

mentioned; discouragement, disparity, low salaries, and vacancies. I guess the Congress has taken care of raises in some areas this year. Maybe there will be others.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

I have to go to the hunger hearings now.

Senator NELSON. Just to complete the thought I had—in the same year 1961 on page 119 Dr. Howard, who was at that time the assistant executive vice president of the AMA, and who, as I understand it, is now the executive director, was asked a question by Senator Hruska:

Did the council ever exercise life or death censorship on specific advertising, that is, the drug council?

And Dr. Howard answered:

The Council on Drugs through staff had a greater control over the acceptance and rejection of the advertising copy prior to 1955 than it does today. However, I repeat that the only difference of opinion there even today is with respect to the acceptance of certain mixtures, that is being considered and discussed by the board of trustees and the council. The board of trustees has reached a decision that the mixtures to which the Council on Drugs has referred during the past five years will be gradually withdrawn from the Journal during the next two or three years.

That was 1961. And, of course, the Journal continues to carry a substantial number of ads promoting the mixtures that their executive vice president and Council on Drugs were critical of in 1961. So it raises again the question of how serious the AMA was at the time they were testifying before the Kefauver committee 7 years ago.

Mr. GORDON. Dr. Kunin, when was the white paper completed?

Dr. KUNIN. You are giving me a hard time when you ask me about dates. I would expect about 6 months ago—would you say, Dr. Hewitt?

Actually we had drafts a year and a half ago when we first began, we had drafts prepared by members of our committee. And we reviewed them, and the final material, about 6 months ago, it was completed about 6 months ago.

Mr. GORDON. And approximately when was it submitted to the Journal of the American Medical Association?

Dr. KUNIN. I would estimate about 3 or 4 months ago.

Dr. HEWITT. That is correct.

Mr. GORDON. What was the holdup in submitting it? There were apparently quite a few months that elapsed between the time of completion and submission. And there was apparently additional information, and as you say, the medical profession should be getting this information.

Dr. KUNIN. I must state that there was no undue delay as far as I know. Ordinarily when you submit a paper to a journal you should expect at least 1 month's delay for review. This gives adequate time for the reviewers and the people they may qualify to review this.

Mr. GORDON. I mean the time between the completion and the submission for the first time.

Dr. KUNIN. Well, we finished our work. We submitted it. We had to wait a while, because after all we had to transmit the information to the Food and Drug Administration prior to submitting it to a journal. We had to have their permission. You see, the National Academy of Sciences was under contract to the Food and Drug Administration. So