

REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB DOLE
JOHNSON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1970

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY WITH THE JOHNSON COUNTY BAR. AS THE FASTEST-GROWING AND ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE, YOU HAVE PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP TO THE COMMUNITIES YOU SERVE AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE LEGAL PROFESSION OF KANSAS.

THIS WAS TO BE EXPECTED BECAUSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAST HAS SUPPLIED MANY OF OUR STATE'S LEADERS IN THE PROFESSION AND IN OTHER AREAS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. THE LIST, STRETCHING BACK TO WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY WAS A SLEEPY RURAL AREA, IS IMPRESSIVE.

BUT RATHER THAN DISCUSS THE PAST CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF YOUR BAR, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK FOR A FEW MOMENTS OF THOSE WHO WILL BE FOLLOWING AND ADDING TO YOUR GREAT TRADITION. THESE ARE YOUR JUNIOR MEMBERS, THE YOUNG LAWYERS, FOR THEY HAVE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ALSO.

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THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE FOUND IN MANY FIELDS. WITHIN THE BAR, YOU CARRY MUCH OF THE LOAD IN THE REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENTS. YOUR ENERGIES AND ENTHUSIASM ARE THE REAL BACKBONE OF SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS. YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIVES ALSO GIVE YOU PARTICULARLY CLEAR INSIGHTS INTO THE PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES OF OUR SOCIETY. AND, WITH THESE INSIGHTS, MANY YOUNG LAWYERS FEEL A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK SOLUTIONS THROUGH POLITICS. YOUNG LAWYERS, INDEED, ARE ONE OF THE GREAT ASSETS OF AMERICAN POLITICS, AND THEY HAVE BEEN SO FOR MANY YEARS.

A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP

AMONG THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU IN YOUR EARLY YEARS OF PRACTICE, NONE IS MORE IMPORTANT -- TO YOURSELVES OR YOUR COMMUNITIES -- THAN THOSE FOUND IN THE UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOURSELVES AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

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THE PERSONAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS OBVIOUS, FOR TODAY'S YOUTH ARE TOMORROW'S ADULTS AND TOMORROW'S CLIENTS. BUT IF YOU ARE TO FULFILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BAR, YOURSELVES, AND YOUTH, YOU MUST BRING THE LAW TO THEM AS A LIVING, VITAL AND TRUSTED ASPECT OF OUR WAY OF LIFE.

IN THIS DAY OF ALIENATION BETWEEN CHILDREN AND THE ADULTS AROUND THEM, THE YOUNG LAWYER OCCUPIES A SINGULAR POSITION. HE STANDS BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF A GENERATION NOT TOO MUCH YOUNGER THAN HIS OWN AND THE FUNDAMENTAL MECHANISMS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE SOCIETY TOWARD WHICH YOUTH IS BEING THRUST. WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE IS INEVITABLY GOING TO BE SOME FRICTION AND CONFLICT AS EACH NEW GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS PROPELLED INTO ADULT LIFE, BUT THE PROCESS TODAY SEEMS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY MORE THAN THE USUAL AMOUNT OF DISCORD. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE PLACE OF THE YOUNG LAWYER TODAY IS SO IMPORTANT.

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YOU ARE THE LEGITIMATE AMBASSADORS, SPOKESMEN AND GO-BETWEENS FOR YOUTH AND THE ADULT WORLD. YOUR AGE AND VIEWPOINT PUT YOU IN A POSITION -- OCCUPIED BY NO OTHERS -- TO EXPRESS THE CONCERNS AND LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES YOUTH HAS WITH THE SYSTEM THEIR FOREBEARS HAVE BUILT.

BUT THIS ROLE HAS ANOTHER SIDE, FOR BY BRINGING THE LAW TO YOUNG PEOPLE -- BY REMOVING THE MYSTERY AND MYTH SURROUNDING IT -- AND ABOVE ALL, BY DEMONSTRATING THAT LAW WORKS FAIRLY, IMPARTIALLY AND RESPONSIBLY, YOU CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH YAWNS SO WIDE BETWEEN YOUTH AND THE ESTABLISHED ORDER.

