

VITAMIN B-17: FORBIDDEN WEAPON AGAINST CANCER

By Michael L. Culbert

In a decade when the federal government is spending billions annually on its War on Cancer, this book treats of what the cancer establishment calls an "unorthodox" cancer remedy. *Vitamin B-17: Forbidden Weapon Against Cancer* outlines the history of the suppression of Laetrile, a non-toxic substance derived from apricot pits and a variety of fruits.

Laetrile advocates argue that cancer is caused not by external factors, but by a metabolic breakdown within the body. Furthermore, cancer is a disease of modern man living on a high level of civilization. It follows that cancers may be set off by the *lack* of something in a diet, a lack for which Laetrile is said to compensate.

Based on interviews with the originator of Laetrile, biochemist Ernst T. Krebs, Jr., author Michael L. Culbert concludes that "cancer is not formed by an alien, outside force but through natural processes that run wild when man's tampering with nature has removed or diminished the natural restraints on those natural processes."

Few claim that Laetrile offers a total cure for cancer, but many point to the tumor-reducing effect reported by the cancer patients of Dr. Ernesto Contreras, who, in his Tijuana, Mexico, clinic, each month administers the cancer remedy that is banned in the U. S. to numbers of American patients. There is, however, general agreement on the pain-reducing characteristics of Laetrile.

Because of the Food and Drug Administration's unwillingness to permit clinical testing on Laetrile, it is available only through the "Laetrile underground." Culbert describes the growth of the Laetrile lobby, which includes those from both ends of the political spectrum who advocate freedom of choice in cancer therapy. He concludes that "there is something to Laetrile, and the growing wave of evidence makes a compelling case for facing this fact without assuming Laetrile is the total answer or that all opposition to Laetrile has an identical vested interest in its suppression."

The reader is led to feel that the ban on non-toxic Laetrile, which may or may not be efficacious in cancer treatment, is perhaps as senseless as the legalization of highly toxic cancer drugs that have done little to cut the cancer death rate and frequently only further debilitate systems already weakened by cancer.

In 1953 the California Cancer Commission issued a report stating that Laetrile had no effect on cancer tumors and citing the use of 44 case studies in its research. Subsequent statements have been based on the 1953 study, despite the fact that it was later discovered that in the California study Laetrile was not given in dosages large enough to warrant reaching any conclusions about the substance. In recent years raids have been made on doctors' offices where officials suspect that Laetrile is being used. In 1973 Dr. John A. Richardson was charged for using Laetrile under California's "cancer quackery" statutes. The FDA and the National Cancer Institute have followed the line taken on Laetrile in 1953. In December 1973 NCI stated: "Based on all of the studies we have carried out, we conclude that the material does not possess activity in any of the tumor systems that we have utilized." Recent statements echo the same sentiments, including that of the Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, which several years ago "leaked" positive findings on Laetrile to the public. Among those who disagree with NCI's official statement is the recently retired former head of NCI's cytochemistry unit, Dr. Dean Burk.

Laetrile's foremost advocate, Ernst Krebs, points to the "billions of dollars" at stake in cancer therapy and cites the "fantastic ego considerations" among scientists and bureaucrats as key elements in cancer politics. "If you bring in Laetrile you've eliminated the department of tissue pathology, therapeutic radiology, and will have made one hell of a dent in surgery," is how Krebs explains the perceived threat of Laetrile.

Culbert's book does not plead the case for Laetrile, although it includes a chapter of remarkable testimonials. Instead it demonstrates the logic of acting upon the "test Laetrile now" slogan in order that cancer patients may have freedom of choice. Despite the fact that a predicted 350,000 persons in the US will die of cancer this year, the cancer bureaucracy keeps a closed mind to anything but the time-tried and minimally successful orthodox cancer therapies. This book makes it clear that the basic issue is not the efficacy of Laetrile, but the infringement of freedom in what amounts to a life and death question. Reviewed by Solveig Eggerz / *Survival* / LR Price \$8.95

THE BALANCING ACT & BLACK STUDIES REVISITED

By George Roche, Alan Reynolds, and Ernest Van Den Haag

The Balancing Act, consisting of two separate pieces—*Quota Hiring in Higher Education* by George Roche and *Black Studies Revisited* by Alan Reynolds and Ernest Van Den Haag—lays bare facts that should frighten the hell out of anyone interested in America's colleges and universities. Although the problems of higher education are by no means confined to these two issues, these issues are symptomatic of the kind of behavior that is threatening to destroy the American university, if in fact it has not already been destroyed.

