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WASHINGTON--A THREE-MAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL FLY TO LONDON SUNDAY TO MEET WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS ON NARCOTICS ADDICTION AND THE GROWING USE OF SUCH HALLUCINATORY DRUGS AS LSD.

REPS. L. H. FOUNTAIN, D-N.C., CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, JOHN G. DOW, D-N.Y., AND ROBERT DOLE, R-KAN., ARE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HAS BEEN HOLDING HEARINGS FOR THE PAST YEAR ON NARCOTICS ADDICTION AND PROCEDURES OF THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

DOW SAID THE HEARINGS HAD SHOWN A DEFINITE NEED FOR GREATER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NATIONS ON NEW DRUGS BEING TESTED AND DEVELOPED.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS WERE AWARE OF THE TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES OF THALIDOMIDE BUT THEIR FINDINGS WERE SLOW TO BE DISSEMINATED TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS TO MAKE A STUDY OF ENGLAND'S DRUG ABUSE CONTROL LAWS. MEMBERS WILL MEET WITH SIR GEORGE GOBER, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF HEALTH; LORD COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL, AND DR. D. A. CAHAL, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE BRITISH COMMITTEE ON SAFETY OF DRUGS. THEY PLANNED TO RETURN APRIL 19.