

the understanding and support of the appointed members of the youth board and the elected officials of the town council.

We describe this grass-roots volunteer effort with obvious pride, Mr. Chairman, to illustrate the importance of the work of this committee.

With all of this local community concern and effort translated into quality programs and professional services, we will ultimately fail to free ourselves of drug abuse unless institutionalized forms of drug abuse are addressed at the Federal level.

Senator NELSON. What do you mean by institutionalized forms of drug abuse?

Mr. KING. I mean, particularly relevant to our discussion here today, the abuses of amphetamines by so-called weight clinics and weight doctors. I would go beyond that myself, in my own personal opinion, to include, for example, additives and preservatives in the foods we eat to make them more conveniently and more efficiently produced and marketed by big industries, to maintain their profit levels.

Senator NELSON. When you say institutionalized forms, you are referring, I take it, to the legal prescribing?

Mr. KING. Legitimized sources, yes.

Senator NELSON. Legitimized sources of amphetamines?

Mr. KING. Yes; and I would like to offer a very specific illustration at this time. In February of 1972, the town of Huntington provided expert testimony in the person of Edward M. Gurowitz, Ph. D., then director of clinical services of the town's narcotic guidance council, before a Senate subcommittee chaired by Hon. Paul G. Rogers, dealing with the very same concerns over amphetamine abuse which we are addressing here today.

In that testimony, Dr. Gurowitz referred to a doctor with a "diet practice" with offices in the same building as our town's counseling center, and also housing the Suffolk County Methadone Maintenance Clinic. He spoke of his difficulty in explaining this to young clients who saw long lines of people, many of them young, few of them obese, waiting to obtain drugs for weight control.

The situation was aggravated by the fact that many of these clients were court remanded for treatment after arrest and conviction for their illicit drug abuse, and had real feelings about the daily parade of "legitimized" drug traffic which they were witness to.

The following steps were taken on the local level: The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office was alerted to the situation; the Suffolk County Medical Society was informed—but the doctor was not a member, and they could impose no effective sanction—the town's counseling center was moved to a new location; and, soon after, the county's methadone clinic moved away also. As of this writing, this same doctor remains under investigation of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and in active practice in the same location with an estimated weekly caseload of over 800 patients.

In January of this year, one of those patients, a 20-year-old female, came to our counseling center with the hope of breaking a 1-year addiction to amphetamines.

The pills were given to this client on a regular and unregulated basis. She stated that she was given the pills directly by the doctor, and that she was able to get more than the usual weekly allotment of 21 pills with ease.