

Some U.S. Narcotics Addicts Move In Mainstream Of Life

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NEW YORK (AP)—People like George, a 39-year-old businessman; Beth, a 21-year-old model; Gloria, a 25-year-old secretary; and Marty, a 21-year-old non-student, move through the mainstream of U.S. life without causing much of a stir.

They are blended into the vast middle class, going through the routines of rather ordinary lives—except for one extraordinary thing: They are narcotics addicts.

No one knows how many of these kinds of addicts there are. They are different because they do not fit the stereotype. George, for example, never had to steal a thing to supply himself with narcotics. Marty has never had a job but his family takes care of him, gives him the pocket money that keeps him supplied. Beth is from a very well-to-do family. They do not become part of the public record because they are seldom arrested. When in trouble they can turn to private physicians for help.

Are Beth, Marty, Gloria and George—and some dozen others of similar backgrounds—who recently revealed their stories—simply flakes? Or are they representative of a far larger, little-known element within society?

"It's a very serious social sore," says Dr. David W. Marder, University of Louisville professor and co-author of Narcotics and Narcotic Addicts. "I do not understand what is behind it, but it is a fearful thing."

ADDICTS YOUNGER

He says his research shows a shift in age among addicts from a 35 to 38-year level to below 30. "Many of these younger people are not delinquents in the sense of a police record. Among the middle class non-criminals you find people who are able to conceal their habit, remain at work and generally obtain supplies of narcotics."

Dr. Katherine Hess, co-ordinator of New York City's narcotics control centre, says: "All we know is that in the better, well-to-do communities there are Friday night and Saturday night parties at which gooballs, marijuana or heroin may be used. These people are not involved in the day-to-day activity as hard core addicts are and so they seldom get arrested or enter the welfare rolls."

George was nearly 19 when he began. "It was the hip thing to do. So I smoked pot (marijuana)." Gloria talks of "tea." She is a "head," a regular user of marijuana. Gloria has a passion about it.

One evening in her rather sparsely furnished apartment in an old brownstone, she sat upon a daybed and finished the last sucking draw upon a "roach"—the short tip of a hand-rolled

marijuana cigarette (called a "joint")—which she held with a hairclip. She had been turned on. She was high.

"I feel very objective. This makes you hyper-perceptive, and it makes you, ah, not accept falsities about yourself."

NINE-YEAR HABIT

Gloria was first turned on when she was 17 and a freshman at a fashionable girl's school on the West Coast. She has been a head nine years.

"I tried it because it sounded so good. Both comes from a close-knit family. Her father is well-to-do."

"I knew Jerry was using marijuana when we got married," she says. "But I thought that he would settle down and he wouldn't need it."

"A year after we were married, I was 19 then, he started using heroin. He was working as an accountant, and he was beginning to have trouble."

"He was building a big tolerance, so that it finally cost him \$75 a day, just to satisfy the habit."

"One day, maybe after a year of this, I said, 'Okay, all right, the hell with you. You want to do it, I'm going to do it, too.' He tried to stop me. He never, never, never, never wanted me to do it. So I thought if I start maybe he'll stop. So one night when he was in the bathroom and his friend was over to the house, I said, 'turn me on,' and the friend said, 'no, Jerry'll kill me.' And I kept saying 'it's all right, it's all right.' So he gave me a little bit. I maintained from the very first, took the drug directly into the vein."

TIMELESS WORLD

It was mid-afternoon, in a suburban New York home when Marty came to the door barefoot and bleary-eyed. He didn't know whether it was day or night or what day of what week in what month. He was still in the twilight of a heroin shot, which he had taken early that morning.

"With stuff, I just nod," Marty says. "I hit myself and sit down and nod. But when I first used gooballs and pot, it was different. Pot was dreamy. I mean, I didn't get a high the first couple of times, but when I did, I felt everything was floating like. Then I would get the stupid giggles. Then came the horrors. I never heard of it happening to anybody else, but I got the horrors."

Marty used gooballs—a combination of amphetamines, of pep pills, and a cough medicine—for a number of months. No one induced him to try marijuana or gooballs or for that matter heroin.

