, Westrick, (2) he was The Schroeder interests in London and New York have worked placed by President Eisenhower at the head of the Central with Emanuel in acquiring and maintaining a dominant position in Intelligence Agency.

Standard affairs. (3)

Such is the power of the forces we are describing.

The much publicized shuffling of GAF directors and officers Perhaps the best way to judge the extent of hidden cartel was a charade. Men with demonstrated loyalty to the cartel’s power in the United States government is to observe how its interests continued to dominate. As usual, the American people German component fared during and after the war. As noted hadn’t the slightest inkling of what was really happening.

1. William Hoffman, David; Report on a Rockefeller,. (New York: Lyle Stuart, Inc., 1. Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., p. 186.

1971), pp. 18,19. Also Ambruster, *Treason's Peace*, op. cit., p. 85.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 187.

2. Sampson, *The Sovereign State of ITT*, op. cit., p. 43.

3. Ambruster, op. cit., p. 366.

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What transpired in Germany itself, however, is even more revealing of cartel influence at the very highest levels of American capability for implementing the de-cartelization program. And what government. During the later stages of the war, the major was Draper's civilian experience that qualified him for this post?

industrial cities of Germany were nearly levelled by massive He, too, was with the Wall Street firm of Dillon Read—of course!

bombing raids. This was the decisive factor that crippled the Nazi In May of 1945, Max Ilgner was arrested and held for trial at war machine and brought the conflict to an end. But when the Nuremberg. As head of I.G.'s international spy network which Allied occupational forces moved into Frankfurt, they were became the backbone of the Nazi Supreme Command, one might amazed to discover that there was one complex of buildings left think that Ilgner would be concerned over the future. He was not.

standing amid the rubble. Somehow, these and these only had Shortly after being arrested, he wrote a letter to two of his been spared. The buildings housed the international headquarters of I.G. Farben. Bombardiers had been instructed to avoid this other and with all the other I.G. leaders. He stressed the importance of keeping the structure functioning because, he said, it vital target—the very backbone of Nazi war production—on the would not be much longer before the Americans

would remove lame excuse that American forces would need an office building all restrictions.(1)

when they moved into town.

He was correct. Within six months the cartel's factories were humming with activity. Parenthetically, it should be noted that the Under-Secretary of War at that time (promoted to Secretary of War in 1945) was confidence in the German stock market, and free American money in the form of the Marshall Plan was on its way.

Roosevelt, had been associated with Dillon, Read & Company, Meanwhile, Colonel Bernard Bernstein, chief investigator for another Rockefeller investment banking firm. Dillon-Read had the Finance Division of the Allied Control Council and an outspoken critic of American coddling of cartelists, was fired by expansion—including its sprawling office building that was his superior officers. James Martin, the man who was head of the spared in the bombing raids. James Forrestal, former president of de-cartelization branch of the Department of Justice, resigned in Dillon, Read & Company, was Secretary of the Navy at the time disgust. One by one, the foes of monopoly were squeezed out. In but later became the first Secretary of Defense. If one were of a anger and frustration, Martin explained his resignation: "We had suspicious nature, one might conclude that Mr. Patterson and Mr.

not been stopped in Germany by German business. We had been Forrestal might have used their influence to protect some of the stopped in Germany by American business."(2)

assets of their company's investment.

The stage now was set for the final act of the drama. With As the Allied armies pushed into Germany, the extent of cartel Farben rapidly returning to its pre-war position of prosperity and power within the American government suddenly became influence in Europe, all that was left was to release its American visible—literally. Scores of American investment

bankers, holdings from government control. By this time, I.G. Chemie in lawyers, and industrial executives—all with connections to the Switzerland had brightened its image by changing its name to Farben mechanism—showed up in brigadier-general uniforms to French: Societe Internationale pour Participations Industrielles et direct the “de-Nazification and de-cartelization” of post-war Commerciales. In German, however, this translated into Interna-Germany!

tional Industrie und Handelsbeteiligungen A.G., or Interhandel, One such figure was Kenneth Stockton, chairman of ITT’s the name by which it became widely known. Once again, nothing European board of directors. According; to Anthony Sampson, had changed but the name.

Stockton appeared “alongside Westrick.” The most conspicuous On behalf of. Interhandel, the Swiss banks and the Swiss among these “generals” was Brigadier-General William Draper, government demanded that the United States government now Commanding Officer of the Economics Division of the American 1. Sasuly, *op. cit.*, p. 201.

1. Ambruster, *op. cit.*, p. 41.

2. Sampson, *op. cit.*, p. 45.

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release the “Swiss-owned” companies. They claimed that Yes, Virginia, the cartel was not dead. It had grown. It Interhandel was not owned by German nationals (although they prospered. Its center of gravity may have shifted away from steadfastly refused to reveal who did own it), and that its Germany as a result of the displacements of war, but it was alive American properties had been illegally seized. In court, however, and well in the United States of America.

the Treasury Department proved—primarily from Farben’s own The conclusion of this drama was well summarized by Leslie files captured in Frankfurt—that Interhandel was merely the Waller when he wrote:

latest name for what Treasury described as:

Like the legendary phoenix, this colossus of business organiza-

... a conspiracy to conceal, camouflage, and cloak the ownership tions was born in fire, yet survives the fiercest flames. It is an almost control, and domination by I.G. Farben of properties and interests in perfect example of corporate immortality, based on Swiss bank-many countries of the world, including the United States.(1) ing.... Schmitz and Greutert were long dead. But thanks to Swiss tenacity, the original decision to conceal his holdings under the The impasse was resolved under the Kennedy Administra-Matterhom had withstood the ravages of war, time, and politics.(1) tion. Robert Kennedy, the president's brother, was the Attorney General at the time. He proposed that General Analine be put up The written record of this period of history is voluminous.

for sale to the highest bidder among American investment and The reader should be cautioned, however, that much of this underwriting houses. The successful bidder then would be material was written with an axe to grind. In the wake of World required to offer the stock for public sale. Basically, the proceeds War II, there were two powerful groups vying with each other for were to be split between the United States government and the dominance within the United States government. One was the Swiss government, both of which would use the money to international financial and industrial consortium which is the compensate American, Swiss, and German nationals respectively subject of these chapters. The other was the apparatus of interna-for losses due to damage during the war. In 1953, Farben's tional Communism. Their goals and methods of operation were German assets were transferred to Hoechst, Bayer, and other almost identical, and there was considerable overlapping and cartel members, leaving behind a company shell with only a few cooperation between them. Algier Hiss, for example, was able to million dollars in trust to settle lawsuits from victims of the Nazi operate in both groups with little difficulty. Nevertheless, just as era. Once again, I.G. had apparently disappeared.

members of a cartel will conspire with each other against the The Kennedy proposal was accepted by all parties. As it interests of the consumer while maneuvering between themselves turned out, however, all of the Swiss share of the proceeds went for advantage within the cartel, so, also, do Communists and their directly to Farben, and much, if not most, of the American so-called “anti-Communist” opponents, the monopoly capitalists, proceeds found its way into the pockets of those American firms cooperate with each other against the interests of the public, yet which, as Farben partners, had invested in pre-war German fight each other for dominance within the political systems of the industry (such as ITT, previously mentioned). It is likely that world.

Consequently, a great deal that was written about the evils some of these American purchases were on behalf of German of Nazi or Communist influence after the war was done primarily interests and that the “sale” enabled them to reclaim a substantial for propaganda purposes. The Communists charged that the portion of their original position.

Nazis were monopoly capitalists and that they had strong ties to American industrialists and to the American government itself. In The auction took place in March of 1962. It was the largest competitive transaction ever to take place on Wall Street. A this they were correct. They used this truth, however, as a 225-company underwriting syndicate won the sealed bid with a springboard for the propaganda line that monopoly capitalism price of over \$329 million dollars. The victorious bidders were was synonymous with the traditional American system and that, represented by the First Boston Corporation and Blyth and therefore, the system must be replaced with socialism and, Company—you guessed it—Rockefeller agents, both!

*ultimately, Communism. In other words, they proposed to 1. Quoted by Waller, *The Swiss Bank Connection*, op. cit, p. 164.*

1. Ibid., pp. 160,166.

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Their cartel opponents, on the other hand, publicly became outspoken “anti-Communists” and wrapped themselves in the stars and stripes of patriotism. They called for thorough investi-Chapter Seventeen

gations and promised to sweep the Reds and Pinks out of the State Department and other branches of government. They even **THE ROCKEFELLER**

prosecuted one or two! In time, they led the United States into a series of limited wars against Communist regimes around the **GROUP**

world. (For them, wars are profitable, both economically and politically.) But they never tried to win those wars, because both A biographical sketch of John D. Rockefeller,

sides had come to an understanding that unlimited competition Sr., and his crusade against free-enterprise; the would not be to their mutual advantage.

beginning of Standard Oil; the entry of the

This background must be understood if one is to make sense Rockefellers into investment banking; their

out of the flood of books and articles that have inundated the influence in the pharmaceutical industry and

American scene since World War II. Much truth is to be found in international politics.

the special pleadings of both sides, but neither side can be trusted. If reliable leadership should ever present itself, it will be It would be a serious mistake to categorize the international recognized by a single quality that neither Communism nor cartel that has been the subject of these chapters as strictly Nazism, nor any other totalitarianism can ever possess. It will German. The leaders of its component parts, regardless of their advocate and promote the drastic

reduction of government. It will not nationality, consider themselves as internationalists—or more merely advocate trimming the bureaucracy or tinkering with the accurately, supranationalists—with little or no loyalty to the existing structure to make it more efficient, it will call for the country of their birth. Their patriotism is directed toward the elimination of most of the structure that now exists. To recognize giant multi-national industrial and financial organizations that this leadership, we will not have to be political scientists, or protect and sustain them.

philosophers, or history buffs. By this test alone, we will be able Robert Stevenson, former vice-president of the Ford Motor to distinguish between the genuine and the imitation. With this Company, was an excellent specimen of these new citizens of the kind of leadership, political conspiracies will be doomed to oblivion.

world. Business Week on December 19, 1970, quoted Stevenson as saying: “We don’t consider ourselves basically an American company. We are a multi-national company. And when we approach a government that doesn’t like the U.S., we always say,

“Who do you like? Britain? Germany? We carry a lot of flags.”

During a television interview in the fall of 1973, a top executive of Mobil Oil was even more explicit when he said: I’ve never been faced with the situation where I’d say to myself I’m only going to be a good citizen of one country, because if I do that I’m no longer a multi-national oil company.(1) We must keep in mind that a cartel is a grouping of interests.

While they may act in unison in those areas that serve their 1. “Snake Oil From the Oil Companies,” Consumer Reports, Feb. 1974, p. 126.

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mutual goals, and while there usually is investment interlocking, ment.... He was what was later called a "slicker," and he was fond and while the trend is toward the creation of a single industrial of doing what he could to be sure his sons would be "slickers" like and financial complex that will dominate the entire planet, himself.

"I cheat my boys every chance I get," he told Uncle Joe Webster.

nevertheless, its component parts represent groupings within the

"I want to make 'em sharp. I trade with the boys and skin 'em, and I structure, and often there is competition between them for a more just beat 'em every time I can. I want to make 'em sharp." (1) favorable position.

And make 'em sharp, he did—especially John D. who went The largest and most powerful of these today is centered in on to become one of the most ruthless and most successful New York City and is known as the Rockefeller group.

monopolists of all time.

The Rockefeller interest in the profit potential of drugs can be Once again, we must remind ourselves that, in spite of all the traced all the way back to John D. Rockefeller's father; William rhetoric to the contrary, monopoly is not the product of free-Avery Rockefeller. "Big Bill," as he was known to his friends and enterprise capitalism, but the escape from it. John D. Rockefeller neighbors in upstate New York, had been a wandering vendor of himself had confirmed this many times in his career. One of his quack medicines made mostly from crude oil and alcohol. He had favorite expressions was "Competition is a sin." (2) never received medical training, yet he advertised himself as

"Doctor William A. Rockefeller, the Celebrated Cancer Specialist"

But there was more to it than that. John T. Flynn explains: and had himself listed as a physician in the local directory. His entry into business and his career after that would be, in a advertising posters read: “All cases of cancer cured, unless too far large measure, the story of American economic development and gone, and they can be greatly benefited.”(1) the war on Laissezfaire

Rockefeller was definitely convinced that the competitive

“Doc” Rockefeller was a con artist. He cheated anyone and system under which the world had operated was a mistake. It was a everyone any time he could—and boasted of it. In 1844 he was crime against order, efficiency, economy. It could be eliminated only accused of horse theft. He had been suspected of bigamy. And in by abolishing all rivals. His plan, therefore, took a solid form. He 1849, he was accused of raping the hired girl in the Rockefeller would bring all his rivals in with him. The strong ones he would household. To avoid prosecution, Big Bill moved to Oswego, bring in as partners. The others would come in as stockholders....

outside the court’s jurisdiction.(2)

Those who would not come in would be crushed.(3)

John D. Rockefeller, in later years, recalled with pride the The ascendancy of the Rockefeller empire is proof of the practical training he had received from his father. He said: success of that plan. John D., Sr., had a number of close business He himself trained me in practical ways. He was engaged in associates. Some originally were partners. Most were defeated different enterprises; he used to tell me about these things ... and he rivals who had been brought into the structure. These men taught me the principles and methods of business.(3) became multi-millionaires, and most of their descendants have remained closely linked with the Rockefeller family. Whether What were these principles and methods of business that John intermarriages were arranged as “unions of convenience,” as D. learned from his father? Biographer, John T. Flynn, in his book were common among the ruling classes of Europe, or

were the God's Gold; *The Story of Rockefeller and His Times*, provides the result of romance, the result has been the same. The Rockefeller answer:

biological (and stockholder) strain has intermingled in an almost Big Bill was fond of boasting of his own smartness and how he unbroken line through half of the nation's wealthiest sixty bested people.... The man had practically no moral code. He would families and back again. Throughout it all, the aggregate is descant on his own cunning performances for anyone's entertain-controlled, economically at least, by the one family that is the descendant of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

1. John T. Flynn, *God's Gold; The Story of Rockefeller and His Times*, (New York: Harcourt Brace and Co., 1932), p. 53.

2. Hoffman, David; *A Report on a Rockefeller*, op. cit., p. 24.

1. Flynn, op. cit., p. 58.

3. Mathew Josephson, *The Robber Barons*, (New York: Harcourt Brace and Co., 2. Hoffman, op. cit., p. 29.

1934), pp. 45, 46.

3. Flynn, op. cit., pp. 23, 221.

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Rockefeller, John's brother, married daughters of James Stillman, It is nearly impossible for an outsider to estimate the true and the Rockefeller-Stillman interlock was forged. Later, the wealth and power of the Rockefeller family today. But even a family of John D. Rockefeller moved most of its financial interests casual survey of the visible portion of its empire is enough to to a bank of their own, but the descendants of William Rockefeller stagger the imagination.

became, and continue to be, the majority shareholders in the First The Rockefellers established an oil monopoly in the United National City Bank, which eventually became one of

the largest States in the 1870's. In 1899, this oil trust was reorganized as the financial institutions in the world.

Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. In 1911, as a result of a decision of the Supreme Court, Standard was forced to separate into six companies—supposedly to break up the monopoly. This struggle for control. It was merely to absorb the competition—the act did not accomplish its objective. The many “independent”

hallmark of all monopoly business moves. First they established companies that resulted continued to be owned—and in many their own bank known as the Equitable Trust. Then they bought cases even run—by the same men. None of them ever engaged in up the Chase National Bank. Meanwhile, the International Acceptance Corporation, a bank owned by Kuhn, Loeb and Company, against Standard Oil of New Jersey, which continued to be had merged into the Bank of the Manhattan Company. And it was Rockefeller's main holding company.

this that was absorbed in 1955 by the Rockefeller's Chase In the years following 1911, the Rockefellers returned to their National Bank resulting in the largest banking firm in the world: original policy of acquiring other oil companies that, in the public The Chase Manhattan.

eye, were “independent.” Consequently, the Rockefeller family How big is the Chase Manhattan Bank? No one on the outside obtained either control over or substantial financial interest in really knows. We do know, however, that it is more like a such vast enterprises as Humble Oil (now called Exxon), Creole sovereign state than a business firm. It has far more money than Petroleum, Texaco, Pure Oil, and others. These companies control most nations. It has over fifty-thousand banking officers serving a staggering maze of subsidiaries that operate in almost every as ambassadors all around the world. It even employs a full-time nation of the world. All together,

Standard Oil of New Jersey envoy to the United Nations, for whom it serves as banker.(1) admits to outright control over 322 companies.(1) In addition, The words “investment bank” or “investment house” have Rockefeller established cartel links through investments in many been used several times within this discourse, and it is advisable foreign “competitors.” These included Royal Dutch (Shell Oil) to clarify their meaning. Before 1933, banks in the United States and a half interest in the Soviet Nobel Oil Works.

operated in two areas of activity. They handled the commercial What influence the Rockefellers exert through their oil cartel, checking accounts and deposits of individuals and corporations, as impressive as it is, is peanuts compared to what they have an area of activity known as commercial banking. They also accomplished in later years through the magic of international represented clients who were buying or selling stocks and bonds finance and investment banking.

in various corporate enterprises, an area of activity known as That part of the story begins in 1891 when the First National investment banking.

City Bank of New York, under the presidency of James Stillman, In 1933, however, in response to public alarm over the became the main bank of the Rockefeller family. With the addition growing concentration of economic power into the hands of of the Rockefeller deposits, the bank became the largest in the fewer and fewer banking dynasties, a law was passed which country.

required commercial banks to divest themselves of all investment The Rockefellers soon became interested in banking and banking monopolies as a means of making money with even 1. The U.N. always has been a pet project of the Rockefeller family. They greater potential than oil monopolies. Two sons of William donated the land on which the U.N. building now stands. It’s likely that they view the U.N. as the ultimate mechanism for the enforcement of monopoly power throughout the entire world, a role for which it is admirably structured.

1. Hoffman, *op. cit.*, pp. 151, 152.

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banking operations. (This law has been reversed in recent years, money and real wealth inside the United States than in most of and once again we see banks handling both kinds of transac-the rest of the world combined. Furthermore, a substantial tions.) The banks complied, but the result was not what the voters portion of this wealth is concentrated into the hands of the had in mind. Separate investment banking firms were established, financial and industrial cartelists in New York.

but they were owned by exactly the same people w h o also owned One percent of the population owns more than seventy the commercial banks. As a result of the mergers that took place percent of the nation's industry, and ten percent own all of it.(1) in the wake of this legislation, there were fewer firms, and thus, About half of this, in turn, is held in trust by the ten leading Wall greater concentration of power than ever before.

Street banks, which, in turn, are heavily influenced, if not For the Chase Manhattan group there was now an investment controlled outright, by a group so small that they could be firm called the First Boston Corporation. And for the National counted on the fingers of one hand. This, stated in plain English, City Group there was Harriman, Ripley & Company and Blyth & represents the greatest and most intense concentration of wealth Company. Others—such as Dominick & Dominick and Dillon, and power that the world has ever seen.

Read, & Company—soon were added to the interlock as the How did this come about? Was it the product of free-power of the Rockefeller empire expanded. With the formation of enterprise? Was it the result of providing needed goods or the First Boston Corporation, the powerful Mellon family threw services at competitive prices, thus capturing a larger share of

the in its lot with the Rockefeller family, and the only substantial free market? Was it the consequence of mass production and block that was not yet united into the monolithic banking distribution methods that drove down the selling price of goods structure was the family of J.P. Morgan, although they cooperated to the point where they became attractive to more and more in many joint projects, including formation of the Federal Reserve consumers? Each of these factors may have played a small part in System.(1)

the process, but to whatever extent they did, it was infinitesimal With the growth of these investment-banking institutions in compared to the larger role played by the guaranteed super the United States, New York became the new focal point of world profits that resulted from simply eliminating the competition.

finance. Switzerland, in spite of the unique role it plays because Apologists for cartelized industry and finance usually of its bank secrecy and numbered accounts, cannot compare with attempt to refute this fact by citing the profit figures for these the money volume and power centered in the United States. Even enterprises each year. The picture they draw is modest, indeed, London, which was the wellspring of financial power through the showing an average profit of from three to seven percent. This Rothschild and Morgan empires, has since fallen to second place.

isn't enough even to keep up with inflation, so obviously, the The American assets of any one of the multinational corporations finpols, somehow are doing a lot better than that. But how?

built around Standard Oil, ITT, Ford, or General Motors, exceed The answer is in something known as profits of control —the the total assets of many nations. ITT has more employees profits that fall, not to those who own an enterprise, but to those overseas than does the State Department. Standard Oil has a who control it. These are not the same as the modest return-on-larger tanker fleet than the Soviet Union. IBM's research and investment typically paid to stockholders. The

profits of control development budget is larger than the total tax revenue of all but are derived from such things as inside information that makes it a handful of countries. While it is true that a great deal of foreign possible to anticipate movements in the stock market, attractive money does find its way into Swiss banks, there still is more stock options, handsome fees for consultation, commissions and royalties from crossbreeding contracts with affiliated companies, 1. Contrary to popular belief, the Federal Reserve System—the entity that rnmultimillion dollar loans at artificially high or low interest rates controls the creation of money in the United States—is neither owned nor run (depending on the direction of the advantage), and similar by the government. It is a cartel comprised of the banking interests that are the devices.

*subject of these passages. For the complete story, see *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve* by G. Edward Griffin, (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, 1995).*

*1. Lundberg, *The Rich and the Super Rich*, op. cit., p. 461.*

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Many people are of the opinion that it takes fifty-one percent through the trust departments and trust companies affiliated with ownership to control a corporation. While this may be true of its commercial banking operations; in addition to the billions small companies whose stock is held by a handful of people, the controlled in the same way through its investment banking firms; multi-billion dollar companies can be—and are—controlled by as and in addition to the megalithic blocks of stock held in trust by little as five to ten percent of the total stockholders.(1) the various Rockefeller foundations; it also has control over the The mechanics by which it is possible for an extreme minority vast stock holdings of both the Metropolitan and Equitable to hold control—and thus the profits of control—of the super-life-insurance companies, the first and third largest in the United giant industries are fascinating. They include all the usual tricks States. The

Traveler's and Hartford insurance companies, like-of business—such as proxy battles and social pressure on wise, came under Rockefeller control largely through its chief members of the board—plus most of the tactics of all-out war as executives, such as J. Doyle DeWitt and Eugene Black, both well. They also include use of hidden allies from other countries directors of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

who may own small but substantial blocks through numbered Reaching downward through this pyramid of power, the accounts in Swiss banks. But the greatest weapon of all is the Rockefeller group has managed to place its representatives into powerful leverage they can obtain through their control of large controlling positions on the boards of a wide cross-section of blocks of stock that are held indirectly by them as part of the industry. These include the following better known firms: Allied investment portfolios of the financial institutions they also Chemical, American Tobacco, Anaconda, Armour and Company, control.

AT&T, Bethlehem Steel, Bulova Watch, Burlington Industries, A large insurance company, for example, is the repository of Commercial Solvents Corporation, Continental Can, Cowles billions of dollars that come from policyholders. The money that Publications, Data Control, Florida East Coast Railroad, Ford is held in reserve for potential claims is invested in a broad Motor, General Electric, General Foods, General Motors, Getty spectrum of securities, but most of it is put into the stocks and Oil, B.F. Goodrich, Hearst Publications, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, bonds of large corporations. The stocks carry voting rights. They International Harvester, ITT, Kennecott Copper, Litton Indus-do not belong to the owners or managers of the insurance tries, Minute Maid, National Lead, New York Central Railroad, company. They belong to the policyholders. Nevertheless, the Pan American Airways, Perm Central, Polaroid, RCA, Sears, Shell minority who control the company exercise the right to vote that Oil, Singer, Southern Pacific Railroad, Time-Life Publications, stock just the same as if they owned it. In this way, a few people in U.S.

Rubber, U.S. Steel, Virginian Railroad, Western Union, and control of a financial institution can multiply their influence by a Westinghouse—to name just a few!

factor hundreds of times greater than their own capital invest. In the field of drugs and pharmaceuticals, the Rockefeller men would suggest. They also can influence the price of the influence is substantial, if not dominant. When David Rockefeller stocks they hold merely by buying or selling huge blocks of them.

spoke before the Investment Forum in Paris, he said that it was The profit potential of controlling and anticipating such transactions is enormous. This is the “magic” of investment banking, and it explains why the leaders of Wall Street’s great financial cartels equipment companies, and companies benefiting from research are, historically, at the summit of the industrial empires of the into drugs.”(1)

United States.

That he has followed his own advice is a matter of record.

The Rockefeller entry into the pharmaceutical field is more The Rockefeller group has become the nation’s leading practitioner of this kind of magic. In addition to the billions of

dollars The reason for this appears to be two-fold. One is the fact that, for worth of other people’s industrial stocks which it controls many years before World War II, Standard Oil had a continuing 1. This is the unanimous opinion of experts in the field of high finance. See the cartel agreement not to enter into the broad field of chemicals New York Times, Nov. 7, 1955; also Lundberg, op. cit., p. 270; also Hoffman, op. tit., p p . 6, 7; and others.

1. Hoffman, op. cit., p. 185.

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otherwise well informed persons are totally unaware of it, cartels except as a partner with I.G. Farben which, in turn, agreed not to do exist. They have completely dominated the chemical industry compete in oil. The other is that, because of the unpopularity of for decades. The pharmaceutical industry, far from being exempt Farben in this country and its need to camouflage its American from this influence, has been at the center of it from the holdings, Standard had concealed even its partnership interests in beginning. We are travelling this long path of historical inquiry chemical firms behind a maze of false fronts and dummy for the reason that one simply cannot evaluate the broad opposi-accounts. The Chase Manhattan Bank, however, has been the tion to vitamin therapy without an awareness of this cartel.

principal stock registrar for Farben-Rockefeller enterprises such It has been observed that almost every head of state that visits as Sterling Drug, Olin Corporation, American Home Products, the United States pays a personal visit to the head of the and General Analine and Film. When Farben's vast holdings were Rockefeller empire. This has included visits to David Rockefeller finally sold in 1962, the Rockefeller group was the dominant force by such personages as the Emperor of Japan and the Premier of in carrying out the transaction. One may assume, therefore, that, the Soviet Union. And when Rockefeller travels to foreign lands, if there was any way to benefit from inside information or to he always is accorded a royal welcome of the caliber usually place a minority into a position to reap the profits of control, the reserved for heads of state. Yet, the American people generally do Rockefeller group did so. Consequently, it is difficult for an not consider the Rockefellers to be that important. As Ferdinand outsider to separate the pure Rockefeller control from that which Lundberg observed:

is shared by I.G. Farben or its descendants. That it constitutes a There apparently is a difference of opinion between foreign major power center within the pharmaceutical industry,

however, leaders ... and the American public about the precise status of the cannot be denied.

*Rockefellers. Can it be that the foreign political sharks, as they
The profit potential in drugs is enormous. The very nature of
muster out the palace guard and the diplomats to greet them,
are the product lends itself to monopoly and cartel
manipulation.*

*mistaken? My own view of them accords with that of the
foreigners.*

*When a person is ill or dying, he does not question the price of
a The finpols (financial politicians) are ultra bigwigs, super-
megaton drug offered to him for relief. This is especially true if
the drug is bigshots, Brobdingnagian commissars of affairs. In
relation to them the average one-vote citizen is a muted cipher,
a noiseless nullity, an available only through a prescription.
The mystique of that impalpable phantom, a shadow in a
vacuum, a subpeasant.(1) procedure eliminates competition
between brands. Profits can be extremely high—not for the
physician or the druggist—but for Perhaps the reason
Americans do not regard the Rockefeller the firms that
manufacture the drugs.*

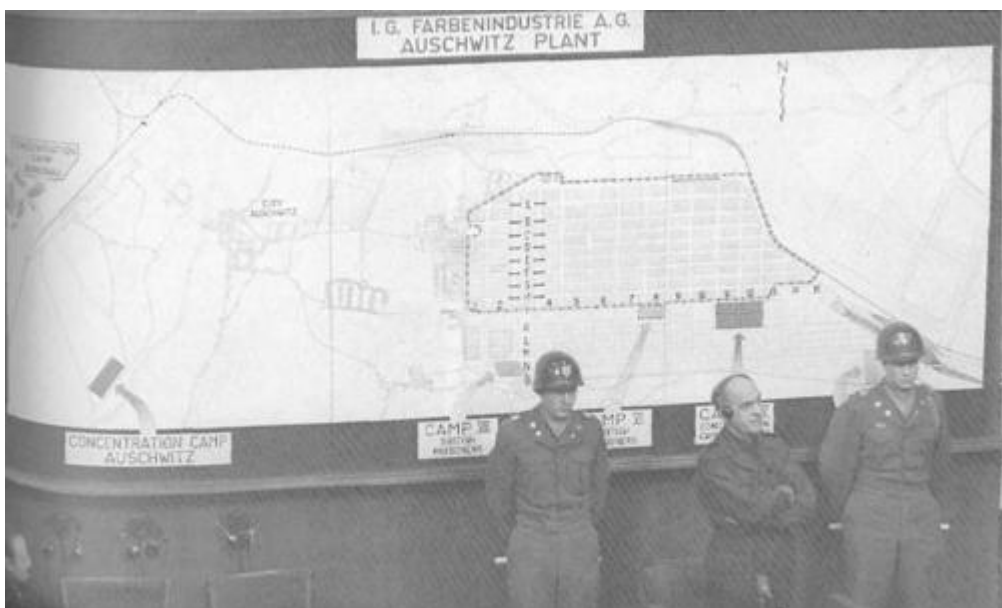
*as the “Brobdingnagian commissars” that they really are is
This is the primary reason for the FDA’s on-going drive to
because, like their Farben counterparts in Nazi Germany, they
require all but the weakest-potency vitamins to be available
only have wisely chosen to stay in the background. They are
seldom in through prescription. Price and brand competition
simply has to the news and are overshadowed by the public
appearances and be stopped. Pharmaceutical firms support
this measure because pronouncements of the nation’s
politicians. The men who sit at they know that their control
over drug-store distribution would the pinnacle of this world
power prefer to leave the publicity-give them a monopoly.
They also know that, if prescriptions are seeking to their
political subordinates who, by temperament, are required,
vitamins will be covered by insurance. Consequently, more
suited to the task. The amount of power held by a John or a*

prices can be raised without consumer complaint. (Never mind David Rockefeller may not be as great as that held for a single moment by a president of the United States. By comparison, that the cost eventually must be paid by the consumer, either in however, the president is but a passing comet streaking toward higher insurance premiums or higher taxes.) And so this is merely oblivion.

another example of using the power of government to eliminate competition and increase costs to the consumer.

