

COMPULSORY POLIO VACCINATION: PROSECUTION FOR PARENTS

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I read with interest in the *CDN* of the 10th instant the headline Immunisation the Only Way to Eradicate Polio. Let me at the commencement of this article say that I have not the slightest personal feeling against any Medical man local or otherwise—it is entirely a question of right or wrong, of justice or injustice to the people, and in this spirit and in this only I approach a great and important subject, which affects the physical and moral welfare of our people to an extent that a few people can believe. Mr. Harold W. Whiston in his booklet *Why Vaccinate* says having carefully studied the reports of the Commission and weighed evidence from all sides and examined the judgment expressed by many able men and scientists. I have no hesitation in saying that I can put before my readers such facts that will lead them to see that the public is being misled to a most astonishing extent, that hundreds of little children and adults are being crippled for life as the direct result of vaccination and, more terrible still hundreds of homes are being plunged into sorrow, through the death of some loved one owing to this monstrous fetish. If anyone challenges this, I am prepared to show them a bundle of death certificates all duly signed by respective registrars and certified by medical men that the cause of death was vaccination. Anyone who in the cause of humanity, will spend a few weeks at Somerset House gathering the names of all those who have died through vaccination will never need further proof of my statement. That it is a curse to the individual and the state. Dr. T. Skinner of Liverpool giving evidence at the Royal Commission in regard to the death of one of his patients replied to the question: To what cause do you attribute death? Dr. Skinner: I can attribute the death to nothing but vaccination. In the same report 15 medical men gave evidence as to diseases, permanent injury, or death caused by vaccination, two cases were emphatically cited where those two most terrible diseases to which flesh is heir—syphilis and leprosy, were clearly due to vaccination. Think of it! syphilis and leprosy caused by vaccination and officially confirmed by a Royal Commission. Moreover I see according to the official statistics issued by the German Government in relation to the army that of 7,505 cases of small pox, 291 deaths have occurred and this, mind you, in men who have been vaccinated, re-vaccinated, and re-re-vaccinated under the best possible conditions. Dr. Hitchman consulting surgeon to the Cancer Hospital, leader and formerly public vaccinator to the city of Liverpool, expressly states that syphilis, abdominal phthisis, scrofula, cancer and erysipelas and almost all diseases of the skin have been either conveyed, occasioned or intensified by vaccination. Dr. Brudenell Carter, F.R.C.S., says, a

large proportion of the cases of apparently inherited syphilis are really vaccinal. Dr. M. Beddow Bayly, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., in his booklet *B.C.G. Vaccination: Why You Should Hesitate Before Having Your Child Tested and Vaccinated* says, there are many grave reasons why you should hesitate before allowing your child to undergo these procedures, and among them are the following expressed very briefly but as clearly as possible: (1) Very little is known with precision about any of the procedures suggested and there are wide divergencies in scientific opinion. (2) The possibility of dangerous reactions following the vaccination is recognised. (3) The protective value of B.C.G. vaccine is a matter of dispute among the highest medical authorities. (4) It is admitted that vaccinated persons have later contracted tuberculosis. (5) A great decline in tuberculosis has occurred in countries that have not practised B.C.G. vaccination.

Dr. W. H. Taltersall, M.A., M.D., Cantab. wrote in the *Lancet*: Wide Use of B.C.G. vaccine in this country cannot be unreservedly advocated until it is possible to prove the safety of every batch manufactured. Last, but not the least of the dangers associated with B.C.G. vaccination is one shared by all forms of vaccination and inoculation, that are rendering the individual, more liable for some months to develop poliomyelitis.

The Secretary of the Health ministry, Mr. B. C. Perera has stated that the object of the government's expanding immunisation programme was to eradicate polio, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and T.B. through an immunisation target of 80% by 1982. This object is good but the statement of the Professor of Paediatrics that she could speak with authority and say that immunisation was the best way yet discovered to eradicate the disease is to put it mildly, a terminological inexactitude. Anybody or anyone who believed that all these diseases could be eradicated by immunisation, is living in a fool's paradise. He must realise that the members of the WHO are not demi-gods and infallible. They themselves have changed their views and ideas from time to time like ladies' fashions.

I would like to see a few parents who refuse to immunise their children being sentenced to imprisonment like common criminals.

I hope that Mr. Perera is aware of the fact that His Excellency the President has on more than one occasion stressed the fact that ours is a free and independent society and that nobody could be compelled to act against his wishes provided his actions are within the law.

Why should men and women be imprisoned, fined, persecuted and insulted for refusing to immunise their children by vaccination in order to keep them healthy.