

involves educators, it involves physicians, and it involves the young people. It involves parents, it involves the politician, it involves people in all walks of life and a variety of situations and circumstances.

And it is not something that is just for Government alone.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Who in the Federal Government is going to direct their efforts toward resolving some of these difficulties?

Dr. LEE. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is committed to this. We have a major research program in the National Institute of Mental Health relating to these problems, to the problem of alienation of youth, and I would say this is——

Mr. ROSENTHAL. In the National Institute of Mental Health, do you deal with why people take drugs and the social ills that surround it?

Dr. LEE. Right, absolutely.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. How many people do you have involved in that?

Dr. LEE. I can't give you the exact numbers, but we can supply that for the record. They include the Center for Narcotic and Drug Abuse, in NIMH. We also, of course, have many people at St. Elizabeths Hospital and other research programs, at Lexington and Fort Worth. Lexington is specifically related to narcotic addiction and a better understanding of those problems.

We are supporting research outside of the Government. We can supply you both with the budget figures and also with the figures on personnel for these programs.

(The figures referred to are maintained in the subcommittee files.)

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I am still unconvinced. Some people say that this plan is an overreaction to crime in the streets, an enforcement kind of attitude. We are directing more of our energy to enforcement rather than to the cure of ills.

Your response is, we have an effort in the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. LEE. I say in terms of the personnel involved in the Department, in terms of the budgets involved, the budget in HEW in 1968 is about \$26 million, in 1969 it will be over \$30 million. It involves research, prevention, and treatment.

Mr. Finlator could give you the budget relating to the Bureau of Drug Abuse.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I will tell you frankly, budgets are not impressive. Budgets are just conclusions.

Dr. LEE. They are a reflection of effort. I don't think there is any disagreement with your view, these are complex problems. The reason that the National Institute of Mental Health was established 20 years ago was in recognition of the increasing problems in the area of mental health in our society. It has pioneered in this whole field.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Some people would think we could solve the narcotics problem by strengthening the enforcement arm of justice. This isn't right.

Dr. LEE. Well, of course, if they think so, I think you and I would agree they are mistaken. This doesn't solve the problem. But it helps to make more effective use of a scarce resource in our society; namely, skilled manpower in the area of law enforcement to deal with organized crime.