

that your drug taking is not the problem. It is a symptom. We were saying this when others said we were foolish to talk like that.

The problem is inside of you. Invariably when we begin to relate to the needy they would speak of the emptiness inside. Nobody wants the blahs. And when someone offers a chemical, easy solution, you have a good candidate.

Our approach is first acceptance of them as a person, regardless of their physical appearance.

The speed freak usually comes in skinny and starry eyed, extremely nervous and suspicious. Not trusting anyone. They have been ripped off emotionally.

Then we share the love of God we have found and the inner peace we have. The next logical step is, "You can have it too. God so loved you that he gave His best for you."

Now, here is where we had to regroup our forces. The heroin addict was quite predictable. After he would withdraw, his head was normal.

Not so with the amphetamine user. His attention span is short. He is depressed very easily and is just liable to space out on you.

Another complication we ran into was that the amphetamine user quite often has used L.S.D., mescaline, and other hallucinogens.

I am not a technical man. So how much of our problems can be attributed to which chemical, is difficult to assess. As I said before, at the street level you do not get someone that does