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SIR EDWARD DUNLOP,

CMG, AC, OBE, 1907 - 1993

Sir Edward Dunlop, the most respected Australian, known affectionately as "Weary" Dunlop, died 2nd July, 1993.

Sir Edward, who joined the Australian Army in 1939 as a Surgeon, was captured by the Japanese in Java 1942 and described by members of the infamous Japanese Prisoner of War Camp in Burma as a "Saint", and "the Christ of Burma Road". So many prisoners owe their lives to his courage against the Japanese camp atrocities and his medical ability in treating and protecting his fellow Australian prisoners.

One of his fellow prisoners wrote:

"When despair and death reached for us, he stood fast, his only thought our well-being. Faced with guards who had the power of life and death, ignoble tyrants who hated us, he was a lighthouse of sanity in a universe of madness and suffering."

Sir Edward's Knighthood was presented for his extraordinary feats of surgery under the ultra-primitive conditions of the Burma Railway, and his leadership which was responsible for lifting the morale of the Australian prisoners, a monumental feat considering the Japanese camp guards, whose behaviour is described in "Weary" Dunlop's diaries.

His diaries, written at the risk of death by the Japanese guards, are published in "The War Diaries of Weary Dunlop, Java and Burma-Thailand Railway 1942-45".

Sir Edward was honoured by a Commonwealth State Funeral in Melbourne with Military Honours on 12th July, 1993.

Sir Edward was a great supporter of the Australian Anti-Fluoridation Movement, and spoke against fluoridation at a public meeting in the Melbourne Town Hall 4th June, 1975. ("Fluoridation Poison on Tap", page 270, 294).

The last time I spoke to Sir Edward, he was still convinced that fluoridation was a dangerous health hazard, and supported our work in opposing fluoridation. He gave me his personal notes used for his talk at the Melbourne Town Hall in 1975.

As this great man was held in such moral, scientific and medical esteem, not only in Australia but throughout the world, it is our privilege to print a Resumé of his 1975 speech on fluoridation.

Resumé of speech by Sir Edward Dunlop given at a public meeting held in the Melbourne Town Hall June 4th, 1975.

"Some early enthusiasm arising from the dental benefits has been replaced by doubts in many countries.

Objection to fluoridation on scientific grounds has been based on various points. The one about which I am most personally informed is the incidence of toxic fluorosis, especially in the skeleton.

In the course of work under the Technical Division of the Colombo Plan in India, my distinguished friend and colleague Professor Singh of Patiala Medical College, Punjab, India, showed me cases of skeletal fluorosis in which the spinal overcalsification and deformity had led to paralysis and crippling . . . from natural waters with fluoride levels ranging from 1.2 to 14 ppm fluoride.

Crippling deformities of the skeleton due to fluoride toxicity such as 'forward bending', 'stiffness of the spine', 'reduced mobility of the chest', and 'sprouts on the bone', have been reported from different parts of the world.

These grave abnormalities, which I've personally seen, raise the question, 'Is fluoridation of water really safe?'

This question is all the more disturbing when one notes the fact that in areas of endemic fluorosis serious effects are much more common after forty years of exposure — in other words, there is a slow and subtle process in which fluoride, once put into the body, is hard to get out.

The fact that lesser degrees of skeletal fluorosis are closely parallel to those of rheumatic diseases lessens the alertness of doctors.

Cases of kidney disease are a special risk due to poor elimination of fluoride and considerations of thirst.

Fluoride toxicity may be a greater problem with soft water. Melbourne has extremely soft water.

The water supply is not a good medium for delivery of a precise dose of a medication to the individual.

Fluoridation is a distraction, removing the focus of our attention from the basic causes of teeth decay.

We may have to think again. Perhaps it would be better to do so now."

The Lancet, October 20, 1973.

