

TELLS OF RAY'S CONVICTION

Attorney Percy Foreman stands outside the Shelby County Courthouse and tells newsmen of the trial and conviction of his client, James Earl Ray, who moments before had been convicted and sentenced to 99 years for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (AP Wirephoto)

Drug Abuse 'Caricatures' Past Cure-Alls, Dean Says

preceding generation's failures and an extremely complex problem, a medical expert declared

"Dependency on drugs and cureof our culture," Dr. Joe P. Tupin Education Seminar audience.

The psychiatrist and associate dean of medicine at the Universite of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston said people have always had pet remedies for what ails

WHEN I was a kid, the penacea was immersing a cut, scratched or aching hand in kerosene. I'm sure that the only benefits may have been the suffocation of a few germs," he smiled.

The Galveston psychiatric research director who has worked with mind-expanding drug users and researched drug use among teenagers said the present problem isn't isolated and inseparable from previous habits of society.

"Our children have merely carisedatives and anti-depressants.

"WE HAVE an equal problem in the misuse of legitimate drugs," Tupin said patterns of usage

can be discerned by type of col-

tuant or causes the student to become a user is like the "chickenbefore-the-egg question."

"Drug use among college stualls as answers to things is part dents varies between five and 75 per cent of the student body," summarized Tuesday to a Health he continued, "and the frequency seems to correlate with the intellectual climate."

liberal arts colleges with high among the better students," the faculty-to-student ratios generally have the biggest problem, with student body drug abusers to some degree.

THE BROADER-BASED colstudent group, such as Harvard, ience. The head uses drugs as a might range from five to 20 per cent of the student body and the ological problems, and in most average small state teachers col- cases, were sick before they belege or Catholic college has less gan using drugs." than five per cent. "High schools have the same

scale, with the urban school in juana and LSD on human physicatured this point," he suggested. the higher brackets. But even ology before medical experts can Tupin noted that since 1953 when rural schools have the problem tranquilizers went on the market, and I think anyone investigating tal to life. 70 per cent of medicinal expendidrug usage in a school should tures have been for psychoactives assume that at least some will be found." Tupin remarked.

He classified users into three categories according to frequency of involvement with hallucinagens, whether LSD, solvent sniffers or marijuana smokers.

FIRST, THERE'S the 'taster,'

Young people's abusive use of lege-university or urban-rural who is experimenting, sticking a drugs is a caricaturization of the high school, but whether the institution attracts the drug habi- take dope one or two times,"

Tupin said. He indicated 'seekers' are occasional but consistent users, every two week or longer.

"These are the curious and concerned individuals who question values and abstract phenomena. They are more concerned with ideas than actions, intangibles Tupin's figures show that small over tangibles. They are also Texas-Austin graduate stated.

"The 'heads,' which come from more than 50 per cent of the headers, acid heads or pot heads, take drugs at least every two weeks or more frequently," Tupin continued. "Their usage is an lege with a more heterogeneous integral part of their life experruns less than 50 per cent, he means to understand life and the added. Larger state institutions use is an end in itself. We feel this group really has psychopath-

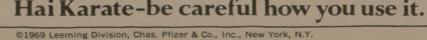
He noted that science must learn a great deal more about problem on the same approximate the long-term effects of marisay that a drug itself is detrimen-

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