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# Stop The WAR



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This review is dedicated to the planet

Earth

and the people who share it.

# war on our streets and in our homes

We are engaged in a war that we have not fully understood. People are being killed, jailed, and terrorized by laws that protect certain environmentally damaging industries by denying us all a clean easily grown potentially abundant multi-purpose natural renewable resource.

Many families and careers have been destroyed in the purported cause of denying people the pleasure of smoking marijuana. This prohibition has resulted in a virtual police state that has turned otherwise honest citizens into criminals and has caused the deaths of innocent people during bungled or violent police raids. Penalties grossly disproportionate to the purported "crime" of growing, distributing, or owning a God-given plant have oppressed sincere and caring citizens around the world, destroying not only our families and neighbourhoods but national and global economics. All this because cannabis provides the most versatile natural renewable resource on Earth.

Cannabis hemp and seed could replace wood pulp paper (making superior paper with less pollution), produce high-quality cloth (from canvas to near-silk), and could supplement or replace products from non-renewable petroleum (making products like fuel, plastic, paint and varnish). Hemp seed is arguably the most nutritious food on earth, and cultivation could be applied to help correct the world's ecosystems, restore the world's oxygen balance, and feed us all.

Hemp used to provide these benefits around the world. Since prohibition removed hemp from our economy the world has seen a fantastic rise in crime and pollution. Hemp could save our planet, but today it is expensive and difficult to obtain in quantity because of the outrageous lies that pretend to support the prohibition of marijuana. That you have perhaps not yet heard these arguments is evidence of the enormity and pervasiveness of the oppression. A Canadian law, in fact, effectively restricts our press and other media to discussing only the negative side of the issue.

The War On Drugs is a War On People. Our people - our citizens - you and me, our parents and children, neighbours and friends, students and teachers, doctors and lawyers. Millions of people enjoy drugs like marijuana. And do not think that if you do not consume the prohibited drugs that you are thereby unaffected by the war. You pay for the terror that jeopardizes our society. You suffer from the subverted economy, increased crime, and removal of our civil and human rights.

And - as if that's not enough - our planet is dying because of the forced use of expensive dirty limited non-renewable resources that would otherwise be in competition with hemp. The health of the planet is at stake as we mow down our Rainforests, pollute the rivers with dioxin, and fight over Middle East oil fields. (How did our oil get under their sand?<sup>2</sup>)

Certain governments and industrialists are attempting Social Engineering on a global scale, attempting to control not only our economy but our innermost privacies - our homes, bodies, and minds. As Alexander Shulgin said in PIHKAL,<sup>3</sup> "I am a sovereign state, and I feel that my borders are far more sacred than the politically drawn boundaries of any country."

The people drug laws pretend to help typically do not want help in making personal moral lifestyle decisions. Our global community is harmed far more by the invasive brutal terrorism and tyranny of prohibition than by the use of drugs.

## UNECONOMIC AND UNETHICAL CONTROL

Decades of medical research has proven that the War On Drugs is built upon gross exaggerations and intentional lies. Cannabis was prohibited just as the Petrochemical and Pharmaceutical industries were trying to gain solid hold in our economy. Superior new mechanical methods for breaking the plant into fiber and pulp had just been invented. The publicized intent was to "protect" us from addiction to marijuana, which was purported to lead to insanity and/or heroin. These were blatant lies. Marijuana is not addicting, its enjoyment is not an insane act, and its long-term use does not lead to harder drugs. The greater effect of the Drug War has been the world-wide prohibition of hemp. This prohibition has caused ecological and economic disaster everywhere. Russia, once the world's foremost supplier of hemp, has collapsed. Farmers all over the world are robbed of a hardy cash crop. Manufacturers all over the world are forced to find their oil, cellulose, and pulp resources in the petroleum and forestry markets. No wonder the world is suffering! We are 'not allowed' to use what may prove to be our cheapest, cleanest, most versatile natural resource! Who is oppressing our entire planet?

Compared to tobacco, alcohol, coffee and aspirin, drugs our society consumes in quantity, marijuana has been repeatedly found 'not guilty' of causing significant harm, but the lies and terror continue. Our homes and bodies are invaded and our children terrorized. The brutal methods of prohibition have caused our society far more harm than we would see if cannabis products, including marijuana, were legally available, and yet the government and law enforcement agencies continue to trample our Constitution and deny us our freedom.

Prohibition has driven drug costs sky-high. Some unsocial individuals have taken to crime to acquire the money required. Some distributors have armed themselves to defend their business and family from their adversaries in an unregulated marketplace. The resulting tension is not caused by the drugs, but by the war which has caused exorbitant prices while dividing our society in two and teaching us all that the government and the police think they are our owners and controllers.

### WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO

The government has enacted unconstitutional and impractical laws in a misguided attempt to control the way we manage our own personal thoughts, feelings, time, and resources. There is no rationale for the prohibition of bio-chemicals that is sufficient to condone the storm-trooper Nazi-like method of enforcement. The prohibition of marijuana and the stronger psychedelics (like mescaline, psilocybin, LSD, etc.) has been able to exist only through Fear. People have been told marijuana is inherently dangerous. It is not dangerous but different, medically proven safer than alcohol or aspirin.

Psychedelics affect mental processes much differently than alcohol, stimulants, or sedatives do, expanding the arena of consciousness rather than lulling the body and mind into a false security. This aspect is not well understood by people who have not explored, but we all agree that when people consume psychedelics they often think new thoughts and find new ways of looking at the world and themselves.

The established government and Big Business mandarins find some of these new thoughts contrary to their personal goals. They hope that by prohibiting psychedelics and permitting alcohol they will preside over a passive, easily manipulated citizenry that will not care about the loss of the multi-purpose hemp resource. The people behind the enormously expensive War on People Who Use Drugs obviously believe the ends justify the means, but the means are incredibly disruptive to our society, and do not and can not stop production, distribution, or consumption.

There is of course a second reason behind this war or the government would by now have admitted the futility of prohibition. By prohibiting marijuana, hemp is effectively prohibited as well. Manufacturers have to buy hemp offshore, giving profits and jobs away. Industry cannot afford to research and develop a plant we are not allowed to grow.

The industrialists and politicians involved in keeping hemp from use apparently do not care that their personally-invested industries are polluting the environment and raping the farms and forests. With these devastating legacies, it is no surprise that they have had to use the government to prohibit hemp. In a democratic open market hemp products could easily win our economic and ecologic freedom, removing the 'need' to pollute rivers and destroy forests.

That we have condoned and funded an attack on this plant and its consumers is a tragedy that future historians will judge with the same horror with which most of us now view Nazism and the Holocaust. The ongoing violent invasion of peaceful and religious homes and the gagging of the Press combine to create a condition that should be of national and global interest and alarm. Our world is being plundered and polluted. Some people are gorging themselves while millions starve and all because Canada's and America's Constitutions are being ignored.

### FREEDOM OF PRESS RESTRAINED

Subsection 462.2, added to the Criminal Code in 1988, effectively removes our Freedom of Press, guaranteed in the Canadian Charter Of Rights and Freedoms.

462.2 Every one who knowingly imports into Canada, exports from Canada, manufactures, promotes or sells instruments or literature for illicit drug use is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction

(a) for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both; or

(b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.<sup>4</sup>

A potential fine of \$300,000 and a year in jail for printing (for instance) that appropriate use of marijuana has been medically proven beneficial? No wonder the media is silent on the issue. They are gagged and must report only on negative aspects, i.e. against the use of so-called 'illicit' drugs. The few brave enough to publish pro-hemp articles carefully distance themselves from approving of pot.

Who decided that we citizens do not have the Right to discuss our own future?

Note that I am not proposing that anyone 'use illicit drugs'. I do not want to intentionally break any law, even though s. 462.2 is unconstitutional and therefore of no force or effect. Here, I will try to avoid its claws: Do not use illicit drugs. Instead, know that the laws that attempt to restrict our consumption of so-called 'illicit' drugs are themselves illicit, that is: not permitted by law; forbidden; improper; unlawful; illegal; illegitimate (from Latin for not allowed)<sup>5</sup>. This is not a joke. We must undo the attempt at absolute economic and cultural control and together, as friends, we will finally be able to rebuild our economy and ecology.

We can help those few who may have a drug 'abuse' problem with education, therapy, and friendship, while ignoring those individuals who simply 'choose' to responsibly 'use' psychoactive substances other than alcohol, tobacco, or caffeine. We did not ask for, nor do we want or need government approval for our private lives.

## WHAT CONSPIRACY?

Do not be fooled into thinking that because there is no closed and well-defined group of people regularly meeting for discussion there is therefore no conspiracy to prohibit hemp via marijuana. Loosely organized but tightly aimed, people have conspired to remove God's freely available gift from us. Having created Lies and Laws in their favour they openly discuss the eradication of cannabis and because of their authority and their apparent openness they do not appear as a conspiracy, but as 'concerned leaders'.

The psychedelic community must of course hide from the wrath of police and so can rarely communicate with the rest of the citizenry to set the matter straight and share information and friendship. Hopefully this review will bring together important people like you and me. We are the world. We are the people. We do make a difference. We must support and encourage the growth of democracy instead of silently condoning this totalitarian control of our personal lives.

S. 462.2, a law to close 'head shops' and stop 'heads' from teaching other people why and how to be a 'head', restrains (i.e. gags) people interested in publicly debating the benefits resulting from consumption of marijuana.

An April 21, 1992 press release says Clayton Ruby will defend the Canadian Director of the National Organization for the Repeal of Marijuana Laws (NORML), Mr. Umberto Iorfida, who was charged under s. 462.2, and that:

NORML's head office is situated in Mr. Iorfida's home. The York Regional Police raided these offices and seized corporate papers and video materials that NORML has created and collected for the purposes of political lobbying and action.<sup>6</sup>

Henry Boston, President of the B.C. Anti-Prohibition League said the charges have since been dropped. No doubt some people in the Canadian justice system realize the danger inherent in this unconstitutional law. Perhaps others want to keep the law 'on the books' and evade a court challenge they would be sure to lose, as this unduly restricts more than just our Freedom of Press.

Are we only allowed to discuss in print what some government officials decide we should discuss? Are we not allowed to share our knowledge with our own brothers and sisters and friends across the land? How did this happen in our beloved Canada, international leader in Human Rights? In the current political climate it is Icthally dangerous to talk positively about marijuana. Violent police teams are liable to beat down your door (and you).

Open discussion and information are essential to promote wiser voting in a democracy, and voting without wisdom is either gambling or idol worship.

Ordinarily search warrants may be served only by day; a special provision makes it legal to serve a narcotic search warrant at any hour of the night as well. In 1970 in the U.S., the Nixon administration's "no-knock law" permitted narcotics agents under certain circumstances to enter private premises without knocking.<sup>7</sup>

The "certain circumstances" occur frequently. The War On Drugs is demolishing our Canadian and American Constitutional protection of individuals, and has endangered our police by creating laws that make them treat us like cattle.

Los Angeles police officers are coming under increasing attack, with one in seven being assaulted in 1992, the city's police department announced Friday.

Cmdr. David Gascon said 1,162 of the department's 7,700 officers were attacked last year, compared with 1,056 in 1991.<sup>8</sup>



The Canadian Narcotic Control Act (NCA) restricts a list of substances itemized in its SCHEDULE. Heroin, amphetamines, and cocaine are listed alongside marijuana. The vast majority of people who smoke marijuana have never used any of the other items on the schedule, but some have indulged because the government lies to them about marijuana and they felt no choice but to do the research personally.

Technically, the penalty for distributing marijuana is the same assigned heroin, but the Justice system recognizes the vast difference between the two substances by handing down substantially smaller penalties for marijuana. If we recognize that the laws are incorrectly determined, why do they continue to oppress us?

With the schedule assigning marijuana as a narcotic, the DEFINITIONS of the NCA states that a narcotic addict includes a person who "has developed a desire or need to continue to take a narcotic". Using this definition of an 'addict', we see that if you have a desire to continue to drink milk, you would thereby be a milk addict.

Some people are addicted to heroin, tobacco, alcohol, or pharmaceuticals. Others regularly smoke marijuana, but no one is addicted to it. If someone smokes the strongest pot every day and stops, no ill effects arise apart from two or three days showing an increased tendency to have lucid dreams at night, and, proportional to the reason for quitting (e.g. court supervision, family coercion, poverty, or product unavailability) an occasional slight anxiety and desire. Giving up coffee is harder.

In 1988, Judge Francis Young concluded that "marijuana is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man."<sup>9</sup>

The vast majority of people who enjoy, and yes, even desire marijuana are not dependant and smoke only when they consciously decide to. Most of us enjoy our sessions with discretion and moderation. Many people who have smoked do not now smoke. Others begin or continue to infrequently or occasionally or regularly indulge. That the government terrorizes us with lethal force, expensive financial penalties, forfeiture of personal property, and incarceration, to make us 'behave' contrary to our own thoughts, opinions, conscience, and religion, is unacceptable.

As a society we must of course stand together and protect each other from each other - murder, fraud and theft are too easily committed. There is a clear need for a governing body for community interactions and a police force to protect people and their goods. But the state may only exercise certain powers. There is no way for the state to control a person's private moments without removing their privacy.

Any non-violent thing consenting adults do in private to themselves is none of your business. Individuals should be protected from people who would control them and make them behave contrary to their own personal beliefs.

That some people spend time stopping and starting smoking does not necessarily indicate that stopping permanently is difficult. Many people have stopped permanently, but if you were forced to stop doing something you thought benefited you, and forced to agree that you were "bad" for ever doing it at all, I hope you would rebel too. We should not throw people in jail on the basis of their lifestyle.

Should I be forced to stop drinking milk simply because I desire milk although I am allergic to it? What about meat, alcohol, tobacco, coffee, and tea? They contain drugs, and have been scientifically proven more harmful than marijuana. Those who condone prohibition should consider that there are substantial numbers of people who want to perfect your life. Some say you should stop eating meat. Some say you should stop drinking alcohol. Some would prohibit animal products, money, automobiles, and your religion. Did my ancestors all die in vain?



## A FEW WORDS EQUALS TRAFFICKING

To try and stop people from obtaining a plant they earnestly and sincerely desire, the restrictions on distribution (which the government calls trafficking) are extensive. Under DEFINITIONS, the NCA says that trafficking includes not only selling, but simply transporting, or even just offering to give someone marijuana.

"traffic" means

- (a) to manufacture, sell, give, administer, transport, send, deliver or distribute, or
- (b) to offer to do anything referred to in paragraph (a) otherwise than under the authority of this Act or the regulations.<sup>10</sup>

That means if you say to an undercover agent pretending to be your friend and begging for help "OK, OK, I'll get you some!" you are thereby guilty of trafficking in a narcotic and liable to imprisonment for life. There is no need to actually produce or have marijuana, the offer to give is targeted as sufficient proof of guilt.

Martin's Criminal Code records "the accused were properly convicted even if they only offered to sell narcotics as part of a scheme to defraud the purchaser of his money and with no intention of actually delivering the narcotic."<sup>11</sup> But this is fraud, not trafficking. The Law has an extreme fixation on the cannabis plant. An unauthorized importer or exporter was once 'liable to imprisonment for life but not less than seven years'. While this was in effect, no judge in Canada could hand out less than a seven-year jail sentence for carrying any amount of marijuana across the border.

In 1987 sanity temporarily prevailed in *Smith v. The Queen* and the seven-year minimum was declared unconstitutional by reason of its violation of Section 12 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms:

**Everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel or unusual treatment or punishment.**

In *Millbrook, The True Story of the Early Years of the Psychedelic Revolution*, Art Kleps explains why even these draconian laws do not stop exploration:

If the laws are so terrifying to white, middle-class kids, why don't they give up the drugs? That may be the crux of the bind in which non-psychedelic people are placed when they look at the situation objectively. They can't understand why so many perfectly rational, intelligent kids continue under such circumstances, to use psychedelics. It doesn't make any sense. So they just don't think about it.

The reason the kids don't give up the stuff is that it is inherently and profoundly good. When they first take acid they find the experience to be the most important and revelatory experience of their lives. What is generated is "the religious emotion" in its purest, most elemental form, so pure and so elemental that few know what to call it, even when they have it, not having been introduced to any pure and elemental things since infancy. ...

LSD should not be restricted to the intellectual elite — it can be of enormous service to "ordinary" people also, and they have as much right to it as anyone else.<sup>12</sup>

Prohibition—The War On People Who Use Drugs—is a crime. Soul's Right to control its mind and body is Sacred and will not be ceded to government.

# the many uses of cannabis

## NEW BILLION DOLLAR CROP

It hemp had not been suppressed we would be significantly richer today. Jim Young, technical editor for Pulp & Paper, said in From The Editors, June 1991:

A long-awaited mechanized breakthrough in removing the fiber-bearing cortex from the rest of the hemp stalk "without a prohibitive use of human labour" was described in a three-page article in the February 1938 issue of Popular Mechanics entitled, "The New Billion Dollar Crop." Written at the time of the federal Marijuana Tax Act of 1937, the article included the challenge, "If federal regulations can be drawn to protect the public without preventing the legitimate culture of hemp, this new crop can add immeasurably to American agriculture and industry." This was not to be, however. Perhaps not coincidentally, the Tax Act uprooted the billion-dollar crop (1938 dollars) before it could be planted.<sup>13</sup>

## THANK YOU JACK HERER

The very best resource on hemp and the conspiracy is a compendium Jack Merer authored over years of research. I highly recommend every person concerned with the conspiracy against cannabis and our civil and human rights read:

### HEMP & THE MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY:

### THE EMPEROR WEARS NO CLOTHES

The Authoritative Historical Record  
of the Cannabis Plant, Marijuana Prohibition, &  
How Hemp Can Still Save The World.

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To avoid cluttering this chapter with reference numbers, quotes — this typeface — in this chapter are extracts from or are assembled from extracts from The Emperor unless otherwise referenced<sup>14</sup>.

The 1938 Popular Mechanics article, reproduced in The Emperor, expounds in detail the many benefits of hemp:

Hemp is the standard fiber of the world. It has great tensile strength and durability. It is used to produce more than 5,000 products, ranging from rope to fine laces, and the woody 'hurds' remaining after the fiber has been removed contain more than seventy-seven per cent cellulose, and can be used to produce more than 25,000 products, ranging from dynamite to Cellophane.

The standard fiber of the world! And yet today most citizens of North America have little or no knowledge of the hemp resource, which studious research leads me to believe is the most important plant on the planet. I always knew the prohibition of marijuana was morally corrupt, but have recently learned it is an economic conspiracy: legally, socially, and economically indefensible.

## ECOLOGY

Some cannabis strains regularly reach tree-like heights of 20 feet or more in one growing season. Hemp roots anchor and invigorate the soil to control erosion and mudslides. Hemp can save family farms, create jobs, reduce acid rain and chemical pollution, and reverse the greenhouse effect.

When considered on a planet-wide, soil-wide, climate-wide basis, cannabis is at least four times and, more likely, 50 times richer in renewable biomass/cellulose potential than its nearest rivals on the planet - cornstalks, sugarcane, kenaf, trees, etc. Biomass can be converted to methane and methanol at a fraction of the current cost of oil, coal, or nuclear energy - especially when environmental costs are factored in - and its mandated use would automatically cleanse our air, end sulfur-based smog, and reverse the atmospheric carbon-dioxide imbalance on our planet.

There is no time to waste. Genetic stocks are threatened by unprofessional cultivation and ignorant eradication measures. This is a unique and valuable species and must be protected!

## PAPER AND BOARD

Hemp is the perfect material to replace trees for paper, card, particle board, and concrete construction forms. While ancient hemp processing was tiring unpleasant work, modern technology could make ready use of hemp pulp, fibre, and oil. In 1916, the United States Department of Agriculture, in Special Bulletin No. 404, said:

one acre of cannabis hemp, in annual rotation over a 20-year period, would produce as much pulp for paper as 4.1 acres of trees being cut down over the same 20-year period; and this process would use only 1/5 to 1/7 as much polluting sulfur-based acid chemicals to break down the glue-like lignin that binds the fibers of the pulp. The problem of dioxin contamination of rivers is avoided in the hemp paper making process, which does not use chlorine bleach (as the wood pulp paper making process requires) but instead safely substitutes hydrogen peroxide in the bleaching process.

From 75-90% of all paper in the world was made with cannabis hemp fiber until 1883; books, Bibles, maps, paper money, stocks and bonds, newspapers, etc.... Hemp fiber or rag paper can be torn when wet but returns to its full strength when dry. Rag paper is stable for centuries, barring extreme conditions. It will never wear out.

Our public libraries contain tree-paper books that are deteriorating rapidly while older hemp-paper books are virtually as good as new. We are going to lose a wealth of historic information because of the past and continued prohibition of cannabis hemp. Mr. Umberto Iorfida, Canadian National Director of NORML, says "Hypocritically, Canada purchases over \$10 million every year of hemp paper to produce money, obviously because of its resiliency."<sup>15</sup>

Why we are buying raw money material. Why are we giving jobs away?

Let's grow our own money! That'll help stretch our dollar...





## PETROCHEMICAL SUPPLEMENT

Hemp can be grown for biomass and converted through pyrolysis (charcoalizing) or biochemical composting into fuels to replace fossil fuel energy products. One product of pyrolysis, methanol, is today used by race car drivers and was used by American farmers and auto drivers routinely with petroleum/methanol options starting in the 1920s, through the 1930s, and even into the mid-1940s to run tens of thousands of auto, farm and military vehicles until the end of World War II. Methanol can be converted to gasoline and save 50% of the storage space.

Until about 1800, hemp seed oil was the most consumed lighting oil in America and the world. From then until the 1870s, it was the second most consumed, exceeded only by whale oil.

Plastic plumbing pipe (PVC pipes) can be manufactured using renewable hemp cellulose as the chemical feedstocks, replacing non-renewable petroleum-based feedstocks.

For thousands of years, virtually all good paints and varnishes were made with hemp seed oil and/or linseed oil. In 1935 alone, 116 million pounds (58,000 tons) of hemp seed were used in America just for paint and varnish.

Have you wondered why you cannot get the quality of varnish GrandPa used to use? You are forced to use petro-plastic. Varnish made with hemp seed oil is naturally more effective because it is not so removed from the live plant. I remember a childhood experience, and my father recalls it as well: We were shopping for varnish and the salesman complained "You just can't get the good varnish anymore, at any price. They don't make it anymore. I don't know why."<sup>15</sup>

## CLOTH

Approximately 50% of all chemicals used in American agriculture today are used in cotton growing. Hemp needs no chemicals and has virtually no weed or insect enemies - except for the government and the US DEA.

Until the 1820s in America and until the 20th century in most of the rest of the world, eighty percent of all mankind's textiles and fabrics for clothes, tents, linens, rugs, drapes, quilts, bed sheets, towels, diapers, etc., were made principally from cannabis fibers. Our forbearers knew that hemp is softer than cotton, warmer than cotton, more water absorbent than cotton, has three times the tensile strength of cotton, and is many times more durable.

When the patriotic, real life, 1776 mothers of the present day blue-blood "Daughters of the American Revolution" (the D.A.R.) of Boston and New England organized "spinning bees" to clothe Washington's soldiers, the majority of the thread was spun from hemp fibers. Were it not for the historically forgotten (or censored) and currently disparaged marijuana plant, the Continental Army would have frozen to death at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Modern Canadians could benefit from local cloth production as well.

The Free Trade Agreement being negotiated between Canada, Mexico, and the United States may still contain a clause wherein clothing manufactured with 100% North American materials will be able to cross borders. This would allow many American clothiers into Canada. Canadian manufacturers, who buy much of their fabric off-shore, would be constrained to their existing market or forced to purchase American textiles.

If Canadians were allowed to grow cloth our economy would flourish.

## THEY TOOK THE SHIRTS OFF OUR BACKS

The removal of cannabis from our storehouse has forced us to become dependant on Big Business when many families were partially or largely self-sufficient.

Homespun cloth was almost always spun from the "family" hemp patch until after the Civil War, and into the early 1900s, by Americans and people all over the world.

In the 1930s, Congress was told by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics that many Polish-Americans still grew pot in their backyards to make their winter "long Johns" and work clothes, and greeted the agents with shotguns for stealing their next year's clothes.

That our government, by force and lies, constrains us from using and sharing this natural resource is an ongoing insidious criminal act that must stop. Now.

