

And he did say, out of courtesy to people in a similar business, that he didn't see fit to pass judgment on those competitors of his who had been found guilty criminally in courts on prosecutions that I advocated or Mr. Gordon here, my staff assistant, urged me to advocate, where these people had tried to avoid criminal prosecution by being permitted to plead *nolo contendere*, meaning I will not defend myself.

If they had been permitted to get away with that, we would not be getting this big refund that we are getting in Louisiana and other States and municipalities because these people overcharged us on tetracycline in a worldwide conspiracy.

Dr. ADRIANI. That is right.

Senator LONG. So I spelled out some of these examples where these people are victimizing the public, thousands of people, and damaging and destroying their health by engaging in conspiratorial practices for money.

This man would not undertake to defend those kinds of practices for a moment, I am sure. In fact, I think he was surprised to know that those people had been criminally convicted of that kind of conduct.

Dr. ADRIANI. I read it in the paper. And I know Gremillion has instituted proceedings to recover the money. I do not know how many millions it is.

We were overcharged by this conspiracy. And I know that conspiracies have occurred. And I know errors that have been made in packaging, and so forth. I know in almost every one of these instances they say they are not true.

One of the things you have heard is that the drugs are important. If the labels all indicate where and by whom they are manufactured, the public will know.

Senator LONG. One of these days I am going to join with a few colleagues who might be willing to do it and contribute a few dollars out of my own pocket to establish an award for people who have done something to help their communities. And I am particularly interested in the field of health research and better health for people.

If Gaylord Nelson can afford it, he might be able to make a contribution to it. And there are some other Senators up here who would be interested in this sort of thing. Senator Hart has been interested in this sort of thing, and a number of others. And assuming that I am successful in creating the kind of award I think should be created, one of the people that I think would be nominated, at least suggested, if I had anything to say about the nomination, would be Dr. Ochsner of New Orleans.

I think he has done a great deal in developing techniques for surgery for cancer, and he is undoubtedly responsible for prolonging the lives of people, not only by his own operations, but by the techniques that he has developed which has enabled other doctors to go forward, multiplying his effectiveness. And I think some day it will be my pleasure to nominate you for what you are doing here in trying to help people get the best drugs at reasonable prices.

I think your statement supports what you stated in your prepared text to the effect that:

I am strongly biased in my views on matters pertaining to drugs and my bias in this regard is 100 percent pro-patient only pro-patient.