Political figures come and go. Some are revered in the history books of their nation. Some are tried as war criminals. Others are Here again is one of those road signs along the way reassuring us we have not become lost in a maze of meaningless 1. Lundberg, op. cit., p. 21.

information with no bearing on cancer therapy. Although many



assassinated. Most merely are cast aside and forgotten when they have outlived their usefulness. But the power of the Rockefellers is handed down from generation to generation as a title of nobility and has become a living, growing, nearly immortal reality of its own.

National Archive:

(above) I.G. Farben, the world's largest chemical and drug cartel, was headquartered in this building in Frankfurt, Germany. It became the backbone of the Nazi war machine.

Yet, during the massive bombing raids on Frankfurt, American bombardiers were instructed to spare this building.

It survived without a scratch.

(below) During the Nuremberg trials it was learned that the business leaders of I.G. Farben had controlled the Nazi state. Oswald Pohl, an SS Lieutenant General who was sentenced to hang, is shown here explaining how Farben operated such concentration camps as Auschwitz and

Buchenwald.

U.S. Army photo





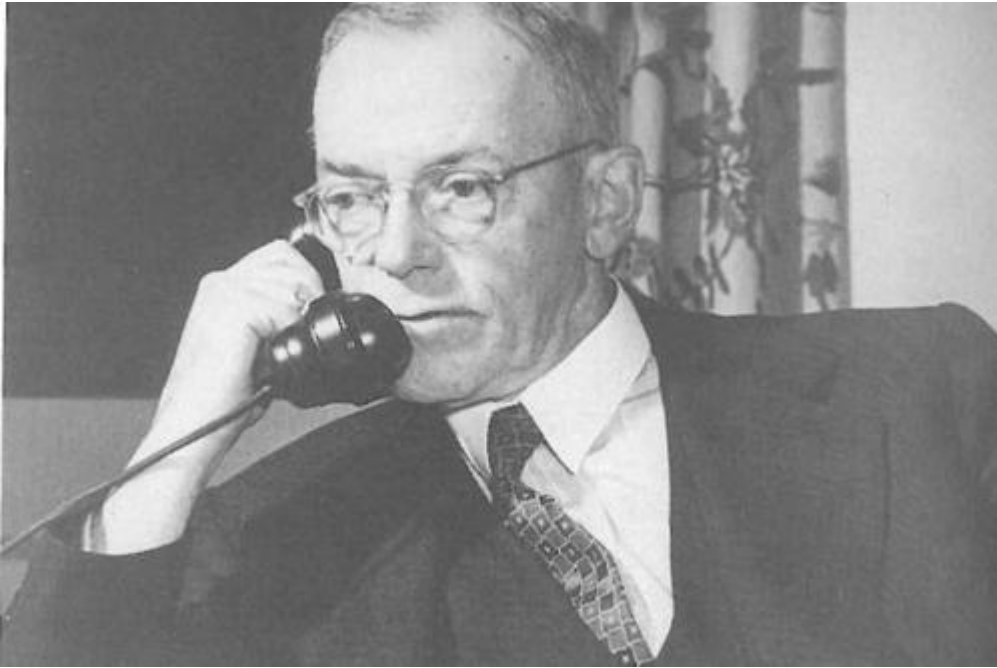
Adolph Hitler (above) at a 1932 meeting in Berlin. Hitler's rise to power would have been impossible without the secret financial support of I.G. Farben. The Nazi state became the means by which cartel agreements were enforced.

At left are key Farben defendants at the Nuremberg

War-Crimes trials. Hermann Schmitz, the mastermind of the cartel, was an integral part of the international banking structure. Carl Krauch was chairman of Farben's board of directors. Max Ilgner, Farben's "Director of Finance," in reality was in charge of espionage and propaganda. Otto Ambros (bottom right) was production chief of Farben's poison-gas facilities, (us. Army photos)

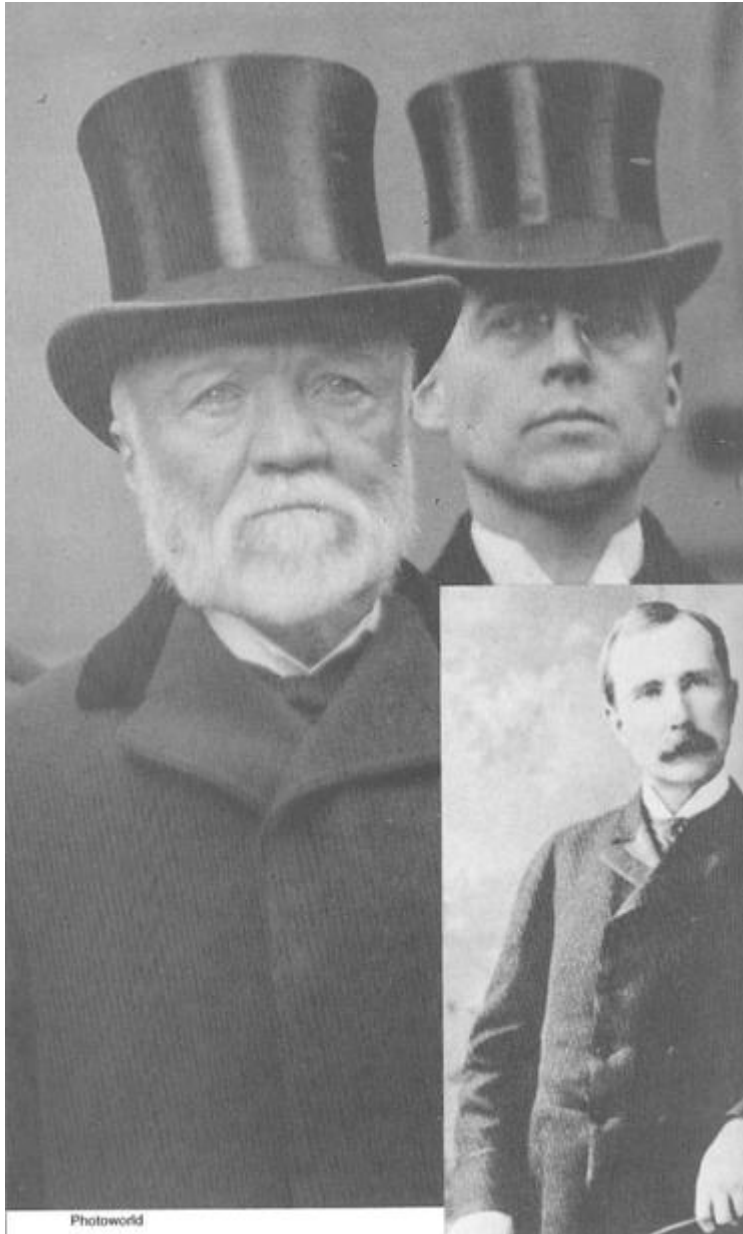






John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (above), often gave away shiny dimes to small children at public gatherings in an attempt to improve his image in the press. This device was suggested by Ivy Lee (left), one of the world's foremost public-relations experts. Mr. Lee also had been retained by I.G. Farben to appraise the public-image Potential of Adolph Hitler.

Salter Teagle (above, left), while president of Standard Oil, Secretly held stock in Farben enterprises on behalf of the Rockefeller family. Through such ploys, the Rockefellers have obscured their financial interest in the field of drugs.



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Abraham Flexner (above), author of the famous Flexner Report of 1910, led the crusade for upgrading the medical schools of America. All the while, he was in the employ of Andrew Carnegie (above, left) and John D. Rockefeller (left) who had set up tax-exempt foundations for that purpose.

The result was that America's medical schools became oriented toward drugs and drug research, for it was through the increased sale of these drugs that the donors realized a Profit on their "philanthropy."



Chapter Eighteen

THE CHARITY

PRESCRIPTION

The drug cartel's influence over the nation's medical schools; the drug-oriented training given to medical students; and the use of philanthropic foundations to obtain control over educational institutions.

As we have seen, the Rockefeller group, in conjunction with the hidden hand of I.G. Farben, has become a dominant force in the American pharmaceutical industry. One of the consequences of this reality is that one almost never finds consumer price competition among prescription drugs and patent medicines.

Generally, the only competition we see is along the lines of vague advertising claims such as "Laboratory tests prove Bayer is better," or "Research has shown that Anacin is faster." Over the years, the pharmaceutical houses have lived up to an agreement to stay within the narrow field of their specialty and to refrain from trying to cut into the established markets of their rivals. It is, as they say, an "orderly" industry.

One of the reasons for this non-competition is that most drugs are patented and are available only from one manufacturer.

Another reason is that the prescription is made by a physician who is more concerned with the effectiveness of a drug than with its price. But, in addition, there is the fact that the drug houses bombard the market with so many new drugs each year that the John D. Rockefeller, Sr., shown here at age 93, had created physician often does not know how effective the drugs are that he fantastic wealth. When he interlocked his own empire with Prescribes. All he knows is that he has seen them

advertised in the that of I.G. Farben in 1928, there was created the largest AMA Journal, has been handed a "fact sheet" by a field repre-and most powerful cartel the world has ever known. Not only sentative from the company which manufactures them, and may has that cartel survived through the years, it has grown an have had some success with them on previous patients. Because prospered. Today it plays a major role in both the science he is a practitioner, not a researcher, he cannot conduct controlled and politics of cancer therapy.

experiments to determine the relative effectiveness of the new

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drugs as compared to older or similar drugs available through has been traced in the preceding pages. In fact, the Federal another firm. All he knows is that they seem to help some of his Reserve System was first introduced as legislation in 1913 by patients. If the first drug does not bring about the desired results, Senator Nelson Aldrich, and was known as the "Aldrich Plan."

then he will issue a new prescription and try something else. The Aldrich was brought into the inner circle when his daughter result is that it is not unusual for a patient to buy multiple drugs married John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The senator's son, Winthrop from different manufacturers with everybody getting a piece of Aldrich, became chairman of the Chase National Bank. Senator the financial action.

Aldrich was viewed as Rockefeller's personal representative in This point was brought home rather bluntly at a conference the Senate and, as a result, he wielded far more power and sponsored in 1963 by Johns Hopkins University. One of the influence in Washington than any other senator of the era. One featured speakers was Dr. George Baehr of New York, who stated: thing is certain. He would not have introduced income-tax legislation if there had been even the remotest chance that it As a consultant for many years to physicians in private practice, it has been my experience that many general

practitioners and would apply to such fortunes as those held by the Rockefellers, specialists have acquired the habit of shifting repeatedly and the Morgans, the Carnegies, or the Mellons.

needlessly from one drug to another. They are usually motivated to The plan was both simple and ingenious. They would transfer change their prescribing habits by the persuasive propaganda of the bulk of their visible assets to something called foundations.

advertising literature and of visiting detail men.(1) They would appoint hand-picked and loyal underlings to admin-There is nothing about this procedure that is improper from ister these foundations. They would require that a portion of their the physician's point of view. He is doing only what he can to assets be dispersed under the appearance of charity or philan-help his patients by making available to them what he has been thropy. They would design most of those gifts, however, to told is the latest technology in the field of drugs. Remember, it is benefit themselves, their business enterprises, or to further their not he who makes a profit from writing the prescription.

political objectives. They would retain full control of their assets There is no questioning the fact that the doctor functions as a and use them just as freely as if they remained directly in their salesman for a multi-billion dollar drug industry, but he is not name. They would avoid the payment of any significant inheri-paid for this vital service. He has been trained for it, however.

tance tax upon the death of the "donor," thus insuring that the Through the curricula of the nation's leading medical schools, fortune remained intact and in the hands of family or corporate students are exposed to such an extensive training in the use of control in perpetuity. And they would use the supposedly chari-drugs (and practically none in the field of nutrition) that, upon table nature of the foundation as a means of avoiding the graduation, they naturally turn to the use of drugs as the payment of most, if not all, of the income tax they then were treatment of choice for practically all of man's ills.

advocating to be paid by everyone else.

*How the medical schools of the nation came to adopt these
Once again it must be noted that the “socialist” or “commu-
niform curricula is the subject to which we now turn our
nist” nostrums allegedly designed to pull down the rich and
attention.*

*elevate the poor—such as the progressive income tax(1) —
always The key to unlock this particular door of cartel intrigue
is the work to eliminate the middle class and, ultimately, to
produce tax-exempt foundation. The scope of this study does
not permit just the opposite of their advertised objective. That
this has been more than a cursory review of the origins and
early history of true in the United States is obvious. The
progressive income tax such foundations, but the salient points
are these: has not hurt the finpols one bit. Their wealth
expands at an The Federal Reserve System, the income tax,
and the tax-increasing rate each year. The business and
professional people exempt foundation all were conceived and
foisted onto the w h o fall into the middle class, however, now
are increasingly American people by the same financier-
politicians whose story 1. The progressive income tax was
specifically called for in The Communist 1. Omar Garrison,
The Dictocrats, op. cit., p. 21.*

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*b l o c k e d from rising into t h e selected r a n k s of the
super-rich With ences of those w h o give the money. It's n o t
that t h e d o n o r s tell e a c h p a s s i n g d e c a d e since t h e
e e n a c t m e n t of the i n c o m e tax the them specifically w
h a t to do or w h a t to find, it's j u s t t h a t the g a p w i d e n
s b e t w e e n the t o p a n d the b o t t o m . A g a i n ,
government recipients k n o w in a d v a n c e that, if t h e y
stray t o o f a r o u t s i d e b e c o m e s the i n s t r u m e n t for
p r e v e n t i n g c o m p e t i t i o n and for the u n s t a t e d b*

*ut clearly understood objectives of those whom a ke
preserving monopoly.*

*the grant, then that will be the last time their name is
on the roll And make no mistake about it, it was pl
anned that way.*

call when the free money is given out.

Ferdinand Lundberg explains:

*There is the celebrated case, for instance, of the \$15,000
grant Recipients of the money must be ideologically
acceptable to the from the Carnegie Endowment for I
nternational Peace to the donors. There is a positive
record showing that, by these means American Bar
Association to study the United Nations Genocid
e purely corporate elements are able to influence research and
many Convention. When the ABA had the gall to condemn
the conven -*

*university policies, particularly in the selection of personnel....
The tion, the Carnegie Foundation was enraged
and demand a n foundations are staunch supporters of
the physical sciences immediate stop to the project or its mon
ey back.*

*the findings of which have many profit-making applications in
the Another example of the influence of foundatio
ns over the corporate sphere....*

*world of academia is the way in which the nutriti
ion department Whether or not these various effects
were sought by the of Harvard has been converted
into the public relations depart -*

*foundation creators, they are present, and the realistic
observer must suppose they were what the realistic founders
had in mind. (1) ment of the General Foods Corporation
n. For years the head of this department at Harv
ard was Professor Stare, known within Wha has b
een true in university research is equally true in
health-food circles as the "Cornflakes Professor." One of the*

g o v e r n m e n t research. In b o t h cases, the p h a r m a c e u t i c a l interests Professor's d u b i o u s a c h i e v e m e n t s w a s t o defend " e n r i c h e d "

are able to benefit c o m m e r c i a l l y from d r u g research programs w h i c h b r e a d a n d o t h e r miracle p r o d u c t s of the p r o c e s s e d - f o o d p a i d for w h o l l y or in p a r t by tax dollars. This reality was industry. H e d i s m i s s e d a s " r u b b i s h " a n d " n u t r i t i o n a l q u a c k e r y "

confirmed in 1972 by Dr. F r a n k Rauscher, director of the National all suggestions that chemical a d d i t i v e s to f o o d s m a y n o t be safe C a n c e r Institute, w h e n h e said:

or that p r o c e s s e d s u p e r m a r k e t foods are n o t just as n u t r i t i o u s as We test about 30,000 compounds a year for anti-tumor activity anything fresh from a n o r g a n i c g a r d e n . O n o n e o c c a s i o n h e in animals at the National Cancer Institute alone. Each year, for the c o n d e m n e d Dr. C a r l t o n Fredericks for his s u p p o r t of v i t a m i n B6 past four or five years, an average of about three new drugs have and challenged h i m to p r o d u c e e v e n one a u t h o r i t a t i v e reference reached the physician's bag for application to the patient.

to s u p p o r t i t s v a l u e . W h e r e u p o n Dr. Fredericks sent S t a r e ' s o w n The program currently costs about 75 million dollars per year, report on B6 w r i t t e n y e a r s before he h a d c o m e u n d e r the and can be expected to generate six or seven clinically effective influence of H a r v a r d a n d f o u n d a t i o n money.

drugs each year. That means we're spending tax money at about rate of 10 million dollars per drug.... My colleagues, Dr. Gordon O m a r G a r r i s o n gives further insight i n t o h o w t h i s influence came to be decisive:

Zubrod and Dr. Saul Schepartz, operate probably the nation's biggest pharmaceutical house at the National Cancer Institute.

Perhaps it is without significance that Dr. Stare is a board In recent y e a r s , the p r i v a t e p h y s i c i a n h a s

represented a member of a large can company, and that his department at Harvard constantly shrinking portion of the total medical profession. As has been the recipient of substantial research grants from the food his influence wanes, his being replaced by group clinics, HMO's industry. For example, in 1960, the Harvard president announced of these

*state-supported institutions, and research centers. Many or what he called a "momentous" gift of \$1,026,000 from General Foods Corporation, to be used over a ten-year period for expansion are the recipients of large grants for specific medical projects and they become very sensitive to the ideological or scientific preferences. Lundberg, *The Rich and The Super Rich*, op. tit., p. 469.*

1. "Bar Group Accused by Carnegie Fund," New York Times, Oct. 15, 1950, pp. 1, 66. Also "Bar Group Denies Peace Fund Misuse," New York Times, Oct. 20, 1950, 2. "New Gains in War Against Cancer/' U.S. News and World Report, p. 30.

1972, p. 41.

2. Details given in a lecture by Dr. Carlton Fredericks at the National Health Federation Convention in Los Angeles, Jan. 16, 1972.

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of the nutritional laboratories of the university's school of public are not selective or that they are promoting a kind of melting-pot health, where Dr. Stare is professor of nutrition. The seductive democracy of ideas. But, upon closer examination, the one thing question is: Can any scientific research remain wholly objective and that all of these recipients share in common is that they promote untainted by loyalty when it is so generously endowed by big the growth of government; and that, in fact, is why they have corporations whose commercial future will be influenced by the been smiled upon by the forces of monopoly.

outcome of such research?(1)

*There are a thousand examples that could be cited in support of Joseph Goulden, in his authoritative study of foundations of this proposition, but let us limit ourselves only to the field of entitled *The Money Givers*, explains how foundation control has medicine which is the area of our present interest. Recent studies been extended to the medical profession:*

of socialized medicine in England and Sweden have turned up an The medical profession does quiver excitedly when it hears the interesting fact. Because prescription drugs in these countries are fast raffle of thousand dollar bills. Since Ford [through the Ford

“free” (paid through taxes), the per-capita use of these medica-Foundation] began nationwide operations in 1950, it has spent more tions is much higher than in the United States. The statistics show than a third of a billion dollars on medical schools and hospitals....

that, when an individual has no financial interest in his medical Foundations are popular with the medical establishment because they do so much to preserve it. A well-endowed regional bill, he tends to overuse medical services just to make sure that he foundation—Kellogg in Michigan, Moody in Texas, Lilly in Indiana is getting all the benefits to which he thinks he is entitled.

—can be as influential in hospital affairs as is the state medical Doctors, also, tend to write prescriptions in marginal cases of association, through grants for construction, operating expenses, need just to “process” the patient through his office more quickly.

and research.(2)

The result is that, under socialized medicine, the drug manufac-Bearing in mind that the foundations are precision tools turers are rewarded with an automatic and maximum market designed to further monopolies and cartels, it follows that they saturation for their products. The pharmaceutical

cartel that will be used, not only for expanding the wealth of those who controls the medically oriented foundations has not overlooked control them, but also for expanding the size and reach of this fact, and we can be certain that the history of foundation government, for total government is the ultimate monopoly and pressure for socialized medicine in the United States is no the final goal.

accident.

This has been a conspicuous aspect of foundation grants since The Milbank Fund was created by Albert G. Milbank who was their inception. The majority of foundation-supported projects in Chairman of the Borden Company and also the leading partner in the social and political sciences have resulted in the promotion of the Wall Street law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hope, Hadley and expanded government power as the solution to the problems and McCloy. Milbank was no stranger to the cartel. John J. McCloy, injustices of the nation and the world. Plush grants have gone to one of his partners, was Chairman of the Chase National Bank, scholars, researchers, schools, dramatists, churches, theater trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, chairman of the board of groups, mass-action organizations, poets, and ivory tower think-the CFR (Council on Foreign Relations), and a member of the tanks. They have been given to those within the Establishment, to Executive Committee of Squibb Pharmaceutical. The significance those who are anti-Establishment, to those who claim to be in the of the Milbank Fund is not that it has been the kindly sponsor of middle, and to those who plot violent revolutions to overthrow projects supposedly to upgrade the quality of public health, but the government. They have been bestowed upon Republicans, that it was one of the first foundations to use its resources openly Democrats, New-Agers, militants, pacifists, socialists, and Com-to promote government expansion via socialized medicine.

munists. The apparent divergence of these groups leads the Richard Carter, in his devastating attack against the AMA, casual observer to the erroneous conclusion that the

foundations entitled The Doctor Business, recounts the story: During the Coolidge and Hoover administrations, organized 1. Garrison, op. cit., pp. 195,196.

2. Joseph Goulden, The Money Givers, (New York: Random House, 1971), medicine encountered little legislative difficulty. Its worst problems pp. 145, 149.

were those posed by the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care

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and the philanthropic foundations which financed the CCMC's The public-relations value of philanthropy did not originate work. The Milbank Fund was regarded as particularly virulent.

with Ivy Lee. Rockefeller himself had observed how the negative Despite protests from local medical societies, it continued pilot image of George Peabody had been changed almost overnight by studies in New York State which illustrated the advantages of conspicuous acts of public charity, and the same thing with his publicly organized preventive medicine. Worse, its secretary, John A. Kingsbury, was an advocate of federal health insurance and so close friend Andrew Carnegie. Shortly after Carnegie proclaimed was its president, Albert G. Milbank. With the election of Franklin his famous "Gospel of Wealth" in which he stated that men of D. Roosevelt, such advocacy became formidable. It was expected great fortune had an obligation to further humanitarian objectives that Roosevelt would include compulsory health insurance in his through philanthropy, Rockefeller wrote to him and said: "Be Social Security laws. (1)

assured, your example will bear fruits." (1) Later, when the first The entry of the Rockefeller group into the foundation arena Rockefeller general philanthropic board was created, Carnegie was made a trustee and served for eleven years. Rockefeller and is of paramount importance to the subject of

this treatise, for no Carnegie, applying the typical philosophy of industrial cartels, other single force has been as influential in shaping the contours agreed not to compete or overlap in their philanthropic endeavor of modern medicine in America. One of the first moves in that direction, and operated their respective foundations as though they were one; a fact which, when John D. Rockefeller retained the services of a public-relations expert by the name of an economic leverage even greater than would be indicated by Ivy Lee. When Lee was called before the Congressional Committee their separate vast resources.

tee to Investigate Foreign Propaganda and Other Subversive Activities, (2) he testified reluctantly that he had been retained by I.G. Farben to give professional advice to most of the top Nazi leaders, including Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda, and Gates was far more of a businessman than he was a man of God.

Hitler himself.

In fact, he openly acknowledged that he held an aversion to Lee became famous in later years for accomplishing what fundamentalist religion, and that he entered the ministry in order seemed to be an impossible task—improving the popular image to promote the “social” principles which, in his view, were of John D. Rockefeller. He had advised the old tycoon to give implied in Christ’s teachings. He explained: “I wanted to side away a small percentage of his wealth each year in the form of with Him and His friends against the world and His enemies.

gifts to hospitals, libraries, schools, churches, and other charities, That, frankly, was the only ‘conversion’ I ever had.”(2) but to do so in the most conspicuous manner

possible, usually Fred Gates had attracted the attention of John D. Rockefeller with a public building to bear his name as a continuing testimony as a result of his effective service to the flour magnate George A.

to his generosity and benevolence.

Pillsbury. Gates had shown Pillsbury how to dispose of a portion To obtain favorable press coverage, he advised Rockefeller to of his estate in such a manner that, not only did he receive carry rolls of shiny dimes with him at all public appearances so maximum public approval, but he also was able to capture he could hand them out to any youngsters that might be present.

control of money from other sources as well.

It was largely through following this kind of advice that John D.

This was the Gates formula: Pillsbury gave the Owatonna Rockefeller gradually lost the old (and earned) reputation for Baptist Academy \$50,000 on condition that the Baptist community at cunning and ruthlessness and became increasingly portrayed as a large would raise an equal amount. Gates then took on the job of kindly philanthropist who loved children.

raising the additional funds. The result was that \$100,000 was
1. Richard Carter, The Doctor Business, (New York: Doubleday, 1958), pp. 203, 1. Warren Weaver, U.S. Philanthropic Foundations; Their History, Structure, 204.

Management, and Record, (New York: Harper & Row, p. 35.

2. This later became known as the Dies Committee after Martin Dies, but in 2. Allan Nevins, John D. Rockefeller, (New York: Scribner & Sons, 1959), v. 2, 1934 its chairman was John W. McCormack of Massachusetts.

p. 271.

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raised in all, and it was done in such a way that the entire perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an business community, through its own financial share in the imperfect way, in the homes, in the shop, and on the farm.(1) venture, was led to personally identify with Mr. Pillsbury and his John D. Rockefeller had a passion for efficiency—not only in

“noble” project.

business, but in the administration of his philanthropic funds as Pillsbury put up only half, yet he obtained the same public well. In the mind of this man, the word “efficiency” meant more credit and private influence over how the funds were used as he than merely the absence of waste. It meant expending the money would have if he had financed the entire venture. That was in such a way as to bring about the maximum return to the donor.

getting double mileage out of one’s philanthropy!

The Gates “matching funds” formula developed for Pillsbury John D. was quick to appreciate the usefulness of such a man was refined even further for Rockefeller and soon evolved into a as Fred Gates, the creator of this concept, and soon made him a pattern in which John D. often controlled a philanthropic venture key figure in his business enterprises. Rockefeller, himself, later with as little as one-fourth of the total capitalization. Scores of described Gates in these glowing terms:

volunteer fund-raisers could be recruited to raise the balance Fred Gates was a wonderful business man. His work for the from the public at large. But since the largest single contribution American Baptist Education Society required him to travel exten-came from Rockefeller, he received the credit and was able to sively. Once, as he was going south, I asked him to look into an iron place control of the entire fund into the hands of trustees who mill in which I had an interest. His report was a model of clarity!

were subservient to his will. This was the pattern that produced. Then I asked him to make some investigation of other property such as profitable ventures as the Charity Organization Society, the in the west. I had been told this particular company was rolling in State Charities Aid, the Greater New York Fund, and many wealth. Mr. Gates' report showed that I had been deceived.

others.

Now I realized that I had met a commercial genius. I persuaded Mr. Gates to become a man of business.(1)

The New York Tuberculosis and Health Association was a classical example. Originally established by a group of physicians. One of the first foundations established by Rockefeller and dedicated to a crusade against T.B., it soon fell captive to the Gates was the General Education Board. The objective of this financial domination of Rockefeller money. Rockefeller put in

“philanthropy” was not to raise the general level of education, as charge of the program a relatively unknown social worker by the many thought at the time, but to convert the American people name of Harry Hopkins.(2) Under Hopkin's direction, the T.B.

into a docile herd of content and uncomplaining workers. In the Association grew to international proportions and, by 1920, was first publication of the General Education Board, Gates wrote: collecting many millions of dollars each year.

