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Dear Dr. Warren:

I enjoyed your Doctor's Speaking Out article in Off Hours. I also didn't speak out (though I've signed a number of petitions in the area) because I felt extremely uncomfortable with the co-director being the Minister of Health of the USSR. Clearly the organization is, if not the handmaiden, highly important to the Soviet foreign policy of disinformation.

On the other hand, as Tom Chalmers points out, there was no other way to do it and the only way it "worked" in Russia was by having Chazov involved.

I was interested that you didn't include Ben Spock in your list, though he wasn't a Nobelist. Of course, it helped that he was independently wealthy, but he certainly was courageous (and generally right!).

I tend to share your view. On the other hand, I believe that the major message of the Physicians group was the dramatization of the physical and psychological damage of an actual bomb burst in a way that had never been done before, and in a way which was credible because they were medical people. I may be mistaken, but I believe this, rather than scolding our government, was their thrust. I may be wrong however.

Regards,

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