

## WASHINGTON REPORT

### Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

16th District—Pennsylvania



I am convinced that the use of the drug marijuana leads directly to the use of the highly addictive drug heroin. Some evidence out of Washington, D. C. bears me out on that contention. A succession of ex-addicts, reformers of addicts and narcotics' law enforcers who appeared recently before the Senate District Committee presented a series of disturbing facts about drugs in the Nation's Capital that should be digested by parents and young people alike.

For some time the usage of drugs in Washington has been spreading. Too little was done at the outset of the problem to halt the city's traffic in narcotics. Perhaps officials were lulled into complacency with statements to the effect; "The kids are smoking a little marijuana, but everyone knows that marijuana is not particularly harmful." However along the line the situation got completely out of hand. Today, Washington is not faced with a marijuana problem because a heroin has taken its place.

The extent of heroin usage is almost beyond belief. It is estimated that one-third of the students in Washington junior and senior high schools have used the hard drug. This is coupled to the estimate that over three-quarters of the teenagers in the city have experience with drugs of some type. That means that better than one out of three young people who have had some contact with drugs have "turned on" with heroin. Even the most vocal advocate of legalizing marijuana must view those statistics with some alarm. Now, cocaine, called "bam" and feared even by some heroin addicts, is growing in popularity among Washington youths and threatens to complicate the problem even further.

If you can't get too excited about the thoughts of thousands of young people becoming hard-core addicts, perhaps the significance for society held by a "hooked generation" is worthy of thought. The Nation is aware that its Capital has a crisis in crime. Ranking first

among crime factors is dope. On a national scale, it has been asserted that if the traffic in narcotics could be halted, at least half the street crime in this country would stop. Why? Heroin addiction costs between \$50 and \$200 a day. Such costs drive the addict to shoplifting and prostitution among the so-called "minor offenses", and to drug pushing and armed robbery among the major criminal activities used to get money to buy dope. The multimillion dollar profits resulting from drug sales go into the pockets of our country's worst domestic enemy — organized crime. Senator Goodell, of New York, points out that much of the present alienation of the black community can be tied directly to the fact that Negroes are clearly the chief victims of the vicious crime that grows out of the dope users' limitless appetite. With great logic, the victimized blacks place the blame on the white kingpins of organized crime who import the hard drugs and make it their business to see that thousands of youths are turned into cash customers.

I can only add my recommendation to that of the experts who believe that we must develop a sense of urgency about the narcotics problem. We can no longer talk about isolated instances of dope usage, but must begin to recognize that we have a major peril on our hands that is at the root of many of the other national problems we are hoping to solve. It seems to me that the public and its government hardly can continue to look the other way, but must begin a crackdown at every opportunity to halt the narcotics traffic.

#### EASTER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sliver had as their Easter Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams and family of Mt. Joy; Mrs. Lewis Paxton of Pylesville, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Sargable and daughter of Aberdeen, Md.

#### Important Addresses

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#### RUMMAGE SALE

A Rummage Sale sponsored by St. Mary's Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal church, will be held in the church basement on Friday, April 18 beginning at noon and closing at 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon. It is requested that no junk be given to the sale, only articles which have a good resale value should be brought to the church by Wednesday, April 16.

#### RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian church will hold a rummage sale in the church basement on Friday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## Engagements

### NEWCOMER — SMITH LINDEMUTH — MUSSER

Col. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Satellite Beach, Florida, announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to John R. Newcomer Jr.,

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin M. Musser, 42 Conestoga Drive, Lancaster, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Linda Jean Musser, to Stephen Edward Lindemuth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay G. Lindemuth, 128 S. Barbara St., Mount Joy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of McCaskey H. S. and is employed as secretary by Murry Realty Inc.,

Her fiancé is a graduate of Donegal high school and is employed by Aluminum Co. of America. He served four years in the U. S. Air Force.



### College Night

College night will be held at McCaskey Senior high school April 29, at 7:30 p.m. for grades eleven & twelve.

Admission counselors representing 62 institutions of higher learning will be present to discuss their college and their program of instruction. There will be three sessions: 7:30-8:00, 8:10-8:40, 8:50-9:20.

Interested students and parents are asked to take as few cars as possible because of the lack of parking space. The public is invited.

### SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The West Green Tree Church of the Brethren will hold a special musical program at the church on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Included will be special numbers by a ladies trio from the Christian Alliance Church of Elizabethtown, an octet from the Mount Joy Mennonite church, a trio from the Marietta Congregational Mennonite church and a duet from Florin Church of the Brethren.

When in need of printing remember The Bulletin.

## Prayer Of The Week

The prayer this week is by Samuel Johnson:

"Almighty God, in whose hands are all the powers of man, who givest understanding and takest it away; who, as it seems good to thee, enlightenest the thoughts of the simple and darkenest the meditations of the wise, be present in my studies and inquiries. Grant, O Lord, that I may not lavish away the life which thou hast given me on useless trifles nor waste it in vain searches after things which thou hast hidden from me.

"Enable me, by thy Holy Spirit, so to shun sloth and negligence that every day may discharge part of the task which thou has allotted me; and so further, with thy help, that labor which, without thy help, must be ineffectual, that I may obtain in all my understandings such as will most promote thy glory, and the salvation of my whole soul, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen."

### In Washington

## Scott Active on Four Conservation Projects

By U.S. SENATOR HUGH SCOTT

Protection of our wildlife and natural resources must be a vital concern to all Americans. I was busy on several conservation matters last month.

My bill would make the Federal government a party to the Susquehanna River Basin Compact, which has already been approved by Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland. The Susquehanna Basin is the last large undeveloped river basin in the East, and about 46 percent of it lies in Pennsylvania. The Compact, patterned after the Delaware Basin Compact, will help keep water pure, control floods, and preserve our recreation, fish, wildlife, and scenic areas.



Sen. Scott

The Appalachian Trail is one of our Commonwealth's greatest outdoor playgrounds. I wrote to the Secretary of the Interior to urge that money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which I helped increase last year, be used to buy land adjacent to the Trail. This would protect its scenic beauty from those who would deface it with such things as souvenir stands.

My name also appears on a bill to provide a two year, \$175 million extension of the Appalachian Regional Development Act. Aid to Appalachia is one of the most efficiently operated programs ever to come out of Congress. Since 1965, Pennsylvania has received more than \$46 million, which has gone into 52 counties, where 6 million people live.

Insecticides and pesticides serve valuable purposes when used wisely. But when those chemicals are sprayed or dusted indiscriminately they can poison our lakes and streams. Recently some salmon from Lake Michigan were found to contain traces of insecticide poison. I have urged the Senate Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution to investigate this danger to our fish and water resources.

Students and their parents today are faced with a difficult dilemma—the increasing

need for a college education to qualify for the best jobs in today's market, and the soaring, often prohibitive, tuition costs. I worked on two bills which would offer some relief. They are:

**Tuition**—My proposal would permit parents to claim a Federal income tax deduction up to \$1,000 annually on the costs of tuition and fees for each child in college. Students working their way through school would also be included.  
**Community Colleges**—I joined in sponsoring a bill to assist the States in setting up more two-year community colleges, in both rural and urban areas. Pennsylvania has many excellent community and junior colleges which are serving students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education. These schools are close to home, inexpensive, and offer the students courses designed to meet the needs of their own communities.

#### Get Set

Education starts early, but if it is inadequate a child may never make it to college, or even through high school. I am happy to report that I was able to help save Philadelphia's Get Set program, which offers pre-school training to about 5,000 three- and four-year-old children. Get Set was to run out of money on February 28. Then a way was discovered to switch it to another Federal agency under the provisions of a Social Security amendment which I supported last year.

#### A First!

Thanks to Indiana County Voiture No. 798, the 40 & 8, of the American Legion which unanimously voted a resolution commending my December column. It is probably the first time in history a column was the subject of a resolution.

#### Tax Claims

The U.S. Tax Court has come up with a new plan to provide the small taxpayer who has a dispute with the Internal Revenue Service his day in court, in a city near his home, with as little formality and expense as possible. I had written the Court urging them to simplify the handling of tax cases involving \$1,000 or less. For more information, write the Clerk of the Court, Tax Court of the United States, Box 70, Washington, D.C. 20044.

## Frankie PHIA\* sez.....

"Look behind you before backing up."  
(And - never back up on an expressway.)

\* Pennsylvania Highway Information Association