

P E T I T I O N
to the
Congress
of the
United States of America
for an
Investigation
into
Organized Medicine

*Stop
Persecution
of Koch*

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Dear Senator:

Forgive my addressing you as Senator, but to one who has known your distinguished record in both Houses, it is difficult to think of you as otherwise, and then you may recall that my brother was Secretary of the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate when you were its Chairman, during the last war.

I am sending this letter to Congress through you because of the utter dearth of political contacts which I possess, and from the fact that we have seen eye to eye on more than one matter of national importance in the past.

When President McKinley appointed me as Aide to the Commander of an expedition which was to take forty members of Congress on a Tour of Inspection of the then recently acquired Philippine Islands, with the charge that I was to see that every wish of our distinguished voyagers was gratified, I might have claimed some influential friends today within our ruling bodies after that long trip around the Horn, had I fulfilled my duties successfully, and had not the transport turned turtle in the Brooklyn Navy Yard two days before we were to set sail. As it is, the strength and cogency of my presentation alone must claim the consideration which it deserves.

Last Spring, my interest in the persecution of Doctor William F. Koch of Detroit, and other flagrant practices of organized medicine, was called to the attention of Congress through the forwarding of a copy of a letter to its members, which I had addressed to the Honorable Paul V. McNutt, under date of May 19th, 1942. It is in pursuance of that letter, together with other pertinent matters presented herein, that I wish to call to the attention of Congress and petition that some form of investigation be instituted.

I recognize the difficult situation in which a layman places himself in daring to criticize the unassailable, the unknowable, the infallible position which Medicine holds, but I am taking my chances in the hope that in so doing I may be of some little service to humanity. My interest in this matter, may I state, originated in the active part I took for the hospitalization of our disabled veterans, and for the formation of the Veterans' Bureau, after the last war, and has continued on in a more or less mild degree ever since.

In the first place, it seems very wrong to me that agencies of the government should be made to serve the special interests of organized medicine, with its galaxy of dependent satellites, as is evidenced in the prodigious effort that is being put forth to convict Doctor William F. Koch, and his brother, Mr. Louis Koch, at what must be a great cost of time and energy in these days when time and energy are so important to the prosecution of the war.

Arrested during the first part of April last year on a criminal charge of mislabelling their preparations, and placed under an excessive bond of ten thousand dollars, they finally have been accorded a trial in Detroit under a Judge who frankly admits that he knows little of chemistry. And while awaiting this trial they have been further pilloried by a succession of hearings, at great expense and sacrifice to themselves, while the government has been able to bolster up its case in preparation for this **infamous trial.**

And during this period of inquisition, we may well ask:—What of those in Brazil and Canada who sought to have the doctor carry on his work there? What of suffering humanity in this country, in Great Britain and elsewhere in the world, who can not help but be affected by this brand of infamy which has been affixed to the high esteem in which he has been held? In justice to all, is this not to be considered. How will the government ever restore that which they have taken away?

Why should this doctor, whom they seek to destroy, with his harmless, mild, effective treatments, be so persecuted, while these paragons of orthodox medicine continue on their doubtful course unmolested? Let the F. B. I. use one small part of the time and energy which they have put forth to discredit Koch, in revealing the truth concerning the unrestricted, horrible burnings of cancer patients with deep X-ray and radium, and the unnecessary,

hazardous and futile mutilations of surgery. It will prove an astounding revelation.

It is not only the doctors, but these great industries that supply the paraphernalia of medical care, which have a determining control in shaping the course of organized medicine. The rich opportunity offered through costly hospitalization, the incidental drugs, narcotics, vaccines and serums, aside from professional attendance have a great influence upon establishing the forms of treatment to be accepted, or rejected.

It is not that I wish to imply that all doctors are unscrupulous, but those who are, are aided and abetted by those who are not, through their unquestioning loyalty and submission to the dominant organization of which they are a part. It is the organization of medicine that aids and protects the bad as well as the good, and plays into the hands of the commercial interests which benefit from the exploitation of human misery. In many cases, the doctor is forced into the position of a vulture rather than that of a sympathetic, friendly consultant, as he dare not openly defy the dictates of his organization.

