

into this—however, one, a woman was never on the pill but was using a foam contraceptive when she got pregnant and her abortion had nothing to do with the hearings. He was vague about the other abortions. So I think doctors can talk loosely, to New York reporters, and I do not think we should use the New York Times as an authority for the fact pregnancies and abortions have taken place as the result of these pill hearings because it is virtually impossible, because they only started January 15.

General Draper had enough sense to realize that if they occurred it was not because of the hearings, but because of earlier reports of pill dangers.

The need to stimulate propaganda, and I mean this literally—I was a bit shocked when a person who is doing graduate work at Hopkins, who was executive director for a population council, uses as her authority not the original article in Newsweek but a news reporter's version of the Newsweek poll in the New York Times instead. I do not think we should be making charges on the basis of secondhand information.

The need to stimulate this type of story by pill supporters should alert all readers to the characteristic type of propaganda that has been used to promote the pill since its introduction.

(b) That women become pregnant as a result of being panicked off the pill goes counter to the claim of Planned Parenthood personnel and others that the physician sees to it that the client "is knowledgeable about the methods, each sharing equal time with the others, the mechanical with the hormonal." This is what Dr. Mary Lane of Planned Parenthood-World Population testified to on February 25 before your committee.

Furthermore, patients who are capable of panicking off the pill as a result of adverse publicity were obviously not prescribed the birth control method best suited and most acceptable to them.

CONCLUSION

In bringing my statement to a close, I respectfully suggest that each member of the Subcommittee read Judith Blake's criticism of the social engineers in *Science*, May 2, 1969. Professor Blake is chairman of the Department of Demography, University of California, Berkeley. Her paper is entitled "Population Policy for Americans: Is the Government Being Misled?" And I will quote from her writing—"but until now this has not been made clear."

Senator DOLE. Could you just submit that for the record, we are running out of time.

Dr. RATNER. I am at the conclusion, so I will be through shortly, but I think you really want to hear these three sentences.

"The Government has been sold a risky program as part of a population control package" (namely, that 5 million poor women want birth control. She says it is much less than 2 million.) "This program *** invites charges of genocide, dissemination of dangerous drugs, and subversion of moral standards. Ironically, it now appears for the purpose of health and a dubious welfare goal."⁹

⁹ See reference 9 of Bibliography.