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The front page article in the UK "<u>Sun</u>" asks the question "<u>Addicted to Sugar?</u>" ...please note the contradiction: "...has lost all her teeth...is in perfect health..." Many addicts are in "perfect health" until the addiction takes them down.

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sucrose and other anti-nutrients on addicts and addiction recovery.



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May 31, 1989

George Casey, D.D. P.O. Box 252 Station D Toronto, Onatario Canada M6P 3J8

Dear George:

It was good talking to you this afternoon. As I explained, we have no objection to your reprinting and adapting the Twelve Steps for your program "Junk Food Addicts Anonymous" formerly "Sucrose Addicts Anonymous" (within the parameters set forth in my letter to you of January 9).

We wish you success with your program, one day at a time.

Best wishes,

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Madeline Jordan Secretary AA World Services, Inc.



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January 9, 1989

Doctor George Casey P.O. Box 75142 Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Dr. Casey:

When reprinting and adapting the Twelve Steps, we ask that this material be reprinted in its original form, along with the adaptation, followed by a credit line. Enclosed is a sample of how this double-listing may appear.

The credit line should read:

The Twelve Steps reprinted and adapted with permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc.

If you will let us know that you agree to the above, we have no objection to your reprinting and adapting this material in your program "Sucrose Addicts Anonymous."

We await hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Madeline Jordan Secretary AA World Services, Inc.

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May 30, 1995

Mr. George Kasey Media Addicts Anonymous c/o H'art Communications Productions #252 Stn. D. Toronto, Ontario Canada M6P 3J8

Dear Mr. Kasey:

Thank you for your facsimile of May 22, 1995. We appreciate your cooperation. The material is properly listed and attributed and we wish you success with your program "MEDIA ANONYMOUS".

Thanks again for complying with our request. If we can be of any further assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us. Good luck with your projects.

Sincerely,

Shirley W. Sykes

Services Assistant

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February 21, 1995

Junkfood Anonymous P.O. Box 252, Station D Toronto, Ontario Canada M6P 3J8

Dear G.K.,

We received your FAX received February 20 in which you request permission to reprint and adapt the Twelve Steps for another program MEDIA ADDICTS ANONYMOUS.

You also included a listing of the Steps as they appear in your "junk food" program. However, the Steps are to be reprinted in the <u>original</u>, unaltered and unseparated, <u>along</u> with your adapted version. This is to be followed by a credit line/disclaimer which reads:

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Enclosed is a sample of this double listing.

As soon as we receive a copy of the listings of the Steps <u>per above</u> as they will appear in your "Junkfood Anonymous" program, as well as in the material for the new program, we will be happy to address your request.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Madeline Jordan Secretary A.A. World Services. Inc.

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March 6, 1995

Mr. George Kasey Sucrose Addicts Anonymous c/o H'art Communications #252 Stn. D Toronto, Ontario M6P 3J8

Dear Mr. Kasey:

Thank you for your letter of January 30, which was sent to our old address, and eventually forwarded to our present location.

At the time Junkfood Anonymous was given permission to reprint and adapt the Twelve Steps, it was with the understanding that this material be <u>reprinted in the original along with the adapted</u> <u>version and then followed by a credit line/disclaimer to read:</u>

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The sheet you sent us does not comply with the above (see attached).

Before we can approve the use of the twelve Steps in the new program MEDIA ADDICTS ANONYMOUS, we ask that you please send us a copy of the Steps as they will appear in any material for your programs, per the above, in both your "Sucrose (Junkfood) Anonymous" and "Media Addicts Anonymous" program.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Madeline Jordan / Secretary A.A. World Services. Inc.



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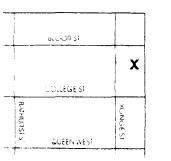
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P.O. Box 232, Station D Toronto, Ontario M6P 3J8

George Casey (416) 762-9600

# **OBJECTIVES**

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# ACTIVITIES

To share in a recovery program from sucrose addiction. This is available to anyone who wishes to stop using "junk food". There is no membership fee.

