

Casebook Narcotics—IV

For Some There Is Little Hope; Empty Is The Life Of 'Old Steve'

Take, Too The Case Of 'The Hype'; He Raised And Educated Eight Children Well, But He Has Been A 13-Timer For Cure

By Jack Lewyn

Living is nothing more than a frightening uncertainty to an anxious yet pleasant man haunted for more than 20 years by the hypnotic specter of drug addiction.

Only behind the walls of the U. S. Public Health Service hospital here does he find a retreat, if not a fortification against his self-destruction.

By all the standards of normal living he is dead—and buried in a tomb of obscurity he built, stone by stone, himself.

He is far apart from any interest except that which he invests, in the dim prospect of his own real fate.

This man, a slave rather than master of powdered junk, exists as a human individual although he patterns well the characteristics of the composite addict.

Tragically alone, he is the lord of nothing. His own life is beyond his management. He has lost his will, his nerve and even the pleasure of being alive.

He is a case history here, one of the thousands in the annals of the public health service.

A Repeat Patient

There is, however, one measure of respect he merits. He, too, will wear the cloak of anonymity because he is a voluntary patient at the hospital, which is more like a home to him than anything he has ever known. He has been there

for treatment 22 times. He is there now.

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Old Steve, as he may be called arbitrarily, is 56 years old, average in height and weight. He is addicted to morphine and barbiturates. He has used nembutal.

Tense, jumpy, he is an admitted alcoholic who was allegedly intro-

duced to drugs by a doctor for alcoholic withdrawal under conditions often cited by other patients as the original cause of addiction.

He was addicted in 1931. He took a voluntary cure then and abstained for a year, the longest period of abstinence in his voluminous record.

Attitude Indifferent

Old Steve continued his addiction, and was first admitted to the Public Health Service hospital in (See Column 1, Back Page, This Section)

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Students Stage Out At Pikeville

LE, Ky., April 20 (AP)—t Perry Cline (Negro) ck today in support of hers whose contracts renewed for the next 1.

Kelly, one of the three volved, said the 139 i the graded and high their classes at the ccess. He said they told would not return until others, Kelly's wife and de had been rehired.

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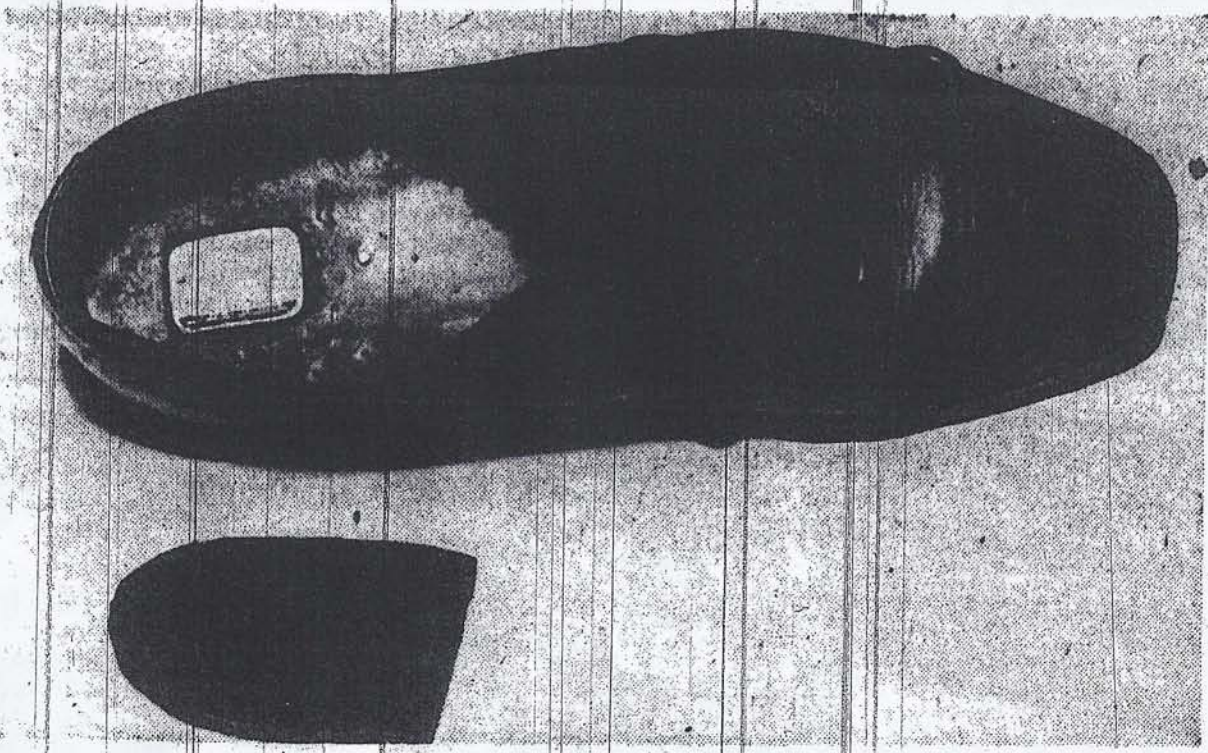
0 graded school pupils o class this afternoon.

