

## ‘Permissiveness is over,’ says the first lady

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(AP) — Nancy Reagan, embarking on a two-day anti-drug-abuse campaign, declared Monday that “permissiveness is over” and implored parents to keep a tighter rein on their children.

The first lady also called for stricter penalties for drug pushers, saying, “I have only disgust for them. It’s just so awful that they would destroy a whole generation.”

President Reagan’s wife said she had no cure for what she called an epidemic of drug use, however. “If I knew that, I would do it tomorrow ... Somebody’s mak-

ing a lot of money off our children.”

But she did have some advice for parents, saying they should make sure their children understand they will not tolerate drug use.

Parents also should “know where their children are and who they are seeing.” And they should either start parents groups to combat the problem or join one that already exists, she said.

Mrs. Reagan also took some credit for helping to open parental eyes. She said that in the eight months since she began her crusade the number of such parents’ groups has gone from 1,000 to 3,000.

The first lady’s comments were made in an interview with the Tampa Tribune. Her press secretary, Sheila Tate, made a recording of the interview available to reporters traveling with Mrs. Reagan.

Her two-day trip to Florida, and Tuesday to Texas, in part was designed to deflect attention from the recent controversies involving her new china and free designer clothes.

Shortly after she arrived here Monday, Mrs. Reagan visited an elementary program for troubled children.

Sitting in a child’s chair in a classroom at the Pinellas Park Elementary School, the first lady listened as fourth and fifth graders, their teachers, counselors and parents told of the difference the Alpha Program has made in the lives of the children, mainly in raising their self-esteem.

“Your own self worth.— If you don’t have that you’re liable to have difficulty or troubles in finding your way in life,” she told the children.

President Reagan’s wife advised the 20 or so students to “realize that you are a person unto yourself and your own self-worth is really important.”

Mrs. Reagan, who has said in the past that she assumes her two grown children have tried marijuana at some

point, told the crowded classroom that being a parent “is probably the most important thing we are given to do in our whole lives and the one we have no training for at all. Nope.”

In the evening, Mrs. Reagan attended a three-hour meeting between parents and adolescents who are going through a controversial drug treatment program called, “Straight, Inc.”

That program does not use any government money and only accepts children who have backing from their families. In the first phase, usually 30 to 40 days, the children live in foster homes and are not permitted to see their parents except at these weekly meetings.

About 300 youngsters and 600 parents took part in the session. The children sang songs and told of their experiences, while the parents applauded and cheered the accounts related by the youths.

Reporters and photographers were allowed to attend the session, but were asked not to identify the participants.

Mrs. Reagan arrived in Florida in a DC-9 government aircraft laden with her staff members, Secret Service agents and a large contingent of reporters and photographers.

## Atlanta trial short Monday

Miss Bailey, said Williams enjoyed flirting with women and “just didn’t like” homosexuals.

Defense lawyers have been chipping away at prosecutors’ contention that Williams is a homosexual. They called Williams’ girlfriend to the stand last week to say she had had sexual relations with him.

The defense opened the eighth week of the sensational trial Monday by calling Miss Bailey, Miss Swift and other character witnesses for Williams, who has pleaded innocent to the

however, Miss Bailey admitted she told law enforcement agents before Williams was arrested last June that she had never been with Williams when he was transporting any of the young singers who auditioned for him.

Bell, the 24th victim on the task force list, is one of the 10 additional slayings prosecutors have sought to link to Williams. Williams is not charged with Bell’s death.

Miss Bailey also contradicted Hindsman’s testimony about a note she handed Hindsman while they were at a recording studio