

Peter Lehman, Berlin, Germany:

I was very pleased to receive *Dendron* and to see your name as editor. The reason is, that I wrote a book about neuroleptics in 1986 and mentioned your name. Perhaps there is somebody around you to translate the contexts in which I mentioned your name.

Why I write: Of my book, there are a lot of reviews. In Swiss, Denmark and Netherlands, too. But not in the U.S.A. When I visited the U.S.A. last year, a lot of people I showed the book to were sorry, that it is not translated into the English language. But, perhaps, you are interested in printing a review, even if it is in the German language. I add a translated review, and if you may, you can use it for *Dendron*.

Review by author [translated from German]

"To my person: I was displaced into psychiatry in 1977, treated with Haloperidol/Triperidol/Orap/Truxal/Semap/Taxilan/Akineton. Nearly I died. Afterwards, in 1980, I founded together with others survivors Germany's first survivor-organization.

"Here's the text I beg you to publish:

"Do you know what malformations were found in babies of mothers, treated with neuroleptics during pregnancy?

"Do you know that all neuroleptic-induced damages come into being, too, after shortest treatment and independently from the dosage, even that some damage appears especially at low dosage?

"Do you know why neuroleptics can drive the treated person into a state of despair and – especially by opportune external life-circumstances – even to suicide?

"Do you know that psychiatrists are researching the possibilities to implant deposits of neuroleptics into the womb (uterus) to secure a long-time treatment of many years or even life-long?

"If you are interested in these

questions and understand German language somewhat, you should read Peter Lehman's book, "Der chemische Knebel - Warum Psychiater Neuroleptika verabreichen. Mit über 150 Abbildungen und wertvollen Tipps zum Absetzen." ("The Chemical Gag – Why Psychiatrists Give Neuroleptics. With more than 150 pictures and precious ideas to put down the neuroleptics.") 448 pages, ISBN 3-925931-00-7, DM 29.80 (about \$15.), Peter Lehman, Antipsychiatry Edition, Berlin, Germany, 1986.

Review from a German publication, translated:

The Chemical Gag: Why Psychiatrists Give Neuroleptics

From asthma to "schizophrenia." From bed-wetting to "neurosis." From skin-irritation to depression. There is scarcely a diagnosis which cannot result in the application of neuroleptic drugs.

Peter Lehmann wrote a book, founded on up-to-now unpublished investigations of psychiatrists and manufacturers' of neuroleptics. The book is written in a vivid manner. He tries to raise interest in these modern chemical agents, up to now called "medicine" and used in psychiatric treatment. The readers of this book will hear some names of these agents perhaps for the first time.

A substantial base for the book is Peter Lehmann's research work of

several years. The results make it possible for non-physicians, also, to comprehend the mode of action of the neuroleptics, which consists of paralyzing the transmission of the nervous impulses.

Besides this primary effect, the secondary effects of these psychiatric agents consist of severe physical, mental and psychic damages, such as parkinsonism (shaking palsy), disorders of the brain rhythm and the hormonal glands, fatigue, apathy or confusion.

These effects can happen even in cases of the shortest & lowest-dosed application. The fact is, that these "side effects" are in reality the main effects, desired by the psychiatrists – as the statements by themselves disclose. This is one more reason for Peter Lehmann to discuss the administering of the neuroleptics, and to refuse this drugging as a matter of course, as these most poisonous agents earn.

He compares the older psychiatric practices of sterilization during the German Fascist dictatorship (and before), with the de facto sterilizing effect of long-acting neuroleptics. These drugs are also given by community-psychiatrists. But the mental & psychic effects of a lobotomy (surgical brain mutilation) and of neuroleptic treatment coincide with each other.

The extensive supplement to the book makes it a rich source, too. There are included: An itemized catalog of neuroleptics (including U.S. names). A chapter specially dedicated to "how to come down from neuroleptics." Concrete proposals for a system of human assistance instead of psychiatric treatment. Further, there's an inventory of the more than 150 shocking pictures of psychiatric treatment & practices. There's also a voluminous list of references containing essential research works, including animal tests & self-experiments performed by psychiatrists themselves.

