

EIR Feature

Drug legalization: It must be stopped, again

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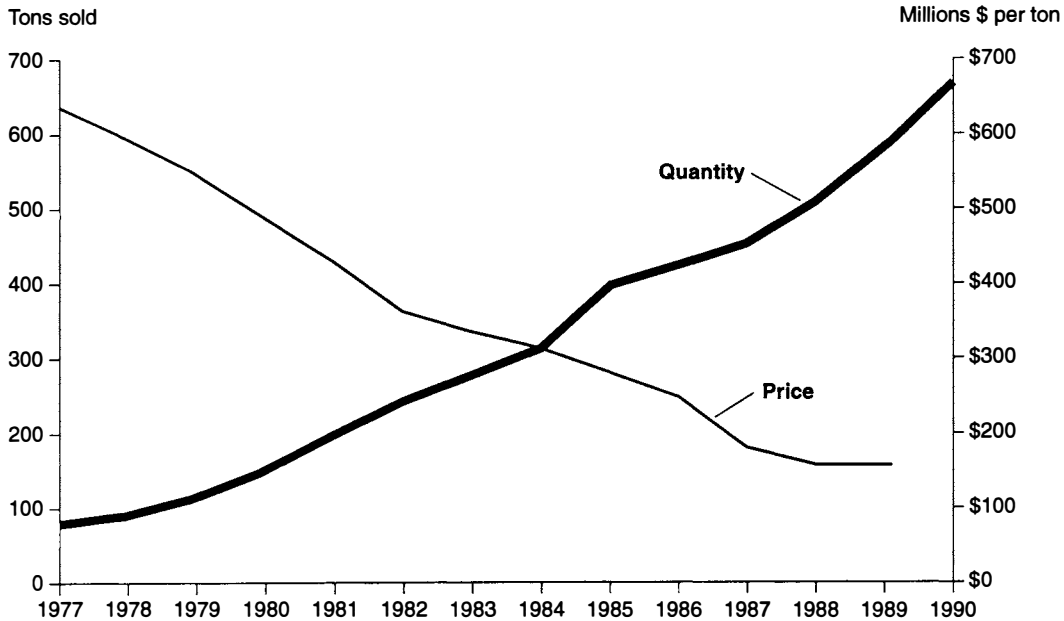
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With the information provided in this feature packet, the American people must engage in a spirited battle—once again—to stop the cock-sure drug legalization lobby from gaining another foothold in the destruction of the nation. From London to Washington to Bolivia, the drug legalizers, represented by the Inter-American Dialogue, the Drug Policy Foundation, and a network of private organizations affiliated with the United Nations, are on a drive to legalize the drugs that destroy the minds of children and the sovereignty of nations. Today, their campaign is being promoted under titles like “de-demonization” and “decriminalization” of drugs, and “harm reduction,” but the ultimate goal is the same: Legalize, and thereby spread, the drug trade.

The model for the successful fight against dope legalization is the work of the “Anti-Drug Coalitions” of the United States, Ibero-America, and Europe, which stopped drug decriminalization dead in its tracks in the United States in 1977-80.

At that time, collaborators of Lyndon LaRouche, the founder of *EIR*, uncovered the massive international plot to use drugs to usher in the “New Age,” a philosophical and cultural assault on western Christian civilization. Against great odds, including a President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, who openly proposed the federal decriminalization of drugs for “recreation,” the Anti-Drug Coalitions unearthed the real secrets of the drug trade. In the pamphlet “Get the Dope out of the White House” (1977), in the international bestseller *Dope, Inc.* (1978), and finally in the pages of *War on Drugs* magazines (printed in six languages in 1979-82 and still being published today in several European countries) of the Anti-Drug Coalitions, exposés were published which demonstrated that financial institutions, including every major bank in the United States, London, and Switzerland, were involved in drug money-laundering; that powerful

Cocaine prices plummet as U.S. market is saturated with cheap supply



The skyrocketing of cocaine consumption as the druglords deliberately reduced prices over the last ten years, gives the lie to the pro-legalization lobby's main argument. The figure is taken from EIR's Nov. 9, 1990 feature on "Dope, Inc."

institutions like the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) were funded with laundered drug money and had been the initiators of drug decriminalization; that the staggering growth of drug use was not a sociological phenomenon, but the result of MK-Ultra, a hideous secret intelligence project launched by British intelligence, Army intelligence, and the CIA in the United States, and the notorious Tavistock Institute of London in order to spread LSD.

The "war on drugs" was never won, because, as one of the articles below will show, it was never really fought. The dope interests fought back, assassinating leading drug fighters in Ibero-America, Italy, and elsewhere, and subverting the U.S. Justice Department, which followed the script of the ADL to frame up LaRouche and cripple the possibility of winning the war on drugs. The cost of that treason is only now being measured as the full story emerges of the spiritual molestation of children through school programs like "outcome-based education," the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum, and the ADL's "World of Difference" program, which are spreading among youth profoundly corrupted by the deliberate spread of the rock-drug-sex counterculture. But, once again, American citizens can and must fight back.

New Age equals new world order

The real aim of the drug legalization frenzy is to enforce an international policy of genocide—the "new world order" that began in 1989 with George Bush's population war against Panama, where civilians were militarily exterminated

in order to install a U.S.-puppet government of known drug traffickers.

