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Dear Readers,

We'd like to apologize for the poor reproduction of our black and white photographs in the last issue of "Harvest". Many of you indignantly wrote that you still don't know what that sign in Cathy's letter from the 'Calgary Stampede' said, so here goes:

DOPE ON PARADE DAY
MDA — MARY JANE

Could it be "Dairy Queen's" discovering a new come-on for hungry Canadians?

The Editor

HARVEST POSTILLION

Dear "Harvest",

There are a great number of people in this area who wish to become associated with the "C.A.L.M." movement. It would be a conservative estimate of approximately 1000 members that could be recruited.

Would you, at your earliest possible convenience, send us information that will enable us to become involved actively in and for C.A.L.M. in this Central Alberta area.

I personally commend you on your performance with the "Prairie Weed" and "Harvest" publications and wish to subscribe for all further issues. Just send me your bill for all materials forthcoming over the next year and payment will be returned immediately.

Being a "toker" for the past twenty years I am totally committed to the legalization of pot, and now devote untold hours to the promotion of this philosophy as do others in this community. We await your reply.

Sincerely,
D.L. in Red Deer

Dear Sirs,

Have you ever wondered how informed the R.C.M.P. really are?

My belief in them as competent law enforcers has always been minimal, but now I know just how ignorant towards drugs they really are. The following incident happened to a friend of mine last week.

He was standing outside his place of work smoking a Beedee cigarette (herbal cigarette with the smell of incense), when two men dressed as cowboys approached him.

They flipped out their badges, promptly arrested him, and threw him up against a post office van. They searched him thoroughly and viciously, giving him a very sore neck, which he still has.

He tried to explain many times but to no avail. The R.C.'s were neither courteous nor interested. They were absolutely sure it was marijuana, after all, "it smelled like it", one narc said.

After slowly and carefully picking the cigarette apart, they finally realized their mistake. They left Mark totally dishevelled and without an apology.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is just one incident of police ignorance and harassment. Surely with all the money they collect from our tax dollars they could take the time to become more informed.

May I suggest that the next time you R.C.'s want to bust someone, why don't you try sitting down and smoking a joint with them and learn what it smells like. Who knows, you might even enjoy it.

C.S. in Calgary

Dear Sirs,

Glad to see such a fine magazine delivered to my home. Keep it coming. I think the articles are excellent. I loved every page.

I see you're using Ben's design on your T-shirts, so I decided to order one, a size medium, please. I've enclosed a money order for \$20.00 for a one year subscription and a T-shirt.

I loved the article on Alberta Jam I. Any more brownies left?

Keep up the good work and good luck.

G.G. in Calgary

Dear Friends at HARVEST!

Well, I wandered into a magazine shop in downtown Edmonton this evening and laid eyes on your first issue. Since then I haven't had time to read the entire magazine but have glanced through it and read enough to form some dope-inions. I'd like to take time from my perusing to express these thoughts to you. Great idea! I'm proud that there are some fellow countrymen with enough spunk to take the time to stand up and wave a joint-filled fist at the reality that surrounds and astounds. Too many of the dope smoking Canadians that I have met are all too apathetic (and terrified) of doing a similar trip. "No time," "Can't make money from it," "Not worth the hassles," etc., etc. are the excuses they use. It's too bad one has to be busted, beaten up and jailed in order to get involved but that seems to be the spark that kindles such fires as yours. I, too, have gone through similar hassles — but I'll get to that later. Back to dope-inions on your magazine.

Some of it is really well done and ranks with the best — High Times, Omni, Penthouse, Playboy, etc., especially the page preceding your centre-fold. Congratulations. However I also feel some of your mag compares with the worst trash which would get tossed in the garbage bin by any editor of any high school newspaper. Please note p. 6. I still have no idea what the sign says at the Dairy Queen. Poor reproduction of photos. Also the lettering for the various comics is pretty shitty. On the comic page it doesn't matter, but you really cheapen your mag by not typesetting the wordings. This brings me to my major complaint. PUT A HARNESS ON HOOTER. Give him his own page but don't spread him throughout the magazine. If you want straight to try to relate to our point of view don't let HOOTER have first crack at them — they'll close the mag for sure and never know what you're trying to say. (Please, Hoot, don't take it personal. I agree with you but try to understand what I mean.)



Now for the real complaint. (Hooter sit down) On page 18 I AM DISGUSTED. WHO THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!!!!!! Maggie has been hassled by so many people do you have to try to outdo them all? She is a dope smoker like you and I! You have no right to tease her. That is one of the grossest cartoons you could come up with. Editor, you should never have put it through. She's a great lady who just happened to fall in love with the head of the gestapo until she realized who he was. I DEMAND AN

APPOLOGY IN YOUR MAGAZINE for indecency to another of our culture. You two, editor and artist, have no right to publish such crap! Don't give us any bullshit about the symbolic meanings. I hope she sees this and sues for all you're worth! Besides, as dope smokers you should not criticize the sexual morals of other dope smokers. (I wouldn't mind getting a lick at her myself.) But ... I've said enough about that except that if there is more space wasted like that in your magazine I'll give up and won't score another issue. Why not devote such space to letting us know how Trudeau changed things while he was in office. It was almost a free country before he and his police took over. Forget his wife — just fight the enemy — don't start ridiculing those who are fighting on our side. An army that fights among itself is easily destroyed.

Well, now that I've got that off my chest I'd like to offer my services in any way I can to help with your cause.

I'm presently out on \$1,500.00 bail and am working in Edmonton to be able to present some sort of lifestyle improvement to the judge. He seemed like an intelligent man. For 11 days I haven't smoked a God Damned thing. For 2 or 3 months before that I was taking 2-5 grams of leb a day and smoking 10-28 grams a day. Cold turkey hasn't been harmful, but as you can see by this letter I'm rather speedy these days and am suffering from a degree of schizophrenia. I figure it's a good thing to clean out the body for six weeks or so — maybe more if I go to jail! Besides I'd like very much to look the judge right in the eye and tell him, "Yes, Your Honor, I have quit smoking marijuana." I'm no wimp! I'm not going to quit just cuz they make me. But I can see more purpose to life on the outside than the inside. Besides I haven't done real physical work for years and am presently making a lot of cash installing cedar siding. If you guys need some help with proof-reading, or if you'd like me to write an article, or if there is some particularly horny woman around the office who is bothering you, please put me to work.

You can best reach me by mail. I hope to hear from you soon. If not, I'll check out the next issue — but if you don't clean up your cartoons I swear I'll never buy another copy. If you do I'll even score a subscription before my

court date — Nov. 13. (I might pop into your office before you receive this letter cuz I need to know of a good lawyer.)

Yours in the Cause
P.A.L. in Edmonton

Dear "Harvest",

Congratulations and thanks for sending me the first issue of Harvest. Count me in as a Harvest Bravo. Enclosed is a cheque (guaranteed non-stretchable) for my subscription and one for C.A.L.M. also.

I believe the fights for rights should be joined on as many fronts as possible. I wish Harvest a long, happy life. Having had warm, intimate relations with the R.C.M.P. for several years, I find Harvest's anti-narc stance very gratifying. Maybe Harvest could do an Identi-Narc (monthly or whatever) piece featuring 'UNWANTED DEAD OR ALIVE' posters, 'bios' of favourite horsemen, compromising material, etc.

One of Harvest's biggest chores will be to convince Canadians that their support as individuals is crucial to achieve anything more than cosmetic changes in existing laws. Our Government is going to pull another fast one with their much ballyhooed criminal code and 'narcotics' law reforms. The present status quo will be upheld unless we stiffen.

Since last February, I and some others have been attending "Narcotics Court Sessions" in Windsor in an attempt to advise people of their rights under the law. This has had the effect of reduced percentage of guilty pleas plus an increase in withdrawn charges.

This small wrench in their well-oiled conviction machine has annoyed narcs, prosecutors, judges and yes, "defence" lawyers to no end. Anybody with average intelligence, some heavy reading and some familiarity with courtroom procedure can do the same in their own community. All one needs is a courthouse. There are always plenty of accused available.

Keep the faith,
St. J. in Windsor,
Ontario

P.S. My local NORML chapter is reprinting your promo and distributing same to members and "friends".

P.P.S. My nomination for official narc automobile; eminently suitable for horsemen — THE 1976 PINTO.

Book Review

Options For Control

London, U.K. — October was a busy month for cannabis publications, starting with *Trash Rehashed* followed by the long-awaited *Cannabis: Options For Control*, the report of a study group set up by the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence to investigate options for cannabis control. Dr. Thomas Bewley, a member of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, chaired the group, which contained amongst others a senior police officer, criminologist, sociologist, economist, and lawyer.

The study looks at four options, reductions in maximum penalties, "decriminalization", meaning legal possession and cultivation for personal use, regulatory licensing systems, and full legalization. Whilst making no specific recommendations, the group seemed to favour a regulatory licensing system along the lines of present poisons controls. The buyer would purchase from an authorized seller, possibly a pharmacist, and a limit might be set on the amount purchasable at any one time as well as the frequency of purchases. The buyer could normally only use an authorized seller nearest to his/her home. Suitable firms, probably from the tobacco, alcohol or pharmaceutical industries would be licensed to produce, manufacture, and market cannabis, which, in the group's view, need not be imported. "... we see no reason why cannabis should be imported at substantial cost in foreign exchange when it could be grown here very cheaply." There would be strict control or a ban on advertising.

Commenting on the regulatory licensing system suggestion, the British "Legalize Cannabis Campaign (LCC)" said in a pre-publication press release: "The most glaring omission from the book is the complete lack of consultation with cannabis users. The study group's preferred solution ... "would undoubtedly be unacceptable to them." We feel on the basis of members' expressed opinions and discussions at the January AGM that this

kind of 'big daddy' approach would not be appreciated and that people would be less than happy with handing over the dealing business, lock, stock, and barrel, to any of the industries mentioned above.

A defect of the book, apart from straight inaccuracies like stating that in possession cases only the prosecution can demand jury trial, is the underlying assumption seized on by *The Guardian* in its review, "Pots of Smokers if Marijuana Legalized", that re-

ductions in controls will entail increased usage. While it is likely that full legalization with unrestricted advertising and marketing would have this effect, there is now sufficient evidence from 'decriminalized' U.S. states and from Holland that existing laws are a negligible deterrent and that criminal penalties can be actually or de facto removed without significant usage increase.

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Canada's up-front head magazine proudly announces a charity art auction to raise funds for the Canadian Delegates to the first 'International Cannabis Alliance for Reform' conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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Sentencing options in cases of simple possession of a narcotic

Narcotic Control Act, Subsections 3 (2) (a) and (b)

On summary conviction

For a first offence

Non-custodial sentencing options:

- absolute discharge;
- \$1,000 fine;
- conditional discharge for three years;
- suspended sentence and probation for three years;
- \$1,000 fine and probation for two years;

Custodial sentencing options:

- intermittent imprisonment and probation for ninety days;
- \$1,000 fine and imprisonment for six months;
- imprisonment for six months and two years' probation;
- imprisonment for six months in default of payment of fine;
- intermittent imprisonment in default and probation for ninety days;
- imprisonment for six months in default and probation for two years.

