

do that. However, it would be helpful if you would take approximately 5 minutes to summarize your statement before we begin our questioning. I suggest that you begin by introducing your associates.

If you will hold just a moment.

Mrs. Dwyer?

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Chairman, I have a statement.

**STATEMENT OF HON. FLORENCE P. DWYER, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Mrs. DWYER. As one of those who urged the subcommittee to schedule the present hearings, I want to express my appreciation to the chairman for his decision to do so, and I should like to outline, very briefly, what I conceive to be the nature and purpose of these hearings.

Let me emphasize, at the outset, that I do not view these hearings as an occasion to undertake a vendetta against Dr. Goddard, though I disagree very strongly with what I understand to have been the general tenor of his comments on marihuana—that is, that marihuana is no more dangerous than alcohol and that the penalties for possession and use of marihuana should be eliminated.

Instead, I believe that the alleged views of Dr. Goddard on marihuana provide an important opportunity for this subcommittee to review, in some depth, the scope and adequacy of Federal laws dealing with the control of dangerous drugs and narcotics. The growing incidence of drug abuse, the increasing tendency of the biggest segment of our population—the under-25 age group—to experiment with drugs and narcotics, and the destructive impact of drug abuse on the character of our society combine to make this subject a matter of the utmost concern to the Congress. Dr. Goddard's views on marihuana and his leadership position in the fight against drug abuse offer an appropriate starting point for such an inquiry.

Whatever Dr. Goddard's real and precise views on marihuana may be, the unfortunate fact is that his comments were sufficiently ambiguous to be understood as minimizing the dangers of marihuana. Many of our colleagues, for instance, have reported that young people known to them have referred to Dr. Goddard's reported views as an excuse for indulging in this narcotic. The Union County, N.J., Medical Society, among other authorities, has contended that the Commissioner's views are unsound, and threaten the enforcement of drug and narcotic control laws. Dr. Roscoe Kandle, New Jersey's commissioner of health, was sufficiently alarmed to state that, and I quote, "Let's make no mistake about the seriousness of marihuana usage. It is a dangerous and illegal weed, and we view the use of it as well as the use of pep pills by young people in our schools as a matter of critical concern." And Dr. Goddard's opposite number, the Commissioner of Narcotics, from whom we shall hear tomorrow, has warned that the public must be made to realize that marihuana, and I quote again, "is not, as some people say, less dangerous than alcohol or less than smoking tobacco."

Their fears would appear to be justified. The New York Times of November 4 carried an advertisement for a book entitled, "Pot—A Handbook of Marihuana." The ad stated that, and I quote, "Legaliza-