

Mr. WATSON. Doctor, we know it is a tremendous problem; we are trying to get at the basic facts now of education.

Educationally speaking, you have spoken to the young people and said there is no more danger in marihuana than there is in alcohol. You have spoken to the American people and said that the penalties for the possession of marihuana should either be eliminated or reduced. That is your position in the eyes of the American public and I think you have done a great disservice to people who are concerned about the drug problem, and I say that in all respect.

May I ask you one thing further?

You said we should not make felons of young people who experiment with drugs. Even if that experiment leads to dependency or addiction, you would still make that statement? Can the experiment lead to addiction or dependence?

Dr. GODDARD. It can.

Mr. WATSON. You still make the statement that we should not deter to the point of making criminal penalties apply to young persons?

Dr. GODDARD. That is correct. The person then is like an alcoholic; he needs medical treatment if he becomes dependent on the drugs, not criminal treatment.

Mr. WATSON. But parents are trying to say no, don't use it, don't possess it.

Dr. GODDARD. So am I.

Mr. WATSON. You are saying possess it.

Dr. GODDARD. No.

Mr. WATSON. Without criminal penalties.

Dr. GODDARD. No.

Mr. WATSON. Aren't you? Did you suggest reducing or eliminating the criminal penalty?

Dr. GODDARD. I said let's review these penalties; I think they are inconsistent. I specifically said it is too severe, in my opinion.

Mr. WATSON. Well, aren't severe criminal penalties a deterrent? Are they not, sir?

Dr. GODDARD. I would have to ask a criminologist that question. I believe there is some argument about this.

Mr. WATSON. There is some argument. I am sure there is always argument about everything.

Dr. GODDARD. Certainly.

Mr. WATSON. Explain one thing. You say drug dependent rather than addiction. I am afraid we are playing semantics here now.

Addiction is a stronger term than dependency. What is the difference between dependency and addiction?

Dr. GODDARD. The difference may be whether or not a person has physical withdrawal symptoms upon discontinuing the drug. Opiate derivatives cause addiction.

Mr. WATSON. Do you not have the problem with any person who is dependent upon the drug as well as the addict?

Dr. GODDARD. Not necessarily; no.

Mr. WATSON. You do not have problems with a person who is dependent upon a drug?

Dr. GODDARD. No, sir.

Mr. WATSON. Would not have problems in withdrawal?