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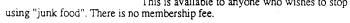
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DEAR A.A.:

As we have been making "progress" in our recovery from "non-nutritive" foods for our bodies it has become apparent to some of us that we also have a need to apply the l2steps to recovery from the "non-nutritive" foods we have been feeding our minds. We hereby request permission to us an adaptation of the l2steps for "<u>MEDIA ADDICTS ANONYMOUS</u>" for a program of recovery from entertainment/fantasy media addiction ie.: television, radio, films etc.

Enclosed pls. find copies of "<u>6UCROSE</u> (<u>"JUNKFOOD</u>)<u>ADDICTS ANONYMOUS</u>" newsletter Vol.1 No.1 ISSN#: 1195-759X which includes the objectives as they appeared in the "SELF HELP CLEARINGHOUSE OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO GUIDE". JFA articles are also posted on the internet in the newsgroups : "alt.recovery" and "alt.support.eating-disord''.

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(keywords-subject : junkfood, sucrose, caffeine).

Thankyou Higher Power

G.K./SAA(JFA)/MAA; .

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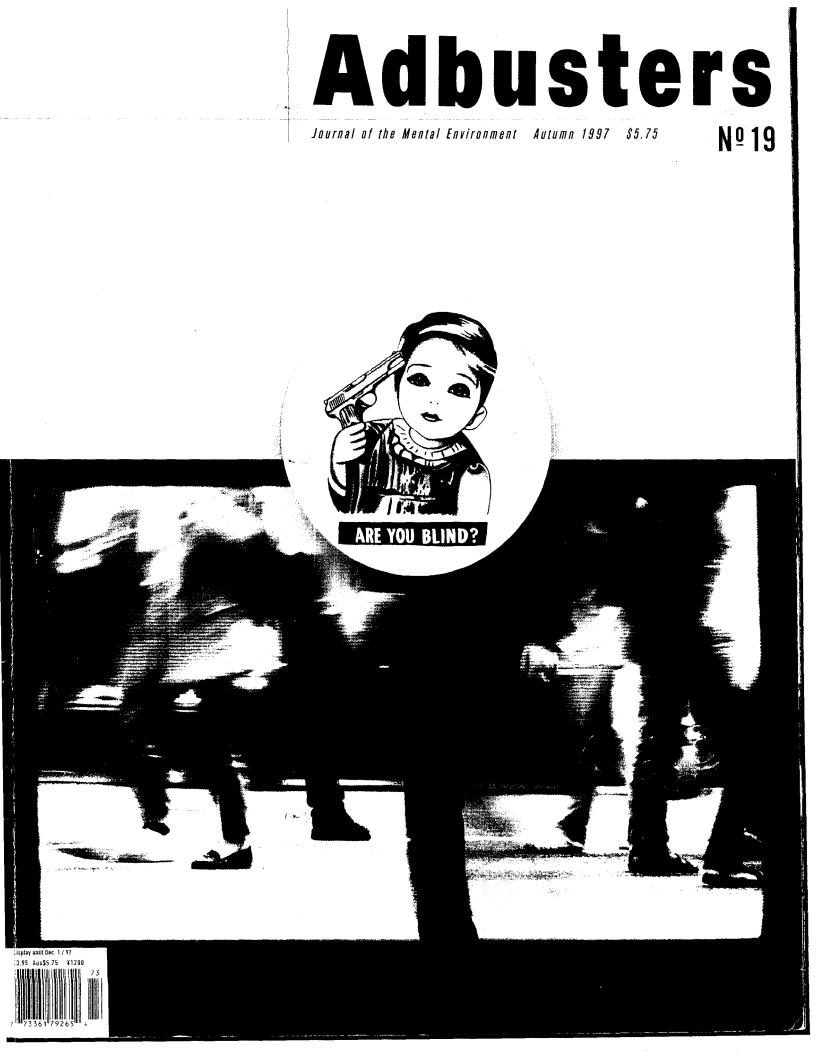
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- Michael Chouinard

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# **Consumerism Salon Wins Small Victory**

ast November, a group of 17 Vancouverites calling themselves the Consumerism Salon (including author Joy Kogawa, professors William Rees and Richard Pollay, and Adbusters editor Kalle Lasn) tried to buy airtime for a Buy Nothing Day ad on CBC Newsworld's Business World program. They were refused. The reason? Newsworld, a specialty channel of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, did not want "buy nothing" 1 messages upsetting the banks, investment firms and other corporations that advertise on Business World. Newsworld altered its already strict advertising guidelines (adding, among other restrictions, a \$5,000 minimum purchase requirement) to keep unwanted advocacy messages off certain programs.

