

Tell Cure For Dope Addiction

Three State Clinics Report New Hope

Narcotics users can be "cured" through the co-operative efforts of doctors, psychiatrists, social workers and industry.

This was the gist of a report Tuesday on the five-year experience of three state-supported narcotics rehabilitation clinics.

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THE REPORT was made by Dr. Leonidas Berry of Provident hospital, author of the clinic plan, to a legislative commission headed by State Rep. William H. Robinson (R., Chicago).

Dr. Berry said the clinics—at Provident, the Northwestern University medical school and the Cook County jail—have reduced "relapses" into addiction.

He also said experience has shown that "no social strata is immune to addiction."

Original objections to the clinics largely faded, Dr. Berry said, after it was shown that addicts can be treated like other patients.

The fact that four out of five addicts treated at federal hospitals relapse into the habit again was attributed largely to lack of follow-up by doctors and social workers familiar with a case.

Dr. Berry's report to the legislative commission was the first during an all-day session at the State building here.

The clinics are supported by a state appropriation during the current period) and report to the division of narcotics in the state department of safety.