## HEMP VS. SILK

From Marijuana - The First Twelve Thousand Years by Ernest L. Abel:

During the nineteenth century, Italy became one of the world's main hemp-producing centers, supplying hemp fiber to Switzerland, Germany, England, Portugal, and Spain. It was not for cord or heavy rope that Italian hemp was prized, however, but for the fine fabric and clothes that could be manufactured from its whitish fiber. In skilled Italian hands, hemp fiber was turned into a thread that almost equalled silk in its delicacy. It was much finer than cotton and certainly much stronger. Two and one-half pounds of hemp, for instance, could be spun into 600 miles of lace threads! For those who could afford them, tablecloths and specially designed dresses spun from fine Italian hemp were prized possessions.<sup>17</sup>

## CORDAGE

The Canadian military manual Coast Artillery Training Vol. II, printed in 1933, reprinted 1940, says on page 2, in Chapter I, Section I, paragraph 8:

The chief requisites of rope are strength, suppleness, and durability. Hemp, manila fibre, and coir are the materials from which service ropes are made. Of these, hemp is the strongest, and most reliable.<sup>18</sup>

The Emperor Wears No Clothes points out: The U.S.S. Constitution, a.k.a. "Old Ironsides" carried at least 60 tons of hemp in her sails, rigging, pennants, maps, bibles, and logs, and included well over four miles of hemp rope.

Throughout the world until 1883, 70-90% of all rope, twine, and cordage was made from hemp. Virtually every city and town in the world had an industry making hemp rope. Russia, however, was the world's largest producer and best-quality manufacturer, supplying 80% of the Western world's hemp from 1740 until 1940.

Is it any coincidence that as more and more world governments bow to the United States' idea of drug morality, more and more countries are suffering economically? Did we legislate millions of communities out of existence?

## CARPETING & CANVAS

Hemp fibre has potential in the manufacture of strong, rot resistant carpeting - eliminating the poisonous fumes of burning synthetic materials in a house or commercial fire, along with allergic reactions associated with new synthetic carpeting.

The word "canvas" is the Dutch pronunciation (twice removed, from French and Latin) of the Greek root word "Kannabis".

The paintings of Rembrandt, Van Gough, Gainsborough, etc., were primarily painted on hemp canvas, as were practically all canvas paintings.

## FOOD

Cannabis, which can be easily grown for seed, has saved many lives in times of drought. Hemp could be a staple crop worldwide but it has been taken from the many by the few without consent. The Emperor Wears No Clothes points out:

The marijuana hemp seed (which is technically a fruit) is the second most "complete" — with the eight essential amino acids — vegetable protein source on our planet. Soybeans alone have a bit more protein. However, hemp seed is many times cheaper and its protein is more efficiently utilized by the human body. The marijuana hemp seed is the highest in content of enzymes, edistins (globulated oils) and overall amino acids of any food on our planet, including soybeans. Hemp seed was regularly used in porridge, soups, and gruels by virtually all the people of the world up until this century. Monks were required to eat it three times a day.

Sprouting any seed improves its nutritional value and hemp can be sprouted and used like any other seed sprout for salads and cooking. Hemp seed (which produces no observable 'high') can either be pressed for its vegetable oil, leaving a high-protein seed cake as a by-product, or it can be sprouted (malting) and used like any other seed for salads or cooking.

Hemp seed was, until the 1937 prohibition law, the world's number-one bird seed, and also the birds' favorite of any seed food on the planet; four million pounds of hemp seed for songbirds were sold at retail in the U.S. in 1937. Birds will pick hemp seed out and eat them first from a pile of mixed seed. Birds in the wild live longer with hemp seed in their diet, using the oil for their feathers and their overall health.

All domesticated animals (dogs, cats), farm animals and poultry could be fed a nearly complete diet with just protein and fat (oil) extracted from hemp seed. Animals can acquire maximum weight gain for less than current costs without any artificial growth steroids or other drugs currently poisoning the food chain and the human race.

Canada's duty as an international leader is to recognize that Cannabis Hemp is one of the most important natural renewable resources on Earth and could help save our planet from ecological destruction. Apart from returning one of our most nutritious food sources. Knowledge Network (TV), Mar. 10, 1993, broadcast a show on How To Save The Earth that said if every country consumed oil the way the United States does all the oil would be gone in a decade. Why does the government protect harmful addictive petrochemicals instead of our Constitution?

## THE WORLD IS STARVING

The Emperor, truly a must-read compendium, educates us to the fact that:

By itself, widespread use of hemp seed food protein could save many of the world's children now dying of protein starvation. An estimated 60% of all children born in Third World countries (about 12-20 million a year) will die this way before reaching five years of age. Many times that number have their lives dramatically shortened and/or their brains decimated.

Hemp is a hearty plant that grows almost anywhere, even in adverse conditions. As have many countries throughout history, Australia survived two prolonged famines in the 19th century using nothing but marijuana seeds for protein and marijuana leaves for roughage.

The only more nutritious food is the soya bean but recent studies indicate that depletion of the ozone layer threatens to reduce world soya production by a substantial amount — up to 30% or even 50%, depending on the fluctuation of the density of the ozone shield. Hemp, on the other hand, resists the damage caused by increasing ultraviolet radiation and actually flourishes in it by providing more cannabinoids which provide protection from ultraviolet light.



Many animals eat birds and their eggs. Birds in the wild are essential to the food chain; and they continue to diminish in population due to — among other things like petrochemical pesticides—the lack of hemp seed! With hemp seed in their diet, birds live 10-20% longer, and their feathers have more oil, allowing longer flight. Prior to 1937, there were more than 10 million acres of seed-laden cannabis hemp growing wild in the U.S. Hundreds of millions of birds fed off them as their favorite and most necessary food until our government began its policy of total eradication of this most primary link in the food chain.

Hemp protein would provide the basic nutritional building block for a variety of tasty new foods. Its seed would be medical sciences food of choice for treating nutritional blocking illnesses such as tuberculosis. Hemp would supply domesticated animals with cheaper and better proteins, producing higher quality meats and healthier pets. Hemp would save the starving children around the world from brain damage and physical deformity.

When hemp is grown for seed, half the weight of the mature, harvested female plant is seed!

## MEDICINE

The Makhzan-El-Adwiya, a Muslim medical book of the 16th century, says On the medical qualities of hemp ... The leaves make a good snuff for deterring the brain; the juice of the leaves applied to the head as a wash removes dandruff and vermin; drops of the juice thrown into the ear allay pain and destroys worms and insects. It checks diarrhea, is useful in gonorrhoea, restrains the seminal emissions, and is diuretic. The powder is recommended as an external application to fresh wounds and sores, and for causing granulations, a poultice of the boiled roots and leaves for dressing inflammations and cure of erysipelas, and for allaying neuralgic pains. The dried leaves, bruised and spread on a castor-oil leaf, cure hydrocele and swollen testes.<sup>19</sup>

The Emperor explains more local use:

Cannabis extract medicines were produced by Eli Lilly, Parke-Davis, Tildens, Brothers Smith (Smith Brothers), Squibb and many other American and European companies and apothecaries. During all this time there was not one reported death from cannabis extract medicines and virtually no abuse or mental disorders reported, except for first-time or novice-users occasionally becoming disoriented or overly introverted.

For at least 3,000 years, prior to 1842, widely varying marijuana extracts (buds, leaves, roots, etc.) were the most commonly used real medicine in the world for the majority of mankind's illnesses. However, in Western Europe, the Roman Catholic Church forbade cures, or use of cannabis or any medical treatment except alcohol or blood letting, for 1200-plus years.

Varying marijuana and hashish extracts were the second or third most prescribed medicines in the United States from 1842 until the 1890s. Its legal medicinal use continued through the 1930s for humans and figured even more prominently in veterinary medicines during this time. Queen Victoria used cannabis resins for her menstrual cramps and PMS, and her reign (1837-1901) paralleled the enormous growth of the use of the Indian cannabis medicine in the English-speaking world.

In research in this century, cannabis has demonstrated therapeutic value and complete safety in the treatment of many health problems including anorexia, arthritis, asthma, depression, epilepsy, glaucoma, infection, migraines, nausea, rheumatism, stress, and tumours. And yet we are not allowed to insist upon this medicine? Who owns who? Our government, made up of employees like you and me, with varied physical and spiritual experience, has created laws that mean you are deemed incapable of caring for your own mind. But if you are incapable of making responsible decisions for your unique personal circumstances and goals, how can government employees like you be capable of making these decisions for millions of people they do not even vaguely know?

Marihuana - The First Twelve Thousand Years, by Ernest L. Abel, outlines the history of cannabis, medical and religious applications, and previous persecution. The next four sections quote that excellent work.<sup>20</sup>

## ENERGY GIVER

It has been alleged that smoking pot leads to Amotivational Syndrome. While this may appear true in some individual cases, Abel reports: In the case of marihuana, the fact that it was often associated with the poor and underprivileged in many countries throughout the world made it a convenient scapegoat upon which to blame an apparent lack of motivation on the part of those who used the drug.

Recent studies from Jamaica, however, indicate that where marihuana (ganja) is an intrinsic part of everyday life, work output at menial jobs does not suffer. In rural Jamaica, anthropologists report that "rather than hindering, [ganja permits its users to face, start and carry through the most difficult and distasteful manual labor.... workers are motivated to carry out difficult tasks with no decrease in heavy physical exertion, and their perception of increased output is a significant factor in bolstering their motivation to work."

## THERAPEUTIC USES

**Glaucoma.** In 1971, during experiments conducted for an altogether different purpose, researchers accidentally discovered that marihuana substantially reduced intraocular pressure. ... the third-leading cause of blindness in America. ... a disorder in which fluid pressure inside the eye increases and ultimately damages the optic nerve, causing blindness.... While marihuana has no curative action in the disorder, it is able to delay further loss of sight through its ability to reduce intraocular pressure. ... marihuana's efficacy in the treatment of glaucoma has been recognized at both the federal and state levels, and many glaucoma sufferers are able to use marijuana legally to treat their disorder.

Contrary to this view, few sufferers can use marijuana legally to treat their disorders; the medical profession is as terrified by the conspiracy as the rest of us.

**Cancer Chemotherapy.** As if they did not already suffer enough, cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy experience several disconcerting and unpleasant side effects of treatment such as vomiting and nausea. By chance, one such patient happened to use marihuana after receiving chemotherapy and he found that the vomiting he usually experienced was alleviated. He reported this effect to his doctors, and subsequent testing at the Harvard Medical School proved so satisfactory that marihuana has become a routine adjunct to cancer chemotherapy at some hospitals.

**Asthma.** Asthma is a respiratory disorder in which breathing becomes laboured due to constriction of the bronchial vessels of the lung. Among marihuana's many actions in the body is dilation of the bronchial vessels, allowing more air to enter the lung., Although there are other drugs which also produce bronchodilation, marihuana's actions turned out to be longer lasting.

**Epilepsy.** During the late 1940s, in one of the few studies to be conducted with marihuana, researchers reported a beneficial effect of the drug in the treatment of epilepsy. Five epileptic children were treated. In three cases, the outcome was the same as that seen with traditional drug therapy. In the other two, seizures were almost entirely suppressed for one child and were totally eliminated in the other, although conventional drug therapy had previously proven unsatisfactory. Although this report should have generated considerable interest among the medical profession, it was totally ignored until the 1970s when the anticonvulsant properties of certain cannabinoids (particularly cannabidiol) were rediscovered and are currently receiving clinical testing for possible formal use in the treatment of epilepsy.

## RELIGIOUS WORSHIP

Quoting J. M. Campbell from "On the Religion of Hemp", in the Indian Hemp Drugs Commission Report, Abel says:

... the holy men of India... believe that communication with their deities is greatly facilitated during intoxication with bhang. (According to one legend, the Buddha subsisted on a daily ration of one cannabis seed, and nothing else, during his six years of asceticism.) Taken in early morning, the drug is believed to cleanse the body of sin. Like the communion of Christianity, the devotee who partakes of bhang partakes of the god Siva.

To the Hindu the hemp plant is holy. A guardian lives in the bhang leaf.... To see in a dream the leaves, plant or water of bhang is lucky. ... No good thing can come to the man who treads underfoot the holy bhang leaf. A longing for bhang foretells happiness.

... Besides as a cure for fever, bhang has many medicinal virtues.... It cures dysentery and sunstroke, clears phlegm, quickens digestion, sharpens appetite, makes the tongue of the lisper plain, freshens the intellect, and gives alertness to the body and gaiety to the mind. Such are the useful and needful ends for which in his goodness the Almighty being made bhang....

It is inevitable that temperaments should be found to whom the quickening spirit of bhang is the spirit of freedom and knowledge. In the ecstasy of bhang the spark of the Eternal in man turns into light the murkiness of matter. ... Bhang is the Joygiver, the Skyflier, the Heavenly-guide, the Poor Man's Heaven, the Soother of Grief.

... No god or man is as good as the religious drinker of bhang....

The supporting power of bhang has brought many a Hindu family safe through the miseries of famine. To forbid or even seriously to restrict the use of so holy and gracious an herb as the hemp would cause widespread suffering and annoyance and to large bands of worshipped ascetics, deep-seated anger. It would rob the people of a solace in discomfort, of a cure in sickness, of a guardian whose gracious protection saves them from the attacks of evil influences....

So grand a result, so tiny a sin!

## EATING AND DRINKING

The only commonly acknowledged physical harm derived from consuming marijuana results from the act of smoking. Particles of any kind may be injurious when inhaled. If Canadians were Free to follow their Constitutional Rights, they would make a variety of foodstuffs and drinks like brownies and bhang.

Bhang is popular not just for its medicinal and psychedelic content but for a variety of other healthy ingredients. The First Twelve Thousand Years records one recipe from around the turn of the century suggested boiling:

BHANG					
Cannabis .....	220	grains	Cinnamon .....	10	grains
Poppy seed .....	120	grains	Cucumber seed .....	120	grains
Pepper .....	120	grains	Almonds .....	120	grains
Ginger .....	40	grains	Nutmeg .....	10	grains
Caraway seed .....	10	grains	Rosebuds .....	60	grains
Cloves .....	10	grains	Sugar .....	4	ounces
Cardamom .....	10	grains	Milk .....	20	ounces



## SMOKING

With the Canadian Government restricting Free Press (s. 462.2) I am somehow not 'allowed' to print an opinion that smoking marijuana appropriately can be beneficial, so I can not detail how it has so far benefited my outward life as a systems analyst, programmer, graphic artist, and author, nor my inward life and spiritual explorations. I will risk noting that marijuana and other psychedelics heighten perception and can increase the individual's artistic and analytical skills by providing an increased ability to grasp concepts and images and rationalize a series of parts into a whole.

## PHRASE AND FABLE

The Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, by the Rev. E. Cobham Brewer, LL.D., said in 1894 that: "to have some hemp in your pocket" means to have luck on your side in the most adverse circumstances. The phrase is French (Avoir de la corde-de-pendu dans sa poche), referring to the popular notion that hemp brings good luck.

Elsewhere in the same book, the Reverend tells us that the phrase Blue Ruin is slang for gin: Called blue from its tint, and ruin from its effects.<sup>21</sup>

Thousands of works throughout the ages indicate the popularity of cannabis hemp. The Manual of Dates, by George II. Townsend, 1867, has under the entry Hemp: This plant has been grown in Bengal from the earliest ages, and was woven into cloth by the ancient inhabitants of Thrace. It was introduced into England about 1139. Its cultivation was ordered by 24 Hen. VIII, c, 4 (1532). Its growth in the North American colonies was encouraged by 3 & 4 Anne, c, 10 (1703).<sup>22</sup>

## FIRST U.S. MARIJUANA LAW: GROW HEMP!

Our ancestors, brave and valiant people who understood the value of natural resources and human freedoms, were well aware of the necessity of maintaining a good national economy. The Emperor Wears No Clothes tells us: In 1616, America's first marijuana law was enacted at Jamestown Colony, Virginia, "ordering" all farmers to "make tryal of" (grow) Indian hemp seed. More mandatory (must-grow) hemp cultivation laws were enacted in Massachusetts in 1631. in Connecticut in 1632 and in the Chesapeake Colonies into the mid-1700s. You could even be jailed in America for not growing cannabis during several periods of shortage, e.g. in Virginia between 1763 and 1767.

## WARS PROTECTED CANNABIS

The military might of the United States and its misguided allies now tries to keep cannabis off the open market. It was not always so. One of the primary reasons for the War of 1812 that America fought with Great Britain was access to Russian cannabis hemp. Russian hemp was also the principle reason that Napoleon and his "Continental Systems" allies invaded Russia in 1812. In 1942, after the Japanese invasion of the Philippines cut off supply of Manila hemp, the U.S. government distributed 400,000 pounds of cannabis seed to American farmers from Wisconsin to Kentucky, who produced 42,000 tons of hemp fiber annually for the war effort until 1946.

## HEMP ALLOWED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Cannabis hemp was largely responsible for the success of the American revolution. Marihuana - The First Twelve Thousand Years points out that the King of England wanted New Englanders to grow hemp, ship the raw material to England, and purchase the resulting products. The colonists, however, used all the hemp they grew and were able to establish themselves and boycott English products. Hemp gave the colonists the ability to establish their independence.

## SAVE OUR RAINFORESTS

The North West is now removing the last few real Rainforests, a significant portion feeding the pulp and paper industry. Our forests are one of the main components of our weather system, not only cleansing the air, but helping produce the clouds that water our inland crops and fill our glasses. In British Columbia the Ministry of Forests continues to deny there is a problem even as demonstrators are so concerned that they are shackling themselves to forest access bridges and risking criminal records and jail sentences.

We clearly must manage the forest with our attention on economy of resource, rather than economy of labour. We have millions of unemployed people who would rather earn a modest wage in the forest than nothing in the city. Some forest workers have been fooled into this rape as well. Can we not see that demands for high wages helped make automation practical, affordable, and necessary? Now we tear down our forests so fast that a few people make a fortune while many starve.

Scientists probing the world's deserts with sophisticated imaging systems tell us that Egypt was once a lush green plain. Weather changes because of the land beneath; land changes because of the weather above. We are denuding the land on a colossal and unbelievable scale. Rainforests are a major portion of the weather system that used to make North America flourish. What now looks like thousands of little parks along the West Coast used to be the largest rainforest on the planet.

Contrary to the Ministry of Forests' opinion, it is increasingly clear that cutting down old-growth forest will stop, if for no other reason than we will soon run out of forest.

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee Educational Report reported in the Spring of 1992 that: Only 13 percent of the wild and stately forests on the southern third of Vancouver Island remain. Approximately 75 percent of the forests that existed in this region in 1954 had been clear-cut logged by 1990 at an average rate of 8,300 hectares per year. Continued cutting at this rate will see all unprotected ancient forests on southern Vancouver Island logged in the next 11.6 years.<sup>23</sup>

The editorial in the Victoria Times-Colonist February 7, 1993, says: The NDP seemed much more concerned about this pressing problem while in opposition. At the party convention in March of 1990, a policy document said: "Tragically, government policies have minimized the economic return . . . from our forest resources, while jeopardizing their environmental value... irreplaceable landscapes have been destroyed, wildlife disrupted, watersheds ruined and fisheries damaged." . . . Those same critics, put into power in November of 1991, now tell us in February of 1993 that a code governing logging won't make its debut until 1994.<sup>24</sup>

Some of our clear-cuts are proving to be difficult or impossible to reforest, others are growing poor timber, and at the very best a tree farm is not a forest. When a forest is clear-cut the animals, plants, and soil organisms are driven off or destroyed and it may be decades or forever before they return. Many clear-cut slopes have been devastated by rains and can not grow trees again without first being reconditioned with a plant like hemp. Save the world - plant air filters.

It is important to avoid confusing hemp and marijuana. The plant is sown in various densities to achieve various grades of hemp, densely packed short slender plants producing a finer thread. Grown for its fibre or pulp, the leaves of commercial hemp would not attract the attention of smokers if marijuana was available. Of course, while marijuana is illegal or exorbitantly expensive, a stand of any grade of hemp would not last long. Remove these shackles of bullets and turn the government's attention to widespread research and sowing of hemp. Clean our air, not our minds. And put our Constitution on some of that long-lasting hemp paper.

## OUT OF THE CLOSET

The 1977 Book Of Lists, by David Wallechinsky and Irving and Amy Wallace,<sup>25</sup> provides us with a number of well-known people who have indulged in various substances and sacraments. Among people who have used cocaine we find Robert Louis Stevenson, Sigmund Freud, A. Conan Doyle, Aleister Crowley, James Joyce, and me. (Well, I'm not actually listed in the book.) Having taken cocaine in Mariana Wine are Pope Leo XIII, Queen Victoria. President William McKinley, Sarah Bernhardt, and Thomas Edison. Hashish and Marijuana users include Pythagoras, Victor Hugo, Charles Baudelaire, Fredrich Nietzsche, Errol Flynn, Gene Krupa, Robert Mitchum, John. F. Kennedy, and me. Among the people who have taken LSD are Clare Boothe Luce, Anais Nin, Cary Grant, Alan Watts, John Lennon, Timothy Leary, and me. Opium has been experienced by Paracelsus, Samual Taylor Coleridge, Edgar Allan Poe, Thomas De Quincey, Charles Dickens, and me. Peyote or Mescaline has been explored by W.B. Yeats, Hermann Hesse, Aldous Huxley, Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg, Hunter S. Thompson, and me...

The Patriotic Canadians For Hemp newsletter The Hemp Patriot, issue #5, adds a few more public faces to the list of vocal anti-prohibition advocates:

More and more famous personalities are speaking out in defence of hemp. Musical artists like The Black Crows, Sinead O'Connor, Sound Garden, Cypress Hill, Willie Nelson, Pearl Jam and others have been educating the public about the many benefits of this wonderful plant. On a Canadian note, Pierre Berton, renowned author and 'Front Page Challenge' star, was recently questioned by CiTR Radio host Nardwar the Human Serviette on whether he had experimented with any drugs in the sixties, like LSD or Marijuana. Berton replied that he didn't experiment with pot, he smoked it. This Pillar of Canadian Society went on to say he still enjoyed the occasional toké with his kids. Pierre Berton Patriotic Canadians salute you!<sup>26</sup>

## B.C.'S TOP CROP

According to an article in the December 7, 1992 edition of the Victoria Times-Colonist Marijuana has become the top cash crop in British Columbia.

Police say the retail value of pot grown in Vancouver alone probably comes close to the value of all the agriculture in the province.

The article quoted Ron Charles of the B.C. Agriculture Ministry, who usually deals with dairy production, B.C.'s most valuable farm product at \$245 million a year as saying marijuana is easily B.C.'s most profitable crop, selling for \$3,000 for about 450 grams wholesale and \$15 a gram on the street (and that 1 "in a year someone can grow a million dollars worth of marijuana in the basement of a house."

Sgt. Jens Linde, in charge of the "soft drug" section of Vancouver's drug squad, estimates there are up to 1,000 marijuana-growing operations in the city.... With three crops annually, Vancouver's pot-growing houses have a potential value of \$750 million a year.<sup>27</sup>

Many Europeans, Australians, Africans, Asians, and North and South Americans: the world's employers, employees, authors, musicians, artists, priests, plumbers, pipefitters, mechanics, programmers, analysts, dancers, politicians, and I, want to grow and use marijuana and other psychedelics, and research and develop hemp products. Professors and Scientists agree: our Police should protect us, not beat and kill us; our governments should respect us, not lock us away like criminals.

**HEMP COULD SAVE THE PLANET!**

**WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?**

# drug control or world domination?

## DUPONT & 1937 MARIJUANA TAX ACT

While the prohibition of marijuana was being discussed and put into effect, the industrialists who would benefit by this conspiracy were hard at work claiming they could replace hemp. The hemp oil business, for instance, went principally to DuPont petrochemicals, who had helped pave the road for prohibition. Congress and the Treasury Department were assured through secret testimony by DuPont in 1935-37 directly to Herman Oliphant for the Treasury Dept. that hemp seed oil could be replaced with synthetic petrochemical oil made principally by DuPont. Oliphant was responsible for drafting the Marijuana Tax Act that was submitted to Congress.

The Emperor Wears No Clothes points out that:

in DuPont's 1937 Annual Report to its stockholders, the company strongly urged action (investment) despite the economic chaos of the Great Depression. DuPont was anticipating "radical changes" from the "revenue raising power of government... converted into an instrument for forcing acceptance of sudden new ideas of industrial and social organization."

During this same period, U.S. Congress passed the first tax act to be used to 'prohibit conduct' rather than 'raise revenue'. The National Firearms Act, passed in June 1934, permitted anyone to buy a machine gun, but required them to pay a \$200 transfer tax (about \$4000 in 1989 dollars) and carry out the purchase on an order form. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the anti-machine gun law March 29, 1937.

Oliphant, who had been sitting on the secret marijuana tax bill for two years, undoubtedly awaiting the Court's decision on the prohibition tax on machine guns, had the Treasury Department suddenly introduce its marijuana tax bill just two weeks later, April 14, 1937.

Once the tax bill passed and DuPont's competition squashed, they went for our throat. Literally.

