

Swedish Anti-Drug Coalition says: Stop drug legalization!

The following statement was issued by Ulf Sandmark, chairman of the Swedish Anti-Drug Coalition, in Stockholm on Jan. 1, 1995. The release of the statement coincided with the entry of Sweden and Finland as official members of the European Union on the same date. As nations whose populations and political parties strongly oppose the legalization and proliferation of illegal narcotics, they in particular are being called upon to lead other EU members in the fight against drugs.

On April 28, 1994, in the Stockholm resolution, a joint declaration of the European Cities Against Drugs (see EIR, May 13, 1994, p. 11), 21 major European cities joined forces to resist the legalization drive and the massive increase of drugs pouring into Europe.

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In a time when economic depression, war, and bestial culture are threatening to pull Europe back into a new Dark Age, the question of the enslavement of minds, i.e., the use of illegal drugs, will be decisive. What is at stake, is the very kernel of the Renaissance tradition: the ability of populations to create and assimilate new ideas that can make living conditions better for whole nations. The Renaissance principle is based on free minds, being able to work creatively and to concentrate long enough to conceptualize new ideas.

Today every young person in Europe is confronted with drugs, and has to make a decision whether to use them or not. Cultural pessimism, misunderstanding of the nature of creativity, hedonistic habits, or outright bestiality often induce young people to try them, thereby short-circuiting the mind into endless fantasies. Drugs establish habits for the mind to avoid hard and concentrated creative work, and to instead use them as escapes to flee into fantasy worlds. This effect of drug use continues long after drug use has ceased. In fact, proponents of drug use have described it as the main "entry point" to artificial religions, where this drug-like experience can continue without drugs.

In this way, drug use poses the most concrete choice for every young person, between real creativity or fantasies, between freedom and slavery, between republicanism or feudalism, and between civilization or barbarism. Often this decision is one which determines what direction the life of

an individual will take, and also, on the aggregate level, the direction of entire countries and entire continents.

The Scandinavian countries must follow the Gustaf Adolphus principle, of not waiting for the enemy to grow so strong that it cannot be defeated. Before the Hapsburg-led, feudal Counter-Renaissance had worked itself all the way up to Sweden, Adolphus saved the Renaissance principle by intervening into the European battle, allying with both Catholic and Protestant anti-feudal forces, thereby giving the marginal extra strength that ensured victory.

Expand the ban on consumption

In Sweden, just as in Finland and Norway, all political parties from left to right, work for the goal of totally eradicating illegal drug use. Under the pressure of lobbying and general campaigns by the Anti-Drug Coalition and other anti-drug groups, during the 1980s and 1990s, the laws against narcotics in Sweden have moved in the direction of the more strict law of Finland, where consumption of illegal drugs is directly forbidden. The direct ban on consumption, rather than the usual laws against possession of illegal drugs, has made it possible for earlier detection and registration of drug use. Drugs in the body can be detected all the time, but possession can be limited to seconds. This new, more strict law has made it possible to open new fronts against drug use, for instance, in connection with dangerous activities such as driving while under the influence, or in the workplace.

The Stockholm resolution

In the Stockholm resolution of the European Cities Against Drugs, the major cities of Sweden, Finland, and Norway joined forces with their allies in continental Europe. This must be the main vehicle for establishing a strong alliance to roll back and defeat the legalization forces. It will mobilize the cities and their capabilities for prevention campaigns and therapy.

In the European Union, the rallying point must be the new Swedish commissioner, Anita Gradin, who will be in charge of police and anti-drug policy. The drug legalizer of the Radical Party of Italy, commissioner Emma Bonino, must be isolated with new initiatives to strengthen the anti-drug policy of the EU. The Swedish and Finnish delegates must make it a priority to swing the majority in the European Parliament to a policy to eradicate drugs. The Swedish Social Democratic, Socialist, and Green parties, especially, must go into the battle to convince their continental European counterparts to stop the pro-slavery, neo-feudal legalization campaign. The Scandinavian anti-drug organizations must also contribute their efforts, and can become the swing factor that can roll back the drug legalizers in cooperation with all the European organizations of a similar outlook.

Victory against the drug legalizers is a necessary condition for saving European civilization and its contributions to the whole world!