

LSD tablets of all sizes, colors and shapes, are beginning to be as easy to get as "Pot" — in New York, Los Angeles, or any small town. A boy or girl today can get an LSD "trip" for \$1. The tiniest tablets, about a fourth as large as an Aspirin, sell for \$3. Three or four persons can divide the one tablet and get a brain-warping "trip." Some trips are described as "good," some as "bad."

A mother wrote Art Linkletter about her son's "good" trip that ended badly: "Our son, a first year medical student, took LSD after much coaxing by 'friends' and out of curiosity. Little happened on the day that he took the drug. But a week later, driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, he had a recurrence. He brought his car to a stop, stripped completely, folded his clothes neatly, got out of the car feeling that he could outrace, barefooted, anything on the concrete highway. A camper hit him and hurled him into the air. He suffered a partly crushed skull — and the loss of one eye."

Who Is The "Pusher?"

Mr. Linkletter says: "If you have a child in college or high school, in junior high or even elementary school, it's no longer a question of his possible exposure someday to illicit drugs. He is being exposed to them at this moment, now! To assume otherwise is wishful thinking at its blindest." The chief narcotics agent of the Sheriff's office in a nearby town confirmed this. He told me of a shocking "catch" his staff made. One hundred and fourteen school youngsters were found in a situation in which marijuana cigarettes were being passed around. In the succeeding investigation, 35 of the youngsters were found to be smoking regularly. In this group of 35 were 10th Graders, 9th Graders, 8th Graders, 7th Graders, 6th Graders, and two 4th Graders.

"The shocking fact," the Agent said to me, "was the identity of the 'pusher' from whom all the rest got their supply. He was one of the 4th Graders." In this school neighborhood, a variety of pills and capsules, including LSD, now are available. "Hard" narcotics have been found. He showed me crude Heroin syringes taken from 12 and 15 year olds. Truly the problem has reached disaster proportions!

Danger and Challenge

Crash research programs into the short and long-range effects of Marijuana have now been underway nearly a year under the direction of Dr. Stanley F. Yolles, Director of the National Institute of Mental Health. None has progressed to the point of official determinations but Dr. Yolles, in early February, felt compelled, on the basis of findings so far, to warn the nation that Marijuana is not a "harmless" drug as contended by Anthropologist Margaret Meade, Dr. Timothy Leary, the LSD "messiah", and others often quoted in the press.

Dr. Yolles promised to push all avenues of research and to report to the public from time to time. The urgency of the research program was dictated when the law enforcement and medical treatment agencies of the nation reported, almost in unison last year, that drug abuse among young people had become massively epidemic, creating an urgent, major problem for the nation and every one of her communities and families.

Marijuana became the central and most urgent research target because authorities had found that perhaps as many as 50% of all youth between 10 and 30 years of age had "experimented" with the cigarette-like "reefers." An estimated one out of every 10 "experimenters" go on to smoke "Pot" regularly. And, previous research shows, it is the Great Initiator which carries so many of its users into the "Drug Culture" where the more powerful, physically habit-forming Amphetamines, Barbiturates, and stronger Hallucinogens (LSD, Peyote, Psilocybin, etc.) begin to dominate and gradually disintegrate the lives of their captives.



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If a force conspiring to destroy the United States were to succeed in trapping our today's generation of youth - ages 12 to 30 - into the use of marijuana and other mind-warping and lethal drugs, it could virtually sit back and await the certainty of national collapse 10, 15, 20 years hence. The leadership heirs to our once upward-thrusting Western civilization would be brainless and impotent.

Has it happened already? Well, it has begun to happen. The trap already has caught a third of our youth generation. The problem poses, undoubtedly, this nation's gravest challenge. The identity of the force or circumstance which wrought the impending disaster is of vital importance (and we will explore it) but the even more vital fact is that we still have a chance to salvage the already wrecked portion and restore health to the whole of American society.....if we are worthy of our heritage.....if we are worthy as leaders of the human race.....if we make ourselves worthy of God's grace.

Toward Destruction

"When we look to the history of civilization," said President Richard M. Nixon as he warned the nation on the magnitude of the drug abuse problem, "we find that those civilizations that have turned on a broad, general basis to drugs, and particularly when that affliction reaches the leader classes of those civilizations, those civilizations inevitably lose their spirit. They go down. They are destroyed. This is what happened. The question is: Is it going to happen to America?"