DuPont and other companies have created strains of grain — for example wheat — that grow only with their petro-chemical fertilizers. Their intention is to eradicate the surviving natural wheat and rye seeds, in the name of their personal corporate profits, leaving the planet at their corporate mercy for their hybrid strains which must have their petro-chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Corn is already so hybridized that it is not expected to last 50 years without human intervention. If for any reason these hybrids die out, as hybrids are apt to do, we will be without wheat forever!

Wild strains are being wiped out by the domestication of land. The Mayans had over 400 different kinds of potatoes. You have probably never tasted more than 5. Natural heritage and wealth is being lost. The meek will have no earth to inherit. That hemp is kept from the people even as we approach an ecologic and economic black hole two decades after the Canadian Government's own Le Dain Commission findings is villainous. Advocating decriminalization, the commission assured us:

Cannabis does not normally seem to increase aggression and apparently often reduces it... Marijuana is not significantly associated with violent behaviour, and it does not apparently contribute to crime, as alcohol does. <sup>28</sup>



When mechanical hemp fiber stripping machines and machines to conserve hemp's high-cellulose pulp finally became state-of-the-art, available and affordable in the mid-1930s, the enormous timber acreage and businesses of the Hearst Paper Manufacturing Division, Kimberly Clark (USA), St. Regis—and virtually all other timber, paper and large newspaper holding companies—stood to lose billions of dollars and perhaps go bankrupt.

Coincidentally, in 1937 DuPont had just patented processes to make plastics from oil and coal, as well as new sulfate/sulfite processing to make paper from wood pulp which would, according to their own corporate records and historians, account for over 80% of all its railroad carloadings for the next 50 years.

In the 1920s and 30s, Hearst's newspaper chain led the deliberate new yellow journalism campaign to have hemp outlawed. From 1916 to 1937, as an example, the story of a car accident in which a marijuana cigarette was found would dominate the headlines for weeks, while alcohol-related car accidents (which outnumbered marijuana-related accidents by more than 1,000 to 1) made only the back pages.<sup>29</sup>

Hears! was a vociferous propagandist about the 'evils of marijuana' through his nation-wide newspaper chains. Headline lies like

**MARIHUANA MAKES FIENDS OF BOYS IN 30 DAYS:  
HASHEESH GOADS USERS TO BLOOD-LUST**

were a significant contribution to the perversion of justice.

### AMA IGNORED

In 1937 Dr. James Woodward of the American Medical Association, informed that one of our most important medicines, cannabis, was to be suddenly outlawed, said:

"We cannot understand yet, Mr. Chairman, why this bill should have been prepared in secret for two years without any intimation, even to the profession, that it was being prepared."

He said in effect, the whole fabric of federal testimony was tabloid sensationalism! No real testimony was being used in its passage! This law could possibly in ignorance deny the world a potential medicine, especially now that the medical world was just beginning to find which ingredients in cannabis were active. The AMA doctors had just realized 'two days before' these Spring, 1937 hearings, that the plant Congress intended to outlaw was known medically as cannabis—the benign substance used in scores of illnesses, for 100 years in America, with perfect safety.

When the Marijuana Tax Act bill came up for oral report, discussion, and vote on the floor of Congress, only one pertinent question was asked from the floor: "Did anyone consult with the AMA and get their opinion? Representative Vinson answering for the Ways and Means Committee replied, "Yes, we have, a Dr. Wharton [mistaken pronunciation of Woodward?] and [the AMA] are in complete agreement!" With this memorable lie, the bill passed, and became law in September, 1937.<sup>30</sup>

As fate would have it, many of the most adamant supporters of the War on Drugs are drug users themselves, regularly prescribed tranquilizers or barbiturates or other mind/body-influencing substances that they then use to 'medicate' themselves whenever and wherever they personally choose. The fact is, many people take 'sleep-ease' drugs and 'wake-up' drugs and 'anti-depressant' drugs at will. Many people are at work today under the influence of these or other drugs like alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine. Most of these people do not consider themselves 'drug users', and yet someone who consumes only marijuana is in comparatively little danger.

Dominating North America is not possible with just brute force. There are many psychological tricks played on us as well. George Bernard Shaw reminded us: <sup>31</sup> "A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul," and we find people defending the state's supposed right to define what goods are produced by industry and what books people may read, so as to defend their own personal status and lifestyles that may be altered when hemp farming resumes supplementing national energy and materials requirements. Apart from the suppression of research and education, false information is disseminated so as to appear as fact. One TV commercial in early 1992 showed a fellow in a darkened room. A friend entered and they apparently smoked some marijuana, though the smoking was not shown. Obviously satisfied with the result, this could almost have been an advertisement for pot until a woman's voice from off-camera asked this fellow if he had found a job yet, the implication being that smoking pot keeps him unemployed.

Maybe it docs, let's re-legalize it so he can get a job. There are two problems here. First, consider the life-threatening dangers this fellow subjects himself to in order to enjoy a little relaxation with a friend. It is not surprising the drapes are drawn. He is trying to avoid being 'busted'. If smoking marijuana was still legal, he would have no need to hide away like a criminal. He would have no need to be wary of his neighbour or employer, for fear of beatings and jail. The fact that he is paranoid doesn't mean people are not really out to 'get' him! Second, by portraying the smoking of marijuana to be enjoyable, the advertising promotes it. Since when was laughter a crime? Isn't 'fun' one reason we drink alcohol? The War On Drugs has made many people restrict their life to avoid confrontation with authorities, who insist they're our enemies, to enjoy something proven less harmful than alcohol.

Excerpted from the March 4, 1993 Ann Landers in the Victoria Times-Colonist: Kids are incredibly clever at hiding their addictions. We learned that drugs had created a chemical imbalance in his brain and his poor eating habits added to the problem. In the morning, Johnny's blood sugar was so low his tantrums and violent behavior were frightening. If I could keep things calm until he'd eaten breakfast, he would behave in a civil manner, but nothing can work when a person is into drugs.

Nothing can work when a person is into drugs because the state terrorizes them. The war forced this boy from his mother and father, and into addiction and crime. If he had been allowed to discuss this experience he had found years ago... if he had not been forced to hide from and lie to his own mother and father... if his parents knew of the conspiracy to criminalize marijuana to remove hemp from our nations' resources... then Johnny would probably not have committed real crime. Most people who are sick from substance abuse would not have to be in their own little worlds hiding from strangers and the boot of the gestapo. The tension produced by the war has split wife from husband, parents from children, employer from employee. Parents who choose are forced to lie to their own children about 'that bag', so the innocent honesty of their children will not be used against them. Our world seems full of smaller and smaller groups turning against one another, instead of larger and larger groups getting together for peace and prosperity. Why?

It is not the drugs that have caused the various schisms. The underlying tension in our society is because the government insists WE ARE AT WAR with ourselves. Reactions to the War On Drugs are the world's biggest impediment to progress, producing most of the problems that the proponents of war blame on the drugs. The fear of beatings and death makes people much more anti-social and paranoid than marijuana or cocaine could ever do. The isolation this tension produces encourages the very abuse the war purportedly tries to stop, as people live disconnected from the larger world. This isolation fosters a disrespect for all authority and laws.

To once again be a free people we must not tolerate this burgeoning Police State. Right now people apparently claim you and I have no right to determine what we will put into our own bodies to modify our own consciousness, and no right to determine how we will spend our individual moments of time alone or together.

History has shown us a number of systems of government. 1. Which one do we want? 2. Which one do we have? 3. Which one are we working toward? Answers:

1. democracy

a government that is run by the people who live under it. In a democracy, the people rule either directly through meetings that all may attend, such as the town meetings in New England, or indirectly through the election of certain representatives to attend to the business of running government.

2. totalitarian

of or having to do with a government controlled by one political group which suppresses all opposition, often with force, and which controls many aspects of people's lives. A totalitarian government usually regulates what goods are produced by industry, what radio and television programs are broadcast, what books people may read, and other severe controls on private life. Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy had totalitarian systems of government.

3. fascism

any system of government in which property is privately owned, but all industry and labor are regulated by a strong national government, while all opposition is rigorously suppressed.<sup>32</sup>

It is my understanding that the democratic representatives are called that because they represent their constituents, who, for want of time and space, cannot all attend government meetings. Our representatives have never been given the authority to dictate to us how we will control our consciousness, our worship, or our stomachs. The "business of running government" does not include running my home or my mind. It is beyond my ken how any person feels they have the right, by themselves or with a group, to prevent me from controlling my body and mind.

### MIGHT MAKES RIGHT

About August 1990, on the 700-block of Granville Street in Vancouver B.C., I observed a Police Officer stop his car behind a boy appearing to be about 18 years old. The officer quickly tackled the boy from behind, pushing his face into the sidewalk before the boy even knew he was being approached. Perhaps this young lad, about half the weight of the policeman, was a known criminal with martial arts capability of lethal defence? More likely this public display of brutality was intended to terrorize local drug dealers.

It seems that police feel they have a right to be abusive and that 'the ends justify the means', but when we so easily resort to force to make people obey laws questioned by a large portion of our society, we teach children to solve their problems with force as well. On July 17th, 1992, News Services reported from Bridgeport Connecticut:<sup>33</sup>

An 11-year-old girl was in fair condition yesterday after being shot by a 13-year-old boy who thought she short-changed him by 35 cents when he gave her money to buy candy, police said. . . . Claiming he was swindled, the boy fired and missed, then fired again, hitting Lakesha Belcher in the neck, said Det. Lester Garrett. The boy was apprehended.

Children, teenagers, and adults are taught that violence is the way justice is handled. They see many influential people getting away with various political and financial crimes and have lost their respect for police in particular and authority in general. Why do police and politicians think they do not have to earn our respect? Partly because drug laws encourage them to believe they are a special class of people invested with the power to control our personal behaviour.

It is common knowledge that some Law Enforcement officials take bribes to ignore drug trafficking, helping make it clear to our citizens that the offence is of no great concern. Murder and theft are not so commonly ignored, but because the War On Drugs has driven the prices to incredible heights, large sums of money are available for bribery. National Geographic warns:<sup>34</sup>

Whenever cocaine is smuggled in big quantities, bribes must be offered along the way; and when these are commensurately big, there will be takers among those who are the most powerful — the politicians, the leaders of the armed forces. As publicly revealed of late, this has been so in Paraguay and Honduras. In Haiti. Panama. Mexico. Involving tens of millions of dollars.

The article, published in 1989, hints at the profits available:

Bought for about \$2,000, each kilo (2.2 pounds) can sell for \$12,000 to \$17,000. Rising production has dropped the wholesale price from the 1979 peak of \$70,000. But profits still outweigh the dangers of running a commodity as costly as gold.

A Victoria Times-Colonist article on August 4, 1992 gives us a more recent price estimate: police valued thirteen kilograms of cocaine at nine million dollars.

This sounds ridiculously high to me, but then I do not buy, sell, or use cocaine. No doubt it is the supposed value if everything was sold in small packets. In any event, the War On Drugs is a very lucrative war. and not just for the major traffickers. Apart from bribery, many people make a very good salary from the prohibition. It is no surprise that many Law Enforcement Officials do not want the war to end.

Try asking a munitions manufacturer if a 'regular' war should be stopped. The war in Vietnam made some people wealthy. Western society provided both Iran and Iraq with the weapons they used against each other. Talk about controlling the economy—sell two supposed U.S. enemies the tools to wipe each other out! The current prohibition war is also making many people rich, as the suppression of hemp has benefited a few industries and individuals while oppressing many.

## SHADY EVIDENCE

In the July 9, 1992 edition of the Victoria Times-Colonist Gordon Hunter posed a question on what he calls the "once-again ludicrous justice system that would allow drug dealers to be released because the justice system would not release the identity of the informants". He asked "if those informants gave honest evidence, why should there be any necessity of publicizing their names?" and goes on to say that this is "another example of what the badly misnamed Bill of Rights is doing to real justice in Canada."

Let us examine Mr. Hunter's supposition that "those informants gave honest evidence". This is the crucial point. How do we determine if a person gave honest evidence? The accuser stands up in court and makes the claim, and the defendant offers his or her defence. How is the defendant to properly prepare that defence without knowing who is charging them? Perhaps the accuser is the guilty party.

This is not as farfetched as it might seem at first. All around us are people willing to absolve themselves of guilt by pointing their finger at someone else. Read on.



## JUSTICE BOUGHT AND SOLD

On Street Stories (CBS) July 9, 1992, North America saw how Leslie Ohta championed Connecticut's anti-drug asset-forfeiture law, netting the state approximately twenty-six million dollars in property! One particularly chilling story concerned a couple who have had their house and property seized because they were accused of storing marijuana. Their accuser had been caught growing marijuana and charged with cultivation for the purposes of trafficking and had named these people in exchange for having the charges dropped. The camera clearly showed that his property was worth significantly less than the newly-confiscated property.

The accused have never been searched. Police have not once been in the house looking for marijuana. The couple have spent \$32,000 in legal fees and at air time were fortunately being 'allowed' to continue living in their own home until trial. They were first accused of storing "300 pounds", then "200 pounds", then "under 100" pounds, and finally "1 pound".

A restaurant they had invested some of their hard-earned money in was also being forfeited because 'the money must have come from drug dealing'. Remember now, this is all from an accusation by an apprehended drug dealer in exchange for his freedom and property. They had a film showing the plant material found during his arrest. Easy conviction, but poorly kept property. The State traded up.

Street Stories went on to explain that Leslie Ohta's teenage son had been caught trafficking in LSD from her car, and trafficking in marijuana from her living room in her house. When asked why her property wasn't being forfeited she looked embarrassed and said something to the effect of I know I am OK, but I don't know these other people. How fortunate she knows someone with influence.

## HANG US ALL

The United States and Canada are of course not the only governments to make war on their own people. The Victoria Times-Colonist reported June 27, 1992 that:

Chinese authorities executed at least 27 drug traffickers Friday and burned tonnes of opium and heroin to dramatize their war on drug smuggling.

Yu Lei, secretary general of China's National Narcotics Control Commission, told a news conference that 866 people were given death sentences for drug crimes last year, including an unspecified number whose sentences were suspended.<sup>36</sup>

Victoria Times-Colonist Columnist Gorde Hunter's 'One man's opinion' column of August 6, 1992 is subheadlined Crackdown by Chinese good model. Excerpts:

I was glad to hear from former Victoria police chief Jack Gregory, who had just returned from a trip to [China]. He informed me about capital punishment and the drug problem there ... During the first six months of this year, at least 277 narcotics traffickers were executed in southwest China's Yunnan province.... China has what it calls "five evils" — prostitution, pornography, the abduction of women and children, trafficking in drugs and gambling. ... So China would seem to be moving very strongly to eliminate most of its criminal problems and I'm sure that Jack Gregory backs such a move and that if he was once again a local police chief he would do everything in his power to bring about the same moves in the Greater Victoria area.... Surely our governments — federal, provincial, and municipal — should be moving in the same direction.<sup>37</sup>

Fortunately for Mr. Hunter and his ilk, cannabis advocates demand a non-violent solution. Elimination by execution is unacceptable. Surely our governments should be moving away from a society where we kill people who do not agree with us.

The prohibition laws have created a social attitude where people believe that their neighbour's personal lives are open for public persecution.

Dear Ann Landers: Our next-door neighbor is growing marijuana in his backyard. I can see it from my house, so others must be able to see it, too. One night I walked onto his property and up to his back porch (where the pot was growing) and picked two leaves to turn over to the local police. Soon after, a search was made, and he was arrested. Somehow my neighbour found out who turned him in and intends to press charges against me for trespassing and theft of property. I've been told he may have a leg to stand on. Is this possible? Michigan

Dear Michigan: He may have two legs to stand on. You need a lawyer.<sup>38</sup>

What's next? Should I sneak into your house to see if you're molesting children?

### JUST SAY NO

A central ridiculous twist to the war is Nancy Reagan's catch-phrase "Just Say No". This is called personal choice, but we can't say no if we can't say yes.

**If you do not want to smoke pot, hashish, or tobacco, please do not. If you do not want to drink alcohol, please do not. Just Say No.**

In today's repressive social engineering climate the 'state' is trying to remove our Right to make our own decisions. Alcohol education materials commonly use the phrase "It's your choice." That is all cannabis advocates are asking for. We are not asking that alcohol or tobacco be made illegal, in spite of their proven dangers. We want a reduction in tension and state interference with our personal lives and are simply saying that no government or organization has the right to control the interior of our bodies, nor what we consume or think. We demand our Right to evolve in our own manner be recognized as inalienable.

Marijuana has been clinically proven safer and healthier than the tobacco, alcohol, and pharmaceuticals it would compete with in an open and educated marketplace. It is not surprising that American drug companies and pharmacist groups supply almost half the funding for the 4000 "Families Against Marijuana" type organizations in America. The other half is supplied by Action, a Federal VISTA agency, and by liquor and beer makers like Anheuser Busch and Coors.<sup>39</sup>

### GOVERNMENT RECORDS DESTROYED

That government conspires at various levels and offices to hide the truth from the people is evidenced by the concerted attempt by the United States Government to hide the existence of the film "Hemp For Victory". This is a film created in 1942 by the United States Department of Agriculture encouraging the cultivation of hemp. Jack Herer, Jim Evans, and others have been involved in bringing the truth to light for some time. Jack Herer reports in *The Emperor Wears No Clothes* that,

for the last fifteen years the USDA, its library, and the Library of Congress have told or written the media and all other interested parties... that no such movie was ever made by the USDA or any branch of the US government.

and offers a letter to Jim Evans dated June 19, 1989 from the United States Department of Agriculture saying:

We contacted the Washington DC office of the Department of Agriculture and also the Federal Audio Center and have been unable to locate any film with the title "Hemp for Victory" that was produced by any department of the federal government.

Fortunately, their personal search for a government listing had paid off a month earlier with an entry in an old issue of the United States Library of Congress Catalog - Motion Pictures and Filmstrips and in the June 1945 edition of the Educational Film Guide. To secure our true history two VHS copies of the film were donated to, and accepted by, the Library of Congress on May 19, 1992.<sup>40</sup>

In another attempt to change history:

Some 10,000 studies were done on cannabis, 4,000 in the U.S.. and only about a dozen have shown any negative results and these have never been replicated. The Reagan/Bush Administration put a soft "feeler" out in September of 1983, for all American universities and researchers to destroy all 1966-76 cannabis research work, including compendiums in libraries. Scientists and doctors so ridiculed this unparalleled censorship move that the plans were dropped... for the moment.<sup>41</sup>

## GETTING RICH OFF PROHIBITION

Many people profit from the war. Law enforcement agencies, pharmaceutical companies, cotton growers, forest companies, OPEC, and Organized Crime are obvious examples. The Emperor Wears No Clothes tells us:

In America, marijuana's most outspoken opponent is none other than [ex-]president George Bush, former Director of the C.I.A. under Gerald Ford (1975 to January 1977) and past director of President Reagan's "Drug Task Force" (1981 -1988).

It is a little known fact that, after leaving the C.I.A. in 1977, Bush was made director of Eli Lilly (a large pharmaceutical company) by none other than Dan Quayle's father and family who owned controlling interest in the Lilly company and the Indianapolis Star.

The entire Bush family were large stockholders in Lilly, Abbott, Bristol, and Pfizer, etc.

After Bush's disclosure of assets in 1979, it became public that Bush's family still has large interest in Pfizer and substantial amounts of stock in the other aforementioned drug companies.

In fact, Bush actively lobbied illegally both within and without the Administration as vice President in 1981 to permit drug companies to dump more unwanted, obsolete or especially domestically-banned substances on unsuspecting Third World countries.

While Vice President, Bush continued to illegally act on behalf of pharmaceutical companies by personally going to the I.R.S. for special tax breaks for certain drug companies manufacturing in Puerto Rico. In 1981, Vice President Bush was personally ordered to stop lobbying the I.R.S. on behalf of the drug companies by the U.S. Supreme Court itself.<sup>45</sup>

Is this the example we want our children to follow? We are desperate for a cleansing of our ridiculous laws that threaten my life for personally exploring the realm of psychedelia while allowing devious business people to profit from innocent people's naive faith in salespeople. Hopefully Bill Clinton will not let us down. Mr. President — North America needs change now. You have said<sup>43</sup> "The urgent question of our time is whether we can make change our friend and not our enemy." You have appealed for "the vision and courage to reinvent America" and asserted "There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America." Please help America help Canada create a world of peace and sharing, of education leading to self-worth. Let us not focus on what people choose to consume. The few people who suffer from real drug abuse need compassion, not bullets.

The March 1990 issue of the VIDEA Newsletter reports in its Editor's Notes:

We see that traditional societies have used the natural forms of what we consider illegal drugs for centuries without problems. We also see that our most serious addictions, alcohol, nicotine, and pharmaceutical drugs, are not a part of the 'war on drugs' agenda. In fact, industries in industrialized countries are actively promoting these addictions in developing countries.

Perhaps this is where the greatest crime is being committed. Products that have proven lethal in Europe and North America and have been banned or are actively opposed, are being flogged with impunity in developing countries. The unsuspecting public in developing countries have yet to learn that the Marlborough Man died of cancer."

An article in the same VIDEA Newsletter provides details:

Clioquinol (manufactured by Ciba Geigy) is a drug widely used as a treatment for diarrhoea and stomach disorders - endemic problems for much of the Third World. It is effective against only one cause of diarrhoea, and to be able to say which requires the use of laboratory facilities. In the 1960's the drug was linked to a crippling, sometimes fatal disease of the nervous system. In Japan alone, the drug has disabled 11,000 victims, 900 of whom died. Although the drug is now banned in Japan, U.S., Scandinavia and New Zealand, it is still available in the Third World under fourteen brand names with thirteen different sets of instructions. One brand has no instructions. All of this for a drug which is of limited use at the best of times.<sup>45</sup>

## SCIENTIFIC LIES

The Emperor Wears No Clothes reports:

Incredibly, a famous study which found that cannabis reduces tumors was originally ordered by the Federal Government on the premise that pot would hurt the immune system. This was done on the "Reefer Madness" studies done by the disreputable Dr. Gabriel Nahas of Columbia University in 1972.

This is the same Dr. Nahas that claimed his studies showed pot created chromosome, testosterone damage, and countless other horrible effects which suggested the breaking down of the immune system. Nahas' background is in the OSS/CIA and later the UN where he worked closely with Lyndon LaRouche and Kurt Waldheim.

Nahas is still the darling favorite of the DEA and NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse) yet no anti-marijuana studies of Nahas' have ever been replicated in countless other research attempts. Columbia University specifically disassociated themselves from Nahas' marijuana research in a specially-called press conference in 1975!

Old, discredited Nahas studies are still trotted out by the Drug Enforcement Administration today, and deliberately given to unknowledgeable parents' groups, churches, and PTA's as valid research regarding the evils of pot.

... the National Institute of Health (NIH) in 1976 specifically forbade Nahas from getting another penny of U.S. government money for cannabis studies because of his embarrassing research in the early 1970s.

Nahas, in December, 1983, under ridicule from his peers and a funding cut-off from NIDA renounced all his old THC metabolite build-up and unique chromosome petri dish tissue damage studies, conclusions, and extrapolations.

Yet the DEA, NIDA, VISTA, the "War on Drugs" and writer Peggy Mann (in Reader's Digest articles and her book Marijuana Alert, with foreword by Nancy Reagan) have used these discredited studies on parent's groups such as Parents for a drug Free Youth, etc., often with Nahas as a highly paid guest lecturer, without a word of how his studies are really considered by his peers.<sup>46</sup>



# danger legally condoned

Contrary to the scare literature that has been dispersed by government and privately funded agencies, marijuana has long been known by medical authorities to be far safer than alcohol, tobacco and even drugs like aspirin. There is no recognized "toxic dose" with Cannabis ingestion, as there is for aspirin and alcohol. There have been no (0, zero) deaths attributed to cannabis use.

The state purportedly prohibits cannabis and other psychedelic sacraments because drugs are supposedly a threat to mental health. This threat is alleged by the Third Edition, Revised, of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA). The DSM implies that any and all use of cannabis and psychedelics is sickness.<sup>47</sup>

Marijuana has been in use for over twelve thousand years for religious devotion, medical treatment, and relaxation. Our society's Arts and Sciences, especially Medicine, has had to ignore its properties due to prohibition, and industry has invented chemicals that attempt to mimic its actions. Unfortunately, chemists' solutions tend to have detrimental side-effects. Many herbs have been outlawed while industrialists claim to perfect formulas that mimic the essence of these very natural resources, but taken out of context an essence is sometimes naught.

## STEROIDS

People continue to be force-fed 'modern medicine'. The government should not be restricting us from practising natural medicine, i.e. herbs and dietary discipline.

