

DEPARTMENT OF NO COMMENT

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All those doctors, dentists, public health officials and other communistic and socialistically inclined folks who have been pushing so long for fluoridation of public water supplies seem to be inching closer to their goal here in Georgia.

Within recent months the state legislature has cleared away some obstacles and given community water boards the go-ahead on instituting fluoridation. Already Atlanta and Augusta are in the process of bringing this about.

Six years ago, the *Bulletin* interviewed the loquacious Mrs. Feeney on the subject of fluoridation and five years ago, after another article or two, we printed a poem entitled "Requiem for Fluoridation" on these pages. To refresh your memory, we are reprinting it below and following it with a letter received last month from Dr. Philip Zanfagna of Lawrence, Massachusetts, who serves on the editorial board of the anti-fluoridation *National Fluoridation News*.

REQUIEM FOR FLUORIDATION?

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Enough! Enough!

Let halls no more reverberate

With passionate pleas to fluoridate.

Let oracles no more proclaim

Nor infidels aloud defame.

Let caries reign in foul putrescence;

Leave teeth in pain unto senescence.

No brittle bones of ours will break

No palsied limbs with ague shake.

With pious mien, let us be liable

To admonitions from the Bible,

Our goblets high, and let them fill

With virgin essence of God's will.

Never, never shall we trade it,

Shining, sweet just as He made it;

Sparkling, clear and free of fluorine,

Unpoisoned, pure—except for chlorine.

November 10,

Dear Dr. Graffagnino:

Mrs. Leroy Barrett sent me a copy of your poem "Requiem for Fluoridation." This is the most eloquent poem I have seen written on this subject. Congratulations!

I should like to have your permission to publish this poem in our *National Fluoridation News*.

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Lawrence, Massachusetts

'Permission was granted.

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