On May 15 of this year, the London *Economist*, the leading pusher of the free-trade doctrine that justified opium traffic in the 1780s, launched a new drive for legalization. The *Economist* faithfully reflects the British establishment view, which has never accepted that mind-altering, hallucinogenic drugs should be illegal, nor that the globalist financial institutions like the International Monetary Fund should be prohibited from profiting from the drug trade in the name of free trade. As late as 1948, the British government refused to sign the Single Convention on Psychotropic Drugs, which prohibited production of such substances.

The *Economist* gloated that the kooks of the drug legalization lobby are again openly enjoying an audience at the U.S. White House, that the House of Representatives Select Committee on Narcotics and Drug Abuse (the strongest congressional forum against drugs) was shut down without a peep from the American people, and that the Clinton administration has "done what no American administration has dared do in living memory—set the scene for a proper debate."

The argument for the legalization of drugs amounts to one: genocide with a profit. This argument has been made by the British oligarchy for more than 100 years. In 1893, the British Parliament commissioned what turned into a nine-volume study on hemp (marijuana), then grown in India, Britain's largest colony. The study was an elaborate justification of an extensive hemp tax system, and the continued

subjugation of the coolie population by fostering their use of ganja (marijuana). Among the witnesses was a manager of a British-owned tea company in India who said, “. . . I cannot see any harm in the use of the drug. All of those who appear to use it are good, quiet and willing coolies.” The Indian Hemp Commission report concluded that legalized hemp was both not harmful, and highly profitable for the British Empire’s colonial treasury.

Every single argument by the 1990s drug lobby can be directly traced to the British Empire defense of their “coolie” program in India, and the brutal opium wars of the 1850s and 1860s in China. The latest variant is that drug legalization will “take the profit” out of drugs, reduce prices, and thereby solve the problem. But the simple facts show that, over the last 10 years, a threefold cocaine-price drop has occurred as the deliberate policy of the drug mafia, and that this has caused a fourfold *rise* in consumption—as the graph above shows.

If there is to be any republic on this planet, the renewed opium war in the form of legalizing drugs must be stopped.

United States

Drug decrim is coming through the back door

by Kathleen Klenetsky

With the advent of the Clinton administration, and on the corpse of the utter failure of Bush’s so-called War on Drugs, drug decriminalization has jumped back onto the U.S. political agenda.

Although several influential Cabinet members—Office of Drug Policy (ODP) head Lee Brown and Attorney General Janet Reno among them—have recently asserted that the administration does *not* favor legalization, there is widespread optimism within the drug-legalizer networks that they can overcome such opposition, and that major changes in the direction of legalization are in the air. Key spokesmen for the drug lobby say they anticipate that the Clinton administration will usher in changes of policy that will move the United States in the direction of de facto decriminalization—as opposed to outright legalization—over the next few years.

“What we will see is a gradual process of ‘de-demonizing’ drugs,” predicts Prof. Ethan Nadelmann, who runs Princeton University’s drug policy working group, which is scheduled to produce a major report later this year that will

carve out a “middle ground” between current anti-drug laws and “extreme libertarianism.”

Nadelmann, who was cited as an authority in a recent article in the London *Economist*, which has long promoted drug legalization, identified some of the “back door” methods which the drug legalizers are promoting as seemingly innocuous ways of achieving decriminalization.

These include:

- Encouraging the spread into the United States of the “harm reduction” movement, which originated in The Netherlands and Australia, and which seeks not to stop drug use, but to prevent drug users from harming themselves by, for example, contracting AIDS, as though drug use in and of itself is harmless (see *Documentation* for more details);

- Forcing a shift in U.S. drug policy away from interdiction and eradication to treatment and “demand reduction” programs, an issue currently taking top place in the national debate over how the United States should change its approach to illegal drugs.

- Using the AIDS crisis to foster distribution of hypodermic needles to intravenous drug users.

Propaganda for drugs

The “de-demonization” process hailed by Nadelmann is already well under way. Over the past several months, the question of whether drugs should be legalized has been given extensive play in the media—more so than at any time since the pro-drug frenzy of the mid- and late 1970s.

Not only have the usual suspects, e.g., the *Village Voice* and *Rolling Stone* magazine, raised high the pro-drug banner, but such “respectable” outlets as *American Heritage* magazine and *Daedalus* have staged prominently featured debates on the subject. CBS-TV’s widely viewed “60 Minutes” recently provided what one pro-legalizer hailed as a “surprisingly objective” view of LSD, while Peter Jennings, ABC’s national news anchor, did a segment on the narcotics trade in Bolivia, allegedly proving that drug interdiction as a policy does not work.

The London *Economist*, representing the financial powers in the City of London which ran the nineteenth-century Opium Wars against China and to this day control large portions of the \$700 billion annual trade in illicit drugs, set the tone for the latest legalization drive with its May 15 issue, which featured a cover story bluntly titled “Bringing Drugs within the Law.”

In an editorial and two accompanying articles, the *Economist* argued strenuously that the only effective way of handling the drug plague is to have governments manage the distribution of drugs and ensure “quality control.” Not only should drugs be legalized, said the *Economist*, but scientists should be encouraged to discover psychoactive drugs that could be used to provide “pleasure” without the adverse side effects of cocaine or heroin—similar to the drug “soma” in Aldous Huxley’s novel *Brave New World*.