A judge has awarded the widow of longtime union leader William Mahoney more than \$150,000 in damages from a Toronto doctor whose negligence led to her being blinded by glaucoma. . . . Now 73, Mahoney sued (Dr. Gregory Jarvis and the drug store from which she bought steroid eye drops that the ophthalmologist had prescribed for her. . . . Finding that the plaintiff had used 30 bottles of the eyedrops, which were known to elevate pressure within the eyes, [Justice Dennis] Lane said he believed that Jarvis's negligence led to the total blindness of the patient.<sup>48</sup>

## ANTIDEPRESSANTS

The Times-Colonist reported July 18, 1992, that certain antidepressant drugs administered to Cancer patients are now suspect:

A recent study concludes that two common antidepressants promote tumors in mice and rats — a finding which raises questions about the safety of administering these drugs to people with cancer. The study, published in the July issue of Science, found that Elaviland Prozac acted as tumor promoters — that is, they did not cause cancer by themselves but accelerated the growth of existing tumors.

People with cancer are three times more likely to suffer from depression - and be prescribed antidepressants - than the general population. "Effective drug therapy for depression is especially important for patients with cancer, where quality of life often is already compromised from the side effects of surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy," says his study.

Prozac [has] also inspired numerous lawsuits in the United States. In what has been dubbed the "Prozac defence," several criminal defendants have blamed the drug for their violent outbursts.<sup>49</sup>

Marijuana, psilocybin, and many popular drugs do not cause violent outbursts. They typically promote insight, understanding, and enthusiasm.

The Victoria Times-Colonist reported September 10, 1992, that Charles Westover committed suicide in February 1990, at age 55. His wife, LeAnne Westover, is "convinced that Prozac caused him to commit suicide." Charles was better known as Del Shannon, the singer of the 60's classic Runaway.

"When he was taking Prozac, neither he nor I had any knowledge of how dangerous this drug can be," LeAnne Westover said.... At the time of Shannon's death, Dan Bourgoise, his lifelong friend and personal manager, said Shannon had been depressed after a bout of the flu and a recent move into a new home. He said then that his friend had fought drugs, depression and alcoholism as his career faltered, but had been sober since 1976.<sup>50</sup>

Del Shannon would probably be alive today if he had smoked marijuana to alleviate his depression. Perhaps when he "fought drugs" he wanted to use marijuana but was terrorized into denying its worth. God has provided the natural resources to help us understand, manage, and enjoy life's grand play. Is the government saying that God made a mistake and we must worship them?

## ALCOHOL

The government's favourite drug (described below by the National Geographic Society) is clearly dangerous:

The mind-bending effects of alcohol begin soon after it hits the bloodstream. Within minutes alcohol enters the brain, numbing nerve cells and slowing their messages to the body. In the heart, cardiac muscles strain to cope with alcohol's depressive action, and the pulse quickens.

If drinking continues, alcohol builds in the bloodstream, and the nerve centers in the brain governing speech, vision, balance, and judgement, go haywire. As even more alcohol is ingested, the drinker may lose consciousness. With extremely high levels of alcohol in the blood, the inebriate is in danger of dying from respiratory failure.

Alcohol, in excess, is by far the most devastating of drugs — wrecking families and friendships, impairing health, filling jails, hospitals, and morgues. In 1990 it cost American society an estimated 136 billion dollars and more than 65,000 lives, 22,000 of them on highways.

The invoice for damages does not lie entirely on that severely afflicted minority we call alcoholics. Much of it is from other heavy and even moderate drinkers — there being so many more of them — who are not yet, but could become, alcoholics. (The point where heavy drinking merges into alcohol dependence is blurry.)

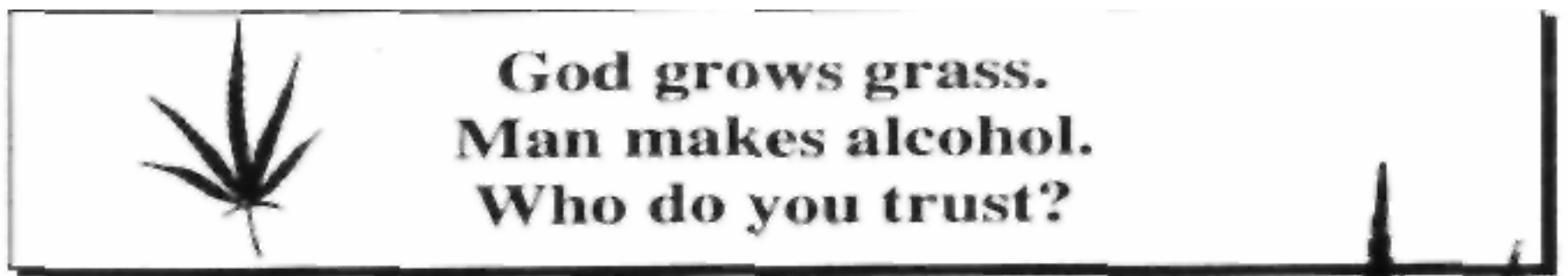
Ten percent of drinkers in the United States drink heavily — they account for half of all alcohol consumed.

Many experts, especially in Europe, are troubled that rigid adherence to the disease concept (you either are or you aren't an alcoholic) has made it more difficult to get at problem drinkers before they develop a severe dependence. 'Tell a young, five-a-day drinker that he's an alcoholic and has to give up drinking for life,' says Yedy Israel of Ontario's Addiction Research Foundation, "and he'll walk out of your office."<sup>51</sup>

And yet this logic is not applied to cannabis. The prohibition of so-called 'illicit' drugs is falsely promoted by framing all non-prescription drug use as a problem with the only possible solutions being treatment, confinement, or death.

Alcohol-induced confusion and lust has prompted an untold number of rapes and attempted rapes, family quarrels, burglaries and murders. It is a sad testimony to alcohol's effectiveness in turning our attention away from our troubles. The inhibitions we require to keep our society intact are some of the first casualties of intoxication, which can occur in some individuals with a single glass of wine.

A recreated guestimate of a brave 1960s bumper sticker:



Alcohol provides government revenue; so could other popular drugs.



A Japanese proverb<sup>52</sup> warns:

First the man takes a drink

Then the drink takes a drink

Then the drink takes the man

It has been thoroughly documented that harm from alcohol use is not restricted to the individual consumer. Well-known side-effects include impaired automobile control (nearly half of the 45,000 annual highway deaths in the U.S. are alcohol related), and increased rape, robbery, and violence.

Another tragic issue is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). First identified about 1970, FAS is a term used to describe the damage some unborn children suffer when their mothers drink during pregnancy. Alcohol in the mother's bloodstream can be toxic to the developing fetus depending on the stage of pregnancy and how much she drinks. Damage can range from subtle to severe, causing clumsiness, behavioural problems, stunted growth, disfigurement, and mental retardation. FAS is irreversible.

In 1919 prohibition of alcohol was attempted, with mild positive and major negative results, similar to the current prohibition of non-alcoholic drugs. Consumption (and liver cirrhosis) fell in the early years of prohibition, especially among the poor. But moonshining and smuggling gave drinking back to the middle and upper classes, brought Organized Crime into the business, and prompted a rash of blindness and deaths from drinking wood alcohol.

Out of this era comes an interesting cohort: Of the first six Americans to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, five — Sinclair Lewis, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, and Eugene O'Neill — were alcoholics.<sup>54</sup>

Obviously alcohol has something going for it or prohibition would have worked. Perhaps it is not alcohol itself that is desired, but rather that human beings want substances that enhance their mind/body state. Are we not here to explore and develop our potential? Humans have a historical and evolutionary need for drugs for devotion, entertainment, and relaxation. Perhaps some people consume vast quantities of alcohol racing after an effect it was not designed to deliver.

Psychedelics have been touted by their advocates as one of the most important and exciting discoveries they have ever made. Many would like to offer education and guidance to those beginning to explore their consciousness and their relationship with what, for lack of a better word, I will call God. That some governments foment an atmosphere of hatred towards psychedelic priests is a global embarrassment.

## CAFFEINE

Millions of people drink coffee 'for a lift', to 'perk up', that is, to 'enhance' life. Most of us know someone who is 'like a bear before that first cup'. Big Business loves the caffeine effect. Most offices I have worked in supplied coffee free of charge, and my coffee habit started while learning how to sell cars. Help the customer feel at home: offer coffee. If they want one, have one with them.

But caffeine is a roller-coaster ride. According to Focus On Nicotine and Caffeine, by Robert Perry, caffeine stays in the body only a short while, and when it wears off people feel upset, irritable, tired and sluggish. As with heroin, tolerance occurs and users need increased amounts to achieve the desired effect, but too much caffeine makes it hard to think clearly and concentrate, and causes headaches, muscle tremors, and stomach problems. Linked to heart disease, cancer, and birth defects, caffeine is in certain aspirin products, cold medicines, diet pills, chocolate, coffee, tea, and many soft drinks. Children can get as much caffeine from soda and candy bars as adults get from coffee and tea<sup>55</sup>:

product	milligrams of caffeine	
6-ounce brewed coffee .....	80-150	
6-ounce cup of tea (3 min. brew) .....	20-40	
chocolate bar .....	50-75	
12-ounce Coke .....	48	Doctors recommend a maximum of 300 milligrams of caffeine per day.
Mountain Dew .....	54	
Diet Coke .....	46	
Dr. Pepper .....	41	
Pepsi-Cola .....	36	
pain relievers .....	32-65	
chocolate milk .....	2-15	

Little did I realize that one of my favourite drugs - coffee - helps cause starvation. In Peaceful Measures, Canada's Way Out Of The 'War On Drugs' (a most fascinating and highly recommended work) Professor Bruce Alexander tells us:

The amount of land used to produce drugs for normal, legal use is immense. At a time when 800 million people in the world have 'grossly inadequate food', how many millions of acres in the Third World go to produce coffee, tobacco, and tea for Canada? Surely far more than are needed to produce our cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

In Ethiopia, people starve by the thousands, while the small amounts of fertile farmland and almost all the modern agricultural technology are used to produce coffee for export.

Can it be more important that Canada imports a few hundred kilograms of cocaine per year than that it imports, mostly from hungry countries, over 100,000 metric tons of coffee and almost 20,000 metric tons of tea? <sup>56</sup>

I am not suggesting we all give up coffee, but as the users of this drug, if we are God-loving people, we should ensure we are not oppressing the people from whence it comes. Food production (e.g. hemp seed) on a small portion of the coffee plantations could help revitalize soil and people. Good government work.

Not to mention that by stopping our lethal war on our own citizens we will encourage other iron-fist regimes to lighten up. Sharing and caring starts at home.



## ASPIRIN

In 1874 it was discovered that salicylin, a chemical extract of willow bark, relieved rheumatic fever. In 1899, only a year after they commercially introduced heroin, Friedrich Bayer and Co. introduced acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) under the brand name Aspirin. Americans consume 50 million pounds of ASA per year, the equivalent of approximately 279 325-mg tablets for each of 250 million Americans each year.<sup>57</sup> The drug has been widely abused for intoxication.

'Salicylism' is a kind of intoxication that occurs after repeated doses of fifteen to twenty adult ASA tablets/day, although the dose required to produce intoxication varies considerably among people. Symptoms of salicylism include dizziness, ringing in the ears, diminished hearing, headache, mental confusion. There is a more powerful form of intoxication called 'encephalopathy' because the effects on the brain are indicated by an abnormal EEG. Such symptoms as 'mental confusion, restlessness, incoherent speech vertigo, tremor, delirium, hallucinations, convulsions, and sometimes coma may occur'.<sup>58</sup>

The quantity required for intoxication (which does not sound pleasant or useful) is close to fatal. Peaceful Measures tells us adverse reactions to even small doses of aspirin include hives, runny nose, asthma, and gastric hemorrhage. Large or prolonged doses can result in inflammation of the stomach and duodenum, along with vascular contractions, erosions, ulcerations and hemorrhage into the stomach. Liver and kidney damage occurs in patients receiving ASA-like drugs in prolonged heavy doses. There are usually no detectable symptoms as the problem progresses, but accumulating liver damage may eventually prove fatal. The U.S. Surgeon General has advised against the use of salicylates in children with chicken-pox or flu.

Martin Ramsay of Scarborough, Ontario, went blind after taking penicillin for a minor ear infection and aspirin for a subsequent fever. The combination of the common drugs dried up Ramsay's mucous membranes, forming an opaque wall of puffy, red scarred flesh over his eyes and damaging his heart, kidney and ears. His sight was partially restored through inserting a miniature plastic telescope through the cornea to the centre of his eye.<sup>59</sup>

Some people have claimed the reclusive millionaire Howard R. Hughes died from his addiction to Valium, while others pointed to abuse of codeine. But Mr. Hughes personal physician, Dr. Wilbur Thain, says it was aspirin. "He was taking large doses of the aspirin-like analgesic, up to 20 to 30 tablets a day," Dr. Thain said in an interview in American Medical News, a publication of the American Medical Association. "It was the aspirin that killed him." (New York Times 1979, B4)<sup>60</sup>

Peaceful Measures says in spite of Aspirin's great value and common use, the dangers of sudden death and overdose are as real for ASA-like drugs as they are for heroin and cocaine and that in moderate doses, the pharmacological risks associated with all three drugs are small; however, because of the risk of gastric, liver, and kidney damage, it seems likely that regular, heavy use of ASA-like drugs is more physically harmful than comparable use of many other drugs, including opiates.

### DOES ASPIRIN CAUSE CRIME?

Professor Alexander: A final perspective on addiction to ASA-like drugs may be provided by Truman Capote's sensational case study of the murder of a Kansas family, published in book form as *In Cold Blood* (1965). One of the murderers, Edward Perry, was a chronic compulsive user of ASA, which he claimed to use to control pain in his legs that persisted from an automobile accident. However, the 'pain' was at least partly psychosomatic, for it flared up regularly in times of stress. This of course, does not mean that ASA incites violence, although it is almost certain that, had Perry's drug of choice been heroin or cocaine, his crimes would have been blamed on those drugs.<sup>61</sup>

## TOBACCO

Focus On Nicotine and Caffeine, by Robert Perry, says:

Nicotine is a colourless oil in the leaves of the tobacco plant. Eat a thimbleful and you are dead. Nicotine is so poisonous it is sometimes used as an insecticide. Yet over 50 million people in the U.S. and Canada use it every day. Nicotine stimulates the body and brain — some people feel it gives them more energy, others feel it relaxes them.

People who use tobacco products feel they "must have" nicotine, just as they must have food and sleep. ... When tobacco burns it releases carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide — lethal poisons, and thousands of chemicals that form a gummy paste called tar. Tar coats the lungs and the American Cancer Society says tar is the leading cause of death from cancer.<sup>62</sup>

The modern cigarette is soaked in deadly chemicals that continue burning even if it sits ignored in the ashtray — the cigarette smokes itself! How many of these deaths are caused by the additives? What are you smoking? The Emperor Wears No Clothes contains a Reader's Digest article explaining:

cigarettes contain so much radioactivity that a pack-and-a-half-per-day smoker gets a yearly dose of radiation in some parts of his lungs equal to what his skin would be exposed to in about 300 chest Xrays.

The Emperor also reminds us that: Tobacco smoking kills more people each year than AIDS, heroin, crack, cocaine, alcohol, car accidents, fire and murder combined.

Cigarette smoking is as addictive as heroin, complete with withdrawal symptoms, and the percentage of relapses (75%) is the same as for "kicking" cocaine and heroin... [tobacco is) the number one cause of preventable death ... one in seven deaths are caused by smoking cigarettes.<sup>63</sup>

## DANGEROUSLY CLEAN

There are many common dangers in our society that we obviously do not want to prohibit, yet they are dangers nonetheless. After waxing my kitchen floor I slipped and hit my head on a corner of the refrigerator. Should we outlaw slipping, wax, floors, or refrigerators? Should government agents monitor us to protect us?

Under the Monday Magazine subheading Sani-boom, Bruce Grierson warns that mixing Comet and Sani-Flush can produce an explosion. He reports that Comet, an all-purpose cleanser, is sodium hypochlorite and grit; Sani-Flush, a toilet bowl cleaner, is sodium bisulfate, and:

The Sani-Flush label warns users not to mix with any product containing chlorine, lest hazardous fumes be released. But not everyone reads labels, as was proven by a Florida man who left the volatile combination to bubble and returned later to find a bathroom full of porcelain shrapnel.<sup>64</sup>

There are many products legally available that could kill if ingested. Many cleansers will corrode skin if used improperly. People have lost their eyesight in accidents with commonly available chemical preparations, but we allow our citizens to be responsible in this and countless other ways, labelling substances and providing instructions on their proper use. Good idea. Better than lies. Better than gunfire.

## WATER INTOXICATION

Even drinking plain water can be dangerous! Dr. Andrzej Koczapski has studied water intoxication for 10 years. "It defies imagination." he says, but:

Drinking huge quantities of water causes symptoms similar to being drunk; slurred speech, loss of inhibitions and coordination, seizures and coma... Two of the 60 schizophrenics he has studied since 1981 have died during water-induced seizures.<sup>65</sup>

Koczapski has seen some patients go to extraordinary lengths to get water when doctors have tried to control their drinking.

"They will submerge their head in the bath to drink; they'll drink from showerheads, lawn sprinklers and fish tanks."

## COMPUTER MANUFACTURING

Computers appear safe enough, but radiation is emitted from the back and sides of the display as well as the front, and manufacture can be even more hazardous.

The October 26, 1992 issue of Time magazine reports:

the preliminary results of a study by Johns Hopkins researchers, commissioned by [IBM], show that women exposed to two chemicals employed in making silicon chips have a much higher risk of suffering miscarriages. Among 30 women who handled chemicals at IBM plants in New York and Vermont From 1980 to 1989, the miscarriage rate was 33%, more than double that of women who had no contact with the chemicals diethylene glycol dimethyl ether and ethylene glycol monoethyl ether acetate.

The solvents are used to etch away material deposited on silicon wafers and are also used in the aerospace and printing industries. IBM has alerted its workers, the silicon industry and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the study findings. The company says it hopes to eventually phase out use of the chemicals entirely.<sup>66</sup>

Hopes to eventually phase out the use? Alerted its workers?

In other words, to use and make computer products people accept a risk. To drive a car we accept a risk. To clean house we accept a risk. To drink alcohol we accept a risk. We risk our lives by simply breathing. Every body will die. Government has no right to use lethal force to stop me from ingesting the Supreme Sacrament LSD, or from inhaling the fragrant smoke of Panama Red, Acapulco Gold, or BC Green. I am neither a slave nor a child. Only I own my mind, emotions, and body. If government officials want to leach me purity, they must first purify themselves.

## AUTOMOBILES

"We can detect alcohol now with Breathalyzers, but I understand there is no simple way to detect marijuana use. How safe will our roads be?" asked one interested citizen.

Marijuana generates a different effect than alcohol, and 'heads' have long been smoking and driving and are not causing an unusual number of accidents. Some may be better drivers. The bulk of automobile claims continue to result from alcohol. Even if we could test for marijuana without the perverted assault that removes our right to personal privacy by forcing suspects (and many job applicants) to pee in a bottle under embarrassingly close examination, how would we deal with the person whose driving ability is impaired by allergies? We have laws that reflect that no one is allowed to be in control of a motor vehicle while incapable of driving with due care and attention. We could develop a suite of portable roadside 'virtual reality' tests to be used by police officers to help determine 'impairment' of drivers at risk. No doubt psychedelic programmers will be pleased to help develop humanitarian assessment procedures.

## GASOLINE

Alberta Toma says she's been sniffing gasoline almost every night for a year. Now she wants to stop. ... Native leaders say there are nearly a dozen other youths chronically addicted to gasoline in Davis Inlet, among 42 who inhale the fumes regularly. They have been asking for a treatment centre for some time.<sup>67</sup>

Government has frequently said that we are not allowed to grow cannabis hemp to produce automobile fuel, etc., because a portion of the plant is psychoactive. Heroin is prohibited partly because it is addictive. Gasoline must then be prohibited. It is psychoactive, addictive, and easy to obtain. Burning it in cars produces poisons, and some people use it as an addictive drug. If it is illegal they won't use it, right?

## TELEVISION

In Peace Magazine, Sept./Oct. 1992, Doris Strub Epstein reports on a recent conference on "The Roots Of Violence". According to Brandon Centerwall, Department of Psychiatry, University of Washington, as many as half of all violent crimes, including rape, assault, and vandalism, are related to the impact of television violence on American and Canadian society.

Dan Olweus, psychologist, University of Bergen, Norway: "Kids, especially if they're immature, tend to admire and emulate these tough heroes that settle conflicts violently and come out, for the most part, unscathed." George Gerbner, Professor of Communications, Annenberg University: "Frequent and massive exposure to media violence can desensitize and trigger destructive acts in some people."<sup>68</sup>

## CLOTHING

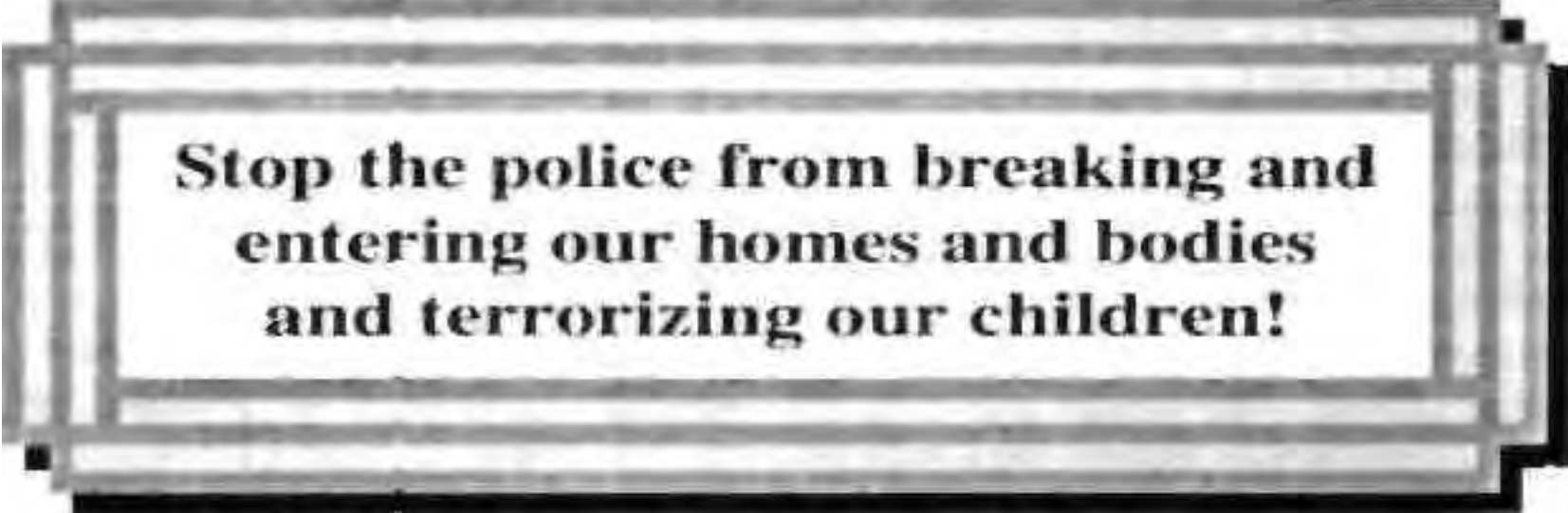
In an article by Patricia McLaughlin<sup>69</sup> even clothing is proven dangerous:

According to the latest data available from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 119,527 people suffered clothing-related injuries in 1990 in the United States alone — more than three times as many as suffered chainsaw-related injuries.

Some injuries she reported:

One woman pulled off a sock and it hit her in the eye. Another dislocated her shoulder while putting on a T-shirt. ... A man trying to put on his pants fell and broke his arm... . A woman trying to take off her nightgown fell and broke her nose.

Perhaps we should outlaw clothes! Or insist that no-one get undressed or watch TV without a government agent present. Fatuitous remarks? To those of us who have spent more than half our lives investigating the effects of various psychedelic sacraments, the government's suggestion that it knows what dangers lurk therein is equally preposterous. If the government wants responsibility, it should sell quality products at reasonable prices. Lead, follow, or get out of the way! We'll gladly work with you in developing a research and education system, but FIRST:



**Stop the police from breaking and  
entering our homes and bodies  
and terrorizing our children!**



# unconstitutional abuse of power

P. Michael Bolton, in his book *Civil Rights*, assures Canadians that

Section 52 of the Constitution Act provides that the Constitution, including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, is the supreme law of Canada and any law that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no force or effect.<sup>70</sup>

A Canadian Law, subsection 462.2 of the Criminal Code (quoted on page 3), makes it an offence to produce or import literature on research that promotes so-called "illicit drugs". This denies all Canadians, including Doctors, Lawyers, Police Officers, Politicians (including the Prime Minister), and especially you the opportunity to openly and honestly discuss all sides of the most important issue facing our planet today: the illegal control of our economy, thoughts, and opinions.

