

and DEA, in the past six months, represent "more drugs than were collectively seized by the U.S. Federal law enforcement community during the entire previous year." ...He concluded that the smugglers are better equipped and have more financial resources than the entire drug law enforcement community....

Mr. Robert N. Battard of the U.S. Customs Service and Rear Adm. Robert W. Durfey of the U.S. Coast Guard... made it clear that the total tonnage of marijuana and cocaine... is overwhelming all containment efforts....

E. Wilson Purdy, director of the Dade County Public Safety Department,... and Kenneth I. Harms, chief of the Miami police and Sam Martin, chief of the Hollywood police... stressed that to a great extent the interception of thousands of tons of marijuana... and cocaine is not totally due to the effectiveness of law enforcement, but rather the tremendous volume of drug traffic....

The local police chiefs made it clear that the combined efforts of law enforcement alone will never greatly affect trafficking. The United States must deal directly with the source countries, as it did with Mexico....

...Mr. Atlee Wampler III, Chief of the Miami Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force and Mr. Michael P. Sullivan, assistant U.S. attorney in charge of narcotics prosecution appeared before the

committee.... Mr. Wampler testified that no other area of the United States has been inundated with as many organized crime individuals as south Florida. He estimated that there are over 1,000 racketeers... infesting businesses, labor unions, banks and gambling operations....

Mr. Sullivan testified that Florida judges do not impose sufficiently stiff sentences.... The cases Mr. Sullivan tries involve complex conspiracies and large amounts of money....

Mr. Sullivan testified to the financial aspects of drug trafficking. Under Federal banking law, the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, any deposit or transfer in excess of \$10,000 must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. However, major traffickers circumvent this requirement by using easily obtainable sources of false identification.... In addition, money transferred from American banks to offshore depositories, is virtually untraceable. Traffickers utilize sophisticated international banking services in the Bahamas, Panama and Switzerland where foreign bank secrecy laws protect their illicit profits.

### Findings

3. The success of the paraquat-spraying program in Mexico has contributed to the problems in south Florida. Untainted Colombian marijuana has now

## Colombia declares war on drugs

The government of Colombia, under President Julio Turbay Ayala, has begun a tough law enforcement drive to block shipment of some 120,000 tons of marijuana to the United States. As reported previously in Executive Intelligence Review, London-directed offshore banking and crime networks operating in the Caribbean had planned this "dope invasion" for the fall.

Under decrees issued Oct. 4 by the Turbay government, the region of Guajira, the principal source of marijuana for the U.S. market, is to be "sealed off" from the rest of Colombia and the world at large. Land, sea and air traffic in and out of Guajira has been placed under stringent government controls, policed by the armed forces and

national police as well as local enforcement personnel. Violators are subject to seizure of property and prosecution.

The official statement announcing the crackdown, which will be fully implemented by Nov. 1, said: "There has been an intensification of organized delinquency in some regions of national territory due to the misuse of airports, airplanes, river and maritime transport, and transport vehicles both domestic and foreign; many of these enter the country, violating national sovereignty, to carry out illegal activities such as trafficking in drugs and contraband in coffee in connection with the illicit commerce of arms, which in turn generates other activities. . . . It is the duty of the government to prevent and repress these acts, taking measures which will lead to the reestablishment of normalcy."

The decrees impose stringent restrictions on the movement of all transport to and from the region. "Fines will be imposed; planes, ships, barges, and other vehicles will be confiscated, and there will, as well be cancellations of driving, navigation licenses. Anyone cooperating with the intellectual authors of a crime will be given a sentence one half of that given the intellectual author. . . ."

The government stopped just short of drawing the connection between drug traffic, international terrorism, and the plantation-minded families who prefer International Monetary Fund-ruled cash-crop peasant economies to industrialization and improved living standards. Turbay pointedly noted, however, that illegal gun-running was part of the Guajira drug operation, timed to run with harvest and export of the coffee crop.