Marty's drug use varies and, as is the case with others, there are times he goes under doctor's care or goes to a hospital to cut down, like an alcoholic going on the wagon. Currently, he used three \$15 bags a day. A bag is the quantity supplied by a supplier for a good shot. It may contain as much as five milligrams of heroin, with milk sugar and quinine powder. However, the repeated cutting reduces this to as little as two milligrams. Some addicts will use two bags at a time to get the anticipated impact.

"I've been running \$15 to \$21, \$22 a day," Marty says, "and I do not have much bread

(money) because I am not working."

Does he burgle? How does he get such cash? Seven days a week?

"I'm not a crook. That's not my stick," Marty says. "I go out and cop a half a load. Then I get a taste out of every bag."

A half a load is 10 bags, and costs \$25. In making the connection to buy the dope, Marty takes the risk of arrest. For this risk, he gets a share. It is sufficient for his needs.

One girl, who is 26 but looks 46, found her greatest access to drugs when she worked as a nurse. Her name is Lorraine, and she began when she was 13.

"I was a fat child and the doctor prescribed benzidrene to control my appetite. But I didn't take them, as I was supposed to. I started increasing the amount from 15 milligrams a day to 150 and over 300 milligrams. I began thinking people were following me. This went on for two years. Another doctor put me on barbiturates, so I did the same thing. I used pills all through training. When I was 17, I started on narcotics, using heroin. Then I switched to morphine. I was using eight grains a day and going to class and working in the wards. Now, I use forged prescriptions to get all the morphine I want. It costs me \$6 to \$7 a day."

Although heroin addicts generally have a "history" of having used marijuana, it does not necessarily mean that one automatically follows the other.

"Pot doesn't drive you to heroin," says George, the one-time musician, "but it opens an accessibility in that people who do smoke pot usually do know people who use heroin. You get an accessibility to it. But there's no pusher waiting to turn you on."

Has nine years of using marijuana impaired Gloria's ability to think or function?

"My goodness, no," she says. "I have many friends who are heads and six of them are college and university professors."

As is the case with others in this report, Gloria has never been arrested by police or become a statistic in the narcotics numbers game.

"The police of the world are looking for smugglers," she says. "They want the bigtime people who are selling. They aren't interested in every person who has a teeny-weeny stash. They aren't looking for people like me."

Tobacco Firms Trade Products

MONTREAL (CP)—Imperial Tobacco Co., of Canada Ltd., and General Cigar Co. of the United States each will make and market one of the other's leading brands in their respective countries, it was announced Tuesday.

The arrangement was made possible by a reciprocal trade mark licence agreement signed by the two companies.

Preparations now are under way for the sale by Imperial in Canada of the General Cigar product known as Tiparillo by Robt. Burns.

The decision as to which Imperial brand will be marketed in the United States under the agreement remains to be made.

Announcement of the plan was made jointly in Montreal by John Keith, president of Imperial, and Edgar Cullman, president of General Cigar in the U.S.

MISSILES STUDIED

Australia is buying three guided-missile ships from the U.S. and the first 100 sailors have already arrived at Newport, R.I., to learn the buttons.



"WE THOUGHT I T WAS A LOG"

Three teen-aged boys hold 40-pound catfish they caught Monday with a thin line in the Mississippi River overflow at St. Paul's downtown airport.

still covered by three feet of water. The catfish is 44 inches long and its girth is 26 1/2 inches. Jim Weber, Tom Tahir and Danny Josephs (left to

right) hold the fish. Only Tahir "knew it was a fish", while his pals argued that it "must be a log." (AP Wirephoto)

Companies Show Interest In Timber In Kitimat Area

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three major companies Wednesday indicated interest in timber rights forsaken by MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Ltd. in the Kitimat area of northern British Columbia.

J. V. Clyne, chairman and chief executive officer of the giant MacMillan, Bloedel empire, told shareholders at the annual meeting Tuesday the company had abandoned plans to build an \$85,000,000 newsprint and pulp mill at Kitimat because the B.C. government could not grant the company sufficient timber.

The company had planned ultimately to have a \$150,000,000 operation centred in Kitimat, site of an Aluminum Company of Canada's smelter and 400 miles north of Vancouver.

