

Narcotics Bureau Lists 47,489 Active Addicts Across Nation

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — There are 47,489 persons listed in the files of the Federal Narcotics Bureau today as active drug addicts. Doubtless there are thousands more, who have not been apprehended or applied for treatment.

An overwhelming number of the addicts—38,554—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. Most of the others use morphine or opium.

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. At the next party he will smoke two, then three, then four.

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 fact that narcotics are easily available in the doctor's drug cabinet sets up a temptation to seek relief from the irritations and fatigue of a long day.

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. Later he may "go on the nod," which means to fall into a fitful sleep, but in any event he has a feeling that everything in the world is fine and he is the master of his fate.

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. His family, friends, food, job cease to have any meaning in his single-minded search for relief.

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.

He makes the best deal he can with a peddler to whom he has been introduced by his 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 a day and that's when he embarks on burglary, holdups and petty thievery to get the money he needs.

Day of Reckoning
It is inevitable that the day 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 a 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 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

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EAST
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9 6 5
Q J 7 3
J 10 9 5 4

SOUTH
K Q 9 8 3
K 2
K 6
K Q 8 2

Both vulnerable
North East South West
1 Pass 4 N.T. Pass
5 Pass 7 N.T. Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ Q

Squeeze Sets Slam Stage

By OSWALD JACOBY
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South had a definite reason for his four no-trump response. In case his partner could show three aces, South planned to bid six no-trump to stop a possibly dangerous lead through one of his red kings.

When North showed four aces, South also had a reason for bidding seven no-trump instead of seven spades. The game was duplicate and South wanted the extra 10 points for making the hand in no-trump.

When South looked at the dummy he wished that he hadn't been quite so ambitious. He could have spread the hand for seven spades, but there appeared to be only 12 tricks in no-trump.

However, with 12 tricks in top cards there is always hope for a 13th. South won the heart lead with his king and ran off five spades to see what would be discarded.

East's first discard was the four of clubs and South was sure that East had started with five clubs. East's other three discards were two hearts and a diamond and now it appeared that only West could stop hearts.

This set the stage for an automatic squeeze. East was down to three diamonds and four clubs, so South played a heart to dummy's ace and East let a diamond go.

Now South ran off three high clubs and West was squeezed. He had to discard down to two diamonds in order to hang on to the jack of hearts. Dummy's last heart had done its work. South threw it away and made the last three tricks with diamonds.

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In one of the thefts, reported by Dale Himmelfright, the thief made off with an impact wrench, tachometer-dwell meter, and \$11 in cash. The tools were valued at \$150.

In the second theft, the thief took a timing light and valve gapper, valued at \$85, from a car belonging to David Bernard, 2229 Vine Street. The car was parked beside the body shop and the keys were left in it. The thief apparently took the keys and got the tools out of the trunk of the car.

The car that was stolen belonged to Leroy G. Drake, 2129 Vine Street. The vehicle is a 1948 blue Ford and has primer spots on it. The vehicle had been scheduled for work at the body shop.

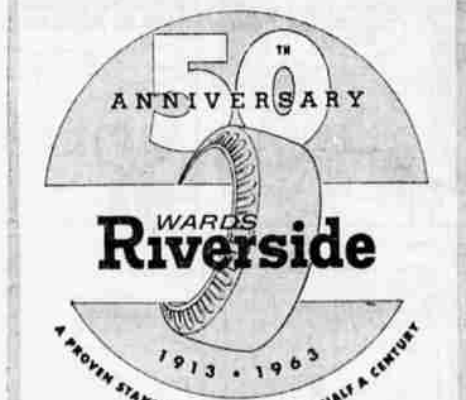
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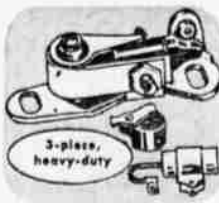
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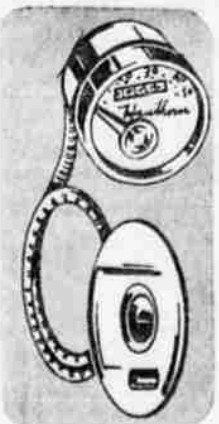


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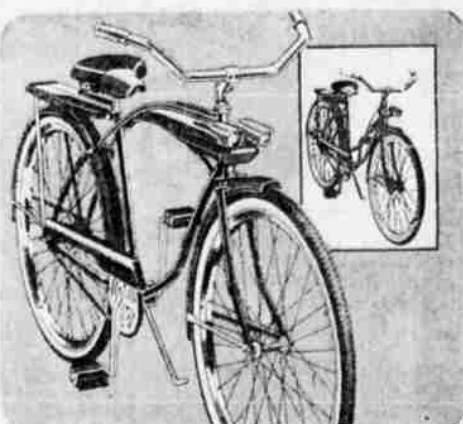
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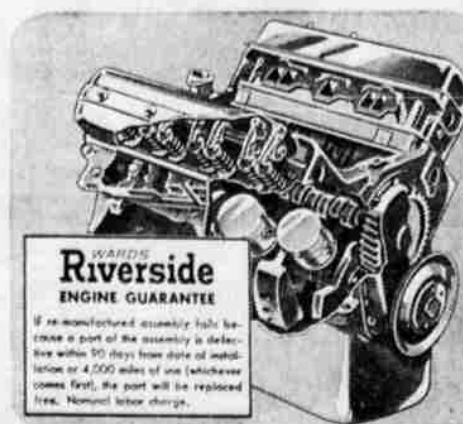
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