

Narcotics Data Lacking, Control Efforts Difficult

New York - (AP) - A two-year study of narcotics control in the United States has criticized the strictly criminal approach to the narcotics problem to the exclusion of medical and judicial remedies.

But the study, recently completed by William Butler Eldridge, a research attorney of the American Bar foundation, concluded that so little is known about the narcotics problem and efforts to cope with it that it is impossible now to pass an adequate judgment.

Eldridge consulted police agencies in New York, California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey and the District of Columbia, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the U.S. Public Health service in an effort to obtain a clear picture of the American anti-narcotics effort.

Information Shortage
"The lack of accurate, complete and fully revealing statistics and data on the administration and effect of drug control policies in the United States is at one time understandable and astonishing," Eldridge said in his book "Narcotics and the Law," published in July by the New York University Press.

"It is understandable because only recently has there been an appreciation of the

complexity of the problem. Further, it is only recently that the policies have faced any challenge. Yet, it is astonishing that those charged with the administration of the laws did not, for their own edification, make adequate studies to determine how effectively the laws were meeting the drug problem."

Police Records
Eldridge said many reports purporting to show narcotics activity actually were statistical records of police activity. It was noted that the Chicago Police department has files on 85,000 narcotics offenders, but a new file is made each time a person is arrested. It remains unknown how many offenders are involved. During 1960, for example, 96 per cent of Chicago narcotics arrests were of persons previously arrested on narcotics charges.

"A look at all of the available information shows that there has never been a clear picture of narcotics traffic and use in this country, that there have been changes in habits and practices but the extent thereof is not known, and that even if these things were known, there is no clear understanding of the reasons for them," Eldridge said. "Until answers are found for these questions, any success of preventive methods employed in this country will be an accident reached perhaps by many fragile failures."

Traffic Reduction
Eldridge said there was no question that the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and other enforcement agencies played a significant role in reducing the narcotics traffic in this

country. "Criminal sanction obviously has a place in any effort to combat illicit traffic and to control drug use," he said. "The conclusion is inescapable, however, that the restriction now placed upon the laws by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, taken together with their views on interrelation of addiction and traffic, make the criminal sanction approach the exclusive one. They argue that only those who are thoroughly familiar with the 'true' nature and character of addicts should be attempting to devise methods of drug control, and that such knowledge is an attribute peculiar to enforcement agencies. There would appear to be very little room for experimentation or modification by doctors, psychiatrists, social workers or parole officials."

Cooperation Needed
What actually is needed, Eldridge said, is a recognition that narcotics problems cannot be lumped together and assigned to legislators, enforcement agencies, hospitals or doctors. There must be a realignment of responsibility and a genuine spirit of cooperation.

"Enforcement needs to concern itself with illicit traffic," he said. "Legislators need to concern themselves with controls which are more permissive and less directive to the medical profession. Doctors need to concern themselves with the causes and treatments of drug addiction, rather than with means for decreasing or limiting traffic."

Judges should be accorded

the right to individualize sentences, Eldridge said. He said parole and probation should be utilized in narcotics of-

fenses as they are in other criminal offenses. Coupled with a broader, more flexible program of con-

rol, Eldridge recommended establishment of a data-gathering program with the responsibility for its implementation assigned to a governmental agency, probably a bureau of the department of health, education and welfare.

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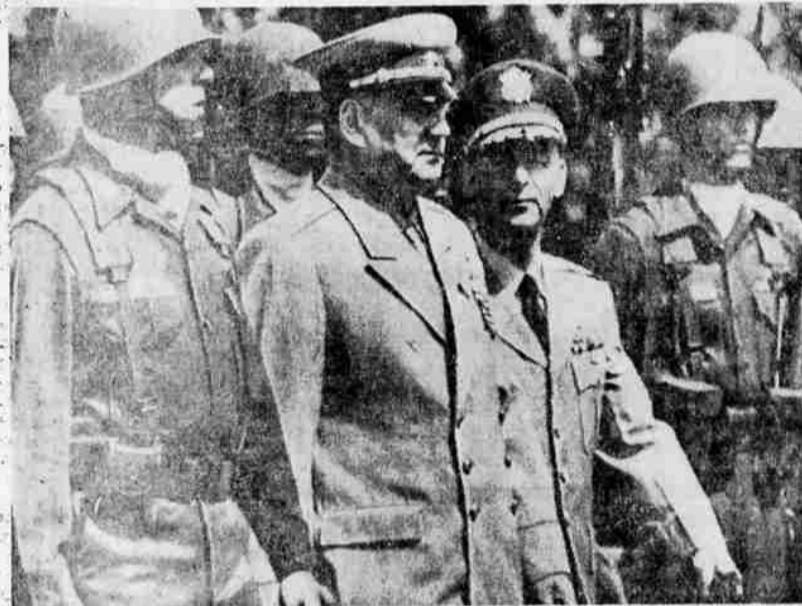
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SHIPPED SKUNK - "Janie Skunk," a two month old polecat, left Medford by West Coast Airlines on the 8:30 p.m. flight Tuesday en route to Bobe, Kathye, and Sallye Werner, Grand Rapids, Mich., from their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dickerson, 155 Three Pines rd., Grants Pass. Station agents in Medford couldn't resist petting the skunk. They are Ermin F. Bear, left, and Bill DeRushe. The Werner children visited in the valley during June, and fell in love with the baby skunk owned by the Dickerson children. Their aunt promised to send them a skunk also, and the deodorized "Janie" was the result. The skunk has been bottle-fed, and now eats dog food, hamburger, and eggs, Mrs. Dickerson said. Fellow passengers on the flight didn't have to worry, the little animal went air freight. (Knackstedt photo)



