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Addicts Anonymous Group Founded With Aim: To Help And Be Helped

Organization At Hospital Here Is Patterned After Alcoholics Anonymous; 'Causes Of Addiction, Alcoholism Basically Same'

By Jack Lewyn

They talked tough, the men who stood before a group of incoming patients at the U. S. Public Health Service hospital.

They put it straight. No fancy speeches about moral right and wrong. It was strictly a personal thing, and they used the hammer of experience to drive the nails of sense about the plight of the unhappy men they were addressing.

These men, sure-talking and backed by their own misfortunes, emphasized every word when they said: "Men, you're in a bad situation."

The chairman said:

"I've been shootin' junk for a lot of years, and it's brought me nothing but grief. I'm tired of it, men. I'm tired of the misery shootin' junk can bring."

He pointed to several others.
"These men will tell you that what I'm saying is true. Some of 'em have been shootin' junk for as long as 20 years. And they haven't got anything but sorrow and grief to show for it."

The old men, the young ones listened attentively. They knew they weren't being conned.

The chairman called Big Tiny, who referred back to the chairman and said:

"He and I came here from Leavenworth together in '39. He knows what he's talking about, and I can tell you that junk hasn't done anything good for me. I'm going out of here tomorrow, and I won't say that I won't ever use the stuff again, but I can tell you that in Addicts Anonymous I found myself again."

Addicts Anonymous netted a 100 per cent membership from that orientation class.

200 Are Members

The organization, still young, still in its trial stages, has a membership of more than 200 patients at the hospital, where it was founded three years ago by two members of the Alcoholics Anonymous chapter at Frankfort who believed that addicts and alcoholics have very similar problems.

"This is an informal group of drug addicts," says the AA's outline of purpose, "banded together to help one another to renew their strength and remain free of drug addiction. Our precepts are patterned after those of Alcoholics Anonymous, to which all credit is

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Beirne said it was up to the equipment workers' own division whether their strike would be continued. Division 6 has ordered its striking members to attempt a "jamming" of long distance lines.

A general strike would have curtailed phone service in nearly every section of the country.

But despite a continuing union-management deadlock, a union official had said earlier in the day that there was a possibility the strike would be postponed.

About the same time, Chief U. S. Mediator Cyrus S. Ching had sent the general counsel of the Conciliation Service, Peter Seitz, from Washington to New York in a last-minute effort to head off the walk-out.

A spokesman for Bell said after Beirne's announcement:

"We are glad to hear the union leaders have decided not to strike. There is no justification for a telephone strike or jamming of telephone lines, which would cause the public unwarranted inconvenience."

House Economy

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plans to build an atomic powered submarine. It would be included in a \$335,000,000 construction and conversion program submitted by Adml. Forrest P. Sherman, the chief of naval operations.

Alaska—Bring Alaska into the union and you'll have the first state with no counties, Mrs. Mildred Herman told the Senate Interior Committee. Mrs. Herman, a Juneau lawyer, said that Alaska sees no need for county governments and wouldn't have that added expense. She said the territory has its financial house in order and will have enough revenue to meet the cost of being a full-fledged state.

Newport Spurs

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the surrender at police headquarters of Ralph Maggard, 36, said by police to be operator of the Dog Patch Club, which was raided Sunday.

Maggard was charged with permitting gambling on premises under his control and then released under \$300 bond.

An earlier arrest today was that of Harold Thornbury, 28, of Thornbury's Jug House, on a charge of setting up and operating a game of chance. Police seized four punch boards.

Rhoads announced today that the lid would be on gambling "as long as I am city manager and the present board is in office." He abolished the police vice squads.

The Dominican Republic has raised its tax on imported cigarettes to six cents for a package of 20.

Kentuckians

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Maloney was accompanied by other council members, including:

Millard Cox, general counsel of the Kentucky Distillers Association; Charles R. Owen, business representative of the Jefferson County Council of Distillery Workers (AFL); Lamar D. Roy, president of the Kentucky Bottlers Supply Company; W. C. Fisher, vice president of the Liberty National Bank of Louisville; Benjamin Medley, vice president of the Medley Distilling Company; Edward Deutsche, president of the Louisville Coopers Company; M. L. Tucker and Harry Davis, both of the Kentucky Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association.

