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PRINTED MEDIA MENTIONS OF N.A.

There has been a noticeable increase during the last few months in requests from the print media for information about Narcotics Anonymous. Many newspaper staff writers and magazine writers have contacted either WSO or area and regional P.I. committees. Some of these projects concern drug addiction and some are about self help approaches to life's problems in general.

Public information committees are doing an admirable job of providing information and following up on these requests in an efficient and timely manner. When the request involves potential anonymity problems, or when the audience could possibly be national or international, our committees have followed the contingency plans which call for the involvement of world services.

In many cases, we do receive a copy of the article when it is published. Many times, however, we don't. The WSC P.I. Committee and the WSO appreciate it when our thoughtful members clip articles and send them in. These articles are kept on file at WSO and help everyone in world services to be aware of our public image.

We have received more than twenty-five clippings since February, most of them from newspapers. Others have been from magazines and professional journals. Very few of these present any problems, but occasionally inaccurate information is presented, or a questionable anonymity situation arises.

If an article appears in your local newspaper or any other publication you come across, please send a copy to WSO. We will send a letter to the publisher, thanking them for their interest in N.A. and offering assistance in any future projects which concern

Narcotics Anonymous, by providing samples of our literature or accurate information.

PORTABLE DISPLAY BOOTHS

Last fall, WSO purchased fifteen display booths for use by P.I. committees at health fairs, conferences and other non-N.A. events. All of these have now been sold to area and regional public information committees.

More of these can be purchased if there is sufficient need and demand. It will be necessary to have at least five definite orders for the WSO to re-order these booths. The booths can be made available to committees at our cost which will include shipping and artwork charges. There has been a price increase by the manufacturer since the last purchase. The estimated total cost is \$650.

If your committee has decided to purchase a display booth or wants more details on the booths themselves, please contact the Public Information Coordinator at the World Service Office.

GROUP SERVICES

We recently sent a letter to RSCs and RSOs, asking for copies of their regional meeting lists. This time of year, the Office receives an increased number of requests for meeting information from our members who are traveling on vacation. We like to be able to satisfy those requests and hope regions will help us in that effort. Additionally, we would like to request area meeting schedules. This would enable us to refer members to nearby communities, in the event the city they are visiting doesn't have a meeting on the day they will be in that city. Also, it would enable us to identify the correct helpline number to provide to members.

