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"The Chiropractic Bill has passed all committee approvals and is now before the Camara for a final vote there," said past ABQ President Dr. Sira Borges. "The challenges are to get the bill heard, given the many other bills awaiting hearing and the PT opposition, and to get the vote. The ABQ is now very optimistic about our chances of doing this during the next few months — but we have strong opponents and need maximum effort."

At a special meeting on July 10th the Board of Directors of the International Chiropractors Association voted unanimously to offer all possible support to the ABQ, including conducting a worldwide fundraising effort among the ICA membership, and also urging all DCs, regardless of their organizational affiliation, to support this very worthy cause.

"We all must contribute in this struggle," said ICA President Dr. John Maltby. "The struggle in Brazil is of vital importance to our profession, both because of the need to ensure quality chiropractic care at the hands of individuals trained and motivated at the highest level, and because of the very real risk that the absorption of chiropractic by physical therapy may become a trend in Latin America," Dr. Maltby stated.

Gerard W. Clum, D.C., President of the WFC, in a worldwide appeal to the chiropractic profession to donate funds to the ABQ in summarizing the current situation in Brazil said: "We are faced with a new challenge in Brazil. Instead of the traditional opposition of a medical lobby, seeking no recognition of chiropractic, chiropractic is faced with opposition from a physical therapy lobby seeking laws that would define chiropractic as a specialty of PT — a dangerous first internationally."

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

ICA has called upon its worldwide membership to donate to support this important cause. One hundred percent of all donations collected will continue to be passed through to the ABQ. Your help is urgently needed, and you can make your donation via credit card through ICA by calling 1-800-423-4690, or through the World Federation of Chiropractic.

Donations are being collected by the WFC and held in trust for the Legislative Commission, with funds only paid out on invoices approved by the WFC Executive. For questions about donations, email Khalid Salim, WFC administration manager, at ksalim@wfc.org, or contact the federation by calling (416) 484-9978. The WFC has created a donation form for the fundraising campaign available on-line at: www.wfc.org.

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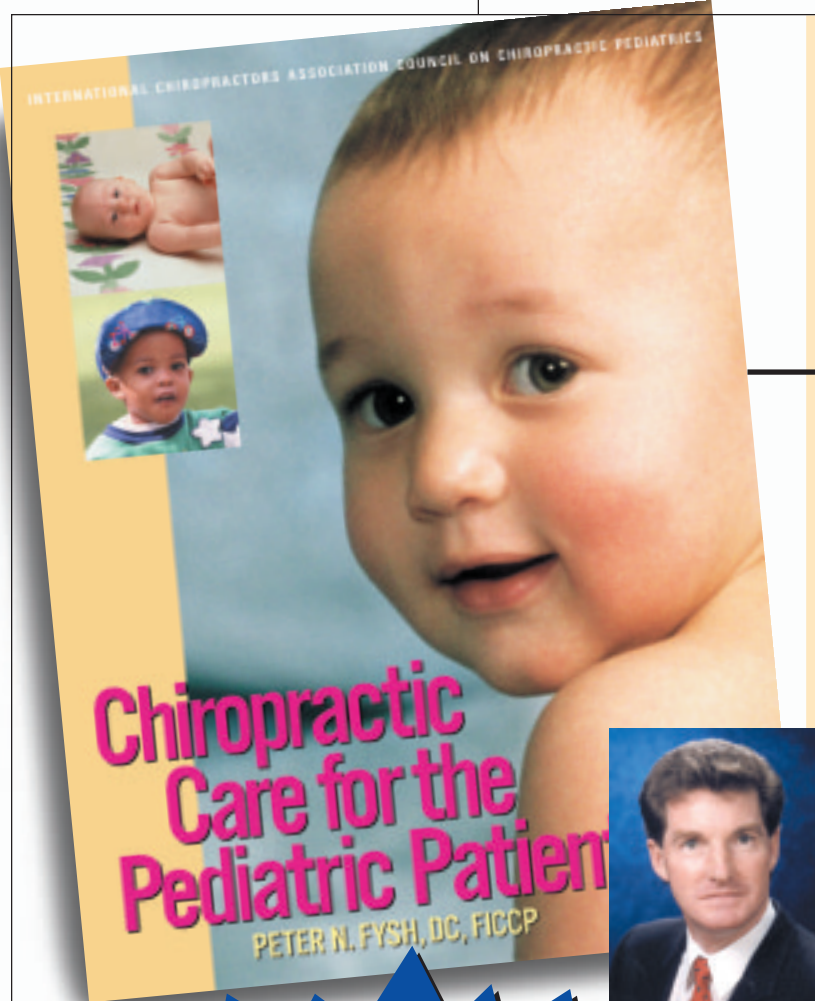
teaches locals how to adjust and implicitly or explicitly gives those people the understanding that they do what a chiropractor does, so therefore it is appropriate for them to call themselves chiropractors. The pioneer is now left to deal with the aftermath of the lowest common denominator. However, someone moving from an unregulated environment who becomes active in a regulated environment simply does not yield the same kind of adverse effect. Therefore, the impact of these behaviors is essentially a one-way street.

Contemplating these situations brings to mind Star Trek and the missions of Enterprise. The prime directive there was to observe, but not influence or alter the outcome of the observation. It was understood that some action that appeared to be helpful and positive in the moment could in the fullness of time be harmful. They were left with the power to act that was tempered by the perspective that asked, just because we can, should we?

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ICA was a founding member of the WFC. As such the ICA has agreed to support the position of non-interference on an organizational level. At the same time the ICA has policies about the teaching of chiropractic technique to non-chiropractors. These ICA policies are not geographically limited. Before becoming involved in any professional activity in another country, on an educational or practice level, please consider that involvement from the perspective of the local practicing community and the local government, seek the support of the local community for the activities you desire to undertake, be considerate of local customs, traditions and sensitivities and consider the impact of what you seek to undertake on the people who will be left behind to deal with the inevitable follow up or fall-out from your efforts.

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