DRUG ABUSE

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE YOUNG AND THE NOT-SO-YOUNG TODAY WITHOUT BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE QUESTION OF DRUG ABUSE. OF COURSE, THE DRUG PROBLEM HAS NEVER BEEN CONFINED TO YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN USE BY THEM IN RECENT YEARS HAS BECOME A MAJOR POINT OF CONCERN AND ANGUISH TO AMERICA.

SURELY, EACH OF YOU IN YOUR PRACTICE HAS SEEN FIRST HAND WHAT THIS PROBLEM MEANS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, TO THE PROFESSION, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO BECOME INVOLVED WITH IT.

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DRUG ABUSE

LAST YEAR, ALMOST 1,000 DEATHS FROM HEROIN OVERDOSE WERE REPORTED IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS YEAR, THE RATE APPEARS EVEN HIGHER. THIS APPALLING WASTE OF LIVES -- MOSTLY YOUNG LIVES -- SHOULD SERVE AS A WARNING TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, FOR THIS IS NOT JUST NEW YORK'S PROBLEM ---- AS YOU WELL KNOW. HEROIN USE IS BUT A PART OF THE GROWING NATIONAL DRUG ABUSE PHENOMENON THAT THREATENS EVERY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION AND EVERY SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LEVEL.

BETWEEN 1970 AND 1968, THERE WAS A 322 PERCENT INCREASE IN ARRESTS RELATING TO MARIHUANA AND NARCOTIC DRUGS IN AMERICA. SOME 100,000 TO 200,000 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE NOW ESTIMATED TO BE ADDICTED TO NARCOTICS, WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER IN THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE. EXTENSIVE USE IS BEING MADE OF STIMULANT, DEPRESSANT, AND HALLUCINOGENIC DRUGS BY A RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND EVEN GRADE SCHOOL LEVEL. THE SITUATION, BAD AS IT SEEMS, IS BOUND TO GET WORSE. RECOGNIZING THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM AND IN RESPONSE TO IT, THE PRESIDENT

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HAS PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNED TO CURTAIL THE GROWING MENACE OF DRUG ABUSE. HE DID SO IN A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS DELIVERED ON JULY 14, 1969, IN WHICH HE PRESENTED A 10-POINT PROGRAM REPRESENTING THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S INITIAL COUNTERMOVES AGAINST THE PROBLEM.

OVER A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING TO IMPLEMENT THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN AND HALT THE SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

INCREASED COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WAS ONE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S KEY POINTS, AND THERE HAS BEEN SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. FOR THE FIRST TIME, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS HAVE UNDERTAKEN A PROGRAM OF ACTIVE NEGOTIATION AND COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO CUT OFF THE FLOW OF

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DANGEROUS DRUGS TO AMERICA FROM OTHER NATIONS.

A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS HAVE^{VE} BEEN CONCLUDED WITH MEXICO WHICH PROVIDE FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN A FULL SCALE MARIHUANA ERADICATION PROGRAM IN THAT COUNTRY, AS WELL AS INCREASED BORDER SURVEILLANCE TO PREVENT DRUGS OF ALL TYPES FROM COMING ACROSS INTO THIS COUNTRY.

TURKEY, A MAJOR SOURCE OF THE RAW OPIUM WHICH ENDS UP IN AMERICA AS HEROIN, HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL CUTBACKS IN ITS OPIUM PRODUCTION AND PLANS TO ULTIMATELY PHASE OUT LEGAL PRODUCTION ENTIRELY.

