Expert tells how her country deals with drugs

gists and nurses scattered throughout the country are working cooperatively under government sponsorship to pro-vide an answer to drug abuse and to further prevention programs.

"In this unit we have a plan of pre-vention to help young people to get in-volved in something interesting, sports, etc.," Chlerici sald.

What Chierici and other experts are finding, she said, is that young people today are using drugs because they are curious, bored or simply because it's fashionable.

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Providing young people with other outlets, such as sports or the theater, for their curiosity and boredom is one mentod used in diverting young people away from drugs. Othericl said. The reasons young people use drugs is a far cry from the counterculture drug movement of the 1860s, she said. Tracing the present roots of drug abuse in tally (also similar to the Unit-ed States). Chiercit talked about the protest years of the 1860s when the counterculture movement dominated the drug scene. Then came what Chier-ci calls "the mood of delusions" — the period following 1968 when these in the counterculture movement realized

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nothing in soclety had really changed. "Drugs were kind of a reluge then," she said. "Now we see users are widespread," Chiercic continued, "And it's not politi-cal. But we are also seeing an increase of people who use drugs without being destroyed." For those who are beyond the pre-vention stage of the drug securito, Ita-ly offers several types of treatment centers.

ONE PARTICULAR treatment cen-ter has been criticized for the use of methadone in helping kick the heroin habit, Chierici said.

"Our physicians are not so sure about the," she add. "Italy also has what Chierci called "therapeutical communities." These young people "live for long periods of the addiets also "try to fland out about the origination of the state of the state of the program involves helping young boons and skills. The youths also write origing and the state of the problems or attitude that the them to drugs.

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cuadorian takes a world view

Condo catches fire

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THE CALL on the fire came into the department at approximately 12:30

Bepartment of provide a solution of the said with the said were asked how many firefighters were on the scene. "We haven't gotten to the point where we've got all our reports in, so it's just a guess now." Damage estimates for the condominiums were not available Friday.

"There's one completely lost, and the next one looks like about hal," Fire Chief Richard Marinucci said at the scene. "We called out all four of our stations, just in case, because we have a large potential, as you can see." "It's difficult to estimate," Baldwin said of the damage. Damage caused by fires at construction sites varies ac-cording to the stage of construction. "Only the builder would know exact-ly what the loss is."

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