Maloney said Kentucky is the largest producer of distilled spirits in the nation. The industry in the state employs 11,614 people and purchases more than \$202,000,000 of raw materials each year from other industries, he said.

Cox said "internal revenue figures show conclusively that illegal sales as reflected by moonshine still seizures are robbing the nation of more than \$2,000,000 a day in potential revenue."

Addicts Anonymous

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hereby given and all precedence is acknowledged.

"We claim no originality, but since we believe the causes of addiction and alcoholism are basically the same, we wish to apply to our lives the truths which have benefitted so many otherwise helpless individuals.

"We believe that by so doing we may regain and maintain our health and our sanity. Membership is open to anyone, regardless of race, color or creed, who is sincerely desirous of living a life free of drug addiction.

"It shall be the purpose of this group to endeavor to foster a means of rehabilitation to the addict and carry a message of hope and of the future to those who have become enslaved by the use of habit-forming drugs."

Leaders have been developed among the membership, and the organization is guided by a 13-member steering committee, including a secretary, retiring secretary and assistant secretary. The secretary is elected for a two-month term.

The chairman who spoke at the orientation period is the current secretary.

Joint Meetings Held

There are two branches of Addicts Anonymous at the hospital, one for men and the other for women, each with its separate organization. A joint meeting is held on Sunday afternoon every eight weeks, in the hospital's chapel. Two speakers from outside the hospital usually deliver addresses, and the AA members

police the sessions to guard against any adverse incidents.

Other meetings are held twice-weekly, on Wednesday and Sunday.

Hospital officials say the changes in some of the men since they have joined Addicts Anonymous are remarkable.

The theme of the group is not necessarily one of religion, although it certainly is spiritual.

"Each meeting of an AA group," said one member, "serves as a reminder of, and an occasion for, a renewed concentration to the high purpose of AA, and as a time of refreshing to the spirit and determination of its members."

Another wrote: "Addicts Anonymous means to me a way of life—a life free from the abject slavery of addiction to narcotics. It means now a way has opened to me to live normally again, where I once lived without hope and in despair. The future has, indeed, been for me a dense darkness. Not one ray of the sunshine of hope ever broke through the dark clouds of my despair—there was no rift in these black storm clouds—they appeared eternal.

"I plodded futilely and forlornly onward, never upward, along the dreary pathway of mere existence.

"While I existed each day, it was only with a poignant regret for yesterday and dire dread and unsatiated anxiety for the morrow, terrified for the present to end and the morrow to begin. I was like a soul that is lost, drifting between the worlds—in that frigid cold of the fathomless inky void of outer space—a shivering soul—afraid, frozen, hopeless, hovering nearer and nearer to the open red maw of the Hell Star."

The statements stand as a good description of the haunting specter of addiction.

The hospital's attitude toward

Addicts Anonymous is one of encouragement.

"While it is too soon to come to conclusions concerning the ultimate value of such an approach to addiction," said Dr. Victor H. Vogel, the institution's medical officer in charge, "it seems pretty plain that at least some patients get considerable support from this activity and improved prospects for rehabilitation."

"I am sure that many addicts leave here with some kind of an inspiration and improved confidence concerning their ability to stay off drugs," he continued. "I am sure that at least a limited number who have contacted local Alcoholic Anonymous groups in their home towns after discharge have received material assistance from them in readjustment to community life.

"So far as I know, there has been no separate outside group of addicts organized, and it is unlikely that any except the largest cities could support such a group. It might even be preferable for members leaving here to work into Alcoholic Anonymous chapters rather than to form separate chapters."

There is reported to be one other small group of Addicts Anonymous active in New York City, where it was organized by a former patient at the hospital here who corresponds regularly with the Lexington group—the first in the world to operate as a combat team against addiction.

Grocer Injured

A local grocer was treated at Good Samaritan hospital at noon yesterday for a lacerated finger on the right hand when a knife he was using slipped. He was listed as H. Goller, 60, of 372 North Upper street.



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