

# Pep Pills, Barbiturates Causing Many Headaches for Narcotics Bureau

By HARRY FERGUSON  
Washington—(AP)—A truck roared down an Arizona highway, struck a bus and killed nine persons. The truck driver had been without sleep for 49 hours and had kept going by taking pep pills.

This is one facet of the newest problem in the federal government's war to stamp out drug addiction. The Federal Bureau of Narcotics is helpless because it has no control over the manufacture, sale or distribution of the so-called "dangerous drugs"—known to medical science as the amphetamines and the barbiturates.

They come under the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration, which is so concerned about their widespread use in the United States that it is planning to set up a cloak-and-dagger organization in an attempt to check their illicit distribution. The Bureau of Narcotics has had considerable success in cutting down the use of the opiate drugs over which it has jurisdiction—opium, morphine and heroin. It also is making progress against marijuana.

**Come From Mexico**  
The amphetamines (benzedrine and dexedrine) pep you up. The barbiturates (nembutal, seconal and amytal) are sedatives. Both can be legally obtained on a doctor's prescription, but that isn't the point. They are flooding across the Mexican border by what the Food and Drug Administration calls "tens of millions," are being sold illegally all over the nation and are enslaving a new generation of addicts.

The odd fact is that the drugs are made in America. It works like this: U.S. drug manufacturers receive orders from Mexico for amphetamines and barbiturates and make legal shipments. The drugs wind up in the border towns of Mexico where they are distributed to drug stores which can sell them without a prescription. Smugglers buy them by the thousands and millions and run them across the border into the United States.

**Act Differently**  
Pep pills taken in excess increase the blood pressure, speed up the pulse, cause sweating, tremors and spasms. The barbiturates are intoxicating. Persons taking them become drowsy and confused, are unable to co-ordinate their

muscles while standing or walking, become depressed and quarrelsome and are unable to perform simple tasks. The drug must be withdrawn gradually from heavy users because the addict will go into something resembling delirium tremors and may die.

The Food and Drug Administration has asked Congress for an appropriation to set up an undercover organization to try and get to the heart of the problem—by infiltrating and breaking up the smuggling rings operating along the Mexican border. It

also wants legislation to make it a federal offense to possess the drugs for illegal sale.

**Role of Doctor**  
Every study and discussion of drug addiction of any kind always arrives eventually at the role of the American doctor. He is the man who can scribble on a prescription pad and make it possible for the addict to get legal relief from torture. He is also in a dilemma. President Kennedy's Advisory Commission on Narcotics and Drug Abuse states it this way:  
"Considerable disagreement

has grown up between those charged with enforcement of the federal narcotics laws and physicians. Physicians have been unwilling to treat addicts for fear of prosecution."

The New York Academy of Medicine, in a recent study, preferred stronger language and asserted hundreds of doctors have been prosecuted over the years by the Federal Narcotics Bureau. "Most physicians were arrested while following accepted medical precepts. They were prosecuted on the charge that treatments for addicted pa-

tients that included narcotic prescriptions weren't legitimate professional practice under the law.

"Only a small proportion of the physicians apprehended were out and out culprits."

**Keeps Close Check**  
The Narcotics Bureau keeps a fairly close check on the volume of drugs dispensed by doctors. Because of the risk involved, many doctors refuse to accept narcotic addicts as patients, but refer them to local, state or federal agencies. The position of the Narcotics Bureau is that it is im-

possible to treat an addict effectively unless he is kept under careful supervision in a drug-free environment. It takes a dim view of the treatment of the "ambulatory patient"—a man who is out walking around on his own.

**Pushes Ahead**  
"He could make the rounds of a dozen doctors," a bureau spokesman said. "He could get some heroin every place he stopped. He is not looking for treatment and he doesn't want a cure. What he wants is a hand full of prescriptions so he can go to drugstores and

get his shots without running the risk of arrest."

President Kennedy's special commission so far has issued only an interim report and is pushing ahead with its investigation. It has, however, reached the conclusion that an effective blow must be struck at the big-time drug smugglers, and it proposes to do it by setting up a special team of lawyers and investigators inside the Justice Department. It also has asked the American Medical Association to clarify the role of the physician by drawing up

a statement defining what constitutes legitimate medical treatment of a drug addict.

Whether the battle against drugs could ever be centralized in one federal agency without quite a struggle is doubtful. Each agency jealously guards its own preserve. When this reporter started his research, he was told at the Federal Narcotics Bureau: "Be sure you don't say the FBI is going around arresting drug smugglers. We are the ones who do it. We have our own agents and they don't belong to the FBI!"

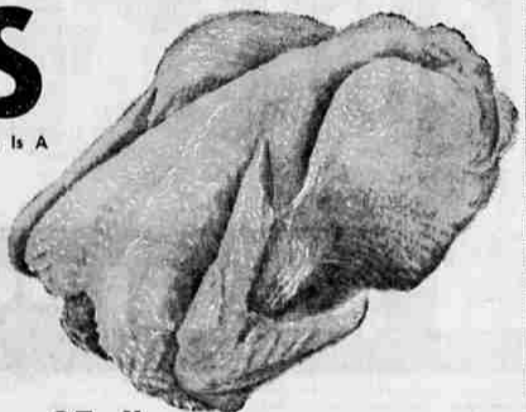
**University Program**  
**Spotlights Nations**  
Salt Lake City—(AP)—The University of Utah's "Spotlight" program, giving special attention to a particular foreign country, has completed its third successful year. India was the country to get all the interest this year in the 10-day round of lectures, banquets and exhibits. Indian Ambassador B.K. Nehru headed the country's delegation, Brazil and the Orient were the other areas spotlighted in previous years.

Hullfax, England—(AP)—Lord Mayor Tom Berry officiated at a special fire brigade display Wednesday and a fire hose burst. He got soaked.

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### News About Servicemen

**ON CARRIER**  
Seaman Apprentice Robert F. Thrasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Thrasher, 1401 Johnston st., Medford, is serving on the anti-submarine aircraft carrier, USS Bennington, a Pacific fleet unit which recently conducted refresher training off the California coast. The ship operates out of Long Beach, Calif.

**PROMOTED**  
Rodney L. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Snyder, 343 South Grape st., Medford, recently was promoted to Marine lance corporal at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif. He is serving there with headquarters and maintenance Squadron 15, a unit of the third Marine aircraft wing. He is a graduate of Eagle Point High school and entered the service in July, 1961.

**ENLIST**  
Three valley men enlisted in the Navy during April, according to the Medford Navy recruiting office.  
Joining the service were Gerald L. Bruce, 30 South Central ave., Medford; John T. Murdock, son of Mrs. Doris Burkett, route 1, box 258B, Rogue River, and Thomas G. Gastorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Gastorf, 187 Strawberry lane, Ashland.

**ON TEST TRIP**  
Army First Lt. William G. Frohmayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Frohmayer, 3526 Ross lane, Medford, recently took part in a combat readiness test in the Yukon command maneuver area with other members of the ninth infantry's first battle group, regularly stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.  
Lt. Frohmayer entered the Army in May, 1961, and arrived in Alaska in August, 1962. He is a 1956 graduate of Medford High school and a 1960 graduate of University of Oregon.

**AWARDED**  
Cadet Maj. Theodore Earl Lawson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl L. Lawson, 301 Windsor ave., Medford, has been presented the Air Force Times award for his outstanding contribution in public relations work in promoting favorable public attention to the Air Force reserve officers training corps at the University of Kansas for the school year 1962-63.

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