In our dreams we have limitless resources, and the people yield Rockefeller controlled the operation, but most of the money themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present came from the public through contributions and the purchase of educational conventions fade from our minds, and unhampered by tradition, we work our own good will upon a grateful and respon-Christmas Seals. One of the great scandals of 1932 centered sive rural folk. We shall not try to make these people or any of their around the accusation made by New York City Health Commis-children into philosophers

of mental learning or of science. We have sioner Lewis I. Harris, in a letter to the New York Times of June 8, not to raise up from among them authors, editors, poets, or men of and by the subsequent admission of the fund's officers, "that all letters. We shall not search for embryo great artists, painters, its money had been expended on salaries and overhead."

musicians, nor lawyers, doctors, preachers, politicians, statesmen of The philanthropy formula worked so well that it was decided whom we have ample supply. The task we set before ourselves is to expand. A multitude of similar agencies were established to very simple as well as a very beautiful one: To train these people as we find them to a perfectly ideal life just where they are. So we will 1. "Occasional Paper No. I," General Education Board, 1904.

organize our children into a community and teach them to do in a 2. Hopkins, like most Rockefeller proteges, moved into government work. He became WPA director, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Lend-Lease Administrator, I. John K. Winkler, John D.-A Portrait in Oils (New York: Blue Ribbon Books, and personal advisor to FDR. He even took up residency in the White House.

1929), pp. 176,177.

Later it was learned that he had been a member of the Communist Party.

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exploit the public's dread of other diseases as well. Within a few

"The coming to the front of such a princely giver! A man to lead! It is years there sprang into being such organizations as The Heart the Lord's doing. God has kept Chicago for us. I wonder at his patience."

Association, The Social Hygiene Association, The Diabetes On the following Sabbath throughout the country, sermons of Association, The National Association for the Prevention of

thanksgiving were preached in almost all Baptist pulpits.

“When a Blindness, The American Cancer Association, and many others.

crisis came,” entoned one minister, “God had a man to meet it.”

The American Cancer Society, incidentally, was formed

“God,” cried out another, “has guided us and provided a leader and officially in May of 1913 at the Harvard Club in New York. In later a giver and so brought us out into a large place.” In scores of pulpits years its orientation has been determined by such personages the phrase: “Man of God!” was uttered. A writer to the Independent said: “No benefaction has ever flowed from a purer Christian sitting on its board of directors as Alfred P. Sloan (General source.”(1)

Motors), Charles D. Hilles (AT&T), Monroe Rathbone (Standard Oil), and Frederich Ecker (Metropolitan Life). The American Cancer Society holds half ownership in the patent rights to 5FU

(5 flourouracil, one of those drugs considered as an “acceptable”

treatment for cancer.(1) The drug is manufactured by Hoffman-LaRoche Laboratories which is within the I.G.-Rockefeller orbit.

Many donors to the ACS would be outraged to learn that this organization has a vested interest in the sale of drugs and a financial tie-in with the drug industry.

The ACS denies that it has ever received any money for its share of the patent. When the author wrote to Hoffman-LaRoche suggesting that this was strange in-as-much as such payments would help to fund ACS “humanitarian programs,” Mr. Samuel L. Welt, Assistant Vice President and Chief Patent Counsel replied: “We do not feel that we are in a position to comment on what payments, if any, the American Cancer Society received on account of the patent.”(2)

Rockefeller's first entry into philanthropy on a grand scale was in 1890 when, following the formula established by Gates, he pledged \$600,000 to the Baptist University of Chicago on condition that the meat packers and dry-goods merchants of the city also contribute a minimum of \$400,000.

Biographer John T. Flynn describes the reaction:

When the news of Rockefeller's princely gift was made known, the National Baptist Education Society Convention was being held in Boston. The announcement of the gift was received with cheers... •

*When the gift was named and the actual sum of money pronounced, the audience rose and sang the Doxology. Men burst out into exclamations of praise and joy. "The man who has given this money is a godly man," chanted one leader. Another rose and exclaimed: 1. See Jones, *Nutrition Rudiments in Cancer*, op. cit., p. 17.*

*2. Letter to G. Edward Griffin, January 11, 1977; Griffin, *Private Papers*, op. cit.*

*Flynn, *God's Gold*, op. cit., pp. 305, 306.*

Chapter Nineteen

HE WHO PAYS

THE PIPER

The low state of medical education in the U.S.

prior to 1910; the role of the Flexner Report in dramatizing the need for reform; the role played by the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations in

implementing the Flexner Report; and the use of foundation funding as a means of gaining control over American medical schools.

There is an old saying: "He who pays the piper calls the tune." This is one of those eternal truths that exist—and always will exist—in business, in politics, and in education.

We have seen how John D. Rockefeller captured the hearts of Baptist ministers with a mere \$600,000 granted to Chicago University. What remains to be demonstrated is that he also captured control of the university.

Within a year after the grant, Rockefeller's personal choice, Dr. William Rainey Harper, was named president of the institution. And within two years, the teaching staff had been successfully purged of all anti-Rockefeller dissidents. A professor of economics and a professor of literature distinguished themselves by proclaiming that Mr. Rockefeller was "superior in creative genius to Shakespeare, Homer, and Dante."(1)

In contrast, a Professor Bemis was expelled from the staff for "incompetence" when he repeatedly criticized the action of the railroads during the Pullman strike of 1894. A few years later, after the Rockefeller family, through the "philanthropy" of John Archbald, had gained parallel influence at Syracuse University in western New York, an economics instructor by the name of John Cummons was dismissed by the Chancellor for similar reasons.

1. Josephson, The Robber Barrons, op. cit., p. 324.

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In 1953, Representative B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee received Carnegie fortunes into focus on the unsuspecting and vulnerable the authority of Congress to establish a special committee to medical profession.

investigate the power and influence of tax-exempt foundations.

Prior to 1910, the practice of medicine in the United States left The committee never accomplished much due to mounting a great deal to be desired. Medical degrees could be purchased pressure from multiple sources high within government itself through the mail or obtained with marginal training at under-and, eventually, Reece was forced to terminate the committee's

staffed and inadequate medical schools. The profession was work. During its short period of existence, however, many suffering from a bad public reputation and reform was in the air.

interesting and highly revealing facts were brought to light.

The American Medical Association had begun to take an interest in cleaning its own house. It created a Council on Medical and probably one of the country's most knowledgeable authorities - Education for the express purpose of surveying the status of ties on foundations, testified during the hearings and told the medical training throughout the country and of making specific committee:

recommendations for its improvement. But by 1908 it had run into difficulty as a result of committee differences and insufficient which the foundations (by their support and encouragement) have funding. It was into this void that the Rockefeller-Carnegie played such a significant role, seems to have provided this country combine moved with brilliant strategy and perfect timing. Henry with what is tantamount to a national system of education under the S. Pritchett, the president of the Carnegie Foundation, tight control of organizations and persons little known to the approached the AMA and simply offered to take over the entire American public... The curriculum in this tightly controlled scheme project. The minutes for the meeting of the AMA's Council on of education is designed to indoctrinate the American student from matriculation to the consummation of his education.(1) Medical Education held in New York in December of 1908 tell the story:

Using the unique talents of Fred Gates, Rockefeller set out consciously and methodically to capture control of American At one o'clock an informal conference was held with President Pritchett and Mr. Abraham Flexner of the Carnegie Foundation. Mr.

education and particularly of American medical education. The Pritchett had already expressed by correspondence the willingness process began in 1901 with the creation of the Rockefeller of the Foundation to cooperate with the Council in investigating the Institute for Medical Research. It included on its board such medical schools. He now explained that the Foundation was to politically oriented “medical” names as Doctors L. Emmett Holt, investigate all the professions: law, medicine, and theology. ... (1) Christian A. Herter, T. Mitchell Pruden, Hermann M. Briggs, He agreed with the opinion previously expressed by the William H. Welch, Theobald Smith, and Simon Flexner. Christian members of the Council that while the Foundation would be guided Herter was slated for bigger things, of course, and became very largely by the Council’s investigation, to avoid the usual claims Secretary of State under President Eisenhower. Simon Flexner of partiality no more mention should be made in the report of the also was destined for larger success. Although his name never Council than any other source of information. The report would become as well-known as that of Herter, he and his brother, therefore be, and have the weight of, a disinterested body, which would then be published far and wide. It would do much to Abraham Flexner, probably influenced the lives of more people develop public opinion. (2)

and in a more profound way than has any Secretary of State.

Abraham Flexner was on the staff of the Carnegie Foundation Here was the “philanthropy formula” at work again: (1) have for the Advancement of Teaching. As mentioned previously, the others pay a major portion of the bill (the AMA had already done Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations traditionally worked most of the work; the cost to Carnegie was only \$10,000), together almost as one enterprise in the furtherance of their 1. This is not the subject of the present study, but the reader should not pass mutual goals, and this certainly was no exception. The Flexner over the fact that the same strategy for control over education was being brothers were the lens that

brought the Rockefeller and the executed in other key areas as well.

2. Morris Fishbein, M.D., A History of the AMA, (Philadelphia & London: W.B.

1. As quoted by Weaver, U.S. Philanthropic Foundations, op. cit., pp. 175, 176.

Saunders Co., 1947), pp. 987, 989.

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(2) receive a public-image bonus (Isn't it wonderful that these are entirely funded this way. Rockefeller and Carnegie have not men are taking an interest in upgrading medical standards!), and been the only source of these funds.

Substantial influence also has (3) gain control over a vital sphere of American life.

been exerted by the Ford Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, This is how that control came about.

the Commonwealth Fund (a Rockefeller interlock created by The Flexner Report, as it was called, was published in 1910.

Edward Harkness of Standard Oil), the Sloan Foundation, and As anticipated, it was "published far and wide," and it did "do the Macy Foundation. The Ford Foundation has been extremely much to develop public opinion." The report correctly pointed active in the field of medical education in recent years, but none out the inadequacies of medical education at the time. No one of them can compare to the Rockefellers and the Carnegies for could take exception with that. It also proposed a wide range of sheer money volume and historical continuity.

sweeping changes, most of which were entirely sound. No one Joseph C. Hinsey, in his authoritative paper entitled "The could take exception with those, either. The alert observer, Role of Private Foundations in the Development of Modern however, would note that the recommendations included Medicine," reviews the sequence of this expanding influence:

strengthening courses in pharmacology and the addition of research Starting with Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1913, the departments at all “qualified” medical schools.

General Education Board supported reorganizations which brought Taken at face value, the Flexner Report was above reproach about full-time instruction in the clinical as well as the basic science and, undoubtedly, it performed a service that was much needed.

departments of the first two years of medical education at Washing-It is what followed in the wake of the report that reveals its true ton University in St. Louis, at Yale, and at Chicago. In 1923, a grant purpose in the larger plan.

Rockefeller and Carnegie began was made to the University of Iowa in the amount of \$2,250,000 by immediately to shower millions of dollars on those medical the General Education Board and the Rockefeller Foundation.

schools that were susceptible to control. Those that did not Similar grants in smaller amounts were made to the following state-conform were denied the funds and eventually were forced out of supported medical schools: University of Colorado, University of Oregon, University of Virginia, and University of Georgia. An business by their well-funded competitors.

appropriation was made to the University of Cincinnati, an institu-A hundred and sixty schools were in operation in 1905. By tion which received some of its support from municipal sources.

1927, the number had dropped to eighty. Most of those that were Howard University and the Meharry Medical School were strength-edged out had been sub-standard, but excellence was not the sole ened, the latter by some eight million dollars. The General Educa-criterion for determining which ones would receive funding. The tion Board and the Rockefeller Foundation later made substantial primary test was the willingness of the school administration and grants to the medical schools at Harvard, Vanderbilt, Columbia, faculty to

accept a curricula geared to drug research. That is how Cornell, Tulane, Western Reserve, Rochester, Duke, Emory, and the the money would come back to the donors—plus a handsome Memorial Hospital in New York affiliated with Cornell.(1) profit. Historian Joseph Goulden describes the process this way: It is necessary to add to this list the medical schools of Flexner had the ideas, Rockefeller and Carnegie had the money, Northwestern, Kansas, and Rochester; each heavily endowed, and their marriage was spectacular. The Rockefeller Institute for either by Rockefeller money or by the Commonwealth Fund Medical Research and the General Education Board showered which is closely aligned with Rockefeller interests.(2) money on tolerably respectable schools and on professors who After Abraham Flexner completed his report, he became one expressed an interest in research.(1)

of the three most influential men in American medicine. The other Since 1910, the foundations have “invested” over a billion two were his brother, Dr. Simon Flexner of the Rockefeller dollars in the medical schools of America. Nearly half of the Institute, and Dr. William Welch of Johns Hopkins Medical School faculty members now receive a portion of their income from foundation “research” grants, and over sixteen percent of them 1. Article reprinted in Warren Weaver’s U.S. Philanthropic Foundations, op. cit., pp. 264, 265.

1. Goulden, The Money Givers, op. cit., p. 141.

2. Ibid., p. 268.

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and of the Rockefeller Institute. According to Hinsey, these men, If the foundations chose to speak, their voice would resound acting as “a triumvirate”:

with the solid clang of the cash register. Their expenditures on

... were not only involved in the awarding of grants for the health and hospitals totalled more than a half-billion dollars Rockefeller Foundation, but they were counselors to heads of between 1964 and 1968, according to a compilation by the American institutions, to lay board members, to members of staffs of medical Association of Fund-Raising Counsel. But the foundations' "innova-schools and universities in the United States and abroad. They tive money" goes for research, not for the production of doctors who served as sounding boards, as stimulators of ideas and programs, as treat human beings. Medical schools, realizing this, paint their faces mediators in situations of difficulty.(1)

with the hue desired by their customers.(1)

The Association of American Medical Colleges has been one Echoing this same refrain, David Hopgood, writing in the of the principal vehicles of foundation and cartel control over Washington Monthly, says:

medical education in the United States and Canada. Organized in The medical school curriculum and its entrance requirements 1876, it serves the function of setting a wide range of standards are geared to the highly academic student who is headed for for all medical schools. It determines the criteria for selecting research. In the increasingly desperate struggle for admission, these medical students, for curriculum development, for programs of academically talented students are crowding out those who want to continuing medical education after graduation, and for commu-practice medicine. (2)

nication within the profession as well as to the general public. The And so it has come to pass that the teaching staffs of our Association of American Medical Colleges, from its inception, has medical schools are a special breed. In the selection and training been funded and dominated by the Commonwealth Fund, the process, emphasis has been put on finding individuals who, China Medical Board (created in 1914 as a division of the because of temperament or special interest, have been attracted Rockefeller Foundation), the Kellogg

Foundation, the Macy, by the field of research, and especially by research in pharmacol-Markle, Rockefeller, and Sloan foundations.(2)

ogy. This has resulted in loading the staffs of our medical schools By way of analogy, we may say that the foundations captured with men and women who, by preference and by training, are control of the apex of the pyramid of medical education when ideal propagators of the drug-oriented science that has come to they were able to place their own people onto the boards of the dominate American medicine. And the irony of it is that neither various schools and into key administrative positions. The mid-they nor their students are even remotely aware that they are dle of the pyramid was secured by the Association of American products of a selection process geared to hidden commercial Medical Colleges which set standards and unified the curricula.

objectives. So thorough is their insulation from this fact that, even The base of the pyramid, however, was not consolidated until when exposed to the obvious truth, few are capable of accepting they finally were able to select the teachers themselves. Conse-it, for to do so would be a blow to their professional pride.

quently, a major portion of foundation activity always has been Generally speaking, the deeper one is drawn into the medical directed toward what generally is called "academic medicine."

profession and the more years he has been exposed to its Since 1913, the foundations have preempted this field. The regimens, the more difficult it is to break out of its confines. In Commonwealth Fund reports a half-million dollars appropriated practical terms, this simply means that your doctor probably will for this purpose in one year alone, while the Rockefeller Founda-be the last person on your Christmas card list to accept the facts tion boasts of over twenty-thousand fellowships and scholarships presented in this study! for the training of medical instructors.(3)

Dr. David L. Edsall at one time was the Dean of the Harvard In The Money Givers, Joseph Goulden touches upon this Medical School. The conditions he describes at Harvard are the sensitive nerve when he says:

same as those at every other medical school in America: 1. Ibid., p. 274.

1. Goulden, op. cit., p. 144.

2. Ibid., pp. 267, 268.

2. "The Health Professionals: Cure or Cause of the Health Crises?" Washington 3. Ibid., pp. 265, 266.

Monthly, June, 1969.

268 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part Two I was, for a period, a professor of therapeutics and pharmacology, and I knew from experience that students were obliged then by me and by others to learn about an interminable number of drugs, many of which were valueless, many of them useless, some probably even harmful.... Almost all subjects must be taken at exactly Chapter Twenty

*the same time, and in almost exactly in the same way by all students, and the amount introduced into each course is such that **HE WHO CALLS***

*few students have time or energy to explore any subject in a spirit of independent interest. A little comparison shows that there is less **THE TUNE***

intellectual freedom in the medical course than in almost any other form of professional education in this country.(1)

AMA influence over the practice of medicine in

Yes, he who pays the piper does call the tune. It may not be America; how the leadership of the AMA keeps

possible for those who finance the medical schools to dictate what control away from its members; AMA funding

shall be taught in every minute detail. But such is not necessary to by the drug industry; and examples of interlock

achieve the cartel's goals. It is certain, however, that there is total between the two.

control over what is not taught, and under no circumstances will one of Rockefeller's shiny dimes ever go to a medical college, to a The American Medical Association climbed into bed with the hospital, to a teaching staff, or to a researcher that holds the Rockefeller and Carnegie interests in 1908 for the praiseworthy unorthodox view that the best medicine is in nature. Because of purpose of upgrading American medicine. Like the young lady its generous patron, orthodoxy always will fiddle a tune of who compromised her virtue "just this once" to pay for a needed patented drugs. Whatever basic nutrition may be allowed into the operation for her ailing mother, the AMA has been sharing the melody will be minimal at best, and it will be played over and sheets ever since.

over again that natural sources of vitamins are in no way superior The impact of this organization on the average physician is to those that are synthesized. The day when orthodox medicine probably greater than even he recognizes. First of all, the medical embraces nutrition in the treatment of disease will be the day student cannot obtain an M.D. degree except at a school that has when the cartel behind it has succeeded in also monopolizing the been accredited by the AMA. He must serve an internship only at vitamin industry—not one day before.

a hospital that meets AMA standards as a teaching institution. If In the meantime, while medical students are forced to spend he decides to become a specialist, his residency must conform to years studying the pharmacology of drugs, they are lucky if they AMA requirements. His license to practice is issued in accordance receive a single course on basic nutrition. The result is that the with state laws worked out by AMA leaders. To prove his average doctor's wife knows more about nutrition than he does.

standing as an ethical practitioner, he must apply to and be Returning to the main theme, however, we find that the accepted by his county and state societies in conformity with

*cartel's influence over the field of orthodox medicine is felt far
AMA procedures. AMA publications provide him with continu-
beyond the medical schools. After the doctor has struggled his
ing education in the form of scientific articles, research
findings, way through ten or twelve years of learning what the
cartels have reviews and abstracts from medical books,
question-and-answer decided is best for him to learn, he then
goes out into the world of discussions of clinical problems,
evaluations of new drugs, foods, medical practice and
immediately is embraced by the other arm and appliances,
authoritative essays, editorials, letters to the of cartel control
—The American Medical Association.*

*editor, and a hundred similar appeals to his intellectual
under*So let us turn, now, to that part of this continuing story.

*standing of the profession he practices. At the AMA's week-
long convention each year, the physician is exposed to what is
called 1. Quoted by Morris A. Bealle, The New Drug Story,
(Wash. D.C.: Columbia Publishing Co., 1958), pp. 19, 20.*

*"a complete post-graduate education under one roof." If he
has*

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*the interest and the stamina, he can attend his choice of
hundreds its inception, has been dominated by atypical
physicians: men of lectures, exhibits, and demonstrations; see
medical videotapes; who enjoy the limelight and the thrill of
accomplishment through and carry home a suitcase full of
pamphlets, books, and free drug medical politics. The typical
physician, by comparison, is not only samples.*

*baffled by the intrigue and maneuvering for position behind
the As Richard Carter explained in his critical work entitled
The scenes, but wants no part of it for himself. He is more than
Doctor Business:*

content to leave the affairs of his association in the hands of those On the national level, the AMA extended its authority far who enjoy the game.

beyond the medical schools. As custodian of medical standards, it The deceptive appearance of democracy is preserved through began determining the eligibility of hospitals to train new physi-the AMA House of Delegates, which meets two times a year.

cians. It gave authoritative advice on the training of nurses and Reference committees are formed for the purpose of making technicians. It was influential in the passage of pure food and drug recommendations on the various resolutions submitted by state legislation, exposure of unscientific remedies, and stigmatization of delegates or by the National Board of Trustees. But, following the cultism and quackery.(1)

pattern of political parties, the leadership maintains firm control The AMA spends millions of dollars per year for television over these resolutions by having the members of the reference programs to affect public opinion, maintains one of the richest committees appointed by the Speaker of the House, not by the and most active lobbies in Washington, spends many millions in delegates. The committees are stacked to carry out the will of the support of favored political candidates, is instrumental in the leadership. Those occasional innocents who are appointed for selection of the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administra-protective coloration usually are bewildered and overwhelmed.

tion, and ... well, let us just say that the AMA is a substantial force One delegate w h o found himself lost in the maze complained: in American medicine.

It's difficult to make a sensible contribution to the work. If Who controls the AMA? Most people would assume that the you're on a reference committee, all those resolutions are tossed in dues-paying members control their own association, but nothing your lap and you can't make head or tail of the situation because could be further from the truth.

you don't have time. The committee has not met before, has had no The AMA was founded in 1847 primarily through the efforts opportunity for advance study of the major issues, and is disbanded of three men: Dr. George Simmons, Dr. J.N. McCormack, and a Dr.

right after the convention, so the whole thing is kind of ephemeral.

Reed. Simmons was really the driving force behind the organiza-Your problem is solved, though, because a member of the Board of tion in those early days, acting as general manager, but McCor-Trustees is always present at the committee meeting to "clarify" the mack and Reed shared in a great deal of the association's work issues for you. In the old days it used to be even worse. Until a few years ago, none of the resolutions was presented in writing. You had including legislative lobbying. Simmons is particularly interest-to sit and listen to every word, and there were times when you ing because he headed the AMA's drive against so called diploma found yourself voting for the exact opposite of what you thought mills, yet, it is said that he had obtained his own medical degree you were voting for.(1)

through the mail from the Rush Medical School.

The president of the AMA is a figurehead. He has no One does not have to be a good physician to run a medical administrative or executive duties. His primary function is to association. In fact, a man with a busy personal medical practice deliver talks to various groups around the country explaining the seldom becomes involved with the leadership of the AMA simply program and goals of the Association. The position is honorary because he doesn't have the time to spare. Furthermore, the and is not part of the AMA's permanent leadership.

temperament that is required for success in the practice of medicine is not the same as that required for success in running a If any members or delegates should become dissatisfied with large membership organization. For this

reason, the AMA, from their leadership, there is practically no way for them to make a change. In order to do so would require a concerted campaign 1. Richard Carter, The Doctor Business, (New York: Doubleday & Co., 1958) pp. 78, 79.

1. Ibid., pp. 73,74.

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among the other delegates to support a whole new slate of even a mightier sword than that over the head of the organization executive officers. But even that remote possibility has been because he also is the man who is responsible for bringing in the effectively blocked. There is a standing rule, adopted in 1902, that money The AMA could not survive on membership dues alone, reads,

and without the income secured by him, the Association would undoubtedly founder.

The solicitation of votes for office is not in keeping with the The key to financial solvency for the organization has been its dignity of the medical profession, nor in harmony with the spirit of this Association, and ... shall be considered a disqualification for monthly publication, the AMA Journal. It was begun in 1883 by election to any office in the gift of this Association.

Dr. Simmons as a last-ditch effort to save the infant association from bankruptcy. Its first press run was 3,500 copies and sold at a It is through tactics like these that the AMA perpetuates subscription rate of five dollars per year. But it was anticipated dictatorial control over its members while wearing the mask of that the bulk of the revenue would be derived from advertisers.

democratic response to the will of the majority.

By 1973, under the tight control of Managing Editor Dr. Morris Not all physicians are blind to these facts. The AMA dictator-Fishbein, it had a print run of almost 200,000 copies

each month ship was pointed out as long ago as 1922 in the December issue of and had extended its publication list to include twelve separate the Illinois Medical Journal, the house organ of the Illinois Medical journals including the layman's monthly, Today's Health.(1) Society. In a scathing article entitled "The AMA Becomes An Altogether the AMA now derives over ten million dollars per Autocracy," the journal charged that the AMA had become a year in advertising, which is almost half of the Association's total dictatorship organization run by one man, that it had ignored the income.

democratic will of the membership, that it concerned itself with building a financial empire to benefit those who control it, and Who advertises in the AMA Journal and related publications?

that it does not serve the doctors who support it with their dues The lion's share is derived from the Pharmaceutical Manufac-and reputations.

turer's Association whose members make up ninety-five percent of the American drug industry.

Since 1922 the state medical journals have become financially Morris Fishbein became a lot more to the AMA than his title of interlocked with the AMA Journal, so there no longer is any Managing Editor would suggest. He was its chief executive and possibility of publishing such harsh views. But the discontent business manager. He brought in the money and he decided how continues. Doctors may not realize exactly who controls the AMA or why, but they increasingly are becoming aware that the it was spent. His investments on behalf of the Association were organization does not represent them. By 1969, the AMA member-extremely profitable, so the grateful membership could not, or at ship had stopped growing, and by 1970, it actually had declined.

least dared not, complain too bitterly. One of the reasons for this By 1971, less than half of all physicians in the United States were investment success was that over ten-million dollars of the paying dues.

organization's retirement fund had been put into leading drug companies.(2)

If AMA members or delegates do not control their organization, then who does? Who constitutes this "dictatorship" to which In later years, much of the executive control of the AMA was the Illinois Medical Journal has referred?

wielded by Joe Miller, the Assistant Executive Vice President.

Formerly an administrator of the government health program for The structure and operating procedures of the AMA were well conceived to put total control of that organization into the Kentucky and an influential associate of the Lyndon hands of the one man who occupies the chief full-time staff Johnson-Bobby Baker group, Miller is viewed by many as a man position. Although supposedly hired by the AMA as its 1. This magazine has been particularly vicious in its attack against vitamin B17

employee, actually he is beyond reach of the general membership cancer therapy. See "The Pain Exploiters; The Victimization of Desperate Cancer because of his inside knowledge, his ability to devote unlimited Patients," Today's Health, Nov., 1973, p. 28.

time to the task, and his powerful influence in the selection of 2. "AMA Says It Owns \$10 Million in Drug Shares," (UPI), News Chronicle (Calif.), June 27,1973, p. 4.

members of the self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. But he holds

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who is devoid of political ideology, merely playing his role for

"reviewing" the professional activities of all doctors in the United whatever personal gain he can derive. As such, he was

a perfect States. The men on these boards are to be doctors, but they will be choice for the pharmaceutical cartel with its extensive financial selected or approved by the government and they must follow support of AMA programs. Either way, the success of the AMA standards set down by government agencies. These government and those who direct it depends on the prosperity and good will boards are authorized to compel all doctors to standardize their of the pharmaceutical industry.

procedures, treatments and prescriptions, to conform with those Item: In 1972 the AMA's Council on Drugs completed an federal standards. All previously confidential patient records are exhaustive study of most of the commonly available compounds to be available to the government for inspection. Doctors who do then in general use. The long awaited evaluation hit like an not comply can be suspended from practice.

unexpected bomb. The Council reported that some of the most This scheme was drafted by the AMA Legal Department, profitable drugs on pharmacy shelves were "irrational" and that submitted to Congress as part of its "Medicredit" bill, and never they could not be recommended. And to add insult to injury, the approved by the AMA House of Delegates or its membership.

chairman and vice-chairman of the Council stated before a Senate There are many more equally revealing items, but time and subcommittee that the large income derived from the various space call us back to our point of departure. The foundations and drug manufacturers had made the AMA "a captive arm and the financial-industrial forces behind them have performed a beholden to the pharmaceutical industry." The AMA responded great service in helping to elevate the American medical profes-by abolishing its Council on Drugs. The reason given was "an sion above the relatively low level of prestige and technical economy move."(1)

competence it endured in 1910. It is probable, however, that the Item: AMA spokesman, Dr. David B. Allman, clarified one

of profession, in time, would have done so by itself, and it is certain the prime directives of his organization when he said: that it would have been far better off if it had. The price it has paid for listening to the siren call of money has been too high. It Both the medical profession and pharmacy must shoulder one has allowed itself to be lured onto the reef of a new medieval major public relations objective: to tell the American people over and over that nearly all of today's drugs, especially the antibiotics, dogmatism in medicine—a dogmatism that forces all practitioners are bargains at any price.
(2)

ners into a compliance with holy pronouncements of scientific truth—a dogmatism that has closed the door on the greatest Item: While placating its member physicians with press scientific advance of the twentieth century.

releases and public gesturing against government intervention in the field of medicine, the AMA has been one of the most effective forces behind the scenes to bring about just the opposite. Under the beguiling excuse of “Let us defeat total socialized medicine by promoting partial socialized medicine,” it has provided the model legislation for the nation's largest single step toward total government control ever taken in this area.

