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Sir Emmanuel Kaye, C.B.E.
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Mr Kaye -
see points
underlined
at end

9th August, 1979

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON S.W.1.

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My dear Prime Minister,

At that delightful Chequers lunch, you asked me to send you information on fluoridation:

1. None of our Continental Common Market partners has fluoridated water. Thus, there is no fluoridation in:-

Belgium
Denmark
France
Germany
Holland
Italy, or
Luxembourg

There is also no fluoridation in:-

Austria
Greece
Norway
Spain or
Sweden

Of the above countries, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Sweden have all had some fluoridation and have stopped it.

I am sure you will agree that the authorities of the twelve countries above who have no fluoridation cannot all be fools - and it shows that we are totally isolated from scientific opinion amongst those countries on the Continent. Hence my question: What makes us so readily accept the opinion of the two individuals at the Royal College of Physicians who are regarded as the authority in this country? They have staked their professional reputations on fluoridation and must understandably feel

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that they cannot now back down. That is no reason for the Department of Health and Social Security and the rest of us to follow them.

2. Germany

Last year, the Federal German Health Council reviewed the matter again and "came to the conclusion that under the prevailing circumstances the fluoridation of drinking water cannot be recommended". The FRANKFURTER ALLGEMINE ZEITUNG report on this decision stated: "The decisive factors for the rejection of fluoridation were chiefly the toxicological side effects....".

3. On the toxicological side effects, it is interesting to note that the German Federal Health Council came to its conclusion before the Court verdict in the Pittsburgh case on 16th November 1978. There, after an extensive hearing spread over 2,000 pages of testimony, the Court declared that it was "compellingly convinced" that based upon the researches of Dr. Burk and Dr. Yiamouyiannis, the fluoridation-cancer link has been established.

4. Dr. Dean Burk, who is one of the world's highly decorated cancer research scientists and, in fact, received the first Domagh Prize in 1965 for cancer research, was for some 30 years head of the Cytochemistry section of the U.S. National Cancer Institute. He is in this country until 25th September, and if you could spare him 10 minutes I should be very happy to arrange a meeting. He is one of the most knowledgeable men in the world on cancer and fluoridation so, if you can meet him, why accept information second-hand? This is quite apart from the fact that you would then be better able to make your own assessment, as well as having the advantage of being able to quote him direct!

5. I enclose a copy of a letter dated 26th December, 1978 from the Presiding Judge of the Pittsburgh Court to Lord Douglas of Barloch, in which he encloses a very telling letter from the Chancellor of the Fairleigh Dickinson University - which I highly recommend your reading.

Also enclosed is a report on a speech by Ivan Lawrence, which you may not have seen.

There are other anti-tooth decay measures that are both effective and ethical and which do not merely delay decay as with fluoridation, but prevent it altogether. I will not deal with them, however - as this

Would Dr
Vaughan see
him?

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letter is already far too long - unless you would specifically like me to let you have that information, in which case I shall be very happy to do so.

With kindest regards,
Yours very sincerely,
Emmanuel.