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## P R O S P E C T U S

The National Advisory Council on Narcotics, Narcotics Anonymous, Inc. (NACON) is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1951 under the laws of the State of New York. The Council, which consists of professional and civic-minded citizens, is occupied with the problems created by narcotic drugs, with special reference to medical and psychological research, social services, and public education.

The recent upsurge in addiction to narcotics has emphasized the lack of treatment facilities for addicts, the absence of a coordinated program for rehabilitation, and the lack of reliable sources of information. The National Advisory Council on Narcotics was formed to meet these needs, not only through its own activities but by making facilities available to agencies already active in the field. The Council's program aims at combatting addiction and preventing its spread through the application of scientific knowledge. This means enlargement of research facilities, opening new treatment centers, making psychological and medical assistance available to addicts, and a program of education and enlightenment. The Council sponsors a national system of therapy groups (Narcotics Anonymous) wherein former addicts may render each other mutual assistance and moral support.

The activities of NACON have been limited because of the lack of financial support and the Board of Directors has decided upon a national fund-raising drive to enlist support for its program. The United States Bureau of Internal Revenue has ruled that contributions to NACON are tax exempt.