Quota hiring in colleges that receive federal money is by no means an "official" policy, Roche tells us. Rather it is masked by all sorts of subterfuge, such as the employment of Newspeak which insists that the "goals" the Office of Civil Rights lays down for colleges under its grip are not the same as "quotas." Nevertheless, "When a bureaucrat can threaten withholding virtually millions of dollars in funds from Columbia University, not because Columbia has been found guilty of specific acts of discrimination, but because Columbia, after a half-dozen attempts and the expenditure of tens of thousands of dollars in computer studies, has failed to come up with an Affirmative Action plan satisfactory to the bureaucracy, the results should be obvious to all. . . ."

Roche makes an impressive case for the thesis that the bureaucracy is in fact operating a quota system, not the least evidence of which is the fact that the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission itself has been hit with a number of complaints charging reverse discrimination and a quota system of hiring.

On top of everything else, many members of minority groups end up being discriminated against because they do not fit the image of deprivation—the stereotypes—dreamt up by those who make the rules. While Roche agrees

that discrimination has in fact taken place in higher education, the cure seems to be worse than the disease.

The sad thing about *Black Studies Revisited* is that it hints at what could have been. The push for Black Studies courses could have led to the establishment of a true line of scholarship in this area—something which is totally legitimate. Instead, as the authors point out, Black Studies became something quite different—group therapy for black students who were not academically qualified and a place to isolate unqualified black students whose presence elsewhere would have lowered standards (but who, safely locked away in Black Studies courses, were harmless to the university as a whole). In addition, since the number of people qualified to teach Black Studies could not possibly meet the demand in so short a time, many unqualified instructors had to do. Reynolds and Van Den Haag point out that the real contributions to Black Studies came from those trained in other disciplines, such as economics and history.

I found the authors of *The Balancing Act* a bit overzealous in expressing their indignation; they might have benefitted by a less exclamatory style of writing. I must admit, however, that their indignation was infectious, for I too found myself outraged. Also, I found myself wincing at Roche's use of a Mencken quotation about women that seemed like an underhanded swipe at the women's liberation movement (an ill-placed and ill-informed one at that).

But all in all, *The Balancing Act* provides a lot of insight into the problems of quota hiring and Black Studies, and it demonstrates the ramifications of political intrusion and maneuvering in the academic realm. Reviewed by Susan Love Brown / *Education* / LR Price \$8.95

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The editor of *Barron's* added a note of optimism to the proceedings with a speech entitled, "Doomsday will be a little late this year. Apocalypse has been postponed." This puts Bleiberg at odds with many of the other speakers, but the well-known economist offers a sparkling and articulate defense of his position.

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GARY NORTH

The editor of *Remnant Review* and a noted economist, entitled his speech "Market Created Money—The Demonization of the State." He believes the best survival strategy at the moment is to buy goods at distressed prices and gives helpful advice on how to pursue his recommendations. He forecasts wage and price controls, black markets and exchange controls and tells what actions you should take now to avoid their impact.

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HENRY MARK HOLZER

Prof. Holzer is on the faculty of Brooklyn Law School. His speech entitled, "Gold Clause Con-

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Mr. Baring is partner and mining analyst for a London firm which is the world's largest dealer in gold shares. His speech was entitled, "Strategy and Tactics for Investing in South African Golds" and concentrates on the South African mining finance houses which he believes to be excellent investments and sets forth his reasons why.

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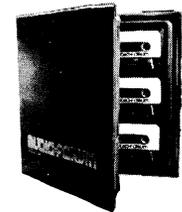
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