

marily traffickers. Just the smoker, I don't think we would have any statistics on that. We could possibly try to find them for you.

Mrs. DWYER. Would a study of this be helpful to show the deterrent effect?

Mr. GIORDANO. I am sure this is one of the things that NIMH is having studies made on, the marihuana user and the relationship of how they got started and why, and so forth. This most likely would develop in that study and I think the study is being made out in California. California is really the prime area of concern in marihuana. I think this is where we have most of the problem.

Mrs. DWYER. Which has increased more, illegal use of marihuana or illegal use of LSD and other drugs under the jurisdiction of FDA?

Mr. GIORDANO. Well, I would say that—and here, as Dr. Goddard spoke about California, so I am going to go on the basis of California—the upsurge has been just about the same: marihuana, LSD, dangerous drugs.

Mrs. DWYER. Do you feel then that the statements made today by various people throughout the country that perhaps marihuana is not harmful are irresponsible statements in view of the fact there is talk about a review of the whole marihuana situation and that this may actually encourage the use of marihuana?

Mr. GIORDANO. It's most unfortunate that statements have been made and people have been quoted or misquoted. As I mentioned earlier, we can almost trace the rise in the marihuana problem to the period of time that LEMAR was formed, which was a group to legalize marihuana. We were getting the reports that marihuana wasn't any more dangerous than alcohol. We were having people who should know better speaking out in this same vein. This was about 4 years ago, and in California this chart shows in the middle of 1965 marihuana arrests going up, other drug arrests going up; and there is no question in my mind that this attitude, this permissive attitude, has really brought about this increase in the marihuana problem.

Now, here we get to where we say, well, under those circumstances let's take away the penalty. To me, those charts will go right through the roof the moment you do that.

Mrs. DWYER. Two quick questions and then I will bow to my colleague. Since there is no penalty for use or possession of dangerous drugs under the jurisdiction of the FDA, is there a tendency on the part of persons to use these drugs rather than marihuana?

Mr. GIORDANO. I wouldn't have any information on that, Mrs. Dwyer.

Mrs. DWYER. Do you work closely with the New Jersey State Narcotics Commission?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes, we have for years.

Mrs. DWYER. You would agree it's a good commission. Of course, they opposed very violently this statement of Dr. Goddard as you probably know.

Mr. GIORDANO. A lot of people have.

Mrs. DWYER. I am talking about New Jersey now. Thank you very much, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. ROUSH. Which statement are you referring to of Dr. Goddard's?

Mrs. DWYER. The general tenor of what he said yesterday would lead one to believe that this marihuana question needed review because per-