In skeletal fluorosis, the spinal column is the site of election. Spinal osteosclerosis resulting from chronic fluoride intoxication may be expected to divert calcium preferentially to the spinal column at the expense of the limb bones. In the presence of low dietary calcium intake such diversion may well result in osteoporosis of the limb bones.

The Lancet, October 27, 1973.

Through the courtesy of Professor Jolly, I have had the opportunity of seeing cases of severe fluoride poisoning in Punjab. He has called attention to the importance of other factors in water or food that affect the toxicity of fluoride. For instance, in the village of Mandi Baretta (mean water fluoride only 0.73 ppm) 81.2% of 284 children examined (aged 5-15 years) had dental fluorosis; 2.4% adult (over 21 years) males and 4.2% adult females had skeletal fluorosis. Jolly and his colleagues show that other chemical constituents of water affect toxicity; **this is decreased by higher total hardness,** higher magnesium hardness, increased chloride, increased total solids, and decreased alkalinity.

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SOME HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN FLUORIDATION

The history of fluoridation must never be overlooked or forgotten because that is the fraudulent scientific basis on which the ridiculous hype was founded.

Consider some Australian Fluoridation history.

In 1953 the N.H. and M.R.C. voted fluoridation as safe and effective, and recommended its use to the Australian Government, all **without any medical or dental studies into its safety and effectiveness.**

The fluoride salesmen were on the job — "something" had them "fired up" to sell this compulsory medication and have their names identified with the hoax.

The Daily Mirror 13 October 1964 reported the endorsement of Macfarlane Burnet as follows —

> *"Unless tiny amounts of fluoride were taken during childhood teeth were prone to decay.*
>
> *Water in some parts of the world contained as much as 5 parts per million fluoride. Such water was not dangerous to health but tended to produce mottled teeth."*

They all wanted to get onto this great utopia of scientiric fraud. Why?

Later, 14 August 1978 the now "Sir" Macfarlane Burnet when delivering the 10th Leonard Ball Oration at the Royal College of Surgeons said:—

> *"Every doctor is well aware of the difference in effectiveness or toxicity of a drug for different people."* (all of which is contrary to mass medication).

The US Food & Drug Administration catalogue fluoride as a drug.

20 years later in 1973, it was admitted and recorded in the Victorian Parliament **Hansard** that no original research had ever been done by the N.H. and M.R.C. or the W.H.O. (and yet the Victorian politicians voted for fluoridation!)

40 years later in 1991, the N.H. and M.R.C. Fluoridation Research Committee admit they still have not done any original research and indeed they admit no proper Australian fluoridation research exists.

What a disgusting scientific record of medical and dental responsibility by those supposedly acting as the "protectors of Australian people's health".

When the Victorian Fluoridation Act was debated in 1973, the "quality of fact" was so bad that one politician remarked that there never seemed to be any Press Gallery during the debate. (p.2574) Was this by arrangement?

On 20th November, 1973 the Independent Member, Mr Jack Mutton, asked The Minister of Health, Mr Scanlan (question 524, page 2293):

> *"What **research** has been carried out by the Commission of Public Health, the Australian Medical Association, the Australian Dental Association, the National Health and Medical Research Council and the World Health Organization, respectively, in relation to fluoridation of public water supplies?"*

The Minister answered, (Hansard page 2293):

> *"No original research has been carried out by any of the bodies named. **They are not research organizations,** but each has set up groups which have studied the voluminous literature on the subject published in many countries of the world."*

At one time in the debate, Mr Mutton asked:

> *"What happened to the right of people to make their own decision on fluoridation?"*

Mr Wilkes, Labor Party interjected saying:

> *"The faceless men of the Liberal Party Conference."*

Another interesting fluoridation "fact" is that there was an obvious arrangement within the Liberal Party because on 4th March, 1973 the Liberal Conference adopted fluoridation onto its official platform, pre-empting the early November 1973 Fluoridation Act in Parliament and leg-roping all Liberal members accordingly.

