

at least in part, by allergic reactions to dyes and preservatives in foods; yet another form of institutionalized substance abuse.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that amphetamines are the place to start with strict controls on production. While the abusers of depressant drugs are often self-medicating to control the symptoms of underlying emotional turmoil, amphetamines only aggravate and intensify those very same symptoms.

The person with underlying hostility becomes more hostile. The person with underlying depression becomes more depressed. The person with underlying psychosis breaks more completely with the realities around him.

The overall impact of this aggravated and intensified conflict on family life is beyond calculation, but most certainly widespread and tragic in its effect.

We, in the town of Huntington, are pleased and grateful that this committee is once again focusing attention on the critical need to curtail the overproduction of commonly abused prescription drugs by big industries throughout our Nation.

By broadening the focus of our public concern over drug abuse in this way, we can take real steps to demonstrate integrity in our national effort.

Young people abusing drugs obtained on the street have been scapegoated for too long in our so-called "war on drug abuse."

Young people in general are extremely sensitive to hypocrisy, and would be quick to recognize any real steps to deal fairly and squarely with institutionalized drug abuse as also being steps to reduce significantly the alienation young people feel from this national effort at the present time.

Your leadership will go a long way toward uniting young and old alike in a national effort to find healthy and responsible ways to limit and control drug abuse and the closely related human abuses of all kinds.

We thank you for the opportunity to be a part of that process and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Do you have a residential center, or is this all outpatient?

Mr. KING. This is all in the community, an outpatient, counseling program. Although one portion of our program is a clinical counseling center, where we do more intensified counseling, the backbone of the program is involving young people, both drug users and nondrug users alike, in the governing of their local communities, in terms of developing programs and services for themselves and other people in the neighborhood.

Senator NELSON. Did you say you have at any single time about 800 clients?

Mr. KING. That is an annual capacity. We work with, in the neighborhood of 300, 315 or so at any one given time, at the present, with our present staff.

Senator NELSON. You have about 300 enrolled at any one time?

Mr. KING. At any one time, yes, sir.

Senator NELSON. How long generally is the program?

Mr. KING. The program has been in operation for 6 years now.