

the composition of the American Psychiatric Association, of what is your membership composed?

Dr. BARTON. The psychiatric association is made up of all of those persons who have experience and training in the field of psychiatry. There are 15,800 members in the association.

Mr. ERLBORN. And would these all be physicians, licensed physicians?

Dr. BARTON. They are all physicians, licensed physicians and psychiatrists.

Mr. ERLBORN. Thank you very much.

Mr. BROWN. May I ask another question on the gentleman's time?

Mr. ERLBORN. Why, I yield to Mr. Brown.

Mr. BROWN. What percentage—and I don't know that you have figures that would demonstrate this, but perhaps you might—what percentage of psychiatric treatment is drug related now?

Dr. BARTON. That is very hard. Probably 70 percent of the patients seen, if we just take a general figure and understand it is not scientifically accurate, probably 70 percent of the patients seen by psychiatrists will at some time in their course of treatment receive drugs.

Mr. BROWN. Do you know what percentage of psychiatric patients who are seen are involved with the use of drugs? In other words, the misuse of drugs, the result of either addiction or dependence on drugs?

Dr. BARTON. This is a very small percentage, less than 1 percent at the present time.

Mr. BROWN. Do you have any figures on the growth itself?

Dr. BARTON. I do not. Only that everyone is aware that the growth has been progressive since about 1960.

Mr. BROWN. I am sorry, I didn't get the end of the comment.

Dr. BARTON. I do not have the exact figures, but all psychiatrists are aware of the increase in the problem since 1960.

Mr. BROWN. Do you relate this to punitive treatment of those who are addicted to drugs, do you relate it to an increased availability of drugs, to scientific progress, if that is the term to use, with reference to the production of drugs?

Dr. BARTON. I made a comment earlier that may be appropriate to the question, that 70 percent of the effective drugs we now use were introduced in the last 25 years, that 60 percent of all prescriptions presently being filled are for drugs that affect mood or the mind. In a drug culture where drugs are so extensively used by parents, it is not surprising to me that one of the ways in which youth expresses its protest is to do so with drugs which they have learned through long association do have an effect on mood and mind.

Mr. BROWN. Increasing availability and usage?

Dr. BARTON. Yes.

Mr. BROWN. Thank you.

Mr. ERLBORN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman BLATNIK. Just one last question, Doctor. We were talking about marihuana previously and I understand under Federal law if a person—thinking especially of the younger people—is caught with the use of the grass, or the weed, marihuana, he is subjected or is liable to punishment of what order? A misdemeanor, I believe. Yes, a misdemeanor. But if side by side in the same room with him is another