

formed consent" is never mentioned by MAPS), inmates who had had substance abuse problems would be supplied with LSD. "The hypothesis," reads the MAPS report on "LSD Research at the Orenda Institute," "is that those people who have peak or mystical experiences that they are able to integrate into their lives will be motivated to decrease their abuse of the substances and lead more satisfactory lives."

These are a few of the studies by MAPS, whose website promotes as heroes all the key players in the 1960s MK-Ultra scourge. The MAPS website includes a lecture by Dr. Albert Hoffman, the creator of LSD at Sandoz Laboratories in Switzerland, where he extols the British menticidalist Aldous Huxley for popularizing LSD and other psychedelics in such novels as *The Doors of Perception* and *Heaven and Hell*, the story of the utopian island of Pala where LSD ("moksha-medicine") was used for "decisive periods of life." Aldous Huxley himself took a dose of 100 micrograms of LSD as he was dying of cancer in November 1963.

The late LSD guru Timothy Leary, who was a fundraiser for MAPS, according to friends who wrote for MAPS, became a junkie, dosing up with cocaine, LSD, and other drugs, as he, too, died from cancer. Leary's addiction was so great and his mental state so confused, that friends kept a chart of what illegal drugs they had given him, to prevent him from dying of an overdose.

Leary's MK-Ultra sidekick, Dr. Humphrey Osmond, is also frequently mentioned in MAPS's website.

## The largesse of legalizer George Soros

Charles Honig, who is the grant coordinator for the Drug Policy Foundation, underwritten by George Soros, confirmed that the DPF had made a grant of \$20,000 to MAPS to research the "medical use" of marijuana. He stressed that it was not for MDMA or other psychedelic research. All the grant money available to the DPF—\$3 million—has come from Soros, who was created by George Karlweis, right-hand man of Edmond De Rothschild, who gave us the career of drug trafficker Robert Vesco. MAPS chief Doblin also admits to receiving \$2,000 from George Soros's drug-legalizing Lindesmith Center, which is part of Soros's Open Society Institute-New York. MAPS works with all the Soros-funded fronts that took part in the media blitz to get California and Arizona voters to approve drug legalization under the guise of "medical use" of marijuana—respectively Proposition 215 and Proposition 200. The Arizona law also permits doctors to prescribe any Schedule I narcotic to patients. The MAPS website prominently displays Utah Republic Sen. Orrin Hatch, referring to the MAPS newsletter as the "expert" on two ballot initiatives. One wonders if Senator Hatch, like Sir George Bush, has the same intimate knowledge of MAPS advocacy of psychedelic experimentation upon U.S. citizens? MAPS even supports the Cannabis Buyers Club, whose founder, the homosexual AIDS activist Dennis Peron, co-authored California Proposition 215. The Cannabis Buyers Club was busted for narcotics trafficking shortly after Prop. 215 was passed.

## EIR lays waste Soros's 'drug reform' big lie

For three years now, billionaire speculator George Soros has been pouring tens of millions of dollars into what he likes to call the "drug reform movement." This linguistic sleight of hand has been aimed at concealing the fact that Soros and the string of tax-exempt drug policy foundations that he bankrolls are fully committed to the full legalization of all dangerous drugs, including crack cocaine and Ecstasy. Soros was the sugar-daddy behind the 1996 California and Arizona ballot initiatives that legalized the "medical use" of marijuana in California, and of all Schedule I illegal drugs in Arizona; and he and paid retainers are now peddling the same types of referendum in at least 25 other states, plus the District of Columbia.

On Feb. 25, at a Washington, D.C. press conference of the Soros-bankrolled Drug Policy Foundation, an *EIR* correspondent challenged the Soros crew to publicly admit what they say behind closed doors: That they are not drug

policy reformers, but advocates of drug legalization. Eric Sterling, the DPF's Congressional liaison, when confronted by Leo Scanlon about his boast at a private seminar of the Drug Policy Foundation in November 1996, that he's been a leader of the "drug legalization movement" since the late 1970s, blurted out: "Yes, the challenge is to end the policy of prohibition of cocaine, heroin," and all other dangerous drugs.

Sterling then launched into a tirade against *EIR*, Lyndon LaRouche, and all those who take an "ideological" position on the drug issue. DPF and the half-dozen other Soros-funded legalization groups that have been spawned in recent years use the term "non-ideological" to account for the fact that their ranks are filled by such free-market zealots as Milton Friedman, William F. Buckley, former Secretary of State George Shultz, and the top brass at the Barry Goldwater Institute in Arizona. They also include "narco-socialists" like Sterling, who served for years as a staffer for Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), and the Carter administration's pro-legalization maven Mathea Falco, now a leading drug policy specialist at the New York Council on Foreign Relations. —*Jeffrey Steinberg*