

I believe Mr. Finlator will cover in more detail many of the areas you have outlined, such as the educational, medical, and chemical aspects. So we will continue with Mr. Finlator's testimony at this time.

Dr. LEE. Right. His statement covers all of these areas in more detail.

Chairman BLATNIK. Fine, Mr. Finlator.

STATEMENT OF JOHN H. FINLATOR, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Mr. FINLATOR. Mr. Chairman, members of the subcommittee, thank you for permitting me to appear before you this morning.

From the first, let me say that the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control strongly favors the President's Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1968. By combining both arms of Federal drug law enforcement within the Department of Justice, better coordination, better distribution of resources, and a higher level of impact in direct law-enforcement activities will be accomplished. It is only logical that the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control and the Bureau of Narcotics become a part of the prime Federal law-enforcement agency, the Department of Justice.

The Bureau of Drug Abuse Control has mounted what we call a four-pronged attack on the drug-abuse problem which has spread throughout the country to all levels of society. The first prong of the Bureau's efforts is, naturally, enforcement of the drug abuse control amendments. The second and third lines of attack are training and education oriented, directed at increasing the professionalism of our own agents, instructing thousands of State and local law-enforcement officers and others on drug matters and explaining the legal and scientific attributes of the drug problem to industry, academia, and the public at large. The last prong is scientific and statistical—looking into causes and effects of drug abuse in an attempt to gather information that will aid in understanding the drug abuser, to find what makes him tick, and to determine why, in fact, he abuses drugs. Additionally, in this scientific area, the Bureau also studies the drugs themselves to determine their composition and effects. The above-mentioned approaches to the drug problem make up the total Bureau effort. We react to the problem through law enforcement. We prevent the problem by training and public information. We study the long-term fundamental issues that give rise to drug abuse and misuse in the first place.

Without going into elaborate detail, I would like to explain to this committee how each of the four approaches are progressing under the existing organization. It is my belief that these efforts will continue and intensify when the President's reorganization plan takes effect. The functions I will briefly outline with their necessary support activities will carry over into the Department of Justice intact, joining with those now being administered in a fine manner by the Bureau of Narcotics.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

In the law-enforcement area, the Bureau has four primary objectives in enforcing the drug abuse control amendments:

1. To detect diversions from legitimate supply sources;