When all that can be legally printed are articles against 'illicit' drug use how are we to research and discuss the issue to determine if a so-called 'illicit' drug is improperly labelled, i.e. not 'illicit' except by self-fulfilling definition of the law, as is insisted by a large and growing segment of our society?

On November 13, 1992 the Minister of Justice, Kim Campbell, wrote:

Subsections 462.1 and 462.2 of the Criminal Code were added to the Code in 1988 in order to allow law enforcement authorities to deal with the problem of drug paraphernalia, including the sale and promotion of literature designed primarily to encourage or advocate the production, preparation or consumption of illicit drugs.

The offence contemplated in Bill C-264 (now S.C. 1988. c.60) refers to "literature for illicit drug use", which is defined as:

"any printed matter or video describing or depicting, and designed primarily or intended under the circumstances to promote, encourage or advocate the production, preparation or consumption of illicit drugs".

As you can see, a key element of this definition is that the literature must be designed primarily to promote, encourage or advocate the production, preparation or consumption of illicit drugs. This is a very high test. Moreover, it should be remembered that the burden of proving the offence still remains with the Crown prosecutor and that the accused's guilt must be established beyond a reasonable doubt. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that any person charged with an offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. Thus, if the Crown fails to prove beyond a reasonable doubt all of the elements of the offence, an accused charged with a drug paraphernalia-related offence will be acquitted.

Accordingly, the federal government has no plan to repeal these sections of the Criminal Code.<sup>71</sup>

Apparently if literature is describing or depicting but not promoting, the literature is deemed legal. Only an opinion is being restricted. Only an opinion. Canada is still famous for safeguarding every citizen's Right to have, hold, and express their opinions. Will we tell the world the truth or uphold our Right?

I saw a television show in which a 'busted' marijuana cultivation business was described in great detail by a narcotics officer. Close-up camera work and many technical explanations (how CO<sub>2</sub> was used, type of lighting, etc.) made the show a mini-course on hydroponic marijuana cultivation. Important visual information, difficult to describe in print, would allow an earnest practitioner to begin and maintain a cultivation operation. The film, obviously made with the full cooperation of law enforcement, did not "promote illicit drugs", but nonetheless educated people on marijuana production. All that's missing is someone saying "Do it."

The law restricting literature is prohibiting Canadians from honestly discussing the opinion that plant materials are valuable. This restriction is inconsistent with Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms Section 2(b): freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of press. Section 52 of the Constitution Act renders s. 462.2 of no force or effect. This attempt at removing Freedom of Press, Thought, Opinion and Expression is, in my opinion, only a part of the insidious attack on Society falsely labelled by propagandists and their dupes as the War On Drugs.

### RIGHT TO TRIAL REMOVED

In Peaceful Measures, Bruce Alexander says:

In the climate of the present drug war, the word 'treatment' is sometimes a euphemism for coercion... The disease/criminal model is often invoked to justify such coercive treatment. Current law in British Columbia provides an example. The Heroin Treatment Act provides the legal framework for taking complete control over people thought to be addicted to heroin. The act is written in a mixture of medical and legal language.

Under the act (which is not currently being enforced), people suspected of being narcotics users may be required by a policeman to attend an 'area co-ordinating centre'... 'There they can be detained, without charge, warrant, or trial, for three days' and required to submit samples of their blood and urine for analysis. Refusal to attend the centre or provide bodily fluids constitutes 'an offence' under the act, which subjects the offender to legal punishment. If an 'evaluation panel' reports that the person is 'in need of treatment' (the act specifies no criteria whereby this decision is to be made), the person is placed in mandatory 'treatment' for three years, at which point he or she is termed a 'patient'.

The act makes no provision for 'patients' who are cured in less than three years to be released from treatment. At the discretion of the director, and the board of review, some or all of these years may be spent as "detention in a treatment centre<sup>1</sup> or in out-patient treatment in a clinic or under 'supervision and direction of such a kind and such a duration as a director may require.' Charges may be laid against patients who defy the provincial Alcohol and Drug Commission. Nothing in the act prevents a patient who is released from treatment after three years from being immediately sent into treatment again, via the 'area co-ordinating centre.' (In fact, discussions in the act's planning phase made it clear that multiple terms were envisioned by its authors.) Thus,

this act allows for indefinitely long detention without a trial

The Heroin Treatment Act was legally challenged on the grounds that it was not really a medical, but a criminal law, and thus a provincial infringement of exclusive federal jurisdiction over criminal law. However, in spite of the extraordinary character of the treatment, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that 'the dominant characteristic of the Heroin Treatment Act was the medical treatment of drug addiction.' (Schneider v. the Queen 1982)<sup>72</sup>

The Defense Sheet by The Hemp Coalition<sup>73</sup> illustrates some American violations:

The U.S. Constitution is the document that protects our freedoms by limiting the power of government to take them away. There is nothing in our Constitution to give the government any power to decide for us what substances we may or may not own, use, cultivate, buy or sell. The Tenth Amendment specifically forbids the government from assuming powers not in the Constitution and the Ninth Amendment makes it clear that all of the freedoms enjoyed by the people at the time of ratification ought still to be in effect. It is possible to alter the Constitution by amendment. The buying and selling of human beings was ostensibly outlawed by the Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery. Prohibition of alcohol was validated by the Eighteenth Amendment and repealed by the Twenty-First. There has never been a constitutional amendment to outlaw any other commodity (eg, "drugs").

\* Alcohol prohibition began in 1919 with passage of the Volstead Act. The 18th Amendment was ratified in January 1920 to prevent the Volstead Act from being ruled unconstitutional, as several state prohibition laws had earlier been overturned.

The Constitution is designated the highest law in the land and our governments are pledged to protect it, defend it, and abide by it as a condition of their continued existence and support. In both Canada and America it is impossible for both the Constitution and a law violating the Constitution to be valid. The Defense Sheet quotes the Sixteenth American Jurisprudence, Second Edition, Section 256:

The general rule is that an unconstitutional statute, though having the form and name as law, is in reality no law, but is wholly void, and ineffective for any purpose, since unconstitutionality dates from the time of its enactment, and not merely from the date of the decision so branding it. An unconstitutional law, in legal contemplation, is as inoperative as if it had never been passed. Such a statute leaves the question that it purports to settle just as it would be if the statute had not been enacted.

Since an unconstitutional law is void, the general principles follow that it imposes no duties, confers no rights, creates no office, bestows no power or authority on anyone, affords no protection, and justifies no acts performed under it...

A void act cannot be legally consistent with a valid one. An unconstitutional law cannot operate to supersede any existing valid law. Indeed, insofar as a statute runs counter to the fundamental law of the land, it is superseded thereby.

No one is bound to obey an unconstitutional law and no courts are bound to enforce it.

Also on the Defense Sheet, under the heading Marijuana Law; Reform or Repudiation? and the sub-heading PROJECTED CONSEQUENCES OF LEGISLATIVE VERSUS JUDICIAL APPROACH:

LEGISLATIVE: ... repeal of existing legislation prohibiting possession, cultivation, etc.

If the laws are simply changed, those convicted under previously operative laws will have little recourse to justice. Have you lost your home, possessions, family, property, freedom, etc. as a result of marijuana laws? Tough luck, pal. You broke a law that was deemed to be valid at the time.

Are you a lawyer in the business of defending drug clients? You'd better find another line of work. You won't have any more business now that the laws have changed.

JUDICIAL: ... Supreme Court decision that current laws violate the U.S. Constitution.

Since the laws are deemed unconstitutional from the date of their enactment, rather than the date of the decision so branding them, those previously convicted will have the right to sue the government for compensation and damages.

With over 50 years of court activity to overturn (over 70 in the case of drugs like cocaine), defense attorneys who have kept good files on their drug clients should now be able to represent many of them as plaintiffs. Expect our courts to stay busy for a long time.

## CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law:

## Guarantee of Rights and Freedoms

1. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

## Fundamental Freedoms

2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:
  - (a) freedom of conscience and religion;
  - (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;
  - (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and
  - (d) freedom of association.

## Legal Rights

7. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.
8. Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.
9. Everyone has the right not to be arbitrarily detained or imprisoned.
11. Any person charged with an offence has the right
  - (a) to be informed without unreasonable delay of the specific offence;
  - (b) to be tried within a reasonable time;
  - (c) not to be compelled to be a witness in proceedings against that person in respect of the offence;
  - (d) to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal;
  - (e) not to be denied reasonable bail without just cause;
  - (f) except in the case of an offence under military law tried before a military tribunal, to the benefit of trial by jury where the maximum punishment for the offence is imprisonment for five years or a more severe punishment;

...

12. Everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel or unusual treatment or punishment.

## Equality Rights

- 15.(1) Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.



## DRUG LAWS VIOLATE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION

**Freedom of Conscience:** Many people have willingly given the matter much consideration and have decided, in their own conscience and without coercion, to consume certain herbs and psychedelics. My government labels us criminals.

**Freedom of Religion:** Many people in North America and elsewhere use psychedelics, including marijuana, as sacrament, saying it is an important part of their religious experience and understanding. My government hunts and kills us.

**Freedom of Thought, Belief, Opinion and Expression:** How obvious: we do not need the government to dictate how we control our thoughts, beliefs, opinions and personal lifestyle expressions. Any citizen should be as free as the 'Prime Minister'.

**Freedom of Peaceful Assembly:** It has long been known by Health and Law Enforcement agencies that a dance or meeting where alcohol is consumed is much more likely to erupt in violence than one where marijuana is the primary social lubricant. We are not allowed to legally consume psychedelics and so dances and meetings sell much more alcohol than they would if people were 'allowed' their Constitutionally Guaranteed Freedoms and Rights. We are denied the Right to assemble for the purpose of peacefully consuming marijuana. We are denied legal use of the tools and activities which help make our assemblies peaceful, and so are effectively denied the Freedom of Peaceful Assembly.

**Right to Life, Liberty, and Security of Person:**

**Secure against unreasonable search or seizure:** A person acting as a Law Enforcement Agent supposedly has the authority to forcefully detain you for interrogation and body cavity search on suspicion of possession of drugs. Police may break into your home and apparently have the authority to shoot to kill if you react. Many people have been terrorized, beaten, and killed in Drug Raids. Heavily armed agents in body armour burst into unsuspecting homes, often while the residents are asleep. Police are supposed to present a warrant at the door and allow time for its reading. Only then is the person obliged to allow entry.

In May 1992 Daniel Possee was killed by police who stormed the house where he was playing target practice with a pellet rifle. Police believed there was a cannabis merchant in the house. They did not have to use their battering ram because the entrance door was unlocked. (Always lock your door - when the police arrive they think they own the place.) The assault team made their way through the house until finally Daniel, 22, turned with his pellet rifle to see who was coming in the room. Two armed men stood in the doorway. There were no signs to identify these men as police officers. They forgot them. Daniel purportedly pointed the pellet rifle and was shot. He died being 'comforted' by his executioners. A small quantity of marijuana was found elsewhere in the house, but Daniel was innocent. Surely ten tons of pot would not have warranted a violent death in court. How many more have to die? Who are we protecting with these killings?

**The government has no right or authority to break into our homes and bodies and attempt to control how we care for our own consciousness.**

**Not to be arbitrarily detained or imprisoned:** Many people avoid arrest due to their charm and position in society. The police sent to enforce behaviour in certain nightclubs politely excuse high-ranking officials found at the scene. The RCMP helped one Prime Minister's wife disguise her marijuana smoke (ref. page 43). To be interrogated, searched, or imprisoned obviously requires more than simply possessing a drug. One must also be poor or unconnected.

## RACISM

Some legislation arose through attempts to oppress people who were not Caucasian. The Hemp Coalition's Defense Sheet points out:

The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolished slavery and involuntary servitude "except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted." To take advantage of this loophole, white legislatures passed laws against substances known to be widely consumed by freed minorities in an effort to re-enslave those minorities. The relative harmfulness of the outlawed substances was not an issue. Substances commonly consumed by whites were not outlawed, even when those substances were found to be far more medically dangerous than those favored by minorities.<sup>74</sup>

Licit and Illicit Drugs, The Consumers Union Report, says:

. . . opiates taken daily in large doses by addicts were not a social menace under nineteenth-century conditions, and were not perceived as a menace. Opium, morphine, and heroin could be legally purchased without a prescription, and there was little demand for opiate prohibition. But there was one exception to this general tolerance of the opiates. In 1875, the City of San Francisco adopted an ordinance prohibiting the smoking of opium in smoking-houses or "dens."

The roots of this ordinance were racist rather than health-oriented, and were concerned with what today is known as "life-style." Opium smoking was introduced into the United States by tens of thousands of Chinese men and boys imported during the 1850s and 1860s to build the great Western railroads. The Chinese laborers then drifted into San Francisco and other cities, and accepted employment of various kinds at low wages—giving rise to waves of anti-Chinese hostility. Soon white men and even women were smoking opium side by side with the Chinese, a life-style which was widely disapproved.

Brecher quotes one twenty-year old woman found in an opium den in Victoria, B.C. in 1884 by a Royal Commission: "... if opium houses were licensed as drinking saloons are one need not have to come into such holes as this to smoke. There would be nice rooms with nice couches, and the degradation would be mitigated. At all events I think the government that will not licence an opium saloon should shut up public houses and hotels where they sell vitriol for whisky and brandy, and where men kill themselves with a certainty and a rapidity beyond the power of opium."<sup>75</sup>

## INTOLERANCE

Licit and Illicit Drugs notes that in 1957 Dr. Robert S. de Ropp, biochemist and writer on mind-affecting drugs, wrote:

Just why the alcoholic is tolerated as a sick man while the opiate addict is persecuted as a criminal is hard to understand. There is, in the present attitude of society in the United States toward opiate addicts, much the same hysteria, superstition, and plain cruelty as characterized the attitude of our forefathers toward witches. Legislation reflects this cruelty and superstition. Prison sentences up to 40 years are now being imposed and the death sentence has been introduced. Perhaps one should feel thankful that the legislators have not yet reached the point of burning addicts alive.

Brecher also notes that in 1965 Dr. Jerome H. Jaffe wrote: Much of the ill health, crime, degeneracy, and low standard of living are the result not of drug effects, but of the social structure that makes it a criminal act to obtain or to use opiates for their subjective effects ... It seems reasonable to wonder if providing addicts with a legitimate source of drugs might not be worthwhile, even if it did not make them our most productive citizens and did not completely eliminate the illicit market but resulted merely in a marked reduction in crime, disease, social degradation, and human misery.

Every person has an inherent and inalienable right and responsibility to protect and educate themselves and evolve in the direction and manner of their own choosing. We are each constantly and unavoidably carving our own future, voting with our thoughts and actions every moment. We never asked to be farmed, and we are not ignorant of our rights. It is my Natural Right to consume Sacrament in devotion to the Nameless by virtue of my body and mind being generated by a planet evolving in a natural manner, and by having a sincere desire and talent for the experience, which I consider integral to my exploration of the human/divine condition.

Death is certainly effective in stopping particular incarnations from pursuing these particular pleasures, but why are we being denied the opportunity to explore and develop our minds? It can only be to continue the prohibition of the famous cannabis resource. Government has condemned one of the world's most important natural renewable resources and we wonder what happened to our Economy? They took away our clothes. They took away our paper. They took away our oil. They took away our medicine. They are taking away our neighbours, and they are charging us \$50,000 a year each to keep them locked up. Are you going to wait until they come to take you away before you write the government a simple letter? Tell them to read this book. I have mailed many into various government offices.

MODERN PROHIBITION LAWS WOULD HAVE JAILED QUEEN VICTORIA

*They first came for the Communists and I didn't speak up - because I wasn't a Communist.*

*Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up - because I wasn't a Jew.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up - because I wasn't a trade unionist.*

*Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up - because I was a Protestant.*

*Then they came for me - and by that time no one was left to speak up.*

Pastor Martin Niemoeller  
(Nazi Victim)<sup>76</sup>

Don't think they are going to be satisfied with banning pot! Monday Magazine, March 4-10, 1993, reported under MEDICINAL HERBS HEADED FOR BANNED LIST: Kiss your comfrey tea goodbye. Bid fond farewell to goldenseal, Oregon grape root, and lobelia as well; these and others have joined a list of 64 herbs and botanicals proposed for restrictions under changes to federal food and drug regulations. '... Some of the herbs apparently may be dangerous if taken incorrectly or in large doses.

Oh that government is such a help, isn't it? We might have foolishly gone out and eaten a bale of comfrey. Of course herbs and drugs may be dangerous. We know. **E V E R Y T H I N G IS DANGEROUS IF TAKEN INCORRECTLY OR IN LARGE DOSES.** Like the government. Danger is avoided through application, not restriction, of knowledge. Knowledge is lost through prohibition. prohibition is wong.

The government apparently has a misconception about its allotted size and power in relation to our everyday lives. Perhaps because we have developed economic safety nets to avoid the poor being forced to steal for bread, some bureaucrats think they have the right to govern every intimate detail of our lives, but no government office of any country has the Right to prohibit the cannabis plant, one of God's greatest gifts, or to tell me how I will use or control my mind. Let me make this perfectly clear:

What goes in  
your body is for you to decide,  
and what goes in  
my body is for me to decide.

## RESTRICTION ON GOVERNMENT POWER

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms starts off by admitting that some guarantees might have to be adjusted for real-life conditions but says our Rights and Freedoms are subject only to such "reasonable limits" as can be "demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society". This does not allow for the invasion of privacy and prohibition of opinion, communication, and education that the War On Drugs requires. The laws prohibiting psychedelics are themselves illegal — illicit.

The government must immediately remove these draconian laws before the people finish removing the government. This is not a threat, but an observation of an ongoing process. I obtained this viewpoint from reading newspapers and books, watching television (a.k.a. TeleValium<sup>77</sup>) and listening to people. From prominent business people to panhandlers, many people proudly evade paying taxes.

The War on Drugs can not be tolerated much longer. Some drug users believe their government and have been convinced they are criminals. Some have become so demoralized that they indulge in real criminal activity (thinking it is too late anyway). This is a terrible cost we all pay because some people attempt to deny other people the evolutionary human desire to explore altered mindbody states.

The "solution" of jailing gardeners, clients and merchants only increases enrolment in the criminal education system known as jail, while alienating citizens who honestly believe the plant enhances their enjoyment of life. Politicians should remember that we have jobs so we can enjoy the pursuit of pleasure, not to support an oppressive government. Not all of us want to become Amish, and government has not been given the authority to dictate personal morality.

## NO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

A restricted freedom is not freedom. Many adherents of so-called "illicit drugs" are simply practising their very personal devotions in a very personal manner. The Fane of the Psilocybe Mushroom Association once had legal access to the sacrament central to their church, access now denied them.<sup>78</sup> This is religious discrimination and contrary to our Constitutional guarantee of Freedom of Religion.

Many Hindus, Rastafarians, Sufis, Coptic Christians, and others in Canada and around the world use marijuana as a sacrament, smoking it or drinking bhang. Some Native Americans have been 'given back' their right to partake in their religious sacrament, peyote (mescaline). All citizens of the world, but especially of Canada, deserve the Rights guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Americans deserve their Constitutional Rights as well. Who do we ask?



Sacrament acts as a key in some people's religious devotion. Why does the government continue to attempt to deny us our Freedom and Rights? Are we only allowed your key? Would you charge entrance to Heaven if you could?

The Canadian Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms were created and refined to guarantee all Canadians the political, economical, educational, and religious rights, responsibilities, and freedoms that made Canada one of the most popular and respected countries in the world. Don't throw that away.

That our Government and Law Enforcement agencies are subverting our Freedom and Rights in direct contradiction to our Constitution is a totalitarian tyranny that must be corrected before their authority is complete, or they will then have to be overthrown with violence we cannot afford. Has government not studied history?

## WAR ON CULTURE

Though the conspiracy started earlier, it can be argued that the War On Drugs is partly related to the War On Hippies that arose in the sixties as the world's youth started to question the value of mass consumerism producing increasingly visible pollution and garbage. Many people using marijuana and psychedelics partake in a culture with shared knowledge, practices, and beliefs. As with any ethnic group some are more knowledgable than others, and to prohibit the dissemination of educational materials and to prohibit personal non-violent non-intrusive conduct is persecution and discrimination based on ethnic, religious, and mental values. This is contrary to Section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The 'psychedelic culture' even has magazines devoted to it (outside Canada at least, where there is still Free Speech). High Times, a famous American publication, focuses on marijuana cultivation. Freak Beat, a popular magazine from the United Kingdom, has articles about popular psychedelic-oriented music groups. Inside the front cover is an advertisement for a Legalize Cannabis Campaign and another advert is for a music/dance club called the Plastic Factory, with appropriate drawings of dripping plastic.

One of the art pages in the Freak Beat magazine is a 1986 poster for the Magic Mushroom Band, and depicts among other things: a generic 'hippie' seated in the lotus position with psilocybe mushrooms in one hand and a pipe in the other — a Cyclops offering a basket of Magic Mushrooms — a turbaned gentleman (with a jewel at his third-eye position) offering a lit hookah pipe — and scattered throughout are various mushrooms. There is a psychedelic ethnic culture, albeit not as well-defined as, say, the Amish. Our members are being terrorized, jailed, beaten, and killed.

## ARBITRARY APPLICATION OF LAWS

While Margaret Trudeau was the wife of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau she smoked pot and the police knew and ignored the fact.

In her book Beyond Reason she says that "Pierre knew I smoked marijuana" and insisted she give it up before their marriage. However, the joy and relaxation of cannabis is not easily abandoned (as fine wine and good food are not easily abandoned) and she eventually indulged again:

Not many years after we were married, in a mood of desperation about the life I was falling into, I had defied Pierre and gone back to the occasional joint. It wasn't much, and I took great care never to be caught. ... It wasn't long before I had my knuckles rapped. A nice young policeman rang our bell one day. I went down to see who it was. He handed me a little packet. "I brought some incense for you," he said, smiling. "Sometimes when I patrol the house I can smell it coming from the windows so I know you must like it."<sup>79</sup>

Any policeman fit to guard the Prime Minister's residence would recognize the difference between incense and marijuana smoke, an unmistakable odour. Margaret was convinced that the officer was aware of her pot and was offering her the means to help avoid future detection. Everyone should be treated with similar respect for their personal lifestyle choices. Police rarely imprison their friends or VIPs. Many people are protected from the terror haunting the rest of us.

Another sick twist is that Harry J. Anslinger, one of the most influential people behind the prohibition of marijuana, trafficked in morphine. The Emperor notes:

Harry J. Anslinger was director of the new Federal Bureau of Narcotics from its inception in 1931 for the next 31 years, and was only forced into retirement in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy after Anslinger tried to censor the publications and publishers of Professor Alfred Lindsmith (*The Addict and the Law*, Washington Post, 1961) and to blackmail and harass his employer, Indiana University.

According to Anslinger's autobiographical book, *The Murderers*, and confirmed by former FBN agents, Anslinger had been supplying morphine illegally to a U.S. senator—Joseph McCarthy—for years.

In Canada and the United States  
the various Laws prohibiting  
the sale and use of so-called 'illicit' drugs  
are not equally applied to all citizens  
and are therefore unconstitutional  
and so of no force or effect.

There is a need for labelling and education, but not prohibition of the magnificent sacraments that allow macro- and microscopic inspection of one's mental facilities and personality. This magnifying ability is what causes some unprepared trippers to experience internal conflict, as they suddenly realize their own or other's deceptions and pretensions. The correct response to a 'bad trip' is not interrogation or incarceration. There is no substitute for a safe environment and the availability of experienced guides and priests. I know there are many experienced advocates who, like myself, would enjoy the responsibility of working as a guide at a retreat for psychedelic experience. However, once you know the route a guide is unnecessary, and although psychedelic playgrounds and temples will gain widespread approval and use, we must avoid creating laws that would result in virtual incarceration worse than that suffered today.



One of the more obvious members of the psychedelic culture who are hunted, jailed and killed.

## PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

According to Richard Gwynn's 1980 book *The Northern Magus*, Prime Minister Trudeau's 1968 election manifesto intended to "make government more accessible to people, to give our citizens a sense of full participation in the affairs of government" while a Liberal report declared "We must imbue in ourselves and in our fellow citizens the spirit of participation, and most important of all create the necessary tools so that participation becomes real, relevant, and the basis of peaceful social change."

Mr. Gwynn tells us that in November of 1970, 2,400 Liberals gathered in Ottawa for a three-day policy conference and adopted resolutions to introduce a guaranteed annual income [and) decriminalize marijuana.<sup>81</sup> Both items are still required today.

Speaking on another issue, On February 24, 1993, Ann Landers commented <sup>82</sup>:

Justice Louis D. Brandeis made it clear that one of the most valued of ALL rights is the right to be left alone. I agree with that concept.

So do I. The right to be left alone is the right to evolve without coercion.

