

Dr. LEE. I think we can do a more effective job of enforcement with this. Just to repeat what I said earlier, I do not for a minute believe that will solve the problem or give us the answers in terms of understanding the basic causes of this alienation phenomena and this rapid increase in the use of drugs by young people.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Once we understand the causes of it, who in Government is going to try to do something about it, about reversing the tide? What agency will have the authority and power to make strong recommendations?

Dr. LEE. As we understand the problems, as we learn about other disease problems, that is the responsibility of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. As in many other areas, the diseases are getting more complicated, because they are not just due to a bacterial or a virus causing an infection, they are reflections of pollution, for example, the phenomenon and the factors produce pulmonary diseases, the relationship of air pollution to lung diseases, the relationship of social problems to such things as alcoholism, drug abuse. These are much more complicated problems than the simple cause-and-effect situations that we have had in the past.

And we have that responsibility without any question.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Am I justified in this fear, that when Justice gets all of the enforcement power—and it may be appropriate—they will then have the muscle to get budgetary funds to support enforcement, because that is an attractive thing in Congress, and perhaps in the executive.

Will the people who are working to find the real social ills and the potential cures, will they lose their ability to get funds to pursue this research because the enforcement people will have so many more advantages over them?

I don't know if I make that clear.

Dr. LEE. You make it very clear and I don't believe so. I think the Department, and particularly our research programs, has fared very well with the Congress. The Congress has strongly supported research over many, many years, particularly since 1955 when the budget increased rapidly. We have developed the strongest biomedical—and including the psychiatric research enterprise—I think without any question in the world today.

We need, and we have given increased emphasis to mental health and child development, since we are learning that there are increased problems in these areas.

I think from the standpoint of budget support for research and for the kinds of studies and programs we have carried out in the Department, we have fared in the health field extraordinarily well with the Congress.

I don't see any sign that this is changing.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Could you fare just as well even though enforcement is centered in Justice?

Dr. LEE. I believe so. I think this enforcement is in the Bureau of Drug Abuse Control in the Food and Drug Administration and that in no way has diminished the support we have sought or obtained from the other research efforts, particularly in the Public Health Service.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you, Mr Chairman.