The legislation was known as Public Law 92-603, passed by Congress and signed by President Nixon on October 30, 1972. It was more commonly referred to as PSRO, which stands for Professional Standards Review Organization. PSRO authorized the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to create a national and a series of regional boards for the purpose of 1. Crossing the Editor's Desk,” National Health Federation Bulletin, Oct., 1973, p. 30.

2. Carter, *op. cit.*, p. 141.

Chapter Twenty-One

THE PROTECTION

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Cartel agents in the FDA and other agencies of government; the CFR as a control structure over U.S. foreign policy; scientific ineptitude at the FDA; and the growth of FDA power.

In 1970, Dr. Herbert Ley made a statement that, coming from a lesser source, easily could be dismissed as the ranting of an uninformed malcontent. Considering that Dr. Ley was a former Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, however, his words cannot be brushed aside so lightly. He said: The thing that bugs me is that the people think the FDA is protecting them. It isn't. What the FDA is doing and what the public thinks it's doing are as different as night and day.(1) What is the FDA doing? As will be shown by the material that follows, the FDA is "doing" three things:

- *First, it is providing a means whereby key individuals on its payroll are able to obtain power and wealth through granting special favors to politically influential groups that are subject to its regulations. This activity is similar to the "protection racket" of organized crime: for a price, one can induce FDA administrators to provide "protection"*

from the FDA itself.

- *Secondly, as a result of this political favoritism, the FDA has become a primary factor in that formula whereby cartel-oriented companies in the food-and-drug industry are able to use the police powers of government to harass or destroy their competitors.*

- *And thirdly, the FDA occasionally does some genuine public good if that does not interfere with serving the vested interest of its first two activities.*

1. San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 2, 1970, as quoted in Autopsy on The A.M.A., (Student Research Facility, Berkeley, 1970), p. 42.

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Kraft. Boasting that membership in this obscure organization had To appreciate the extent of cartel influence within the FDA, let become the magic key that opens the door of appointments to us look briefly at the larger picture—at evidence of that same high government posts, Kraft explained that, even then, CFR

influence in other agencies and at all levels of government.

membership included:

Previously we outlined the degree to which the cartel succeeded in placing its friends and agents into such areas of government as

... the President, the Secretary of State, the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Director of the Central Intelligence the office of the Alien Property Custodian, the Attorney General's Agency, the Board chairmen of three of the country's five largest office, the State Department, and the White House itself. In industrial corporations, two of the four richest insurance companies, addition to the names previously mentioned, there are such and two of the three biggest banks, plus the senior partners of two dignitaries as Secretary of State Dean Rusk (former head of the of the three leading Wall Street law firms, the publishers of the two Rockefeller Foundation, as was John Foster Dulles); Secretary of biggest news magazines and of the country's most influential the Treasury Douglas Dillon (a member of the board of the Chase newspaper, and the presidents of the Big Three in both universities Manhattan Bank); Eugene Black, Director of the U.S. International and foundations, as well as a score of other college presidents and a scattering of top scientists and journalists.

Bank for Reconstruction and Development (also Second Vice-President and Director of Chase Manhattan); John J. McCloy, This list—impressive as it is—was soon to be dwarfed by the President of the UN World Bank (also Chairman of the Board of avalanche of CFR members who have since moved into

control of Chase Manhattan, and trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation, and literally all of the nation's power centers. It now rules through Chairman of the Executive Committee for Squibb Pharmaceuti-hidden control over such power centers as government, media, cal);(1) Senator Nelson Aldrich (whose daughter married John D.

education, and finance. To see that this is not an exaggeration, Rockefeller, Jr., and whose son, Winthrop, became Chairman of take a moment and wade through the tedious list that follows.

the Chase National Bank and also was appointed as Ambassador In government, CFR members include: Presidents Hoover; to Great Britain); President Richard Nixon and Attorney General Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Bush, and Clinton;(1) Secretaries John Mitchell (Wall Street attorneys for Warner-Lambert Pharma-of State Stimson, Stettinius, Acheson, Dulles, Herter, Rusk, ceutical); and many others. The list of men who are or were in key Rogers, Kissinger, Vance, Muskie, Haig, and Schultz. Since 1953, positions within the Rockefeller group reads like a "Who's Who there have been 21 presidents and Secretaries of State. Seventeen in Government."

of them have been members of the CFR. That's a ratio of 81%.

This seems to be a magic number. It is the same ratio that holds It is impossible to appraise the extent of Rockefeller influence for all the rest of the highest government positions in the land. In within the federal government without knowing a little bit about other words, since 1953, more than 81% of the following posts the Council on Foreign Relations. The CFR has come to be called have been in the hands of CFR members: Vice Presidents,

"the hidden government of the United States," and as we shall Secretaries of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff, CIA directors, see, that is a fairly accurate description.

National Security Council, Secretaries of the Treasury, members of The CFR is semisecret in its operation. It shuns

publicity, and the President's Cabinet, Under-Secretaries, Ambassadors to the members are sworn not to disclose to the public the proceedings UN and major countries, and presidential advisors.

of its conferences and briefings. It has a formal membership of approximately three-thousand elite personalities.

1. According to Dan Smoot's The Invisible Government, President Kennedy also In Harper's magazine for July, 1958, there was an article had been a member. The basis for this is a personal letter from the president in entitled "School for Statesmen," written by CFR member Joseph which he claimed membership. I have not seen that letter, however, and the CFR staff, in a letter to me dated June 11, 1971, stated flatly: "the facts of the matter are that President Kennedy was invited to join the Council but, insofar as our I. McCloy had been Assistant Secretary of War from April 1941 to November records indicate, never accepted that invitation either formally or informally 1945. As High Commissioner in West Germany after the war, he was instrumen-through the payment of membership dues." In view of this, I felt it was best to tal in making Konrad Adenauer, his brother-in-law, Chancellor of West omit President Kennedy's name from the list, which is impressive enough Germany. He also was Chairman of the Board of the Ford Foundation and chief without it.

U.S. disarmament negotiator.

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When it comes to the Federal Reserve System, virtually 100% never heard of the CFR, yet it is the unseen government of the of the board members have been CFR since 1953—which tells us United States.(1)

something about how important it is to these people to have The glue that binds members of the CFR together is the plan control over our monetary system.

*for world government and the personal power they anticipate
By the end of President Clinton's first term of office, more from
that. But making money is not far behind as a secondary than
166 CFR members were holding key government posts.*

*motive, and it is that motive that comes into play in cancer So
much for government. Now let's look at the media. CFR*

*research. So let us forget the CFR for now, skip over the issue
of members include top executives and journalists for the New
York foreign policy, and return to domestic policy. In
particular, let us Times, New York Post, Washington Post,
Washington Times, Chicago take a close look at how the
pharmaceutical cartel has captured Tribune, Los Angeles
Times, Boston Globe, Dallas Morning News, control over the
FDA.*

*Parade, Forbes, Christian Science Monitor, National Review,
Harper's, Let us begin by acknowledging the obvious. The
FDA could Look, Time, Life, Newsweek, U.S. News and World
Report, Newsday, not have achieved the public confidence it
now enjoys if it did not Business Week, Money, Fortune,
Harvard Business Review, Wall Street accomplish some good.
The FDA has nipped many a medical Journal, Atlantic
Monthly, Encyclopedia Britannica, ABC, CBS, CNN, racket in
the bud and has clamped down on firms that had been NBC,
MGM, the Associated Press, Hearst News Service, Reuters,
guilty of unsanitary processing, of selling putrid or
contaminated the Motion Picture Association of America, and
scores of others.*

*food, and of distributing adulterated or misbranded drugs. In
Let us emphasize that CFR members do not merely work for
these accomplishments it deserves to be commended for its
these media giants as subversive agents hiding within the
work-diligence. As we shall see, however, this showcase aspect
of the ing staffs, they control them at the top. They are the
owners and FDA record pales by comparison to its other
record of ineptitude and corruption.*

the key executives who determine content and editorial policy. It is through these channels of communication and entertainment In March of 1972, after repeated inquiries from concerned that members of the CFR have been able to manipulate America's Congressmen, the FDA made public its official cleanliness standards as applied to the food processing industry. To everyone's perception of reality.

horror it was learned that the FDA allows approximately one We have previously covered the role of the tax-exempt rodent pellet per pint of wheat, ten fly eggs per eight and a half foundations in furthering the objectives of the pharmaceutical ounce can of fruit juice, and fifty insect fragments or two rodent cartel, so it should not come as a surprise to learn that these hairs for three and a half ounces of peanut butter.(2) foundations also are dominated by members of the CFR. They For years, the FDA defended the use of the hormone Diethyl-include directors of the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, stilbestrol (DES) as an artificial fattening agent for cattle. Then, Carnegie Fund, Heritage Foundation, Kettering Foundation and after the evidence became too overwhelming to ignore, it was Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research. These are the finally banned because even trace amounts of this substance as organizations which have provided CFR funding.

residue in the meat was shown to be a possible factor in inducing For many years, David Rockefeller was the chairman and cancer in humans who consumed it.(3) However, the same week principle benefactor of the CFR. Its continuing leadership consists of proven and trusted lieutenants who are firmly within the 1. For an overview of this subject, including a list of members and the positions Rockefeller financial interlock.

they have held, see The New American (Conspiracy Report), September 16, 1996.

Also Shadows of Power; The Council on Foreign Relations and the American Decline The CFR is not the subject of this study, so let us cut it short.

by James Perloff, (Appleton, WI: Western Islands, 1988). Also *The Capitalist Conspiracy*, by G. Edward Griffin (American Media, Westlake Village, CA, 1971) and banking houses and insurance companies are also run by 2. *Consumer Reports*, March, 1973, p. 152.

3. DES is an artificial female sex hormone. The logic for the higher incidence of members of the CFR. And remember, the entire organization has cancer is implicit in the role played by estrogen in the trophoblast thesis of only about three-thousand members. The average person has cancer. Here is one more grain of evidence added to the mountain.

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that it banned DES from cattle to make sure that none would find In November of 1971, the FDA issued another "Fact Sheet" on its way into human consumption, it gave its approval to the the subject of "quackery." It says:

"morning-after contraceptive"—a pill containing fifty milligrams The term "quackery" encompasses both people and products....

of the same drug to be taken daily for five days. As one cattleman Broadly speaking, quackery is misinformation about health.(1) commented bitterly: "It turns out that a woman would have to eat If the preceding hogwash about DES and the glories of 262 tons of beef liver to get the same amount of DES as the FDA processed foods, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and synthetic makes legal for the next-morning medication."(1) vitamins is not "misinformation about health," then there is There are approximately 3,000 chemical additives currently nothing that could be so labeled! The Oxford Universal Dictionary being used by the food industry for the purpose of flavoring, defines a quack as "one who professes knowledge concerning coloring, preserving, and generally altering the characteristics of subjects of which he is ignorant." By either definition, FDA its products. Most are

safe in the quantities used, but many of spokesmen are the biggest quacks the world has ever seen.

these chemicals pose a serious health hazard with prolonged use. There is an important distinction between a quack and a use. (2) As in the case of DES, the evidence is strong that many of them are harmful, particularly if consumed over a prolonged period of time. A quack may be presumed an honest man who truly thinks he is helping his patients. A charlatan, on the other hand, is period of time. The FDA response to this situation is interesting.

fully aware of the inadequacy of both his knowledge and his treatment. A man, therefore, can be a quack, or both a quack and a charlatan. Unfortunately, there is a lot more than mere quackery it warmly embraces and defends the cartel food processors and within the FDA.

chemical firms that otherwise might be damaged by loss of In 1960, during the much publicized investigation of the drug markets.

industry conducted by the Senate, it was revealed that many top FDA officials had been receiving extra-curricular "incentives"

Sheets," tell the story with no need for further comment: from some of the very companies they were supposed to regulate.

In general, there is little difference between fresh and processed foods. For example, Dr. Henry Welch, director of the FDA Antibiotic Division, had been paid \$287,000 in kick-backs (he called them values....

"honorariums") that were derived from a percentage of drug advertising secured for leading medical journals. His superiors bread made with enriched flour has nearly the same

value as one were fully aware of this conflict of interest but did nothing to containing whole grain bread....

terminate it. It was only after the fact was made public and Chemical fertilizers are not poisoning our soil. Modern fertilizers are needed to produce enough food for our population....

caused embarrassment to the administration that Welch was When pesticides on food crops leave a residue, FDA and the asked to resign.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) make sure the amount will In 1940, an incident occurred that, if it been widely publicized, be safe for consumers....(3)

perhaps would have shocked the nation into realizing that the Vitamins are specific chemical compounds, and the human FDA was not protecting the people, but was protecting the body can use them equally well whether they are synthesized by a cartelists instead. It was at that time that Winthrop Chemical was chemist or by nature.

under fire for shipping 400,000 tablets labelled as "Sulfathiazole,"

which were found later to contain five grains of Luminal each.

1. "On Science," by David Woodbury, Review of the News, June 13,1973, p. 27.

2. See Toxics A to Z, by Harte, Holdren, Schneider, and Shirley (Berkeley: One or two grains of Luminal puts people to sleep. Five grains University of California Press, 1991).

puts some of them to sleep permanently. These tablets are known 3. The reader is reminded that the chemical fertilizer and pesticide industries to have killed seventeen victims in various parts of the country.

are, like the drug industry, subsidiaries of the larger cartelized chemical and petroleum industries.

4. "Nutrition Nonsense—And Sense," FDA Fact Sheet dated July, 1971.

1. "Quackery," FDA Fact Sheet dated November, 1971.

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was no longer the drug of choice for any of the infections it Winthrop Chemical failed to notify the public immediately of the originally had been designed to cure.

fatally poisonous character of the pills. Instead, the company, Soon afterward, Dr. Sadusk left the FDA, supposedly to work with the aid and approval of the A.M.A. Council on Pharmacy at his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University. But, within the year, and Chemistry of the American Medical Association, continued the pay-off was complete: He became vice-president of Parke-to push the sale of the Sulfathiazole pills, thus increasing the Davis and Company.

number of fatalities. The FDA was sympathetic toward Winthrop Dr. Sadusk's successor was Dr. Joseph M. Pisani who shortly Chemical and extremely helpful. Exercising their bureaucratic resigned to work for The Proprietary Association, the trade powers, Dr. Klumpp, head of the FDA drug division, and his association that represents the manufacturers of non-prescription superior, FDA Commissioner Campbell, refrained from prosecut-drugs—a part of the very industry Dr. Pisani had "regulated."

ing for the deaths. They helped to hush up the matter and merely Dr. Pisani was replaced by Dr. Robert J. Robinson, whose stay revoked Winthrop's license to ship Sulfathiazole for three was even shorter than that of his predecessor. He became a top months, after the market had been glutted with the product. The executive at Hoffman-LaRoche, a leading manufacturer of suspension of shipment for three months was a meaningless prescription drugs.

gesture. Commenting on this episode, Howard Ambruster adds: Omar Garrison continues the list, in his splendidly

researched Dr. Klumpp, by this time, had moved onward and upward. He book, *The Dictocrats*:

had accepted a position awarded him by Dr. Fishbein and became Dr. Howard Cohn, former head of FDA's medical evaluation, Director of the A.M.A. division on food and drugs and secretary of who made a profitable transition from the agency to Ciba Pharma-its Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry (the same council that had ceutical Company;

“accepted” Winthrop's Sulfathiazole and approved its advertising).

Dr. Harold Anderson, chief of FDA's division of anti-infective And Dr. Klumpp kept moving. Not long thereafter, Edward S. drugs, who terminated his government employment to take a Rogers, chairman of the Board of Sterling Products, announced that position with Winthrop Laboratories;

Dr. Klumpp had been elected president of Winthrop.(1) Morris Yakowitz, who felt that a job with Smith, Kline and Some years later, an antibiotic drug by the name of Chloram-French Laboratories would offer greater personal rewards than his phenicol was manufactured and distributed by Parke-Davis and post as head of case supervision for FDA; and

Company. Shortly after it was released, reports began to appear in Allen E. Rayfield, former director of Regulatory Compliance, the medical literature to the effect that Chloramphenicol was who chucked his enforcement duties (including electronic spying) to become a consultant to Richardson-Merrell, Inc.(1)

responsible for blood toxicity and leukopenia (reduction of the white blood cells), and that it had caused several deaths from In 1964, under pressure from Congress, the FDA released a list aplastic anemia.

of its officials who, during the preceding years, had left the The man who was director of the FDA's Bureau of Medicine agency for employment in industry. Out of the eight hundred and at that time—and the man who could have ordered Parke-

Davis thirteen names appearing on that list, eighty-three—better than to withdraw this drug from the market—was Dr. Joseph F.

ten percent—had taken positions with companies they previously Sadusk. Instead of clamping down on Parke-Davis, however, regulated. Many of these people, of course, were from the very Sadusk used his official position to prevent the drug from being top FDA echelons of management—men who were charged with recalled, and even ruled against requiring a precautionary label.

*making decisions and issuing directives. While these men were with the FDA, they had access to information regarding the Finally, in 1969, after the drug had earned a substantial profit research and processes of all companies. When they went to work for its producer, and after it had been replaced by a newer for one of those companies, therefore, there is no reason they product, Parke-Davis was allowed to get off the hook merely by couldn't have taken that information with them which, obviously, sending a letter to all physicians stating that chloramphenicol 1. Garrison, *The Dictocrats*, op. cit., pp. 70, 71.*

*1. Ambruster, *Treason's Peace*, op. cit., p. 213.*

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could put the firm that hired them at a tremendous advantage S.E. Massengill Company of Tennessee. The previous year, one over its competitors.

hundred and seven people—mostly children—had died from Here, again, we find the classic pattern of government ingesting an anti-biotic substance known as “Elixir of Sulfanila-bureaucratic power being used, not for the protection of the mide.” The chemist had tested the compound for appearance, people as is its excuse for being, but for the

aggrandizement of flavor and fragrance, but had not tested it for safety.

individuals holding that power and for the elimination of honest The attendant publicity resulted in public acceptance of competition in the market place. The voters approve one extended powers to the FDA requiring all drug manufacturers to submit each new compound for safety and to submit the results of expectation that, somehow, they will benefit. But, in the end, they those tests to the agency for approval prior to marketing. The inevitably find themselves merely supporting a larger bureauc-FDA also was empowered to remove from the market any drug through increased taxes, paying higher prices for their existing substance it believed to be unsafe.

consumer goods and losing one more chunk of personal freedom.

From a strictly theoretical point of view, the first part of this There are almost no exceptions to this rule, as will be obvious law was beyond reproach, but the second part was a colossal if one but reflects for a moment on the results of government mistake. It is logical to require a food or drug manufacturer to entry into such areas of economic activity as prices and wages, take reasonable steps to insure the safety of his product. It is also energy conservation, environmental protection, health care and logical to require him to place appropriate warnings on his so on.

product labels where there is a possibility that its improper use As the Frenchman, Frederic Bastiat, observed over a hundred could result in harm. But to give a government agency the power years ago, once government is allowed to expand beyond its to prohibit the marketing of a substance because it feels it is prime role of protecting the lives, liberty and property of its unsafe—this was the crack in the dike that eventually destroyed citizens; once it invades the market place and attempts to the barrier against the rushing flood waters of favoritism and redistribute the nation's wealth or resources, inevitably it falls corruption. After all, most drugs could be

removed from the into the hands of those who will use it for “legalized plunder.”

shelves on the truthful assertion that they are unsafe; and, as we There is no better way to describe the governments of the world have seen, the process by which some are removed and others today—and the government of the United States is no exception.

allowed to remain is not always a scientific one.

The FDA was added to the ever-lengthening list of govern-As Science magazine reported:

ment regulatory agencies in 1906, largely as a result of the crusading efforts of a government chemist by the name of Harvey Wiley. The FDA is not a happy place for scientists to work.... Several Washington Wiley. Spurred on largely by the organized dairy researchers showed the students [who were gathering data on the FDA] atrocity logs in which they kept detailed accounts of assaults industry which wanted the government to pass laws which on their scientific integrity.... The most common complaint was that would hinder competition from non-dairy substitutes, Wiley the FDA “constantly interferes” with medium and long-range became nationally famous through his books and speeches research projects, at least partly from fear that the results will against “fraud and poison” in our food. Pioneering the pattern embarrass the agency. The students also criticized the FDA for that was followed many years later by Ralph Nader, Wiley retaliating against scientists who disagree with its position.(1) succeeded in drumming up tremendous support from both the Granting the government the power to suppress products public and in Congress for government regulation and “protec-because of allegedly being “unsafe” was bad enough. But it was tion. ” The result was the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 which nothing compared to the fiasco that was enshrined into law as the created the FDA and gave it wide powers over the food and drug Kefauver-Harris amendments to the Food and Drug Act on industries. Wiley became its first director.

The first major revision of the Food and Drug Act came in 1938. "Nader's Raiders on the FDA: Science and Scientists Misused" Science, 1938 as a result of a fatal blunder made by the chief chemist at the April 17, 1970, pp. 349-352.

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October 10, 1962. Following in the wake of the publicity given to quite convincingly by Lynn Kinsky and Robert Poole in an analysis prepared by them for Reason magazine. Discussing the the drug thalidomide, the new law gave the FDA the power to impossibility of determining drug "effectiveness vs. ineffective-eliminate any drug product that it claimed was ineffective as well!

ness" for populations as a whole, they wrote:

The thalidomide scare had no bearing on the new law. First of The uppermost concern of the bureaucratic mind is rules and all, thalidomide was not being used in the United States. And procedures expressed in countless official forms and paperwork.

secondly, the birth defects were not caused by a lack of the drug's The inference, in the FDA's case, is that if the bureaucrat does not know how to ensure that a drug is "effective," the next best thing is

"effectiveness," but lack of adequate testing to determine "safety"

to require such a mountain of paperwork that the bureaucrat is and long-range side effects.(1)

"covered" at every possible turn. As a result, since the FDA began It is almost impossible to prove that any particular drug is requiring "effectiveness" documentation, the length of time it takes effective. What will work for one may not work for another. The to get a New Drug Application processed has tripled. Preparing the test of effectiveness often is a subjective

evaluation on the part of monumental paperwork adds millions of dollars to a drug firm's the user. Effectiveness can be determined only by the patient research budget—which has the effect of discouraging smaller either alone or with consultation with his physician. Putting such (perhaps more innovative) firms from even attempting to get new drugs approved.(1)

power into the hands of political appointees with their almost unbroken record of corruption throughout the years is madness.

It bears repeating that the FDA could not long maintain public And, as we shall see in a following chapter, it is precisely this confidence if it did not occasionally go after a few genuine aspect of the “protection racket” that has prevented Laetrile from villains. Most of these culprits, however, are small-time operators.

being available in the United States and, thus, has been responsi-The industrial giants often are guilty of the same offenses, but the ble for the needless suffering and death of millions.

FDA extends to them an unofficial favored status. One of the Perhaps it should be mentioned for the record that most of the reasons for this double standard is that the larger companies have employees of the FDA are honest and conscientious citizens who the financial resources to challenge the FDA's actions in the are not participants in fraud, corruption, or favoritism. Most of courts, a procedure that often reveals the shabbiness of the them, however, are at the lower echelons and have no voice in the agency's work, thus damaging its public image. Since the FDA is policies of the agency they serve. But the higher one climbs especially interested in the favorable publicity resulting from its within the structure, the greater become the temptations, and the efforts to “protect the people,” it quite naturally prefers to pick on very highest positions of all are reserved for those who have the little guy who cannot afford to fight back.

demonstrated their talents, not in the field of science where truth is king, but in the field of politics where truth, often as not, is health officials, seized a supply of safflower oil capsules in a chained in the deepest dungeon as a dangerous enemy to the small Detroit store on the basis that they were being used to throne.

promote the book, Calories Don't Count, by Herman Taller, M.D. It The result of concentrated government power, however, is is widely accepted today that, indeed, in a dietary program, calories do not count for many people nearly as much as do the almost as deadly when wielded by honest men as it is in the carbohydrates. But, in 1962, the FDA had declared that this book hands of those who are dishonest. This point was brought home should not be read by the American people, and especially that 1. Thalidomide has since been shown to be highly effective in the treatment of safflower oil capsules could not be sold in any way that leprosy patients and has been credited with saving many lives. But, because of connected them with the theme of the book. This, in their great government restrictions on its manufacture and use, many leprosy patients are wisdom, was declared as false labeling.

being denied the drug which, to them, could mean the difference between life and death. See "Thalidomide Combats Leprosy," (AP), Boston Globe, June 29, 1969, p. 50. Also, "Horror Drug Thalidomide Now Used to Save Lives of 1. "The Impact of FDA Regulations on Drug Research in America Today," by Leprosy Patients," National Enquirer, Nov. 25, 1973, p. 50.

Lynn Kinsky and Robert Poole, Reason, Vol. 2, No. 9, reprint, pp. 9,10.

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postponements, and continuations actually are part of its strategy Following standard procedure, the FDA tipped off the

local to bankrupt the defendant with astronomical legal expenses.

news media that a seizure was about to take place and, as a result, In the court proceedings against Dr. Andrew Ivy, for example, when the officials arrived on the scene, members of the press the trial lasted for almost ten months. Testimony of 288 witnesses were on hand to fully document and photograph the great raid.

filled 11,900 pages of transcript—enough to make a stack seven feet high. Needless to say, the public was both impressed and grateful to feet high. It is estimated that the FDA spent between three and four million dollars on the job “protecting” them from such five million dollars of the taxpayers’ money. There is no way that unscrupulous merchants of fraud.

the average citizen can hope to match that kind of legal offensive.

The main point, however, is that the city’s largest department store also had been displaying the books and capsules. But, prior fact that there are few judges or juries who will have the courage to the raid on the smaller store, the FDA had called the officials of to decide a case against the FDA, whose attorneys are adept at the larger store, advised them of the pending seizure, and planting in their minds that if they should do so, and if they are suggested that they could avoid embarrassing publicity if they wrong, they will be personally responsible for thousands of would merely remove the offending merchandise quietly and deaths. Under this kind of intimidation, a judge or jury is almost voluntarily. The agency had correctly reasoned that it could always inclined to conclude that they will leave the scientific accomplish its goal better by picking on the little guy and questions up to the scientific experts (the FDA!), and that they avoiding a confrontation with a firm that had the resources to will concern themselves strictly with the questions of law.

fight back.

However, even in those cases where the court's verdict is sometimes the failure to treat the big operators with the same favorability to the defendant, he often must face the wrath of FDA harshness as the small is due, not to the fact that they are large, officials who then make it a point to harass him and, hopefully, to but because they are "in." They are part of the cartel estab-initiate additional law suits.

lishment. For example, during the 1970 hearings before the House Commenting on this aspect of the protection racket, Omar Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, it was revealed Garrison writes:

that a small journal was forced by the FDA to publish a retraction During the course of a legal battle which appeared to be going of certain statements contained in an advertisement for an oral against the government, a ranking FDA official told the defense contraceptive. But the large and prestigious New England Journal attorney: "If this case plays out, we will just work up another of Medicine which carried the same ad was not required to publish lawsuit, you know."

any retraction at all. When asked about this discrepancy, FDA It was not an idle threat. There is documented evidence to show Commissioner Charles Edwards replied that the larger magazine that, in case after case, a respondent exonerated by the court has

"didn't really mean to offend."(1)

emerged from the ordeal (often exhausted and bankrupt) only to be faced with a second or even third indictment.... The dictocrats seem This is not to say, of course, that the FDA never tackles a larger to reason that sooner or later a defendant will exhaust his financial firm, for occasionally it does. But, when it does, you can be sure resources and lose the will to defend himself when he realizes that that the cards are stacked against the defendant. Regardless of he is pitted against the limitless potential of the national govern-one's

financial resources, unless he is part of the international ment.
(1)

finpol interlock, he cannot hope to match the unlimited resources The limitless potential of the national government includes a of the federal government. Private citizens must hire attorneys.

lot more than a battery of tax supported lawyers. Once an The government has buildings full of attorneys on the tax payroll individual has incurred the wrath of the FDA, he can expect to just waiting to justify their salaries. It matters not in the least to find himself the target of harassment from other agencies of the the FDA how long the litigation drags on, because the delays, government as well. Probably first at his door will be the man 1. "Who Blocks Testing of Anti-Cancer Agent?," Alameda Times Star (Calif.), 1. Garrison, op. cit., pp. 153, 156.

Aug. 3, 1970.

