

## Drug Boom In Prisons

**S**SCOTLAND'S prisons are fast becoming the country's largest drug centres.

In the last 10 years there has been a 30-fold increase in the number of addicts becoming inmates.

In 1973, only six people were diagnosed as dependent on drugs on admission to prison. The total for last year is expected to pass the 300 mark.

That's about 6% of the prison population—with a much higher figure in teenage detention centres.

Caring for addicts is now a major job for prison medical officers. Last week the results of a recent survey were revealed to "The Sunday Post" by the Scottish Office.

In five months, 85 new inmates in Scottish prisons were diagnosed as drug addicts. All but 11 were hooked on heroin.

The others were mainly cocaine or cannabis users.

Though drugs are known to circulate in certain prisons, special plans have been drawn up to cut off the supply.