

In the early 1960's we primarily reached the inner city heroin addicts. With the "drug explosion" of the mid and late sixties we began to reach people with various dependencies on many different drugs: tranquilizers, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, as well as alcohol and the opiates.

Today, most of the drug dependent persons we work with are so-called poly-drug users. By that we mean they use many different types of drugs and mix them with alcohol.

I know this hearing is primarily concerned with the use and abuse of amphetamines. But, I think, we are going to be remiss if we do not realize that this is part of an overall problem and, perhaps, a philosophy of the medical and pharmaceutical business.

That philosophy is; that there is a solution to every problem in a pill and its wrong to suffer any discomfort, physical or emotional. Perhaps, it is a problem of our "cradle to the grave security society".

This is promoted in the advertising, on television and other media. Since I am concerned primarily with our youth 14-25, what are we teaching them? I have an important meeting, I must be up for it, so I eat or drink something to pick me up so I can put my best foot forward. Then we get pushed out of shape when our teenagers do the same thing for their earth shattering date, party, or whatever. "That is different, this is a \$500,000. deal," we argue. "But," the young person says, "This is the chance of a lifetime to really impress someone that will change my whole future."

What have we done? Instead of preparing ourselves spiritually, physically, and emotionally we try to substitute an artificial booster