

Washington Report

By CONGRESSMAN JAMES T. BROVHILL

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

Drug abuse in the United States has reached epidemic proportions and is a problem that transcends all boundaries of race, economics, politics and geography. No longer is it found only in the ghettos of larger cities, it has now tragically touched the lives of more than 200,000 people in this country and the number is increasing.

The Congress of the United States has recognized this urgent problem by passing legislation to create a Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention and to concentrate the resources of this nation against the problem of drug abuse. The Senate overwhelmingly passed this measure last December, and last week the House reaffirmed its commitment by similarly passing the bill by a wide margin.

The President, in his message to the Congress last June, outlined the responsibilities of the Special Action Office, and H. R. 12089, the House version, is the outcome of an extensive study of this proposal. The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee heard a wide variety of witnesses reaffirm the urgent need for a comprehensive pro-

gram to fight drug abuse. The House measure is an outcome of these hearings and encompasses many of the recommendations put forth.

In order to bring about the most effective deployment of Federal resources against the devastating growth of drug abuse in the United States, the House bill provides for the creation of the Special Action Office under a director having broad powers over the conduct of drug abuse treatment, rehabilitation, education and research programs and activities throughout the federal government. This office will coordinate the programs of drug abuse control and prevention that are currently spread throughout nine federal agencies, and will insure effective planning and implementation of recommendations.

The director of the Special Action Office is appointed by the president and reports directly to him on matters relating to drug abuse prevention and control. To carry out the functions of this office, the bill authorizes an appropriation of \$25 million over a three-year period. The director is empowered to provide overall planning and policy and establish objectives and priorities for all federal drug abuse prevention functions, and develop improved

methods for determining the extent of drug abuse.

The director is also authorized to use a special incentive fund to finance new and promising concepts and methods of drug abuse prevention. In addition, \$15 million is authorized through 1974 to encourage research and development in this field. A National Drug Abuse Training Center is to be established to conduct training programs seminars, and conferences for government, state and local officials.

A 15-man advisory council for drug abuse prevention is authorized, with a membership to include representatives from federal, state or local agencies who are actively engaged in drug abuse functions. This council will make recommendations to the director in the areas of overall planning and policy priorities.

The bill also requires Community Mental Health Centers to provide appropriate drug treatment and rehabilitation services where feasible. An appropriation of \$120 million for grants to states for planning drug abuse prevention functions and evaluating these programs is also provided. Total funds authorized by the bill over a three-year period are \$411 million.

I believe that this legislation provides a unique opportunity to deal with medical rehabilitation of addicts to enable them to once again become productive members of society. It is obvious that a many-faceted program aimed at prevention, rehabilita-

tion, and providing work incentives and opportunities represents an improvement over the strictly criminal framework in which drug abuse has been viewed.

I have actively supported this legislation and hope that the minor differences between the House and Senate bills can be quickly worked out in a conference committee to insure the early enactment of this important measure.

Flim Flam Artist At Work

Some "flim-flam" artists have been active throughout several surrounding counties in this section.

Lex G. Barkley, manager of the Gastonia Social Security office, reports that three men alleged to be social security representatives have been operating in this area during the past week. Their scheme is to contact elderly social security beneficiaries in their homes and tell them benefits can be increased if they are disabled. One of the men claims to be a doctor, and while he is conducting a physical examination, usually in the bedroom, the other men search the house for money.

"Recently we received a call from an elderly couple who live in the eastern part of Cleveland county," Barkley stated. The "team" had visited them and followed the above procedure. Apparently they made a "dry run" as the couple has not missed anything.

Barkley stated that everything possible is being done to apprehend these crooks, but it is difficult to catch them, since they strike in a certain section and apparently move on a hurry.

Barkley had this advice for anyone who might be approached by such characters. First of all, don't let them in your door. Make them furnish positive identification. Every representative from a social security office has an identification card with his picture on it. Secondly, tell them to wait outside while you make a telephone call to the nearest social security office. (You may call collect). They'll probably leave in a hurry. Thirdly, social security does not have doctors who give examinations in private homes, so don't fall for this gimmick. Fourthly, try to get a good description of the persons, and if possible, get the license number of their car. Then as soon as possible after they leave, call your social security office, and report what happened.

Barkley concluded by stating that it is a terrible thing for any shyders to use such tactics to steal money from our elderly people. "If the public will cooperate in reporting any suspicious activities by such characters, we'll eventually catch them," he added.



LORETTA LYNN

Foot Taps John Forst

CHARLOTTE. — Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty, two of the busiest of Country Music stars will headline the Country Music spectacular at the Charlotte Coliseum on Saturday night, March 11 at 8 p. m.

Can a girl from a little, mining town in Kentucky find happiness as a super successful star? For the answer to this question, tune in today on Loretta Lynn, smash songstress, whose following ranges from country music devotees to blue-haired ladies in the Stage Delicatessen. Loretta has been top female country vocalist in the United States for almost a decade and has also made the jump into pop stardom.

The early years of this star are so much like something out of "L'il Abner" that she's almost a show-business cliché. She attended a one-room school house and, according to her, "I liked school just fine, I liked it so fine, in fact, that after I finished the eighth grade when I was 12 I stayed on another year and did the eighth grade again. There wasn't no high school to go to, you see."

Her first song was her first hit: "And Now I'm a Honky Tonk Girl," from radio play alone, "Honky Tonk Girl" shot up to become one of the country top ten country records.

Recently she teamed up with Conway Twitty. This duo has only just begun and already they are unbeatable . . . with more still to come.

Appearing with Loretta Lynn and her orchestra, the Nashville Tennesseans and Conway Twitty and the Twitty Birds will be Sandy and Randy Burnette and Anthony Armstrong Jones.

Tickets priced at \$4.00 and \$3.50 are on sale at the Coliseum box office. Or may be ordered by mail.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Omitted From Last Week's Herald

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Wilson, 278 Dixon Circle, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, February 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leo Watson, 216 West 5th Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, February 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mills, 805 Third St., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, February 25, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Willis, Route 3, Box 271, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, February 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ray Cloninger, 2919 Fallswood Drive, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, February 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Kiser, 512 West 6th Street, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, February 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Stroupe, 65 Trailer Park, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Sunday, February 27, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Moore, 4400 Margrace Road, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, February 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Prince, Route 1, Gastonia, N. C., announce

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the birth of a son, Wednesday, March 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Garner Promoted To Petty Officer

LONDON. — Navy Petty Officer Third Class David W. Garner, son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Garner Jr. of 107 W. Texas Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., was promoted to his present rank by his commanding officer during ceremonies at the U. S. Naval Communication unit, London. A graduate of Bessemer City high school and Western Carolina, he is assigned to duties as a radioman.

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