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*cations Commission and reminded that such programming is not in the public interest. The man from OSHA (Occupational Safety **THE ARSENAL OF***

*and Health Administration surely will want to examine his facilities for possible (inevitable) violations of obscure safety and **COMPLIANCE***

health codes. The Fair Employment Practices Commission may suddenly discover unacceptable employment or hiring practices.

Government harassment of the nutrition and

If he is a physician, he can look forward to closer attention from vitamin industry; the role of the media in

PSRO (Professional Standards Review Organization) to evaluate discrediting Laetrile in the public mind; and a his judgment in the care of his patients. As a last result, he may comparison of the cost of Laetrile therapy with even find himself the object of Post Office action resulting in the that of orthodox cancer treatments.

denial of such a basic business necessity as the delivery of mail.

And superimposed upon all these actions there has been the As touched upon briefly in the preceding chapter, one of the constant and conscious effort of the FDA to secure maximum principal weapons in the FDA's arsenal of compliance is the press exposure in the mass media for the dual purpose of perpetuating release and the pre-arranged news coverage of raids and arrests.

its own image of "protecting the people" while at the same time Trial by public opinion can have far more consequence than trial destroying the reputations and businesses of those it has singled by jury. The defendant, even if innocent of the charges against out for attack. The advance notice to the press corps of a planned him—or, more likely, even if guilty of the charges per se but raid or arrest thus becomes an essential part of the FDA's strategy.

innocent of any real wrong-doing—will forever carry the stigma Even if the defendant eventually is exonerated in court, he will be of suspected guilt in the eyes of the public.

viewed by the general public as criminally suspect because of the lingering impact of the dramatic news stories and pictures of his Basically, this is the rationale behind the "cyanide scare"

arrest. The economic damage done to the defendant as a result of publicity given to Laetrile and apricot kernels. The honest scien-this carefully contrived publicity often is far greater than

any fine tific verdict is that these substances are more safe than most or penalty that could be imposed in court.

over-the-counter drugs. Yet, the public knows only that they have been labeled as “dangerous,” and that those who promote their Lest this sweeping indictment sound too harsh or exagger-use are not to be trusted.

ated, let us turn our attention next to specific examples and actual The media have been eager to cooperate in this venture. The cases.

reason is not that the major news outlets are controlled by the same finpols w h o dominate the federal government—true though that may be—it merely is due to the fact that newsmen, like almost everyone else, do not like to work more than they have to and, consequently, are inclined to accept ready-made stories with a minimum of independent research—plus the fact that most of them have never had any reason to question the expertise or the integrity of FDA spokesmen. In other words, like the rest of the population, most newsmen still have a lot to learn about the inherent qualities of big government. The result of this

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reality is t h a t the p r e s s a n d electronic m e d i a h a v e , for all practical I believe in Laetrile wholeheartedly. I believe with all my heart p u r p o s e s , b e c o m e the p r o p a g a n d a a r m of the FDA.

that it is the answer to the control of cancer. After living twenty-four S e r v i n g in this capacity, they b e c o m e an inexhaustible source hours a day for eight years with cancer patients, how could there be of s l a n t e d or b i a s e d n e w s stories, of w h i c h the following are a single doubt? I came up with my answer. Yes, it has been worth every minute of it, and regardless of how the trial comes out, I want typical:

to say now, for the record, I would do the same thing, the very same M r s . M a r y W h e l c h e l h a d o p e r a t e d a b o a r

dinghouse on the thing all over again.(1)

American side of the Mexican boundary near San Diego for the use of cancer patients under the care of Dr. Contreras. To her it For comparison, let us see how this incident was treated in the was more of a mercy mission than it was a commercial enterprise.

press. All across the country, newspapers picked up the story as it Yet, in February of 1971, she was arrested and thrown in jail first had been planted in The New York Times. Headlines screamed: because she had provided Laetrile for her boarders.

CANCER CLINIC RING SEIZED IN CALIFORNIA. The public was Shortly after her release, Mrs. Whelchel wrote an open letter led to believe that the FDA had launched a raid on one of for publication in the Cancer News Journal. Here, in her own the most dangerous and despicable criminals of the twentieth words, is what happened:

century smuggling "illicit drugs" into the country and preying upon innocent, helpless, and desperate cancer victims.

Dear Friends,

Most of you will know by the time this letter reaches you that on It said:

Feb. 25, 1971 at 12:30 P.M., Charles Duggie (California Food and California food and drug agents moved this week to break up Drug Officer), Fred Vogt (San Diego D.A. Office), Frances Holway what they described as an "underground railroad" that has been (San Diego police matron), and John McDonald (Imperial Beach transporting cancer victims into Mexico for treatment with a drug Police) came to my home and arrested me for "selling, giving away that is banned in the United States and Canada.

and distributing" Laetrile as a CURE for cancer.

Charges of criminal conspiracy and fraud were lodged against I was also accused of spreading “propaganda” to people to get Mrs. Mary C. Whelchel whose boarding house has been a haven for them to go to Mexican doctors instead of their medical advisors in cancer patients from all parts of the United States en route to Mexico the States.... I was told they had papers to “search and seize”

for treatment with the so-called wonder drug....

and that I was under arrest. They proceeded to go through my The Mexican authorities are also looking into the operation of house like a tornado. Everything was removed from my files, desk the cancer clinics.(2)

and shelves, including checks, personal letters, receipts and books.

One word covers it—EVERYTHING!

“CLINIC RING,” i n d e e d !

Finally, at 4:00 P.M. I was taken to the county jail to be booked M o s t local police d e p a r t m e n t s are p u s h o v e r s for the FDA and mugged I was put in the “drunk tank,” and there I stayed....

q u a c k s . T h e y u s u a l l y accept FDA p r o n o u n c e m e n t s at face v a l u e .

As I sat in that horrible jail and looked around at the four barren C o n s e q u e n t l y , t h e y can be c o u n t e d on to c o o p e r a t e fully in a n y walls, and the drunks, prostitutes, dope addicts—plus it had no i n v e s t i g a t i o n or arrest. S o m e t i m e s , a police investigator, w i t h o u t windows, and mattresses were thrown helter-skelter on the floor—I r e a l i z i n g t h a t h e h a s b e e n d e c e i v e d by F D A p r o p a g a n d a , had time to reflect over the past eight years. At first I asked myself: c o n c l u d e s t h a t Laetrile ” s m u g g l e r s ” are really no different from

“How and why did I get here?” I was panic stricken! For a person who has never broken the law, outside of a traffic ticket

or two, in a dope pushers dealing in heroin. When such laws are inter-lifetime—here I was in jail!

viewed by the press, they become highly quotable and helpful to It is terribly frightening. You are cut completely off from the F D A .

civilization it seems. No way to contact a soul! Other than the call to The following news article from the Seattle Post-Intelligence is my sons, I had no way of knowing if anything was being done to get a classic example :

me out. I was not allowed to talk to anyone but the inmates. Most of them were too drunk or high to understand a word. As time passed 1. Cancer News Journal, Jan./Apr., 1971, p. 14.

(there are no clocks) and no word came from the outside, I felt like 2. "Cancer Clinic Ring Seized in California," New York Times Service, The the forgotten man; in my case, the forgotten woman!

Arizona Republic, Feb. 28, 1971, p. 24-A.

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Bellevue—At least five Washington residents including two and the cost to the patient was between \$9 and \$16—which made doctors have been linked with sales of an illegal anti-cancer drug it just about the cheapest injection in the doctor's office.

known as Laetrile, a result of a month long investigation by Perhaps the biggest factor influencing the price of Laetrile, Bellevue police, the P-I has learned.

however, is that the government has made it illegal to use as an Detectives conducting the probe yesterday said they may have anti-cancer agent. This has forced the source of supply into a only scratched the surface of a drug sales operation covering several black-market operation which, because of the need for secrecy states and Mexico....

and the possibility of arrest, fines, or imprisonment, always Two motives appear to exist for those advocating Laetrile, inflates the price of a commodity to cover the expense of according to Bellevue detective Bill Ellis, heading the investigation.

smuggling and to compensate for the risk. If the government

“Some of those involved may believe that the drug actually works to cure or halt the progress of cancer,” Ellis said.

would remove its legal restraints, Laetrile could be manufactured

“But we can’t rule out the profit motive,” he added.

and sold in the United States by mass-production techniques

“There is a lot of money to be made selling this drug.” ...

which, in a short time, would bring its price down to less than

“Every indication is that patients are required to stay on the one-third of its present level.

drug for life,” Ellis said. “This makes an ideal situation for a bunco And speaking of exorbitant costs and profits, why doesn’t the artist, preying on desperate people who feel they have nothing to FDA concern itself over these matters within the field of orthodox lose.”

medicine?

Police also are concerned that those touting Laetrile for the In an article in the San Francisco Chronicle entitled “Beware the profit motive may find it just as lucrative and as simple to import Quick Cancer Cure,” Dr. Ralph Weilerstein of the California other drugs including heroin.

FDA’s Advisory Council expressed shock and concern over the

“If a person can successfully smuggle one illegal drug into the U.S. in substantial quantities, what is to prevent them from diversi-fact that a typical thirty-day Laetrile treatment in Mexico may fying,” Ellis posed.(1)

cost a patient between one-thousand and two-thousand dollars.

In truth, most cancer patients would be very happy to have such The heavy hand of FDA propaganda is evident in this “news”

a reasonable medical bill. Actually, even these reasonable story, and it is likely that neither detective Ellis nor the reporter estimates were exaggerated. As Time magazine reported in 1971: are aware that they had become victimized by real bunco artists of the first order.

Contreras' claims for Laetrile [in Mexico] are as modest as his Aside from the innuendo about Laetrile advocates "possibly"

fees. The doctor charges only \$10 for a first visit, \$7 for subsequent smuggling heroin (there never has been even a shred of evidence visits, \$3 for a gram of the drug.(1)

to justify that suspicion), one of the favorite PDA lines is that According to Dr. Contreras, his total medical charges in the those who distribute Laetrile are making exorbitant profits. The early 1970s seldom exceeded seven hundred to a thousand California Department of Public Health, in its publication The dollars. Most of his patients were from out of the country, Cancer Law, claimed that essentially the same material as Laetrile however, and so they also had to pay for lodging, meals, and could be purchased much cheaper under the commercial name of transportation. The total expense, including these non-medical Amygdalin, and the American Cancer Society has said that extras, occasionally did run as high as two-thousand dollars, but Laetrile used in an injection costs only ten to fifteen cents.(2) it was unfair to imply that it was all going into the doctor's pocket Let us examine the facts. as pure profit.

The cost to an American physician for one gram of injectible If Dr. Weilerstein wanted to compare apples with apples, he Laetrile in 1974 (the time of this allegation) was approximately \$4, might have explained why a terminal cancer patient undergoing orthodox therapy in the United States in the early 1970s would 1. "Five Linked to sale of Illegal Cancer Drug," Seattle Post-Intelligence, Dec. 21, spend, on the average, thirteen-thousand dollars on surgery, 1972, pp. 1, 5.

2. ACS quoted in "Cancer Relief or Quackery?" Washington Post, May 26, 1974, p p . C 1 , C4.

1. "Debate Over Laetrile," Time, April 12, 1971.

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radiology, chemotherapy, hospitalization, or a combination of that are justified when applied to the bad but unjustified when applied to the good. The result is that the viewer is programmed expressing shock and concern over high medical costs, orthodox to react negatively against all of them, and because he is looking therapy is virgin territory still awaiting exploration.

for “techniques” rather than “substance,” he is conditioned to Establishment newspapers and magazines have been reliable reject the responsible health lecturer along with the irresponsible.

and unquestioning outlets for FDA propaganda. So, too, have the To him, all health lecturers are charlatans because they all use major networks and most of the local radio and TV stations. A some of the same “techniques” as those used in the film. It does perfect example was NBC’s “First Tuesday” program broadcast not occur to him that the same techniques are used by all lecturers on March 2, 1971. To those viewers who knew none of the

—including those who lecture against health lecturers!

background, this program probably appeared to be an objective Another propaganda film with a similar approach was documentary. Ed Delaney, the program’s host, did have filmed produced by the American Cancer Society and is called Journey interviews of people representing both sides of the controversy.

Into Darkness. Featuring guest star Robert Ryan as the host, the But, as is so often the case, the opinion of the viewer was film is a masterpiece of scripting and acting. Weaving several manipulated by careful selection and film editing of who was stories into one, it portrays the mental torture experienced by allowed to say what, and in what sequence.

*several cancer victims as they grapple with having to decide
There were hundreds of cancer patients seeking the services
whether they should take the advice of their wise and kindly of
Dr. Contreras's clinic every day. They came from all age
doctor and pursue proven orthodox treatments, or allow their
groups, all walks of life, and from all educational
backgrounds.*

*fears and doubts to overcome their judgment and seek the Yet,
NBC interviewed only those patients who were relatively
unproven treatments of a medically untrained quack who
prom-inarticulate or who would appear to be ignorant,
confused, and ises miracle cures but whose only real interest is
in how much desperate. None of them were allowed to tell of
any help they money the patient can afford to pay. In the end,
some make the might have received from Laetrile, so the
resulting impression*

*“right” choice and resolve to follow the guidance of their
doctor.*

was that no one actually had benefited.

*Others make the “wrong” choice and begin their long and
tragic Then came the lengthy “rebuttal”—organized and
polished journey into darkness.*

*interviews with Dr. Jesse Steinfeld, the Surgeon General of the
United States, Dr. Charles Edwards, head of the FDA, and
other To the uninformed, this film is convincing. Because they
know*

*“highly respectable” establishment physicians. The
overwhelm-that cancer quackery does exist, they are misled
into accepting that ing conclusion was that “Laetrile may
sound fine in theory, but it anything not approved by the ACS
automatically falls into that just doesn't work!”*

*category. They do not stop to realize that the people they
watched The Laetrile advocates who had trustingly cooperated
with on the screen were merely actors, that the story was not
real, or NBC in the preparation of the program were stunned.*

They had that the script was written in conformity with the propaganda been led to believe that they would be given a fair hearing before objectives of the FDA. Nevertheless, this film has been shown as a the court of public opinion, but from the beginning, they never

“public service” on hundreds of TV stations and in thousands of had a chance.

classrooms, service clubs, and fraternal, charitable, and civic Under the label of “public-service broadcasting,” the nation’s organizations, producing a profound impact on public opinion.

TV stations have aired literally thousands of anti-nutrition propa-So convincing is the message that countless viewers who later ganda films at no charge to their sponsors. The AMA’s film called contract cancer will not even listen to the Laetrile story—even if Medicine Man, for example, portrays health lecturers as pitch men their physician tells them there no longer is any hope under and crooks, and it cleverly instructs the viewer how to spot their orthodox treatment.

“techniques.” The film puts all health lecturers into one bag—the As a sidelight, it is ironic to note that actor Robert Ryan, star good and the bad together—and makes blanket condemnations of Journey Into Darkness, fell victim to his own propaganda. He

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died of cancer in July of 1973 after undergoing extensive cobalt regularity, or that orthodox medicine can cure 40% of all cancers, therapy. His wife, Jessica, died of cancer one year previously.

and never will one FDA eyebrow be raised.

While the press release, the manipulated news story, and the In order to avoid the appearance of being “book burners,”

one-sided use of radio and TV constitute some of the most FDA officials have claimed that they are censoring books, not

frequently used weapons in the FDA's "arsenal of compliance,"

because of the ideas they advocate but because the books actually there are many others that are even more effective. They are being used as sophisticated "labels" for products.

reserved for those tough customers who cannot or will not be. They may not have any jurisdiction over ideas, but they do not get stopped by mere public opinion. One of these is the destruction of total control over products. So, if the author, publisher, distributor, or seller of the book also should happen to have a credit rating. It is standard practice for the FDA to write or phone Dun & Bradstreet to advise them of one's product to sell that in any way is explained or promoted in the

"difficulty with the government." A notice to Better Business Bureau—which is a logical thing for them to do—then the book and Bureau also is customary.

the product are seized by the FDA because of false or deceptive labeling. The next escalatory step of harassment is to stop the public-labeling.

tion or distribution of all printed matter, including books and Denied access to the printed page, many nutrition-oriented pamphlets. The book, One Answer to Cancer, written by Dr.

writers take to the lecture hall. Here, too, they are stopped. They William Kelly, was legally blocked because it advocated diet can be arrested either for practicing medicine without a license rather than orthodox therapy. The court ruled that distribution of or—especially if they have a product to sell—false labeling.

the book would constitute a clear and present danger to the One such case was that of Mr. Bruce Butt, an elderly gentleman, general public and that the government's duty to protect the man who was arrested for showing a pro-Laetrile film in Carlisle, health and welfare of its citizens supersedes the

doctor's constitu-Pennsylvania. Two-and-a-half years later, all charges against Mr.

tional right of free speech. Since Dr. Kelly was a dentist rather than an M.D., he also was accused of "practicing medicine suffer gigantic legal fees, and after the publicity had branded him without a license."

in the public mind as a "health-food nut," a "crackpot," and a This is a favorite FDA ploy. Many health writers and lecturers cancer quack."

have been arrested on just such an excuse. If a man prescribes a If the object of FDA harassment is still alive and kicking after change in diet as a means of eliminating simple headache, he is all of this, then there is yet one more weapon in the government's practicing medicine without a license. If he suggests that you take arsenal of compliance that surely will drop him in his tracks: Cut vitamin C or bioflavonoids for a cold, he is practicing medicine off his mail! The Post Office, after all, is just another branch of the without a license. If he recommends fruit or natural roughage for same federal machinery, and it will honor, without question, any bowel regularity, he is practicing medicine without a license.(1) If FDA administrative or court ruling to the effect that a publication he suggests that natural substances to be found in nature's foods or product is "not in the public interest." On the basis of this glib can be an effective control for cancer, he certainly is practicing phrase, numerous health books and their advertising have been medicine without a license. But let a drug firm hire an actor to go banned from the mail. The Cardiac Society, for example, had on TV and proclaim to the millions that Bayer is good for earned FDA displeasure by selling vitamin E as a means of raising headache, that Vicks is good for a cold, that Exlax is good for funds to carry on its work to educate the public about the relationship between vitamin E and a healthy heart. Incoming 1. When this passage was written for the first edition of this book in 1974, mail to the organization's headquarters was intercepted by the

orthodox medicine was still scoffing at those “health nuts” who claimed that Post Office and returned to the sender marked “fraudulent!”

roughage was important to proper intestinal function. By the mid 1980s, Charles C. Johnson, Jr. , Administrator of the Environmental however, this concept had become quite orthodox. There is no telling how many thousands of colon cancers could have been avoided if the medical gurus had Health Service, the agency which, for a while, supervised the listened instead of smirked.

activities of the FDA, has summed up the present attitude of 302 WORLD WITHOUT CANCER: Part Two government officials when he said: “We have a variety of tools in our arsenal of compliance.”(1)

The phrase “arsenal of compliance” tells us a great deal about the mentality of the hardened bureaucrat and, as we have seen, it is a perfect description of what the average citizen now must face Chapter Twenty-Three

*when he challenges the government that he has so blandly—perhaps even approvingly—watched grow over the years. In the **THE DOUBLE***

*name of “protecting the people”—in the field of nutrition as in all other fields of human activity—it rapidly is becoming the **STANDARD***

greatest threatening force from which the people now need protecting.

An analysis of the FDA’s double standard in which harmless non-drug materials, such as vitamins and food supplements, are burdened with restrictions in excess of those applied to toxic and dangerous drugs.

The FDA’s unrelenting war on vitamins, food supplements, and non-drug medicines is well known. Much of the agency’s time

and resources are spent each year warning the public about the dangers that lurk in the nutritional approach to health. When it comes to drugs, however, there is a more permissive attitude with the implied assurance: “Don’t be overly concerned about harm from drugs. Take whatever we have approved and relax.

You’re in safe hands.”

*In July of 1971 the FDA issued a “Fact Sheet” on the subject of drug side effects. Under the heading: “Should People Fear Drugs Because of Possible Side Effects?” we find this answer: Drugs should be respected rather than feared. A physician’s decision to use a drug is a considered one. It is his decision that it is better to treat a disease with a certain drug than leave it untreated, and that there is greater danger in not using the drug.(1) The comment regarding the supremacy of the physician’s decision is a worthy statement of principle but, as any physician who has tried to use Laetrile will tell you, the FDA itself does not follow it. And now, with increasing government regulation of what a doctor may or may not prescribe for individual patients (through such federal agencies as PSRO) it is evident that the government wants physicians to become mere robots who are trained to administer only approved “Federal treatment number 1. Garrison, *The Dictocrats*, op. cit., p. 50.*

1. “Drug Side Effects,” FDA Fact Sheet CSS-D2 (FDA) 72-3001, July, 1971.

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9714-32” in response to “Federal group diagnosis number I.G. Farben—is a classic example. By 1974, Americans had been 7482-91.” But the statement “Drugs should be respected rather

“sold” on aspirin to the tune of over twenty-million pounds per than feared” is an accurate reflection of FDA philosophy and, year. That’s approximately sixteen-billion tablets, or an

average of when compared to its paranoia over vitamins, offers a good eighty tablets per person, each year!

vantage point from which to observe the operation of its double Although Aspirin is an analogue of a natural substance, it is a standard.

man-made drug. It is widely recognized as dangerous if taken in Congressman Craig Hosmer, outspoken critic of the FDA's high doses—especially for children. Overdoses can result, not one-sided attack on the nutrition and vitamin industry, has said: only from a single large ingestion, but also from continuous use which produces accumulative effects. Every year, there are at I have been informed that there never has been an accidental least ninety deaths in the United States from overdoses of death due to vitamin overdosage, but it is said one person dies every three days from taking lethal doses of aspirin.... But, despite aspirin.(1)

the fact that Americans buy twenty-million pounds of aspirin a year, Ninety deaths each year is no small matter. Yet, the FDA does FDA has never publicly considered any kind of regulation or nothing except to require each aspirin label to state the recom-warning on labels. Instead, the agency has spent its time and mended safe dosage plus the admonition: "or as recommended millions of the taxpayer's dollars establishing arbitrary daily by your physician." The important point is not that the FDA dosages for harmless vitamins and minerals.(1)

should do more, but that it applies a glaringly unfair double Congressman Hosmer has hit the bull's eye. The danger to standard against nutritional supplements. In November of 1973 it public health does not lie in organic food supplements or stopped the production and distribution of a product known as vitamins sold in health-food stores. It lies in the vast inventories Aprikern. Aprikern is the trade name given to apricot kernels that of toxic man-made drugs. Nothing recommended by a health have been ground, cold pressed to remove the fatty oils, and lecturer ever produced such

tragedies as thalidomide babies. Five encapsulated. The process retains the nitriloside or vitamin B17

percent of all hospital admissions are the result of adverse content, increases the potency concentration by approximately reactions to legally acquired prescription drugs.(2) It has been 20%, reduces the caloric content, and increases the resistance to estimated that no less than one and a-half-million people are sent rancidity. Aprikern, therefore, had become popular among those to the hospital each year as a result of orthodox drugs—which who were familiar with the vitamin B17 story.

means that these legally acquired materials are injuring hundreds Based upon obscure “studies,” allegedly conducted at the of times more people than all the illegally acquired psychedelic University of Arizona School of Pharmacology, the FDA drugs put together. And, after a patient is admitted to the hospital announced that Aprikern contained “a poison which would kill for reasons other than drug reactions, his chances of falling victim both adults and children.”(1)

of drug sickness more than doubles. Drug sickness in the hospital Note that the FDA did not say that Aprikern actually had now strikes well over three and a half-million patients each year.(3) killed any adults or children—as aspirin does every week—but that it could do so. Note also that, during the court case that As long ago as 1960, it was acknowledged that at least forty resulted from the legal action instituted by the FDA against the new diseases or syndromes had been attributed to drugs used in manufacturer, the scientists from the University of Arizona who therapy,(4) and the number has grown impressively since then.

had conducted the toxicity experiments on rats which supposedly The situation with non-prescription, over-the-counter drugs is proved that Aprikern was dangerous, testified that the results of almost as bad. Aspirin—which was first produced by Bayer of their tests were inconclusive and that they would not stand behind the interpretation widely publicized by the FDA.

1. Garrison, *The Dictocrats*, *op. cit.*, p. 217.

2. "Important Prescribing Information from FDA Commissioner Charles C.

Edwards, M.D.," *U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare*, 1971.

1. *FDA Fact Sheet*, July 1971, (FDA) 72-3002.

3. Martin Gross, *The Doctors*, (New York: Random House, 1966).

2. "These Two Health Foods 'Dangerous'," (UPI) *News Chronicle*, Nov. 28, 1973, 4. President Kennedy's Consumers' Protection Message of March 15, 1962.

p. 11.

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Undaunted, the FDA continued to press its case stating that it Needless to say, there is not a single over-the-counter drug on was conducting tests of its own and that these surely would the market today that could pass toxicity restrictions as severe as "prove" that Aprikern is dangerous.(1)

these. The law does not protect us. It is a weapon against us.

William Dixon, chief of the Arizona Consumer Protection In a letter to this author dated December 26, 1971, Dr. Ernst T.

Division, which worked jointly with the FDA in the initial action Krebs, Jr. anticipated the FDA's action against Aprikern by over against Aprikern, told newsmen:

two years when he explained:

We could wait six months for the FDA tests, but if some kid died The full awareness of the significance of vitamin B17 (nitriloside) from eating this stuff, I wouldn't want our office to be responsible.(2) is now registering in the minds of our bureaucrats and those whom they serve. The attitude is

becoming obvious even to us that these From this, may we conclude that Dixon's office is responsible people feel vitamin B17 is too good and too valuable for the Indians.

for deaths from aspirin overdose? Or are we to suspect that all of Just as in the past when valuable minerals or oil were discovered on this pretended concern for the public welfare is just so much eye Indian lands, government bureaucracy would move the Indians wash to conceal an unconscionable double standard whereby away to "better land," so attempts are being made now to move all agencies of government are being used on behalf of the drug innovators and pioneers on vitamin B17 away from the develop-cartel to harass and destroy competition from the non-drug ment—through the invocation of one legal ruse or another—until it health industry? We may ponder what Mr. Dixon's concern

"cools," and then allow monopoly supporting the involved would be if "some kid," or some adult, for that matter, dies from bureaucracy to preempt the field....

not "eating this stuff."

Please keep in mind that the potential or waiting market for Leaving no stone unturned, Arizona's Health Commissioner, Aprikern is at least as great as that for all the other vitamins, Dr. Louis Kassuth, went so far as to issue a public warning that, including C. Today, bureaucracy can make or break a billion-dollar market within a few days with merely a few pronouncements or even though whole apricots would not be affected by the govern-edicts. A Surgeon General bought just like fresh beef (but not as ment embargo, their pits should not be cracked open and, above intrinsically valuable), can say "yes" or "no" on phosphate or all, the kernels must not be eaten.(3)

nonphosphate detergents on evening TV. He reads his lines as they Ah, it is comforting to have such wise and beneficent experts are given to him, and the markets move accordingly. Despite a few watching over us and protecting us from our own folly. How twists and turns for window trimming,

monopoly is almost always wretched we would be without them. How reassuring it is to pick sustained in this game.(1)

up a copy of a government publication entitled Requirements of the The FDA perpetually informs the public that “nutritional United States Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and read: quackery” is big business with huge profits. But it remains silent Because of their toxicity, bitter almonds may not be marketed in about the really big business and the super profits of the drug the United States for unrestricted use. Shipments of sweet almonds industry. FDA spokesmen express great concern over a supposed

[which do not contain vitamin B17] may not contain more than five 3.3-billion dollars spent each year on nutritional supplements.

percent of bitter almonds. Almond paste and pastes made from other kernels should contain less than twenty-five parts per million Even if that figure is accurate, it is minuscule compared to the of hydrocyanic acid (HCN) naturally occurring in the kernels.(4) staggering annual expenditure of 55.2-billion dollars spent on prescription drugs plus another 14-billion for drugs sold over the counter. The absence of FDA “concern” over this sector of its responsibility is revealing.

The FDA acknowledges it has received reports of “excessive 1. And it is possible that they will—even if they have to hit those helpless promotional activity by some representatives of pharmaceutical rodents over the head with a hammer to produce the desired results!

manufacturers”—meaning that not all field representatives from 2. “Suit Labels Health Food as Harmful,” Phoenix Gazette, Nov. 28,1973.

3. “Apricot Pits Hit by Ban, ” Phoenix Gazette, Nov. 29,1973, p. B-1.

4. That’s only one four-hundreths of one percent. FDA Publication No. 2, June, 1. Letter from E.T. Krebs, Jr., to G. Edward Griffin, Dec. 26, 1971; Griffin, Private 1970, p. 26.

Papers, op. cit.