But last August, under pressure to explain their actions to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (the Canadian equivalent of the US Federal Communications Commission) Vincent Carlin, the head of CBC Newsworld relented and pulled the \$5,000 minimum. However, the network still won't allow advocacy ads on programs with related content. This means that this year's *Buy Nothing Day* campaign won't air on the business news (while banks, investment firms and all other product advertisers are welcome) and that a coalition of women's groups are not allowed to air their *Eating Disorder Awareness Week* message on the network's popular *Fashion File*. Yet it's OK for Clairol to be that program's sponsor.

Professor Pollay, curator of the Advertising Archives at the University of British Columbia, says that most North American television stations hide behind policies like the CBC's. "The CBC's failure to see all forms of conventional advertising as also being advocacy is either utter stupidity or willful blindness," he said. Laurie Jones, Senior Director of CBC's Communications office doesn't deny that business ads promote a point of view. "Of course product advertising takes a stance. We're not going to deny that. But product advertising has a dollar value at the end where the consumer is asked to make a choice about spending, whereas . . . advocacy advertising is simply based on citizen engagement or advocating a point of view." Jones said that Newsworld "has to draw a line some place" on advocacy advertising.

Vincent Carlin said, "The North American system of publishing, whether it's print or broadcast, exists for better or worse on advertising... the fact is that Newsworld has to generate advertising revenue."

-Pam Murray

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# **Ad-zapping**

R eed Hundt, the chairman of the US Federal Communications Commission, sent a chill down the spine of the \$162-billion US advertising industry last June when he suggested that V-chip technology could be used by viewers to electronically zap TV liquor ads.

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Contact Reed Hundt via email: rhundt@fcc.gov or fax: (202) 418-2801 or snail mail: F.C.C. • 1919 M Street NW • Washington, DC • 20554.

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Confidential

Dear **Dear**:

Thank you for your card.

Sam and I felt you would be engaged by the enclosed article and accompanying photo, and I have an idea as to what you, as founder of Sucrose Addicts Anonymous, might want to do"about the "filthy heap".

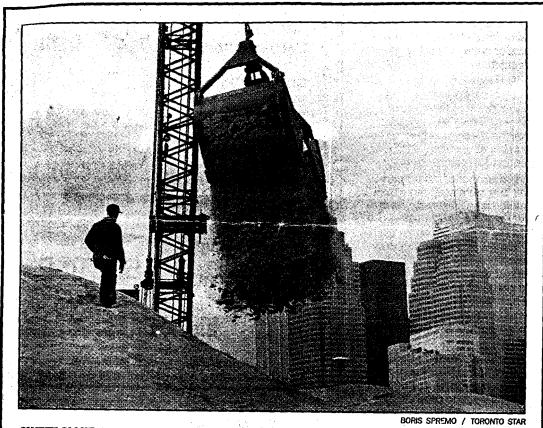
neap. What about looking up the officers of Redpath (Industries Inc.?) and sending them a complimentary copy of William Dufty's book? Then you might hand out copies of your SAA pamphlet at the gates one day at a change of shift? After that you could simply return once a quarter and take a photograph of the mound. I'll bet it will get smaller; but, if it isn't doing so, you can always do a caricature of the major shareholder of Redpath getting "dried out" -- after going blotto on Captain Morgan's rum and Baskin-Robbins ice cream!

Keep it as positive as you can. Anything negative will only come back at you. Don't forget that at one point in history, some people, at least, felt that white sugar, cakes, and booze, etc., were a "Godsend"; and I am sure they were right for the moments they felt that to be true.

Sincerely,

# FAXED

# BUSINES



SWEET SIGHT: Redpath Sugars' huge outdoor stockpile sugar-coats the bitter pill of no deliveries once the St. Lawrence Seaway closes each winter.

