

Dr. GODDARD. Yes.

Mr. BROWN. And you are further quoted later on in the story where it was jumped to an inside page with reference to this question about the family discussion of marihuana, as saying, and I quote:

We discussed that at home, he said, adding, I would object in terms of the law today and any possible long-term effects.

Then the article goes on to say:

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

Is that a fair interpretation of your view?

Dr. GODDARD. Well, on alcohol and marihuana I said it was debatable but that I felt it was not because I feel that we have a major problem with 11,000 deaths and about four and a half to five million alcoholics in our society, a very large social problem. We also have one of drug addiction of which marihuana is a part of the problem of drug induced——

Mr. BROWN. That really is not what I asked. What I asked was if you felt that this was a fair interpretation of your view. In other words, are both UPI and the New York Times wrong or was just UPI wrong in this?

Dr. GODDARD. I think that is a fairer interpretation of what I said at the press conference.

Mr. BROWN. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Van Deerlin.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. No one has asked you, Dr. Goddard (and it is really none of our business) but as a father, I am curious to know—does your daughter do everything you recommend, and refrain from those things you may warn her against?

I have three daughters coming along, the eldest 17. I should like to think that they might avail themselves of the wisdom that I have accumulated over a half century. I feel perhaps such is not the case. I think it is very important if we are going to reach the next generation that we don't tighten ourselves too much with the ideas or shibboleths of the past.

Even men in important national positions like yourself should feel free to think, and to discuss, without fear that you are going to be hauled in before a congressional court and held accountable for every last syllable that you uttered.

Dr. Goddard, this has no connection with what I have said thus far. Is marihuana an aphrodisiac?

Dr. GODDARD. It is generally not an aphrodisiac, but rather when persons who are interested in sexual activities use the drugs their interest will be heightened and the sensations will be heightened, as well. This has been frequently reported in the scientific literature in this country, from India and from other parts of the world.

No; it is not generally viewed by science as being an aphrodisiac.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Does marihuana have any medical benefits?

Dr. GODDARD. It is not accepted or used in medical practice in this country today; it has not been, of course, since 1937. This is not to say there is not great interest in some of the fractions of marihuana and the recent synthesis of THC is extremely interesting to pharmacologists because they feel that they can investigate some of the mechanisms