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the drug firms are totally honest in the description of their presence in pills of as little as one milligram of this substance can company's product. Nevertheless, the agency generally ignores cause illness in some persons.

this area of inquiry and devotes a major portion of its resources Studies in Antigo, Wisconsin, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and and manpower to wiretapping, bugging, and following health Newburgh, New York, all showed that within months of adopt-lecturers in an attempt to catch them making a claim that, even ing fluoridation of the water supply the death rate from heart though it may be true, comes into conflict with an FDA ruling. At disease in these cities nearly doubled and leveled out at about a time when the FDA is pleading inadequacy of tax funds to twice the national average. Likewise, in the Philadelphia Zoo properly enforce sanitation standards within the processed food there was a sharp increase in animal and bird deaths that industry, or safety standards within the drug industry, it boasts coincided with the introduction of fluoridated water.(1) about expanding its operations against such public enemies as the Dr. Paul H. Phillips, a University of Chicago biochemist who purveyors of wheat germ, rose hips, honey, and apricot kernels.

spent twenty-nine years in research on fluoride toxicity, has Another example of the FDA's double standard is its attitude pointed out that sodium fluoride, even when taken in extremely toward sodium fluoride, the substance that is added to the water minute quantities, accumulates and builds up in the skeletal parts supplies of over four thousand communities in the United States of the body. Symptoms of chronic fluoride poisoning may not on the supposition that fluoridated water helps to reduce cavities.

appear for many years, and when they do, they can be very hard. The original 1939 studies by Dr. H. Trendley Dean that led to this to diagnose. They can manifest themselves in many forms such as speculation, warned that those communities with low rates of vascular calcification, disorders of the kidneys, bowels, skin, tooth decay had in their natural drinking water, not only unusu-stomach, thyroid, and nervous system, and may be responsible ally high levels of fluoride, but also much more calcium. The for headaches, vomiting, mongolism, mouth ulcers, pains in the report then stated that: "... the possibility that the composition of joints, and loss of appetite.

the water in other respects [than fluoride] may also be a factor Dr. Simon A. Beisler, chief of Urology at N e w York's should not be overlooked(1)

Roosevelt Hospital, has said:

It was overlooked, however, and remains so today. In truth, there is little hard evidence that fluorides actually do what is I just don't feel this thing has been researched the way it should have been. Fluoride in water can reach every organ in the body and claimed for them, and much evidence to the contrary. In the there are indications that it can be harmful over a long period of original investigation by Dr. Dean, he reported that, in 1938, in (2)

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Pueblo, Colorado, thirty-seven percent of the people were caries-free with 0.6 parts per million of fluoride in the water. Yet, in East Aluminum companies, as a result of their manufacturing Moline, Illinois, with 1.5 ppm of fluoride—almost three times as process, produce fluoride compounds as waste products. Much of much—only eleven percent of the population were found with-this goes into the air and eventually finds its way back to earth out caries. We note, also, that in the city of Washington, D.C., where it becomes noxious to both man and animal. Breathing the which has had a fluoridated water supply for over twenty years, fumes is bad

enough but, once it is absorbed into edible plants, it instead of having fewer cavities than citizens of non-fluoridated is converted into organic compounds such as fluoracetate or communities, Washingtonians have almost a third more(2) fluorocitrate which are at least five-hundred times more poisonous than the inorganic salt. This means that vegetables and fruits But that is not really the important point. Even if sodium which have been irrigated by fluoridated water supplies could fluoride did reduce cavities as its promoters claim, the fact is that this chemical is extremely toxic even in small quantities. So much become potential killers.(3)

so that drug companies are required to warn consumers that the 1. See news release dated August 1972 and "Is Fluorine Pollution Damaging Hearts," by K.A. Baird, M.D., (Citizen Action Program, 608 Gowan Rd., Antigo, I. Dean, "Domestic Health and Dental Caries," Public Health Report, May, 1939, Wisc, 54409).

54:862-888.

2. Garrison, op. tit., pp. 228-230.

2. Garrison, op. tit., pp. 229, 230.

3. K.A. Baird, M.D., op. tit., p. 4.

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As a result of this toxic waste, aluminum companies have If fluorides were not used in water supplies of the nation, they been the objects of successful damage suits. In 1946 a plant in probably would be discarded as a waste byproduct with little Troutdale, Oregon, was sued by a local citizen who proved that other commercial use except in aerosol sprays, drugs, rat poison, the health of his family had been damaged by fluoride fumes. In and certain brands of toothpaste. It is significant, therefore, that 1950 a Washington plant was ordered by a Tacoma court to pay while the FDA has waged relentless war against harmless damages to a rancher whose cattle had been poisoned by eating vitamins, apricot kernels, and Laetrile, it

has endorsed the fluoride contaminated grass. In June, 1958, Blount County, wide-spread and compulsory consumption of sodium fluoride in Tennessee farmers were awarded indemnity for fluoride damage every glass of water we drink.

to cattle and crops.(1)

As noted in a previous chapter, the FDA has denied approval Europe also has had its fluoride problems. The “death fogs” for the testing of Laetrile by its promoters because of so-called of 1930 were finally attributed to acute fluoride intoxication. In a

“deficiencies” in the mountains of paperwork required for IND

similar 1940 disaster in Donora, Pennsylvania, fluoride concen-

(Investigation of New Drug). It has stated that Laetrile’s safety has traditions in the blood of victims were found to be twelve to not been sufficiently established to warrant its use on human twenty-five times higher than in the blood of unaffected persons.(2) beings. Aside from the fact that Laetrile’s safety record is well-The November 13, 1972, issue of the Journal of the American documented, and that all the currently FDA approved drugs are Medical Association published the results of a Mayo Clinic investi-notoriously unsafe, this action is even more unpalatable when gation into two cases of fluoride poisoning that occurred after compared to the favorable treatment given to new drugs drinking water that was fluoridated to the extent of 2.6 parts per marketed by some of the large drug companies. In 1970, for million in one case and only 1.7 p p m in the other. These example, the Searle Pharmaceutical Company received FDA concentrations are significant because many fluoridated water approval to market an estrogen oral contraceptive within just one supplies are maintained at one ppm! One can only wonder how week after application. In testimony before the House Subcom-many cases of mild fluoride poisoning go unreported or are mittee

on Intergovernmental Relations, however, it was revealed attributed to some other cause.

that the data submitted was British (it is normal FDA policy to “We’re not exactly sure what the problem is,” says the doctor, insist on American data), and that the British data itself clearly

“but it’s probably some kind of viral infection. Take these pills stated that it concerned effectiveness only, not safety.

four times a day for a week and, if they don’t do the job, we’ll try When Congressman Fountain asked FDA Commissioner Dr.

something else. Tricky things, those viruses.”

Charles C. Edwards what was the primary reason behind his While one community after another in the United States agency’s favorable handling of Searle’s application, he replied rushes to fluoridate its water supply, many European countries that it was “public safety.” When asked to explain how public are moving in the opposite direction. West Germany banned safety was involved in this decision, Edwards blurted out that it fluoridation on January 4, 1971. Sweden did so on November 18, is “not our policy to jeopardize the financial interests of the 1971. And the highest court of the Netherlands declared fluorida-pharmaceutical companies.”(1)

tion illegal on June 22, 1973. As the National Health Federation Serc is another drug that has received FDA favorable treat-asked pointedly: “Do these countries know something we don’t ment. First marketed in 1966 by Unimed, Inc., it was offered to the or refuse to accept?”(3)

public for use in treating Meniere’s Syndrome, a complication of the inner ear leading to dizziness and loss of balance. There was 1. “Industry’s Fluoride Problem,” by Lee Hardy National Health Federation substantial evidence that Serc actually made the symptoms of Bulletin, Oct. 1973, p. 20.

Meniere’s Syndrome worse in many patients. In spite of repeated 2. See K. Roholm, “The Fog Disaster in the Meuse

Valley, 1930," Journal of complaints from the medical profession and even from Congress, Industrial Hygiene Toxicology, 1937, 19:126-136. Also Philip Stadtler, "Fluorine Gases in Atmosphere Blamed for Death," Chemical and Engineering News, 1948, 26:3962.

1. "Who Blocks Testing of Anti-Cancer Agent?" Alameda Times Star (Calif.), 3. National Health Federation anti-fluoride petition, March, 1974.

Aug. 3, 1970.

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the FDA refused to require Unimed to cease marketing the drug formulation and sale of these harmless commodities. He had even though it admitted that the data submitted on behalf of Serc supported FDA rulings and penalties calling for up to thirty years were "defective," "inadequate," and contained "untrue state-in prison for those who advocate the use of harmless herbs and ments of material facts." Acknowledging that further studies food supplements for the alleviation of metabolic disease. Now were needed, the FDA defended its decision to allow Serc on the he had given his blessings to cannabis sativa which, regardless of market by saying: "The studies could not be financed unless all else that might be said about it, is far from harmless.

marketing of the drug was permitted to continue." In other On May 20, 1974, Dr. Hardin B. Jones, professor of medical words, Unimed was given permission to continue(1) to sell a drug physics and physiology at the University of California and already found to be ineffective while consumers were put in the Assistant Director of the University Donner Laboratories in position of financing the research that, hopefully, would prove Berkeley, appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcom-that it had some value after all. What a contrast to the FDA's mittee and testified:

unyielding opposition to Laetrile and the nutritional products of As an expert in human radiation effects [it is my observation nature.

that damage] ... even in those who use cannabis “moderately” is As Senator William Proxmire phrased it:

roughly the same type and degree of damage as in persons surviving atom bombing with a heavy level of radiation exposure, The FDA and much, but not all, of the orthodox medical approximately 150 roentgens. The implications are the same....

profession are actively hostile against the manufacture, sale and Reports of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are distribution of vitamins and minerals as food or food supplements.

inadequate scientifically, do not touch accurately on the principal They are out to get the health food industry and to drive the health matters needing clarification, and, in many instances, are likely to food stores out of business. And they are trying to do this out of lead the public to believe that science has proven marijuana active hostility and prejudice.

(2)

harmless.(1)

The subject of psychedelic drugs constitutes perhaps the final This, then, is the double standard of the FDA. We can buy madness in the FDA’s insane asylum of double standards. Omar aspirin and a hundred other drugs of questionable safety by the Garrison recalls the story:

barrel. We can buy alcoholic beverages by the case and tobacco Americans reacted with a sense of shock, followed by nation-products by the carload. In over four-thousand communities we wide cries of indignation, when FDA Commissioner. James L.

are forced to drink sodium fluoride in the water supply. But when Goddard told an audience of university students that he would not it comes to food supplements and vitamins, the FDA

swoops object to his daughter smoking marijuana any more than if she down like the avenging angel and becomes the super guardian of drank a cocktail....

the nation's health.

Even the normally permissive Time magazine clucked with mild disapproval, noting that Goddard's opinion "was particularly When a woman takes the life of her unborn child on the surprising because the FDA director has been so strict in demanding theory that she may do what she wishes with her own body, she that drug companies show clear proof on the efficacy and safety of receives the sanction of the Supreme Court. But if she purchases their products before he allows them on the market. There is still Laetrile in an attempt to save a life—either her child's or her almost no research, however, into what marijuana does—and does own—she has participated in a criminal act.

not do—to the human mind and body, and no scientific evidence How much longer will the American people tolerate this that proves or disproves that it is better or worse than alcohol.(3) outrageous double standard?

A short time prior to this, Dr. Goddard had expressed great concern over the extent to which Americans were consuming unneeded vitamin pills, and called for tighter restrictions on the 1. Consumers Reports, March, 1973, pp. 155-156.

2. As quoted in National Health Federation Bulletin, April 1974, cover.

1. "Marijuana Smoking Poisonous, M.D. Says," (AP), Boston Herald American, 3. Garrison, op. cit., pp. 175,176.

May 21, 1974, pg. 2.

Chapter Twenty-Four

TO WALK THE HIGHEST WIRE

How doctors are intimidated into not using

Laetrile; why the pharmaceutical industry seeks a patentable substitute for Laetrile; and the courageous stand against the FDA and AMA by Laetrile doctors.

Undoubtedly the FDA would be pleased if it could silence all public utterances on behalf of drugless and nutritional medicine.

However, because it must at least pay lip service to freedom-of-speech, it has had to settle for allowing people to talk all they want, so long as they are prohibited from offering the substances about which they speak. Doctors and lecturers may advocate vitamin B17 from the rooftop, but if cancer victims cannot obtain apricot kernels, Aprikern, or Laetrile, then there is no threat to the status quo. Consequently, the FDA has allocated a large portion of its resources to harassing or destroying those who produce, distribute, or administer vitamin B17 for the control of cancer.

Doctors are particularly singled out for strong action for the obvious reason that, if many of them were allowed to use vitamin therapy without being chastised, it could result in opening the floodgates of medical acceptance. Each doctor that dares to resist, therefore, must be publicly destroyed as an example, seen and understood by other doctors, as what they, too, can expect if they should be foolish enough to follow suit.

This point came to light during the trial of Harvey Howard of Sylmar, California, who was prosecuted for selling Laetrile tablets to cancer patients. One of the witnesses for the state was Dr.

Ralph Weilerstein of the California Department of Public Health.

Dr. Weilerstein was asked if there were any “reputable” doctors who prescribed Laetrile. Weilerstein answered: “So far as I know,

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any doctor who has prescribed Laetrile in California since 1963

The reference to the possibility of danger to Dr. Richardson's has been successfully prosecuted.”(1)

personal safety was not made lightly or without justification.

So there we have it. Every doctor who has prescribed Laetrile has Elsewhere in this same letter Dr. Krebs explained:

been prosecuted. Any doctor who is prosecuted cannot be “reputable.”

As my secretary will tell you, since she was with me, five hours Therefore, no “reputable” doctor ever has prescribed Laetrile!

after presenting a rather effective lecture on cancer before an The dilemma facing a doctor, then, is this: Shall he follow his audience of about four hundred in Los Angeles, the windshield was Hippocratic oath and his sense of moral obligation to do that shot out of my car on the road back to San Francisco. The next night which he honestly believes is best for his patient, or shall he abide the glass window in the tail gate was shot out (three hundred miles removed from the first shooting). The police said, “Maybe someone by the rules laid down by politician-doctors on behalf of vested is trying to tell you something.”

commercial and political interest? H u m a n nature being what it is, We do not want to dwell on the matter of physical violence, but some will follow the higher law. Most will not.

the late Arthur T Harris, M.D., was threatened by two men with Dr. Ernst Krebs, Jr., himself a veteran of numerous legal assassination if he continued to use Laetrile. Since that time we have battles with the FDA, in a letter dated March 9, 1971, warned decentralized the work so that, if any two of us are shot out of the physician John Richardson what would be in store for him if he saddle, it will have only a slightly negative effect on the program.(1) became identified with Laetrile. Commenting on the pending It takes an unusual man to stand

against pressures and threats publication of a magazine article written by Richardson, Dr.

of this kind. There are many who talk a good line about courage Krebs said:

and standing on principle, but, when the chips are down and the It is only fair to emphasize, however, that once a physician has opposition begins to play dirty, there are few who will persevere.

embarked upon such a path he is given no way to escape his printed Dr. Krebs was one of those men. Even as a student doing words. These can have a devastatingly destructive effect upon his postgraduate work at the university, he had been a strong professional status, upon his wife and family, even upon his advocate of the trophoblast thesis of cancer and had become personal safety.

conspicuous for his experimental work with vitamin B17. In a At a lecture at Sheraton-West in Los Angeles last Thursday, a sincere and obviously intense woman (whom I had previously met) letter to the author dated September 23, 1973, Dr. Krebs described arose during the question and answer period. "I was a physician in the pressures that were brought to bear on him as a result: the U.S.S.R., but I left for what I believed was a free country. But I was assured by my academic mentors that if I refused to obey, now I am told by the County [Medical] Society that, if I dare use conform, and be controlled—be a member of the Club—I would Laetrile, they will get me and my license. I want to follow your pass into oblivion. I would be denied academic recognition, degrees, work. What should I do?"

jobs, institutions, etc. My answer in the vernacular was for them to I replied, "You have a great responsibility as a doctor in a society stuff the entire business, because we still had enough freedom in in which there is a great shortage of physicians. Forget Laetrile and this country for me to go out to establish my own research do your very best where you are, and in doing this you may be foundation—The John Beard

Memorial Foundation—under the much more effective than joining a battle for which you possibly are despised doctrine of free enterprise.(2)

not prepared. Trained in dialectical materialism as you were, you may smile at this. It is possible that the Lord has not touched your The reader will recall from chapter two the amazing episode shoulder for service on this front. I know only that He has touched at the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. After Dr.

mine.”(2)

Kanematsu Sugiura found that Laetrile was the most promising anti-cancer agent he had ever tested, his superiors launched a three-year campaign to discredit his findings. It was not easy to do. Each time a new test was run—even though they were 1. “Sylmar Man Faces Trial on Cancer Quack Count,” L.A. Times, Van Nuys section, Sept. 15, 1972.

1. Ibid.

2. Letter from E.T. Krebs, Jr., to J.A. Richardson, M.D., dated March 9, 1971; 2. Letter from E.T. Krebs, Jr., to G. Edward Griffin dated Sept. 23, 1973; Griffin, Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit.

Private Papers, op. cit.

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d e s i g n e d to fail—either their f r a u d u l e n t d e s i g n w a s e x p o s e d or The final product may even be combined with another t h e y confirmed S u g i u r a ‘ s findings in spite of the fraud. It w a s n ‘ t substance which, supposedly, will increase the beneficial effect of u n t i l 1977 t h a t t h e y finally e n g i n e e r e d a test w h i c h s h o w e d that the Amygdalin. The name of the final substance will not be Laetrile.(1) TRIUMPH OF MAN OVER NATURE. In order to vindicate the t h e u n t r e a t e d mice h a d a better r e s p o n s e t h a n t h o s e w h i c h w e r e scientific expense, the final product must appear to be a man-made t r e a t e d w i t h

Laetrile. Dr. Sugar angrily pointed out that the substance. If any recognition at all is given to the natural mecha-control mice which were given saline solution supportedly had nisms, it will be only in passing to the really “important” reactions their tumors stop growing 40% of the time — which is an impossibility effected by the man-made concoction. We will be told that it was bility. He wrote: “We people in chemotherapy use saline solution nature that gave us cancer in the first place, and that man, as a result because it does not affect tumor growth. ” It was obvious that the of his infinite intellect and industry, has in fact improved upon nature. Those who developed and pioneered Laetrile will be test was invalid at best. More likely it was clumsily rigged.

mentioned only as early researchers who had stumbled across a Nevertheless, the results were what Sloan-Kettering had been small part of the total answer.

waiting for. They were not concerned about the integrity of their GOVERNMENT VINDICATED. Perhaps the most important

data. The final report to the world was that “there is not a particle objective of Establishment Medicine is to preserve or bolster the of scientific evidence to suggest that Laetrile possesses any sagging image of government. Government direction, control, and anti-cancer properties at all.”

ultimately government monopoly in the field of medicine must be sold to the American people at all costs. Consequently, we most Unfortunately, all of this was predictable. About four years likely will be told over and over again how a cure for cancer—that prior to Sloan-Kettering’s final report, this a ut h or wrote a short most dread disease—has, at last, been found as a result of the article entitled “A Scenario—Just for the Record.” Published in federal government’s “War on Cancer.” We will be told that the task October of 1973, this is what it said:

was much too large to be undertaken by private research; that only government could have done it, not in the name of profit, but in the Sloan-Kettering is, of course, the epitome of the orthodox name of all mankind. In fact, it may develop that the credit will be Medical Establishment. With untold millions of dollars channelled given to an international effort carried on jointly between several through its facilities in the “War on Cancer,” it would be embarrass-governments (most likely the United States and the Soviet Union ing, to say the least, merely to end up serving the function of acting through the World Health Organization of the U.N.) and, confirming what a handful of independent researchers, without a thus, be used as a means of generating increased public support of, penny of tax money to support them, have been saying for over not just government, but international government, as well.

twenty years. A triumph by free enterprise of such magnitude simply PROFIT. It long has been the policy of large industries to must not be acknowledged by the Establishment which is so deeply operate in such a way as to reduce competition between them so as committed to government subsidies, government programs, and to realize the greatest possible level of profits The chemical and government control.

pharmaceutical industries are well known to have been consistent Consequently, it is predictable that most of those in science and participants in restraint-of-trade and cartel agreements.(2) medicine who now are dependent on government directly or After describing t h e S t a n d a r d Oil a g r e e m e n t w i t h I.G. F a r b e n indirectly for support—and that includes Sloan-Kettering—now on the h y d r o g e n a t i o n process referred to in a p r e v i o u s chapter, will struggle to find ways to (1) get on board the Laetrile train; (2) do the article c o n t i n u e d :

so in such a way as to save face in spite of their incredible past error, and (3) prevent those who have pioneered Laetrile from receiving As it was with the hydrogenation process, so it is with Laetrile.

the primary credit.

For two decades Laetrile has been viewed as competition which must be eliminated. But now that it is obvious it cannot be. While it always is dangerous to speculate about the future in precise terms, nevertheless, it seems probable that the Establishment 1. There are minor differences in the molecular arrangements of Laetrile and scenario will be as follows:

amygdalin compounds. Nevertheless, the word Laetrile is generally used to LAETRILE IS NOT LAETRILE. Increasingly, the name Laetrile denote those special compounds that have been developed for cancer therapy, will be replaced by Amygdalin. Great attention will be given to the and not to refer to them as such is to cloud the basic issue in the public mind.

different kinds and sources of this substance.

2. Committee for Freedom-of-Choice Newsletter, October 1973.

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eliminated, the move is to “obtain therefrom such benefits as we pardoned for postponing our celebrations until completion of the can, and assure the distribution of the products in question through deed.(1)

our [the cartel’s] existing marketing facilities.”

We can look forward to the prospects of having Laetrile Little was it realized, when these words were published, how mass-produced either under the name Amygdalin or in conjunction accurate they would become.

with some man-made compound under an entirely different name, This author was informed by a reliable source close to and then distributed through existing channels of prescription Sloan-Kettering that the publication of these predictions had drugs. There will be little or no price competition in such distribu-caused a stir among the top officials there. They sent out the word tion and, although the actual price will not seem unreasonable that a “softer” approach would make it easier

for them to “move considering the benefits derived, there will be an overly ample in our direction,” and that a continuation of the “hard line” could profit margin to the manufacturers. Above all, however, it will not only delay the ultimate acceptance of Laetrile. It was suggested be regarded as a nutritional factor or as a vitamin, and, thus, the that Dr. Lloyd Old, in charge of the project at Sloan-Kettering, general prestige and sales market for drugs will not be endangered.

really was convinced of the trophoblast thesis and was anxious to The present drive of Establishment Medicine against vitamins help, but that this hard-line talk about vested interests, cartels, consequently can continue without hindrance.

and political corruption was making his superiors—and their All of this is part of the anticipated scenario which begins with superiors— increasingly touchy about the matter.

the tests of Sloan-Kettering. Will it turn out this way? Of course, If true, this was a serious admission. Here were professional only time will tell. Perhaps even this prediction, if read by enough people, could set into motion a series of events that would cause it researchers charged with the grave responsibility of finding a not to come to pass. As a matter of fact, that is the very reason the means to stop the annual cancer slaughter. The lives of millions prediction is being made. It is axiomatic that deception cannot be were hanging on the outcome of their work. Yet, they were saying successful if the person to be deceived is warned in advance. By that bad public relations or the presence of a “hard line” could making it clear beforehand what is expected, it is this author’s hope induce them to abandon or bury a research project which, by their either to thwart the deceivers altogether, or at least to force them to own admission, was extremely promising!

seek an alternate course which either will be less harmful or more There are those who feel that it makes little difference who obvious.(1)

*receives the credit for solving the cancer problem as long as it is. In December of the following year, 1974, the first edition of *World without Cancer* was published. The Sloan-Kettering trials difference. It makes a big difference if the people given the credit were just beginning to be publicized. On page 471 of that edition, are the very ones who were responsible for its hindrance. It does this further prediction was made:*

make a difference if those who earn the medical prizes are the ones who, by their ignorance, arrogance, or subservience, held. At the time of this writing, sources inside Sloan Kettering have back the truth for over three decades. And it makes a substantial said that a third round of clinical trials with Laetrile has been just as difference if those who claim the privilege of political leadership promising—if not more so—than the first. We are told that those in are those whose policies have caused so much suffering and charge of the project are hesitant to discuss the matter publicly until death among their fellow citizens that it can be classified only as the entire series of tests is complete, and that they are hoping to mass-murder. The difference it makes, in other words, is that the announce the effectiveness of Laetrile just as soon as they have enough data to satisfy all the skeptics. This sounds like a reasonable future must not be entrusted to those who have betrayed the past.

course of action, but we will not hold our breath waiting—especially The Sloan-Kettering episode was merely another confirma-since those tests could well be stretched out over many months or tion that there are few within the medical profession who are able even years.(2) Let us hope that those inside Sloan-Kettering will be successful in resisting the pressures from above, but we must be 1. Ibid.

*1. G. Edward Griffin, *World without Cancer: The Story of Vitamin B17* (Westlake 2. They ran on for three more years. Village, CA: American Media, 1974), First edition, p. 471.*

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to stand against the crushing pressures for conformity. Returning Laetrile movement tried to “enlighten” the FDA to its error in to the letter of counsel to Dr. Richardson, Krebs wrote: hopes that it would change its position, he knew they were Cancer is where the action is. The innocents who touch Laetrile wasting their time. While others circulated petitions requesting experience a traumatic syndrome unparalleled in American life.

the FDA to grant permission for further testing of Laetrile, he This is why we so strongly counsel many fine and dedicated doctors said: “Get the FDA out of it altogether.” While others were to refrain. Of course, every society always has a few who cannot live stunned at the blatantly unfair treatment given to them by the TV

fully without walking the highest wire in the tent.(1) producers at NBC, he was surprised only that it wasn't worse.

Dr. Richardson appreciated this caution from a man w h o had And while others instructed their attorneys to find some legal already walked the wire, but he had climbed to the top of the tent technicality to avoid a full confrontation with the law, Dr.

himself. Now that he knew from his own experience that Laetrile Richardson sought ways to test the constitutionality of the law worked, there was no turning back.

itself.

John Richardson was no stranger to unpopular causes. As a Dr. Richardson was arrested on June 2, 1972, for violating the member of The John Birch Society, he already had sampled the California FDA's “anti-quackery” law—which means that he was bitter taste of attacks in the Establishment press. He knew that, charged with using Laetrile in the treatment of cancer. Armed while most people will agree that “you can't believe a thing you officials burst into his office and, in the presence of patients (as read in the papers,” nevertheless, they do believe

almost every-well as news photographers whom the FDA had tipped off to thing that is printed

cover the arrest), they handcuffed him and his two nurses and The Birch Society had been telling the American people that hauled them off to jail like dangerous criminals. The office was there w a s little difference between Communism, Fascism, ransacked and Dr. Richardson's personal files and correspon-Nazism, Socialism, New Dealism, or any other "ism" based on dence were seized. Patients in need of medical treatment were the concept of big government. It had advanced the argument sent home. One child with advanced cancer of the leg died that the solution to most of the world's problems lay in the shortly afterward. It is possible that the death could have been reduction of the size of government. In so doing, it had taken aim prevented had it not been for the interruption of treatment and at the mainspring of the cartel's mechanism for profit and power.

the child's psychological trauma resulting from the raid.

Opposition may be tolerated if directed to lesser parts of the Dr. Richardson's legal battle for medical freedom was long mechanism, such as "Communist subversion," or "corruption in and costly. In May of 1974, after two years of litigation and two public office," or "high taxes," or "deficit spending." But let an trials—both of which resulted in hung juries—the judge advised organization take aim at the prime mover behind all of these the food and drug authorities that they had failed to prove their manifestations—the concept of big government itself—and it will case and that, consequently, all charges against Dr. Richardson know the wrath of the cartel finpols, the Communists, the neo-were dismissed.

Nazis, the faceless bureaucratic elite, and all other would-be The battle, however, was not over. Thwarted in court, the masters of the American people. Each of these may vie with each California FDA began to contact Richardson's patients hoping to other for relative rank and power within the planned world find one or two who were not satisfied with their treatment. The government, but they close ranks against a

common enemy who plan was to convince them to instigate law suites against the has the audacity to advocate— and to work for—a reduction in the doctor—with the government covering all the legal costs.

size and power of government.

*Most doctors have dissatisfied patients who would be inter-
Consequently, Dr. Richardson was well informed about the
ested in this kind of an offer. Doctor Richardson, however, was
the nature of the forces arrayed against him. While others in
the not one of them. Every patient contacted told the
government agents to go fly a kite. Finally, the father of one
patient, Dorothy I. Letter from E.T. Krebs to J.A. Richardson,
M.D., dated March 9, 1971; Griffin, Soroka, was recruited for
this purpose. He had been telling his Private Papers, op. cit.
daughter all along that Laetrile was quackery. The law suit
was*

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*dropped, however, when Dorothy herself was
called to testify.*

*The federal noose was tightening, and for the first time I
began Not only did she staunchly defend her treat-
ment but, much to the to think that I had been beaten.
(1)*

*chagrin of the prosecutors, her health had c-
ontinued to improve.(1) It took several more years
for the story to play out but, in the The action a gain s-
t the Richardson Clinic up until that time end, Dr. Ri-
chardson's premonition was correct. In 1976, he
was had been carried out by the California FDA. After t-
hey had struck schedule to testify before the
California Legislative Health out for the third time,
it was time for the federal FDA to step in. Dr.*

*Committee on behalf of a bill to legalize Laetrile. As he R-
ichardson describes what happened next: app ro*

ached the hearing room, he was seized by plainclothes agents, handcuffed, and hauled off to jail. That was the beginning In February of 1975, United States marshals in Minnesota, Alabama, Washington, Wisconsin, and Oregon seized shipments of of a lengthy federal trial on charges of "conspiracy" to smuggle Laetrile to patients who had come to our clinic and who since had Laetrile. The doctor had never been involved with smuggling but returned to their homes to continue therapy on a maintenance level.

he had purchased Laetrile from suppliers who could not prove I knew then that the primary purpose of such seizures was to prove they had imported the substance legally. Since he didn't ask his that my shipments had crossed state lines which, theoretically, put suppliers to produce import papers, it was alleged that he must me into interstate commerce and, thus, under the regulatory author-have known the medication was smuggled. Therefore, when he ity of the federal government. I soon learned, however, that there purchased the Laetrile for his patients, he was said to have was another purpose behind this action as well. It was to mire me in

"conspired" with the smugglers. The government eventually a tar pit of legal requirements.

obtained a conviction on the basis of this astounding reasoning.

