

# Is This Finally the Time When the War on the British-Run Drug Traffic Can Be Won?

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March 25—Today we are witnessing an acceleration of the march to complete victory in the British Opium War against the United States. Eight states have already legalized marijuana for recreational purposes, and Vermont and Washington, D.C. allow marijuana possession and growing. Now, the Governor of the agro-industrial state of New Jersey, Phil Murphy, for many years a top Goldman Sachs banker, and ambassador to Germany from 2009 to 2013, intends to legalize marijuana use, and the current debate in New Jersey is limited to the varying degrees of repeal of the marijuana laws—this despite the fact that, in federal law, marijuana is a Schedule I narcotic, which is defined as having a high addictive potential and no medical use. One of the outcomes of the intended legislation will be prescription of marijuana to smoke for supposed medical purposes, and also the full availability of places to purchase marijuana for “recreational” use.

From the time in the late 1970s when I was a founder of the National Anti-Drug Coalition, our nation has been on a descent into Hell. Whereas at that time, marijuana used in the United States was mostly imported from South America, now it



is grown domestically, especially in California, and it is by far the biggest cash crop there. Whereas there is speculation in the media concerning whether legalization will lead to an increase in use, the answer is obvious, particularly among young people. Over a forty-year period, their usage rates have varied by a range of close to 100%, and that rate has been strikingly inverse to perceived risk. Legalization tells the young person that it can't be dangerous

after all. As I will address a little later, the history of the many centuries of widespread hashish consumption in Islamic countries such as Egypt and Morocco, shows a collapse of civilization and the apparent impossibility of eradicating the highly addictive and motivation-destroying drug.



## The Enemy: Dope, Inc.

In 1977 and 1978 our organization, the Lyndon LaRouche movement, clearly perceived the danger, because we recognized the intent of the British in conducting an Opium War against our nation. This was the result of our unique intelligence capabilities, our international deployment as a single organization, and above all, Lyndon LaRouche's method of hypothesis. We published our



Headquarters of money laundering HSBC today (left) and its 1865 crest (right) from its Opium War roots, which incorporates the UK royal coat of arms.



findings in *Dope, Inc.*<sup>1</sup> By that time, we had recognized that there was a fundamental, implacable conflict between the British system of empire and the intention of the American republican tradition. We traced the history of the conflict between Britain and America and identified the key adversarial figures.

Through LaRouche's work in physical economy, we were alerted to anomalies in global financial flows and balances of payments. This led us to an investigation of the vast array of "offshore" financial institutions, the great majority in small places under the control of the British and Dutch crowns. One of the most notorious was the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which just then was applying for a New York State charter allowing it to buy the Marine Midland Bank, the biggest bank in western New York state, which includes Buffalo, where I was living. A case of the useful role of our international deployment was in Canada: In our exposé of Edgar Bronfman, a key figure in *Dope, Inc.*, we had a confrontation with Louis Mortimer Bloomfield, whose law firm represented Bronfman. When I saw the report, I told our leadership that Bloomfield was a key figure in the JFK assassination, based on a book, *The Kennedy Conspiracy*, by Paris Flammonde,<sup>2</sup> which I read in 1973, a year



before I joined LaRouche's movement. I believe that had we not written *Dope, Inc.*, no one else could have done what we did. It required a kind of creative non-inductive leap based on LaRouche's insistence on seeking universal principles. Furthermore, once we had discovered the ordering principle, we were able to fill in the picture, including the offshore banks and the actual role of organized crime, including the way

it operates through secret ethnic societies. That included the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and its protégés—Meyer Lansky, Edgar Bronfman, Max Fisher, and Mo Dalitz.

Armed with this book and our strategically distributed locations, both in North and South America and in western Europe, we were a tremendous threat early on. I was privileged to be a participant. Buffalo was a strategic location, as I said, because of the Marine Midland fight. I ran for school board and was able to make this a public issue. Marijuana had recently been decriminalized by the New York legislature at the behest of Governor Hugh Carey, and I was able to get up impromptu at a dinner of the Buffalo Teachers Federation, to which a member had invited me, and denounce it for supporting the legislation. I got the endorsement of several ministers, including the bishop of the Church of God in Christ, and the President of the National Council of Catholic Physicians, who lived in Buffalo. I spoke in many church services. The key organizing weapons were the *Dope, Inc.* book and our magazine, *War On Drugs*, for which we sold thousands of subscriptions on the street and in my case, over the phone, to local clergy and small businesses. Our