*In Ontario and British Columbia the courts are empowered to add to a definite sentence of not less than three months but less than two years a sentence for an indeterminate period not exceeding two years less a day (*Prisons and Reformatories Act, R.S.C. 1970, c. P-21, ss. 44 and 150*).

On conviction on indictment

For any offence

Non-custodial sentencing options:

- absolute discharge;
- conditional discharge for three years;
- suspended sentence and probation for three years;
- a fine in any amount and probation for two years.

Custodial sentencing options:

- imprisonment for seven years;
- a fine in any amount and imprisonment for two years;
- intermittent imprisonment and probation for ninety days;
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CANADIAN EMBASSY SMUGGLING?

Manila, Philippines — From our Manila correspondent.

The Manila Customs Commissioner Ramon J. Farolan discovered a new method of smuggling this September 13, 1979. A shipment worth \$460,000.00 was seized here intended for the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines. Foreign embassies are exempted from paying customs duties with the submission of proper documentation from the embassies concerned. The Canadian shipment was to have contained books, office supplies and equipment. When opened by customs' officials for a check, it was found instead to contain highly dutiable items such as betamax machines, color TV's and other general merchandise. Farolan ordered the shipment which had been routed via Hong Kong from Canada on board the "SS Maersk Tempo" seized.

Questionable circumstances were also noted by Farolan, when he discovered that no second manifest with the serial numbers of the Embassy equipment being shipped had been furnished to the custom's bureau.

The questions that arise are, for instance: how, if the Canadian Embassy was innocent, the consignment papers got into the hands of smugglers, and, with local newspaper headlines giving the incident full play, why has there been no announcement from the Canadian Embassy in Manila denying any implication to connect it with criminal activities?

Last, why has this incident been kept from the Canadian public at home, the very ones who foot the bill for Canada's representation abroad? And could it be, that Canada's policy to frequently employ foreigners as opposed to Canadian citizens, is beginning to backfire?

by D.B. Dombro

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I sense beyond my moving cells,
beyond my writhing molecules,
beyond exchanging atomic structures,
beyond magnetic particle attractions,

I see that I am Energy
in a structured form

I am Energy in its purest form
Let the arm of my mind
reach out with roaming fingers
and feel, like a blind man would,
a face of a new acquaintance,
The face of a planet
on which life is thriving.

by: Dan Miller





On August 9, 1979, the national president of the federal Social Credit Party, Mr. Bruce Arnold, stated in a press release . . . "the Clark government's plan to, in effect, legalize marijuana may be an indication of the kind of dopey legislation we are going to get from this government." (Edmonton Journal, Aug. 9, 1979)

The type of attitude this statement reflects is one which we have come to expect from the political philosophy the Socreds adhere to. In this same press release Mr. Arnold also noted that it was his party which had been responsible for the impasse of a Bill Mr. Marc Lalonde (Justice Minister in the Trudeau cabinet) was planning to introduce in February 1979. At this time Mr. Lalonde was prepared to introduce legislation which would reduce the penalty for possession of cannabis and soft drugs. It would still remain an offence, but not one which would lead to criminal conviction or a criminal record. Mr. Lalonde stated he had the support of the Conservative and New Democratic parties, but could not obtain a guarantee of speedy passage from the 9 Socred members.

Both the Liberals, when they were in power, and the Conservatives have made it public knowledge they are willing to proceed with passage of a "Decrim Bill". Both governments have received approval and support from all other parties except the Socreds. A Decrim Bill would see possession of cannabis and other soft drugs removed from the Narcotics Control Act and placed under the provisions of the Food and Drug Act.

Legislation, which could easily and speedily have been enacted was once again passed over because of the non-consent of less than 2% of the voting members of the House of Commons. That in itself leads one to wonder about the sincerity of the last government in telling us that a mere 2% of the House of Commons, the Socreds, are responsible for impeding the passage of this long overdue Bill.

The position of Mr. Bruce ('dopey legislation') Arnold and that of past party leader Lorne Reznowski, who . . . 'opposes softening marijuana penalties because he believes marijuana leads to harder drugs', is an indication of the narrow spectrum in which matters of

social reform are evaluated by the Social Credit Caucus.

And this, it appears, is the obstacle we face — a political party which cannot discern the difference between decriminalizing the use and possession of marijuana, and the legalization of drugs. It seems these people are unlikely ever to change their position on this issue or that change is an entity they are capable of dealing with.

While many other countries are enacting legislation which will remove marijuana smokers from the stigma of a criminal record, we in Canada must still contend with policy makers in Ottawa who believe it is better to make criminals of members of society, than to institute progressive legislation which would allow individuals the right of absolute responsibility in matters which affect only their own lifestyles.

Because of their unyielding dedication to reactionary politics, Mr. Bruce Arnold and the Social Credit Party are this month's recipients of the Harvest Coprolite Award.

by Dan Dunbar

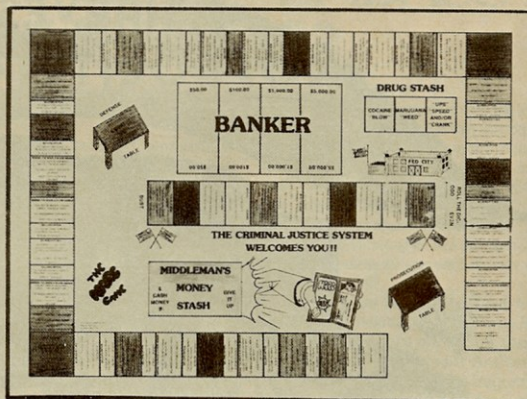
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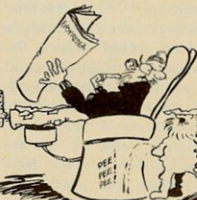
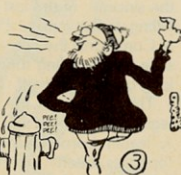
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The other read:

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Both advertisements were rejected! Why? When our employee made a quip about the freedom of the press, he was told that the Journal ran a business, not a service. To our minds that means that those who own the presses enjoy the freedom of the press! Our desire to place forthright, honest ads was thwarted in favor of deception and lies.

Let us say a prayer for the soul of the publisher of the 'Edmonton Journal'.

RESIN PROVES POT POSSESSION: PIPE DREAM

Edmonton, Alta. — On September 13, Ray Wintonyk, president of the 'Canadian Association to Liberate Marijuana' in Edmonton appeared as a defence witness for David McCoy. David was charged with possession when found with a vial containing hash oil residue. Alex Pringle, defence attorney for the accused was sure that he could establish that the empty vial in McCoy's possession only indicated past possession of a narcotic. A pipe containing resin seems to show that the person had cannabis in his possession in the past. So what? It is not against the law to have been in possession. It is against the law when you get caught with it. When the trial was convened the police had lost the evidence and all charges were dropped.

Alex Pringle is still looking for somebody who has been caught with oil residue in used vials or pipes. He maintains that they are not guilty of possession because the cannabis exists in such miniscule quantities that it can not be used as a narcotic. For example, in a recent case a man was charged with possession of a narcotic for small amounts of heroin found in his pants cuff. The judge dismissed the case. He said the quantity was so small that it was not usable as a narcotic.

If such a case involving cannabis is won, prosecuting attorneys will no longer be able to use cannabis smoking paraphernalia or empty vials with traces of cannabis resin as evidence of possession. Been busted for a pipe lately?

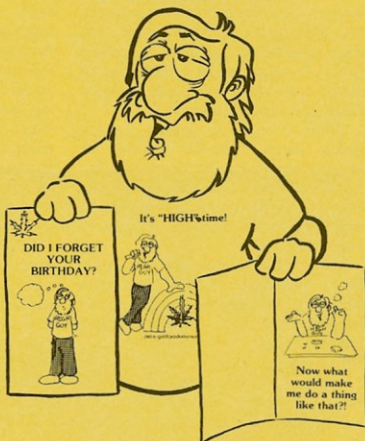
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Crusader Emily F. Murphy a.k.a. Janey Canuck pictured at left gazing majestically into the Great Beyond — was principal perpetrator of the Fraud and Hoaxery that influenced a naive and bemused Parliament to include marijuana in the 1923 Opium and Narcotic Drug Act.

by Buck '79

Royal Canadian Marijuana Plot or: The Emily Murphy Follies

There are few laws in Canadian history that have had such a long time fuse and have created as much impact as those passed in 1923 prohibiting the use of Cannabis.

Undoubtedly the star performer in this ongoing melodrama (at least in Act I) is a female person by the name of Emily Murphy (hence the Emily Murphy Park in Edmonton). Emily was born in Ontario, educated in an exclusive Religious School for girls . . . married a travelling preacher cum-land speculator . . . pioneered west and ended up a Judge in the Edmonton Law Courts.

In between time she became (a) a pioneer, (b) a suffragette, (c) Janey Canuck, (d) an Author(ess), (e) member of a whole host of Holier-Than-Thou organizations and (f) a LIAR.

On the positive side of the ledger . . . Emily (always a Crusader-of-something-or-other) was most influential in forcing Parliament to recognize women as persons so that by 1925 women were finally able to vote for the first time (previous to this men only were considered "persons" by LAW.) Emily, it seems made a fairly decent Judge (providing you could stomach racial and religious bigotry.)

When it came to writing, Emily's (a.k.a. Janey Canuck) pioneer life books were reasonably interesting, but Emily's Problem (a fault common with many Crusader types) was keeping a firm hold on the dividing line between Fact and Fiction.

In her book "Janey Canuck in the West" authoress Murphy gives us a surprising and graphic insight into her personal morality . . . on page 118 in a chapter titled "The Western Liar" Janey sez:

"Besides, truth, while it is very beautiful is really not at all necessary . . . it is only a luxury . . . indeed the highest civilization encourages lies, not necessarily spoken ones, but lies of the impressionistic kind."

Amazing sentiments for a woman who would soon be sworn-in to uphold Truth, Justice and Equality.

Read on . . .

In 1922 in a book titled "the Black Candle," Emily illustrates her total disregard for Truth, by quoting the chief of police of Los Angeles, Calif., one Charles A. Jones. Herein is one of the most infamous statements in Canadian literature:

"Persons using this narcotic (marijuana), smoke the dried leaves of the plant, which has the effect of driving them completely insane. The addict loses all sense of moral responsibility. Addicts to this drug, while under its influence, are immune to pain and could be severely injured without having any realization of their condition. While in this condition they become raving maniacs and are liable to kill or indulge in any form of violence to other persons, using the most savage methods of cruelty without, as said before, any sense of moral responsibility.