The following letters illustrate this obvious about face in their approach to fluoridation:

February 1968

> *"The Government has always considered it essential that **the water users themselves should be consulted before fluoridation is introduced,** and it considers that legislation is necessary to clarify the position and to **provide for a referendum by water users,** or some other means by which they can give or withhold consent.*
>
> *Yours sincerely,*
> *R.J. Hamer*
> *Minister for Local Government*

April 3, 1974

> *"The Premier (Mr Hamer) has aksed me to acknowledge your letter of the 19th November, 1974, regarding your allergy to sodium fluoride.*
>
> *The concentration of fluoride proposed for fluoridating water is but 1 part per million. **At that level, no matter how much water you drink, no harm from fluoride should occur."***

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April 18, 1975

"It is impossible to suffer acute or chronic fluoride poisoning by drinking water which has had the existing fluoride content adjusted to the level of 1 part per million. For generations communities have drunk water at this level without exhibiting the slightest harm.

Fluoridation of the water supplies is a perfectly safe and desirable public health measure, the benefits of which are now enjoyed by over 6,000,000 ***Australians without one of this number suffering the slightest harm.***

Yours sincerely,
Alan Scanlan, M.P.
Minister of Health (Emphasis added)

1977

The "cart before the horse syndrome" is well illustrated by the following statement from literature distributed by the Australian Dental Health Education Committee at a symposium on "School Tuck Shops" at Camberwell Civic Centre, May 1977:

"Sugar in solution, that is soft drink ***by-passes the teeth*** *in the main and is comparatively harmless, although milk (unsweetened and unflavoured) is better.* (Emphasis added)

But the Premier of Victoria, Rupert Hamer, obviously briefed by his medical and dental advisers wrote on 1st April, 1977:

"This early advantage is then reinforced by having fluoridated water continually washing over the surfaces of the erupted teeth throughout life."

Therefore we are told that one liquid — fluoridated water — supposedly improves the teeth when washing over them, but that another liquid — soft drinks — bypass the teeth! This really is a medical phenomena worth exploring! Or is it another piece of fluoride dogma and propaganca? Or an April fools day story?

The Premier of Victoria advised in an undated letter, just after the Fluoridation Bill was passed, that fluoridation "was advocated internationally by the World Health Organization representing 146 countries", but the Minister of Health, Mr Scanlan on 27th November, 1973 said only 70 delegates of the W.H.O. voted in favour of fluoridation.

One politician, Mr Williams (Box Hill) stated (page 2570):

"There is much evidence that not only people under 16 years of age will benefit from fluoride, because they will retain their teeth, but also that the bones of elderly people will become stronger, and that they will suffer much less from the disease osteoporosis, which is common among the elderly. I support the Bill to the hilt."

Fluorides do not stop osteoporosis, in fact fluorides cause osteoporosis.

Country Party Member, Mr Hann (Rodney) stated (page 2574):

"Possibly a majority of people in Victoria are not aware that under this measure they can be forced to have fluoride added to their water supply. This has been mentioned by the Honourable Member for Coburg. The reason for the lack of knowledge is the small amount of publicity that has been given by the media to the subject. During the debate on the Bill, few reporters have been present in the Press Gallery. I believe a significant proportion of the population desires to have freedom of choice. The whole Australian system of Government is built around democratic elections, and a system of referenda or plebicites to give the people the opportunity of expressing their opinions on specific matters. Members of the Country Party have always supported the right of the individual to have freedom of choice."

Strangely, the Leader of the Country Party in 1985 successfully supported fluoridation into Shepparton Water Supply.

Also in 1985, the Health Commission of Victoria on 30th April wrote that:

"The Health Commission of Victoria has not undertaken medical and scientific studies of individual cities before fluoridation, and there is no evidence that that would warrant such studies."

1990

17th December, 1990 Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, Brian Howe, Minister for Community Services and Health stated:

"As I indicated previously, decisions about whether water supplies in particular areas will be fluoridated are matters for State and local authorities."

