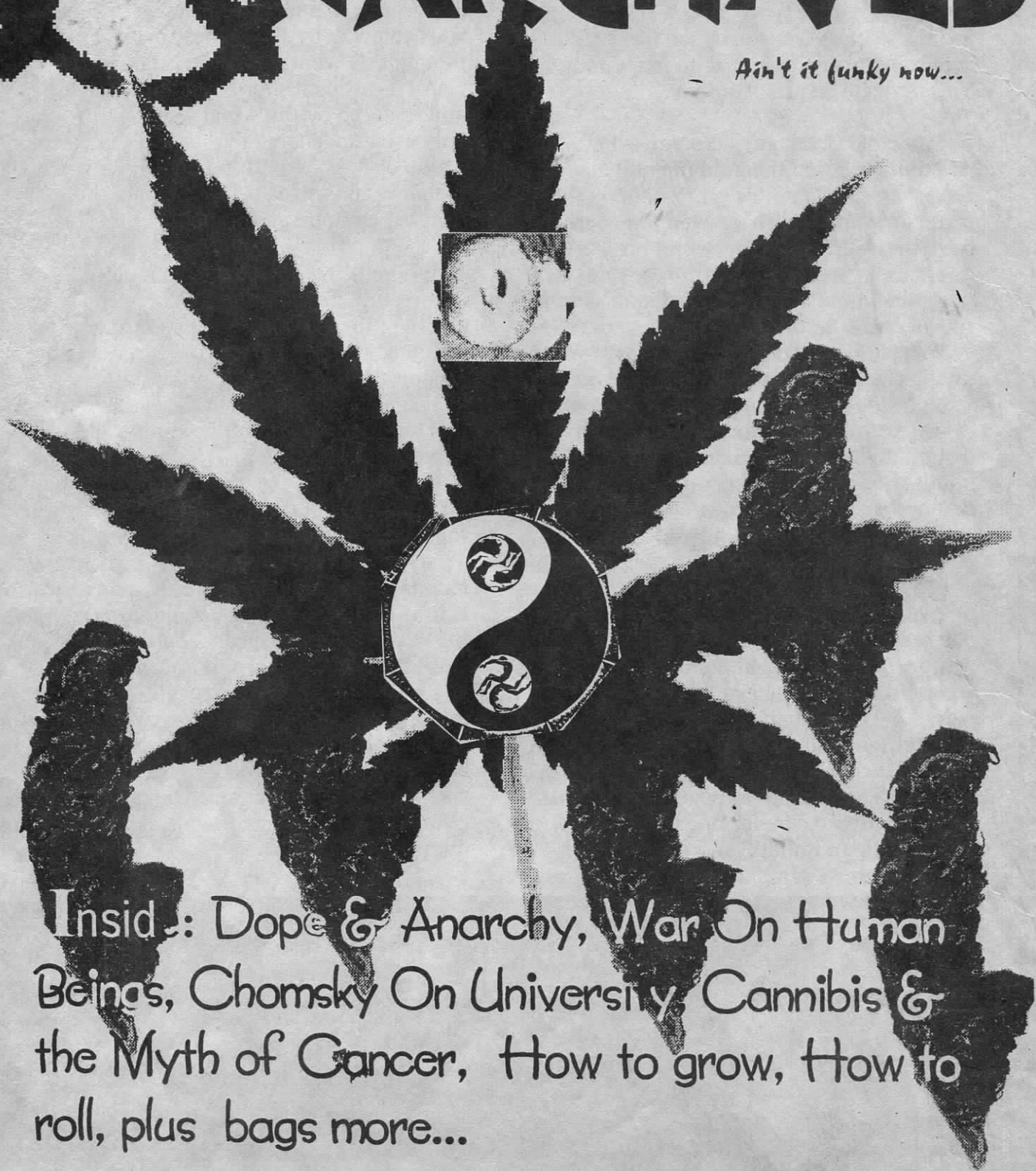


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Ain't it funky now...



Inside: Dope & Anarchy, War On Human Beings, Chomsky On University, Cannibis & the Myth of Cancer, How to grow, How to roll, plus bags more...

"I identified love with freedom. Freedom could not remain passive, it wanted to create. It wanted countless variations, possibilities, combinations. It wanted love."

From Meshuga! Isaac Bashevis Singer

THE STRUGGLE CONTINES...

Sentences begin by stringing words together.
Freedom comes from stringing ideas together
Free thoughts constructed on free minds.
This struggle creates Anarchy.

Those old Greek guys (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle) believed the fundamental idea that all citizens could not be philosophers. How could an Ancient city, or even a modern one, have the ability to produce and prosper if all its citizenry were to busy thinkin. Only a select few must be free-minded, and they will rule over the herd.

"What The Fuck!" you might say. "Are they saying that if there were to be real freedom of thought the city (nation) would collapse?"

Interesting way of lookin at it isn't it? It sort of implies that by merely reaching for free minds we are on our way out of Babylon. Perhaps the chance to turn off the exploitative, hirarchical, liberal, twenty-four hour boob-tube.

What we have here is a rule of destruction masked by lies of decency and democracy. Centuries of patriarchal domination have left a messed up male race, a beaten up female race, a devastated aboriginal race, a multi-billion dollar arms race and a-how-quickly can we destroy all the earth's life race. The freedom to be oneself and the responsibility to care for one's community has been lost in an unnatural order. The order is state, structure, symbol and you. A successful

order nurtures the roles of individuals to be subservient to the order. The hegemony that has been internalized in all of us cannot be washed away by simply destroying state, though this would be a good start.

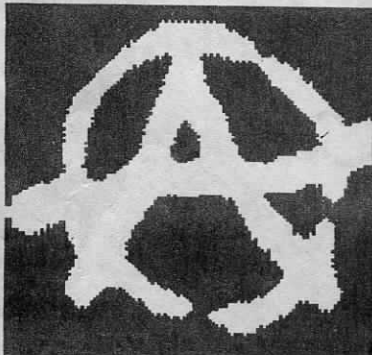
All forms of authority should be abolished and replaced by the social self. Equality can only exist under small groups free of coercion. Group discussion with no onus on individuals to follow consensus is far healthier than mass dictated discipline.

Where is the passion that should accompany freedom. How many people are aware of their consumers distributing freedom. They are all corrupt jurors getting lazy on their fat bribe from the state.

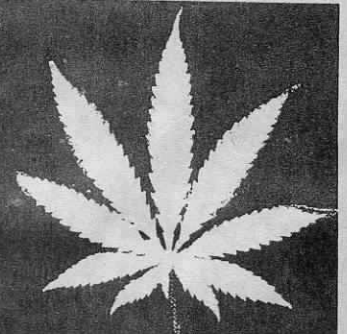
I can't let myself become a passive spectator of history that is dominated by oppression.

