

were going to come upon the market. As I said yesterday, in the next 10 years we will have over a hundred of these that we will have to take some kind of action either for or against.

This is a small division of psychologists, sociologists, and pharmacologists who are supposed to act as a catalyst to see that things do get done. It does not do basic research. It is not a medical outfit.

Mr. EDWARDS. Not what?

Mr. FINLATOR. It is not a medical outfit. Nor does it have any medical attributes to it, or responsibilities. But to see that things actually get studied and get done from the point of view of enforcement, on whether we should have enforcement on a number of drugs that we have. We have a great number of drugs that we have under control, and we have a great number that will be coming under control. It seemed to us in FDA, NIMH, and HEW, and this is within the complete agreement within the House, that there should be a group of people acting as a catalyst, seeing that things get done by NIMH, or outside contractual services, and it acts more or less in that capacity. It itself does not determine whether a drug is a dangerous drug or not. But it does act as a catalyst to see that things get done.

Let me give you an example if I may, as I did the other day. The problem of STP as well as the problem of the banana bit that we got, the ball got dropped and no one was doing anything about it until BDAC itself, through this division, determined that something should be done and action taken, and action was taken. We got involved with the Bureau of Science in FDA, and NIMH. NIMH because they are an extremely busy outfit determined that they could not do the pharmacological work that should be done on STP that we felt should be done now. So this division contracted out to find out what is the pharmacology of STP. It has the responsibility of looking at the great number of the combination drugs that should be or should not be under control.

Mr. EDWARDS. They found they were not dealing with fraud?

Mr. FINLATOR. That is right, not like the banana hoax. We bought 200 pounds of bananas, had them in our labs, running out of our ears, and we cooked them, smoked them out and did everything to find out what the story was. And an answer had to be given to the public.

Mr. EDWARDS. That was the hoax of 1966?

Mr. FINLATOR. Yes. We had one other that was called the green pepper bit, in which one was supposed to take rotten green peppers, let the cigarette stay in it, and get a "high" from it.

There was another one. Someone mentioned the other day sex juice, 1968, in which some doctor found a couple of kids who were real high. They evidently told him that it was something called sex juice, 1968. The doctor, inadvisedly, called a press conference and said he had found the greatest thing since LSD. And it hit the press all over the country. We had to find out what sex juice was right away. It was this division that did it.

Mr. EDWARDS. What did you find out?

Mr. FINLATOR. We found out what it was.

Mr. EDWARDS. Do you want to go off the record to tell us?

Mr. FINLATOR. Yes, sir.

(Discussion off the record.)