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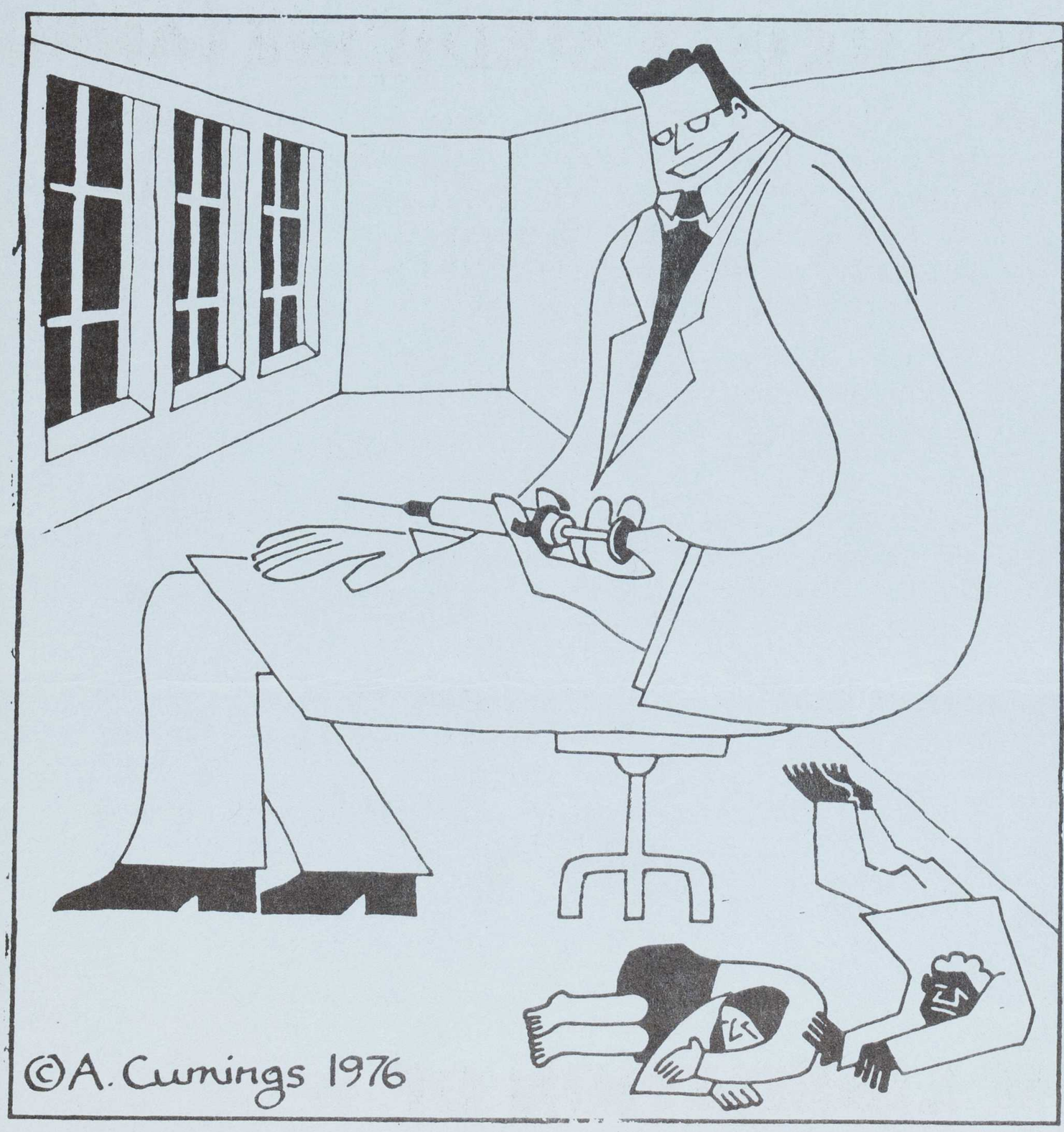
"Thorazine liquid concentrate not only causes dermatitis, it causes an intense burning sensation on anything it touches. Although concentrate is usually administered diluted in juice, my one experience with it was somewhat different. I was given a small paper cup filled with liquid and told to drink it. I sipped it like it was juice...at which point my lips, tongue and throat started to burn so intensely I thought they were being dissolved by the liquid. About half a dozen attendants stood by watching, knowing looks on their faces, as I stumbled about, trying to catch my breath and my balance, tears running from my eyes. I was bent over nearly double..."--Judi Chamberlin (author of ON OUR OWN) in testimony to a Senate subcommittee--

Psychiatric drugs are used in all "closed" institutions--mental institutions, prisons, nursing homes, etc. They are also used at community mental health centers and on millions of schoolchildren. Women, Third World people, gay people, children, and poor people are particular targets of such drugging, which is commonly forced upon them over their objections. The drugs most often forced upon people are called phenothiazines, or "major tranquilizers."

Thorazine, manufactured by SmithKline, was the first phenothiazine to be widely used and marketed, opening the market for similar drugs. Like all phenothiazines, Thorazine and Stelazine (also made by SK) cause dozens of unpleasant and dangerous reactions, including blurred vision, dryness of the mouth, allergic hepatitis, muscle spasms of the neck, back and legs, insomnia, hallucinations, slurred speech, mental confusion, and, in some cases, sudden death.

The phenothiazines also cause permanent brain damage. According to recent studies, "tranquilizer" drugs like Thorazine are responsible for causing tardive dyskinesia in 56% of institutionalized people and 43% of "outpatients." There is no known cure for tardive dyskinesia.



"The symptoms of tardive dyskinesia include slow, rythmic and involuntary movements of the face and limbs; cheek-puffing; lip-smacking; chomping or chewing of the jaws; undulation of the tongue or repeated tongue thrusts in a 'fly-catcher' movement; occasional stiffening of the neck and arms, difficulty in swallowing or speaking..."

--J. Horowitz, "The Hidden Cost of Mind Medicines," HUMAN BEHAVIOR, May, 1978

"LET ME KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY SIDE EFFECTS."

Although tardive dyskinesia was first noted in 1957, it was not until 1972 that SmithKline and other manufacturers of phenothiazines released information about it. Actually, they were forced to--earlier in 1972 a former psychiatric inmate ("mental patient") who had T.D. brought suit against the drug companies.

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