REVIEWS TROOPS - Gen. Ivan I. Jakubovskii, second from left, Soviet commander in East Germany, reviews United States troops outside U. S. Army headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany, with Gen. Paul H. Freeman Jr., center, U. S. Army commander in Europe. Jakubovskii, in Heidelberg on a "courtesy call," was taking up an invitation issued by Freeman last April when he visited Russian headquarters. The two generals stood side by side as a 17-gun salute was fired and their national anthems played. (UPD)

Words Are Message Of Hymn, Not Tune

By CLARE COX
United Press International
New York - (AP) - The hymn has become a sociological message of the church as well as a source of spiritual uplift.

Instead of simply being sentimental or expressing a scriptural thought, hymns today deal with patriotism, city or rural life, youth, education, social welfare and other timely topics.

This trend toward making the words sung in church "count," is the work of the Hymn society of America, founded 40 years ago by a group of lay people interested in providing better hymns and music. From five members, the society has grown to 1,800 in every state and 20 foreign countries.

Many persons mistakenly believe the hymn is both the words and music. This is not the case. The hymn is the words only. The music is known as the "tune." There are cases in which many hymns have been set to the same tune so that what often appears to be a familiar song has new words.

The society, in an official history of its activities, has reported on 16 "quests" for new hymns "appropriate for the new days and conditions in which the Christian church finds itself." The "quests" have produced more than 100 new texts that have been incorporated into recently published hymnals.

The society's first major work was the "hymn for airmen" written after Charles A. Lindbergh's 1927 flight across the Atlantic. A prize of \$100 was awarded Miss May Rowland of Eastbourne, England, for her hymn, which was one of more than 1,200 texts submitted.

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Servicemen Grange News

CLASS OF 1966
Midshipman Walter M. Higgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Higgins, 2200 Oakwood dr., Medford, has joined the Class of 1966 at the U.S. Naval academy, Annapolis, Md., and is undergoing summer "plebe training" at the academy in preparation for joining the brigade of midshipmen this fall.

RECENTLY GRADUATED
Donald W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Smith, 1040 Cherry st., Medford, was graduated recently from optical school at the Naval Training center, Great Lakes, Ill. The 26-week course covers the disassembly, repair and overhaul of telescopes, navigation aids and other equipment using optics.

At 8 a.m. Aug. 21, preceding the business meeting of the Eagle Point Grange, James Wilson, local lawyer, will give a talk on wills and estates. A question and answer period will follow.

Also "Astronauts" a band from the Veterans Administration domiciliary will entertain with a few numbers. The public is invited to attend.

At the last meeting of the Eagle Point Grange held Aug. 7, the charter was draped in memory of Almon Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess had moved here recently from California.

Ed Kunkel, agricultural chairman, reported on the Oregon state fair which will convene soon at Salem. He read a letter from the State Grange master asking all members to cooperate to help make the fair successful and enter any products or produce as possible in the competi-

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A report was made by the hall committee on the recent window broken.

The meeting closed with several members of the Grange telling of their trips to the Seattle World's Fair and what they liked best.

Serving refreshments at the end of the evening were Mrs. Fred Canterbury and Mrs. Art Kent.

Pomona HEC Chairman Agnes Hubbell announced that the canning contest would be judged at the next Pomona meeting to be held at the Eagle Point Grange hall Oct. 27. Anyone having fancy work to enter should get it to her at Box 105, Trail, by the last week in August as it has to be sent to State Grange the first week in September.

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