

There are many, many instances I could give you of how doctors have sold drugs to myself and many of my friends, knowing they were being used illegally.

[End of statement.]

I have a third statement, but it is very brief, from the fellow from the New York City area.

Senator NELSON. Is he in your center?

Reverend YAKE. Yes, all three of these individuals are in our training center.

[Statement read of additional witness:]

I am here to inform you that I had the distasteful confrontation in meeting and dealing with the so-called doctors of this day and time.

I am not referring to all doctors, but specifically some who should have their license terminated for a period of time.

These particular doctors offer you any kind of drugs for a price, knowing that they are very dangerous to withdraw from. They offer you barbiturates in quantities, for cash money, I believe they should be under strict control in terms of dispensing these drugs. I was getting it from five different doctors while under the influence of alcohol and Methadone, this mixture will kill any creature on earth.

Today there are many young people that are turning to drugs because they are very simple to get their hands on.

I pray to God that there would be something done about this. We are dealing with precious lives. God bless you.

[End of statement.]

Senator NELSON. Concerning your center, is it for the care of only people who have drug addiction problems?

Reverend YAKE. Primarily drugs, second alcohol, and third, troubled youth.

Senator NELSON. And what is the incidence of amphetamine abuse among the individuals in your center?

Reverend YAKE. Teen Challenge Training Center has been in operation since 1962, and for many years our primary intake has been among the heroin users.

In fact, in our research that was conducted in 1968, we had 89 percent heroin users.

I do not have statistics today to tell you of the breakdown of the various types of drugs, but I would say the majority of the fellows at the training center presently, and we have 130, is on the barbiturate-amphetamine area.

Senator NELSON. One or both?

Reverend YAKE. One or both.

Very seldom do you see a drug addict that is an abuser coming to our center that is strung out on one particular type drug anymore.

It is what they call the polydrug use, so it ends up one time he will take one type, and another time he will take another type.

Senator NELSON. And that over half of your current census involves amphetamine and barbiturates?

Reverend YAKE. I would be safe in saying that; yes, well over half.

Senator NELSON. This is not particularly relevant to these hearings, but were these prescriptions prescribed in this fashion reported to the authorities by anyone?

Reverend YAKE. No, we do not get involved with that as a rule.