When coming from under the influence of the narcotic, these victims present the most horrible condition imaginable. They are dispossessed of their natural and normal willpower and their mentality is that of idiots. If this drug is indulged in to any great extent, it ends in the untimely death of it's addict." (Editor's Note: There is not one word of Truth in the above statement).

As history unfolds, these two paragraphs proved the most important factor in influencing parliament to include Cannabis (Marijuana) in the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act the following year (1923).

MacLeans Magazine had serialized parts of Murphy's book "the Black Candle", thus elevating her to the position of undisputed resident Canadian Drug Expert (arresting this title from MacKenzie King, later to become a rather strange Prime Minister).

There is no evidence of Murphy investigating the veracity of Murphy's quote, nor even consulting any reliable sources, in spite of the fact that British Government had conducted an exhaustive study of the sociological, medical and spiritual effects of Cannabis and had published the multi-volumed "East India Hemp Commission Report" in 1896. The report concluded that Cannabis was not toxic, safer than alcohol and that "prohibition was considered unjustifiable", and thus should be left for the use of the people.

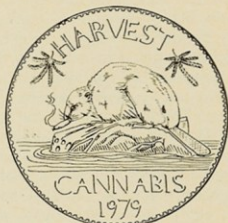
"Besides, truth while it is very beautiful is not really at all necessary."

This same report cited Cannabis preparations used for a variety of medicinal purposes. The Salient Point is that Parliament did no research . . . no homework . . . before passing a law based on second-hand heresay evidence of a citizen of a foreign country. (American influence shows up early here in our

law structure, for it was 10 years later before Harry Anslinger could coerce congress into passing the Marijuana Stamp Act in the U.S.A. and thus build his own Bureaucratic Empire.) The irony of Parliament making Cannabis illegal is that the law as such was built on a foundation of lies and fabrication. The truth of the matter is diametrically opposite to the Murphy-Jones statement.

"Parliament did no research . . . no homework . . . before passing a law based on second-hand heresay."

In recent years there have been numerous Reports, Studies and Commissions authorized by various Federal Governments, i.e. the Shafer Commission (U.S.A.), Jamaica Study, and the LeDain Commission (Canada), in addition such prestigious publications as Psychology To-day, Consumer's Union Report and the Journal of the American Medical Association have funded research and studies of their own. Without exception the Researchers have concluded that:



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- (a) In most instances the behaviour of the marijuana user is of a friendly, sociable nature.
- (b) Aggressiveness and belligerency are not commonly seen.
- (c) the marijuana user does not come from the hardened criminal class and there was found no direct relationship between the commission of crimes of violence and marijuana.
- (d) it makes no sense to jail marijuana users (compare these reasoned conclusions with the Total Fabrication of the Jones-Murphy statement)

'Persons using marijuana become raving maniacs.'

Well, there it is folks. For over 55 years we have been victims of a gigantic hoax perpetrated by the Canadian Government in Concert with the Judiciary and Police Powers.



Emily Murphy "Crusader" books on sale at T. Eaton Co. in January 1946.

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The Law was introduced under fraudulent conditions and is enforced by the use of oppression, repression, libel, slander, brutality, invasion of privacy, wiretapping, mail opening, financial penalties, incarceration and general disregard for human dignity.

Such learned bodies as the Canadian Bar Association, American Bar Association, National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, National Council of Churches, LeDain Commission etc. have come out with strong recommendations in favour of at least a decriminalization position on marijuana.

Why does our Government not respond??? The three major Political Parties have all paid lip-service to decriminalization (decrim in itself is a half-way measure), but nothing has been done ... the marijuana laws are essentially the same as they were 55 years ago. Meanwhile the social fabric of the Canadian Nation is being torn apart by these inane and vicious lies.

“Experts have maintained that marijuana is among the least toxic drugs known to medicine.”

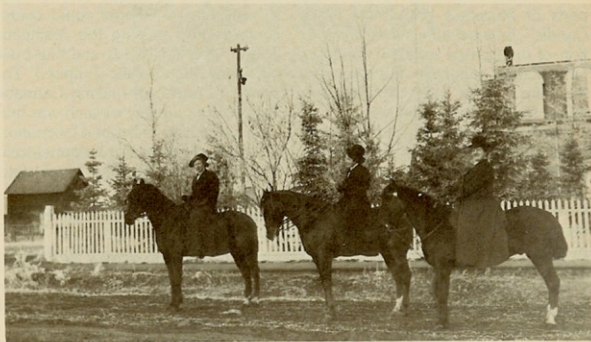
In recent years over a quarter of a million Canadians have had intimate contact with police powers on the marijuana issue ... the projected conviction rate for 1978 is approximately 48,000 persons.

This is a deplorable state of affairs: (a) Millions of Canadians, exhibiting disrespect for Judicial Enforcement agencies, because of the farcical nature of the laws.

(b) Millions of dollars of Law Enforcement time and energy wasted.

(c) It has been estimated that up to 1/3 of Court dockets awaiting trial are filled with marijuana cases (shocking waste in the name of Justice).

(d) Thousands of Canadians jailed annually, “to teach them a lesson”, a lesson that is never learned by jailing ... (if indeed there is a valid lesson to be learned).



Janey Canuck alias Mrs. Arthur Murphy and her two daughters horseback riding in November, 1908.
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(e) Unnecessary Criminal Records creating 3rd class citizens in matters of Employment, Bonding, Visa and Travel permits etc.

(f) Because of the present restrictions, serious clinical and medical research on the beneficial aspects of marijuana are severely curtailed. Cannabis in a variety of forms has proven to be extremely useful in the treatment of migraine headaches, burns, glaucoma, treatment of side effects of chemotherapy for cancer patients and in the rehabilitation of alcohol and heroin addiction ... but researchers find it increasingly difficult to conduct positive experiments because of Government censorship.

There are on the other hand otherwise competent researchers who have sold out in order to bolster government agencies and/or pay the mortgage, who have produced fraudulent reports indicating that Cannabis use causes everything from: brain damage psychosis, chromosome damage, sex impairment, amotivational syndrome, to birth defects etc. When the dust clears away and true scientific research is applied these reports prove to be just that ... fraudulent (see the findings of LeDain and Shafer Commissions, Jamaica Study and the reports of Psychology Today and Consumers Union.)

In North America thousands of people die annually from the effects of prescription drugs, barbiturates, alcohol, valium, Librium, Darvon and even aspirin.

On the other hand there is no proof in North America of a single human fatality caused solely by the use of marijuana. Established researchers LeDain-Shafer — Dr. Andrews T. Weil etc. have maintained that marijuana is among the least toxic drugs known to medicine.

“Researchers find it increasingly difficult to conduct positive experiments because of Government censorship.”

In summary folks for over 55 years Government has been dependent on Fraud and Hoaxery to maintain the ill-conceived Pot Laws.

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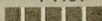
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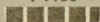
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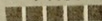
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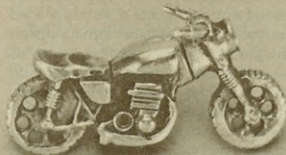
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Mexico's Peasants and Pot Cultivation



Most marijuana smokers have, at one time or another, given some thought to the chain of exchanges their favorite weed passes through before it reaches them. Previous to the exchanges, of course, is the actual cultivation and harvest of the plants. The French Physiocrats of the 18th century argued that the source of all wealth was agriculture. They didn't realize that the source of most highs is also agriculture. One of the groups of pot farmers to whom all North American tokers are beholden are the Mexican *campesinos*.

Before the paraquat scare and the virtual explosion of the Colombian product onto the mass market of North America, Mexico was the major source of weed. Most of it was grown by the small farmer, although an increasing proportion was grown on a large scale by entrepreneurs hiring wage-labour. But the greatest risk was always run by the small, independent producer, the *campesino*. It was on his back that the law could most easily and most often descend.

Why did the *campesino* enter into such a dangerous occupation? He saw the cultivation of marijuana, or *mota*, in Mexican slang, as a source of cash in an economy noted for its agricultural stagnation and high rates of inflation. The government of Mexico keeps the prices of beans and corn, the two major food items in the Mexican diet, much lower on the domestic market than the actual world market value. This is to benefit the urban poor, largely made up of *campesinos* and their families who have migrated to the cities. But this policy, however politic-

ally astute, hurts the *campesino* and encourages his move to the cities. It both limits the incentive of the small farmer to produce more staples for the market and maintains a very low level income for him and his family. Faced with the rising prices of other essentials like edible oils, cooking fuel, clothing, medical care, and transportation, many otherwise law-abiding peasants looked to marijuana as a welcome income supplement. And the great boom of pot-smoking in the '60s and '70s in the countries to the north meant there was a never-ending demand. Something which had been grown casually for centuries and had never been a cash crop suddenly could make a real difference to the *campesino's* limited purchase-power.

'North American tokers are beholden to Mexican *campesinos*'

Peasants in the land of Emiliano Zapata, the state of Morelos, are a good example of the small farmer's position as producer at the base of the dope chain. In that state, everything from *sinsemilla* grown high on the volcanic slopes of Popocatepetl down to the *basura*, or trashy lower leaves of weak plants, is produced by *campesinos*. At first, commercial growing was done right on the regular farm plots where corn, beans, chilis, and squashes were cultivated. But as police harassment grew in the late '60s and became a veritable reign of terror in the '70s, the peasants took more

precautions. They hacked out small areas on the side of a mountain or in a canyon a considerable distance away from their homes and fields. They plant just before the June rains and harvest in October or November. Sometimes a second crop is put in late in the year, which matures in the same winter sun Canadians crave. But the better crop is the one which is planted in June. The *campesinos* bring it down by pack or by mule and sell it to some middleman or directly to North American individuals or groups. The storing of the crop and this first cash exchange involve the most danger to the farmer.

The public attitude in Mexico towards Marijuana is ambivalent. It has long been smoked and cultivated. The song of the Pancho Villa revolutionary armies, *La Cucaracha*, is replete with references to cannabis. One grower in his forties told me that in Cuernavaca, as late as the mid-60s one could sit in the *zocalo*, the main plaza, and blow a quiet number in peace. Yet many citizens were convinced marijuana was the devil incarnate, that it would make you murderous and rapacious. In the countryside, there might be villages where virtually all adolescent and adult males were smokers during the work day in the fields. But a ways down the road, a village of ostensibly the same class of people would have nothing to do with it. More common is the village in which users and those against marijuana are neighbors. In general, though, it seems that the historical attitude has been one of tolerance, on the one hand, and discretion, on the other. Only with the late '60s and early '70s did marijuana

emerge as a major social question. North American young people being too public in their pursuit of a good high, as they arrived in ever-increasing numbers, and the U.S. government campaign against use and cultivation, changed the situation.

