

Narcotics—Part II

Case Histories Disclose Most Drug Addiction Starts as Fun at Parties

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Washington—UPI—There are 47,499 persons listed in the files of the Federal Narcotics Bureau today as active drug addicts.

An overwhelming number of the addicts—38,654—are men. The drug most widely used is heroin, which is produced by the chemical treatment of morphine. It gives the quickest jolt when injected into the blood stream with a hypodermic needle and is so popular that 44,242 of the known addicts are heroin users.

Pattern Emerges

How and why does a person become a heroin addict? From the thousands of case histories in the federal files, this clear and definite pattern emerges: The addict does not start with heroin, but with one of the milder drugs such as marijuana. He is attending a party, somebody offers him a marijuana cigarette and he enjoys a somewhat dreamy feeling of exaltation.

Flare of Fashion

Drug addiction almost always starts as a result of some kind of group activity. The Narcotics Bureau says the only exceptions to that rule are the relatively few doctors and nurses who usually begin their addiction with small shots of heroin taken in solitude.

The average drug addict may continue on marijuana for months before the fatal day when somebody at the party suggests to him that there is something that will give him a stronger, quicker kick.

Shot in Arm

A belt is strapped around his arm to make the arteries and veins easy to penetrate, he feels the sharp jab of a hypodermic needle and the heroin courses into his bloodstream. His face flushes, the pupils of his eyes constrict and there is a tingling sensation in his abdomen.

Between two and three hours later it's all over. Somebody suggests another shot and he takes it, but salvation is still within his own reach if he will just say no. If he goes on taking heroin daily for about two weeks he wakes up one morning and realizes, as the addicts say, that "the monkey is on my back." Then his entire world narrows down to one problem—how and where to get more heroin.

Cost Is Great

Heroin is a powder, sometimes gray or beige, but in its purest form it is white. Its current value in the illicit drug channels is estimated at \$650 an ounce, but pure heroin does not interest our addict because a shot of it would kill him. What he is looking for is "a bag," a powder that contains perhaps only 3 per cent heroin and the remainder an adulterate usually made of milk, sugar and quinine.

companions at the parties he attends. He may start out buying \$10 worth of heroin a day, but then his body begins to build up tolerance to the drug and he needs it more often and in larger doses. His daily cost quickly can go up to \$75 and that's when he embarks on burglary, holdups and petty thievery to get the money he needs.

Leave Pisa Tower Alone Is Decision

Pisa, Italy—UPI—The people who tend the Leaning Tower of Pisa have figured out how to keep it from falling.

Leave it alone. This, they said, probably won't help its posture any. But it probably won't do any harm either.

For the past 789 years the world-famed bell tower has had a tantalizing tilt that sends tourists running for their cameras and engineers dashing to their drawing boards.

For the past 50 years, the 79-foot tower has been increasing its tilt by .039 inches

of reckoning arrives when he cannot beg or buy heroin, and then there sets in what the Narcotics Bureau calls "the living death." Pain is a relative thing and it may be that some things—advanced cancer, for instance—can be worse torture than the need of an addict for drugs. But this is the way the Narcotics Bureau describes the agony: "He becomes restless and

Catholic Parents Seek School Buses

Jefferson City, Mo.—UPI—Catholic parents, temporarily set back in their battle for free school buses for parochial school children, Monday called off demonstration enrollments at public schools but promised a stronger action later.

A committee of spokesmen for the parents said they had made the public aware of their grievance and instructed the students to return to their parochial schools. Massive enrollments were promised next fall, unless buses were provided.

The Missouri House of Representatives Monday declined to reconsider a bill which would have provided the free buses to private and parochial school students.

The more than 2,000 students who had left their church-sponsored schools during the past few days and enrolled at public schools were expected to return to parochial schools today.

irritable. His eyes water as though he had hay fever. He yawns and mucus runs from his nose. Still later his muscles begin to twitch violently and his back, arms and legs ache severely. He has violent pains in his stomach, vomits, has diarrhea, kicks his legs and jerks his arms.

"He curls up in bed or on the floor and puts on as many blankets as he can find even in the hottest weather. His feet twitch continuously. If he sleeps at all, he is extremely restless. Because he cannot retain food or liquid in his stomach, he loses weight rapidly—as much as 10 pounds within 24 hours. About the third day without the drug he is in the very depths of torment.

"He is unkempt, disheveled, dirty, neglecting all thought of personal hygiene. Even after he begins to recover from these violent reactions to the drug, he still is unable to sleep and suffers from extreme weakness and nervousness and has muscle pains for several weeks."

Next: Is there a cure and, if so, how does it work?

Memorial Park Is Incorporated

Ashland—Incorporation papers are being filed in Salem for formation of the Ashland Memorial Park Inc., for operation of a new cemetery in the Ashland area.

Incorporators are Clarence C. Williams, Clarence M. Litwiller and Attorney William M. Briggs, all of Ashland. Capital stock will be \$100,000 and the corporation will establish and operate a new cemetery adjacent to Ashland with ultimate plans for building and operating complete entombment and burial facilities.

A portion of the Mark True property east of Bear creek, approximately 50 acres, has been purchased for the Memorial park, according to Williams, who is president of the corporation.

The property is bounded on the west by the Walter Jones property, on the east a road north by the Howard Pribbeno property and on the south by Bear creek.

Plans call for the immediate dedication and improvement of the property, Williams said. They also provide for the eventual location and building of a chapel.

Perpetual care will be provided in the cemetery and no upright monuments will be permitted. Access to the cemetery will be from East Main

st. at the interchange over the freeway, according to Williams.

HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Geneva—UPI—Four hundred doctors and public health specialists from 118 nations assembled here today for the opening of the annual World Health Assembly.

KEEP AT IT
Jacksonville, Fla.—UPI—The Florida Antimosquito association opened its 34th annual meeting Monday with the motto, "Keep everlastingly at it."

LIBERIANS VOTE
Monrovia, Liberia—UPI—Liberians went to the polls today to reelect President William Tubman to his fifth term in the first uncontested presidential election in the country's history.

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