

May 20, 1972

MEMORANDUM

FOR: SENATOR

FROM: DAN & BOB

SUBJECT: MEETING OF CALIFORNIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOC.

Following your guidelines in our discussion, we have prepared a statement on how pharmacists can fight drug abuse in their communities. The pharmacists in California have been waging a battle against Venereal disease and the number of cases has been reduced. I think you may want to mention this program as an example of what can be done when pharmacists are determined to educate and safeguard the public.

CALIFORNIA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1972

THE DRUG PROBLEM IN AMERICA TODAY IS NOT THE
GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEM ALONE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMBATING
THE SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE.

IT MUST ENFORCE THE LAWS AGAINST THE PUSHERS.

IT MUST HELP PROVIDE THE REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT
FACILITIES.

AND IT MUST MOVE TO HALT THE IMPORTATION OF
DANGEROUS DRUGS.

BUT THE QUESTION I WANT TO ASK TODAY IS: WHAT ARE
THE PHARMACISTS GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS PROBLEM? WHAT CAN
YOU DO?

LET'S EXAMINE WHAT THE CANCER OF DRUG ABUSE MEANS

IN THE UNITED STATES:

---WE HAVE THE LARGEST POPULATION OF HEROIN ADDICTS
IN THE WORLD -- OVER 330,000 AMERICANS ARE HARD CORE ADDICTS.

---FIVE TO SIX TONS OF HEROIN ARE CONSUMED EACH YEAR
IN THE UNITED STATES.

---THE HUMAN AND PROPERTY COSTS ARE TREMENDOUS,
OVER \$25 MILLION A DAY IS STOLEN BY ADDICTS.

---50 PERCENT OF ALL METROPOLITAN CRIMES ARE DRUG
RELATED.

---THERE'S BEEN A 322 PERCENT INCREASE IN NARCOTICS
ARRESTS SINCE 1970.

---LAST YEAR, MORE YOUNG PEOPLE DIED OF DRUG ABUSE
THAN WERE KILLED IN VIETNAM.

IT'S CLEAR THAT DRUG ABUSE MEANS MORE THAN HEROIN
ADDICTION. IT MEANS THE OVERUSE OF ALL TYPES OF DRUGS AND
MEDICINES.

IT MEANS TAKING A HARD LOOK AT WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING
ABOUT MARIJUANA, NOT MAKING DECISIONS ON ITS LEGALIZATION
UNTIL THE FACTS ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS TO THE POTENTIAL
HARM OF THIS DRUG. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ITS EFFECTS ARE, AND
I'M NOT ABOUT TO EQUATE IT WITH ALCOHOL UNTIL MORE RESEARCH
IS DONE.

I BELIEVE PHARMACISTS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY
IN HALTING DRUG ABUSE.

AS PROFESSIONAL MEN, AND AS COMMUNITY LEADERS, YOU
MUST TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN SOLVING THIS PROBLEM THAT REACHES

INTO EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY.

IN THE DRUGSTORE, YOU MUST EDUCATE YOUR CUSTOMERS.

AND YOU MUST PLACE PRESSURE ON THE PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPANIES TO HALT THE OVERPRODUCTION OF BARBITUATES AND
AMPHETAMINES.

EVERY PHARMACIST MUST STAND AGAINST THE PROMISCUOUS
DISPENSING OF DRUGS.

AS COMMUNITY LEADERS, YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO GO
INTO THE SCHOOLS AND EDUCATE CHILDREN ABOUT DRUGS.

YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO TALK TO THE PARENTS AND
TO HELP PLAN CITIZEN DRUG CONTROL STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS.

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO CAN TALK TO THE JUDGES AND
LOCAL OFFICIALS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY'S DRUG PROBLEM.

AND PHARMACISTS ARE THE ONES THAT MUST TAKE A LEAD
IN ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY REHABILITATION AND INFORMATION
CENTERS.

I KNOW DRUG ABUSE IS A TOUGH PROBLEM, BUT WE CAN
LICK IT.

WE MUST BOLSTER FEDERAL SPENDING FOR DRUG RELATED
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FOR REHABILITATION FACILITIES.

WE MUST ESTABLISH A FEDERAL DRUG CURE AND CENTRAL
AGENCY TO COORDINATE ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-DRUG
EFFORTS UNDER ONE ROOF.

AND WE MUST MOVE TO HALT THE IMPORTATION OF HEROIN
INTO THIS NATION. IF THE CIA CAN FIND SPIES, THEY CAN
LOCATE AND TRACK DOWN AN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS RING.

BUT THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE WON'T BE WON IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. IT MUST BE FOUGHT AND WON ON THE STREET
WHERE YOU LIVE, IN YOUR COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

I ASK YOU TO JOIN WITH ME IN BRINGING OUR MARIJUANA,
OUR HEROIN, OUR L S D PROBLEMS, UNDER CONTROL.



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