

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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MONOPOLY SUBCOMMITTEE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:15 a.m., in room 318, Old Senate Office Building, Senator Gaylord Nelson (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senators Nelson, Long, and Dole.

Also present: Benjamin Gordon, staff economist; Elaine C. Dye, clerical assistant; and James P. Duffy III, minority counsel.

Senator NELSON. Our witness this morning is Dr. John Adriani of the Charity Hospital of New Orleans, La.

Dr. Adriani, would you come up to the witness table?

Doctor, your statement will be printed in full in the record. You may if you wish at any time elaborate on any aspect of your statement. I assume that you have no objection to questions during the course of your testimony?

Dr. ADRIANI. No, I have not.

Senator NELSON. Go ahead, Doctor.

STATEMENT OF DR. JOHN ADRIANI, CHARITY HOSPITAL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dr. ADRIANI. At the beginning of my statement I give some of my background. I graduated from the Columbia Medical School in 1934. I trained in surgery at the French Hospital in New York.

I have always been interested in chemistry and drugs. After I got into surgery I realized that advances in surgery would be curtailed unless something was done about the administration of anesthetics. I became interested in that problem.

And at that time there was a man named Rovenstine who trained with Dr. Ralph Waters at the University of Wisconsin who started the department of anesthetics at Bellevue Hospital. I signed up with him, supposedly so I could learn what there was to learn about anesthesia in a couple of weeks.

But instead of a couple of weeks I stayed 5 years, after which I moved to New Orleans, where I am now located at the Charity Hospital. I have charge of the anesthetics department, and have been for nearly 30 years.

In addition, I am associate director of the hospital, second in command. I hold a full professorship in the department of surgery at the Tulane University School of Medicine, and also at the Louisiana State