

other fellow from Baltimore, or Washington that I read to you his statement, after a period of time, he started to buy drugs by bypassing doctors, and started to rip off drugstores himself, and so I would say many times individuals get started on this, or they get it on such easy accessibility of it in schools, or on the street, because of someone's abuse with the doctor, that, you know, this is hard to prove, but these guys are out pushing drugs on the street, are getting it from doctors and other people are buying them from them.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much for taking time to come this morning and to testify.

Reverend YAKE. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Our next witness is Mr. Larry Hicks, Teen Challenge Youth Center, Rehobeth, Md.

**STATEMENT OF LARRY HICKS, TEEN CHALLENGE YOUTH CENTER,
REHOBETH, MD.**

Mr. HICKS. I do not have a prepared statement as such.

I believe I was called here primarily to speak from a position of ex-drug user and drug seller.

I am currently living in the Bowie area of Maryland, and was working as the director of Teen Challenge Center in Rehobeth, Md.

Senator NELSON. As a director?

Mr. HICKS. Yes, and became related to Teen Challenge, because I was paroled there from a conviction, a drug conviction, and from the Maryland Correctional Institution, and I guess, for all of my life, I used drugs for about 10 years, and when I say used, I also mean selling, and because I did not have to work that way, I could stay high longer.

I became associated with amphetamines, or speed in 1967, and used it, as often as I could until 1971, and sold it whenever possible, because there was money in it.

It was a good drug to sell, and there was a large demand for it, it was quite popular, and from working in the Teen Challenge Center, it still is very popular today. It has not changed.

My own personal experience with the drug, most of the amphetamines that are found coming from physicians, dextroamphetamine sulfates, dexedrine tablets, benzedrine tablets, biphetamines, biphetamine T-20's, dexoxyn, a pill made by Abbott, and in the realm of personal use, most of these were secured in smaller quantities, most of the Smith-line products, dexedrine and benzedrine, things of that nature, we got from a friend's wife who worked in a doctor's office.

Apparently the doctor must have received a lot of samples of these drugs, and she was able to take them home, and they had kind of a little drugstore at their house.

You could get anything you wanted. The only drugs that were really available in quantities to sell for me personally were the dexoxyn tablet made by Abbott, I believe, which was, it was a one-time thing, I would say there were several thousands of them available, and this was in Buffalo, N.Y., and a white pill with a mark on it, what I do not know who makes it, but we called them crossroads, that was available in tremendous quantities.

Senator NELSON. Is that an amphetamine?