

in debate that it is quackery and the proponents of laetrile also include Dean Burke. He is a biochemist from the University of California. Charles Gurchot, he is from Cornell University. Chauncey Leake, and it goes on and on, University of Wisconsin. I don't believe many of these that I have listed here would be considered as quack. Judge Bohanon also noted, "Not all members of America's leading cancer institutions are opposed in all context to laetrile." Judge Bohanon then quoted a statement by C. Chester, Vice President and Associate Director for Academic Affairs of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research indicating Chester's support of laetrile's use in some cases. Senator Cullan, by arguing that laetrile is ineffective, laetrile opponents are still ignoring the fact that it gives everyone, everyone that has been using it or has been connected with it, it is the hope. It still might be wise to allow its use because of the effect, the healing effect accompanying the psychological uplift and renewed sense of hope which often attends the administration of laetrile. There is also brought up, and it is also in the information he sent out, that laetrile is a poison. It releases cyanide and has been known to kill cancer patients. Judge Bohanon also has an answer for that. "It is only within the context of FDA's creation of this record, the recent public hearings on laetrile, that the specter of laetrile's toxicity has ever been raised. The drug's reputation for nontoxicity even among its opponents is amply documented. Allegations of toxicity appear to be more of an afterthought offered to bolster their own conclusions rather than a reasoned conclusion based on a detached and partial view of the record." Now I am quoting this from Dr. Bohanon's decision. "While the records disclose certain differences of opinion on this issue, the vast amount of practical experience of actual experiments and users in administering laetrile both by injection and orally has established its nontoxicity." Dr. Dean Burke, former head of the Psycho-Chemistry Section, Natural Cancer Institute, after testing laetrile on rats says the substance is notably less toxic to animal organism than ordinary diet sugar and that aspirin tablets are twenty times more toxic than an equivalent amount of laetrile. I would further like to say that I am sure there are many of you here that believe that there will be those that will forego conventional treatment and I don't believe this is true because the selecting of laetrile over orthodox treatment, and usually the vast majority of laetrile patients first underwent the conventional treatment while isolated, this argument assumes that laetrile patients make an uninformed choice to seek laetrile rather than conventional treatments. This is simply