

VICTIMS OF SOCIAL ENGINEERS.

The American woman, both rich and poor, black and white, is being victimized by social engineers. Population control rather than the health of the individual has become the new directing force of the family planning movement. The Planned Parenthood Federation's name change in the early 1960's to Planned Parenthood-World Population illustrates this.

When preoccupation is with control rather than planning, people are viewed numerically as statistics, and concern for the welfare of the individual, the person, diminishes. An effective contraceptive rather than a safe one becomes the prime consideration and the technological achievement replaces the humanistic goal.

Were the original Puerto Rican studies equally concerned with safety as they were with effectiveness, we would not have had to wait 10 years later for the committee hearing to bring out the dangers of the pill.

For the first time in the history of conception control, a dangerous contraceptive remains on the market despite its dangers because the birth control movement in this country has become population-control-oriented rather than family-health-oriented. Despite the fact that we knew in advance that a powerful chemical disruptive of normal physiological mechanisms was being introduced. The pill has been the most poorly tested drug ever approved by the FDA.

Mr. DUFFY. Do you have a citation for that, Doctor? Your last sentence?

Dr. RATNER. I think the evidence is clear cut, that since the pill came out and was put on the market in 1960, we have uncovered 50 metabolic disturbances and thromboembolism, and a whole series of diseases caused by the pill. I have a whole page somewhere and I can give you all of the references, but this would require a book of references alone to record for you all of the things that have been discovered since the pill was originally approved as safe.

Now, the spirit of the Kefauver—the legislation inspired by the Kefauver bill—intended that before a drug gets on the market it should be proven safe, not afterwards. It has been the reverse with this drug.

If this is not self-evident, you just tell me what you think is necessary to make this clear to you and I will be happy to go to work.

Actually, I believe my booklet, "The Medical Hazards of The Pill," which has about 140 abstracts of the medical literature, is the documentation. The medical hazards are not to be found in the original studies allegedly demonstrating safety. This is what I am saying. I have listed these hazards in the form of abstracts from the scientific literature. They are indexed and represent the medical hazards discovered since the pill was put on the market in 1960. The booklet is the measure of how inadequate the early studies were.

Satisfied?

Mr. DUFFY. Proceed, please.

Dr. RATNER. Although many other drugs have been removed from the market for lesser reasons, we must wonder why the pill has been retained despite the massive accumulation of medical hazards and