November 22, 1944.

Dear Doctor:

Again the physicians of Alameda County are being asked to turn against California Physicians' Service. You have no doubt received a letter recently, bearing the names of twenty-one Alameda County physicians, urging that you send in your resignation as a professional member of C.P.S.

Some of us—and we have listed our names on this letter—have the feeling that a matter of this kind should properly come up through the regular channels of organized medicine. We have a County Medical Association, a State Medical Association and a Board of Administrative Members of C.P.S. We believe that these are organized for the purpose of providing checks and balances in the usual democratic manner and that no minority group of individual physicians should hold itself above these organized bodies in attempting to bring about changes in a going concern. As a matter of fact, the proposal now being made by this minority has twice been debated before the C.M.A. House of Delegates and defeated on both occasions.

At this time we do not wish to take issue with the statements made in that letter recently sent to you. Instead, it is our thought that the method of placing this matter before our members should be through regular channels, not in the form of a personal campaign. Then, if the will of the majority is made known, it is only fitting that all of us accept that verdict and guide our own actions accordingly.

We simply ask that you maintain your membership and keep an open mind on the subject of C.P.S. We suggest that defects in its present setup should be remedied in the democratic way and not through a revolution within our midst. The only effect of the revolutionary method is to create a vicious negative reaction on the part of the public, not only against the minority group fostering this attack but against the entire profession.

This letter is sent to you primarily in the hope of creating unity, not only within our county but within our state.

Fraternally yours,

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