District Attorney Describes Films on Narcotics

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of three articles by District Attorney Evelle J. Younger, describing 16 mm. films available locally for showing by clubs and organizations covering narcotics and dangerous drugs, fraud, the court system, government, crime, and juvenile delinquency. The first article tells of films concerning narcotics and dangerous drugs.

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Motion pictures — particularly those dealing with the problem of narcotics and dangerous drugs, fraud, the court system, government, crime, and juvenile delinquency — are becomingly increasingly important as a means of informing the public.

For a long time, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office has been interested in using this method to present information that would be of assistance to local citizens.

Recently, the Los Angeles County Motion Picture Unit produced for the district attorney's office, a 27 minute, 16 mm. color film titled "On Guard," which details four fraud schemes and how to avoid them.

The response from organizations and individuals viewing the film has led us to prepare a list of films covering other topics. These films, for the most part, have not been evaluated by our office.

However, the fact that they are offered by various agencies, mostly public, indicates their value to the public.

These are the sources for the films described in this series of articles:

● Association Films, Inc., 2221 S. Olive St., Los Angeles 90007, telephone 749-0377. Films available on a rental basis.

● California Attorney General, State Building, First and Broadway, Los Angeles 90012, 620-3089. No charge.

● Los Angeles City Public Library, 630 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles 90017, 626-7461. Films may be borrowed by holder of an adult library card, without charge. However, an insurance fee is collected for each title protecting borrower against damage in an amount over $10.

● Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Hall of Justice, Temple at Broadway, Los Angeles 90012, 626-3888. No charge.

● Los Angeles County Health Department, Old Hall of Records, Los Angeles 90012, 625-3312. No charge and requests should be directed to the division of public health education.

● Los Angeles County Information Service, Hall of Administration, 500 W. Temple St., Los Angeles 90012, MAdison 5-3611. No charge.

● Los Angeles County Public Library, 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles 90012, MAdison 8-9211. Films may be borrowed by holder of an adult library card, without charge. However, an insurance fee is collected for each title protecting borrower against damage in an amount of more than $10.

● Modern Talking Picture Service, 1145 N. McCadden Place, Los Angeles 90038, 469-8282. Films available on a rental basis.

● U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, 714 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 90015, 688-4820. No charge.

Films on narcotics and dangerous drugs:

Marijuana, 34 minutes, color. A pot party is interrupted by police, teenagers are arrested and speak out. Sonny Bono of Sonny and Cher narrates. No moral judgment is made — only the facts are given. Recommended for junior high school ages to adults. Los Angeles County District Attorney's office and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Fight or Flight, 16 minutes, color. Produced by the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs with the assistance of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The film features interviews with addicts and is recommended for junior and senior high school students. U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Drugs and the Nervous System, 16 minutes, color. An animated film illustrating the effects of glue-sniffing, stimulants, marijuana, and LSD on organs and the body system. U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

From Runaway to Hippie, color. Follows several teenage boys from their hometown — where they were sniffing glue — to the Haight-Ashbury district — where they found marijuana and LSD. Association Films, Inc. ($14 rental).

Beyond LSD, 25 minutes, color. About the communications gap between teenagers and young adults on the one hand, and those over 30, as it relates to LSD, other drugs. For adults, teenagers. U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and Los Angeles County Health Departments.

The Riddle, 20 minutes. Describes how a youth resists the drug abuse crowd. U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

Bennies and Goofballs, 20 minutes. Made by a federal agency, this film illustrates instances of drug abuse, specifically amphetamines and barbiturates. For junior high school pupils and older, it is narrated by actor Paul Newman and Dr. James L. Goddard, former head of the Federal Food and Drug Administration. U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Hooked, 20 minutes, color. A group of young, former drug addicts, through interviews and discussions, describe the experience of drug addiction. For the 18-25 year old bracket.

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