I make love to the darkness. I am drawn into the blues of the oppression and struggle that exists today. I slowly, but surely become aware of my own position within society, and its relation to the world outside the classroom. I sit in the back of the class and fume as I see the lies, the double-speak, and the occasional truth both favourable and unfavourable.

I am drawn into the struggle. My heart, mind, and my body are in love with the battle for freedom. My consciousness expands and I become aware of my actions, thoughts, and surrounding environment. The truth becomes clear, and as I join my friends, collectively this increases.



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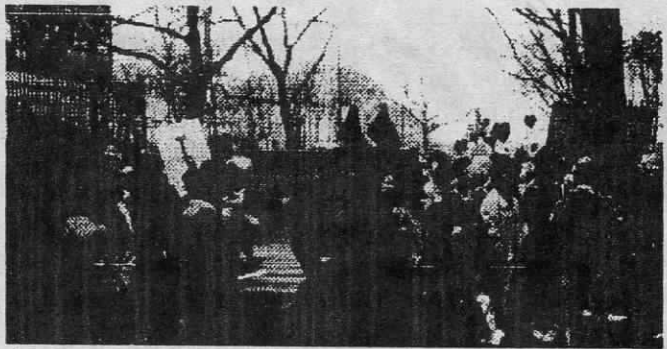


As potentially free minds we must come together and pursue the quest for truth, justice, and equality. For regaining liberty and community will take a nation of free minds. Freedom cannot be authorized. I can't tell you what it is as much as you can't tell me what it isn't. I can't make rules for you, you can't make rules for me, because the choices are inside ourselves.

Cannabis is one method of realizing potentially the stone in ourselves. The stone in ourselves is our energy source, what makes us go according to the rhythm of our hearts. I don't care about how much of something you or I ingest. Quantity isn't a question of focusness. The more I climb up a mountain the more countryside I see. As I ascend my focus might fog. Fog is just dense sky between two or more parameters of myself. Many sober people never leave this fog. Critics of ganja smoking that I've come across fall into two groups. The first group are those herb opponents who cherish their unilinear clarity so much they seem fogged. The other group are those tokers who are concerned with questions of quantity because they ignore the stone in themselves. Like the cool, refreshing feeling of filtered water sliding down the gullet, absorbing space, activating dry energy, the herb enhances the world's infinite creations of which the self is the source.

The answer isn't in poisons like pot or ideologies like Anarchism. The answer isn't in politik or ego-power or elite power. Time is running out for us to realize that the answer is within ourselves as a social species. It's time for us to stop the game of capitalist competition. The answer is in joining compassion with reason and action. All the revolution needs is some strong spirit.

This issue marks the second volume of The Anarchives. As a periodical (newspaper, zine, rag, whatever...) we publish information that relates to the lives of radicals struggling for freedom in an exploitative system. Through The Anarchy Organization we hope to publish not only The Anarchives, but various other publications in the purpose of spreading the word to all our peoples.



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The Anarchy Organization is a collective of thinkers dedicated to freedom. We believe in having a good time, living our lives the way we want and the way we should. Our presence represents the return of the radical.

The Anarchy Organization is first & foremost a voice for freedom. We are not here because we enjoy the forum for debate, slander, or whatever. We're here as a matter of necessity, a matter of dire urgency. Organizations are only valuable when you have a fight to prepare for.

We are here because our lives have been interrupted by hegemony, hierarchy, and hate.

As anarchists we oppose all forms of coercion and domination.

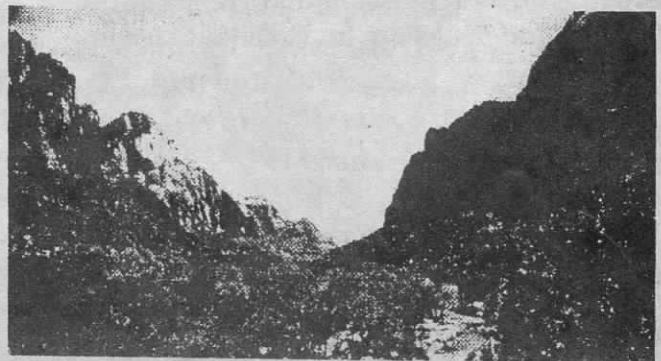
We are calling for the revolution and proposing the tools be anarchy, love, reason, & the pursuit of the goals justice, individual freedom, and community living. We are an open, loving society dedicated to change. We need people to help us with the monstrous task we and the rest of the world face. If you like having a good time, using your noggin', and have the desire for freedom, give us a ring...

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"The abolition of the Church and the State must be the first and indispensable condition of the true liberation of society; only after this can society be organised in another manner, but not from the top downwards and according to some ideal plan, dreamed up by a few sages and scholars, and certainly not by decrees issued by some dictatorial power or even by a national assembly elected by universal suffrage. As I have already shown, such a system would lead inevitably to the creation of a new state, and consequently to the formation of a governmental aristocracy, that is to say a whole class of individuals having nothing in common with the mass of the people, which would immediately begin to exploit and subdue that people in the name of the commonwealth or in order to save the State."
M. Bakunin, God And The State

We are open to contributions ranging from the creative, to the intensely analytical. Our attitudes towards submissions reflect our attitudes towards life. That is feel free to give us whatever you want. There should be no limits to language or prose or intellectual exploration and development. We welcome all voices of liberation.

We are planning our next issue to focus on the struggle for women's liberation. Please help us create a well rounded perspective on this issue by submitting something.

Similarly any other help, be it labour or financial would also be greatly appreciated. We grow as you grow.

Escape from Babylon...

WAR ON HUMAN BEING

"Give me crack, anal sex;
take the only tree that's left
stuff it up the hole in your culture.
Give me back my burning wall,
give me Stalin and St. Paul
I've seen the future brother
and its murder."

- Leonard Cohen "The Future"

The governments of most States are waging war on human beings. this war is often waged through "laws" which are supposedly designed to protect human welfare but are actually instruments of repression and violence. the laws around drugs are an excellent case in

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point. A small group of people, the power elite, have deceived the majority regarding the use of marijuana. The power elite, and thus the state are waging a violent war on peaceful human beings who wish to explore other forms of knowing, forms which the power elite want repressed. These "other" forms of knowing threaten the forms which the state relies upon to maintain power. The power of the state derives exclusively from psychological manipulation, or to put it frankly, its all in your mind.

The first thing that happened to me when I began using pot seriously (ie, past that teenage phase when you get wrecked with the gang and giggle for two hours but a serious experiment of prolonged periods) was I began questioning everything that I once held as true or that once held me from thinking. More than that, I began to push my intellect farther because I no longer feared it. Imagination opened up as the ordered thought broke down.