The Victorian Health Minister, Mr Scanlon, distinguished himself amongst his peers when on 27th November, 1973 (Hansard page 2583) he stated:

"The intention of the Government is to provide that future legislators will have teeth just as the children and the Victorian public will have teeth."

On the possibility of the Fluoridation Bill being defeated he said:

"The legislators of the future, our children and members of the community would have no teeth."

This nonsense was swallowed by all Liberal and Labour politicians in the Parliament as **fact,** without giving one moment of thought about all the supposed toothless people throughout the unfluoridated world and indeed all Victoria at that very moment.

All this makes Victoria the State of goofy politicians, all afraid of their faceless masters.

Mr Barry Jones (Melbourne) stated (page 2421):

"On the question of a referendum, like many other honourable members, I have been involved in campaigning for civil liberties, but I am convinced that this particular issue (fluoridation) is not appropriate for a referendum. I suspect that the Honourable Member for Coburg (Mr Mutton) is probably right when he says it would be defeated."

So here lies the reason why fluoridation referenda is taboo in Liberal and Labor policies, and highlights the Honourable Barry Jones torment in civil liberties when fluoridation is involved, and its possible defeat by civil liberty and democratic referenda.

Barry Jones became the Parliamentary "whistleblower" on why our "democratic" politicians refused freedom of choice by referenda only when fluoridation is the principle involved.

The history of fluoridation in Sydney should be documented. It has many interesting Government actions.

Of current importance is the statement 30 May 1963 by Mr Tom de Burgh, secretary Sydney Water Board.

"No authority, medical or scientific has been able to tell me that there is no long-range danger whatever in fluoridation."

Mr de Burgh was asking **that question of safety** 30 years ago and today the question is still unanswered in spite of all the hype by our fluoride promoters in privilleged positions.

The N.H. and M.R.C. 1991 Report (page 149) "concluded" that by decreasing or removing fluoride from a water supply "**would inevitably** result in the occurrence of dental caries".

For their expert opinion they again rely upon foreign fluoridation propaganda but expose their fear of existing data right under their noses in Australia.

The Gold Coast stopped their fluoridation plant 14 years ago in 1979 and have never started it up again, so our Australian scientists can collect Australian dental data one hour flight from Canberra.

Honestly searching for scientific evidence seems beyond the appointed Government Committee when they have data available from a heavily populated area such as the Gold Coast with over 300,000 people.

If going north upsets our non-investigating scientists, they can fly less than one hour south to Wodonga (population 88,000) where the fluoridation plant was scrapped in 1980 and never recommenced.

Failing these excellent study areas, they can also go

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to Deniliquin where their fluoridation plant was stopped in 1988.

The "appointed experts" treat these "once fluoridated" areas including unfluoridated Brisbane, Capital of Queensland, like the plague.

Here we have excellent classical scientific study areas which are ignored by the N.H. and M.R.C. in preference to overseas unsubstantiated propaganda.

One would think that in the year 1993 at least one politician or one health minister, or one bureaucrat, or one appointed member of the N.H. and M.R.C. Committee would understand the importance of the Gold Coast, Wodonga, Brisbane, and Deniliquin dental data.

Of course further independent objective studies could be conducted in all other non-fluoridated areas in Victoria such as Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo, Mildura, Warrnambool, Portland just to name the largest non-fluoridated cities of Victoria.

Politicians never suffer from scientific indigestion, especially relating to fluoridation, because they are either directed by their doctor, or the party faceless men/women not to digest anything against the great fluoridation racket.

Just consider what the community is fed, with the approval, and indeed dedication of our elected politicians.

Not much more than ten years ago, the scare went out that elite scientists had warned our politicians, and indeed the community that the Ice Age was on the way, and the first ice-cap would envelope southern Australia and temperatures obviously would fall to an alarming climatic condition.

Ten years later the glasshouse effect is going to heat up the Australian continent!!!