# Pile of sucrose grows before it freezes, snows

#### By Daniel Girard TORONTO STAR

GRONTO STAR

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To some, it's a heap of filthy brown stuff stored outside, transported by dump trucks and climbed over by men in steel-toed work boots: hardly what makes one's mouth water for cakes and candy.

For the folks at Redpath Sugars, though, it's a sweet sight.

Taking shape in the corner of a parking lot at the company's Queen's Quay refinery since the start of the month is a pile of mud-colored raw sugar that will swell to 45,000 or 50,000 tonnes by mid-November.

The unrefined mass is an annual thing for Canada's oldest and second-largest sugar company, which builds a pile of raw material each fall before the St. Lawrence Seaway freezes and prevents ships from Australia, Africa and Cuba from making deliveries to the 34-yearold factory.

"Plain and simply it's filthy, so we can use buildozers and cranes on it," says Richard Feltoe, curator of the museum at the Redpath plant. Over the next few weeks, ships carrying between 5,000 and 25,000 tonnes of raw sugar will come up the seaway to dock at the refinery.

The sweet cargo is first unloaded into a shed - it's the size of two football fields - that can store up to 65,000 tonnes of the unrefined raw sugar.

But because an on-site staff of 300 processes about 1,000 tonnes of raw sugar each day, the shed doesn't store enough raw sugar to keep the plant going while the seaway is closed for the winter.

After an eight-hour process, the raw sugar emerges in one of three forms of refined product ready for trucking to customers.

White sugar packaged in boxes or bags is destined for individual consumers. Bulk orders of the granular product are pumped into trucks for delivery to commercial customers such as cake makers. Finally, liquid sugar goes into tanker trucks for sale to liquor makers, canned fruit and vegetable producers and other such customers.



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March 23, 1994

Mr. Casey Junk Food Anonymous Hart Communications PO BOX 252 STN D TORONTO, ON M6P 3J8

Dear Mr. Casey,

Thank you for your phone call. I appreciate this opportunity to address your concerns regarding honey and sucrose.

Find enclosed a excerpt from Bees, Beekeeping, Honey and Pollination. A general but good description of nectar, the "raw" material for honey and an analysis of an average honey sample. As I indicated on the phone, honey is a complex mixture and does contain sucrose, naturally produced by plants.

A more detailed description of honey can be found in Honey: A Comprehensive Survey by Dr. Eva Crane. This would likely be found in any major public library system or perhaps available from the University of Guelph library on an inter-library loan.

I recommend that you obtain a copy of Food and the Gut Reaction by Elaine Gottschall. This book should be available through any chain of bookstore. Ms. Gottschall has had years of post-graduate study in the area of carbohydrate digestion and may offer your group new insights into the problem of sucrose intolerance. Feel free to call her in London, Ontario at 519-229-6795 between 8-10 PM or most mornings. She may be an ideal speaker for your group.

I hope this well help you to make an informed decision about honey. Should you have additional questions, feel free to call

Respectfully, Gord Grant

Apiary Specialist





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2 August 1989

Dr George Casey D.D. P. O.Box 252 Station D Toronto, Ont M6P 3J8

Dear Dr Casey

Thank you for the completed questionnaire. As part of my role as Project Officer at the Clearinghouse, I am keen to attend a meeting of new groups listed in our data-base.

