

## 14934 COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

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Teen Challenge is a ministry to street people. It began in 1958 as a ministry to street gangs by David Wilkerson. As the work progressed we began to encounter drug addicts. Many heard the message of hope in Jesus Christ and began to respond in a positive manner.

From this beginning has grown a ministry that now is in 24 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, with ministries in 62 cities. Through coffee houses, and street workers, Teen Challenge made contact with over 380,000 people in 1975. In our various residential facilities we have 1000 people any day. I say this to let you know that we have a broad contact with a lot of young people at the street level where the action is.

Our experience has been primarily at the street level, although the past few years we have received more and more people referred by other agencies, both public and private.

Our primary thrust has been to what we have called "troubled youth". This has resulted in our also working in a preventive type ministry with drug education programs in schools and community youth groups.

Through these presentations we had many opportunities to deal with young people in a confidential manner about their own drug involvement. We were able to get a good reading of what was happening in the drug scene.