The President was speaking to the Governors of the 50 states, their wives and their children in an extraordinary Washington conference on the drug menace. He reported, with "deliberately cautious statistics," that 8 million people in the United States use marijuana.....one third of all the college students of the nation.....16 per cent of the nation's high school pupils. He said: "The problem is not limited to any region of the country or any segment of the society--- it hits the young as well as the old, and is indeed a national problem."

An Educational Campaign

The President asked the 50 Governors, and specifically their wives and children, to return to their respective states and begin a campaign to expose, particularly to the younger generation of Americans, the true facts about all forms of drugs and their short-range and long-range effects. In the months prior to the President's "drug menace" conference and his public statements

on the national danger, our National Education Program staff had been gathering information on the problem. We have made it one of the major commitments of our nation-wide educational program in 1970. Our annual April Freedom Forum will be devoted to the Drug Abuse problem. Meantime, we are using the full force of our communications facilities to mobilize an aggressive educational force on dangerous drugs. You should enlist in this force. The first requirement is to achieve an understanding of narcotic and other dangerous drugs, then rally your friends and neighbors --- and especially children of all ages --- to aid in the dissemination of the true facts.

Art Linkletter Enlists

Art Linkletter, whose talented daughter Diane, 20, became a victim of LSD and died, a suicide, has enlisted in the nation-wide educational program.

"While I said at the time of my daughter's death," he told the 50 Governors at the Presidential conference, "that she was murdered by the people who make and distribute and push LSD, I mean, of course, that she was the victim, the unwitting, innocent victim of people who push all kinds of drugs and who are not criminal characters; they are your children and they are my children. Because the greatest pushers in this country today are the missionaries who have tried LSD and marijuana and barbiturates and who will even sell their own personal possessions to give the chemicals to their friends because they are convinced that it is a wonderful way; as (The LSD Messiah) Dr. Timothy Leary has said, 'It is a way to turn on, tune in and drop out'."

This, Mr. Linkletter said, is the crux of the problem: Youth's desire to be with the "tuned in" generation. We agree. So we must somehow get across to 40 million young Americans that "in --- with drugs" is a "trip" to self-destruction and that life offers a great challenge.

MARIJUANA: PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

Marijuana is the most dangerous and harmful drug in the world. This is not a careless or unfounded statement. It is a fact that has emerged from our nearly six months research and study

of drugs and drug abuse. In our examination of the swiftly worsening national problem we have interviewed some of the nation's highest authorities, have read volumes of professional writings, have talked with drug users and with drug and narcotics agents at all levels of law enforcement. We are not an "expert" but we have reached some conclusions from close and studious examination of the most expert testimony.

Nearly every other "dangerous" drug is more powerful than marijuana. Yet this fact is, in itself, a factor in my conclusion that marijuana is today the very worst drug scourge confronting the society of man. It is the Great Initiator - welcoming millions upon millions of young people into the "Drug Culture" who would never enter by taking "pills" or pushing a needle into their veins. With a marijuana cigarette being passed around youngsters are given an easy way of escaping the epithet, "Chicken!" Especially when many are saying "Pot" is absolutely harmless. A few puffs put a youngster "in" with the "right" crowd. Brotherhood! Equality! Maturity! Yeh man! The boy becomes a man; the young girl, a woman. But only in an unreal world, a world with horror ahead on every side. More than 70% of Heroin addicts took their first step into the "Drug Culture" on marijuana; and once "hooked" on "H" nine out of 10 addicts never recover.

Art Linkletter, whose daughter Diana puffed on marijuana when it came her way, then went on to LSD and, ultimately, took her own life in the aftermath of a "bad trip", is not an expert on drugs, but the experiences and tragedy within his family has made him a dedicated "witness." In a Reader's Digest article, he says: "Drug abuse has become a national plague, an epidemic of monstrous proportions. Today the shadow of the tragedy that struck us looms over every family regardless of educational level, regardless of wealth or position, regardless of everything."

Trip To Tragedy

LSD in 1970 has become Step 2 in the experience of millions of junior high, high school and college youth who have been ushered into the "Drug Culture" with the friendly companionable passing around of the marijuana "reefer". It is spreading even faster than the amphetamines (tablets and capsules) which are called "Speed."