

Senator NELSON. So this was a contribution from a drug house, but by the time he received it the expiration date had passed.

Dr. TAUSSIG. It really was not much of a contribution by the time they received it. Moreover, he would have been very much more suspicious had he got the next batch without any date on it.

Senator NELSON. It would be interesting to find out whether it was a deductible expense also.

Go ahead, Doctor.

Dr. TAUSSIG. I think that mainly the rest of my testimony here was emphasizing that they did feel very strongly that quality control of drugs was needed and I mention on page 13 that I did not know the law regarding the export of steel, but that the U.S. Government or a manufacturer in the United States, if it sold steel of inferior quality and the building collapsed, I am sure the repercussions would be great and terrible. But unfortunately, when we permit the sale of an antibiotic which is no longer potent and people die in a far-off country where disease is rife and the mortality rate is already high, nothing is heard therefrom. Nevertheless, such a thing is possible and it is a disgrace to the Nation. Not only is it morally wrong not to insure that the drugs that are exported are of the same quality that is required for home consumption, but I think our relations with other nations demand that disasters and deaths from the use of impotent and out-of-date preparations should not be permitted to occur and far less tolerated.

Furthermore, if the richest country in the world does not care whether it exports pharmaceutical products that are substandard in quality, how can we expect other countries not to do the same. I do not think it is a matter that the World Health Organization should try to control. I think the responsibility rests in each country. I feel that we have a moral obligation to do so.

Dr. Alan of Turkey said "only some of the producing countries and a minority of the importing countries are in a position to offer effective control. Accordingly, the majority of the population of the world are being treated by pharmaceutical preparations that have not been carefully controlled."

The Russian delegation expressed the importance of it, especially in the developing countries, against the flood of preparations, many of them of inferior quality which are released in the market.

One delegate said that the best solution would be for the countries exporting pharmaceutical preparations to apply the same strict control measures as they provided in preparations within their country, and I certainly hope that our national pride and our fundamental honesty demands that the Congress of the United States enacts such legislation to be the law of the land. Simply do unto others as we would be done by.

I am really ashamed that we permit and even foster the dispensing of pharmaceutical products to other lands that are not permitted to be sold in this country.

Senator NELSON. Let me say again that the committee certainly appreciates your calling this to our attention. I certainly agree with you that our national pride and fundamental honesty demands that the U.S. Congress should enact legislation which would make it the