## NO POTATOES HERE, OFFICER

How can we not have the right to eat whatever plant we want to grow? How absurd that we should read in the February 19, 1993 *Victoria Times-Colonist* that the Cariboo potato, an oblong tuber with smooth, creamy skin and white flesh, suitable for serving boiled, mashed or fried, is illegal. Delisted by Agriculture Canada two decades ago because its vine is too tough for mechanical harvesters, more than a ton a year are currently being grown on farms associated with the Cariboo Community Enhancement and Economic Development Society<sup>83</sup>.

Jerry LeBourdais, 67, is quoted as saying, "The Cariboo is a good potato and to hell with the bureaucrats and agri-business if they can't handle it or don't want it," and, admitting he has had the odd brush with the law over marijuana, said:

"People should be able to grow anything they can eat or smoke."

Exactly. Thank you, Mr. LeBourdais, for being a patriotic honest Canadian. Our government needs to realize that there are real people being badly hurt and forever emotionally scarred by the assault being conducted against our citizens. I personally believe that cocaine, for instance, is a very dangerous medicine, but I do not see



any need to kill or jail people who use it for entertainment.

Who is so pure they have the right to force strangers to live particular lives? Pleasure-seeking is not criminal.

**The Real  
Crime Is  
The Drug  
WAR.**

<sup>84</sup> One of the less obvious members of the psychedelic culture who are hunted, jailed and killed, watched by her child as she is handcuffed during a cocaine raid. No cocaine was found.

# general legal mayhem

## MONEY AND POWER

Some government agencies have been shamelessly cavorting around the world at enormous expense, breaking whatever laws they choose and hiding behind the War On Drugs. The United States invaded Panama to abduct Manuel Noriega for alleged drug trafficking protection policies. Time Magazine, July 20, 1992:

"There is a very strong political smell to this case," Manuel Noriega told a Miami courtroom. The former Panamanian strongman accused the U.S. of prosecuting him unjustly and trying to renege on treaties handing the Panama Canal over to his country. ... a U.S. judge sentenced him on eight counts of drug trafficking and racketeering. His total: 40 years.<sup>85</sup>

Mr. Noriega did not work alone. A Penthouse article<sup>86</sup> reports he "was being paid \$200,000 a year as an asset for the CIA" and "was deeply involved in drug trafficking", "allowing Panamanian airstrips to be used in moving drugs to the United States." As early as 1972, the CIA was aware that Noriega had been named in federal drug-enforcement reports as a suspected trafficker, which in 1976 did not prevent then CIA director George Bush from approving Noriega's enrolment as a paid CIA asset. In 1977, a report detailing drug dealing by Noriega and other Panamanian military officers was sent to the White House — where it disappeared.

Although Bush's successor at the CIA, Stansfield Turner, dropped Noriega from the agency's payroll in 1977 after learning of his drug trafficking, the Panamanian was restored to the agency's good graces when the Reagan administration came into office.

In the same article, Adler Berriman Seal, a gunrunner, CIA asset, government informant, narcotics trafficker, double dealer and criminal mastermind let slip (before his murder) some clues that revealed that the U.S.A.:

- went into business with drug smugglers, allowing tons of narcotics to enter the country as a necessary cost of higher geopolitical objectives;
- subordinated drug enforcement to the goal of overthrowing Nicaragua's Sandinista government;
- allowed two southern U.S. states to be used as major distribution points for Latin American narcotics, then interfered with all attempts by local police — and even federal agents — to eradicate the problem.

We have even seen the United States ignore the Canadian border. June 19, 1992 the Vancouver Sun reported: A U.S. border patrol officer climbed a barbed-wire fence to enter Canada to reach a suspected drug trafficker, according to testimony at a drug trial in Vernon.... The officer admitted he had no authority to enter Canada.<sup>87</sup>

What do we teach by breaking the law to catch lawbreakers? How can you enforce laws governing my personal mental state and stomach without ignoring the laws that protect me from people such as yourselves who would force me to behave against my will? Did we not abolish slavery? If there is a valid reason to 'conform' to a particular rule or ideology, fine. Otherwise, variety is the spice of life and opportunity. Some people love conformity and of course freedom and responsibility allow you to conform if you want to. With the end of prohibition we will end the lethal cops-and-merchants game, but we will not end conformity. We will however hopefully end one of the chief organizations promoting prohibition of marijuana and other supposedly unacceptable behaviours: Lyndon LaRouche's "War On Drugs" committee, supported by Nancy Reagan, Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggart, and other right-wing activists.



At one "War On Drugs" convention participants:

... were asked to sign a petition endorsing a Detroit reporter who had written an open letter to the new President, Ronald Reagan, asking him to give immediate presidential clemency and make a national hero of Mark Chapman, who had murdered John Lennon of the Beatles six weeks earlier...

The letter stated that John Lennon had been the most evil man on the planet because he almost single-handedly "turned on" the planet to "illicit drugs." The evils of rock-n-roll are a constant theme of the "War On Drugs" publications....

They told us that, along with new marijuana laws, they expected to implement their most important goal: anyone in the future playing any disco, rock & roll, or jazz on the radio, on television, in schools, or in concert, or just sold rock & roll records or any other music that wasn't from their approved classical lists, would be jailed, including music teachers, disc jockeys, and record company executives. School teachers, if they allowed such music by students, would be fired. (LA Times; KNBC-TV)<sup>88</sup>

## ASSASSINATIONS

Having a petition to free and honour Mark Chapman suggests he may have been paid to remove John Lennon from the battlefield. Mounting evidence shows that the CIA helped kill United States President John F. Kennedy in order to further their nefarious goals. It would have been far easier for them, or the War On Drugs mob, to justify Lennon's murder.

John F. Kennedy is said to have smoked marijuana regularly to control recurrent pains related to a back injury sustained in WWII. Marijuana, it seems, relieved his almost-constant pain without the mind dulling effects of morphine.

Many people believe that the CIA authorized not only the assassination of John F. Kennedy, but the murder of hundreds of others in the attempt to cover up the military coup d'etat. Many articles and television documentaries have supported this accusation. On November 21, 1992, the Victoria Times-Colonist reported that Robert Morrow's new book *First Hand Knowledge: How I participated in the CIA-Mafia Murder of President Kennedy* says that:

while under contract to the CIA he bought four 7.35mm Mannlicher rifles and supplied several CIA hit men with sophisticated electronic equipment to help kill the president. ... Morrow referred to Oswald as "a pats" in the whole process, which he said was run by Kennedy's vice-president, Lyndon Johnson, and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Robert Morrow also said President George Bush had full knowledge of the Kennedy assassination conspiracy, though he did not specify when Bush, who was Director of the CIA in 1976-77, became aware of it.<sup>90</sup>

Certainly the CIA had plenty of reasons to want President Kennedy removed from office. As reported in the ground-breaking book *Plausible Denial — Was the CIA Involved in the Assassination of JFK?* by Mark Lane:

John F. Kennedy had made it clear that he planned to destroy the CIA. The New York Times reported on April 25, 1966, under a subheading, "Kennedy's Bitterness," that "as the enormity of the Bay of Pigs disaster came home to him, (Kennedy) said to one of the highest officials of his Administration that he wanted 'to splinter the CIA in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds.'" He clearly was not suggesting a modest legislative proposal or executive order to modify or reform the organization. The total destruction of the Agency was his apparent objective.<sup>91</sup>

Perhaps President Kennedy's relaxed attitude towards marijuana was also high on the list of 'reasons' the CIA et al. had to silence him. The CIA are paid very well to help suppress the Drug Trade and have used the Drug Trade itself to finance their operations to infiltrate and control or destabilize foreign organizations. Anslinger, the director of the FBN (which has since evolved into the DEA) was "forced into retirement" by JFK. In 1937, Anslinger had testified before Congress saying "Marijuana is the most violence causing drug in the history of mankind."<sup>92</sup> Ha.

Was Kennedy assassinated partly because he planned to decriminalize marijuana? Is it fear of lethal reprisal that keeps our politicians from speaking out about the travesty of prohibition? Reprisal from who? Are all politicians terrified of the CIA / FBI / Mafia network surrounding the Kennedy assassination? Is murder now an official political tool? We need a truce. Let us live in peace.

## DEA ORDERS HEROIN PRODUCTION

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration openly admits that it attempts to purchase large quantities of drugs in order to make arrests. In the September 1990 Reader's Digest there is an account of the work of DEA agent Jack Short attempting to entrap Stanley Esser, a pleasant and friendly international hashish wholesaler proud of the service he provides.

The article shows that to increase the resulting penalty the DEA decided to trick Esser into helping them purchase heroin. Hash wasn't a big enough bust for them. Esser didn't traffic in heroin, but eventually under repeated pressure admitted he knew someone who did and helped coordinate the deal. In order to entice him to break the law, the DEA agent said he "would need 30 kilos of heroin a month".<sup>93</sup>

The DEA should stop demanding large quantities of heroin be produced. Common market principles dictate that production will decline. That the DEA increases heroin traffic so they can arrest innocent people is morally repugnant.

This misguided logic suggests that in an attempt to stop the enslavement and prostitution of our youth some government official should offer a million dollars for a 13-year-old child so that they can arrest everyone who brings them a child. But obviously, if this money is not offered it is likely that all children will be much safer. Many people cannot refuse large sums of money. The government should not be insisting people break the law.

Kidnapping is not a victimless crime, and so there are people willing to prosecute and testify in real kidnapping cases. But the people who grow, sell, and purchase drugs do not want to prosecute each other. There is no victim until the Agents of War become involved and start lying, pleading, threatening, beating, jailing, and killing people. Then there are victims. Plenty of them.

Of course, with Sharp and others of the United States government attempting to purchase large quantities of heroin, heroin was indeed produced and arrests were indeed made. Did the arresting officers go to church and give prayers in thanks for their supposed righteous success? No, they took a drug:

The day the arrests were made, Pat Mueller bought a case of champagne and took it up to Alkmaar, and he and Ed Bueno and the E Team drank every drop."

Notice they did not raise a glass to toast their win, but "drank every drop" of a "case of champagne" - a substance valued for its pronounced intoxicating effect. Can anyone tell me why it is legal and respectable to get drunk for entertainment but not even legal to smoke marijuana for the same end, when alcohol incites violence and theft and marijuana typically produces a quieter, more loving person?

Surely it is now clear to all who have read this far that 'the jig is up'. The crime is not smoking marijuana or hashish, or even using heroin. The crime is the existence of totalitarian police states where once stood great democracies. Britain has proven that heroin prohibition is an unnecessary and unwarranted evil. Heroin addicts live their lives in peace when they can obtain quality heroin at realistic prices. In Canada and the U.S. their medication costs hundreds of dollars a day. How do you expect them to pay for this? Their will power is obviously low.

## THE HEROIN / ALCOHOL SECRET

Licit and Illicit Drugs, The Consumers Union Report, points out in more detail than I can afford that in common coroner and medical parlance, "death from heroin overdose" is synonymous with "death from unknown causes after injecting heroin." In a true heroin 'overdose', the patient will survive with medical attention, but the majority of deaths noted as heroin overdose are dramatically quick. The Consumers Union Report warned against mixing alcohol or barbiturates with heroin or morphine:

... Drs. William B. Deichmann and Horace W. Gerarde report in their Toxicology of Drugs and Chemicals (1969 edition) that death may in fact occur under such conditions.

"The ordinary safe therapeutic dose of morphine" they warn, in italics in their textbook, "may be fatal to persons who have been drinking alcoholic beverages. Morphine in therapeutic doses [similar to the doses commonly injected by addicts] resulted in fatalities in individuals whose blood alcohol levels ranged from 0.22 to 0.27%. Morphine is also synergistic with barbiturates and related drugs." Thus the hazard of death from shooting an opiate while drunk on alcohol or a barbiturate is familiar to some toxicologists even though it has been ignored by authorities on drug addiction—and by coroners and medical examiners—through the years.

Was the alcohol/heroin problem 'ignored' or was it 'kept secret'? Again we see how the war causes unnecessary pain and suffering. Those people who are drawn to opiates deserve to know any and all dangers involved. Must each person discover everything for themselves? How many families have forever lost sons or daughters or fathers or mothers because the government kept this one particularly important piece of knowledge from us? The Western governments must immediately stop their ignoble charade and start saving our lives, our families, our security, our economy, and our ecology, instead of destroying those very things with gunfire and beatings. Bob Dylan, in his song Masters of War, in the sixties, said:

You've hurled the worst fear that can ever be hurled - fear to bring children into the world.

## ENTRAPMENT NOW ACCEPTABLE?

In an outrageous distortion of 'law enforcement' the Mayor of Chicago, Marion Barry, was entrapped into purchasing and using crack (a potent smokable form of cocaine). The government convinced an ex-girlfriend of his to prostitute herself for them—to entice him into a hotel room for sex and encourage him to purchase crack from a 'friend' of hers. He protested time and again that he no longer smoked, but she hounded and teased him until he gave in. Moments after he had a toke agents burst into the room. Here is a man, who, repeatedly claiming he no longer indulged, was forcefully sold and made to smoke real crack cocaine by the United States government so it could arrest him for doing what it forced him to do in spite of his repeated insistence that he did not want any drugs.

No wonder the public distrusts government officials, especially law enforcement agencies. This is a tragic state of affairs. I have met police officers keen to promote and ensure the public's welfare. These people are greatly hampered in their attempt to find and prosecute real criminal activity because drug users typically will not report any crime due to their legitimate and sane fear of being arrested.

## WE DESERVE OUR FREEDOM

That some people, in today's repressive climate, escalate their drug use into abuse is well known. Prohibition not only does not stop this abuse but increases it. Once smokers have obtained the desired material, they want to relax and enjoy themselves. With the government ready to take their lives, they enjoy life as fully and as best they can under the circumstances.

A few disconsolate people use drugs as an end unto themselves, instead of as a religious springboard, social lubricant, creativity enhancer, or relaxant, and these people deserve to be educated on economic, religious and moral principles that they have something to contribute to society and they should get on with finding out what that is. These people do not, however, 'belong' to anyone and should not be forced to 'behave properly' except in accordance with legislation that protects others. If someone is convicted of stealing, raping, murdering, damaging property, etc., let the punishment reflect the crime and provide education and counselling to help people gain a satisfying place in society.

For instance, committing murder should never be condoned except in self-defence or time of legally proclaimed War. The oft-proffered excuse of 'temporary insanity' or 'police raid' should not be cause for evasion of lengthy correctional incarceration and intense counselling. Except in times of formally declared War or as a necessary defence, murder is always an insane act. A thoroughly pre-meditated and a sudden murder are both sufficient proof of insanity. Proper care and observation could ultimately bring out the human in these beings.

## PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

A government commission, the Task Force on Privacy and Computers, reported in December 1972 that "in the view of the Task Force, the privacy of the person is not absolute but should be balanced against other values and interests, by social, political and legal processes."

They explained the term privacy of a person as "aimed essentially at maintaining the dignity of the human person. Our persons are protected not so much against the physical search as against the dignity of the search, its invasion of the person in a moral sense."<sup>95</sup>

The common tactics for bodysearching a suspected drug possessor are bereft of dignity, and when one takes into consideration the attitude prevailing among typical Drug Enforcement Officers that 'criminals' are made of pretty tough stuff and need to be roughed up to keep them in line, there is no doubt that a bodysearch is usually an 'invasion of the person' at least physically, mentally, and emotionally. This often turns into an immoral attack accompanied with verbal and physical abuse and ridicule, but even if it didn't - unless you have reason to believe I am hiding a weapon in my body you have no right to enter it without my permission.

## EDUCATING CRIMINALS

I am not suggesting we increase censorship, but why is unpatriotic criminal education literature allowed when 'literature for illicit drug use' is not? There are many books and videos available that detail murder, bank robbery, theft, rape, etc., giving explicit details on how to commit crime and avoid detection and arrest.

For instance, on July 17, 1992, the Vancouver Province newspaper had a full-page article claiming "GST-rebate fraud is Revenue Canada's deepest, darkest secret" topping the page with illustrated details on three known 'seams'. Each method is detailed as a step-by-step procedure and reads not as something to avoid, but as something to do, i.e. it appears to promote ripping off the Canadian Government.



Although there is no instruction or encouragement to "commit these crimes" neither is there a condemning tone. Two methods are available to Americans only, the third for Canadians. I will not quote the techniques, as I do not want to promote ripping off our own money. Referring to the third scam, the article says:

In Blaine, population 5,000, there are 8,000 mailboxes — and another 8,000 soon to be installed. Dave Freeman, manager of Security Mail Services which rents out 1,000 boxes, says almost all his customers are Canadians.

"From what I understand, a U.S. address would be all you need for this refund thing," said Freeman, who often sees yellow Revenue Canada cheques in the mail.<sup>96</sup>

## LAW ENFORCEMENT CORRUPTION

Our government and law enforcement have lost the faith of many of our citizens. We do not want to pay taxes for a corrupt system. We are afraid that Justice no longer exists, and as Honourable Member Mr. Mark MacGuigan pointed out:<sup>97</sup>

Justice is not to be so narrowly construed as to be confined to what takes place in the courtroom. Justice, rather, refers broadly to rectitude in the whole legal process, ranging from the time of apprehension and arrest, through trial and conviction to final release from parole. The general rectitude of the legal system includes the good faith of those who administer and enforce the law. Above all, the public must always be consciously assured of the good faith of those who enforce the law, especially of the police forces in our country.

Many people have witnessed, in person or on TV, police beating someone cringing in pain. Obviously some police feel that they have the right to hurt anyone who they judge is a 'criminal'. Some apparently feel it is their job to hurt people and that pain and emotional abuse are simply parts of the punishment our justice system uses as public deterrence. Some cops are bullies, plain and simple, and use their authority to harass people for their own and their fellow officers' amusement.

The Victoria Times-Colonist, March 6, 1993: Just before dawn March 15, 1991, Coquitlam RCMP were poised to move in on two youths who rented the Vukelics' basement suite. But when Dragan Vukelic, 47, went outside to quieten the barking dog, he was beaten unconscious by police. "Angela Vukelic witnessed her husband being jumped upon, kicked and beaten by three men wearing masks over their faces," the writ states. The family dog died.

The family is suing the RCMP. I hope the court is asked: even if the "two youths" had been attacked instead, and even if they were guilty of anything, does our society really condone police taking the law into their own hands and dispensing their own personal 'justice' with kickings and beatings by a masked mob?

Public statements have been made regarding better police control, but it is only the changing of laws, attitudes and actions that will convince those of us who have heard too much talk. Police must again see themselves as our friends and assistants, as we would like to be theirs. We are not cattle. They are not cowboys.

But it is not the fault of the police. They are forced, by misguided draconian drug laws, to invade personal lives and make decisions on personal morals. This helps to encourage them believe that they themselves are above the law. I have witnessed many police cruisers 'on patrol' driving in a manner that shows it is not necessary to obey traffic laws. Surely these professionals are good drivers, we unconsciously reason, so it must be safe to only signal and stop when we personally feel it necessary. Are police not signalling because they will not be caught, and the rest of us must signal or we will be caught? What happened to signalling for safety? Shouldn't police officers drive safely? Shouldn't they teach us all by good example?

## FBI PROTECTED THE MAFIA

Warren Burger, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, once said:

John Edgar Hoover was a man who epitomized the American dream of patriotism, dedication to duty, and successful attainment.

The Frontline documentary<sup>98</sup> offering that view., The Secret File on J. Edgar Hoover, explains Hoover's funeral was an enormous state affair. He was the first civil servant to be given this honor. His body lay in state in the rotunda, which is where the bodies of presidents lay in State, but Frontline goes on to disclose what his so-called 'successful attainment' cost us: The decline in Hoover's reputation began soon after his death in 1972 as the nation began to learn the full extent of his abuse of power: his persecution of Martin Luther King and other Civil Rights leaders, of feminists and the early environmentalists.

Walter Mondale, Vice-President 1976-80, said "... as years went on he became less and less a law enforcement officer and more and more a political enforcer. ... He had the power to enforce rules against ideas, not violations of the law, but ideas he didn't like. That's the most dangerous thing to American liberty, because, well, it's tyranny."

John M. Dowd, Chief, Organized Crime Strike Force 1972-78: "Four years after Hoover died, I was assigned to conduct an investigation of forty years of fraud and corruption by J. Edgar Hoover. . . . Had Hoover been alive when this probe had taken place, I believe he'd have been indicted and prosecuted and convicted."

Frontline asserts it is now becoming clear that Hoover's personal corruption corrupted the very mission of the FBI, for it was while Hoover was Director of the FBI that the mafia was allowed to grow rich and powerful." William B. Gallinaro, Chief Investigator, NY State Crime Commission 1966-70: "Hoover was a devout gambler. I mean it was a sickness with him just like a man who's an alcoholic." Susan Rosensteil, former wife of a man who Gallinaro's investigation showed was "very close to Meyer Lansky and other high-ranking members of Organized Crime, like Frank Costello," said "Hoover would place the bets through Rosensteil. Rosensteil would call the boys up and they would make the bets and if Hoover won he got paid and if he didn't win they would just forget it."

Anthony Summers, Frontline consultant and author of Official and Confidential, a new biography of Hoover, said "At first, in the late thirties, it seemed that J. Edgar Hoover was going to pursue Organized Crime. It looked as if he was about to pursue the key mafiosi in the country. He went on raids in three states in 1937 with [deputy) Clyde Tolson at his side, and then, quite suddenly, it stopped, and the big question is why."

Frontline offers one reason: Organized Crime held photographic evidence of Hoover gratifying his boyfriend, Tolson. One associate quotes Meyer Lansky: "he doesn't go after anybody like Santo, myself, Carlos ... he doesn't touch any of us". Another said "Lansky was the guy who controlled the pictures and he had made his deal with Hoover to lay off. That was the reason that for a long time we had nothing to fear from the FBI." Hoover was blackmailed, and blackmailed others. Arthur Murtagh, FBI Agent 1951-71: "Presidents went to him before they were elected to pledge that they would keep him in office ... he sat there like a king, and the next president was saying 'Yes - if I'm elected HI keep you in office.' Period."

But let us not assume that with this latest exposure we have uncovered the depths of Criminal Control of our government. It continues still, or we would be free. In 1937, Hoover was pursuing members of Organized Crime and suddenly stopped. In 1937, after secret proceedings and as a complete surprise to the many doctors and patients who valued cannabis, the Marijuana Tax Act was passed. Through the prohibition of marijuana, hemp, the most famous resource in civilization's recorded history, was declared illegal. This conspiracy also allowed Organized Crime the arena in which to wrest control of the import and distribution of marijuana.

March 23, 1993, the Supreme Court of British Columbia: Madam Justice Dorgan ruled against Norm Cholette and defence lawyer Don Bohun's assertion that the laws against cultivation and possession of marijuana were unconstitutional because they violated Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (liberty). Regarding testimony that said the laws originated as racial discrimination, Justice Dorgan said that it was the court's duty to uphold the law, not to judge it, and that there were other avenues that should be used to change the law through the government, like voting and lobbying. Many people have been applying these tools for many years, and will continue to do so, but with all due respect to Her Ladyship, who I know is wiser than I in so many ways, I would like to remind the justices of the court that in carrying out their sworn duty to uphold the law they must judge the law to see if it contradicts our Constitution, the supreme law. The court exists not just as a method of managing private citizens and corporations, but perhaps most importantly it exists as a harness to keep the government from usurping more power than it was intended to have, as has happened with the existing laws that outlaw important mental/spiritual tools and the most important and versatile natural resource on the planet. It is exactly the courts duty—its highest duty according to law—to Uphold The Highest Law: The Constitution.

### LAWS SHOULD SUPPORT SOCIETY

It is time that we recognized in Law that which we have benefited so clearly from in practice. Psychedelics have been a major positive influence in our arts, entertainment, and advertising industries. Of course, the very artists involved may deny that they indulge. They want to live. Wall Street reaps billions of dollars in profit from advertising and art highly influenced [pun intended] by the popular use of psychedelics. That we as a society still continue to jail and kill people who distribute these same tools is sick. It is akin to gnawing off our own legs, and of course we do not follow our own laws in this regard sufficiently to fully manifest that end. Our Law Enforcement quietly allows privileged persons their escape.

Our nations are divided amongst themselves over many issues, but under it all we see that people have lost faith in the government. Let us restore their faith by announcing that North America will no longer imprison or kill or harass human beings simply because they choose to explore their own consciousness. Our people will respond with renewed vigour, building as friends Nations that will be honoured by all people of all Nations. We can help lead the world into a new age of community renewal, trust, and camaraderie. But it must be done now. Let us encourage the world with our endorsement of personal responsibility.

