

call for the AMA to say to all its people, call meetings in your State, right now, people are dying from this, have a public meeting, get to the doctors, get it on the front page, tell them they are misprescribing these drugs, and that the AMA would do the same. The great, responsible medical profession, did not. And it took these hearings to expose it.

Mr. HARRISON. We take strong objection to the statement on whether or not the AMA has been doing something in this regard. I think Dr. Hayes can respond with respect to what the Council on Drugs is doing. I have here some adverse drug comments taken from the Journal of AMA, very consistent and in great detail. The AMA News which is distributed free of charge to all physicians, members or not, just over a period of recent weeks, and even more so in prior months, has consistently included comments with respect to the discovery of adverse reaction on chloramphenicol, and the statements made by this committee or by others with respect to the dangers involved. The Association is very much concerned and very much aware.

Now, we have also accepted advertisements with respect to the drug—that is correct—recognizing that the Food and Drug Administration has not seen fit to take the drug off the market. The AMA has scrutinized these ads and, as Dr. Annis has suggested, it is possible that this one particular ad did carry some background of a picture which slipped by and, perhaps on reflection, should not have been included. But in the overall picture, Senator, I think it can be seen that the Association has been very much concerned, and I would ask Dr. Hayes, if he would, to add to this comment with respect to the activities of the Council on Drugs.

Senator NELSON. May I respond just a moment on that? We had the Library of Congress check every single edition of JAMA and of the AMA News since this issue was raised by the committee. As I look through the material, and we have photostats here, I consider it a pitiful effort in terms of notifying the profession about what was wrong. I raise this point again: the medical profession, the AMA has the health of America in its hands. We want to have confidence in it. One can examine these and see how pitifully small these articles are.

Dr. ANNIS. Senator, this is just one publication. We have county and State medical societies across the country. We have medical meetings where this is presented to physicians. I outlined to you we have 100 pages of medical programs to physicians where there is repeated by physician teachers. This is consistent with the medical profession. You have a drug which our own Food and Drug Administration of this country took off the market and they put it back on the market and allowed it again to be sold. If this is the case——

Senator NELSON. For limited application.

Dr. ANNIS. If this is the case, they have given tacit approval to the drug. We have always, in accepting advertising, repeatedly told the profession, this is a drug with ever-increasing evidence of its dangerous side effects and that it should be used on a limited scale. If further information is demanded by virtue of the facts, these then should come from the Food and Drug Administration.

Senator NELSON. Of course, it is interesting to note that the FDA is attacked time after time by various members of the medical profession——