1. *Dope, Inc. Britain's Opium War against the U.S.*, by a U.S. Labor Party Investigating Team, New Benjamin Franklin Publishing House, New York, 1978. The book has gone through subsequent editions published by *EIR*. The latest, in 2010, is available at <http://store.larouche-pub.com/product-p/eirbk-2010-1-0-0-std.htm>. It has also had a Spanish edition, *Narcotrafico, S.A.*

2. Paris Flammonde, *The Kennedy Conspiracy: An Uncommissioned Report on the Jim Garrison Investigation* (New York: Meredith Press, 1969).

meetings were large; in one case a church brought a bus-load of people.

The response we got from the enemy was very instructive. The power of what we were doing forced the enemy to crush the National Anti-Drug Coalition (NADC) we had helped organize. The *Chicago Sun Times* and Illinois Attorney General Tyrone Fahner had the NADC banned in Illinois in 1982.<sup>3</sup> Their assault on us featured the charge that we were anti-Semitic! Despite that, we won victories in the 1986 Illinois primaries. Janice Hart won the Democratic primary for Secretary of State, and Mark Fairchild won the primary for Lt. Governor. Judge Albert V. Bryan lied;<sup>4</sup> we were indeed a clear and present danger.

### Legalization Has Been Tried Before

The power of Dope, Inc., to wag the tongues of the media, politicians, and corrupt health and other professionals is shown by the still-repeated story that marijuana is not harmful. I can elaborate the experience of the Islamic countries over many centuries, as reported by Dr. Gabriel Nahas<sup>5</sup> in print and in his 1974 Congressional testimony, and by Egyptian psychologist Dr. M.I. Soueif in his very extensive study of male prisoners.<sup>6</sup> The earlier high civilization of the Islamic world as a whole was destroyed, and a large portion of the male work-force debilitated. The Sufi cults encouraged its use, and the story is told that Hasan-i Sabbah, the Old



*Lyndon LaRouche's National Anti-Drug Coalition and the first issue of its War on Drugs magazine, June 1980.*

Man of the Mountain, ran a stable of political assassins who were so named from the word hashish.<sup>7</sup> It was noted in Islamic chronicles and poetry, as well as the writings of European travelers, that hashish users were not only unfit for any but the simplest tasks, but also that they often went on to opium, as also reported by Dr. Soueif.

One problem that was not known in the Islamic world was the effects of young women's usage in damaging the fetal brain. There is evidence that marijuana causes "miswiring" of nerve fibers in the fetal brain, because the receptor of the normal endocannabinoid system guides their connecting with one another, and its function is injured by marijuana.<sup>8</sup> The younger the user, through adolescence, the more developmental harm is suffered.<sup>9</sup>

Dr. Soueif stressed that the more intelligent the hashish addict had once been, the more loss of cognitive power he suffered. This becomes relevant to the fact that for a considerable period, the Islamic world was ahead of Europe in the quality of scientific discovery, astronomy, navigation, and medicine, and that this

3. Christian Curtis, "Anti-Drug Group Sues ADL and Sun-Times," *Executive Intelligence Review*, Volume 9 Number 14: 1982.

4. *Railroad*, Commission to Investigate Human Rights Violations, Washington D.C. 1989, page xxiv.

5. Gabriel Nahas, M.D., Ph.D., "Hashish in Islam, 9th to 18th Century," *Bulletin of the N.Y. Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 58 #9, Dec. 1982. Gabriel Nahas, M.D. Ph.D., *Keep Off the Grass* (Paul S. Eriksson Publisher: 1990, Fifth Edition).

6. "Marijuana-Hashish Epidemic and Its Impact on United States Security," Hearings by the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, 1974. See <https://archive.org/details/marihuanahashish00unit>

7. The word assassin derives from Hasan-i Sabbah's political murder cult in the 11th and 12th Centuries. Members were called "Hashishin," meaning "hashish eaters."