From each state where Laetrile had been seized, I received While this trial was being conducted, the FDA sent the subpoenas to appear in those states to defend myself against a following letter to the California Board of Medical Examiners: laundry list of charges for alleged crimes. It was required that I retain a separate attorney in each state, that I travel to each for trial, The FDA charges that Dr. Richardson has been and is engaged in and that I participate in endless hearings and interrogatories. It was conduct prohibited by law, unfounded in science, and without

a lawyer's paradise but, for me, a nightmare. I couldn't afford it medical justification. We submit that such conduct is unethical and either in money or time. I was, after all, only one man against the unprofessional, particularly so when it furthers the distribution of a forces of the federal government and the state governments remedy that has no established value, the promotion of which is combined. They literally have high-rise office buildings filled with fraud on the public. We call the Board's particular attention to the lawyers and agents living at taxpayers' expense. Money and time irresponsible and dangerous advice on the treatment of cancer in are no object to them.

which Dr. Richardson urges patients to delay surgery and to avoid radiation treatment in favor of treatment with Laetrile. This advice, At about this same time, the IRS moved into my office and if followed, has an obvious potential for disastrous consequences.

began pouring over my books, determined to find errors and discrepancies. We had paid heavily for our 1971-72 audit For these reasons, the Food and Drug Administration respect- previously. Now a completely arbitrary and unjust assessment of fully urges that this Board revoke Dr. Richardson's license to \$19,000 was made against me for 1973, without benefit of audit. I practice medicine.(2)

contested this and the IRS agreed before appropriate witnesses that I T h e h e a r i n g s before the Board of Medical E x a m i n e r s in San could place the questioned sum in escrow pending a tax-court Francisco w e r e s c h e d u l e d t o b e h e l d c o n c u r r e n t l y w i t h t h e t r i a l i n h e a r i n g . M y position was vindicated a year later when, after a San D i e g o for " c o n s p i r a c y " to s m u g g l e . Both actions w e r e orches-thorough review, I actually received a \$1,800 refund for overpayment t r a t e d by the FDA. Since Dr. R i c h a r d s o n w a s r e q u i r e d to be in of 1973 taxes. In the meantime, however, Dennis Connover from the court, it w a s i m p o s s i b l e for h i m to a t t e n d the h e a r i n g s to defend IRS Collection Division ignored our prior agreement and became

himself. It likely would have made little difference if he had . The determined to deliver the killing blow. I was threatened with a lien against my home and I had come to within just ten days of the date on which it was to be issued.

1. Richardson and Griffin, op. cit., pp. 85,86

2. Letter dated July 22, 1975, signed by Carl M. Leventhal, M.D., Deputy Director, for J. Richard Crompton, M.D., Director, Bureau of Drugs, FDA; Griffin, I. Richardson and Griffin, Laetrile Case Histories, op. cit, p. 81.

Private Papers, op. cit.

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hearings were like Stalin's show trials. The results had been The average person, secure in his home and livelihood, never decreed; only the process remained. On October 28, 1976, the having felt the crushing attack of literally hundreds of tax-Board issued its decision:

supported lawyers, unthreatened by a prison sentence for merely Respondent utilized Laetrile and Pangamic Acid [vitamin B

doing what he knows is right, such a person simply cannot 15]

as therapeutic agents in the treatment of cancer. Laetrile and understand the logic of a wounded bear....

Pangamic Acid are not recognized vitamins in human nutrition.

When Nazi war criminals were accused of genocide, they Laetrile has no known nutritional value and is unsafe for self-defended themselves on the basis that they were just following medication....

orders and obeying the laws of the Nazi state. The civilized world The management of cancer patients with Laetrile, Pangamic cried out: "Guilty!" Man is expected to respond to

a higher law than Acid, and vitamins, as prescribed by respondent, as the sole that of any state. When the laws of one's government require a man treatment of choice by the physician, to the exclusion of the to condemn innocent people to death, he must reject those laws and aforementioned conventional modalities is an extreme departure stand with his conscience. If he does not, then he is no different from from the standard practice of medicine....

the Nazis who were hanged for war crimes.

In the present battle, we do not even have the passion of war to Certificate number G-2848 of John A. Richardson, M.D., respon-justify our behavior. Yet, in the last few years more people have died dent above-named, is revoked.(1)

needlessly of cancer than all the casualties of all our wars put Dr. Richardson eventually closed his thriving practice in together.

Albany, California, and affiliated with a well-known clinic in How much suffering and death are the American people willing Tijuana, Mexico, where he was able to continue treating cancer to take before they stand up to the bureaucracy? How many patients—and saving lives. He passed away in December of 1988.

physicians must be put into prison before all physicians cry “enough!” to the increasing government control over their profes-There are many other courageous men who have walked the sion? How many Watergates do we need before we realize that highest wire. Dr. Ernst Krebs, the co-discoverer of Laetrile, was mortal men are corrupted by power, and that the solutions to one's sent to prison for providing Pangamic Acid (vitamin B15) as an problems lie not in increasing the power of government but in adjunctive therapy in the treatment of cancer. Dr. James Privitera, decreasing it?

M.D., from Covina, California, served time in prison for an The spirit of resistance is in the air. It is a refreshing breeze, and alleged “conspiracy to sell Laetrile.” Dr. Bruce Halstead,

M.D., it gives me great hope. I have resolved to stand alone if need be. But, from Loma Linda, California, another Laetrile advocate, lost his as I write these final words, I can't help but wonder, is there any one medical license for using the "unproven" herbal called ADS

else out there?(1)

(Aqua Del Sol) as an enhancement to the immune system. Dr.

Douglas Brodie from Reno, Nevada, another Laetrile specialist, served time in prison, allegedly for "income-tax evasion." And then there is Dr. Philip Binzel, M.D., from Washington Court House, Ohio, who was featured in a previous chapter. Although at the time of this writing he has not lost his license or served time in prison, he has spent a major portion of the last decade of his life in court fighting the cancer industry. The battle never ends.

The details of this sordid record of injustice have been included in the previous passages in the hope that they will allow the reader to experience some of the frustration and rage that these doctors have felt. Dr. Richardson summed it up this way: 1. "Decision in the matter of the accusation against John A. Richardson, M.D., before the Board of Medical Quality Assurance, Division of Medical Quality for the State of California," Oct. 28, 1976, pp. 4, 5, 11.

1. Richardson and Griffin, op. cit., pp. 114, 115.

Chapter Twenty-Five

A QUESTION OF

MOTIVES

What has motivated the opposition to Laetrile therapy; the "limited" vs. "total" conspiracy theories; and the grass-roots backlash as a force for change.

"Who are they John? Why would anyone want to hold back a cure for cancer?"

It was that question addressed to Dr. John Richardson in 1971

that led this author into what turned out to be a two-and-a-half year research and writing project. This lengthy tome is the result of that effort, and over half of its pages have been devoted to an attempt to answer that question of motives. It is time, now, to draw this information together and come to specific conclusions.

As emphasized many times during the course of this study, the majority of those in the medical, pharmaceutical, research, and fund-raising industries are conscientious individuals who are dedicated to their work. It is their conviction that what they are doing, as channeled within the confines of “the system,” is in the best interest of mankind. This is particularly true of the typical physician who has received little training in nutrition, has never heard of the trophoblast thesis of cancer, never has had a chance to use Laetrile, never has read a favorable review of vitamin therapy in accepted medical journals, and never has had any reason to question the reliability of the “experts” who claim to have done the research. The very worst that can be said about these men and women is that they are biased against vitamin therapy.

But bias is is not unique to this group. It probably is true that there never has been a truly unbiased man. We all are biased in favor of those things we believe to be true. It is a myth that, somehow, scientists are less biased than artists, businessmen, or

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politicians. They may be expert at pretending objectivity, for that is the careerist leisurely dreams up endless schemes for raising the expected image of their profession, but they are just as funds. Sailors line up on the deck of an aircraft carrier to be closed-minded on just as many topics as the rest of us—no more, photographed from the air as they spell out “Fight Cancer.”

no less. Their bias against vitamin therapy is understandable. It Public buildings everywhere display posters bearing the

slogan may be deplorable, but it is not sinister.

“Fight Cancer With a Check-up and a Check.” Housewives are Moving down the list of motives, we come next to what might recruited to hold rummage sales and to go from door to door be called “careerism.” The careerist is not a bad guy either, but he raising funds. Athletes are urged to participate in special sporting does suffer from a strong vested interest which often gets in the events. Employees are pressured to authorize donations through way of objectivity. It was described aptly by columnist Charles payroll deductions. Service clubs are persuaded to sponsor McCabe:

information booths, carnivals, and movie-mobiles. And relatives You might be wondering if the personnel of the American of deceased cancer victims are encouraged to have obituaries Cancer Society, of cancer research foundations, and other sainted state “the family prefers contributions to the American Cancer organizations, are truly interested in a cure for cancer. Or whether Society.”

they would like the problem which supports them to continue to In this way, the careerist is able to enlist the services of over exist. You might even grow so base as to believe that there is a certain personality type which is deeply attracted to exploitable two-million volunteers each year who, in turn, collect about one-causes. They might be called the true blue careerists. I recently had hundred-million dollars. Of this amount, only about one-fourth this type defined for me with admirable succinctness: goes into research. None of it goes into the investigation of

“The crucial concept is that of a careerist, an individual who possible nutritional factors, because once that door is opened, the converts a public problem into a personal career and rescues himself final solution to the cancer problem would walk right into those from obscurity, penury, or desperation. These men work with a plush offices, stand on the deep-pile carpet, and announce that dedication that may appear to be selfless so long as the problem is the American Cancer Society, and those who work for it, are no insoluble.

longer needed. And, thus, would be fulfilled the promise

“Should proposals for change in public policy or the normal evolution of our culture threaten resolution of the mess, it becomes contained in this official ACS statement:

apparent that they have a vested interest in maintaining the The American Cancer Society is an emergency organization, a magnitude and emotional load of the problem....”

temporary organization, seeking in its independent Crusade to This strange and dangerous kind of reformer has always been obtain enough dollars to wage an unrelenting fight against cancer.(1) with us. The type has gained a truly formidable acceptance in our time. These are the guys who know the answers for problems which Perhaps that was a Freudian slip, but notice that it did not say do not, at the moment, have any convenient answers. They resist that the objective was to defeat cancer, but merely to fight cancer.

like hell the approach of any real answer which might threaten their Unless cancer is defeated, the fight could go on forever. The holy selflessness.(1)

American Cancer Society has been an “emergency organization, a It is natural for the careerist to gravitate into such apparently temporary organization” since 1913!

humanitarian organizations as the American Cancer Society. Not The foot prints of the careerist are evident everywhere.

only does this provide him with the aura of status among his Careerism has been an important factor in the opposition to approving friends, but it also provides some pretty nice employ-vitamin therapy—not just in the field of cancer, but in multiple ment in a low-pressure field devoid of competition or of the sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and other non-infectious diseases economic necessity to show either a profit or even tangible as well. It is equally certain, however, that this opposition has not results. In fact, it is the very lack of results that adds stature to his been the result of conscious, premeditated malice. Rather, it has position and importance to

his work. In this cushy atmosphere, been the product of the subconscious need which characterizes I. "The Fearless Spectator," San Francisco Chronicle, Sept. 27, 1971, p. 35.

1. "American Cancer Society, Inc." ACS booklet, n.d., p. 17.

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the careerist personality. We are still dealing with men and Gaylord Nelson, Chairman of the Senate Small Business Subcom-women w h o basically are innocent of evil intent.

mittee on Monopoly:

As we move down the list of motives into the next category, Yes, many American drug companies sell drugs to domestic however, the shading clearly begins to take on the hue of grey.

wholesalers at different prices, depending on where the drug is to be The category is profit.

used. If the domestic wholesaler states that the drug will be shipped overseas, his price may well be fifty percent lower. It would be hard Profit, per se, is neither good nor bad. It depends on the to find a more glaring case of price discrimination against the circumstances under which it is earned. Profit is merely another American consumer than this one.(1)

word for "pay." It is the compensation received by an individual Artificially inflated prices are not the only byproduct of cartel in return for risking his savings or investing his time in a business agreements. Scarcity of product selection, or no product at all, can venture. Profits, therefore, like other forms of pay, are good if they be even worse. We are not speaking of merely limiting the are earned in such a way that no one is coerced or cheated. So number of manufacturers for a given product within a particular long as there is complete freedom-of-choice to buy or not to buy, territory—although that is bad enough—but of holding a new or to buy from another source, and so long as all voluntary product off the market completely so as to exploit an existing

agreements between buyer and seller, lender and borrower, are product that is more profitable. This appears to have been the fulfilled honestly, then the profits that result are fair— regardless rationale behind the Standard Oil-Shell decision to de-emphasize of their size. But if any party to the transaction is coerced into its hydrogenation process by which it can make high-grade terms or prices he would not otherwise accept, or if his options to gasoline from low-grade coal.

take his business elsewhere have been limited by conspiracy or In the field of medicine, it was this same manipulation of any other forces outside of free-market competition, then the markets that led to the unconscionable delay in the use of sulfa.

profits that result, no matter how small, are unfair because they Richard Sasuly comments:

have been garnered by force or deceit. It makes little difference if these acts are imposed by government, trade associations, labor I.G. Farben sometimes held back new products or methods. The sulfa drugs are a case in point There were American cartel unions, cartels, or organized crime syndicates.

partners of the I.G. who were willing to rest on what looked like Obtaining money through coercion or deception is the essence assured markets and therefore held back new developments....

of theft. And it is this kind of profit that is next on our list.

I.G. had been holding back from the public of the whole world a It is the policy of multi-national companies to operate in such great life-saver because it wanted a product which it could patent a way as to reduce competition between themselves for the and hold exclusively... It is difficult and painful to try to estimate the number of lives which might have been saved if sulfanilamide purpose of limiting consumer options, pushing prices above the had not been buried in the laboratories of a vast monopoly which natural level dictated by supply and demand, and, thus, realizing had been trying to

pick its own most profitable time for granting an artificially high level of profits. Such arrangements between new medicines to the public.(2)

companies are called restraint-of-trade agreements. The chemical The super-profits of the drug and research industries are and pharmaceutical industries are well-known to have been the greatly enhanced by the rising toll of cancer. A substantial portion pioneers of and leading participants in restraint-of-trade. Much of of the income for these industries now is channeled through the the opposition to non-drug therapy in cancer can be understood federal government and winds up in the pockets of politically only in light of this reality.

avored individuals and institutions. With the federal cancer Price-fixing in the field of drugs shows itself in many ways.

budget running over one-and-a-half billion dollars a year, the One of them is that some drugs manufactured in the United potential for corruption is enormous.

States are sold cheaper in other countries. To lower the prices in America, even though the drugs are produced here, would 1. "Ask Them Yourself," Family Weekly, News Chronicle, Oct. 7,1973, p. 1

violate price-support agreements. As pointed out by Senator 2. Sasuly, I.G. Farben, op. cit., p p . 134,135, 32.

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"Who needs the primitive old-fashioned form of graft in sickness division in particular, was a natural, ready-made network government," asks Dr. Krebs, "when a division of HEW can for the spread of Nazi influence and control.(1)

aseptically award Hoffman-LaRoche with a \$1,250,000 contract Socialized medicine's value to the success of Nazism also was for 5-FU 'clinical investigation' of this drug when, without patent recognized by the Canadian parliament's committee on health protection, the same amount of the

chemical could be produced insurance. In a special report issued in March of that year, the for about \$17,000?”(1)

committee stated bluntly:

We now have arrived at a fourth and still lower stratum of motives, a stratum that must not be overlooked if we are to understand those forces acting against freedom-of-choice in medical programme was looked upon by many observers as one of cancer therapy. There are those with political ambitions who will the greatest props of the totalitarian state.(2)

seize upon any excuse for the expansion of their influence and Following in the footsteps of Bismarck and Hitler, American power over others. The cancer crisis is tailor-made for their leaders from both major political parties have been competing agenda. While they may have had no part in creating that crisis, with each other for leadership in the expansion of Medicare.

nevertheless, their professed interest in solving it is largely a Thus, every four years, we move closer and closer to a system of sham and a ploy to win approval of the voters and to further medicine advocated and practiced by all totalitarian regimes.

secure themselves in the structure of governmental power.

The American people have been slow to embrace government As government becomes more onerous and oppressive, it medicine, especially since they have been able to see the disas-needs public-relations tidbits to mollify its restless citizens. If a trous consequences of similar programs in other countries. But despised dictatorship could hold off public knowledge of vitamin their resistance has been weakened by the rising costs of medical B17 until after it had funded billions for research in a much care, most of which can be attributed directly to the fantastic costs of ballyhooed “war on cancer,” and if the final solution to the cancer orthodox cancer therapy. In other words, if an inexpensive control problem could be sold to the people as a “victory” in that war, for cancer were to be made available today, the nation’s medical then the masses would be

further conditioned to accept govern-bill would be so drastically reduced that tomorrow there would ment as the logical agent in the field of medicine and even might be little steam left in the boiler for government intervention in be persuaded to view their dictatorship with gratitude. “Big this vital field. The politician and the bureaucrat may speak with brother may be harsh,” they will say, “but he is good!”

concern over the rising costs of medical care, but secretly they are There is much to be learned in this regard by observing the delighted, because this provides them with a cause celebre, a pattern of Hitler’s rise to power. Encouraged by the cartels in the justification for their expansionist proposals.

background, the German parliament had expanded Bismarck’s The Honorable John G. Schmitz, former Congressman from plan of government medical care until it became an important part of life in pre-Nazi Germany. Matthew Lynch and Stanley California, in a special report to his constituents dated October 27, Raphael, in their scholarly study, Medicine and the State, tell us: 1971, offered this analysis:

Although it is difficult to estimate with any precision how great Very early in this year’s Congressional session, Senator Edward a role this [socialist] network played in assisting the Nazi rise to Kennedy introduced with enormous fanfare a bill (S.34) grandilo-power, there can be little doubt that it was a considerable one. The quently entitled “The Conquest of Cancer Act. ” Its formula for administration of social insurance reached into every corner of the conquering cancer was very simple, if a bit shopworn: set up a new country, and at least 70 per cent of its personnel belonged to the Federal bureau with lots of money.

ADGB [German General Trade Union Congress] which was taken over by the Nazis. The whole social insurance structure, and its 1. Lynch and Raphael, Medicine and the State, (originally published 1963 by Charles C. Thomas. Reprinted by Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, Oak Brook, 111., 1973), p. 34.

1. Letter from E.T. Krebs to G. Edward Griffin dated Dec. 26, 1972; Griffin, 2. Report of the Advisory Committee on Health Insurance, March 16, 1943, *Private Papers*, op. cit.

(King's Printer, Ottawa), p. 108.

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Assuming—quite correctly, as it turned out—that opposition to view even their own citizens as “the enemy.” Which is the reason the “Conquest of Cancer Act” would promptly be labelled as governments withhold so much information from the public, even tantamount to being in favor of cancer, President Nixon got in line in peacetime, supposedly for reasons of “national security.”

with his own “Conquest of Cancer Act,” differing in no essential National security implies the presence of an enemy. The ruling respect from Senator Kennedy's bill but carrying a different number elite know that, if the voters had access to classified information, (S. 1828). This bill passed the Senate by the lopsided vote of 70 to 1.

The “railroad” was on, and the American Cancer Society, in there likely would be a revolution—or at least a change of full-page advertisements in the New York Times and the two major leadership. To them, the enemy is us.

Washington papers, had the unmitigated gall to state that “objec-Those who feel that government should direct non-military tions to the bill have come mainly from people who do not have scientific projects, such as the quest for cancer control, should expert cancer knowledge.” My files bulge with statements from ponder the significance of a report in the Los Angeles Times of some of the outstanding scientists, physicians, and cancer December 6, 1972. After describing the massive undertaking of an researchers in the United States opposing the Kennedy-Nixon international cancer-research

program (the IARC)—a joint grandstand play, including one signed by no less than four Nobel prize winners in medicine....

venture of the governments of the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, or cure any faster. More likely, it will actually hamper the search for Belgium, Australia, and Japan—the article stated that the agency them by “locking in” the present preconceptions and biases of had acquired a new six-million-dollar headquarters building in researchers specializing strictly in this field.

Lyon, France. Then it explained:

The quantity of tax dollars squandered on blind-alley cancer-research projects is staggering. Americans will tolerate any moving into a new fourteen story headquarters building in Lyon, absurdity, it seems, so long as it is promoted as an attempt to the agency feels it has come to terms with its own personality(1) resolve some “crisis.” The “crisis” in Vietnam, the “crisis” in the Middle-East, the ecology “crisis,” the energy “crisis,”—the list is millions of tax dollars from eleven countries, and after taking limited only by the imagination of the manipulators and the occupancy of a six-million-dollar, fourteen-story building, all that gullibility of the manipulated. Each crisis is built up in the public this government project can show for results is the exciting mind as a prelude to our willing acceptance of still further discovery that “it has come to terms with its own personality.”

encroachment upon our pocketbooks and our liberties.

*Such are the fruits of government trees in the orchard of non-
In August of 1973, President Nixon announced a five-year plan military science.*

in the battle against cancer. Reminiscent of the classical Soviet Daily, the collar of government control tightens around our approach to such problems, this really was an announcement

that necks. We are told what foods we may or may not eat, what the "crisis" had become institutionalized. It was a guarantee that vitamins we may purchase and in what potency or combinations, the goals would not be achieved. Since then, each failure has what medical treatments we may seek, whom we may hire, what resulted in revised goals, a greatly expanded bureaucracy, and we must pay, what prices we may charge, to whom we must sell, another five-year plan. As Congressman Schmitz observed, "The where our children must go to school, what they must learn, and railroad is on," and it is a gravy train in the grand political soon we are to be told what physician to see and what drugs to tradition.

take. Each of these insults to our individuality has been inspired Government control over scientific research almost never by a series of national or international "crises." The end result is produces usable results, except in the field of military weapons that there now is a crisis more serious than all the others put and related hardware such as rockets. The reason is that this is the together. It is a crisis of personal freedom.

only field in which government has a primary interest. It is a question of an instinct for self-survival. Governments, like living I. "Cancer Control Inquiry Reaches Around World," L.A. Times, Dec. 6, 1972, creatures, have this instinct and, sometimes, that causes them to p. A-2.

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The people of the United States, as well as those in every other The subject of foreign policy is relevant to the politics of country in the world, are traveling the road to bondage. They are cancer. Just as it was learned years after the fact that the American following the pied piper of big government playing the beguiling space program was deliberately held back at the highest levels in tunes of security, brotherhood, and equality. At the end of that Washington to give the Soviets the prestige

of putting up the first road lies the cage of a world totalitarian regime deceptively artificial satellite (which brought their scientific and military decorated for now as an international democratic forum where credibility up in the eyes of the world and provided justification men of good will can come together in the cause of peace.

for American disarmament concessions), it also is possible that The UN is the special creation of the same international the same motivation is partially responsible for holding back a groupings that comprise the world's hidden cartel structure. The control for cancer. American political leaders are anxious to have role played in the United States by the Rockefeller group and the the cure for cancer come either from another country or as a result Council on Foreign Relations has been chronicled in a previous of international effort. Their desire is that the ultimate victory will chapter. However, it should be realized that, for over five be achieved in such a way as, not to enhance the prestige of the decades, the only consistent and firmly pursued foreign policy United States, but to further the concept of internationalism and objective of the State Department (staffed almost exclusively by global government. members of the CFR) has been to hasten the evolution of the UN

In January, 1972, CFR member and former candidate for into a true world government and to bring about the subordina-president, Hubert Humphrey, put it this way:

tion to it of all nations—including the United States. On the There is rich precedent for making the U.N. our forum. We used assertion that national sovereignty is the cause of war, the Grand it to get the treaty that prohibits putting weapons in outer space.

Design of US foreign policy has been to eliminate all such And the one that does the same for the seabed. Now we hope to get sovereignty by transferring control of the world's military an international agreement on the environment there. Why not also might—including nuclear weapons—into the hands of UN

for the global war on cancer? Should diplomats be the only ones to politicians. Under the slogan of disarmament for peace, the wheels talk in the U.N. about war, arms control, and peace treaties? Why can't doctors talk there, too, about ways of enlisting all mankind in now are in motion to create a world political entity controlled by advancing scientific medicine?(1)

the international finpols who created it. With possession of all nuclear weapons, that super-state would be so powerful that no An article from UPI dated February 1, 1972, reported that man and no disarmed nation-state could resist its edicts.(1) President Nixon (CFR member) had ordered his top cancer officials to work closely with other nations, particularly the Soviet It is impossible to understand US foreign policy without this Union and the Peoples Republic of China. The article stated: knowledge. Everything done by present leaders of the United

“Nixon stressed that he wanted the anti-cancer campaign to be an States since World War II conforms to this goal. Everything!

international effort.”(2)

However, before it would be possible to merge the United States In September of that same year, President Nixon addressed with the rest of world, it would be necessary to bring their the National Cancer Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Los economies and standards of living into line. That means massive Angeles. During his speech, he stressed that cancer research was foreign aid to the less developed nations to bring them up, and all one of the main forces through which peoples of the world can kinds of wasteful spending, exhausting wars, and productivity-

“work for peace.” To the globalists in the CFR, the concept of crippling restrictions to bring the United States down.

“peace” is a synonym for international alliance and global government. Nixon explained:

1. For a more detailed analysis of this question, the reader is referred to three previous works by the author: *The Fearful Master; A Second Look at the United Nations* (Appleton, WI: Western Islands, 1964), *The Grand Design; An Overview of 1. "We Must Pool the World's Anti-Cancer Resources,"* Hubert H. Humphrey, *U.S. Foreign Policy* (Westlake Village, CA: American Media, 1968), and *The Family Weekly*, Jan. 23, 1972, p. 14.

Capitalist Conspiracy; An Inside View of International Banking (Westlake Village, 2. "World Cancer Battle Waged," UPI, *The Daily Review*, Hayward, Calif., Feb. 1, CA: American Media, 1971). The last two items are also available as videos.

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Perhaps the fight against cancer can help to teach the world that, at home in the spotlight. Besides, he lives just up the hill from the Palais des Nations hearing room.

despite immense differences between cultures and values and But Mr. Levinson declined the invitation to testify—for reasons political systems, nations must work together to meet their common that went something like this: "One, I'm not a clown. Two, I'm not a needs. Like drug abuse, like hijacking, like terrorism, cancer is an member of the Atlantic Council. Three, I don't fornicate with the international menace. We must confront it with an international foundations."

alliance.(1)

Instead of seeking truth, Mr. Levinson says, the UN officials At the risk of becoming redundant, it should be stated once wanted "clowns" to perform in a forum carefully contrived to make a gain that big government is the necessary ally of monopoly, and the UN look alive while giving the multinationals a protective coat world government is the goal of the cartelists and finpols who are of

whitewash. In Mr. Levinson's view, the UN and such prestigious the quiet, seemingly philanthropic sponsors of the U. N. The fact private groups as the Washington-based Atlantic Council and the Rockefeller Foundation are all parts of an international elite that that most Americans are unaware of this fact or that they are manages much of the world's business, finance, politics, and even sincere in their hopes for international peace and brotherhood wars, to its own advantage....

does not alter that reality. Everything the cartels and multi-

Does that mean Mr. Levinson is out to destroy the multinational national companies do is in furtherance of one or both of their als? "No, no, no, absolutely not," he says. "You cannot be against two objectives: the creation of greater wealth for those who multinationals as such. It isn't possible." There is "no possibility of a control them; and the coalescing of political power into a true modern enterprise functioning in today's world" unless it attains a world government — with themselves in control from behind the global scale, he says.

scenes.