FRANCE, WHERE PERHAPS 80 PERCENT OF THE HEROIN WHICH ILLEGALLY ENTERS THE UNITED STATES IS PRODUCED IN CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES, HAS STEPPED UP ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR FEDERAL BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. AS A RESULT, SEVERAL LARGE ILLICIT LABORATORIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ELIMINATED, AND LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME THE LARGEST OPIUM SEIZURE EVER RECORDED IN FRANCE WAS MADE WITH COOPERATION OF THE FRENCH POLICE AND OUR BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

NATIONAL EFFORTS

ANOTHER KEY ITEM IN THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN WAS THE SUPPRESSION OF NATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS. IN ADDITION TO INCREASED EFFORTS BY ALL FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SPECIAL MOBILE STRIKE FORCES HAVE BEEN CREATED TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS IN MAJOR AREAS OF DRUG TRAFFIC. THE SUCCESS PRODUCED BY THIS CONCEPT HAS BEEN NOTEWORTHY. NOT LONG AGO, A MAJOR NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION WAS BROKEN UP RIGHT IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL, AND MORE RECENTLY THE LARGEST FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION EVER CONDUCTED AGAINST A SINGLE NARCOTICS DISTRIBUTION RING RESULTED IN 139 ARRESTS IN 10 DIFFERENT CITIES, AND A HUGE SEIZURE OF COCAINE AND HEROIN.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN GENERAL HAVE PRODUCED GRATIFYING RESULTS IN REDUCING DRUG AVAILABILITY. BUT DRUG ABUSE IS A QUESTION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND. THE PRESIDENT ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE, RESEARCH INTO THE ENTIRE PHENOMENON, PROPER TRAINING OF PEOPLE

WHO MUST DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM, AND REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS AND REGULAR USERS OF DRUGS.

THESE PROGRAMS ARE ALSO MAKING HEADWAY, ALTHOUGH REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES IS MORE OF A LONG-TERM PROJECT WHICH WILL REQUIRE YEARS OF DEDICATED EFFORT BEFORE HIGHLY VISIBLE RESULTS CAN BE ACHIEVED. NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE, DEFENSE, AND HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE HAVE JOINED WITH THE NATIONAL ADVERTISING COUNCIL IN A THREE-YEAR ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN, THE EFFECT OF WHICH IS ALREADY BEING FELT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SEVERAL OUTSTANDING PAMPHLETS ON DRUG ABUSE HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE TO MAKE THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS. MORE MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR TRAINING TEACHERS, COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS AND OTHERS IN EDUCATION TO DEAL WITH ALL ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE.

OTHER AVENUES ARE BEING EXPLORED AS WELL, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE 150 GRANTS FOR RESEARCH NOW BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL PRODUCE MORE HARD FACTS ON DRUGS AND MORE IDEAS ON HOW TO COPE WITH THEM. MARIHUANA IN PARTICULAR IS BEING STUDIED IN GREATER DEPTH IN RESPONSE TO THE FACT THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH THIS DRUG IN OVERWHELMING NUMBERS.

DRUG CONTROL LEGISLATION

A MAJOR STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WILL, HOPEFULLY, SHORTLY BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TAKES ACTION ON THE PRESIDENT'S MAJOR DRUG CONTROL LEGISLATION WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE LAST JANUARY. THIS BROAD REVISION OF THE EXISTING, OUT-MODED DRUG CONTROL LAWS WILL GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL MORE OF THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO REDUCE THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS NOW AVAILABLE TO SO MANY OF OUR YOUNGSTERS.

DRUG ABUSE TODAY IS A VAST AND COMPLEX PROBLEM. BUT SOLUTIONS ARE ON THE WAY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL PERSEVERE, THROUGH THE EFFORTS I HAVE OUTLINED FOR YOU AND OTHERS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL INTERESTS IS MEETING, HEAD-ON, A PROBLEM THAT HAS MUSHROOMED AT AN INCREDIBLE RATE OVER THE LAST DECADE. WE WILL NOT RESOLVE THESE DIFFICULTIES AND TROUBLES OVERNIGHT, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR SETBACKS IN SPITE OF OUR BEST EFFORTS. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.