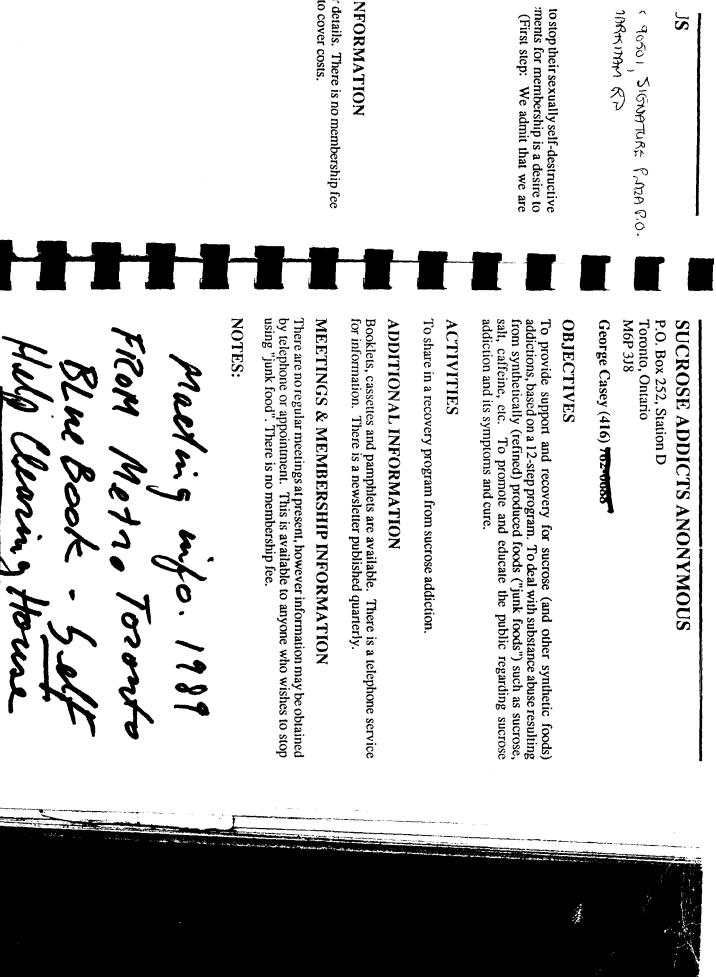
Please let me know if there is an open meeting of "Junk Food Addicts Anonymous" which I might attend to gain a better understanding of the group, and to discover if there are any ways in which we can support group development. Of course, I understand the restrictions in this direction placed on a group that follows a 12 step program.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly

Avi Louis

Avril Lewis Project Officer



Minister of National Health and Welfare



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Mr. George Casey P.O. Box 252 Station D Toronto, Ontario M6P 3J8

Dear Mr. Casey:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, 1994, regarding the content of sucrose in honey.

Honey, like many basic foods sold in the Canadian marketplace, is a standardized food and must conform to the standard in the **Food and Drug Regulations.** Honey must not contain more than between five and ten percent sucrose, depending on the origin of the nectar collected by bees. Also stipulated in the standard are additional requirements intended to prevent the adulteration of honey.

You may be interested in knowing that honey must also comply with specific regulations described under the Canada **Agricultural Products Act** administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Since that Department is also responsible for label statements, including the use of the word "Pure", I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to my colleague, the Honourable Ralph Goodale, for his consideration.

Again, thank you for writing and for providing me with an opportunity to address your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Viane Marleau

Diane Marleau Minister of Health

c.c.: The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.

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WE REQUEST THAT IN FUTURE ALL HONEY BE TESTED FOR SUCROSE CONTENT AND HAT THE EXACT SUGAR BREAKDOWN INFO. BE PRINTED ON LABELS BEFORE THE PRODUCT REACHES THE MARKET PLACE. JUST AS ALCOHOL IS NOW .FURTHERMORE IN THE INTERIM WE REQUEST THAT HEALTH & WELFARE CANADA ABSORB THE COSTS HON.DIANE MARLEAU HEALTH AND WELFARE CANADA GENE MANCE BLDG. TUNNEY'S PASTURE, OTTAWA,ONT., KIA OK9

DEAR HON. MINISTER ET AL:

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION FROM VARIOUS COV'T SOURCES THAT THE SUCROSE CONTENT OF HONEY LABELED "PURE" MAYBE FROM 15-20% BY SOME ESTIMATES OR AS HIGH AS 40-50% BY OTHERS AND THAT THESE ARE PERMISSABLE LEVELS UNDER LAW ,WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW FOR DIRECT ADULTRATION BUT DOES NOT PROHIBIT BEES FROM REWORKING SUCROSE INTO HONEY. WE REQUEST THAT IN FUTURE ALL HONEY BE TESTED FOR SUCROSE CONTENT AND HAT THE EXACT SUGAR BREAKDOWN INFO. BE PRINTED ON LABELS BEFORE THE PRODUCT REACHES THE MARKET PLACE. JUST AS ALCOHOL IS NOW .FURTHERMORE IN THE INTERIM WE REQUEST THAT HEALTH & WELFARE CANADA ABSORB THE COSTS OF TESTING INDIVIDUAL SMAPLES OF PRODUCTS FOR SUCROSE CONTENT FOR USE BY OUR MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER.

