

Mr. HARRISON. I think that the July 25 letter and the August 4 publication involve a reasonable space of time with respect to a publication.

Senator NELSON. Dr. Ley's letter to the AMA was dated July 3. We are about four issues after that. But that is all right.

Mr. HARRISON. The publication is on a weekly basis, you understand. I thought you said July 25 originally.

Senator NELSON. No, July 3.

Mr. HARRISON. Beyond that, Senator, it would be easy for us to respond to questions that may be based upon questions you have. We have copies of those communications. I know, for example, in the first letter you read, that the Commissioner does say in all fairness—I am not going to try to paraphrase him, but he does say in all fairness, there has been cooperation by the association with respect to communication. Then as you indicated, he provided a specific example. I think that each of us can find fault occasionally with the kind of publicity either our remarks received or what kind of attention is focused upon things we consider to be important. We have the editor of the American Medical News with us, at your request. It is my understanding that that has not been the case—where the Food and Drug Administration has requested publication of material which did not appear.

Mr. Marvin L. Rowlands, Jr., is available and he can discuss that subject with you. But I think you will find that there is rather substantial publication with respect to newsworthy items in the American Medical News, which is a newspaper as contrasted with the Journal of the American Medical Association, which is essentially a scientific publication.

Senator NELSON. Dr. Ley, in a speech, said, in his opinion, the AMA News has devoted considerable space to criticizing either the FDA or National Research Council or both. I saw a letter which occupied a half space in AMA News from a physician in Michigan attacking the whole National Academy of Sciences findings. I am sure he did not understand how they were using the words "not efficacious." You could tell that from reading it. But as of that time, I could not find anything in the AMA News that stated the fundamental basis in understandable fashion of the findings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Mr. HARRISON. We publish letters to the editor in the American Medical News. You may find a letter there that attacks the American Medical Association. It is a newspaper and it does publish letters to the editor.

Senator HATFIELD. I would like to just follow up on one point here we were talking about, the obligation of a journal to make news or to make known to the profession some of these findings of these vitally important new discoveries. Am I correct in assuming that the Kunin manuscript and the NAS-NRC report, white paper, were all dealing with essentially the same subject—that is, fixed ratio combination drugs?

Dr. TALBOTT. Yes.

Senator HATFIELD. Then let me ask you, was this a subject or a finding which only happened last year or at the time this all was taking place in that particular year? What I am asking is simply