The U.S. government, especially during the Nixon administration, put pressure on the Mexican authorities to cut off the flow of pot at the source. This meant coming down on the small grower, the man in *huaraches* and sombrero. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) supplied agents, training, planes, arms and money to the Procuraduria General (the equivalent of the U.S. Attorney General's Office cum Justice Department) and to the respective state judicial police bodies in Mexico. These agencies and the Mexican army were mobilized for search-and-destroy-style raids, highway checks, and greatly increased arrests of both Mexicans and foreigners alike. As with most mechanisms of repression, the small fry are the ones most frequently hit. During U.S. Prohibition, nobody nailed the Seagraves or Joseph Kennedy, the patriarch of that clan. While the Shah rules, dealers and smugglers of opium and heroin were hanged, yet nothing happened when his sister was inadvertently caught with heroin at Orly in

'Many citizens were convinced marijuana was the devil incarnate'

France. Likewise, in Mexico the larger and more organized growing and smuggling groups operate with much more security than the small growers and amateur smugglers. Sometimes the close relations of political figures and the big-timers has something to do with this pattern.



'A bigger source of foreign exchange than tourism'



'Even into the mid-'60s, you could sit in the zocalo and blow a quiet number in peace'

There is a lot of money in Mexican marijuana. Mexico City's prestigious daily *Excelsior* claimed in its January 21, 1976 issue that marijuana had become the main export to the United States, a bigger source of foreign exchange than tourism. Natural gas and oil exports may well take pot's place in the '80s, but the amount of money involved in cultivation and export will still continue to grow. The ten or twenty dollars that most small growers receive for a kilo of their best is the smallest share going to anyone in the whole dope chain, though they run the most sustained risks. The *campesino* in Mexico is subject to much stiffer penalties than anyone in North America. Our pleasures are linked to these peasants and their struggle to improve their low standard of living. The next time you toke up on some Durango Dorado or some Oaxacan buds, think of these people.

The sooner we get marijuana legalized here, the sooner the police pressure will be relaxed in Mexico. Viva la mota!

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MORATORIUM ON POT PROSECUTIONS

A moratorium on prosecutions of marijuana cases could be just the thing this country needs right now. Joe Clark has said that decriminalization of marijuana was a low priority issue. David Crombie said that the Conservatives will have a new bill for decrim by the time parliament opens this October. Whether that means that the government will deal with the bill right away is another question. If it doesn't, then a moratorium would be the only reasonable solution.

Institution of a moratorium will allow the government to work on those issues supposedly more important than the marijuana issue. It will stop proceedings on a law that all three major political parties have said is not good

and must be changed, and will save marijuana users who are caught from being saddled with a criminal record.

If the laws are not changed immediately, or a moratorium is not instituted, the same crap that has been going on since Trudeau said he would decriminalize will continue. People will still be prosecuted by a law agreed upon by most to be unjust. This will increase the antagonism marijuana smokers feel for the legal system. Justifiably, these people see law enforcement agencies as the enemy, out to get them for their criminal activities. Getting caught for marijuana usage and obtaining a criminal record makes it harder to get jobs, travel outside the

country and get bonded, as we all know.

With over 500 new convictions on pot cases every week, it is irresponsible for the present government not to impose a moratorium on pot prosecutions or change the law. If Joe Clark is serious when he says it is unjust for people to have criminal records for pot possession he should do something now. If he doesn't, his stated concerns can be taken for what they are worth ... so much hot air.

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OTTAWA TESTING CANNABIS AS CANCER AND EPILEPSY AID

The medical benefits of cannabis, of which marijuana and hashish are derivatives, are being tested, according to Dr. Ian Henderson, director of the Bureau of Drugs in Ottawa.

"There are three trials going on right now in cancer clinics in Winnipeg, Vancouver and Hamilton under the authorization of the Health and Protection Branch (of the federal 'Ministry of Health and Welfare'), said Dr. Henderson in a telephone interview.

One involves anti-nausea treatment for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy, another involves glaucoma treatment, the third, epilepsy.

"I think that once we know more about it, it's quite likely that patients may be given a supply to use at home. It would probably be given out by the hospital, rather than through the drugstores at the moment."

There are about 30 different cannabinoids, components of cannabis, of which the best known and most widely researched is delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol or THC. Doctors are now beginning to examine more closely the other cannabinoids.

"The patients (suffering from nausea as a result of cancer therapy) are given a little package of treatment pills, and stay in the clinic for half an hour to an hour to give the capsules plenty of time to work."

The pills, containing a purified extract of cannabis, are supplied by the Health and Protection Branch of the Health Ministry, which is in turn supplied by manufacturing plants in the United States.

"Smoking marijuana has the same kind of anti-nausea property (as the extract), but it's not as powerful," said Dr. Henderson. "And when we treat by mouth, we get none of the lung effects."

The lung effect is the result of the heavy tar content of cannabis. Dr. Donald Tashkin, researching marijuana at the University of Southern California, found that five marijuana joints have the same tar effect as smoking 112 tobacco cigarettes.

Canada relies on the United States for its supply of purified extract.

"We never have had any problem in using marijuana for research purposes," said Dr. Henderson. "At one time here in Ottawa at the Experimental Farm, which is a federal institution, we grew 15 varieties of marijuana, used for various kinds of research. We simply have to ensure that it's used for good research."

The problems lie in finding a supplier of marijuana extract.

"There's no reason why the Connaught Laboratory here couldn't do it, but no commercial company is taking part in this interest of marijuana as a

possible medication. It (making purified extract) took a lot of doing and it's not cheap to do, but it can be done. There has been considerable work done, which is making the separation of materials relatively easy, and there are plenty of good Canadian chemists who could do it now. But there's not much sense in setting up a whole laboratory for three trials or five trials. It looks promising, though, and we should know in another six to ten months whether we would set something up in Canada."

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THE SACRED HERB

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There are large and devout (though discreet) congregations, that revere marijuana and other psychedelics as holy sacraments, scattered throughout North America and around the world. Three notable current examples are the Rastafarian Movement of Jamaica, the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church of southern Florida, and the Stephen Gaskin Farm-ites of Summertown, Tennessee. These, of course, are like tips of the iceberg.

Cannabis has been used in a religious context by native peoples in all parts of the world since the times of earliest recorded history. The karma of our two species — *cannabis sativa* and *homo sapiens* — has been interwoven since we first crawled from the caves to seek Fire from the Sun-god.

In India the sacred herb was worshipped as a magical gift of the gods to man in the days of the dawn of civilization, when the Aryan nomads wandered from the north into the fertile Indus Valley to father the philosophy of Hinduism. *Soma* (*bhang*) was a nectar, ritually prepared by priests, said to be the favourite drink of Indra, King of the Gods. The drinking of it caused divine powers to flow through the devotee — strength, inspiration, revelation, healing. Later, as the Vedantic schools developed, cannabis was used as an aid to meditation and yoga practice.

In Tantric yoga, cannabis is said to aid the awakening of the *kundalini*, the life-force personified as a fiery serpent coiled around the base of the spine. As the snake of light awakens, it raises its head up the *shushumna* (the spinal column of the psychic body), stimulating the release of certain visions and magical powers (*siddhis*) in the devotee as it triggers each of the six major *chakras* or nerve-centers. Upon reaching the brain, the serpent-force injects its venom (or elixir), causing the blossoming of the seventh *chakra*, called "the thousand-petaled lotus" and located above the head. The

activation of this *chakra* is said to bring the yogi to the supreme fulfillment — enlightenment, salvation, union with God. (In its occult interpretation this doctrine relates to the identification of the *atma* or individual, microcosmic self with the *brahma* or universal, macrocosmic Self.)

Cannabis appears throughout the religious history of the world in innumerable ways. In the Islamic-Arabian world, hashish was used by cults ranging from the Ishmailis to the Sufis. Flip through the pages of the *Arabian Nights* — you will find references to hashish in many places. A 13th century Islamic document describes the charge given by the mythical discoverer of 'the Hashish plant' to his follo-

wers: "... God Almighty has granted you, as a special favor, an awareness of the virtues of this leaf, so that your use of it will dissipate the cares that obscure your souls and free your spirits from everything that might hamper them."

The ancient Greeks knew and used cannabis, at least as far back as the time of Homer, the blind poet. He wrote of 'nepenthe', an intoxicating nectar that probably was a combination of hashish and belladonna. Herodotus, the 5th century Greek historian who is called 'the father of history', relates that cannabis was used ritually by the ancient Scythians who would set up conical tents around pits filled

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with red-hot rocks, then throw flowering tops on the rocks and inhale the billowing smoke that filled the tents. Herodotus also tells us that the Thracian tribes inhabiting the northeast Mesopotamian region wove finest quality fabrics from hemp fibers.

The ancient Greeks and Romans outfitted their sailing ships with sails and ropes woven from the cannabis plant. This is true as well of the fleets that were launched from Western Europe in the dawn of the modern era to discover the 'New World'. (Any reasonably intelligent dictionary will tell you that the word *canas* is derived from the Latin root, *cannabis*.) These same fibers were used to make paper, and may yet save our forests from extinction.

The pot plant was one of North America's major agricultural products until the invention of the cotton gin and the development of synthetic fibers which replaced hemp in industry in the early 20th century. When it was outlawed in the U.S. in 1937, there were still 10,000 acres in commercial cultivation.

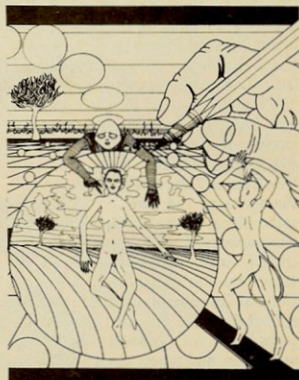
Cannabis has always been respected in folk medicine — as a specific cure for some ailments, and as a general tonic useful in cases of nervous exhaustion, insomnia, melancholy, etc. Browse through some 18th and 19th century herbals — you will find some interesting grass recipes. Pot was sold over-the-counter in drug stores under numerous brand-names including Squibb, Lilly, and Parke-Davis. Machine-rolled joints were sold as a cold remedy. Its healing virtues have been attested to in every age, in all lands.

The "legal" suppression of marijuana must be classed with witch-burning as an overt use of the political establishment for religious repression. Our anti-pot laws were ushered in by a massive propaganda campaign that was completely devoid of any factual basis, but which stirred the lurking paranoia of the guilt-ridden Christian herds, who perhaps feared that the light of cannabis would inflame the life-energies that they had been repressing with moralistic terror. (In fairness to toking Christians, we should point out the Book of Genesis, 1:29-30: "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth . . . to you it

shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so." And the First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians, 5:21: "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good." Then see the Book of Revelations, 3:18: "... anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see." Amen.)

