

Bureau of Drug Abuse Control hopes to have agreements with all the States for such cooperative work.

Training of State and local law enforcement officers is another vital element in the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control program. By the end of the fiscal year 1968, they will have trained 15,000 such officials and plans for fiscal year 1969 call for the training of an additional 20,000 officials. An intensive training program is also carried on for Bureau of Drug Abuse Control field personnel.

In research, the Food and Drug Administration's program is focused on the problems that are primarily related to drug abuse control: (1) determining patterns of use and abuse of depressant, stimulant and hallucinogenic drugs; and (2) supporting research to understand more about the action of these drugs. The Bureau of Drug Abuse Control has awarded research contracts costing more than \$300,000 to fill important gaps in our sociological, psychological, and pharmacological knowledge of abused drugs and drug abuse control. Present plans call for an increase in this activity for the current fiscal year.

The Food and Drug Administration works closely with the National Institute of Mental Health in coordinating their research programs. The National Institute of Mental Health responsibility ranges from the support of basic research on the mechanisms of action of LSD and other drugs affecting behavior to the social and psychological causes of drug abuse. The Institute also has a major research and treatment program related to narcotic addiction.

A number of educational activities are underway to better inform the public, and particularly young people, of the serious hazards of drug abuse. For example, one of our largest educational efforts for this purpose has been carried out with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). More than 600 institutions of higher education were reached through one national and seven regional NASPA meetings, and 350 additional schools were reached through educational materials distributed by NASPA. The educational program of the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control is closely coordinated with those of the National Institute of Mental Health. The Institute's programs of public education and information are aimed primarily at the prevention of narcotic addiction and drug abuse. These programs are carried out by the Center for Studies of Narcotic and Drug Abuse in the Institute. This year the Center has received an appropriation of \$800,000 to carry out this education program.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, we believe that drug abuse is a serious problem in our society; it requires an effective and efficient program of law enforcement to adequately deal with the illicit traffic in drugs. We must maintain a broad-based program of research related to narcotics and the problems of drug abuse. These efforts must be combined with programs of public education, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation for the victims of narcotic addiction and drug abuse.

The proposed reorganization will help make our law-enforcement efforts more effective. We will continue the close coordination of the programs of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare with those in the Department of Justice when the reorganization completed.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Finlator and I will be happy to answer any questions you or other members of the committee may have.

Chairman BLATNIK: Thank you, Dr. Lee.