

# CENTER FOR ADDICTS IN WESTPORT CLOSES

WESTPORT, Conn., April 4—Eighteen former narcotics users packed their belongings today and quit the 15-room Victorian mansion that had been their treatment center.

The Synanon Foundation's 16 patients and two administrators—all recovering narcotics addicts—bowed to a recent Connecticut Supreme Court ruling that their short-term treatment center violated local zoning ordinances. The court order upheld the Westport planning and zoning commission in its three-year fight to oust the center from the community's exclusive Greens Farms section.

"This was only a way station," said Marvin Tobin, head of the center. "We're going on to bigger and better things." Nine of the addicts will be sent to the foundation's main treatment center in Santa Monica, Calif. Mr. Tobin, John Peterson, a staff member, and the seven other patients will stay temporarily at the Cambridge House Hotel, 333 West 86th Street, in New York City, while Synanon continues its drive to raise \$60,000 to buy a staff headquarters in New York.

About 200 to 300 sympathetic residents attended a farewell party at the Westport center last night and, according to Mr. Peterson, "a great many people had tears in their eyes."