

# Veneral Disease Crisis Seen Here By National PTA

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 New York (UPI)—The bomb, penicillin and the Kinsey report figure in the newest crisis of concern to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The crisis is increases in venereal diseases, reported in many parts of the country, on both sides of the tracks—but especially among young people in the 15 to 24 year age bracket.

The bomb unsettled world conditions on a steady basis, giving some youngsters an excuse to "live it up" every chance at hand.

Penicillin, meanwhile, removed the deadly fear of venereal disease infection. And the Kinsey report? Well, this document reporting on sex habits of some of the people has somehow become synonymous with what should be, with what is accepted and with what is right.

A sociologist, sifting facts on VD for the National Congress, brought the bomb, penicillin and the Kinsey report into the picture.

Celia S. Deschin, of Adelphi college, Garden City, N.Y., didn't stop there when analyzing the situation in a report in the PTA magazine. Parents, teachers and double standards of morality also caught some fire from the associate professor in Adelphi's graduate school of social work.

**Reverse Kinsey**  
 Prof. Deschin suggests, as one counter-attack, a Kinsey report in reverse.

This would be a study of self-reliant, non-problem youngsters to find out what makes them tick the right way.

The question: Why do some youngsters, exposed to pressures of the bomb, confidence in penicillin and Kinsey's report, adhere to moral codes essential to a stable society?

The professor believes all youngsters want to.

"Contrary to popular belief," the sociologist said, "youth in trouble are not enjoying their flouting of traditional standards."

"In our study of youth sick with VD, interviewers were impressed with frequent expressions of guilt."

Prof. Deschin directed an

historic research project for the U. S. Public Health service in cooperation with the New York City department of health in 1958.

The investigation, sponsored by the American Social Health association, involved interviews with 600 teenagers attending social hygiene clinics in New York City.

The report, "Teenagers and Venereal Disease," published in '61, has done much to focus attention on the social aspects of VD.

**Do Nothing**  
 One thing that struck the sociologist was the sameness

of response when the teenagers were asked one question: What do you do in your spare time? Of the 600 interviewed, 509 replied, "nothing."

What can parents and teachers do — what should they do — to institute effective educational and preventive campaigns? Prof. Deschin's answers:

Replace ignorance with knowledge, stir community apathy into community action, and encourage the cooperation of private physicians in reporting cases of VD.

Clarify our own as well as

the youth's attitudes toward sex. Constructive sex education requires a point of view and sanctions for codes of behavior to which society expects its youth to adhere.

**Control Outlined**  
 "To control VD in the 60s," the sociologist said, "we need parents with courage and conviction to do some plain talking and acting."

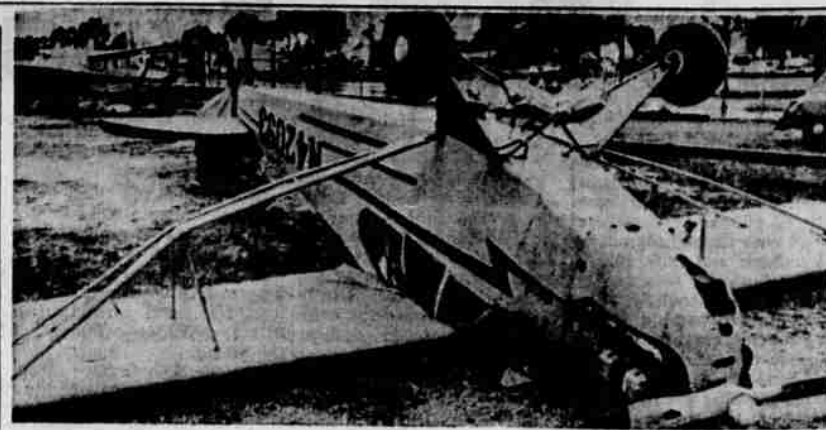
"We need parents who will speak out clearly for what ought to be and act resolutely to reinstate discipline and control."

"We need parents, teachers and other adults who will lift the unhealthy social pres-

ures on youth and counteract the bombardment of sexual stimuli.

"As parents and teachers I believe we have no choice, if we would guide youth into activities that will help them grow into useful, mature adulthood."

P.S.: Medical authorities agree that venereal diseases are not mere communicable diseases. If untreated or poorly treated, syphilis can cause blindness, insanity, heart disease, paralysis and death. Gonorrhea can cause blindness, heart trouble and sterility in both males and females.



**AIRPLANE UPENDED**—A small private airplane lies upside down at St. Petersburg, Fla., after it was caught by high winds which swept through the area. (UPI)

## Generators Augment Farm Power Supply

College Station, Tex. — Emergency generators can fill important functions when storms interrupt a farm's power supply, the Texas A and M college extension service says.

Extension agricultural engineer W. S. Allen said a generally acceptable model is one driven by a farm tractor. The generator is less expensive than other types and the farmer would have less invested in a piece of equipment he would use only occasionally. But the farmer can choose models up to an automatic engine-driven generator that is more expensive.

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## Truck Industry Tells Phenomenal Vehicle Growth

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There are few hours of the day or night wherein the rumble of some mammoth hauler is not heard on the major intercity highway at regular intervals; few residential neighborhoods where-in appearance of small delivery trucks is not part of the regular daily scene.

The American Trucking association, in its recently issued annual report, assembled some figures to show the size of the trucking industry.

**700 Registered in 1904**

In 1904, when teamsters still drove teams and not multi-horsepowered diesels, there were 700 private and for-hire trucks registered in the United States.

In 1962, the latest year for which figures are available, there were an estimated 12 million, according to the figures of the ATA research department. This included farm trucks, but not government-owned trucks. The ATA statisticians said there were 622,140 of these in 1961. They did not give the figure for 1962.

California, that long, busy and growing state, led the 50 states of the union in the number of registrations of private and for-hire trucks: 1,116,855, nearly 25 per cent more than the 902,181 registered in Texas, the next high, and more than double the 502,659 in New York state.

**Growth in Revenue**

From a revenue standpoint, growth in the trucking industry over the years has been almost as phenomenal as the growth in the number of vehicles, according to the ATA report.

Using as its source data from the Interstate Commerce commission, Bureau of Transport Economics and Statistics, the ATA report said revenues in 1961, the latest year available, were \$7,375 billion — almost double what they were in 1950.

**COSTLY**

Washington (UPI) — The Department of Agriculture estimates weekly food costs for couples 20 to 34 years of age at \$21.60, and for couples 35 through 74 at \$19.40 a week.