

## Hahn Asks for Mandatory Dope Sentences

The vicious narcotics traffic can be stamped out, but it will take realistic, hard-hitting laws, imposing certain mandatory prison sentences on convicted dope pushers, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn declared today.

"I believe that this problem can be licked, but it will take stronger, more effective State laws with maximum prison sentences for each pusher and for each addict," he declared.

After personal conferences with Howard W. Chappell, Federal Narcotics Agent in charge of the Los Angeles office, as well as with other key law enforcement officials, Supervisor Hahn declared that present State laws on narcotics are too weak, and the courts are too lenient.

"DOPE IS OUR number one problem. It wrecks the lives of hundreds of our young people and it is responsible for nearly 50 per cent of all major crimes in large cities," he continued. "It stands to reason that there will be a high incidence of crime in an area where from 6000 to 10,000 narcotics addicts are roaming the streets. Each of these must have from \$10 to \$25 a day to support his habit. They cannot usually earn this money through legitimate

employment, so they turn to crime.

"DOPE IS responsible for a high percentage of the thefts, burglaries, robberies and other crimes against persons and property. It is directly responsible for the increasing cost of law enforcement. The dope peddler has his hand in the pockets of each citizen of California," Supervisor Hahn declared.

He added that he believes the problem of illicit dope traffic is so serious that it demands immediate corrective legislation.

"The people of California must be protected against this filthy dope traffic through the enactment of strong laws providing for compulsory jail sentences, with addicts and pushers having no possibility of parole until they have completely served their sentences as recommended by Mr. Chappell."

Hahn said that Chappell had informed him that "the local enforcement officials in the cities of Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, and Cincinnati, Ohio are in agreement that the vigorous enforcement of the State Narcotics law together with the

## Dental Health Week Draws Attention to Basic Rules

Start a lifetime of smiles by early indoctrination of children in the basic rules of good oral hygiene.

This health advice was given here this week as the Harbor District Dental Society began the twelfth annual observance of National Dental Health Week.

Recognition of this event is being given by many Southern California community groups during the week according to Dr. Somner Saul of Gardena, Dental Health Week chairman for the district dental society. Dr. Philip Bader is chairman of activities for Torrance.

The week has been officially proclaimed by Mayor Albert Isen.

"PERHAPS THE primary health problem of the nation is the deterioration of teeth due to improper care and neglect. From the standpoint of number, it is believed that up

to 97 per cent of the American people will be affected by tooth decay," Dr. Bader said. Although dental research is gradually making advances against tooth decay and gum diseases, "the strongest hope for a solution is prevention, or making good dental habits an everyday routine" he added.

Early attention, beginning at about two years of age, to the three basic rules, will afford an individual the excellent chance that his teeth will last as long as he does."

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