

Anti-death drug campaign starts in Halifax

HALIFAX (CUP) — A unique drug campaign launched in Halifax during mid-January by the New Morning collective, a youth-oriented political collective similar to the Toronto-based Red Morning, has received a good response from the city's young people.

The collective called on Halifax-Dartmouth young people concerned about the issue to organize around an "anti-death" drug campaign.

The principal drugs concerning New Morning are methedrine, heroin and methadone (an opiate slightly less addictive than heroin and used to treat heroin addicts). These drugs were chosen because of their increasing use among the area's young people.

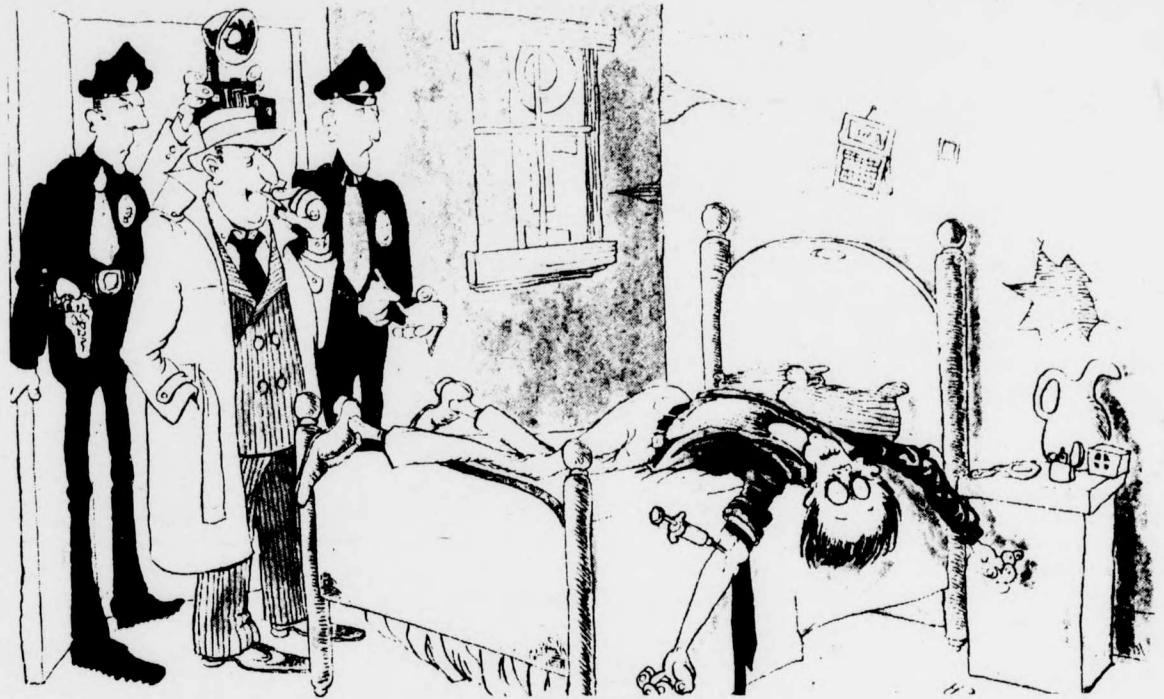
The one example New Morning used was the death of two young people from methadone overdoses and the unconfirmed reports of four similar deaths. Only one person involved had a prescription for the drug.

The term "death drug" is being applied because use of the drugs is leading addicts and users to even-

tual death, according to New Morning. They also view use of the drugs as a "phoney rebellion" leading to suicide.

They accuse the local narcotics squad of arresting young people for the use of or traffic in soft drugs, a term under which they include hash, marijuana and hallucinogens and of doing nothing to impede the street sale of addictive drugs. They also blame local doctors for their liberal prescription of methadone in particular to young people who claim to be heroin addicts and who then either sell the drug on the street at a profit or use it themselves.

This street selling of methadone is not unique to Halifax. Windsor and Vancouver are other areas according to William Craig, head of the federal directorate on non-medical drug use. The area young people have responded "enthusiastically" to postering, pamphleteering and talking according to a New Morning source. Ex-speed users and others have helped with the distribution of information, they said.



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