The lack of responsibility of the individual doctor in the eyes of the law as well as in that of the profession is utterly unjust and conducive to a lowered efficiency. Only recently, a case was called to my attention of a woman who had to have an operation which would require her to remain in the hospital for a few days. She was there for six months, and her bill was ten thousand dollars. The surgeon's knife slipped. So she was told—but still she had to pay. This is not unusual. It happens all too frequently, and for which there is no redress under the law.

Under the present system there is no restraining of those doctors who would take advantage of illness rather than serve it. The size of the fee, the ability of the patient to pay, the irresistible desire to test one's skill, the lust for blood, too often are the determining factors. The temptation to take advantage of a sick mind and a sick body, urged on by subtle commercial pressure, gives to Organized Medicine a power and decision over life and death, which is a menace not only to our health, but to our very existence.

It may readily be seen that simple, natural, effective methods are destructive of much that organized medicine upholds, and for that reason they take every occasion to suppress and discredit them. That is why they are making such a monstrous effort to

destroy Koch. In his trial now in progress in Detroit, one doctor has gone so far as to imply that medicine would have to "fold up" if Dr. Koch is vindicated. And if he is, we may well expect that Organized Medicine, through its iron control over its members, will seek to sterilize his triumph by seeing that he is relegated into blackest desuetude.

There is insufficient protection under the present system against the incompetent, the misfit, the degenerate, the alcoholic and the dope addicts who lurk within the fold and under the protection of organized medicine. Here again there is no redress, no known way of eliminating them from the profession, nor preventing them from continuing to prey upon the unwary.

Vivisection as it is practiced today is outside of all control, and furnishes one of the blackest stains upon our civilization. American idealism and humanity should cry aloud for some sort of restraint upon this orgy of cruelty.

Now that the people's attention is centered upon the war, medicine is taking this opportunity to go on a rampage. Down in Pennsylvania they have pulled out of a hat a pseudo-small pox epidemic. It may have started from the honest opinion of an inexperienced country doctor, but one million inoculations were too irresistible to set aside after it had once started. And what a grotesque travesty to place this unclean disease on the thresholds of that fine, upstanding Amish people who live in the grand old state of William Penn, where they legalize and enforce the pollution of healthy blood-streams with the syphilitic filth of diseased animals. As a result of all this, there will be cases of small-pox in and around Philadelphia, as well as other diseases of a syphilitic nature, not to mention the promotion of cancer and paralysis.

Medicine is so conservative that they are operating today in the dark ages of necromancy and fetishism. Sister Kenny established her claim to recognition nearly forty years ago. If it had not been that her mild, effective treatment interfered with orthodox practice, the world would have known of her then, over night. And thank God and Sister Kenny, that they will not continue to inject the fluid from diseased monkeys into the spinal chords of our little ones.

In our Central Park here in New York there has been erected one of the loveliest statues to the dog, Balto, that they tell us carried the serum to the diphtheria sufferers at a time of epidemic in

Nome, Alaska. When we learn that there never was such an epidemic in Nome, and that Balto was never in the place, we realize to what extent they will go to make us serum conscious. The commercially valuable, beneficially dubious sera they are injecting into the human body these days are pregnant with grave potentiality of future harm.

What is needed in this country is freedom of medicine, freedom of doctors to administer mild, natural treatments with as much dignity and protection as those organized groups whose elaborate and costly forms of treatment, under the power of organization, give to them a control and standing out of all proportion and reason. We want freedom of the people to select their own form of treatment, freedom from enforced, legalized, commercialized medication, such as serums and vaccines.

We need a Supreme Court of Appeals for Medicine, presided over by other than those interested parties who regard themselves as sacrosanct in their omniscience, governed by the humanities rather than influenced and controlled by selfish advantage and commercial gain. And, what is needed more than anything else, is freedom of the Press, free and unshackled from the domination and influence of the vested interests which support their publications.

It is hoped that I have been able to present to Congress good and sufficient grounds for action. Let Congress keep its eyes on the Koch trial, and make ready its ammunition.

Very sincerely,

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