

Mr. BROWN. I would like to put the whole article in the record at this point so that we can see the way the New York Times reported this case.

(The article referred to follows:)

[From the New York Times, Oct. 18, 1967]

PERIL OF MARIJUANA AND THAT OF ALCOHOL EQUATED BY GODDARD

MINNEAPOLIS, October 18.—Dr. James L. Goddard, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said yesterday "whether or not marijuana is a more dangerous drug than alcohol is debatable—I don't happen to think it is."

Dr. Goddard said that he favored removing all penalties for the possession of marijuana, leaving penalties only for its sale or distribution.

"We don't know what its long-term effects are," he said. "For example, we don't know whether or not it may alter the chromosomes, as LSD may do. I wouldn't want young women who haven't been married and had children yet, to be affected."

"It distorts your perception of reality so it's dangerous if you are driving a vehicle or operating heavy equipment."

Dr. Goddard was asked if he would object to his son or daughter using marijuana. He has a son, Bruce, 19 years old, and two daughters, Margaret, 21, and Patricia Ann, 18, in college.

"We've discussed this at home," he said, adding:

"I would object in terms of the law today and any possible long-term effects."

He said that he did not favor "legalizing" the drug completely but favored the removal of all penalties for simple possession.

"We need more research on chronic use," he said, "and I think this research will start now."

Dr. Goddard's comment on marijuana came after a lecture on business responsibility to an assembly at the University of Minnesota. He told that group that he would answer questions on any subject except marijuana.

But the first question at a new conference that followed was on marijuana. It was then that he gave his views on the subject.

VIEWS ARE ASSAILED

Dr. Robert W. Baird, a campaigner against marijuana and other narcotics, assailed Dr. Goddard's comments last night and demanded his resignation as head of the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Baird said that Dr. Goddard's comments had done "irreparable damage across the college campuses as well as in the high schools."

"This man's knowledge of narcotics is notoriously poor," Dr. Baird said. "Before he makes comments off the cuff, he ought to realize that 97 other nations who signed the Narcotics Convention of 1965, of which we were a part, can't all be wrong in realizing that marijuana is detrimental."

"I am surprised at his as a doctor. I am really mortified."

Dr. Baird, who is the director of the Haven narcotics clinic in Harlem and the chairman of the Suffolk County Narcotics Control Commission, said that he was "unequivocally" demanding Dr. Goddard's resignation "for equating marijuana on the same plane as alcohol."

A symposium on narcotics will be conducted by Dr. Baird today at the New York Hilton. About 1,000 college and high school students are expected to attend.

Dr. Baird said in a telephone interview that he would produce a dozen youngsters who had become involved in accidents of one kind or another after smoking a marijuana cigarette.

Mr. BROWN. You are reported in many instances in the same words as used in the UPI dispatch but among the comments, and this is in the first paragraph, you were quoted as saying:

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