

fewer reports of amphetamines being diverted from legal distribution systems. Accordingly, it must be concluded that increasing amounts of abused amphetamines come from home supplies and that these supplies are created largely by prescriptions and direct dispensing by physicians. The suggestion is implicit that significant numbers of physicians are prescribing and dispensing well over their patients' actual medical needs.

Phenmetrazine (Preludin) has become a serious problem as a street drug in areas of the United States ranging from Pennsylvania in the east to Nebraska in the west. Pockets of heavy abuse appear in Texas. The District of Columbia and surrounding states have been particularly hard hit. In the District, for example, we find Preludin trafficked under the street name "Bam" at \$10.00 for a single 75 mg. dosage unit. Since Preludin is water-soluble it is frequently injected intravenously and used in conjunction with heroin.

The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia has focused public attention on the