DEREGULATING DRUG USE

an anarchist perspective

The debate about drug use in this country is usually framed in terms of continued criminalization vs legalization. the positions in this debate mean continued harassment, including arrests, imprisonment, theft of property, and possibly in the near future,

Check out the Anarchist Discussion Group, every other thursday at Diabolos at the University Of Toronto. All are welcome.

Peace to: Phred, Goud, D.E.A.D., nobody, Jah Allmighty, and Ella, cause she's cool.

execution of drug dealers and users, vs legal regulation of drug use and sales, similar to that of alcohol and cigarettes, including heavy taxation, and restraints on where, when and to whom drugs can be sold. Both of these positions are based on the same assumption, government has the right to tell individuals what they can and cannot do. While legalization would surely be preferable to continued criminalization, there is a third alternative: decriminalization and deregulation.

Decriminalization and deregulation of drugs would mean no laws against drugs, no government regulation of drugs sales and use, no arrests, no prisons, no taxes. Eliminating drug laws, instead of simply replacing them with different laws, would produce a free market in drugs where people would be free to sell, ingest, or inject whatever they wished, without government interference. Drug use is a voluntary, non-violent activity, and should be an individual decision, the business of no one but the user. Government has taken it upon itself to regulate drug use, just as it regulates alcohol use, restricts abortion, and registers and drafts people, in order to better control people.

Criminalization of drugs has produced, just as prohibition of alcohol did, an enormous amount of violent crime. Most of this crime is motivated by the need to obtain money to pay the artificially inflated price of illegal drugs. This drug-associated crime is then used as an excuse for police to indiscriminately harass young black men, stopping and searching, and frequently arresting them on the street, for no reason other than that they live in a "high crime" area. Doing away with drug laws would dramatically lower the cost of drugs and thereby eliminate most street crime, as

well as remove the excuse police use to terrorize black people.

Decriminalization and deregulation and the resultant competitive market in drugs would produce purer and safer drugs, eliminating much of the death and illness associated with drug use, most of which is caused by contamination of drugs or needles, and unreliable drug strength, not by the nature of

the drug itself. Heroin is no more dangerous than aspirin if it is carefully prepared without dangerous additives and injected with a sterile needles. And aspirin overdose can kill as easily as heroin overdose, it just takes longer and feels worse. Decriminalizing needle use would virtually eliminate the transmission of AIDS among IV drug users, as has been the experience in the 38 American states which do not restrict sale of sterile needles. Needle exchange programs are not enough; there need to be more needles available to eliminate needle sharing.

Besides abolishing laws against recreational drugs, eliminating government regulation of "therapeutic" drugs would also benefit people. The FDA prevents

"Woman can give suffrage or the ballot no new quality, nor can she receive anything from it that will enhance her own quality. Her development, her freedom, her independence, must come from and through herself. First, by asserting herself as a personality and not as a sex commodity. Second, by refusing the right of anyone over her body; by refusing to bear children, unless she wants them; by refusing to be a servant to God, the State, society, the husband, the family, etc., by making her life simpler but deeper and richer. That is, by trying to learn the meaning and substance of life in all its complexities, by freeing herself from the fear of public opinion and public condemnation. Only that, and not the ballot, will set woman free, will make her a force hitherto unknown in the world, a force for real love, for peace, for harmony; a force of divine fire, of life giving; a creator of free men and women"

Emma Goldman Quoted in Z Magazine July/Aug. 1989 issue.

many drugs from reaching the market, including treatments for AIDS, cancer and other serious illnesses. And those that do eventually become available are delayed for years by FDA rules, while thousands die. The government is currently responsible for restrictions on aerosolized pentamidine, a drug which prevents Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, the most frequent cause of death in people who have AIDS. Just as drug laws lead to deaths associated with street drugs and keep people from obtaining sterile needles to prevent transmission of AIDS, drug laws are

killing people with AIDS by denying them effective treatment. Drug laws in this country are also preventing marketing of newly developed abortifacients, drugs which induce abortion early in pregnancy, freeing women from their current reliance on the medical establishment for abortion services. these drugs would put the decision about abortion where it belongs: with the individual.

Eliminating drug laws would greatly increase people's options in the areas of pleasure and health. It would also reduce crime, reduce death and illness associated with illegal drug use, and reduce deaths from AIDS and other serious illnesses. Individuals should be free to make their own decisions about drug use, and all other aspects of their lives, without the interference of government or "the community".

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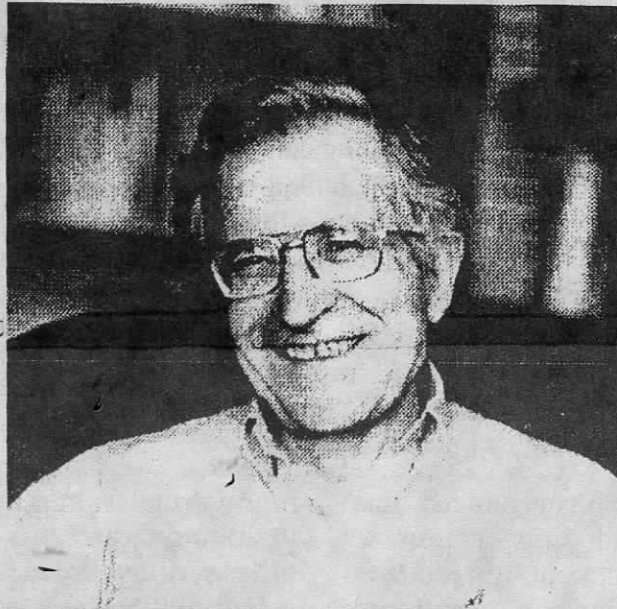
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CHOMSKY ON UNIVERSITIES

In its relation to society, a free university should be expected to be, in a sense, "subversive." We take it for granted that creative work in any field will challenge prevailing orthodoxy. A physicist who refines yesterday's experiment, an engineer who merely seeks to improve existing devices,



the arts will probe the frontiers of understanding and try to create alternatives to the conventional assumptions. If, in some field of inquiry this is no longer true, then the field will be abandoned by those who seek intellectual adventure. These observations are clichés that few will question---except in the study of man and society. The social critic who seeks to formulate a vision of a more just and human social order, and is concerned with the discrepancy---more often, the chasm---that separates this vision from the reality that confronts him, is a frightening creature who must "overcome his alienation" and become "responsible," "realistic," and "pragmatic." To decode these expressions: he must stop questioning our values and threatening our privilege. He may be concerned with technical modifications of existing society that improve its efficiency and blur its inequities, but he must not try to design a radically different alternative and involve himself in an attempt to bring about social change. He must, therefore, abandon

the path of creative inquiry as it is conceived in other domains. It is hardly necessary to stress that this prejudice is even more rigidly institutionalized in the state socialist societies. Obviously, a free mind may fall into error; the social critic is no less immune to this possibility that the inventive scientist or artist. It may be that at a given stage of