There are millions of us now living who know the spiritual power of marijuana, peyote, psilocybin, and lysergic acid. In our lifetime we have shared the experience of witnessing this power being released — exploding our consciousness beyond its limits, changing our lives and our society forever. The mind is flooded with ideas and images that blast it beyond the rational-linear, into infinite realms; the soul is rapt away in ecstasy; the spirit rises beyond time and space to embrace the wholeness of all life. Some taste the Elixir of Light and are unable to cope with the vision's intensity. Others use the sacred herbs reverently and carefully and learn to wield them with skill, seeking the "stone of the philosophers" that transmutes all metals into gold. A few forsake all else and become the Magi of the Light, following with rigorous discipline the path that leads to enlightenment. These are the pioneers of the New Age.

by Dale R. Gowin





COMMONWEALTH NEWS



Dutch Treat

HOLLAND — In a letter to the Economic and Social Council a representative from the Dutch government requested that the United Nations consider amending the Single Convention Treaty so that each country could decide for itself whether it would allow its citizens to possess cannabis for non-medical purposes. The request was quietly withdrawn recently when a more conservative government took power in the Netherlands.

Royal Pardon

Mike Wilde, who wrote to the U.K. Legalise Cannabis Campaign (LCC) when serving his ten year sentence in a Spanish gaol was set free last month after his wife, (both of them Campaign members), wrote to the King of Spain, Juan Carlos, pleading for her husband's freedom.

Open Their Eyes

JAPAN — The Clear Light Society recently concluded a series of constitutional challenges to Japan's marijuana laws. The challenges stemmed from a 1977 indictment of Koh Akutagawa, the Society's founder, for smoking marijuana which he grew in his yard. Akutagawa noted that the law, "Violates civil liberties and is as unconstitutional as the ban on alcohol in some places in the old days." Japan's marijuana laws were copied from the United States and were forced on Japan by the Occupation forces of General Douglas A. MacArthur at the end of the war. The law calls for five years in jail for possession or sale of marijuana, and seven years for importation, exporting or cultivation.

Essential Reading Homegrown "eh"

All organizations and tokers who wish to update their knowledge of cannabis research should obtain a copy of *New Scientist*, 16 August 1979, from their public library. In this edition Roger Lewin reviews the latest literature, which is massive, more than 20 books and almost 3000 papers. He quotes Professor Graham, Chairman of the Technical Sub-committee of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, as saying that "a little cannabis smoking is harmless", and then goes on later to say "... compared with common drugs such as aspirin, barbituates, alcohol, and cigarette tobacco, cannabis is virtually non-toxic."

Fogie Fun

In the summer, 68 year old Lois Faulkner, perhaps better known as "Grandma Marijuana" was sentenced to 60 days in prison for dealing cannabis. She grew plants in the garden and dealt to local people out of her old folk's flat.

Upon her release, Grandma "M" said she had done very well in jail where she spent a lot of time meditating. She now plans to go on a speaking tour to colleges and also to sell Grandma Marijuana T-shirts, hats, belts and other "paraphernalia".


Band Banned

A member of one of Britain's most successful reggae bands, *Steel Pulse*, was recently busted at Helsinki airport for being in possession of five seeds. After spending a week in jail he was fined £11 and told that the band was now banned from appearing in Finland.


ITALY — The Secretary of the Italian Radical Party, Mr. Jean Fabre, announced that he will be growing cannabis in the offices of the Italian Radical Party in Rome. The act of civil disobedience is the first move in a legalization campaign which the Radical Party is launching. The Party took in 3.5% of the vote in the last elections in Italy and holds eighteen seats in Parliament.

Paddle Power

A bowl of hashish used to give strength to the 68 oarsmen who powered a Phoenician ship, sunk some 2200 years ago and recently placed on display in Sicily. What was that about amotivational syndrome?




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Merry Christmas from "Harvest."

Homegrown



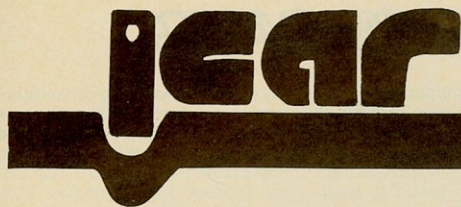
These beauties were found growing near Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. What's that about the climate?



An attic in New Brunswick. What a way to go! Keep it up S.D. Looks like you've got some good smoke comin'.



Some guys have it all figured out. This Winnipeg basement has what it takes. Let's meditate, T.M.



JOINS U.N.

Canada's two major marijuana law reform groups, NORML Canada and the "Canadian Association to Liberate Marijuana" (CALM), were instrumental in helping found the "International Cannabis Alliance for Reform (ICAR)" back in December of 1978. With head offices at the following address, ICAR has been very successful in co-ordinating marijuana groups around the globe and becoming accredited with the United Nations.

ICAR

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On January 12 of this year the Membership Committee of the United Nations' Non-Governmental Organization Alliance on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice voted 2-1 to recommend ICAR as an Observer on the Alliance. The only dissenting vote was cast by Captain Jerry Shapiro of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. At the full meeting of the Alliance a lively debate ensued as to what acceptance of ICAR on the Alliance would entail and whether or not this would imply acceptance of the ICAR positions on the part of the Alliance. The issue was deferred until the next meeting.

Although it came up for discussion several times in the course of the next few meetings, no definite action was taken. Finally on May 11 a formal vote was taken and ICAR received Observer Status on the Alliance. The tally was five yays, 1 nay, and 1 abstention. The sole nay vote was again cast by Capt. Jerry Shapiro, and the abstention was cast by Margo Picken of Amnesty International.

In the meantime the Working Party on Transfer of Sanction has been working toward the concept of a universal prisoner transfer treaty. Since nearly 60% of the more than 1,600 Amer-

icans imprisoned in foreign jails are in on drug charges, the idea of prisoner transfer treaties are especially important. The problem which the Working Party is faced with is to find out if enough similarities exist to formulate a universal transfer treaty. To do this it is necessary to compare and contrast the transfer treaties which are in existence between individual countries. Towards this end the Working Party has addressed letters to the 160 Permanent Missions to the U.N. requesting the name of the Minister of Justice of their respective country. They in turn are contacted by the Working Party to find out if their country has any transfer sanctions currently in force with any other country.

As you might imagine this is a rather slow process and is compounded by the frequent upheavals in many parts of the world. In addition many countries have informal transfer of sanction agreements with friendly neighbors and are reluctant to put this in writing. However, even at this early stage of assimilation similarities in prisoner transfer treaties are emerging. It has already been agreed that the three basic elements of a prisoner transfer treaty are: 1) that the prisoner must be willing to transfer voluntarily, 2) that the offense must be a crime in both countries, and 3) that both the sending and receiving countries must agree to the transfer.

The Council of Europe is now working on a new Convention on the Execution of Penal Sanctions which includes these aspects as well as a provision allowing the receiving country to re-sentence the individual to bring the term to be served more in line with that country's sanctions. However, in no case could the original sentence be increased. According to Michael Abbell, head of the Office of International Affairs in the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. is monitoring the Council

of Europe activities very carefully in the hope of concluding a single transfer treaty with the Council rather than negotiating individually with each of its member countries.

At a recent meeting of the Alliance Mr. Abbell also informed ICAR on the status of the present prisoner transfer treaties between the U.S. and Mexico, Canada, and Bolivia. According to Mr. Abbell 398 Americans have been transferred to date from Mexico, including two who became mentally ill after their conviction. Fifty Americans have been transferred from Canada and nine from Bolivia. Mr. Abbell also noted that 80% of the Americans in Mexican prisons are being transferred.

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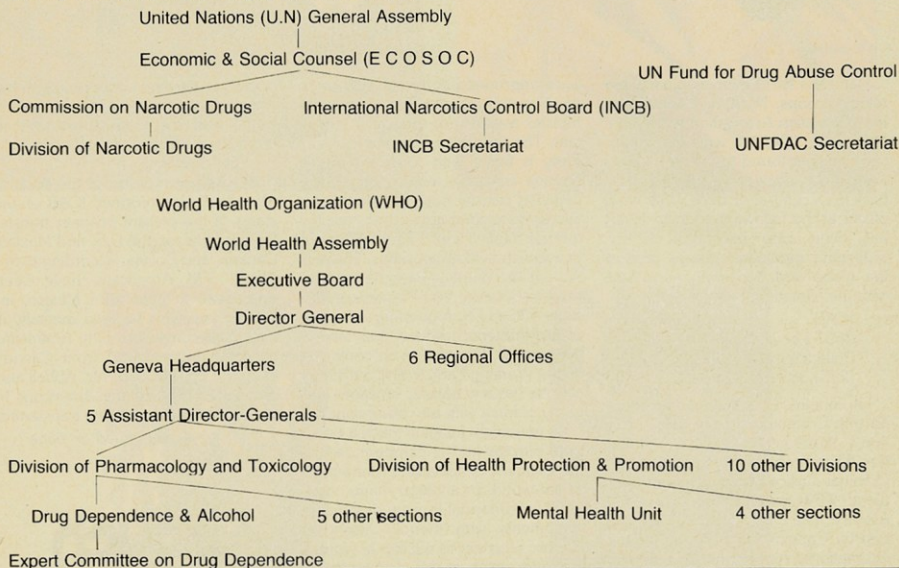
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KEY DRUG ORGANS

A thorough review of all United Nations organizations concerned in one way or another with drug control is not possible here. In addition many of these organizations have changed their names and functions several times throughout the history of the U.N. and its predecessor, the League of Nations, making assimilation of titles and functions all the more difficult. The chart presented below is a sketch of key drug control organs in the U.N. and does not represent the complete organizational structure.



ICAR STATEMENT OF POLICY

International Cannabis Alliance for Reform

- 1) To remove cannabis from the United Nations Single Convention Treaty on Narcotic Drugs and to work on changing the attitude of governments toward cannabis law reform;
- 2) To investigate the cannabis research flow into the United Nations and to educate members of the United Nations about cannabis law reform;
- 3) To encourage the expungement internationally of all cannabis offenses and to try to stop the exchange of drug records between countries;
- 4) To gather together and if necessary help create other cannabis law reform organizations around the world;
- 5) To work together to change conditions of cannabis prisoners around the world;
- 6) To encourage and endorse the concept of prisoner transfer treaties.

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INTERNATIONAL DRUG TREATIES

Despite the dramatic increase in the use of cannabis in the last decade attempts to control its use internationally go back to the early twentieth century. Its history in international treaties is intimately bound with the two other drugs most commonly deemed worthy of international control: cocaine and opiates. The process by which the use of cannabis and the other drugs was banned internationally was an evolutionary one and is reflected in the increasing degree of control which the international drug treaties exercised. A brief chronology and summation of these treaties follows. It is not intended to be complete or comprehensive; a detailed history of the international control of cannabis is presently being prepared by ICAR. All but the first and last two treaties were convened under the auspices of the League of Nations.