*Nor does his avowed socialism mean he would like to see all the Anthony Sampson in his book *The Sovereign State of ITT*, giants nationalized someday. "I am no longer in support of the collectivization of the means of production according to classical touch upon this phenomenon when he wrote: Marxist concept," he states. In fact, he adds, "I am afraid of That multinational companies need a more effective control is extensive nationalization. "It would only concentrate more power in accepted by many of their own employees. But who can control the hands of authoritarian right-wing regimes ... while in eastern them? The conventional remedy is for the nations to organize Europe state ownership has meant "merely replacing one group of themselves into greater units, and eventually into some kind of elitists with another."*

world government, in order to limit the abuses; the multinational What Mr. Levinson does want goes beyond ordinary bread-and-enterprises would thus stimulate world society through a contained butter unionism to what he depicts as a last chance to preserve a process of conflict.(2)

measure of human freedom against a capitalist-Communist conspir-C h a r l e s L e v i n s o n , s e c r e t a r y - g e n e r a l o f t h e I n t e r n a t i o n a l a c y

F e d e r a t i o n o f C h e m i c a l a n d G e n e r a l W o r k e r s ' U n i o n i n G e n e v a , A s t h i n g s l o o k f r o m h i s a u s t e r e o f f i c e i n a l u x u r y b u i l d i n g , c o m p a n i e s a r e " a u t h o r i t a r i a n " a n d i n c r e a s i n g l y i n t e r l o c k e d . " L o o k l e a r n e d a b o u t t h e c a r t e l f r o m y e a r s o f f i r s t - h a n d k n o w l e d g e a n d a t t h a t c h a r t o n t h e w a l l , " M r . L e v i n s o n s a y s w i t h a g e s t u r e . T h e c o n f r o n t a t i o n , a n d h e t e l l s i t l i k e i t i s . T h i s i s h o w h e t o l d i t t o t h e p a l e - b l u e p a p e r b e a r s t h e n a m e s o f t h e w o r l d ' s 5 0 l a r g e s t c h e m i c a l W a l l S t r e e t J o u r n a l a s p u b l i s h e d o n J u n e 1 7 , 1 9 7 4 : c o m p a n i e s , l i s t e d b o t h h o r i z o n t a l l y a n d v e r t i c a l l y w i t h b l a c k d o t s t o G e n e v a — W h e n t h e U n i t e d N a t i o n s h e l d h e a r i n g s h e r e l a t e l a s t s h o w t h e j o i n t v e n t u r e s t h e y h a v e w i t h o n e a n o t h e r . " I s t o p p e d y e a r o n t h e p r o b l e m s p o s e d b y m u l t i n a t i o n a l c o m p a n i e s , o f f i c i a l s d o i n g t h e m , " h e s a y s . " T h a t t h i n g w o u l d h a v e b e c o m e b l a c k . "

assumed that one of the star witnesses would be trade unionist Among the major petroleum companies, "I counted 2,000 joint ventures" before stopping, he says, and he estimates that they Charles Levinson.

probably have 10,000. Before long, he predicts, all modern industries After all, they reasoned, he is a prolific author on the topic, passionately eager to challenge the multinationals and articulately will be "completely controlled and dominated by a handful of multinational companies, all interlinked, all joint-ventured, all 1. "Cancer War A Force for Peace—Nixon," LA. Herald Examiner, Sept. 28, 1972, financially integrated in the same banking consortia." ...

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To a large extent, he says, the power is “centered within David.

2. Sampson, The Sovereign State of ITT, op. cit., pp. 304, 305.

Rockefeller’s operation.” This sphere encompasses, he charges, not

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only the Chase Manhattan Bank, which Mr. Rockefeller chairs, but design but merely a lack of clear foreign policy objectives and also the big oil companies, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and bureaucratic bungling. The ever-increasing rules, regulations many corporations that Mr. Levinson sees as linked through subsidies, and restraints connected with every phase of our foundations in two ways: The corporations’ executives run the lives—none of this is planned, you understand; it is just the foundations, and the foundations own shares of the corporations. (1) accidental outcome of ignorance at all levels of society and, of Many people have been so sheltered from the hard economic course, bureaucratic bungling.

and political realities of the world that they find it almost It might be possible to accept that any one, or two, or even a impossible to believe that such worthy endeavors as world peace dozen of these tragedies are not planned, but when all the pieces or cancer research have been twisted to serve the private agenda are fitted together like a giant jig-saw puzzle, a pattern emerges of a few. The thought of conspiracy hiding behind the mask of that is obscured when only one or two pieces are seen at a time.

humanitarianism is repugnant to their minds and alien to their The design is so clear, so uniform, and so universal that it defies experience. Europeans tend to be more alert to this possibility, for all rationality to think that its existence is mere coincidence. The their political history is so filled with conspiracies that they look pattern, simply stated, is this: In every one of these problem areas, upon them more as the rule

than as the exception. Americans, the only tangible and consistent product of all the effort and however, have not had this historical experience, and the average expenditure is the growth of government. Furthermore, the very citizen is vulnerable because of it. Judging only by his own people who stand to benefit most from this trend, either financially or politically, always are in the forefront of the effort to sacrifice the lives of others for the advancement of their own convince others that such growth of government is necessary.

positions. Perhaps in other countries, yes, but not in America. It is And thirdly, these recipients of power are not ignorant, either of as though the casting of his personal ballot somehow has historical perspective or of current realities. From their point of sanctified his candidates and made them incapable of selfish view, they are not bungling the job.

motives or foul deeds. Consequently, many people instinctively Let us acknowledge that it is not necessary for political and back away from any thought of there being a conscious direction industrial leaders to consciously seek the suffering of millions in behind the opposition to Laetrile and prefer to believe that all is order for that to be the result of their schemes. A man may pursue ignorance and bureaucratic bungling.

his business with such intensity and single mindedness that both It is possible to view the long history of harassment as just his family and health suffer greatly. In the end, he may lose his that. But that same argument is also offered as an excuse in all the wife and even his life, but that was not his goal.

other problem areas of society. We are told that inflation is not Likewise, men of finance and politics do not have to be planned; it just happens because of ignorance and bureaucratic members of a global cabal to decide to oppose Laetrile or vitamin bungling. Price controls and rationing are not planned either; therapy; and it is certain that they do not consciously seek to they are merely the unfortunate

consequences of ignorance and commit genocide by thwarting a line of research that they know bureaucratic bungling. The growing rolls of welfare recipients are will lead to life-saving discoveries. What has happened in this not planned; they merely are the result of fallacious idealism and field is the result of forces and policies previously set in motion in bureaucratic bungling. Rising crime is not planned but is just the the quest of economic and political goals. Their organizations and result of short-sighted judicial philosophy and bureaucratic institutions react reflexively against any obstacle to profits. The bungling. The energy crisis is not the result of conspiracy but of result is a scientific quagmire which now is claiming millions Of conflicts in the Middle-East and bureaucratic bungling.

lives each year. The fact that, occasionally, one of them at the top The exhaustion of the nation's resources in no-win wars and also is drawn into that quagmire—as for instance when Winthrop so-called international peace-keeping actions is not the result of Rockefeller died of cancer in 1973—is small consolation indeed.

1. "How One Man Helps Unions Match Wits With Multinationals," by Richard The fact that some of the top financial and political leaders o f R Janssen, Wall Street Journal, June 17,1974.

the world have died of cancer is strong evidence to support the

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conclusion that much of the opposition to Laetrile in the past has The view of the "limited conspiracy" is something with which been more a result of general rather than specific conflicts of we all can live. This holds that government has unwittingly been interest. It is important to understand, therefore, that many of used as a tool in behalf of powerful special interests. Those of us those who, for financial or political reasons, have opposed the who live with the view of

the “limited conspiracy” treat it as something as real as the air we breathe....

*development of Laetrile have not done so with any desire to
When you witness our so-called leaders in Washington no
cause suffering and death. Their single, all-consuming drive
has longer even making a pretense at moral behavior but
accepting the been to expand their financial and political
power. And anything insults of truth with indifference, one
finds the conspiratorial theory that gets in the way must be
destroyed.*

*quite plausible. It would seem that only men who are acting on
Laetrile got in the way. First, the nutritional concept upon
orders under a plan would continue to flaunt their corrupt
practices which it rests is anathema to the drug industry.
Second, the fact before the world. Such men can have no real
concern or interest in that it is a product of free-enterprise was
an affront to the the welfare of their country, which they
openly degrade.... (1) bureaucracy of big government. Third,
the final solution to the To better understand the limited or
specific conspiracy in the cancer problem surely will terminate
the gigantic cancer-research field of cancer, let us imagine a
tall cylinder. The cylinder industry, most of the radio-therapy
industry, and much of the represents a conglomerate of
interests, some competing, some surgery now being performed.
Loss of revenue in these fields overlapping, some in a state of
change. All of them, however, are would be catastrophic to
thousands of professional fund-raisers, bound together by the
mutual desire to enhance personal wealth researchers, and
technicians. And fourth, the elimination of and power by using
the force of government to eliminate cancer from the national
medical bill would reduce the cost of competition. There are
many strata within that cylinder. In fact, medical care each
year so drastically that much of the current almost every level
of human activity is represented: banking, political pressure
for socialized medicine would evaporate. Yes, commerce,
industry, medicine, education, law, politics, to name Laetrile
definitely got in the way.*

just a few. What we have done in this study is merely to examine These reflections lead inexorably to the conclusion that, while one slice out of that cylinder. We have reached into the broad stratum of medicine and removed only one thin cross-section there may not be a specific conspiracy to hold back a control for marked cancer. Unfortunately, what we have exposed there can be cancer, there definitely is a general conspiracy which produces duplicated at any level if only we could spare the time to look.

those results just the same. Ferdinand Lundberg, in his The Rich and the Super-Rich, approached the subject this way: The reality, therefore, is that there is both a specific or limited conspiracy and a general or all-encompassing one. In the field of Actually, the results at both the top and the bottom are cancer, as in all other fields, the primary, conscious motives of trived. They are the outcome of pertinacious planning.... In any those who conspire are not to create suffering, servitude, or event, overeager members of the financial elite have been caught and convicted in American courts of many literal sub-conspiracies, death, but to further their own wealth and power. None but a few so that even in the narrow juristic sense many of them stand forth of the most ruthless at the top ever stop to consider the conse-individually as certified simon-pure conspirators. Consequently, quences of their acts. Most are swept along by the momentum of even if there is not a single all-embracing conspiracy in juristic their own institutions. They either go along and are rewarded or terms, it is a fact that there are and have been hundreds of they drop away and are crushed.

adjudicated single conspiracies. The conspiracy theory, then, has a Thus, the conspiracy becomes as a living, self-propagating little more to it than honors-bound academics concede.(1) organism. Parasitically, it grows and feeds upon those w h o are Dr. Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., writing to Dr. John Richardson in 1971, not part of it. It saps our freedoms and the fruits of our labor stated:

1. Letters from E.T. Krebs, Jr., to J.A. Richardson, dated March 9 and August 3, 1. Lundberg, *The Rich and the Super Rich*, op. cit., pp. 21, 327.

1971; Griffin, *Private Papers*, op. cit.

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through the sucking tentacles of government. It must be stopped cases they must even choose between the law or life itself. Many before it destroys its host.

are coming to realize that the system which commanded their What force could be strong enough to break the fatal grip? Is loyalty in the past is no longer a reality. It is a hollow shell, a there anything that can rip away this parasite before it is too late?

democratic facade thinly veiling the reality of dictatorship. When There is. It is the force of public opinion. Even dictatorships they pledge allegiance to the United States of America and to the tremble at its spectre for, once aroused and rallied behind valiant Republic for which it stood, they do so in sadness as one bids a last leadership, there is no political or military power on earth that requiem farewell at the funeral of a departed loved one.

can match it.

This is the mood and character of that grass-roots movement Already there is a growing backlash at the grass-roots level.

that can and will break the grip of the conspiracy. It already is too With thousands of cancer victims providing living testimony to late to be otherwise. We have come to the last depot stop where the effectiveness of vitamin B17, with hundreds of thousands men who value their scientific credentials or their personal honor discovering the value of nutrition, in spite of FDA-AMA must either get on board or miss the train altogether, because that pronouncements to the contrary, with Watergate and Whitewater train is going to

keep its schedule with history—with them or scandals leading millions to realize that they neither can believe without them.

nor trust their political leaders, we are coming to a point of open resistance to government which could make the Boston Tea Party look like child's play.

There are still a few who, in spite of everything, continue to reassure themselves that totalitarian government could never be imposed on the American people. With each new edict and each new loss of personal liberty, they respond cheerfully.

“Don't worry. It can't happen here.”

To which Dr. Krebs replies:

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE. In the U.S.S.R. people are prevented from fleeing the country because their masters tell them they are not fit to choose the political system under which they are to live. The choice must be made for them.... In the U.S.A. cancer victims are prevented from fleeing for their lives for Laetrile in foreign countries because their government tells these people they are not fit to decide such matters for themselves....

IT IS HAPPENING HERE. Tyranny knows no boundaries.

Unopposed, it flourishes malignantly. How great it would be if even a very small society of patriotic American physicians, banding together, could invoke the Nuremberg principles of defying government in its evil or murderous ends and defiantly use Laetrile.(1) The mood of rebellion is in the air.

Increasingly, men and women who never dreamed of breaking the law are responding to the principles of Nuremberg. They are being driven to choose between loyalty to the system or loyalty to conscience. In some 1. Open Letter on occasion of arrest of Mrs. Mary C. Whelchel, Feb. 28, 1971; Griffin, Private Papers, op. cit.

Chapter Twenty-Six

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Areas of need for further research with vitamin B17; how the Laetrile controversy differs from

medical controversies of the past; an analogy of biological and political cancer; and a scenario in which both will be conquered together.

Considering the lack of beneficial results obtained by orthodox medicine, it has been said that voodoo witchcraft would be just as effective—and perhaps even more so—for at least then the patient would be spared the deadly side effects of radiation and chemical poisoning. Just as we are amused today at the primitive medical practices of history, future generations surely will look back at our own era and cringe at the senseless cutting, burning, and poisoning that now passes for medical science.

The advocates of vitamin B17 are the first to admit that there is yet much to learn about the natural mechanisms involved in the cause and control of cancer and that there is need for continued caution and understatement. For one thing, there is a growing suspicion among experienced clinicians that B17 in foods is more effective than in the currently processed and concentrated forms.

They would prefer their patients to obtain it in this natural state, except for the fact that it is next to impossible to ingest sufficient quantities that way to be therapeutically effective in the treatment of advanced cancer. When the patient needs massive doses quickly, the physician has only one recourse, and that is to administer B17 in the highly concentrated, purified, and injectable form. But in that form it is possible that other trace substances associated with B17 as it occurs in the natural state may have been eliminated—substances which either act directly against cancer themselves, or which may serve as catalysts causing either the B17

to function more efficiently or stimulating still other mechanisms

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of the body into action. Many nutritionists believe that organic of low dosage tablets for routine, daily use probably will drop to vitamins obtained from real foods are superior to man-made or about the same as that of any other vitamin.

synthetic vitamins because of the trace substances found in one The most encouraging part of all, however, is that, even if but not in the other. So, too, there is a growing respect for B17 in government were to succeed in totally stopping the supply of the natural state.:(1) At any rate, even though the basic truths have Laetrile, we still could obtain all the vitamin B17 we need to been unlocked, there is still much to learn, and Laetrile advocates maintain normal health, and we could do so quite legally by humbly admit the need for additional research.

selecting the appropriate food. It is abundant in the seeds of There have been many other medical controversies centered apricots, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries, berries, and apples.

around cancer therapy. Perhaps the best publicized of these was It is found in lima beans, bean sprouts, millet, and many other Dr. Andrew Ivy's chemical formula known as Krebiozen and the foods. It may take a little effort to obtain it, but no government Hoxsey Treatment developed in the 1920s by Harry Hoxsey. The action—short of imprisonment itself—can stop us from doing so.

Laetrile controversy is different from these, however, in that the Once the story of vitamin B17 is widely known, once formula has not been kept a secret. Its chemical composition and nitriloside-bearing seeds are ground up and sprinkled over our its action have been openly described and willingly shared with foods as a routine seasoning, the battle against cancer finally will all w h o express an interest. There are no enforceable patents on its be won. In the wake of that battle, unfortunately, there will be manufacture and, consequently, no profits to its discoverer. Dr.

many casualties: men and women who learned the truth too late.

*Krebs had no proprietary interest in Laetrile, never received
Some, mercifully, may be brought back from the edge of the
grave payment for the formula, and never refused to share his
technical for an uncertain time, but they will bear the
disfiguring scars of knowledge with anyone who desired to
manufacture it. His their wounds from surgery and radiation.
They may be relieved standard reply to all such inquiries was:
“Laetrile is the property from pain, but no amount of B17 can
repair their bodies or return of all mankind.”*

*them to total health. Others more fortunate, who are treated A
significant aspect of the Laetrile controversy, therefore, is
sooner and who escape the damage of orthodox therapy, will
that the proponents have nothing to gain, while the detractors
return to a normal and productive life, fulfilling their expected
have much to lose. Admittedly, as long as Laetrile is forced by
the years. In all such cases, however, maintenance doses will
be FDA into a black-market operation, those who manufacture
and required to prevent the body's metabolic barrier from
breaking distribute it can be expected to derive substantial
profits. These once again at the weak spot of its old rupture.*

*profits, however, merely will reflect the necessary and fair
price In time, the generation so affected will die off, and, with
it, the paid by those who are not willing to run the risk of
imprisonment last vestiges of the twentieth century's greatest
medical catastro-to those who are. When public opinion forces
the legalization of phe will disappear into the history books.*

*Laetrile, the price will plummet. After that, there will be a But
what of the other cancer—the malignancy that is now
transition period of a few years in which vitamin B17 will be
spreading through the body-politic and destroying its
substance manufactured in various concentrated forms in
order to treat*

*-what of that? Are we to save our health only so that we and
our existing cancer victims. This, too, will be a source of*

income, but, children can become more productive serfs?

*in the absence of government restrictions favoring any single
There are many parallels that can be drawn between cancer
manufacturer, others will be attracted into the field and the
and totalitarianism. Government, for example, is much the
same resulting competition will bring the cost of injectable
B17 even as trophoblast. Like its counterpart in our bodies,
government is lower—perhaps to less than one-tenth of
present levels. The cost both normal and necessary. No
civilization could come to birth without it. It is a vital part of
the life cycle.*

*1. If recent FDA rulings are allowed to stand, it will be illegal
to claim or even Government, however, just like the
trophoblast, must be held imply that vitamin supplements
derived from organic sources are superior to those that are
synthesized. They will even forbid the manufacturer to identify
in check to prevent it from growing, feeding upon, and
ultimately the source on the label. Thus, truth in packaging is
declared illegal by the FDA!*

*destroying its host—the civilization itself. Every dead
civilization*

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*of the past either has been killed quickly by physical trauma—
the Specifically, the FDA must be cut back to size. There is no
military force of invading conquerors—or has died the slow
logic in granting our servant government the power to tell us
death of cancer as the internal trophoblast of government
grew to what medicines or foods we may use. The only
legitimate monstrous proportions and gradually consumed all
there was. In function of government in this field is to police
labeling and the end, the civilization and the cancerous
government were packaging to insure that the public is
correctly informed on what buried together in a common
grave.*

it buys. If the substance is dangerous, then it should be labeled as In biological terms, the trophoblast cell is held in check by the such but not withheld. In other words, give the people the facts intrinsic action of the pancreatic enzymes and by the extrinsic and let them decide for themselves. Ninety percent of the present action of vitamin B17. If either is deficient, the body is in danger. If function of the FDA should be abolished! both are weak, the trophoblast will grow and tragedy is certain.

After the tumor has begun to wither at the primary site of the In terms of society, government is held in check by the intrinsic FDA, our vitamin of public opinion then must be injected into the action of constitutional safeguards such as the division of political bloodstream of Congress and allowed to circulate freely into powers and other built-in checks and balances. It is restrained every other agency and bureau of government as well. All of also by the extrinsic action of public awareness and vigilance over them are just as riddled with the growing malignancy of despot-elected officials. If either is deficient, the civilization is in danger.

ism as is the FDA, and each of them needs to be brought back If both are weak, government will grow and the civilization will under control.

die.

With sufficient effort and sacrifice, the patient can be saved.

The analogy is devastating. It is obvious that both our Whether or not our freedoms can be fully restored is another intrinsic and extrinsic defenses are in bad repair, if functioning at matter. They probably cannot. The cancer of collectivism already all. Supreme Court decisions have toppled the constitutional is too far advanced, and the damage is too great to permit it. Our restraints against federal centralism, and the public now appears people have lost the spirit of independence and self-discipline to be mesmerized by the dazzling crystal pendant of collectivism that are prerequisites for full recovery. They have grown soft and swinging from the fingers of Big Brother. And the totalitarian dependent upon government subsidies, welfare payments, health trophoblast is running wild.

care, retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, food Can our civilization be saved? Or has the cancer progressed stamps, tax-supported loans, price-supports, minimum-wage too far? That is the urgent question asked by every cancer victim.

laws, government schools, public transportation, and federal And the answer is the same: "We won't know until we try."

housing. Realistically, it is too much to expect that they will In all honesty, the prospects do not look good. The disease is voluntarily give up any of these even if they know that, in the far advanced and, as of right now, there is little chance of an long run, it would be better for the system and for them. They still immediate halt to the process. Our only course of attack is to will not do it.

begin to build up the natural defenses as rapidly as possible, Conditions in America today were clearly seen almost two particularly the extrinsic factor of public awareness and vigilance hundred years ago by the French philosopher, de Tocqueville.

over elected officials. The intrinsic task of rebuilding constitu- Viewing the seeds of centralism sown into our infant government tional safeguards will take a little longer but will

follow as even then, de Tocqueville predicted that the proud and defiant consequence of our efforts in the primary field.

American would, in time, come to view government intervention. What we must do, therefore, is to manufacture the vitamin of in his daily life, not as acts of “despotism” which would drive an aroused public opinion and inject it as rapidly and in as large him to another rebellion, but as “benefits” bestowed by a kind doses as possible into the body-politic. The heaviest doses should and paternalistic state. Describing the effect of such a system be injected directly into the tumor itself. Let the federal govern-upon any people who embrace it, he wrote:

ment—particularly the FDA—feel the powerful surge of this. The will of man is not shattered, but softened, bent and guided. substance. It will be like selective poison to the malignant cell. Men are seldom forced by it to act, but they are constantly restrained

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from acting. Such a power does not destroy but it prevents thalidomide to state that “this drug is dangerous for use by existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, women during periods of potential pregnancy and may result in extinguishes and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to deformed infants.” Thalidomide is available only through the nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of prescription of a licensed physician. No physician would which the government is the shepherd.(1)

prescribe such a drug without first considering this warning, and With the reading of these lines from out of the past, one is it is likely that he would not prescribe it to any woman of forcibly reminded of the words of Fred Gates, the original genius child-bearing age. But the decision would be his based upon full behind Rockefeller’s tax-exempt foundations: “In our dreams we knowledge of the facts, which is the way it should

be. Thalidomide have limitless resources, and the people yield themselves with received a great deal of publicity, but it is no different than perfect docility to our molding hands.”

hundreds of other drugs that may now be obtained through The cancer of collectivism can be halted, but the damage it has prescription. If one is banned, they all should be banned. The already done cannot be repaired. Our civilization can be restored FDA, however, does not need the power to ban these drugs in to a high degree of political health and vigor. Nevertheless, we order to protect our health. Honest labeling is adequate.

will have to live with our wounds and our scars.

Nicholas von Hoffman, commentator for the Washington Post, But that is not so bad as it may seem at first. Like any cancer confirmed this point when he wrote:

patient, we come eventually to the realization that it could be a lot worse. Instead of bemoaning the fact that we may never regain It would be very hard to show that the FDA’s power to ban or regulate the sale of a compound has worked to protect the public.

the vigor of our past, we can rejoice over the opportunity just to Even in a celebrated case like thalidomide, what was important was retain life. Considering the alternative of a lifeless existence in the warning pregnant women they’d jeopardize their babies if they took dull, collective monotone of Orwell’s 2984, we should thank God it. The power to insist on proper labeling so doctor and patients are for this opportunity to salvage as much of our freedoms as we adequately warned about the properties of drugs is what’s decisive.

still have. Instead of giving up in despair and surrendering our But the power to forbid something’s use, to stop research, why bodies and our minds to the ravages of a progressive and painful should the government have such power? To protect us? But we’re end, we should leap at the chance—any chance—to isolate the not wards of the state, we’re citizens.(1)

tumor of totalitarianism and rebuild what we can of our natural Nor is Mr. von Hoffman alone. Writing in Newsweek, Milton defends against its spread. Any other course is unconscionable Friedman says:

and stupid.

The 1962 amendments to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act Let us, therefore, get down to specifics. All the rhetoric in the should be repealed. They are doing vastly more harm than good. To world is useless unless it is coupled with a tangible and realistic comply with them, FDA officials must condemn innocent people to plan of action. Let us close this study by outlining at least the death. In the present climate of opinion, this conclusion will seem main features of that plan.

shocking to most of you—better to attack motherhood or even apple As mentioned previously, the FDA should be knocked down pie. Shocking it is—but that does not keep it from also being correct.

to size. Perhaps it should be abolished altogether. If its function Indeed, further studies may well justify the even more shocking conclusion that the FDA itself should be abolished. (2) were merely to guarantee honest labeling and packaging, there is no reason why some other agency such as that in charge of Abolish the FDA? But who would enforce standards of standards, weights, and measures couldn't handle the job.

sanitation in preparation of food and drugs?

Would this result in a new wave of drug tragedies, another Since when do free men need government to tell them how to crop of thalidomide babies? Of course not. Let us suppose that be clean? To start off, the FDA's performance in that field has the FDA had only the power to require the label and literature of been far from a paragon of excellence. But more important, any 1. "And if it Works . . . , " The Washington Post,] June 4,1971.

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manufacturer in his right mind would naturally seek the highest solve the problem, for the FDA is still fully operable and free to possible sanitation standards if for no other reason than to avoid rewrite its rulings, to tighten them up so as to override the court's lawsuits from customers. One can be sure also that inspectors decision. Sooner or later, the doctor or the distributor will be from companies that underwrite the manufacturer's product under arrest again.

liability insurance have more than a casual interest in their Ultimately, the law must be changed. At the very least, that client's sanitation record. Since violation of the underwriter's means legislation specifically aimed at removing the FDA from standards can result in higher premiums or in cancellation of the jurisdiction over vitamins. Another approach might be a lawsuit insurance, the manufacturer would be a fool to ignore them. At on behalf of cancer victims challenging the constitutionality of the any rate, local health agencies are more than adequate for the job infringement upon their rights. Both lines of attack should be of maintaining sanitation standards. Federal inspectors are no launched.

more proficient than state, county, or city inspectors, and there is The final contest, however, will be fought on the larger no need for such wasteful duplication.

battleground of whether the government should have any power Contamination and adulteration of food-and-drug products over our food, medicine, or health. It will be only around this undoubtedly would occur from time to time. But they also occur question that the many issues will lose their fuzzy edges and a under the present system of FDA guardianship. The truth is that the FDA serves no reasonable or necessary function in this field chance for a real victory will

become possible. In order to abolish and should be withdrawn from it completely.

the FDA, or at least to restrict its operation, we will need either It is time to stop this nonsense about humbly petitioning the legislation or a constitutional amendment. We should pursue FDA to grant us permission to test Laetrile, to sell apricot kernels, both.

to take high-potency vitamins, or to do any of a hundred other The possibility of a constitutional revision is not as extreme as specific things which it prohibits. Asking the FDA to approve it may sound. In fact, Dr. Benjamin Rush of Philadelphia—one of these is like asking the wolf to okay the lunch in Little Red Riding the signers of the Declaration of Independence, a member of the Hood's basket. It is time we realize that the FDA has no business Continental Congress, Surgeon-General of Washington's armies, in this field at all. We must stop asking meekly for permission and and probably the foremost American physician of his day—had close the outfit down!

urged his colleagues to include "medical liberty" in the First How is this to be accomplished? Returning again to the Amendment at the time it was drafted. He wrote:

trophoblast analogy, our first task is to manufacture and inject the Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time extrinsic factor which is the vitamin of public opinion. The will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictator-intrinsic factor will be the re-building of legislative, judicial, and ship.... To restrict the art of healing to one class of men and deny constitutional safeguards. Within this category, our most immedi-equal privileges to others will constitute the Bastille of medical science. All such laws are un-American and despotic ... and have no ate work is in the courts. We must provide legal defense for those place in a republic.... The Constitution of this Republic should make physicians and distributors who have the courage to risk their special provision for medical freedom as well as religious freedom.(1) reputations and their livelihoods (to say nothing of a jail sentence) by standing against the bureaucracy. Of

necessity, however; There are more human beings alive right now than the sum the legal battles fought on their behalf initially must be on narrow total of all those born from the beginning of time to the beginning grounds and defensive in nature. The primary thrust of most of of this century. If we fail to heed Dr. Rush's advice; if we fail to realize that medical freedom is just as important as the other these cases will be merely to prove that the use of vitamin B17

freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights; then, before this does not in fact violate the law.

century is over, more human beings will have died of cancer than The objective here is not to change the law, (for laws are not changed in court) but merely to keep the defendant out of jail.

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