"It is the responsibility of intellectuals to speak the truth and expose lies." -- Noam Chomsky

an artist who limits himself to styles and techniques that have been thoroughly explored, is rightly regarded as deficient in creative imagination. Exciting work in science, technology, scholarship, or

technology, the most important activity is to improve the internal combustion engine, and that at a given stage of social evolution, primary attention should be given to the study of fiscal measures that

will improve the operation of the system of state capitalism of the Western democracies. This is possible, but hardly obvious, in either case. The universities offer freedom and encouragement to those who question the first of these assumptions, but more rarely to those who question the second. The reasons are fairly clear. Since the dominant voice in any society is that of

"Nor do piecemeal steps however well intended, even partially resolve problems that have reached a universal, global and catastrophic character. If anything, partial 'solutions' serve merely as cosmetics to conceal the deep seated nature of the ecological crisis. They thereby deflect public attention and theoretical insight from an adequate understanding of the depth and scope of the necessary changes."
 "If we do not do the impossible, we shall be faced with the unthinkable."
 Murray Bookchin, In *The Ecology of Freedom* (Palo Alto: Cheshire Books, 1982)

In regard to propaganda the early advocates of universal literacy and a free press envisaged only two possibilities: the propaganda might be true, or it might be false. They did not foresee what in fact has happened, above all in our Western capitalist democracies -- the development of a vast mass communications industry, concerned in the main neither with the true nor the false, but

the beneficiaries of the status quo, the "alienated intellectual" who tries to pursue the normal path of honest inquiry---perhaps falling into error on the way---and thus often finds himself challenging the conventional wisdom, tends to be a lonely figure. The degree of protection and support afforded him by the university is, again, a measure of its success in fulfilling its proper function in society. It is, furthermore, a measure of the willingness of the society to submit its ideology and structure to critical analysis and evaluation, and of its willingness to overcome inequities and defects that will be revealed by such a critique.

HUXLEY ON THE CAPITALIST FREE PRESS:

Today the press is still legally free; but most of the little papers have disappeared. The cost of wood-pulp, of modern printing machinery and of syndicated news is too high for the Little Man. In the totalitarian East there is political censorship, and the media of mass communication are controlled by the state. In the democratic West there is economic censorship and the media of mass communication are controlled by members of the Power Elite. Censorship by rising costs and the concentration of communication power in the hands of a few big concerns is less objectionable than State ownership and government propaganda; but certainly it is not something of which a Jeffersonian democrat could possibly approve.

with the unreal, the more or less totally irrelevant. In a word, they failed to take into account man's almost infinite appetite for distractions

Only the vigilant can maintain their liberties, and only those who are constantly and intelligently on the spot can hope to govern themselves effectively by democratic procedures. A society, most of whose members spend a great part of their time, not on the spot, not here and now and in the calculable future, but somewhere else, in the irrelevant other worlds of sport and soap opera, of mythology and metaphysical fantasy, will find it hard to resist the encroachments of those who would manipulate and control it.

In their propaganda today's dictators rely for the most part on repetition, suppression and rationalization -- their petition of catchwords which they wish to be accepted as true, the suppression of facts which they wish to be ignored, the arousal and rationalization of passions which may be used in the interests of the Party or the State. As the art and science of manipulation come to be better understood, the dictators of the future will doubtless learn to combine these techniques with the non-stop distractions which, in the West, are now threatening to drown in a sea of irrelevance the rational propaganda essential to the maintenance of individual liberty and the survival of democratic institutions.

Aldous Huxley, 1958

"Brave New World Revisited"

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SMOKING DOPE AND THE MYTH OF CANCER

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The following is the text of a pamphlet I wrote for an organization at UMASS amherst

It is an attempt to point out some of the absurdities in the marijuanais-bad-for-you-like-cigarettes bullshit, as well as take a few cheap (but well aimed) shots at the tobacco industry. It is written from a pro-marijuana-relegalization perspective, and if you want a copy, mail us a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. (we're poor.)

An address and some sources are at the end.

So, you thought it was the tar that caused cancer...

Think again. Cigarette companies will have you believing anything just as long as you continue to buy their products. The fact is, although insoluble tars are a contributing factor to the lung cancer danger present in today's cigarettes, the real danger is radioactivity. According to U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop (on national television, 1990) radioactivity, not tar, accounts for at least 90% of all smoking related lung cancer:

Tobacco crops grown in the United States are fertilized by law with phosphates rich in radium 226. In addition, many soils have a natural radium 226 content. Radium 226 breaks down into two long lived 'daughter' elements - lead 210 and polonium 210. These radioactive particles become airborne, and attach themselves to the fine hairs on tobacco leaves.

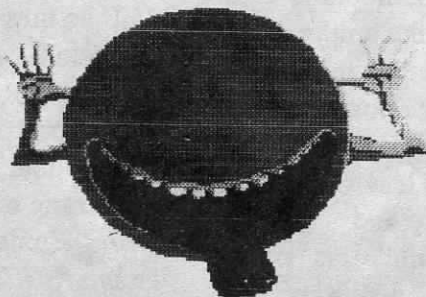
Studies have shown that lead 210 and polonium 210 deposits accumulate in the bodies of people exposed to cigarette smoke. Data collected in the late 1970's shows that smokers have

three times as much of these elements in their lower lungs as non smokers. Smokers also show a greater accumulation of lead 210 and polonium 210 in their skeletons, though no studies have been conducted to link these deposits with bone cancer. Polonium 210 is the only component of cigarette smoke which has produced tumors by itself in inhalation experiments with animals. When a smoker inhales tobacco smoke, the lungs react by forming irritated areas in the bronchi. All smoke produces this effect. However, although these irritated spots are referred to as 'pre-cancerous' lesions, they are a perfectly natural defense system and usually go away with no adverse effects. Insoluble tars in tobacco smoke can slow this healing process by adhering to lesions and causing additional irritation. In addition, tobacco smoke causes the bronchi to constrict for long periods of time, which obstructs the lung's ability to clear itself of these residues.