Crown Zellerbach (Canada) Ltd. officials said Wednesday they are interested in the Kitimat potential. The company holds extensive timber holdings in the same area.

Paul M. Marshall, president of Columbia Cellulose, said his company would be interested in Kitimat on a long-term basis, but was not in a position to go into Kitimat at the moment.

Columbia is currently in partnership with Skeena Kraft Ltd. to build an \$80,000,000 pulp mill at Prince Rupert.

In announcing abandonment of the MacMillan-Bloedel plans, Mr. Clyne said the amount of timber granted did not justify

risking shareholders' money on a smaller plant than was planned originally.

BOUGHT RIGHTS

The company sought an annual cutting rights to 100,000,000 cubic feet. The government granted 40 per cent of the request.

Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston said the renewed interest by companies in the Kitimat area may necessitate new public hearings or a new call for bids for the rights.

Following the MacMillan, Bloedel announcement Tuesday, Mr. Williston had indicated no new public hearings would be necessary.

"But the events of the last 24 hours have caused me to reconsider what I said Tuesday."

He said three new groups have indicated they are inter-

ested in building a pulp mill at Kitimat.

In Kitimat, Reeve Sam Lindsay said Wednesday he was disappointed at MacMillan-Bloedel's decision.

Mr. Lindsay said only about seven weeks ago he received assurances from Mr. Clyne that the mill would be built.

"The decision to abandon the project came as a shock."

MONKS-ARRESTED

RANGOON (AP)—Burma's military government arrested 92 Buddhist monks in 11 cities and towns Tuesday night, accusing them of anti-government activities. An official broadcast claimed some monks were using religion as a cloak for seditious activities.

ADMIT TO SYNOD

MONTREAL (CP)—After 10 years of consideration, the Anglican diocese of Montreal has decided to admit women as lay delegates to synod meetings. The decision was ratified Tuesday at the 196th annual meeting of the Montreal synod.

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A drive by the Community Concert Association to jump its membership from 700 to 900 is spearheaded by inclusion of a special bonus in the appearance of the Revelers here on May 4.

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One of the big talking points in the membership campaign is the scheduled appearance here next season of "The Revelers" of Ireland's outstanding singing and dancing groups. They are billed as "A joyful company of 22 seen and heard in a delightful program ranging from the haunting Irish ballads to other songs and dances."

The Revelers, a male quartet are almost an institution in the United States where the first group of that name was formed in 1920 and became the first quartet to be heard on radio. Down through the years their membership has included some of the best known male singers in the entertainment world. Among them were James Melton, Frank Parker and Frank Black. Now the members are Peogore Tedick and Thomas Edwards, tenors; Raymond Marcell, baritone; and Elliott Savage, bass.

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THE BROOKFIELD Pastoral Charge, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Hunter River at 11 a.m.; Brookfield at 2:30 p.m.; Hartsville at 8 p.m. Mr. Clair MacLeod will conduct.

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GEORGETOWN Holy Trinity Anglican Church, The Rt. Rev. W.W. Davis, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia will conduct a service and preach the sermon at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

DUNDAS — ANNANDALE United Baptist Pastorate. Dundas: Sunday School 10 a.m. Service 11 a.m. Annandale: Sunday School 10 a.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Communion Service 8:40 p.m. Lic. Myrtle Ingersoll, pastor.

MURRAY HARBOR — Murray River United Churches. Murray River: Worship 11 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. Little Sand: Worship 2 p.m. Sunday School 3 p.m. Murray Harbor: Worship 7:30 p.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. Rev. David Barwise, minister.

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MONTAGUE Baptist Pastorate, Service Sunday, May 2. Rev. A.G.J. Steeves, Minister. Montague: 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Evensong. Murray River: Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Easter Drama by members of First Baptist Church, Charlottetown. Murray Harbor: Sunday School 2 p.m. Worship 3 p.m. Sturgeon: Sunday School 2:30 p.m. Worship 1:30 p.m.

MURRAY RIVER Pentecostal, Service Sunday, May 2. Rev. (Continued on page 11)

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