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THANX HON.D.M./HEALTH&WELFARE for Dispatch re. "Sweeteners...A to X"

It is obviously obsolete and dated information .Based on the most recent neutritional awarness of the difference between complex and simple carbohydrates (see ; "Sugar Blues" by William Dufty and video title "The Sugar Trap" from Image Associates, phone 808-962-6009) . By these most recent public announcments there is now a clear awarness that a meal high in caloric value (ie.a bottle of cheap port and a box of donuts) derived from industrial sources does not have the same nutritive value as natures own unrefined bounty (ie. a bowl of porridge with milk & honey that is unadultrated). In light of this most obvious fact it woiuld be unwise and "perhaps" most inapropriate to refer to artificial sweetners (ie. SUCROSE etc.etc.) as nutritives even though we are "conditioned"(see. VOL 1. NO.1. "JUNK FOOD ANONYMOUS) by vested commercial interests to disregard whether or not "to refer to sweetners as being natural or artificial". At present the suggestion that SUCROSE is more siutable "to be converted to Gasahol" to fuel our automobiles and not our people is in our opinion a reasonable alternative.Nevertheless as it is that we live in a democratic society WE DEMAND OUR RIGHTS TO KNOW WHAT IS IN OUR FOODS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A CHOICE AS TO WHAT WE CONSUME AND WHAT WE REJECT. THANKYOU AGAIN. in this "Brave New World" society of ours BILLIONS of of advertising , or to be more honest , "Propaganda" dollars are spent every year to convince us that "IT" is the real thing to ensure that citizens are kept in a state of cybernetic narcosis and a kind of electro-chemical bondage to consume industrially synthesized sweeteners (sucrose) , thus creating a generation of man-machines. no beginning and no end. I am assured however by my 12 step programs that "I am no longer alone ".

I can remember as a child sitting in my room suffering from "Insulin Shock" and not being able to identify the causes, realizing there was something dreadfully wrong with how I felt after "snacking" but because FORTY hrs.per week of radiation from "The Tube" had already conditioned me not to believe there was any connection even though in my heart of hearts there was no question.I promised to myself to stop but i found "IT" was as "cunning baffling and powerful " in its persistance as alcohol.In fact alcohol and cigarettes is loaded with "IT"& there is some question as to which addiction or compulsion came first.Certainly the list of symptomatic dis-eases attributable ranging from diabetes and cancer to tooth decay, athletes foot,hypoglycemia and candidas is long and impressive enough I think to be given special attention. In any case today we have a choice and to that end I remain your "trotted cont". We are making "progress not perfection" towards the

spiritualism of the new millennium.Perhapsolog then emancipation will be equated with the kneading of real bread for children without the "impoverishmen by substitution" of the addition of synthesized industrially manufactured "salt" and "sugar". TO THOSE that are not convinced "let them eat cake".

Sucrose Addicts Anonymous aka: "Junk Food" Anonymous c/o George Kasey - H'art Communications/Productions attn; George Casey P.O.B.#:252 STN.D., Toronto,Ontario, M6P 3J8 Canada

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# Malnutrition

All alcoholics suffer from malnutrition to some degree. A number of factors work together to make this condition almost synonymous With alcoholism. Large doses of alcohol interfere with digestion and the passage of nutrients from the intestine into the bloodstream. The alcoholic's liver has a decreased ability to convert and release nutrients and make them available throughout the body. Without adequate nutrients, the cells, already Weakened by long exposures to alcohol's toxic effects, are not able to create bone, tissue, blood, or energy. The sick and injured cells thus do not have the resources to repair themselves, and damage continues unchecked.