1911 — At a preliminary conference for the Hague Opium Convention the following year, a proposal was drafted

by an American observer to include cannabis on the agenda because he claimed that something had to be done about "Hindoos" who were demanding cannabis in California. The proposal, along with a similar one by Italy, was never taken up, although a resolution was passed noting the desirability of studying the question of "Indian Hemp" further.

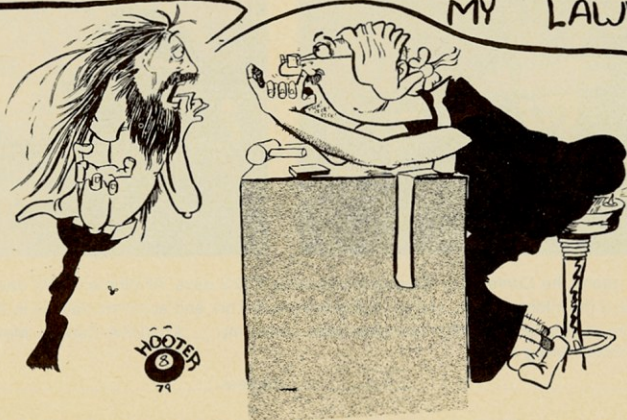
1925 — International Opium Convention, Geneva. Cannabis is placed under international control for the first time after an emotional appeal from the Egyptian delegate that hashish was the principle cause of insanity in Egypt. The resolution called for prohibiting the export of the drug to countries which have specifically prohibited its use, and if importation was permitted the importing country was required to issue a special import certificate stating that the drug was to be used exclusively for medical and scientific purposes.

1931 — "Convention for Limiting the Manufacture and Regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs", Geneva. In order to stem the illicit diversion of manufactured drugs the estimates system is introduced, whereby the drug needs of each country were to be anticipated and by reporting these needs to a Drug Supervisory Body the manufacture of these drugs could be tailored to the licit world demand. Because cannabis at that time was generally not a drug of licit international trade and was not utilized by drug manufacturers it was not included in the treaty.

1936 "Convention for the Suppression of the Illicit Traffic in Dangerous Drugs", Geneva. Illicit trafficking in cocaine, opiates and cannabis becomes an international crime. The Convention called for the severe punishment of offenders "particularly by imprisonment or other penalties of deprivation of liberty." It also called for the punish-

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OUT ON BAIL FOR A WEEK? THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH TIME TO SCORE A POUND TO PAY OFF
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ICAR Presents THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL CANNABIS LEGALIZATION CONFERENCE "THE KOSMOS" AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS FEBRUARY 8-10, 1980

The International Cannabis Alliance for Reform (ICAR) is an international organization of marijuana law reform groups founded in September, 1978. The members of ICAR are: National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Law (NORML)-USA, NORML-Canada, the Canadian Association for the Liberation of Marijuana (CALM), the Legalize Cannabis Campaign (United Kingdom), the Italian Radical Party, the Cannabis Research Foundation of Australia (C.R.F.A.), the New Zealand Marijuana Party, the Deutsche Cannabis Reform Gesellschaft (West Germany), the Stuf Vry Party (Holland), Stot Fri Hash (Denmark), and the Clear Light Society (Japan).

Our purpose is to form a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) of marijuana law reform groups to lobby in the United Nations for removal of cannabis from the 1961 Single Convention Treaty on Narcotic Drugs. We are also working to help prisoners in foreign jails and to promote and encourage prisoner transfer treaties between countries.

Under the cosponsorship of High Times magazine and Home Grown magazine of England, ICAR is proud to announce the formulation of the 1st International Cannabis Legalization Conference. The social, legal, political, medical and philosophical aspects of cannabis will be discussed at the Conference by experts in the field of drug law reform. Speakers from cannabis law reform organizations from around the world will be present to speak on the current state of cannabis law reform in their part of the world. In addition discussions will be held on legalization strategies and alternative models for a regulated market for cannabis.

1st Day — Friday, February 8

Greetings and Welcome to Amsterdam
Introduction to the ICAR Constitution
History of Cannabis Criminalization
Cannabis Prisoners Around the World
Alternatives to Getting High - Spirituality,
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2nd Day — Saturday, February 9

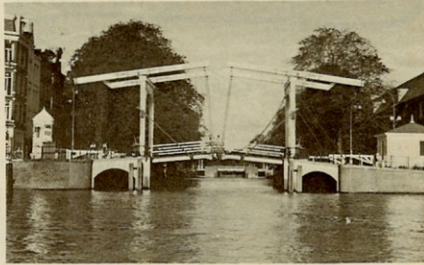
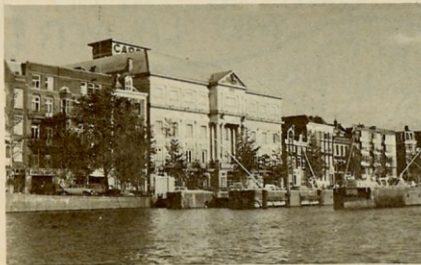
Cannabis and Health
Cannabis as Medicine
Cannabis Criminalization Around the World
Benefit Concert and Party

3rd Day — Sunday, February 10

International Cannabis Politics
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Plenary Meeting

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Intended use of cannabis material if this licence is granted to you ☐ Resins ☐ Fibre ☐ Seeds ☐ Other

Purpose for cultivating Cannabis

☐ Self sufficiency ☐ Social
☐ Experimentation ☐ Religious
☐ Gifts to friends ☐ Sexual
☐ Research purposes ☐ Medicinal

☐ Never used cannabis
☐ occasional user
☐ Frequent user
☐ Regular user
☐ Other

☐ I favour total legalization of reasonable amounts of cannabis for personal use by adults in the privacy of their homes

☐ I favour implementing the fair recommendations of the LeDain Commission created in 1970

☐ I favour a fresh approach to cannabis legislation that will consider the issues of health, education and consumer welfare

Briefly describe previous illicit cannabis cultivation experiences concerning yield and quality

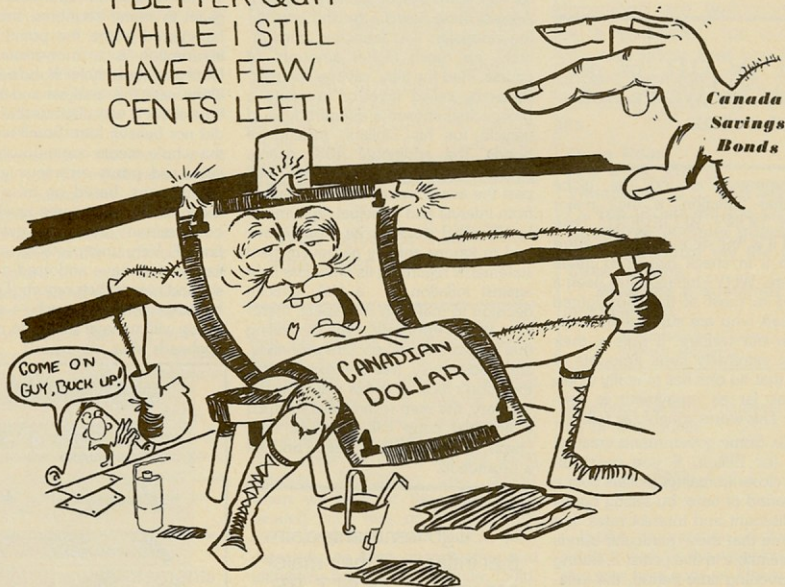
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SLEDGE HAMMER ECONOMICS

Part II: INFLATION

By H. Orbmod

I BETTER QUIT
WHILE I STILL
HAVE A FEW
CENTS LEFT !!



ACT I

As the curtain rises at the World Stage Theatre, we jump excitedly out of our seats. We fumble in our pockets and look at the tickets. The tickets are correct. They state: "The World's Greatest Tragedy: Inflation". Front Row Seats, Admission Free.

Have we, the spectators, gone mad? Did we O.D. or get drunk? No! We are looking at a circus!

Maybe the producers and directors got their wires crossed? Let's take another look at the program. Here it is: Main Actors and Stars:

Heads of state, ministers of economics and ministers of finance, everywhere

Supporting Cast:

Politicians (heard loud and clear) and Central Bank Presidents (recognizable by their subdued voices and overt statements)

Ballet:

Countless voters (identifiable by their steady tip-toe dances between clowns — pardon the error — between politicians)

Tight-Rope Walkers:

An international assembly of municipal councils

Animal Trainers:

The hoards in charge of holding in line the overwhelming number of sheep which, contrary to biblical statements, obviously have no Shepherd!

Music:

The News-Media-Members who have intoned the same off-tune chant for years on end

Special Song:

(by the Rothschilds' United States Choir)

The great international lullaby: "SLEEP, DEAR SHEEP, SLEEP!"

Producers:

Parliamentarians, Legislators, Senators and the Like

Directors:

Lobbyists, Big Business Representatives etc., (commonly referred to as: The Financial Clique)

In the Spotlight:

H. Orbmod (the writer, single-handedly)

Policy-Makers:

The Management (tongue-in-cheek) regrets that this rare breed of individual could not be found anywhere on the globe.

The cast and producers acknowledge that this huge production would not have been feasible without the overwhelming support of the vast majority of the inhabitants of the planet Earth. (To whom, in appreciation of countless profits, they quietly bow their heads).

"Did we O.D. or get drunk? No! We are looking at a circus."

Governments around the globe claim that 'inflation' is their major concern. DON'T BELIEVE IT! They pretend it is, but no truly serious effort to keep it in check has been made anywhere. WHY? Inflation has been a godsend to most of the shortsighted individuals who are supposedly looking after our welfare. It puts at their disposal extremely large amounts of money that no one has to really worry about as far as repayment is concerned. This works roughly as follows:

Example: Some governments create 5 Million (or Billion, if you insist on sticking closer to reality) Dollars over a given period of time, by selling bonds at set discount and interest rates. Let us assume that these particular bonds are redeemable in five years. If, during the intervening time period, the inflation rate outstrips the interest rate plus discount, the investor gets back a fraction of his original purchasing power. He gets, of course, a higher number of Dollars, but he will purchase less, and therefore, take a definite loss on his investment.

The government agency behind the bond issue, around repayment time, finds that the assets created with the raised monies have increased substantially in value. Government land and buildings, bridges, roads, telephone lines, garbage-conversion plants, museums, (the list is endless) all have grown rather than diminished in value. Thus government borrowing power has increased and is larger than ever before, independent of income from

taxation, etc. . . In this fashion the circle continues endlessly and it becomes obvious why very few administrators want to see it interrupted. That governments on all levels, nevertheless, frequently find themselves financially squeezed shows you a great deal about their administrative capabilities!!!