People want to work, but not for a government that suffocates them. Through this prohibition we have developed two or three generations that know full well that at least a portion of the Justice system is blatantly unjust. They know that the drug Laws are (a) wrong, and (b) not enforced upon the elite. They rebel. But they do not rebel out of laziness or greed. They rebel because it is right and proper to rebel against tyranny. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights warns us:

Whereas it is essential, if man is not to be compelled to have recourse, as a last resort, to rebellion against tyranny and oppression, that human rights should be protected by the rule of law...

# the time has come

I believe that Canadians, Americans, and all loving people around the world have the desire and the ability to correct the human injustices now being committed.

Let us show the rebels and our angry youth that we hear them.

Let us show that we will uphold the international humane agreements that we have pledged ourselves to, in the camaraderie and trust that the Universal Declaration Of Human Rights states so clearly:

All human Beings are Born free and equal in dignity and rights.  
They are endowed with reason and conscience and should  
act towards one another in a spirit of Brotherhood.

Let's put the responsibility for drug control back in its rightful place - the hands of the individual. The vast majority of consumers of cannabis, psychedelics, and even the "hard drugs" take the utmost care about what they consume, within their ability to obtain accurate information on quality, potency, etc. That they are denied the opportunity to openly discuss the subject is ridiculous. The War On Drugs has killed far more people than the drugs themselves ever have.

It has become apparent that forcing intravenous drug users to share needles has helped escalate the AIDS epidemic. The War On Drugs has been very costly, and has not curtailed drug use. In fact, the very illegality of drug use has made it more attractive to teenagers who enjoy risk-taking and are often eager to rebel against their parents' values.

Removing the drug laws is imperative. All police action on these substances must be immediately halted. Combine the harm society has suffered with the destruction of our forests and rivers and the incarceration of our youth and we see that:

The War On Drugs is a War On Privacy.	The War Against Cannabis is a War Against Canada and America.
The War On Drugs is a War On Opinion.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Thought.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Freedom.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Ecology.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Economy.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Democracy.	
The War On Drugs is a War On Society.	

Perhaps our political representatives intend to eventually put all political and religious dissidents behind bars or underground. Nazi Germany used suppression of literature and personal rights in a quest for domination. Perhaps Brian Mulroney, George Bush, and Adolph Hitler have more in common than they admit...

Prime Minister Mulroney — please demonstrate your belief in our people, our democracy, and our Constitution — Stop The War.

Canada has the responsibility and intelligence to end this repression of our God-given and Government-acknowledged Freedoms and Rights. We can create a new future for ourselves, but we must act immediately, before revolution and anarchy tear us apart. The solution does not involve "stronger laws" to more finely control our personal minds, or more "committees" to study our pain. The research has been done. It is time the government paid attention to the situation and formally gave us back the Rights our ancestors fought so valiantly for.



In order to remove these laws that contravene our natural right to privacy and the pursuit of happiness, and in order to reverse the vast amount of wealth channelled into the criminal sector, all laws aimed at prohibiting the personal use of so-called 'illicit drugs' by adults must be removed. These drugs include not just marijuana and hashish but psychedelics such as psilocybin, mescaline (peyote), the Supreme Sacrament LSD, and even drugs such as opium, cocaine, morphine, and heroin. Do not let anyone but yourSelf decide what will or will not be put in your body.

Nothing but the lifting of all penalties and restraints on adult cultivation, distribution and use of psychedelics, and the movement of drugs like heroin to some form of regulated access, will be acceptable. Prisoners being held under drug charges must be released immediately. Money and property seized must be returned. Criminal records must be wiped clean. You have taken over twenty years of my life by terrorizing me into hiding. Will you now make me spend the rest of my life in jail? I refuse to continue to help pay for a game that has the government killing artistic energetic productive citizens who are simply following their path as best they can.

There is obviously a need to protect individuals from being forced or tricked into consuming drugs or any substance. No one has the right to medicate any individual without their informed consent except in medical emergency.

Employers have the right to demand their employees behave responsibly during work periods. Production determines the employee's worth, as always, and people who cannot do their jobs may be fired or penalized through lack of promotion. But we cannot blindly say 'no drugs at work' because some people sometimes want to work while they are 'high'. Authors, Graphic Artists and Musicians, for instance, have different needs and responsibilities than do Airline Pilots and Surgeons.

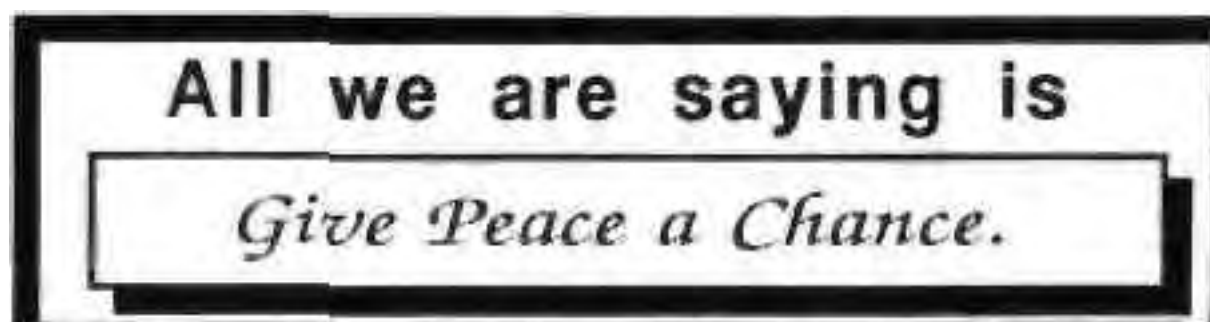
The choice of whether it is appropriate to smoke during lunch break deserves the same attention given to "should I drink alcohol at lunch". It is an individual decision arrived at by the employee and employer. I suggest that in most cases employees should neither drink nor smoke at lunch, but this is not a government decision. We must retain as much responsibility and individuality as possible so that we have numerous evolutionary choices. Will we not observe the proceedings around us, determine who fares best, and choose our path accordingly?

### LET MY PEOPLE GROW

We can finally share our bounteous Earth and all of God's gifts. Cast off the prohibition of psychedelics and develop hemp, and the Economy will not falter long. Let the people live, work, worship, and play! Let the people grow!

To every thing there is a season  
and a time for every purpose under heaven.

The planet is in its death throes now - what more harm can be done through allowing us to openly declare and continue what we have been doing all along? Surely the prohibition movement has killed enough people by now. Put down your weapons and let the People of Peace have a turn. As John Lennon said:



## QUALITY CONTROL

It would be beneficial to have some form of Quality Control involved in drug distribution so that (a) the consumer can make intelligent informed choices, and (b) the producers and distributors can be held liable for misleading or inappropriate labelling, but there is not so much need for this control as there is a tremendous urgency to dismantle the police state. Society's collapse is not far away.

The government should not attempt to simply 'licence' the products and keep harsh laws against unlicensed cultivation or distribution. It would be absurd to expect the people in the existing 'underground' distribution network to come forward and sign documents that could be used to incriminate them. They do not trust the government for good reason. This review is not an attempt to get 'better laws' governing what I may or may not consume, grow or sell.

**The government must recognize that  
it has trespassed into areas  
wherein it has no Right.**

The government of the people, for the people, by the people, must recognize that education or volunteer enrolment in a rehabilitation/counselling program is the only necessary or possible solution to the abuse of drugs, and that the use of drugs is an entirely different matter and an extremely personal decision. The people who have safely used and sold these products for years deserve to use, purchase and distribute without the threat of their family being lethally assaulted by their police.

If the government licenced commercial retail sales much as alcohol and tobacco are now licenced we would save billions of dollars a year in enforcement costs and could obtain much needed revenue through honest profit. But, especially in the beginning, few underground distributors will trust the government enough to sign up for a licence, and we must not continue the imaginary 'need' for invasive and lethal conflict. Any attempt at retail licencing should allow unobtrusive 'home distribution' to go unlicensed, subject of course to the normal laws of commerce so that people will have recourse for claims of fraud, theft, and misrepresentation.

If we Stop The War, and not just re-arrange the rules, we will find that with the removal of the danger of arrest the price of drugs will fall and children in our inner cities will no longer be induced to abandon their education just to sell drugs. In fact, some merchants I interviewed do not want marijuana legalized because "the price would fall". It will become a business like any other, market-driven with reasonable profits. This should not take long if the war is truly stopped.

Those countries held up today as bad examples of permissiveness, showing the degradation and squalor that can befall a community of junkies when drug possession has been decriminalized, contribute to the mis-information problem.

First, continued laws against the trafficking and manufacture of drugs keep prices artificially high and the cost of drugs deprives these people of money they would otherwise use for food, clothes, and lodging. This fosters crime.

Second, because there are so few areas where drugs are legal, addicts naturally congregate in those areas more than they would otherwise choose, and because their oppression and money problems have turned some of them into desperate people, they tend to be noticeable. But most of their trouble comes from the laws that force them to live separate from society. How would you have accomplished anything if you had to hide an illness from the very people you should ask for help?

Legalizing the use of a substance but not its production and distribution is a dirty trick, perhaps intended to discredit anti-prohibition views and keep police (etc.) fully employed. In North America, police are not very interested in people who smoke marijuana; they spend their time on people who cultivate and distribute.

This creates a situation where the demand for marijuana is constant or rising, and so police have a never-ending job. If we admit that use is not the dangerous thing once pretended, it should not be illegal to supply people what they demand.

People must be able to talk openly about the dangers and benefits of using drugs for our society to honestly confront and manage the potential for abuse. Children should be able to ask questions of their parents and teachers without being told simply "Just say No". That is certainly a good way to avoid something, but our children deserve to know why they should avoid the experience until they are adults. Most of them understand why they shouldn't drive a car, and - if we are honest with them - they will understand why they shouldn't use drugs like alcohol, nicotine, caffeine, marijuana, and LSD, etc., while they are still developing.

Stop trying to kill the rest of us for enjoying ourselves! Prohibition is a cancer on our society. Children are forced to condemn their parents. Parents are forced to condemn their children. This is the aspect of communism we were all taught to hate - that somehow the state should be more important than the family. Fear keeps the masses from openly discussing and confronting their oppressors. Today...

### WHILE HEMP IS PROHIBITED

While HEMP is prohibited, we must buy our drugs from pharmaceutical companies in which the current Industrialists have their money invested. Their theory: stop the natural supply at gun-point - make the people buy industry's drugs.

While HEMP is prohibited, we must continue to watch the destruction of Old-Growth forests and weep for our children's bleak future as clear-cutting erases our woodland friends forever. Industry theory: trade a final ten years of high wages for a few for the eternity of extinction. Goodbye Thumper and Winnie-the-Pooh.

While HEMP is prohibited. Pulp and Paper mills continue to pour Dioxin into our Fisheries. Goodbye Sammy Salmon and Moby Dick.

While HEMP is prohibited, we must continue to require cotton plantations to poison the earth with pesticides. Goodbye Jiminy Cricket and Danny Meadowmouse.

While HEMP is prohibited, we must continue to send our money to the Petroleum Producing countries, and watch as the military devastate the Middle East production grounds in the name of price control. Goodbye Humans.

While HEMP is prohibited, we must continue to let Oil Refineries pour pollutants into the air so we can drive automobiles, produce plastic, and varnish furniture.

While HEMP is prohibited, some of our neighbours starve from lack of protein while DuPont (who helped prohibit hemp in the first place by promising that petrochemicals could replace hemp oil) is busy altering our wheat so that they can blackmail the world with their secret growth formula.

We can change before the stagnation is irreversible and total collapse inevitable, but it is almost too late even as you read this. There is so much tension in the land. So many people are aware that they have been fooled and lied to. So many heap scorn and disrespect on the police whose job it is to protect us, but who seem now to delight in terrifying us. Lawrence Powell, one of the Los Angeles police officers accused in the beating of Rodney King on March 3, 1991, told an interviewer, "I never harbored any personal malice toward Mr. King." Does that make assault OK?

I believe that most police want an end to the terror, brutality, and disgust, but some enjoy the 'tough cop' image and the rest timidly allow this caricature to thrive. I believe that our society wants to remove the mistake known as the War on Drugs.

On Monday, November 23, 1992, at approximately 11:50PM, Vancouver TV station CKVU (UTV 13) ran an unannounced phone-in poll during a commercial break of its show 23:30. The question: "Should marijuana be legalized?" (Answer Yes or No.) Calling from Victoria I continually found 'all circuits busy.' After about three minutes 23:30 returned from commercials and closed the poll, announcing with smiles and jokes that 85% of 530 calls had voted YES.

Canada could solve many problems — tell the United Nations:

We have decriminalized marijuana and are committed to funding federal and provincial projects to cultivate Cannabis and to perfect technologies to transform this natural multi-purpose resource into its many end-products.

Tell them why. Tell them:

### WE HAVE BEEN ROBBED!

One of the prime solutions to our global economic and ecologic chaos would be to remove the real terror of the drug war: the enforcement of these invasive, enslaving, and unconstitutional laws. The United Nations will surely approve our leadership in this matter when we 'allow' ourselves to discuss the truth. Only with the old bag of lies over our heads were we able to be led into international and domestic terrorism by the US CIA et al.

We must cancel existing international drugwar agreements, signed under duress and based on lies. They are no longer valid and they underwrite the oppression and extermination of human beings sincere in caring for themselves, their families, and their friends. First, they are part of a conspiracy to deprive the world of one of its most ancient and valuable natural renewable resources. Second, they provide the mechanism whereby organized crime is funded. Third, destruction of the confiscated drugs is destruction of our GNP. Fourth, my government had no authority to sign any agreement that reduces the Rights and Freedoms my forefathers fought so hard and long for. They are not the government's Rights to barter with, they are mine and they are not for sale.

Except for the dead, the prisoners, and the paranoid, the purported crimes are victim-less — there is no one to prosecute. There is therefore no legitimate case to bring to trial, except that the current laws pretend that there is a crime occurring, and so there is a person defending themselves, but only against the unnecessary and illegal tyrannical conspiracy of industry and government. Free us NOW!

Everyone has the right to do anything he or she wants as long as he or she doesn't infringe on anyone else's rights. Putting someone who hasn't violated anyone else's rights in jail or fining him or her is a violation of that person's rights. The drug laws are unethical and should be repealed.<sup>99</sup>



## ACT NOW

I urge all people of all nations to write to your political representatives and mandarins of government. Let them know the oppression Canadians continue to suffer is now at least partially understood and no longer condoned.

We were warned in ancient times about "false prophets". Perhaps we should worry more about the "false profits" a few people are getting from the petrochemicals that replaced the hemp oil business, and the "false profits" a few people are getting from the rape of our last remaining rainforests.

We have waited too long already, and now hear tripe on TV like "We thought we dealt with this in the Middle Ages. We must finally stamp out drug use once and for all." Oh, sure, let's get some of those good old-fashioned measures in place again. Let's see now, the Roman Catholic Church forbade use of cannabis or any medical treatment except for alcohol or blood letting for 1200-plus years. Sound rational? And here's a fun afternoon: A group of people throw a herbalist woman in a pond. If she doesn't drown, it proves she is a witch and they can burn her at the stake.

## LEST WE FORGET

According to Marihuana - The First Twelve Thousand Years:

In 1962, President Kennedy's Ad Hoc Panel on Drug Abuse dismissed the alleged link between marijuana and sexual abuse and criminality as limited." The clangers claimed for marihuana, it said, were "exaggerated," and it challenged the "long criminal sentences imposed on an occasional user or possessor of the drug" as being in "poor social perspective."

On November 22 of the very next year President Kennedy was assassinated by agents of his own government conspiring with mobsters. The group was apparently composed of at least the CIA, the FBI, and the Mafia, people who make money via the War On Drugs and allow or cause most of the pain and damage associated with Prohibition.

We must immediately free all drug-offence prisoners and send them home to their families. Let our young runaways return to their parents without insisting that their parents 'turn them in' as criminals. (Hey Kids- take this review home, hug your parents, and ask them to help.) Let our people once again govern their own minds and lives. Keep the police out of our bodies, bedrooms, kitchens and churches!

We have the right to grow cannabis for hemp and marijuana.  
We have the right to eat, smoke, and drink marijuana.  
We have the right to eat fresh or sprouted cannabis seed.  
We have the right to share the plant in barter or friendship.  
The government can not take these rights away from us.  
The government does not have the right to tell you how to influence your mind or perform sacred communion with God.

We Have Been Robbed!

Help Fight Crime, Restore Democracy & Save The World:

# STOP THE WAR ON DRUGS!

# past promises

Leader Of The Opposition

January 5, 1979

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 1978 inquiring as to the views of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada on marijuana law reform.

I feel strongly that the present law regarding marijuana is not serving as a deterrent to its use and is resulting in many young people carrying criminal records for what amounts to a social practice among their generation. My views are supported by the most recent Statistics Canada figures which show 57,465 recorded offences for simple possession of marijuana in 1976. I do not feel that Canadian law enforcement agencies and the courts should be burdened by this continuing deluge of cases involving simple possession.

Simple possession of marijuana should be decriminalized under other legislation.

The harsh sentences now provided under the Narcotic Control Act for the possession of marijuana are completely unjustified by any potential social damage caused by the substance. Under the Act, if the Crown chooses to proceed by indictment, the sentence can be as much as seven years. Cultivation and trafficking can bring, under indictment, sentences from a minimum seven years to life imprisonment. As this is the same potential sentence a murderer faces, the laws as written are clearly unbalanced.

The administration of these laws has also been unbalanced. While most possession charges are now dealt with through summary conviction, and while first offences often bring only a conditional discharge, this procedure is by no means uniform. In any case, a conditional discharge still carries with it a criminal record. Some provinces and territories are much stricter in their arrest and prosecution programs than others. The administration of these laws can also depend on the whim of fate in the assignment of particular prosecutors and judges to a case. Unfortunately, this criticism is applicable to most, if not all, of our criminal justice system.

As Progressive Conservatives we believe in the fundamental rule of law. Law, based on consensus, holds our social fabric together. But unjust laws create social division. Those who flout the laws and get away with it, lose respect for law in general. Those who are caught apparently represent only a small fraction of the numbers who actually use marijuana, and they resent their predicaments. They may be thrown into jail or in other ways come into contact with the criminal element. In jail, an otherwise-innocent user could learn new ways of breaking the law. To maintain respect for the structure of the law, we must ensure that all laws are just and based on broad social consensus. The laws must be written fairly to begin with and enforced equitably. We object to the use of administrative means to achieve political ends, as has occurred in the directive by the Justice Department to Crown Prosecutors to proceed by summary conviction and seek conditional discharges. If the government believes that the law is too harsh, as we do, then it should have the courage to change it.

The marijuana controversy is not aided to any degree by the fact that the scientific community is largely split into two broad groups: those who feel that marijuana is an extremely dangerous drug from medical, psychological and social standpoints, and those

who feel, conversely, that marijuana is considerably less hazardous than many other drugs such as heroin, amphetamines, alcohol and tobacco. There is increasing agreement, however, that marijuana use entails a certain degree of health risk. But there is not agreement on the dosages, frequencies of use and length of use to cause a health hazard. In my view, a drug education programme would be far more beneficial and economical in attacking the problem.

Once the criminal law sanction is removed, other aspects of the law will have to be examined to ensure consistency. Cultivation and non-profit transfer would be among those issues. Trafficking would remain a criminal offence during this period. Any moves towards establishing a government system of distribution would have to be studied carefully in advance. Decriminalization without legalized sale might widen the illicit market and benefit organized crime. We believe that government sales should be among the options examined when legal and medical experts study alternative regulatory models.

The effect on our economy of legalized sales of marijuana could be a healthy one. Organized crime flourished in the days of alcohol prohibition; prices were artificially inflated; there was no regulation of age requirement; and the government lost tax revenues. The same situation applies today with regard to marijuana prohibition.

Tax revenues from the sale of alcohol are a major source of income for the provinces and provide some income at the federal level. If sales of marijuana were to be taxed and regulated, governments would have a new source of income.

In 1971, some farmers in western Canada reported on their census forms that marijuana was the third highest cash crop in terms of dollar value, after wheat and rapeseed. If this occurred while the cultivation of marijuana was illegal, it is quite likely that it would become even more profitable if sales were made legal.

The chairman of our caucus youth committee, Paul Dick, M.P., (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton) has asked several questions in the Commons on this issue. On April 4, 1978, he asked the Hon. Monique Begin, Minister of national health and welfare, whether the government intended to bring in a decriminalization bill which has been promised for more than ten years. Her reply, and that of Solicitor-General Jean-Jacques Blais, was that more delay and "review" was to take place. Mr. Dick again pressed the government on May 4, 1978, taking his case directly to the Prime Minister, who replied facetiously that he would bring in legislation only if we all agreed not to study or debate it.

Another member of our caucus, Dr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford), has been kind enough to lend his medical expertise to a study of the whole question. His report, and draft proposals have been instrumental in our policy development, and a copy is enclosed for your information.

Once we have dealt with economic and institutional changes, we intend to act on decriminalization in the first term of office of a new government. However, unavoidably there will be an extensive debate on that measure and, in my judgement, it is going to be more important that we give our first priority, as a new government, to some of the major economic and institutional changes the country requires. I would not want that priority delayed unduly by an extended debate on decriminalization. I certainly intend to act on what I consider an anomaly within the law.

I trust that this letter has answered fully your question. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would be very pleased if you could send me a copy of your article, care of my communications director, Jodi White.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Clark, M.P.<sup>100</sup>

# fear and faith

## NEW TOOLS OF OPPRESSION

Recognizing that the existing drug laws are incorrect, the Canadian Government is replacing them. However, the replacement laws are just that — replacements, the same old tyranny sporting a modern new cloak. We cannot make this illegal law legal by rewording it. The underlying intent is to control our private moments and that is now illegal. Neither language nor cunning will change that. Thank God.

Bill C-85, now before the Canadian House of Commons, offers no rationale for the existence of a prohibition law, but it does pull into one set of laws drugs formerly covered by the Narcotic Control Act (marijuana, heroin, cocaine, amphetamines, etc.) and the Food And Drugs Act (LSD, mescaline, psilocybin, etc.).

Perhaps due to the similarity between certain currently legal substances and the so-called 'illicit' drugs, Bill C-85 takes care to ensure in section 4 that we understand "This Act does not apply in respect of... nicotine... [and] alcohol..."

Bill C-85 also recognizes that marijuana and LSD are different drugs by listing them on different schedules. However, on Schedule I marijuana still associates with heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines, and carries much higher penalties than, for instance, LSD. Possession of marijuana mimics the existing NCA penalties: a fine of up to one thousand dollars or six months in jail or both for a first offence, and up to seven years in jail for repeat offences, while the maximum term ever assigned LSD possession is three years.

This would imply that in the government's view, LSD is safer than marijuana, and yet the vast majority of people consider LSD so potent that they rarely indulge.

Trafficking and law enforcement will continue to be lucrative under the new law, perhaps even more so. If you are convicted with over 10 kilograms (10kg=22lbs) of cannabis you are "guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for life". There is no offer of summary conviction, i.e. no 'first offence' sentence reduction.

This is the same penalty assigned heroin distribution and is not changed from the NCA. However, under C-85 marijuana is given special consideration in what I suppose must be considered 'small quantity' trafficking. Convictions of 10kg or under are, on first offence, liable to a fine not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both. Repeat offenders would be liable to fourteen years.

And don't cross the border with even a single leaf or living seed! As with the NCA, importing any amount of marijuana is "an indictable offence" with no offer of summary conviction and is liable to "imprisonment for life." On the other hand, importing LSD (or mescaline, psilocybin, etc.) would bring a first offence a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or imprisonment for up to eighteen months or both, and a repeat offence liable to imprisonment up to ten years. Ten years for bringing us gallons of the ultimate exploration afforded by the Supreme Sacrament, and LIFE for bringing home a personal bag of pot??? Again we see cannabis restricted as if it was extremely dangerous in spite of a mass of contrary data. A single living seed of this plant is by law more dangerous than LSD, because a single living seed could produce cloth, paper, oil, food, medicine, and fuel. Perhaps intentionally, perhaps through ignorance and accident. Bill C-85 intends to further empower the conspiracy prohibiting our most important natural resource.



In addition, Bill C-85 introduces two new terms to support the tyranny. Falling liable to the same penalties as possession, it will be illegal to "seek" or "obtain" a substance or an authorization to obtain a substance "from a person entitled under the regulations to provide such a substance, "except as authorized under the regulations. Whoa. Is this to deter people from asking their doctors to prescribe cannabis? What are "the regulations" whereby I may legally obtain an authorization to obtain and possess marijuana and psilocybin? Who are you allowing to experience these wondrous tools? Who is conducting the research and education? I volunteer.

The current and proposed drug laws promote criminal conduct by claiming normal human evolution is illegal. When so many citizens demand the law be changed and personally ignore it as best they can, this new attempt at oppression can only be to continue the conspiracy to keep the cannabis hemp pulp, seed, and fibre resource off the world market. This is a global issue. Otherwise why was marijuana not decriminalized years ago as virtually all government studies have recommended?