Even the alcoholic's earliest psychological and social probems stem from or are aggravated by nutritional denciencies. For example, a thianine deficiency (extremely common in alcoholics) can cause loss of mental alertness, easy fatigue loss of appetite,

irritability and emotional instability. If the deficiency is allowed to Continue, more severe mental Confusion and loss of memory may develop.

In later stages of alcoholism, the alcoholic is often so sick that he cannot eat, thus aggravating the already serious nutritional deficiencies. Massive vitamin or mineral deficiencies caused by long and heavy drinking may result in several unusual diseases of the central nervous system, including polyneuropathy, Wernicke's encephalopathy, Korsakoff's psychosis, and amblyopia.

Polyneuropathy is a nutritional disorder generally associated with deficiencies of the B complex vitamins-including thiamine (B 1), pantothenic acid, nicotinic acid, and pyridoxine (B6) which weaken and eventually damage the peripheral nerves outside the brain and spinal cord. These nerves ,which are similar to thin, elongated wires, carry electrical/chemical impulses which instruct the legs, arms, and torso to lift, move, run, walk, or feel warmth, cold, pain, and pressure. The strength of the current in the nerve depends on adequate food and nutrients for its power source When the nerves are deprived of nutrients, the power of the sensory and motor impulses diminishes and weakens, and the nerves gradually lose their ability to transmit sensory and motor signals.

The first indications of polyneuropathy are numbness and tingling sensations ("pins and needles") in the extremities, usually the toes or fingers. As the condition progresses, the senations occur higher in the limbs, affecting hands and arms, feet legs. Polyneuropathy is reversible if arrested early enough. If alcoholic stops drinking and continues to abstain from alcool, and if he pays careful attention to his diet and vitamin and mineral intake (particularly the B vitamins), the nerves will heal themselves fairly quickly. If, however, the alcoholic continues to drink and malnutrition progresses unchecked, there will come a time when the damage is permanent and irreversible. Muscle tone will be lost, and the muscles will atrophy. Pain may be excruciating .Late-stage alcoholics with irreversible polyneuropathy may be able to walk only clumsily if at all.

Wernickes encephalopathy named after a nineteenth-cenry German psychiatrist and brain Specialistic, is a rare disease usaually produced by a severe deficiency in Vitamin BI (thiamine) The disease is marked by a rapid onset of headaches, double vision, abnormal eye movements, the tingling sensations and numbness associated with polyneuropathy, muscular incoordination- Stupor and brain hemorrhage. The condition is also frequently accompanied by the confusion, agitation and hallucinations seen in delirium tremens. In fact, Wernicke's encephalopathy is sometimes a precursor of the DT's.

Until forty years ago, the prognosis invariably was death, but after the B vitamins were synthesized and readily available, significant improvement in the condition became possible and the Symptoms are now largely reversible if treated promptly. Immediate treatment is essential, however, because the condition swiftly progresses into the generally irreversible mental disorder called "Korsakoff' s psychosis."

Korsakoff's psychosis, first described in 1890 by the Russian psychiatrist Sertlei Sergeyevich Korsakoff, is caused in part, by vitamin Bl deficiencies, and it generally results in irreversible brain damage. The disorder has several stricking characteristics, including hallucinations, the loss of short-term memory, and the consequent fabrication of stories to fill in the gaps (termed "confabulation"). The victim is often able to remember past events but is thoroughly confused as to present or recent events such as where he is? why he happens to be there, what he has just eaten, or who may be sitting next to him.

Amblyopia, another rare disease, occurs in approximately one in two hundred hospitalized alcoholics. It is characterize by progressive blurring or dimness of vision and, in some cases, difficulty in distinguishing green from red. Although the specific nutritional deficiency responsible for this condition has not been identified, amblyopia is readily reversible with improved nutrition and, specifically, large doses of the B vitamins.

Now that the early, middle and late stages of the diseases have been described from a technical standpoint, the alcoholic himself must be described. What are the psychological syllptoms that he experiences as he progresses from the early to the late stages, and what are his

reactions to these symptoms? Most important, why does he continue to drink when drinking when drinking is destroying him?

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