There are cases known where, after repaying the borrowed 5 Million Dollars plus interest, the government ended up with 7 Million Dollars in assets. Against these assets a second borrowing campaign was launched immediately, for much higher amounts, of course. Had the little 'savings plunger' (brazenly called investor in many a prospectus) chosen a different type of vehicle for his Dollars, instead of bonds, the additional 40% overall return would have carried him well past the actual net deficit he obtained from interest and principal repayment. In his initial decision he would have had to ignore entirely all government statements regarding its relentless fight against inflation . . . a truly difficult decision to make. In retrospect, therefore, the investor often gets the feeling that he has been taken! Unfortunately, and traditionally, free enterprise countries don't look at it this way. On the contrary, the men responsible for such a financial coup will stick out their chests, have their backs patted and get a promotion.

' . . . if governments claim that inflation is their major concern — DON'T BELIEVE IT!'

Our leading industrial, commercial and banking enterprises latched on to this fantastic way of 'finding money', early in the game. They, as well as governments cannot possibly lose on such an arrangement. WHO PAYS FOR IT ALL? As always, mainly the little Joker: the wage earner, the salary maker, and the small scale businessman and farmer.

Of course, HE DOES NOT GO FOR IT! Occasionally, therefore, he is appeased by a little wage increase. Such increases always limp behind in actual restored purchasing power.

But, no matter how ignorant a wage earner is, sooner or later he realizes that he has been short-changed. Governments and large corporations, therefore, became unanimous in their conclusions: WE MUST BLAME SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE FOR THIS TERRIBLE THING! For a number of years now, everything has been blamed on the present-day external Enemy Number One: The Oil Shortage.

This writer, in countless lectures given in many countries, has always hammered home the point that this assumption is a monstrous fallacy. Until very recently he stood very much alone with this analysis and time and time again, it was obvious that listeners did not believe him. Small wonder, if the whole media continuously broadcasts and prints erroneous economic assumptions, based on false government claims, even some level-headed businessmen ultimately get 'conditioned'. Very unexpectedly, some brilliant people have endorsed my analysis, and here is their report: (Don't you big boys worry too much — someone surely will manage shortly to make the eggheads shut up again!)



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"The conclusion that the oil price increase will be inflationary is frequently based on the further assumption that, once the increases in petroleum product prices have been added to the underlying rate of inflation, the new and steeper inflationary trend will be fully incorporated into wage settlements."

"In the medium and long term, the oil price increase will affect economic growth mainly by increasing capital requirements."

A ray of light on the horizon. If leading experts on world trade today challenge the view that petroleum price-rises have to mean higher inflation rates and unemployment for a country, TAKE HEED!

'Government statements using oil shortages as an excuse for everything are downright lies.'

What does this economic gibberish mean? It proves beyond any possible doubt that government statements made daily, using oil shortages as an excuse for anything and everything and particularly inflation, are far-fetched. They are downright lies, if you want to put it bluntly.

No politician would forego such a ready-made excuse and it has always been considered proper government behaviour to direct our animosities towards outside influences rather than to internal shortcomings.

A generation ago this may have worked. In their blissful ignorance and incapability of analyzing economic problems on their own, our ancestors set a precedent. Politicians today fall back on a modus operandi which is no longer applicable.

IT HAS, THEREFORE, BECOME ESSENTIAL FOR EVERYONE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH SOME RUDIMENTARY ECONOMIC TERMS AND TOOLS IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER TO COMPREHEND DECEITS AND FALSEHOODS PRACTISED BY THE BIG BOYS IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS.

WHERE DOES GOVERNMENT NON-ACTION REGARDING INFLATION (OUTSIDE OF TALK AND SHORT-GAP MEASURES) PUT US?

'Who pays for it all? The little Joker.'

Into serious jeopardy indeed! Not only are savings relentlessly eroded, but we are forced to accept credit buying with open arms as a possible defensive mechanism. Thus we do not yet realize that even as we gloat and boast about the smart purchases we have made on credit, we are being defeated. Realization only dawns when we look at the substantially bloated price tags on identical products some time later. Having been defeated, we keep on retreating and ultimately flee into Real Estate, Gold, and any other solid commodity or product offering itself as a hedge against inflation.

But, before we analyze influences contributing to inflation, let us not forget that we came to witness The World's Greatest Tragedy, and instead found a three ring circus.

As the show begins, the elephants (trumpeting political orators) are allowed into the menagerie. By now they are under such great strain that the entire herd lets water in front of the audience. The crowds, though almost inundated, still have their heads above the quagmire. Their hands raised over their heads, they applaud and cheer the performance, even while drowning. A few, however, have clambered up to the first and second ranks.

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END: ACT I

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Now the clowns no longer appear hilarious. They are weeping with foreboding of what is to be revealed with the raising of the curtain on "Inflation, Act II".

To be continued.

By H. Orbmod

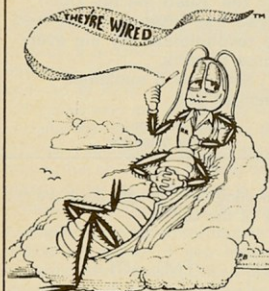
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Mr. Wilson, the manager, informs us that the Hemp crop this year is of a yield and value that will pay the farmer much better than Wheat, and from year to year will prove at least as profitable as Wheat — thanks to the local spinning factory and market.

A second Hemp mill has been organized at Rhein in Eastern Saskatchewan by arrangement with the Manitoba Cordage Co. Ltd., and the farmers concerned have grown and harvested a considerable acreage. They will break the Hemp into fibre during the winter in order to reduce bulk and freight charges, and will ship the fibre to the spinning factory at Portage La Prairie. Other districts are also planning to grow and break Hemp for the Company.

Hemp is one of the oldest known fibre producing plants in the world, its origin having been traced back some 2,000 years to when it was cultivated in China. In the intervening years its cultivation gradually spread over Europe and today it is grown for its valuable fibre in practically every country in the world where the climate is suitable for its growth. The following are the principle Hemp growing countries — Russia, Italy, India and China, and now due to the efforts of this Company, its cultivation has been introduced into Canada.

Fibres are primarily classified as soft or hard fibre. Flax, Hemp, and Cotton, on account of their fine textures, are known as soft fibres; Manila, Sisal and New Zealand, being much coarser in texture, are called hard fibres. Hemp naturally becomes the principal soft fibre used in the manufacture of cordage being the cheaper to produce, but owing to the antiquated methods of handling the crop in Asiatic and European countries, where the operations of harvesting and separation of the fibres are carried out by hand labour, such Hemp is an expensive fibre for rope purposes and can only be used in the manufacture of the higher grades. With the introduction of modern machinery on the Sisal and Manila plantations of Mexico and Philippine Islands, the cost of producing these coarser and harsher fibres has been considerably reduced; consequently rope made from these fibres has to a great extent taken the place of Hemp rope on farms and for other uses where price is considered before quality.

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A hempfield at the J.W. Miller Farm at North Battleford, Sask, in September 1920.

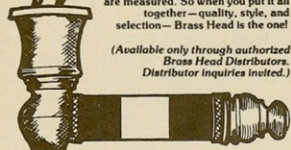
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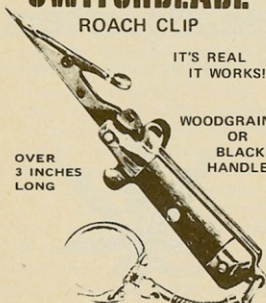
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The Manitoba Cordage Co. Ltd., has been manufacturing a little over a year and is firmly established in the rope and twine business of the West.

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New lines of manufacture include lath twine, sewing twine, lariats, halter shanks, team lines, tarred rope, etc., which have met with instant approval, and in time it is hoped to start a Hemp weaving industry.

It would seem, therefore, that the future of this industry is assured. It is the only Hemp growing, breaking, spinning, and manufacturing concern of its kind in the world.

Editors Note: The damage done to the Canadian Economy by the passing of the Marijuana Laws is immeasurable in terms of Dollars and Cents. It can only be hoped that reason and enlightenment will bring about a return of such columns to the business section of Canada's favourite daily papers. This article is courtesy of the 'NOR' WEST FARMER', October 20, 1928.

Movies

- Transvestite Fun -

For those of you who fell in love with the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show', a French-Italian transvestite movie has been hitting the scene lately with some of the best entertainment I've seen in eons.

Marcello Danon's 'La Cage aux Folles' is a comedy that pulls no punches. The idyllic family life of two nightclub owners, Albin, played by Michel Serrault and Father, played by Ugo Tognazzi, is shattered when, horror of horrors, the son decides to get married to a woman. And, you guessed it, the father of the bride-to-be is the vice-president for the 'Union of Moral Order', whose founder was just found dead in the arms of a prostitute. A minor. A coloured minor prostitute. And now this!

Though the film has English subtitles, they are excellently placed and one loses none of the hilarity that virtually every scene brings. Known as 'Birds of a Feather' in English, 'La Cage aux Folles' is a must for everyone who enjoys the out-of-the-ordinary. I for one, would rank it far superior to the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show'.

by D.B. Dombro

THINGS TO DO —

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HYPNOTIZING

CHICKENS

Well, I hope you're stoned when you pick up this article and read it because that means you're bored and are looking for something to do. Well this is it, the article you've been looking for. The first thing you can do is read the rest of it.

One of the least physically taxing things you can do is write. Write the PM and tell him what you think of the pot laws. (Tell him good or bad, but tell him something — it's lonely at the top and how the hell else is he going to find out what people think?) Or write us. (We're at the bottom, and it's lonely here, too) Go down to the gas station and write on the can walls. Things like, "I saw you take that shit, now put it back", placed strategically at eye level across from the bowl have more than once enabled many a constipated patron to laugh it out. And logically, following writing is reading. What can you say about reading? Go read a book.

For those of you who can't write (and those of you who are having this article read to them), try doing something else. You could smoke some pot. But if you want something interesting to do make some CHOC-IJUANA CHIP cookies. Just read the recipe for chocolate chip cookies on the back of any chocolate chip bag, substitute

marijuana for the walnuts, and throw a party. (CAUTION — do not substitute hash for one with walnuts unless you're rich and unless you have extra room for the thirty-five brainless blobs on your living room rug).

You could go get a job.

If you have a job you could go spend some money.

You could go to sleep.

You could go to the nearest farm, tell the farmer that you're bored and you'd like to hypnotize some of his chickens. The farmer will probably comment on your sanity, but after you have tried it on some real chickens you'll be able to win money just by saying, "I'll bet you five dollars, I can hypnotize one of your chickens."