Polonium 210 and lead 210 in tobacco smoke show a tendency to accumulate at lesions in specific spots, called bifurcations, in the bronchi. When smoking is continued for an extended period of time, deposits of radioactivity turn into radioactive 'hot spots' and remain at bifurcations for years. Polonium 210 emits highly localized alpha radiation which has been shown to cause cancer. Since the polonium 210 has a half life of 21.5 years (Due to the presence of lead 210), it can put an ex-smoker at risk for years after he or she quits. Experiments measuring the level of polonium 210 in victims of lung cancer found that the level of 'hot spot' activity was virtually the same in smokers and ex-smokers even though the ex-smokers had quit five years prior to death.

Over half of the radioactive materials emitted by a burning cigarette are released into the air, where they can be inhaled by non-smokers. In addition to lead 210 and polonium 210 it has been proven that tobacco smoke can cause

DON'T PANIC!



airborne radioactive particles to collect in the lungs of both smokers and non-smokers exposed to second hand smoke. Original studies conducted on uranium miners which showed an increased risk of lung cancer due to exposure to radon in smokers have been re-run to evaluate the radioactive lung cancer risk from indoor air radon. It turns out that tobacco smoke works as a kind of 'magnet' for airborne radioactive particles, causing them to deposit in your lungs instead of on furniture. (Smoking indoors increases lung cancer risks greatly.)

It has been estimated that the total accumulated alpha radiation exposure of a pack-a-day indoor smoker is 38 to 97 rad by age 60. (Two packs a day yields up to 143 rad, and non-smokers receive no more than 17 rad.) An exposure of 1 rad per year yields a 1% risk of lung cancer (at the lowest estimate.)

Don't smoke. Or if you do, smoke lightly, outdoors, and engage frequently in activities which

negative side effects. Called "withdrawal symptoms," these consequences can include anxiety, stress, trauma, depression and physical conditions such as shakes or nausea. It is to avoid these consequences that an addict will keep using his or her substance.

In addition to being addictive, nicotine is also a toxin (i.e. lethal if ingested in sufficient quantities.) Nicotine has been shown to have a negative effect on the heart and circulatory systems, causing a constriction in veins and arteries which may lead to a stroke or heart attack. In fact, nicotine is so poisonous that smokers who ignore their doctor's advice and continue to smoke while using dermal nicotine patches have managed to overdose and die of heart seizure.

Many people think smoking marijuana is just as harmful as smoking tobacco, but this is not true. Those who hold that marijuana is equivalent to tobacco are misinformed. Due to the efforts of various federal agencies to discourage use of marijuana in the 1970's the government, in a fit of

ANARCHISM (from the Greek an- and arche, contrary to authority), the name given to the principle or theory of life and conduct under which society is conceived without government – harmony in such a society being obtained, not by submission to law, or by obedience to any authority, but by free agreements concluded between the various groups, territorial and professional, freely constituted for the sake of production and consumption, as also for the satisfaction of the infinite variety of needs and aspirations of a civilized being. Peter Kropotkin (1842-1921)

will clear your lungs. Imported India tobacco has less than half the radiation content of that grown in the U.S.

Kicking the nicotine habit is not easy, and nobody has the right to expect it of you. Often physical addictions are reinforced by emotional and psychological needs. Filling or coming to terms with those needs can give you the inspiration and added freedom to succeed.

Most of all, inform yourself, even if the information is disturbing. You are a lot less likely to be taken in by tobacco advertising once you know the facts.

Nicotine, the active ingredient in tobacco smoke, has long been known to be highly addictive. In fact, doctors and pharmacologists are not in consensus as to which is more addictive— nicotine, or heroin. Physical addiction occurs when a chemical becomes essential for the body or metabolism to function. In other words, a substance is said to be physically addictive if extended use results in a build up of tolerance in the body to the extent that discontinuing use of the substance results in

"reefer madness," conducted several biased studies designed to return results that would equate marijuana smoking with tobacco smoking, or worse.

For example the Berkeley carcinogenic tar studies of the late 1970's concluded that "marijuana is one-and-a-half times as carcinogenic as tobacco." This finding was based solely on the tar content of cannabis leaves compared to that of tobacco, and did not take radioactivity into consideration.

(Cannabis tars do not contain radioactive materials.) In addition, it was not considered that:

- 1) Most marijuana smokers smoke the bud, not the leaf, of the plant. The bud contains only 33% as much tar as tobacco.

- 2) Marijuana smokers do not smoke anywhere near as much as tobacco smokers, due to the psychoactive effects of cannabis.

- 3) Not one case of lung cancer has ever been successfully linked to marijuana use.

- 4) Cannabis, unlike tobacco, does not cause any narrowing of the small air passageways in the lungs.

In fact, marijuana has been shown to be an expectorant and actually dilates the air channels it comes in contact with. This is why many asthma sufferers look to marijuana to provide relief. Doctors have postulated that marijuana may, in this respect, be more effective than all of the prescription drugs on the market.

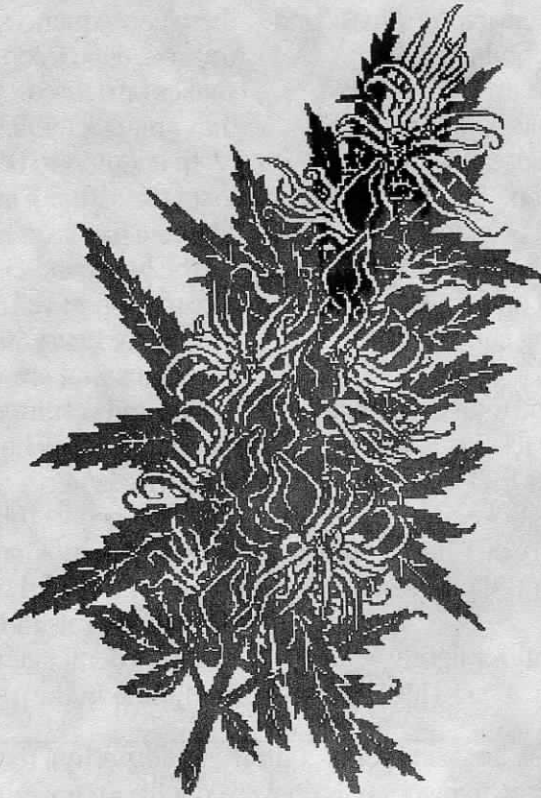
Studies even show that due to marijuana's ability to clear the lungs of smog, pollutants, and cigarette smoke, it may actually reduce your risk of emphysema, bronchitis, and lung cancer. Smokers of cannabis have been shown to outlive non-smokers in some areas by up to two years. Medium to heavy tobacco smokers will live seven to ten

years longer if they also smoke marijuana.

Cannabis is also radically different from tobacco in that it does not contain nicotine and is not addictive. The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, THC, has been accused of causing brain and genetic damage, but these studies have all been disproven. In fact, the DEA's own Administrative Law Judge Francis Young has declared that "marijuana in its natural form is far safer than many foods we commonly consume."

