

Senator NELSON. Thank you, Dr. Mead.

The subcommittee appreciates very much your most thoughtful comments and testimony, and we thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to appear here today.

(Subsequent information follows:)

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF DR. MARGARET MEAD

I have received many communications and questions about the portion of my testimony of October 27th devoted to marijuana. In the light of these discussions which show that some Americans regard making something legal as a positive sanction for its use, I would now suggest that it would fit better the present mood of the country to substitute for the term *legalizing marijuana*, the phrase *repealing all laws making the use, possession or sale of marijuana illegal*. Appropriate age limits could be established as they are for other activities such as driving a car, drinking beer or purchasing cigarettes; and regulations assuring quality standards could be introduced, and cautions could be required in advertising on such questions as excess use.

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It's difficult to do, but try, if you will, to put yourself in the place of a Connecticut teenager who has been using marijuana, LSD or some other drugs, and wants desperately to stop. You know you need help. You're trapped, but you don't know where to turn. Of course, the best person to turn to is your mother or father. But you don't want to face your parents with the awful news that you have been on drugs. You know how it will hurt your mother and your father.

You don't want to go to the police because you've been breaking the law and you know many other people who have been breaking the law with you. You don't want to tell on anyone.

What do you do? Where do you turn? Thanks to a new law that just went into effect in Connecticut, the teenager in this difficult position now has somewhere to go and someone ready to help him . . . and no questions asked.

Since the first of October, if you are a young drug user, you can go to any city health department, any hospital or clinic and get the best of medical attention and treatment without the consent or knowledge of your parents. This is also true—and has been true for some time—of any teenager suffering from a venereal disease.

If you want to free yourself from drugs, you can seek help by approaching your school guidance counselor, school nurse or school doctor. Or, you can walk into any hospital or clinic or city health department and tell the person at the desk that you want to talk to someone about a problem with drugs.

A good place to go is one of the six clinics operated by the state. There are clinics in all sections of Connecticut: in Hartford at 2 Holcomb Street; in New Haven, 412 Orange Street; in Waterbury, 167 Grove Street; in Bridgeport, 50 Ridgely Avenue; in Stamford, 322 Main Street, and in Norwich, in the Mitchell Building at the Norwich State Hospital. These addresses will be repeated from time to time on WTIC Radio and Television. The clinics are open weekdays from 8:30 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. And we do hope the state will consider keeping them open later in the day and on Saturdays.

If you are a teenage drug user who wants to stop, take advantage of this new protection offered by your state. If you know of a teenager who has been taking drugs, let him know help is available. Tell him all this is confidential and tell him that since treatment is based on ability to pay, he or she won't have to be concerned about finding the money.

Please . . . spread the word about this new program, this new means of escape from drug dependence. You might save a teenager's life.

LEONARD J. PATRICELLI,
President.

(Whereupon at 11:20 a.m., the hearing was adjourned, to reconvene, subject to the call of the Chair.)

¹ See p. 5469.