It really is important for the community to treat these "expert" scientists with due caution. Most of their data comes from MODELS of dubious value and scientific standards used to answer questions fed into computers, the quality and fact directly related to the MODEL (programme) being used. Like fluoridation it makes dubious scientific meaning except for those "living" on projected propaganda which is impossible to measure, properly forecast, or examine, but similar to fluoridation these scientists will not be around in 50 years to answer their claims of today. These irrational claims come cheap!

Television comes clean on Fluoridation

The Australian Broadcasting Commission, TV Channel 2, produced a remarkable documentary by "The Investigators" 27th July, 1993 on the dangers of fluoride toothpaste and fluoridated water.

This was programmed throughout Australia.

Firstly they showed many children with varying degrees of dental fluorosis — mottled teeth, and the anger of mothers who protested because no warnings had been made by responsible Australian health authorities, such as the National Health and Medical Research Council, Commonwealth and State Governments, dentists and dcotors.

The mottled teeth were of such pictorial clarity it sent a wave of anger throughout the Australian community, most of whom had no previous knowledge of such a fluoride health hazard to their children.

Perhaps the most remarkable section of that documentary was an inverview with Dr Robin Woods, Chairman, Dental Health Committee, N.H. and M.R.C., and spokesman for the Australian Dental Association. He agreed they were wrong in their assessment of fluoride safety factors. He said: "We thought we were right", "it's a tricky exercise", "we use the best available data and are not ashamed to review".

The Manager of Colgates was sure their standard toothpaste (1000 ppm fluoride) was "fine" for all the family, but seemed unable to explain why Colgates had just marketed a new Junior Brand toothpaste of less than half the fluoride strength of their standard product.

He said he could not accept the suggestion of "risk".

He did however agree that dental fluorosis is caused by too much fluoride.

Did that mean Colgates were guilty of overdosing children with fluoride through the high fluoride content of their toothpaste, sold and recommended in the past?

Colgates' Manager was unable to answer that rather simple question.

The conclusion was interesting, Dr Woods said "we can guarantee they (the children) have not been at grave risk".

Current scientific literature, and indeed current knowledge answers that statement by the Head of the N.H. and M.R.C.

Children are at risk! Adults are at risk.

Fluoridation Briefs

Teresa Council Wisconsin USA at their July meeting voted 7/0 to remove fluoride from their City Water System. The City's water was fluoridated in 1968 so the experiment on their people lasted 25 years.

THREE DIE FROM FLUORIDATION POISONING AT CHICAGO MEDICAL CENTER ON 16 JULY 1993.

Deaths were caused by acute exposure of excess fluoride in the water used in the dialysis process being used on those kidney patients.

At least 5 other patients reacted to the fluoride poison.

The US Dept. Health and Human Services stated 4 January 1991 —

"If an individual is consuming abnormally large quantities of water (fluoridated) he should drink bottled water."

Allentown — Pennsulvania USA 21 July 1993

COUNCIL KILLS FLUORIDE BILL

The Morning Call — 22 July 1993

After years of fluoridation promotion going back to 1961, when it was rejected but reintroduced into the Allentown Council in 1977 where the Council voted 5 - 2 in favour but the measure got caught up in Court.

At the Council meeting 21 July 1993 the Council voted 4 - 3 against fluoridation.

One quote from the meeting is worth documenting.

Edward Perlis of Salesbury Township is quoted —

"I'm not afraid of much, but I am afraid of when a Government . . . dictates to the public what they should or ***should not put into their bodies.***"

FLUORIDATION, with apologies to Dentists, Doctors, N.H. & M.R.C., our health Authorities and in particular our not so caring politicians.

"You can dress up a monkey anyway you wish but it still remains a monkey."

A sobering thought

Fluoridation is randomised uncontrolled mass medication that violates the civil liberties of every man, woman and child. Its sole purpose is not to treat the water but to treat the consumer for "tooth disease", a term coined by dentists to describe tooth decay.

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