

You cannot get first-class people. To get a first-class man at the top and an inadequate staff to assist him is just like having a good general with soldiers that do not know how to shoot. He (FDA Commissioner) ought to get more backing from Congress.

Mr. GORDON. I have a few miscellaneous questions.

I notice that you are on the advisory board of the Medical Tribune, which is known as a so-called throwaway sheet. How long have you been on it?

Dr. ADRIANI. Since they started it.

Mr. GORDON. What do you do?

Dr. ADRIANI. Well, I will tell you. This is an advisory board. They used to call it an editorial advisory board. Dr. Albert Sabin, who is a fairly outspoken fellow, who developed the polio vaccine, said at one of our meetings "we are not an editorial board," and we more or less criticized the material.

Mr. GORDON. You mean you criticized each particular article?

Dr. ADRIANI. Yes; at first we did. We saw an article that was offensive—

Mr. GORDON. Do you go over each article?

Dr. ADRIANI. No. We just go over different ones and give them ideas as to what subjects they might pursue.

Mr. GORDON. How about advertising?

Dr. ADRIANI. Well, we have complained about some of the advertising. Some of the advertising we thought is insulting to the intelligence of a medical doctor. We have been critical of that.

I will tell you one of the reasons why I stayed on. I had word from somebody to get off the board. I was pressured to get off (when it was first organized). And I said, I will be darned if I get off. And Al Ochsner was pressured by the same group.

Senator LONG. The same group pressured Dr. Ochsner to resign from the board?

Dr. ADRIANI. Yes, both of us. And we decided to stick it out. It meets once a year. And we get nothing for it. It is strictly advisory. You can take all these ads and complete it. And you have material in there that is a little bit on a higher plane than what you see in the coverage of a medical meeting by the lay press.

And I will tell you what it does. It reports on the proceedings of meetings, and fairly quickly, so that you can read about a paper that was in Czechoslovakia, or Prague, or Berlin, or Paris, or San Francisco, and it highlights some of the papers.

Mr. GORDON. Do you think that it is possible that your name and the name of Dr. Sabin and Dr. Dameshek and others, big names, are used as a sort of—

Dr. ADRIANI. Do I think they are using our names?

Mr. GORDON. Yes, using your names. Do you think that is possible?

Dr. ADRIANI. I expect there might be something to that, yes. You will find that in other things, too. Somebody will come along and, say, you are well known in the city of New Orleans, and you can help us with our fund-raising campaign for our high school, or something of that sort. So you lend your name to these ventures. And I suspect that there might be some of that here. But they actually do call a meeting, and they seek our advice, and they do follow our sug-