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GOP TASK FORCE ON CRIME SAYS "CONCERNED PARENT" L. B. J. WILL DISAVOW GODDARD STATEMENT

Representative Conable, of New York, said, "It is appalling to me to hear the head of our FDA apparently condoning the increasing promiscuousness with which society is viewing marihuana." Conable based his statement on the Times' article.

Representative Hall, of Missouri, a physician, said he was "shocked" that Goddard would make such a statement, adding "I can only regard it as a sheer act of momentary stupidity by a person who temporarily forgot his position and public trust." Hall drew from the UPI story.

Representative Brown, of Ohio, sent Goddard a letter in which he said he was asking the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to call the FDA Commissioner for a hearing "to explore the studies FDA has made on drug use, abuse and dangers so that public information media or individuals will not interpret your remarks about marihuana improperly or as applicable to all narcotic or hallucinogenics."

Representative Brotzman, of Colorado, said Goddard "should set the record straight if he does not advocate the removal of penalties for possession of marihuana—or otherwise resign."

Representative Lukens, of Ohio, said, "In my opinion, Goddard is unfit to head any division of Government at any level, but particularly one which has administrative control of the food and drug laws of this Nation."

The Republican Task Force on Crime issued a three-paragraph statement, ending: "We believe the President, as a concerned parent himself, will disavow the Goddard statement." Dr. Robert Baird, director of Harlem's Haven Narcotics Clinic, told newsmen at the opening of a narcotics symposium in New York City, October 19, that Goddard's remarks were "appalling" and showed "a notorious poor knowledge of narcotics." He continued: "I call for his resignation unequivocally. He has done irreparable damage across the Nation, on college campuses as well as in high schools." Meanwhile, office wags at FDA were circulating this limerick:

A well-known physician named Jim,
Has really gone out on a limb.
Believe it or not
He's decided that pot
Is better than drinking straight gin.

Mr. ROUSH. While the members are looking at this, the New York Times also carried a story on this same press conference, which was somewhat different from the UPI story. Now, have you examined the New York Times story?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, sir.

Mr. ROUSH. Is it essentially correct?

Dr. GODDARD. I would say basically correct. I could quarrel with some of the words and the interpretation.

Mr. ROUSH. According to that story, you were asked if you would object to your son or daughter using marihuana. You answered "I would object in terms of the law today and any possible long-term effects."

Is that an accurate quote?

Dr. GODDARD. I also had another reservation, which you will note in the story by Mr. Cohn. I said in addition, the problems of its usage in terms of the distortion of reality, one's time perception is changed, it is dangerous with relation to operation of an automobile—there are three reservations.