8. G. Tortoriello, et al., "Miswiring the Brain," *EMBO Journal*, 2014 Vol 33 Number 7, 668-685.

9. Nora Volkow, et al., "Adverse Effects of Marijuana Use," *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2014, Volume 370, (23): 2219-2217.

cultural advantage and gift to mankind as a whole was destroyed by centuries of unchecked hashish use. This centuries-long history of the catastrophic effects of widespread cannabis use in the Islamic world has been well known to the British Empire's "Arabic" scholars at Oxford and Cambridge for decades. Yet, nothing is ever said about it in the American and European press, because if such knowledge became widespread, it would upset the plans of Dope, Inc. today. Uncovering, by astute historians, of the Dope, Inc. of that period would be of considerable value for us today.



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Dr. Gabriel Nahas, 1920-2012.

ulties which make us human; the ability of the creative faculties to govern the sensual or erotic is removed.<sup>15</sup>

Medical marijuana has always been a fraud. Marijuana contains dozens of compounds, including the chief intoxicant, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Many of these compounds have been isolated and tested. Some of them have potential benefits, especially cannabidiol, without the intoxicating effects of THC. Therefore, allowing people to become intoxicated and

addicted by smoking marijuana on the pretext of medical benefit has no justification, since any medical benefits can be derived from the isolated components. Medical marijuana is a monstrous lie and a fraud.

It should be kept in mind that under federal law, marijuana is still classified as a Schedule I drug. That means it has no medical use, a high potential for abuse, and the potential to create severe psychological and/or physical dependence. Therefore, the President has the authority to declare null and void all of the state laws which contravene that scheduling. This highlights the fact that to this day, no one in the executive branch or the Congress has been willing to declare that Britain is leading an opium war against this nation. I believe this is due to a combination of fear—that they will be subjected to the same treatment we received—and to a lack of intellectual guts. A case of the latter was our close contact, Dr. Gabriel Nahas, who knew the role of the British through his extensive study of the history of the drug trade and the fight by the Chinese and the Islamic countries against the British for agreements to end the traffic in opiates and marijuana.

If we are successful in turning the British overplaying their hand, as in the Skripal affair, and their obvious effort to destroy President Trump's collaboration with China and Russia, into an understanding of their underlying malevolent intent, it should be possible for Americans to finally make the connection of the British to drugs. Then, but only then, will Dope, Inc. become a thing of the past, along with the rest of geopolitics.

15. Lyndon LaRouche, "Remarks on Gurwitsch's Method, Part 2," *21st Century Science and Technology*, Fall 1998, pages 54-57. "These [the erotic and the agapic—ES] are two distinct kinds of morphogenetic development of the personality. As such, each must have its own peculiar physiological substrate."

### What Marijuana Does to the Brain

It has been shown in new studies that marijuana is comparable in its effects on brain circuits and neurotransmitters to other addictive drugs<sup>10</sup> and that it is comparable to cocaine in addicting power, and as difficult to quit. It is especially dangerous for people with a tendency to schizophrenia.<sup>11</sup> It brings the full-blown disorder on at an earlier age and makes it much more severe. Siblings of schizophrenics are therefore advised not to touch it.<sup>12</sup> Marijuana destroys executive function,<sup>13</sup> i.e., the ability to make judgments, observe one's inner emotional state, make decisions, and delay gratification. It, in effect, destroys free will, leaving a compulsion to take the drug in increasing amounts as tolerance develops. In place of creative reason the victim engages in magical thinking and is more suggestible.<sup>14</sup> That is, it increases impulsivity—of obvious relevance to the "new violence." One never hears about whether today's mass killers have been using marijuana. Effectively, marijuana destroys the fac-

10. Volkow, Nora, *ibid.*; Wrege, Johannes et al., "Effects of Cannabis on Impulsivity: A Systematic Review of Neuroimaging Findings," *Current Pharmaceutical Design*, April 2014, Vol. 20 number 13.

11. "Marijuana and Cannabinoids: A Neuroscience Research Summit," NIDA/NIH, March 22-23, 2016, Video. On March 22: First speaker is Dr. Eden Evans, "Adolescent Cannabis Use Increases Risk for Psychosis." She discusses relation to onset of schizophrenia. Second speaker, Dr. Alan Budney, "Adolescent Cannabis Phenomenology, Prevalence, Outcomes, and Problems." He discusses the comparative addictive power of marijuana and cocaine and aspects of addiction. See at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx5P\\_RXn6ds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx5P_RXn6ds)

12. See video, reference 11.

13. See references in 10.

14. Testimony of Dr. Andrew Malcolm, reference 6.