The disturbing thing about all of this information is that the majority of Americans are as yet unaware of the radioactive risk in cigarettes. In fact, many professionals: doctors, scientists and health administrators, either have never heard of polonium 210 or consider it to be just another scare story.

Why is this information so hard to come by? When the studies were first released in the late 70's, many magazines were unable to print articles because their main advertisers, cigarette companies, threatened to pull support if they published the facts. Although network news did pick up the story, virtually nothing came out in print. Those who



"By keeping coffee legal, society has avoided extortionate black market prices that might otherwise bankrupt coffee drinkers and lead them into lives of crime."
Edward M. Brecher Licit and Illicit Drugs, 1972

heard were hard pressed to produce collaborating evidence, and were eventually convinced it was nothing to worry about. The power of the cigarette industry to suppress information goes far beyond magazines, however. A well financed tobacco lobby has been very active in the United States Congress for decades procuring subsidies and fighting laws and proposed research which could hurt the American tobacco industry. Tobacco interests practically own Senate and House seats, as many campaign contributions come from cigarette profits. Tobacco payoffs also go to fund organizations such as the

Partnership For A Drug Free America, which adopt a harsh anti-drug agenda yet seem to omit alcohol

and tobacco (claiming they are harmless.)

As an example, a 1984 law which was intended to require tobacco companies to release to the public a list of additives used in the manufacture of cigarettes was watered down to the extent that the list is now released only to the Department of Health and Human Services on the condition that it not be shown to anyone else. Companies have been known in the past to add chemicals to cigarettes for flavor, and, many assert, for their addictive properties. In Britain such chemicals have included acetone and turpentine, as well as an assortment of known carcinogens. Tobacco companies argue that revealing their 'secret ingredients' would hurt their competitiveness. In fact, when Canada passed legislation forcing additive lists to be released, one large company reformulated its recipe for its Canadian distribution; another took its product out of Canada entirely.

Tobacco companies do not have the right to poison the public. Don't trust them. Get the

information you need to make your own decisions, and restore government to the people.

Another destructive aspect of the Drug War is the unreasonable measures taken as a result of "reefer madness." Because of the long standing anti-pot-smoking paranoia begun in the 1930's, many law enforcement agencies have taken it upon themselves to censor and limit the marijuana culture through whatever channels they can find. This includes the banning of various forms of drug "paraphernalia" (pipes, clips, rolling papers, etc.) Water pipes, or "bongs," are quite often the target of such efforts. Claiming that water pipes are constructed to allow marijuana smokers to inhale "dangerous" marijuana smoke deeper into their lungs, many states and towns have passed laws controlling the sale, manufacture, and possession of these items for "health" reasons. The sad fact is, water pipes have been shown to be extremely effective in removing harmful materials from smoke before it reaches the lungs. They also cool the smoke and prevent injury and irritation to lung passages. In effect, laws against water pipes hurt all smokers, cannabis and tobacco, by preventing the development of safer forms of consumption.

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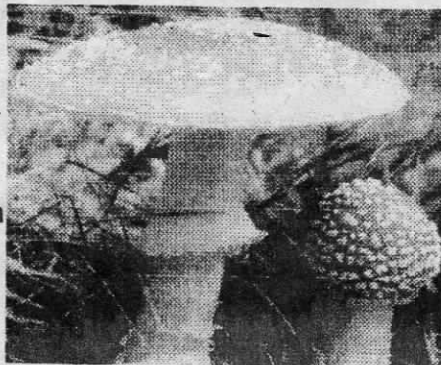
DIVINE MUSHROOM OF IMMORTALITY (FLY AGARIC KAMACHADAL)

by Georg Heinrich von Langsdorf
Frankfurt 1809

Ed Note: Although this issue is primarily on dope, you cannot leave out the beautiful substance of shrooms. It deserves at least this honourable mention.

The plant kingdom is of immeasurable influence and usefulness for mankind, since it supplies most of our clothing, food, drink, and shelter. The medical science of primitive people consists entirely in their knowledge of the more or less efficacious plants, and everyday experience confirms the fact that even a number of plants native of our own regions are known to many uneducated nations almost more thoroughly than they are to us.

To demonstrate this assertion, I should like to say at this point something about the fly-agaric, which we regard as extremely poisonous but which is used by various inhabitants of northeastern Asia as an



intoxicant just as wine, brandy, arrack, opium, kava, and the like are used by other nations.

The Kamchacals gather them usually during the hottest months of July and August; they maintain that those that dry themselves in the earth, on the stalk, and that are somewhat furry and velvety to the touch on the underside of the cap have a far stronger narcotic effect than those picked fresh and strung up to dry in the air.

The smaller mushrooms, which are bright red and covered with many white warty protuberances, are said to be far stronger in narcotic power than the larger ones, which are pale red and have few white spots.

"What do I think of the American flag? Soak it in heroin, and I'll suck it."

- William Burroughs

The usual way to consume fly-agarics is to dry them and then to swallow them at one gulp, rolled up into a ball, without chewing them; chewing fly-agarics is considered harmful, since it is said to cause digestive disturbances.

The body's predisposition or susceptibility to the intoxicating effect of fly-agarics apparently is not the same at all times, since the same person may sometimes be strongly affected by a single mushroom and at other times remaining completely unaffected after twelve to twenty of them.

Ordinarily, however, one large fly-agaric or two small ones are enough to make an enjoyable day.

The narcotic effect begins to manifest itself about a half hour after eating, in a pulling and jerking of the muscles or a so-called tendon jump (although sometimes these effects appear only after an hour or two); this is gradually followed by a sense of swimming before the eyes, dizziness, and sleep. During this time, people who have eaten large quantity of mushrooms often suffer an attack of vomiting. The rolled-up mushrooms previously swallowed whole are then vomited out in a swollen, large, and gelatinous form, but even though not a single mushroom remains in the stomach, the fly-agaric eating are, in fact, intensified. Many other persons never vomit, even after eating copiously of the mushrooms.

The nerves are highly stimulated, and in this state the slightest effort of will produces very powerful effects. Consequently, if one wishes to step over a small stick or straw, he steps and jumps as if the obstacles were tree trunks. If a man is ordinarily

talkative, his speech nerves are now in constant activity, and he involuntarily blurts out secrets, fully conscious of his actions and aware of his secret but unable to hold his nerves in check. In this condition a man who is fond of dancing dances and a music-lover sings incessantly. Others run or walk quite involuntarily, without any intention of moving, to places where they do not wish to go at all.

