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Our story begins in the New World, in Venezuela, where mounting oil riches are bringing modern benefits to its capital, Caracas.

This was the day when President Jimenez opened a new school (one of the many under construction) and all being built under an Improvement Plan, financed by ever-growing oil exports.

To-day, Venezuela is the second largest oil-producing country - and as slum dwellings make way for towering new housing projects - Caracas presents a study in civic progress. *and the western way of life.*

Now to the Far East, where Viet-Nam concern for the health and future of its peoples brings police-action to crush the numerous opium dens, *whose victims so often sink into ~~physical~~ degradation and death.*

In Saigon, the police campaign captured vast quantities of drugs and opium pipes - which were piled high in the main thoroughfare.

Then, they were burned. A civic reform less spectacular than giant housing-projects - yet one that also makes a vital contribution to human welfare and happiness.