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HAROLD CARNAHAN, DR. ROBERT J. H. MICK
North East Man Hosts Dr. Mick

Fluoridation Called Poison by Doctor

NORTH EAST—"Fluoridation is one of the biggest international scandals that has ever been promoted in the name of a health scheme."

This is the opinion of Dr. Robert J. H. Mick of Laurel Springs, N. J., who was once an active promoter of fluoridation. Today, however, he is one of its strongest opponents.

Backing up his opposition, Dr. Mick is offering $20,000 to "anyone in the world who can obtain from the promoters of fluoridation one copy of a controled experiment with the recommended fluoridation and water at the recommended parts per million that show that these poisonous fluorides are not harmful and will cause no future body harms."

Dr. Mick, who has been in the dental profession for more than 29 years, practices in Laurel Springs and Treasure Island, Fla.

"I was probably one of the first persons in the world to promote fluoridation," he said. "That was from 1944 through 1948 until I became interested in body chemistry. Through association with research men, I learned that things were not as I accepted them as truth."

In 1949 Dr. Mick was appointed an international representative of the American Academy of Nutrition. He conducted experiments with animals on food and fluorides. He conducted experiment in Africa among natives on the relationship of fluoridated water and foods to dental decay. He has also conducted similar experiments in the U. S. with children.

"As a result of experiments with animals, we learned that bones, teeth, kidneys, livers and spleens had accumulated up to 500 per cent more fluoride than controlled animals. Cripples were born to the third generation.

"As a result of research investigation, I learned that the American Dental Association had paid for and sponsored research many years before that showed the horrors to animals from so-called natural fluorides.

"I learned that the U. S. Public Health Service, Naval Division, had conducted a year's research study that showed fluoridation had no relation to dental decay."

He said also that the U. S. Public Health Service conducted experiments with so-called natural fluorides and that results were so poor" the experiments were abandoned.

Dr. Mick says he has proof that a "secret meeting" took place in Washington, D. C., June 6-8, 1951, where all the plans for promotion of fluoridation were set.

"One of the most damning statements of this meeting," he said, "was: 'When they take us at our own words (meaning state dental directors promoting fluoridation) they make awful liars out of us.'" Dr. Mick said that more than 50 state public health representatives and representatives of the American Dental Association attended that meeting.

Dr. Mick, who will debate a pro-fluoridationist at Jamestown, N. Y., Thursday, was visiting friends in North East over the weekend.

The man responsible for the scheme of Fluoridation in Florida is an employee of the Department of Health. He is chief of the Dental Division of the State Board of Health. His name is Dr. Floyd DeCamp. He is not registered as a physician or dentist in the State of Florida.

On Jan. 26th, 1966 Dr. DeCamp stated before the city council of Melbourne, Florida, "Sodium fluoride has not proven harmful to any organ in young or old people."

Dr. DeCamp represented the State of Florida at the "secret" meeting at Washington, D. C. June 6, 1951 and took an active part in that meeting. Dr. DeCamp can verify that no controlled experiments had been conducted to show that fluorides WERE NOT POISONOUS TO HUMANS.

Dr. DeCamp can verify that it is part of the plans to promote fluoridation to keep fluoridation from being voted on. Dr. DeCamp, as an employee of Florida, has gianed control of many state legislators, physicians, dentists, public health service employees and many fine citizens.

VOTE NO

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WALDBOTT PRESENTS HIS VIEWS ON FLUORIDATION

Information disseminated by the American Dental Association about my research on fluorosis requires clarification.

My description of the first case of chronic fluoride intoxication from drinking artificially fluoridated water (Internat. Archives of Allergy 7:70-74, 1955) presented evidence of an organic disease which clearly fitted the description of incipient fluorosis reported by others, from drinking natural fluoride water and from industrial sources.

The same clinical syndrome was subsequently encountered in 52 cases most of whom I personally examined. Some had thorough laboratory studies and consultations by competent specialists (Acta Medica Scand. 156: 157-168, 1956). A questionnaire was used for preliminary orientation and for screening. In those not personally examined, laboratory data and examination findings were obtained from hospital records. A few cases were included in which the patient's history was so characteristic of the disease that it was, by itself, considered of adequate diagnostic significance.

The wide variety of symptoms affecting many organs is typical of chronic intoxication from other sources. Whereas at first these symptoms seemed vague and unrelated, additional study revealed a close relationship with the syndrome of hyperparathyroidism. The following symptoms were encountered: neuromuscular manifestations, especially paresthesias and partial paresis in hands, arms and legs, gastro-intestinal and urinary disturbances, arthritic changes in the lower spine and other joints, cephalgia.

Laboratory data revealed hypercalcemia and, in some patients, considerable hypercalcinuria. In a few cases the hypercalcemia was accompanied by a simultaneous hyperphosphatemia. Both fluorosis and hyperparathyroidism are associated with a disturbed calcium metabolism. The strong affinity of fluoride for calcium is generally recognized.

In every case the disease subsided completely and permanently upon elimination of fluoridated water for drinking and cooking.

One case, (now in press) throughly studied during a period of three years, at times showed evidence of calcium deficiency, namely, tetaniform convulsions. However, during the intervals between convulsions, hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia were present. Whereas the tetanic episodes were accompanied by increased fluoride excretion, the urinary F. output decreased upon their subsidence. That this disturbance in the calcium metabolism was due to fluoride has recently been established by additional laboratory studies.

My studies clearly demonstrate that there are great variations from individual to individual both as to degree of toleration of fluorides by the system and the manner in which they affect certain individuals.

The available statistical studies dealing as they do with groups and over-all averages do not reveal damage to individuals. My research proves that neither a standard concentration of F. in water, nor a standard daily dose of F. can be safe for everyone.

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