Equally remarkable and strange is the extremely subtle and elusive narcotic substance contained in fly-agarics, which retains its effectiveness permanently and can be transmitted to other persons: the effect of the urine from eating one of the

same mushrooms can be transmitted to a second person, the urine affects a third, and similarly, unchanged by the organs of this animal secretion, the effect appears in a fourth and a fifth person. Fly agaric is also the kind of mushroom that Vikings took to enter the "berserker" state for battle. The Icelandic name for the fly agaric contains the word 'berserk' in it.

GREEN PANTHERS!

Ed Note: These guys seem as if they're up to some good. Their attraction lies in their imitation of the great black panthers. They sound as if they genuinely wish to represent the struggle for legalization. I wouldn't send them money though.

Dear Friend: Resistance is FUN! If there's anything universal about pot-smokers, it's our love of having fun—after all, isn't that what life's all about? While we at GREEN PANTHERS! realize the seriousness of our government and the war they have declared on us, we believe that we have found ways to combine something as critical as our very liberty with our desire for fun. GREEN PANTHERS! has been working full time for four years resisting drug war oppression, and we're having a great time at it! If we weren't, we would probably go out and get well paying jobs, grow a few plants in our closet and say to heck with everybody else. Take a look at a few examples of GREEN PANTHERS!

CreativeInterference, our method of "monkeywrenching" the War on Drugs, and see if they don't look like a good time to you:

*More than 300 Stop the Drug War stickers suddenly appear on traffic signs in a midwest city. Newspapers report puzzled police.

*Disappointed buyers find that all of the cars offered at a seized vehicle auction have been mysteriously vandalized and turned into "mechanics specials" and scrap yard junk.

*A drug paraphernalia display disappears overnight from a police anti-drug exhibit at a state fair. *A Drug-Free Amerika telethon's income is reduced by \$30 million because of a GREEN PANTHERS! initiated phone zap of their 1-800 donation line.

*An underground communication network effectively cuts an expected asset seizure of \$100 million to one-tenth of the anticipated bounty. You can imagine the thrill these activists felt by pulling off these actions, and if you're not striking back, you're missing the action—and the fun! It's great to attend a pro-pot rally and for the media to show the

our homes and harsher laws all focused on people whose only crime is smoking harmless hemp flowers. It's time to do more than hide in our houses getting stoned and wishing for legal pot. It's time for direct action from the oppressed. Our government, the one we grew up believing was democratic and fair, is stripping pot smokers by the millions of their jobs, their homes, and their freedom. GREEN PANTHERS! believes we must personally stop this tyranny, or it's a good bet no one will. Good intentions won't do it, but Creative Interference from the few, the proud, and the pissed—in every neighborhood—will influence an end to the oppression of pot smokers. Read our newsletter the Revolutionary Toker. You will find usable information to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your property from the government and its War on Drugs. We invite you to join with us. When you join, we'll supply you with the latest tools, tactics and political focus necessary to understand and resist oppression right where you live. Our voice, Revolutionary Toker, will give you updates and information unavailable virtually anywhere else.

The information you need to take it to the streets. Be all that you can be. Be a revolutionary toker! We look forward to hearing from you soon.

In solidarity,

Loey Glover & Terry Mitchell

National Coordinators

P.S. When you sign up, we'll also send you a copy of our highly reviewed activist handbook, the GREEN PANTHERS! Action Manual, which is packed with resistance ideas and facts that may save your



stash and your butt. crowd smoking pot and maybe even give the story a favorable slant, but that's nothing compared to the rush you feel when the media reports a real blow to the government's War on Drugs without a clue as to who you are! Politicians talk softly while police thugs kick down doors. Drug Czar Lee Brown has called for an end to using war analogies for drug enforcement, all the while adding 100,000 new cops with guns. But a war by any other name is still a war. More cops, more prisons, more intrusion into

stash and your butt.

P.P.S. So join the fun! Join the GREEN PANTHERS! today. You gotta fight for your right to party!

Free Information Flyers:

Defeating Urine Drug Tests

Raid-Proofing Your Home

1-800 ZAP numbers for anti-drug groups

To obtain a copy send a self-addressed stamped envelope to
GREEN PANTHERS!,
P.O. Box 31231, Cincinnati, OH 45231

The decade of the 90s demands a new focus and a determination of just what is required for survival into the 21st century, and whether we shall enter the century as free people or as slaves. Today we see genocide against hemp and other plants as a national policy, and the repression of subcultures a national pastime.

Born in the knowledge that at least 30 million U.S. citizens regularly ingest marijuana (hemp) to medicate themselves, the GREEN PANTHERS! was formed to provide leadership, resources and political focus to this sleeping giant army of marijuana users—an army many times larger than all the U.S. military and police combined.

The GREEN PANTHERS! come from varied backgrounds, but we all agree that the Earth's environment must be saved and that the hemp plant will play a vital part in the process. We also agree that oppression in the name of the War on Drugs must end at once, and wars fought over petroleum must be stopped once and for all. We are tired of being harassed, beaten, fined, fired from our jobs, forced to piss in jars, sent to concentration camps, and having our property seized and sold. The marijuana users' nonviolent nature has made them easy targets of police oppression. The arrests of marijuana users are as high as 400,000 per year with untold suffering at the hands of "corrections and enforcement authorities." Many of the GREEN PANTHERS! have been victims of such oppression, and we have proclaimed "Hell No!" to standing idly by while this mayhem continues.

We spit back the government's declaration of war upon us. We declare that we shall resist by whatever methods necessary to protect ourselves, our families, our property, and our beloved planet Earth; and to regain the liberties lost under this fascist agenda disguised as the War on Drugs.

Bearing these things in mind, we take our protests to the streets, to the countryside, and to the very doorsteps of our declared enemy who shall know no peace until they let our people go and let our people grow!

LIBERTY ACTIVISTS' LIST

v 1.2311/1993

Ed Note: Most of these addresses seem to be from out west. Big smokers there. It may be useful anyway. If you want the complete international list you can e-mail T.A.O. and we will send it to you.

So you're sick of the "War on Drugs"? Here's an international list of organisations which support drug law reform. Please distribute this list widely, and send in any groups which are not listed already. Take advantage of your democratic rights while you still have some! If you're already in a law reform organisation, you can use this list to contact others with similar interests, and share information or facilities. Just knowing that there are others working on these issues can be a big morale booster. The power of pro-liberty organisations can be multiplied manytimes by fast and efficient communication, which spreads news and promotes co-ordinated action. Electronic mail and conferencing is the most efficient way to achieve these necessary abilities. For example, this list doubled its size in eightmonths of circulation over the Internet. I strongly encourage active groups and individuals to use this powerful technology. This listing was originally kicked off with a list of groups reproduced with permission from the February, 1992 issue of High Times magazine (contact details at the end of the list). Since then, it has grown considerably through the kindness of those who have contributed additional entries, including Chris Klausmeier, Macca Macpherson and Dave Thomson. Please reproduce and distribute widely with this acknowledgment. Post it on bulletin boards if you can.

