

Mr. ROSENTHAL. You are implying that organized crime is the cause of the narcotics situation in the United States. It is just an adjunct to it. It is a vehicle for it to be sold in the commercial markets.

Dr. LEE. I am not implying that is the cause. The cause has deep sociological roots in our society, as in many societies of the world. The purpose of this program is to deal with one aspect.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Before I vote for this reorganization, I have to be satisfied that other Federal agencies are going to direct themselves in such a crash program in solving the social forces that stimulate young people to use narcotics.

Dr. LEE. Well, it is not only narcotics, it includes LSD and various other drugs.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Yes, all of them. I am just fearful that this is just a responding or an overreaction to the public attitude that you have to put everybody in jail and that will solve the problem. The jails are not big enough.

Dr. LEE. We certainly do not share that view. I am sure there are some people who just think you have to get tough and that will solve the problem. I am sure there is no feeling in the Department that that is the case. We are rapidly increasing the efforts to support research, to attract people into the field of mental health and into the field of research relating to this, into the treatment areas.

There are other problems that are related. The problem of alcoholism and drinking, these are related phenomena. Suicides among young people. These are reflections of social, psychological problems.

The National Institute of Mental Health has set up centers to target research programs in these areas. One of them is in the area of narcotic and drug abuse, because it is recognized now that this is a major social problem. It is a major problem for our society, and requires not just undifferentiated support of basic research that may be specifically interesting to an individual investigator.

It requires a coordinated approach and that is the effort now being made at NIMH.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I think it requires a coordinated approach. But what makes you think that Justice is in a position to lead that coordinated approach?

Dr. LEE. Justice is not going to lead the research on the problems of alienation, and the kind of research we support in the National Institute of Mental Health. It is, in our opinion, in a position to lead a coordinated attack on the problem of law enforcement, that has to be backed up by a program of education and training of law enforcement officers, has to be backed up by adequate laboratory service, so they can determine the nature of the drugs that they are dealing with.

Mr. EDWARDS. Would the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Yes.

Mr. EDWARDS. What did Mr. Finlator mean, then, when he said this arrangement will continue between the Department of Justice and the National Institute of Mental Health? Won't this then come under the Justice Department?

Dr. LEE. Sure. We have a coordinated arrangement now. As Mr. Finlator indicated, there is a joint appointment. Dr. Smith, who heads the Division of Drug Studies and Statistics in the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control, will continue.