

Mr. WATSON. If you make it a criminal penalty to possess it, I am sure that would be a deterrent.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Chairman, there is just one thing. I know the users of narcotics are troubled, worried, and disturbed by the future. The youth of our country are at the present time troubled, worried, and disturbed, and it is not unusual that they seek release from their troubles in some cases. I regret that this is true. I think this is the wrong path but they are confronted with problems as the youth of no country have ever been confronted before.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Kyros.

Mr. KYROS. Dr. Goddard, I think that this hearing this morning has been very helpful, particularly in the colloquy you had with Dr. Carter and consequently Mr. Adams in showing how easy it is to get confused.

For example, you were talking about possession all morning long and it was helpful, I think, that you distinguished between some hoodlum or criminal having possession of marihuana for purposes of sale or some innocent youngster who had just got something in his pocket, might have got a whole cigarette for purposes of idle curiosity.

You are worried about the inconsistency of penalties presently applicable and I think everyone is. I think one of the problems that came out, Doctor, is that you are looking at this as a scientist; but one thing I think that came out clear is that you absolutely are against the use of marihuana by anyone in the United States.

Dr. GODDARD. Yes.

Mr. KYROS. And the use of any of these drugs?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes; I have never advocated its legalization.

Mr. KYROS. I think in that respect, sir, the hearing has been very helpful this morning, and I appreciate it very much.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Brotzman.

Mr. BROTZMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Doctor, I regret that I didn't hear the formal part of your statement inasmuch as I was engaged in another meeting, but I wanted to be here very badly because I must be very candid with you and don't want to equivocate in any way.

I was terribly concerned about the remarks that were attributed to you by the press. It has been my responsibility in the past as a U.S. attorney to handle the law enforcement part of this situation. I have been led to believe that we were not really winning the battle in keeping our youth from being subjected to the addictive type of drugs.

I don't have any current statistics on this but at the time that I was in that job, it was a never-ending fight.

Now, from your experience in dealing with the individual that is addicted to the heavy drug, have you found that an undue proportion of them became addicted after they had started out smoking or using Cannabis sativa?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, but that is not necessarily a causal relationship as you well appreciate.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I realize not a causal physiological relationship.