### PRIVACY BEING REMOVED

Bill C-85 tightens the grip of the state on the people by virtually doing away with the need for warrants to invade, interrogate, and search individual suspects and premises that might contain a "psychoactive substance or precursor". Warrants would remain to support large-scale invasions, but individual police officers would be allowed to break or sneak into anyone's house at their own discretion.

#### Bill C-85, PART II ENFORCEMENT, Search, Seizure and Detention

12. (1) ... to search the place for any psychoactive substance, precursor, property or thing and to seize it.
- (5) ... may search any person found in the place ...
- (6) ... may seize ... any psychoactive substance or precursor in respect of which the peace officer believes on reasonable grounds that this Act has been contravened; ... any thing that the peace officer believes on reasonable grounds to contain or conceal a psychoactive substance or precursor... offence-related property ...[and] any thing that ... will afford evidence in respect of an offence under this Act.
- (7) A peace officer may exercise any of the powers described in subsection (1), (5) or (6) without a warrant if the conditions for obtaining a warrant exist but by reason of exigent circumstances it would be impracticable to obtain a warrant.

exigent | adj. 1 demanding prompt action or attention; pressing; urgent:  
The exigent pangs of hunger sent the bear on a search for food.  
2 demanding a great deal more than is reasonable; exacting:  
A busy doctor has an exigent occupation.<sup>101</sup>

13. For the purpose of exercising any of the powers described in section 12, a peace officer may
  - (a) enlist such assistance as the officer deems necessary; and
  - (b) use as much force as is necessary in the circumstances.<sup>102</sup>

So police, demanding a great deal more than is reasonable, will have authority to break down the door and commence their assault immediately. The police (hardly peace officers in this war) will finally have the fascist power necessary to break into any room or person in any building at any moment at their discretion.

54. The Minister may, on such terms and conditions as the Minister deems necessary, exempt any person or class of persons or any psychoactive substance or precursor or any class thereof from the application of all or any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations if, in the opinion of the Minister, the exemption is necessary for a medical or scientific purpose or is otherwise in the public interest.<sup>103</sup>

Whether or not Bill C-85 becomes law, I ask that in the public interest, every Canadian be immediately exempted from the shackles that sour our minds, our wills, our relations and our economies, and suffocate the entire planet.

### NEW WORDS OF PEACE

Canadian Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn's New Year's message, published Dec. 30, 1992 in the Victoria Times-Colonist, is a very uplifting reminder of the positive attitude and faith that Canadians are famous for. I hope the present and future administrations of North America and the world will assimilate these excerpts and reconstruct reality to suit.

Everywhere Gerda and I went we were struck by the enthusiasm with which Canadians express their love of this country and their desire to live peacefully with each other and the world. ... Canada, after all, is not the result of circumstances, but of the will of people to live in freedom and dignity. ...

At this moment, Canadians are living through the effects of profound global economic and social changes. Our ability, as a nation, to meet these challenges will depend, to a great degree, on the way we interpret and act on the traditional Canadian values of generosity, decency, and compassion. ... In a real sense, now, more than ever, we must rededicate ourselves to work together, reaching out to strengthen the many values and principles that bind us to each other.

In order that Canada remains a great nation, it is necessary that Canadians from all walks of life, regardless of their origins, realize that they need each other. This realization requires frequent and friendly relations between the diverse cultural and linguistic communities of our society.

These relations will not be possible unless each of us makes the effort to get to know the other, to try and understand and to listen to the other person's aspirations and hopes. The unity which evolves from the principle of mutual understanding — this is where the future of Canada lies.<sup>104</sup>

Mutual understanding. Not one group exterminating another. Let my people grow. Free the slaves you have locked up now. Help us educate the people about the appropriate use of psychedelics and painkillers. If the Government would stop lying then everyone could stop cheating. In discussing troubled teens, respected columnist Jim Hume pointed out in the Victoria Times-Colonist, Feb. 12, 1993:

There can never be a guarantee that kids with caring parents will not fly off the rails. But there's a better chance of keeping them rational in times of stress if they have been taught to respect the rights of others; if they have been taught that humanity teems with opinions and that our own may not necessarily be right; if they have been taught that it's always better to reason our way—argue if you like—to a decision than bully our way to it.<sup>105</sup>

## UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE

Our next step is either freedom or the government-forced administration of drugs. This is implied by two facts. First, the government already tries to tell me what I may and may not consume in order to control my mind and emotions. Second, the government has already experimented using LSD as a "potential new agent for unconventional warfare", according to Part One of the two-part television series LSD - The Beyond Within. Former intelligence officer and author John Marks has uncovered CIA secret research into LSD: "The essence of the intelligence business is control. This was an instrument or a potential instrument for breaching people's control." ... In 1963 the CIA produced an internal report so sensitive only one copy was made. It concerned MKULTRA, a project that involved the testing of LSD on unwitting American citizens.<sup>106</sup> I am told this type of research also went on in Montreal.

TO: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
DATE: 26 JULY 1963  
SUBJECT: REPORT OF INSPECTION OF MKULTRA

In connection with our survey of Technical Services Division, DD/P, it was deemed advisable to prepare the report of the MKULTRA program in one copy only, in view of its unusual sensitivity.

The final phase of testing of MKULTRA materials involves their application to unwitting subjects in normal life settings. Selected individuals were invited to a house and offered drinks or drugs. These subjects were then unwittingly given a drug being tested as a possible aid in interrogations and their behaviour probed/observed.

The show also discussed research on dropping LSD in bombs, on the premise that massive overdoses would cause chaos. Chemical warfare should be prohibited.

Not only are the real criminals not the psychedelicists, but the drug laws even make criminals out of unintentionally involved people. For instance, whoever has held marijuana for any reason without the 'approval' of the state should remember that just because you didn't get caught does not mean you did not commit a crime. This includes not only people who kept drugs "for a friend" but parents who simply took pot from their child rather than turn their child and the pot over to the authorities. You are lucky the police did not show up while you were holding the bag. Perhaps some police would have believed you and not laid charges. Perhaps some would have believed you and charged your child. Perhaps some of you are in jail now, having chosen that over informing on your own offspring.

Holding or consuming marijuana is in no way a criminal act by the standard concept of 'crime'. B.C. Appeal Court Justice Henry Hutcheon (with justices Mary Southin and Anne Rowes) in declaring unconstitutional a section of the Criminal Code which prohibited convicted sex offenders from loitering in parks, playgrounds, schoolyards and bathing areas, said "To be a criminal offence under the Criminal Code, the intent must be directed toward the corruption of others, not oneself."<sup>107</sup>

If an individual consumes 'something' and subsequently behaves improperly they are still subject to the same set of laws as any other citizen. Drugs are not an excuse for anti-social behaviour. Western Society has seen a clear link between alcohol intoxication and violence but that does not mean that other drugs work the same way. Appropriate use of psychedelics could even cure some violent criminals.

Any law that prohibits  
a sentient being from controlling what  
substances, instruments, or people  
enter his or her own body is a crime  
against God and Evolution.

To debate otherwise is just semantics, as when Victoria Water Board chairman Bert Caine, after investigating a complaint that logging was going on in the watershed despite a temporary ban, said "I made a phone call and was told they weren't logging. They were only cutting down trees." <sup>108</sup>

Similarly, the government would no doubt like to assure us that the police are only accidentally killing us and have official government approval to forcefully explore our bodies and make us tinkle in their test-tubes while they watch. Good grief.

SCARED STRAIGHT

A very effective movie called Scared Straight presents us with compelling reasons to avoid incarceration. Delinquent teen-agers were exposed to prison life by a group of convicts intending to frighten them away from a life of crime. As narrator Peter Falk tells us, some kids had been in trouble weekly:

If these kids look like the innocent boys and girls next door, remember why they're here. Various youngsters in this group have committed assault and battery, arson, auto theft, breaking and entering, burglary, purse snatching, shoplifting, vandalism, possession of stolen property, possession and distribution of narcotics, illegal possession of weapons, assaulting a police officer, larceny, and bomb threats. <sup>109</sup>

Notice that all the crimes mentioned except "possession and distribution of narcotics" are crimes wherein one person suffers at the hands of another. How is smoking or selling marijuana or opium related to stealing, vandalism, and assault?

One of the convicts helping run Scared Straight, Willie was paroled in 1980. Within fourteen months he was arrested and returned to Rahway Prison where he is now serving 25 years for robbery and possession of a weapon. He was 32 years old when asked what happened. "You put yourself in situations where you could hurt people because you want to get drugs, they might have the money or whatever that you're stealing or robbing or whatever, and if they don't give it up to you, you put yourself in a position to hurt 'em."

Talk like this is used to promote the War On Drugs, but the war has made drugs so expensive that people who do not respect other people's Rights commit crime for drug money. If Willie is addicted to drugs, he should be allowed to get them cheaply, so he can be happy at a regular job rather than having to find hundreds of dollars a day to buy a few dollars worth of powder.

And let's not think that all Willies are confined to the inner cities. In sleepy old-fashioned Victoria heroin is just as enticing and expensive as in harlem: A man who pleaded guilty to his 26th break-in has been sentenced to 30 months in jail. ... [name withheld], 33, broke into a house on Sunnymead Way Wednesday night and stole a video cassette recorder and two cameras. ... [name] said his problem was heroin addiction. <sup>110</sup>

Here we have a fellow who admits being saddled with an addiction to heroin. He cannot stop using heroin without incurring a living nightmare (addiction is not a joke) and because heroin is extremely expensive he resorts to stealing. He cannot sell stolen equipment for what it is worth to the owner so he steals thousands of dollars of property to obtain hundreds of dollars in cash for \$5 worth of painkiller.



The solution? Put him in jail? Tell him to just forget about heroin? Decades of medical research has proven that treatment is usually ineffective unless the patient can maintain his addiction, respect, and sanity during counselling for the underlying problem. Heroin addicts are simply applying the best medicine they know, and when the wound is finally healed, the need for painkillers is gone. Many patients treated in this responsible manner have 'matured out' of their addiction and had no need or desire to commit crimes while in treatment or after.

I am not suggesting we should approve of heroin use, but it is not likely to ever become a popular drug. Virtually anyone who wants some could get some, and yet the majority of us are simply not interested in the fog produced by pain-killers. It is possible to educate people without this antiquated, misguided, harmful and expensively ineffective method of gun-fighter diplomacy. Of course there are some people who prefer mescaline or \_\_\_\_\_ over your favourite journey, but there are also people who drive carelessly or eat too much and cost us an outrageous number of health care dollars. Many can barely get enough to eat these days while some eat enough for two, often throwing away more than I eat.

Many people drink alcohol to excess and then argue with their boss or their spouse at a party or the morning after. No wonder there is a law against drug education. If the people learned the truth they might legalize marijuana and prohibit alcohol. This of course would not work any better, as it is not the 'use' but the 'abuse' of alcohol and drugs that is detrimental. People who use drugs without inflicting themselves on others should not have to suffer because of a few fools.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

While I am pleased to read Joe Clark's 1979 intentions to one day decriminalize marijuana<sup>111</sup>, perhaps it has not yet been done because Mr. Clark stated the government should first work on "economic and institutional" changes. I believe the primary change required is the removal of these illegal and expensive laws and the instigation of national and international research and use of cannabis products.

Do you want the people to start supporting the government again? Stop jailing and shooting us for having interesting and inquisitive lives! Do you think a full-scale revolution is impossible? We are in a global crisis — governments around the world and especially in North America must stop pretending they own people.

Canadians are guaranteed Freedom, but get 'free dumb'. We have been ignoring the cannabis resource, one of the most important resources in history, so that a forty-two-year-old Systems Analyst can be denied the enjoyment of marijuana.

The government should be aware of two things. One is that the anti-drug laws will eventually be removed, as they are clearly illegal. The second is the repercussions resulting from that removal. If the Government changes the law purposefully, people now convicted will have to continue to serve their time unless an amnesty is provided (as I insist it should be). However, if the Court strikes down the law, that will prove the laws were Constitutionally illegal and will allow people who have suffered under these laws to sue for retribution for penal time served, fines paid, wages lost, and related damages. Are the Courts ignoring their duty to uphold their country's Constitution by waiting for the government to avoid these lawsuits?

We can wait no longer! We must not condone another single death or midnight assault against people caring for their own consciousness. Even now I am tempted to sue the Canadian Government for stealing so much of my life by forcing me to hide from police funded with my Taxes. Imagine the chaos and costs as lawsuits attack the government to recover years of lost wages resulting from incarceration. The government must immediately repeal the drug laws before it is too late.



**Bill Watterson**, creator of the comic strip **Calvin and Hobbes**,<sup>112</sup> is highly regarded for his biting wit, human insight, and mastery of the cartoon medium. The idea in the strip quoted here is a strong one. The message is clear: Earthlings can no longer tolerate 'company profit at any cost' logic. What is not so clear is that we must

immediately employ the cannabis hemp resource: (1) for oil to alleviate the pollution, destruction, and wars due to the petrochemical industry, (2) for paper to alleviate the rape of our rainforests - a major part of our global weather system, (3) for cloth to alleviate chemical pollution by cotton growers, (4) for food to alleviate many health problems - hemp seed is possibly the most nutritious food the human race owns, (5) for medicine to alleviate a host of illnesses, and of course (6) for marijuana to alleviate the stress of modern life and to rejoice in living.

### GOOD MANNERS

"The problem is government intervention in private affairs." says Paul Chyz, one of many frustrated Canadians who has been harassed. "I should be trusted to grow what I want in my garden and to put what I want in my body. People seem to think that they should have some say in what other people do behind closed doors. It's not good manners to tell adults how to behave."<sup>113</sup>

Summing up the indignation we all feel when controlled by others, Paul says:

**"Keeping marijuana illegal is just plain rude."**

## FRONT-LINE DEFENCE

On February 8, 1993 PBS broadcast Frontline: What Happened to the Drug War?<sup>114</sup> and the dedication and enthusiasm of American military and other federal employees is impressive. Eight months of Frontline research found that: The federal government has mobilized thousands of people from eighteen different agencies, including federal troops, to stop drug smuggling along America's southwest border. Marines patrol the New Mexican border in HumVees and use night scopes to hunt smugglers. Customs and local law enforcement agents chase smugglers in the Gulf of Mexico in special speedboats. At border stations, Customs is scrutinizing every car and truck for drugs, and at special control centers Customs technicians study radar screens looking for suspicious aircraft.

It all amounts to what appears to be the most impenetrable anti-drug net ever constructed. But the question is: does it work? Every year hundreds of tons of cocaine, an estimated 70% of the total supply, still cross here. It's become America's cocaine-smuggling belt.

... The blitz to interdict drugs at the border began in the mid-eighties. At the time it was seen as the linchpin to the government's overall drug strategy. ... The first dollars were appropriated as part of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986.

In a 1986 clip, Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, who Frontline says was the leading advocate in the Senate for the border interdiction provisions of the legislation, says "The total funding, authorized in title three, which is the interdiction, is six hundred and seventy-eight million dollars, at least a beginning." During a recent interview for Frontline, DeConcini said "The act authorized the government, our government, to create a front-line defence, if you want to call it that, on the War On Drugs."

Carol Hallet was Head of the Customs Service under President Bush. She lobbied Congress to support an array of drug war technology and praised radar-carrying aerostats (tethered blimps) as "just part of the overall strategy of defending our borders."

Does Carol know she is defending America's borders against patriotic Americans?

If North America really wants to stop drug smuggling it should legalize distribution channels for the drugs citizens so obviously demand. The War On Drugs insists that drug use is evil. Business people are portrayed as enemies of a free society when they are simply fulfilling a recognized need. This is the credo that underpins a successful business: find a need and fill it. There would be no merchants if there were no satisfied customers. Drug users preceded drug merchants.

**MANY CANADIAN AND AMERICAN CITIZENS WANT MARIJUANA, HASHISH, PSILOCYBIN, MESCALINE, LSD. AND OTHER PSYCHOACTIVE SACRAMENTS AND MEDICINES. PEOPLE ASSAULTING PEOPLE KIND ENOUGH TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE OBTAIN THESE MATERIALS ARE THEMSELVES MERCHANTS OF PERVERSION, BRUTALITY, AND DEATH.**

## RESEARCH BLATANTLY IGNORED

And don't tell us we need another Commission. The anti-drug laws are illegal and are kept in place despite the findings of decades of Commissions. Although he had agreed to a fact-finding commission. President Nixon said this about that:

"As you know, there is a commission that is supposed to make recommendations to me about this subject, and in this instance, however, I have such strong views that I will express them. I am against legalizing marijuana. Even if this commission does recommend that it be legalized, I will not follow that recommendation. ... I do not believe that legalizing marijuana is in the best interests of our young people and I do not think it's in the best interests of this country."<sup>115</sup>

## GOVERNMENT VS. RELIGION

I agree with Art Klep, in Millbrook, *The True Story of the Psychedelic Revolution*:

If these substances . . . have something specially holy about them, then the state may neither prohibit nor control them, nor even encourage nor discourage their use, for they are entirely outside the province of government and are under the protection of religion and conscience alone.

It is not the business of legislatures to define what is holy and what is not, although the courts may rightfully inquire into the sincerity of religious assertions, if those assertions lead to a proper question of law.

The discovery of LSD may be taken as the intervention of God in human history; if the government says this is not possible, then the government has in effect made a law respecting an establishment of religion, disallowing all that is present and future and permitting only what is past.

To define these divine bio-chemicals as 'drugs' in statutes is to do nothing but render an opinion, very possibly wrong, and no one is obliged to act accordingly, for in the same manner the wine of the Christian communion might be called an intoxicant and narcotic given to minors and the Jewish circumcision termed an assault on infants. If sane and orderly men say that a thing is religious, and the thing is no murder or robbery, then it is their right to have it, no matter what multitudes of believers in the holiness of other things, or even in the holiness of nothing, may be arrayed against them.

We do not believe these substances may be taken from us by whatever means, under any circumstances, no matter what the courts decide, for free men have a natural right to the exercise of their religion which transcends all ordinary laws should conflict arise, so long as the matter in dispute is integral and essential to the practice of the religion and involves no direct injury to the person or property of non-participants.<sup>116</sup>

## THIRTY YEARS OF PROTEST

1962 Bob Dylan (who legend says turned the Beatles on), *Blowin' In The Wind*:

How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?... How many times must the cannon balls fly before they're forever banned?... How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry? How many deaths will it take till he knows that too many people have died?... How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free? How many times can a man turn his head pretending he just doesn't see?

1966 Stephen Stills, *For What It's Worth*:

There's something happening here, what it is ain't exactly clear. There's a man with a gun over there, tellin' me I got to Beware. ... There's battle lines being drawn, nobody's right if everybody's wrong. Young people speakin' their minds, getting so much resistance from behind. ... What a field day for the heat. A thousand people in the street, singing songs and carrying signs, mostly saying "Hoo-ray for our side." ... Paranoia strikes deep into your life it will creep. It starts when you're always afraid. Step out of line the men come and take you away.

I think it's time we stop, children, what's that sound? Everybody look what's goin' down.

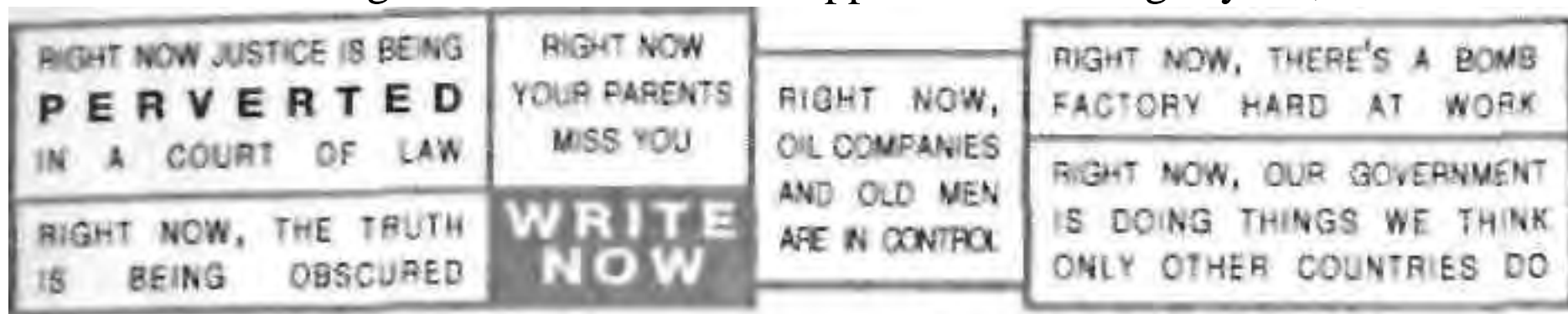
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Tin soldiers and Nixon coming; we're finally on our own. This summer I hear the drumming: Four dead in Ohio. Gotta get down to it, soldiers are gunning us down; shoulda been done long ago. What if you knew her and found her dead on the ground; how can you run when you know? ... Four dead in Ohio... Four dead in Ohio... Four dead...



# RIGHT NOW

A 1992/93 hit by the very popular music group Van Halen entitled Right Now has a video with messages on the screen that supplement the song's lyrics, such as:



The United Nations may be our only hope for global peace, but even it is being swayed to the path of violence. This October 19, 1992 Time Magazine advertisement<sup>117</sup> shows the world bandaged with headlines such as:

Helping the addicts to become useful citizens, U.N. appeal against drugs. When Drugs and Despair Collide..., and Police Kill Harlem ... Drug Suspect Shot...

I submit that most addicts are already useful citizens and government should stop assaulting them. Why does the U.N. have an appeal against drugs? Obviously, Drugs and Despair collide when a policeman shoots a Suspect.

Is marijuana predominantly beneficial or harmful? "It saved my life," said one person, once despondent for so long that she was considering suicide, but instead started smoking marijuana. "It allowed me to enjoy life again. I could really appreciate music." Now she smokes about once a week. What does she think about prohibition? "I don't like being lied to. I don't mind society making decisions, but they have to do it on the basis of fact."



Confucius said that if a Just Leader makes Just Laws the people will follow. It is time to uphold our Constitutional Rights. The Canadian and American governments must immediately halt their violent invasion of our homes, bodies, and minds and educate the populace on appropriate drug use and the multi-purpose hemp resource.





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FIJA, P.O. Box 59, Helmville, MT, or call (406) 793-5550.

All laws which can be violated without doing any one an injury are laughed at. Nay, so far are they from doing anything to control the desires and passions of men that, on the contrary, they direct and incite men's thoughts the more toward those very objects; for we always strive towards what is forbidden and desire the things we are not allowed to have. And men of leisure are never deficient in the ingenuity needed to enable them to outwit laws framed to regulate things which cannot be entirely forbidden— He who tries to determine everything by law will foment crime rather than lessen it." — Baruch Spinoza (1632 -1677)<sup>121</sup>



This is a book about freedom and responsibility.

The millions of citizens I represent are not asking for any rights we do not already own by virtue of being Canadian or American citizens. We are not asking to add new rights or remove old ones. We simply want our existing Constitutionally Guaranteed Rights and Freedoms upheld and protected by the police forces and justice system we help pay for. We are tired of being followed and assaulted.

We are not recommending anyone 'should' consume any particular thing. As Yogi Berra said, "If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop them."<sup>119</sup>

We recognize that improper bio-chemical use may thwart natural human development in our youth, but the use of force as an educational tool has proven itself worthless of anything but the lustful gratification of those who wield it.

Mahatma Gandhi reminded us "There is more to life than increasing its speed,"<sup>120</sup> and we have seen how the rush to automate anything and everything has - surprise - increased unemployment. Those who choose to live a more relaxed and artistic life should be 'allowed' to do so in Canada, supposedly one of the 'free' countries.

If I am not allowed to control my own mind and stomach, how am I free? I am imprisoned by armed guards as surely as if I were in jail.

The solution to ending our world's ills begins with the governments simply repealing a few laws and allowing citizens the responsibility for the interior of their own bodies. Surely the billions of dollars we spend every year conducting the War On People Who Think For Themselves could be more wisely spent helping perfect hemp technology and saving the planet. If the government does not do this, the people must remove the laws. The U.S. Hemp Coalition's Defense Sheet<sup>122</sup> says:

#### PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER TO JUDGE THE LAW

This was the original idea behind the establishment of the jury system. Before any person could be punished for any alleged offense, 12 of that person's peers (equals) would have to be convened to determine whether the person had actually committed an offense that merited punishment. This was done to put a rein on the power of the English king to pass laws at whim which might oppress the common people. The framers of our Constitution included the Sixth Amendment to assure that ordinary American citizens would retain this power over their lawmakers also.

Since even the best law may be misapplied to produce injustice, the Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) was created to inform jurors of their right to always return a verdict according to conscience.