Aiding Church Society Told

AND, Ohio, April 20 (AP) st women are emerging ch kitchens to take their men in church and com-lanning, the Methodist Society of Christian as told today.

M. Autrey of Acworth, ed at a committee meet-rogram for raising the hurch women.

l the program's purpose e the women experience l help place them as vol- rkers on boards of stew- church policy-making



A Place Of Concealment For Narcotics Contraband.

—Herald Photo

For Some, Little Hope

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January, 1937. He remained eight days before he was discharged as a detriment to the station, and even on his second admission his attitude was one of indifference toward the institution and treatment. Lately, he has been more co-operative.

A self-condemnatory attitude has characterized Old Steve, who is inclined to regard himself and his efforts as worthless and to think of himself as a nuisance. Emotionally immature, he has led a life of irresponsibility and failure.

He exists in no stable environment. He has no real home. Outside of confinement, he feels insecure, and he has experienced very early relapses after each "cure."

His physical condition is actively growing worse and his symptoms, including anxiety, have progressed accordingly. He says his jitters have become worse.

Once A Police Chief

Born on a farm, he once served as a police chief, but in the last 10 years he has had no employment. He has income from inherited property, apparently.

Old Steve once injured himself seriously in a suicide attempt. Fear of him led his wife to abandon him through divorce.

His prognosis, or outlook, is just about hopeless, although the hospital does not withdraw its aid until death finally overtakes a man.

Rays of hope have filtered occasionally through the clouded life of Old Steve.

Ill of pneumonia once, he scrawled a letter to the hospital,

admitting: "Of course I had to get or morphine again. I did not have to, but I did, I'm ashamed to say." He underscored the word "ashamed."

After outlining his views on a re-admission, he vowed:

"I would give anything on earth if I was off morphine. I would be the happiest man in the world if I was off."

But he will never be happy. Similar to the case of Old Steve is the history of another chronic addict who, for broad identification, may be called The Hype. But there is one striking difference.

The Hype, divorced by one wife and separated by death from another, raised eight children and educated them well. All are at least moderately successful in business and in their personal lives. He now has no dependents.

Like Old Steve, he maintains that he received several injections of narcotics by his physician to stop drinking, and gradually developed a habit of using paregoric and morphine.

He has a record of severe alcoholism and, later, drug addiction dating back to 1936.

Hostile And Depressed

A 67-year-old onetime farmer, The Hype is somewhat retiring in manner, speaks softly and displays an average or above average intelligence, but he sometimes becomes hostile and depressed.

In more recent years, The Hype, now in his 13th visit within the walls of Narco, has been using morphine and nembutal.

Ill several times and seriously injured once, he used to worry about his physical condition and drug addiction, but he has eased his concern. Not too many years ago he suffered a broken neck and was confined in a cast for 16 months.

But trouble, aside from raising a family of eight, has constantly taunted The Hype. Even the good intentions of his sons backfired.

Following one of his releases from the hospital, the sons launched a movement to keep him away from drugs. To counter his narcotic addiction, they offered him whisky, and in the whirl of confusion which had originally beset him, he resumed a strong alcoholic habit in a vicious cycle of narcotics vs. alcohol vs. narcotics, etc.

Besides his Lexington ventures, The Hype has been a five-time patient at the Fort Worth hospital.

For him, too, there is little real hope.

The Hype knows his trouble. In 1949, three days after leaving the hospital here, he suffered three broken fingers in an automobile accident and relapsed to drugs. He journeyed back to Narco, saying he knew he should return before he became "addicted."

Owen Lattimore

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Initially was under Communist party discipline.

Hickenlooper suggested that "proof that Mr. Stalin is a Com-

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munist is not dependent on your ever having met him personally."

Gen. Thorpe took the witness stand over the protests of Sen. Lodge (R-Mass.) and Hickenlooper, who objected that the Senate committee had not been told he was to appear.

The general said he had investigated Lattimore's record in the early 1930's, again when Lattimore visited the Pacific war theater in 1944 and 1946, and finally in 1947 when he sought Lattimore's help in getting Russian linguists for the United States Army.

"I was completely satisfied that Lattimore was loyal to the United States," Gen. Thorpe said, "and on that basis let him have access to confidential documents."

"It is my belief that through the past 10 years Dr. Lattimore's opinions on China have been the pri-

Pact Protection

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as "their own preserve into w trespassers enter at their per

The Swedish government in testing seizures of her fishing sels in the Baltic has compl that Russia apparently has tended her claim over territ waters in the narrow Baltic 12-mile limit without offic notifying other powers.

It is likely that one or two ticles of the Atlantic pact w have to be altered to take ca the special case of Germany. position to the proposal is pected to come from France perhaps some of the other nat

Informants said, however, the American position is the