

sion would have the best information there is available in this country.

Dr. Carr said nothing about whether he was for or against the pill. He discussed the possible genetic effects.

Dr. Marvin Legator, chief of the Cell Biology Branch and Director of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Bureau of Science, Food and Drug Administration, discussed the possible genetic effects and made it perfectly clear that these effects ought to be studied on all potent drugs. Everything he had to say involving the pill involved all potent drugs, and they are developing methods now that would make it possible to study the genetic effects.

I would assume this is the kind of scientific information we ought to gather. He was neither for nor against the pill.

Dr. James Whitelaw, O'Connor Hospital, San Jose, Calif., merely commented on the effect of the pill on sterility. He said he thought that, in prescribing the pill, the fertility of the woman ought to be proven first.

Dr. Roy Hertz, assistant medical director of the Bio-Medical Division, Population Council, Rockefeller University, New York, signed the FDA report and said he agreed with the summary of conclusions. Nevertheless, he was quite critical of the widespread use of the pill.

Dr. Kistner, a very distinguished obstetrician, of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Harvard Medical School, was a strong proponent of the pill.

Dr. Giles Bole of the Rackham Arthritis Research Unit, University of Michigan, simply discussed the possible arthritic side effects. He was neither for nor against the pill.

And Dr. Kassouf talked mainly on the advertising and promotion.

I would suppose if we were trying to keep a baseball count as to that first series, you might say two were against, though neither one of the two recommended the removal of the pill, and one for. Dr. Hugh Davis was not against the pill, he said he thought it ought to be used for the purpose of spacing pregnancies and probably a sustained use of 2 to 3 years ought to be the maximum.

So I just want to lay to rest the assertion made by a national magazine that they were stacked seven-to-one against the pill.

Now, let me say further, if there is a scientist in the United States, any scientist that any drug company can recommend, who has—

Senator DOLE. Do they have to be recommended by a drug company? Could I recommend one?

Senator NELSON. Yes, that has been well known to any other member of the Committee since the hearings started. Any company, any doctor, any scientist, any hospital, who has testimony that these side effects do not exist or are not important, we want to hear them. That has been my position and that of this committee from the beginning.

We shall also be hearing from Dr. Guttmacher, president of Planned Parenthood. We shall be hearing from General Draper of the Population Crisis Committee and others he suggested.

We shall be hearing from the Food and Drug Administration. We hope to hear from Dr. Egeberg and Secretary Finch. And, as I said, anybody else who has any credentials.

These will be balanced hearings. All viewpoints will be heard, and the Chair gets a little bit weary of the criticism that they are not going