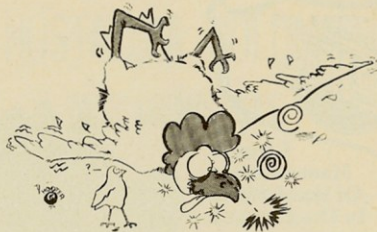
There are two methods of doing this. (I was a firm disbeliever until I saw it done and did it myself). Once you have caught the chicken, which is often the hard part, you are ready to hypnotize it. Holding the chicken under the belly by the legs with your left hand and behind the head with your right, lay the chicken on some soft dirt, head pointing straight to the left. When you lay the chicken down maintain your hold behind the head. Your left hand should be free. Keep the lower jaw of the chicken flat on the ground. Put your left index finger at the tip of his nose and slowly draw a straight line in the dirt directly away from the chicken. Make this line about a meter long. You should now be able to remove your right hand as the chicken stares down the line as though it were the key to the very existence of the universe. It doesn't move and a soft cluck is all you'll get out of it. Don't worry, it's not permanent, lasts only a few minutes.

If you don't have much success with this method then try method #2. Method #2: Taking the vict... I mean chicken in hand, flip him on his back.

Now take his head and tuck it under his wing. Holding the chicken with both hands over folded wings, rock him slowly from side to side about four or five times. Lay the chicken on his back on the ground and wake him up when it's time to eat.

Now that you've read this article you're probably saying, "what a waste of time". Maybe it was, but I'll swear that you can do all these things, and more that I haven't thought of. I also feel sorry for those of you who don't believe me about the chickens, because those who try it and find out it's true are going to have a lot of fun. Happy smoking.

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ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

The distinction between decriminalization and legalization is not clear to most people, especially legislators who have been counselled by opponents of decrim that decrim is just the thin end of the wedge towards legalization. An economic look at marijuana makes the distinction very apparent.

Decrim simply results in the saving of tax-payers dollars: at the federal level, savings of about \$150 million in enforcement costs; at the provincial level, incalculable savings in court costs, probation supervision costs and the cost of short (less than 2 years) sentences of incarceration. One could also include the eventual cost of applying for and receiving a pardon. Decrim would also result in an upsurge of personal cultivation by smokers in an effort to remove themselves from the black market. This, of course, applies to those fortunate enough to have ready access to land.

Legalization is the legitimization, in effect, of the existing black market. As such it means harnessing the economic potential of the existing black market. Some idea of that potential can be gained from recent statistics:

in the U.S., it is estimated that 130,000 lbs. of pot are consumed every day. The grass business is the third largest in terms of revenues. Smuggling rings are reported to bring in \$2 to \$3 million weekly. no comparable statistics are available for Canada. Bearing in mind that figures on clandestine activities are necessarily conservative, it is not unreasonable to postulate that Canada consumes 13,000 lbs. of pot daily.

Legalization, or the legitimate supplying of marijuana, makes us regard marijuana like any other commodity. This in turn comes down to a perennial dichotomy: "domestic" versus "imported".

The "imported" scenario is well understood because almost all our marijuana is imported now. Also, via the UN we have developed working mechanisms to conduct international trade in coffee, tea, tobacco as well as the other millions of non-drug commodities. Possibly less well known, is the fact that the UN also prohibits all but inter-government trade in "narco-

tics", including marijuana, under the UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961. So legally speaking importation of marijuana would have to be done by the Government of Canada dealing directly with the governments of exporting countries. Not a new situation, and one that maximizes government revenues. Of course there may be some federal-provincial snags when the federal government in turn tries to market its marijuana within the country. But given the economic returns, a way would undoubtedly be found.

The "Domestic" scenario is much less familiar. Again, under the UN Single Convention, only the Government of Canada, or persons duly authorized by the government, may cultivate marijuana within our borders. In fact, the present law (section 6, *Narcotic Control Act*) permits cultivation with a permit from the Minister of Health and Welfare. To the best of our knowledge, only one such permit has

ever been issued. It was to the Department of Agriculture in 1970 so various strains of pot could be grown in Ottawa's Experimental Farm for the "LeDain Commission's" research. Rumour has it that our government farmers did a great job, producing grass more potent than that generally available on the street at that time.

The domestic scenario also brings to the fore other non-drug aspects of the cannabis plant. Recent feasibility studies (US) have looked at marijuana as a cash crop in terms of its other time honoured uses. With modern processing, hemp fibre and pulp suddenly emerge as viable sources of textile and paper. The GNP would take on a novel interpretation— "Grass National Product".

Keeping in mind the existing UN controls, marijuana legalization inevitably means a thorough examination of traditional "balance of trade" issues like protectionist tariffs, crop quotas etc. Food for thought.

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About 250 Americans are currently in prison in Mexico, and that figure is remaining fairly constant due to new arrests which occur frequently. While most of the Americans imprisoned in Mexico are on drug charges, most of the Americans in Canada are on common law crimes. Only 25% of the Americans in Canada are choosing to return to the U.S.

Prisoner transfer treaties are currently being negotiated between the U.S. and Panama, Turkey and Peru. On August 2 President Carter sent the Senate a copy of the Turkish transfer treaty for approval. The treaty is presently being circulated in Turkey for approval by the ministers of that country. There are at present only six Americans in jail in Turkey. Negotiations for the Turkish treaty were made especially sensitive due to the film "Midnight Express" which the Turks accused of grossly distorting the actual events of Billy Hayes' imprisonment. The Panama treaty is also awaiting ratification by the Senate, as is a similar one with Peru.

Negotiations for a transfer treaty with Peru and other South American countries are especially urgent due to interminable delays in sentencing, the poor conditions of the prisons, physical abuse and persistent corruption. Most South American countries employ the Napoleonic code of justice, which requires a long series of accusations and reviews. The result is that the courts are hopelessly overworked and overburdened, with many cases taking upwards of two years to go through the entire judicial process before a final sentence is agreed upon. While U.S. officials have quietly been suggesting reforms in this system of justice, they note that this is an area of special sensitivity to the South Americans because the judicial system is often the only governmental institution which has survived the frequent revolutions in many South American countries and hence enjoys a special status.



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Book Review Drug Treaties

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The book contains several interesting appendices including one, "Cannabis toleration in the Netherlands" which supports the above assertion. There is a piece from Don Aitken, a member of the LCC Executive, on "The Cannabis Market and Dealers", as well as an interesting discussion by the U.K.'s leading official growing expert, Professor Fairbairn, on "Production of Cannabis in the United Kingdom". He demonstrates what many already know, that high quality grass can be cultivated outdoors in this country.

It is a refreshing sign of the times that such a respected body as the ISDD should be starting to consider, not 'if', but 'how'. The LCC has its own group working on legalization options as discussed during their January 'Annual General Meeting'. A draft of their suggestions will be ready for the first National Council meeting and then circulated to all members for comment and possible amendment.

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ment of violators irrespective of their nationality or the place they had committed the offense and for the extradition of all offenders. The treaty was drawn up by the International Police Commission, predecessor of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and was based on the 1929 Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeit Currency.

1946 — A new Protocol is signed amending the previous treaties and inserting new language describing the agencies created for drug control by the newly formed United Nations.

1961 — Single Convention Treaty on Narcotic Drugs, New York City. Drugs are arranged in a separate schedule corresponding to different degrees of control. By moving the drugs from one schedule into another changes in the degree of control can be effected without amending the treaty.

by ICAR

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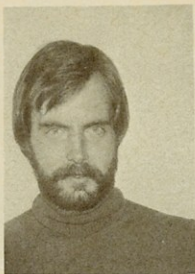


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The Hooter File



Well, now that we are into the second publication, I guess I owe some people an explanation before I get labelled a radical with a deep-rooted hatred for all police officers. As to the charge of trying to destroy the reputation of the R.C.M.P., I plead not guilty. They are a necessity to our society. They have a job to do just like everyone else. I am not condemning them for that.

The main recipients of my anger (and the R.C.M.P. knows who they are) are the police, (plainclothed or uniformed), who relish abusing the power that they are entrusted with. True, there are good police and bad, but rotten apples always have had a way of infesting the good ones.

Unwarranted violence seems to be the growing trend of some redneck and vigilante style cops. If we needed the "on the spot trials" that these policemen believe in, we would not appoint judges to levy fines and decide on sentences. As it is, we **do** have judges, and we do not need vigilante police dishing out their own brand of justice before the citizen (victim) even arrives at the station. The reputation of the R.C.M.P. is spoiled enough without macho jerks like these beating up handcuffed citizens who have no way of defending themselves.

To add insult to injury, these brave policemen may slap a charge of "obstructing justice" on the citizen so that they can protect their "untarnished" reputation. They know that "obstruction of justice" is a very loose law, if not one of the vaguest in the books. It can mean anything from breathing the wrong way to acts of physical violence. (Soup to Nuts).

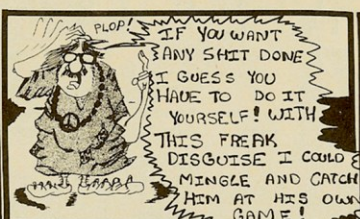
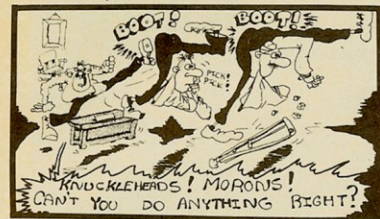
If these maniacs are allowed to operate inside the boundaries of our society, more innocent peoples' lives will be ruined because these gung-ho ya-hoos possess more brawn than feelings and/or brains. Remember, these individuals have the power of the state behind them, and this power has a high capacity to destroy peoples' lives. That capacity is so high that we must constantly try to keep it in check, and speak out loudly when it is abused. That is what I am trying to do. I am also trying to speak out for those already too scared to speak for themselves. If someone does not speak out, the abuse of power will only serve to destroy whatever faith we still have left in our police.

There is yet another side to the Canadian scarlet coin. Any law enforcement officer who stands idle and does not impede an officer in the act of abusing his power is just as guilty as the officer who wreaks havoc and throws his weight on innocent people.

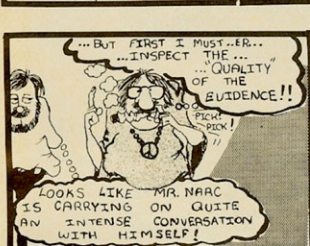
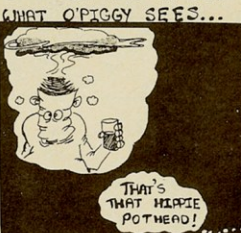
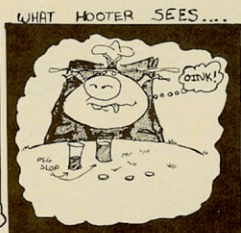
So in conclusion: It would be ludicrous to say "all cops are bad". Nor is that my statement or opinion. My opinion is that cowards who like to hide behind a badge should be investigated, reprimanded, and dismissed or given desk jobs so they can run off their hostile attitudes stamping paper instead of stamping some innocent person's head.

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by HOOTER



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