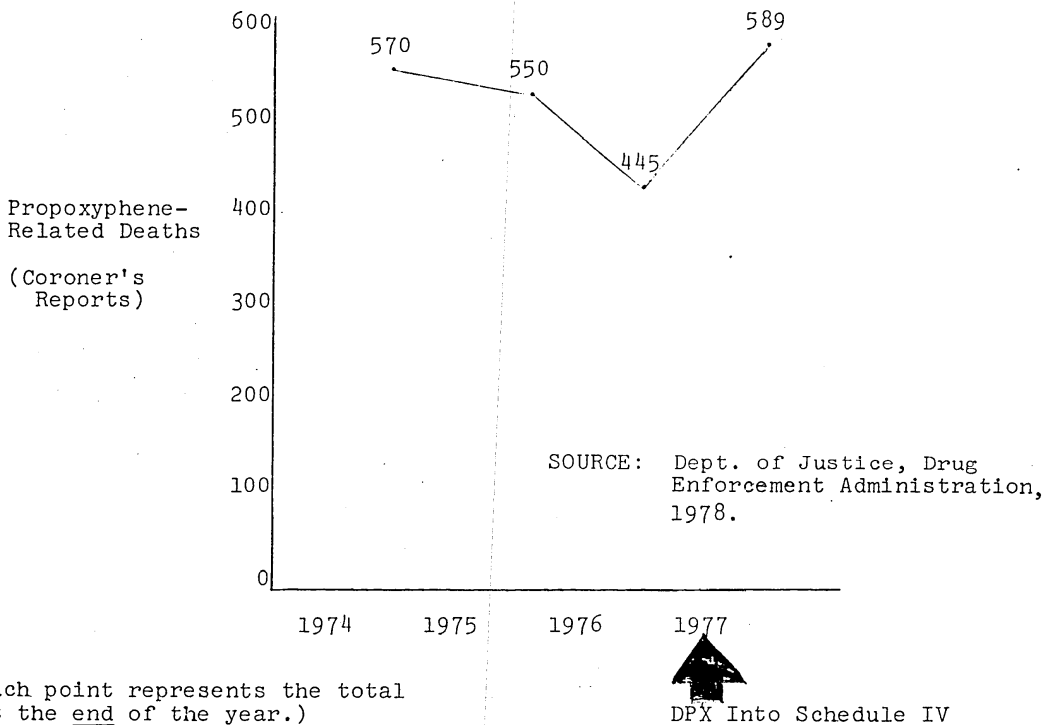


In relation to reported Schedule IV drugs, DPX is involved in more coroners' reports than the three others.

Although these comparative data include just 3 months during which DPX had become subject to Schedule IV restrictions, more recent data* including all of 1977 reveal that the control requirements of Schedule IV have failed to significantly alter the prevalence of DPX abuse. Figure 1A shows the time trend for the past four years for DPX-related deaths.

FIGURE 1A

TIME TREND FOR DPX-RELATED DEATHS



It can be seen that deaths involving DPX declined somewhat between 1975 and 1976, due, perhaps in part, to the warnings then appearing in the medical and lay press.^{53,54}

* Obtained from the Section of Information Systems, Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington, DC.