PLEASE SEND NEW LISTINGS If you know about other active groups not listed here, or if any entries need correction, please e-mail me at "aldis@kralizec.zeta.org.au", or mail to the address below for incorporation in future editions of this list.

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Wentworth St. North Hamilton, Ontario L8L 5W1
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Tucker & Michael A. Baldasaro) Notes: officially
registered religious organisation

Anti-Prohibitionist League P.O. Box 8179
Victoria, B.C. V8W 3R8 CANADA (604) 382-7758

Canadian Association for the Legalisation of
Marijuana (C.A.L.M.) (B.C.) R.R. 1, Site 850D,
Comp 2 Grand Forks, B.C. V0H 1H0 CANADA

Canadian Hemp Sales 2000 Inc. R.R. #2 Beeton,
Ontario L0G 1A0 CANADA (416) 729-4771 Notes:
affiliated with NORML Canada

Fane of the Psilocybe Mushroom Association
P.O. Box 8179 Victoria, B.C. V8W 3R8 CANADA
Notes: officially registered religious organization
publishes Sporeprint newsletter

Freedom Party of Ontario P.O. Box 2214,
Station A London, Ontario N6A 4L3 CANADA
(519) 433-8612 Notes: officially-registered
Ontario political party; supports individual choice
without either condoning or condemning
cannabis use.

Friends International 379-1027 Davie
St. Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4L2 CANADA (604)
681-3774 (Leeroy Campbell) Notes: publishes
Hempfest Times newsletter and Freedom
magazine

Hemp Canada 500 Pall Mall St. London, Ontario
N5Y 2Z4 CANADA (519) 433-9570 (Peter Miller)

H.E.M.P. Canada 710 Wilkins Street London,
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(Tracy Chester) Notes: See also Patriotic
Canadians for Hemp

Institute for Adversarial Irony 328 West
Hastings St. Vancouver, B.C. V6B 1K6 CANADA
(604) 682-4149 (Ian Hunter) (604) 875-1447 (Glen
Anderson) Notes: Not solely concerned with
drug-law reform, but with the larger goal of
challenging any laws seen to be unjust,
unworkable, unreasonable, etc. See also Total
Hemp Corporation.

International Anti-Prohibitionist League
(Canada) c/o Marie-Andree Bertrand PO Box
6128 University of Montreal Criminology
Dept. Montreal, Quebec H3C 3S7 CANADA

League for Ethical Action on Drugs (LEAD)
Seafair P.O. Box 36522 Richmond, B.C. V7C 5M4
CANADA (604) 543-8867 (Jane Anthony, Pres.)

Libertarian Party of Canada 922 Cloverley St.
North Vancouver, B.C. V7L 1N3 CANADA (604)
980-7370

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B.C. V9B 4Z3 CANADA (604) 474-4771 (Norm
Cholette)

NORML Canada R.R. #1 King City, Ontario L0G
1K0 CANADA (416) 833-3167 (Umberto Iorfida)
(416) 833-3577 (Computer line)

Patriotic Canadians for Hemp Box 293 Ucluelet
B.C. V0R 3A0 CANADA (604) 726-7239 Notes: See
also Sister Sativa's Genuine Hemp

Society of Free Thinkers (SOFT) P.O. Box 327
Paradise Newfoundland and Labrador (NFLB) A1L
1C7 CANADA Notes: Not solely dedicated to
drug law reform. Methods include posters, letters
and leaflets. Anonymity is granted to members,
upon request.

Simon Fraser University League for Ethical
Action on Drugs (SFU LEAD) c/o SFSS Clubs
Administration Simon Fraser University Burnaby,
B.C. V3A 1S6 CANADA (604) 291-0360 (Keith Lim,
Pres.) (604) 291-3131 (SFSS General Office:
messages) Email: chil@sfu.ca (Keith Lim, Pres.)
sfu-lead@sfu.ca (Mailing list: messages to ALL
members) Notes: area of interest is in reforming
all current drug laws and policies, and in finding
alternatives to the WoD that do not hinge on
civil liberties and which are more humanitarian.
Not solely concerned with hemp legalisation.

Sister Sativa's Genuine Hemp and other things
Box 293 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0 CANADA (604)
726-7239 (Tracy Chester) Notes: See also Patriotic
Canadians for Hemp

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Libertarian Party candidate

SUBJECT: NOMADIC, CLANDISTINE, HYDROPONIC GARDEN!

From: an39827@anon.penet.fi

I've been exploring hydroponic gardening lately, and thought y'all might be interested in hearing about my setup:

Materials

1 Footlocker or trunk, bigger is better. 1 Rubbermaid dishpan that just fits on the bottom of the trunk, when the trunk is turned on its side (this will make more sense in a few minutes, I used a 12 quart one) 3-4 blocks of FLORAL FOAM (Preferably agricultural grade, as it does not have preservatives in it, but Oasis will do if it is completely rinsed/soaked first) 1 Muffin Fan (look in computer surplus stores) 1 50 WATT High Pressure Sodium lamp (Or your lamp of choice) 1 roll of tin foil

Comments on Cost

If you bought all this stuff, it would run about 100 bucks... However, I got my trunk at a yard sale for \$5, had the fan lying around, and through some creative scrounging on a public bike trail late at night, came up with the HPS lamp and ballast for free. The dishpan came from a 'Everything's a dollar' store, and foam is cheap... I think I spent \$30 total (including fertilizer, which I will discuss later)

What to do with this stuff

First, cut the handle off of one end of the trunk, then stand the thing up on that end. Sitting it on a phone book with the door hanging off the end makes it much easier to open and close.

Then install the fan... I put mine on the top of the box, but It could go in the top back corner if light leakage is important. A good deal of

light will be exiting the fanhole (well, more than anywhere else)... keep this in mind. I also painted the fanblades white in an attempt to reflect the light back into the box, but I'm not sure if it worked... it probably isn't necessary.

Put some intake holes along the bottom of the box, these will be covered with foil later, so not too much light will be leaking out.

Cover the entire inside of the box with foil, excluding the fan area, and where you plan on installing the lamp. I used duct tape to affix it to the walls/door, and I LEFT IT UNATTACHED AT THE BOTTOM so air could come through the intake holes.

Install the lamp! I put mine at the very top center of the door, with the bulb sticking straight out, so it enters the rest of the box when the door is closed. This made it easier to wire, but in the future, I would put it on the back wall of the box, as less of your room will be illuminated when you open the thing (it's kind of like opening up the sun).

Thoughts on Lamps

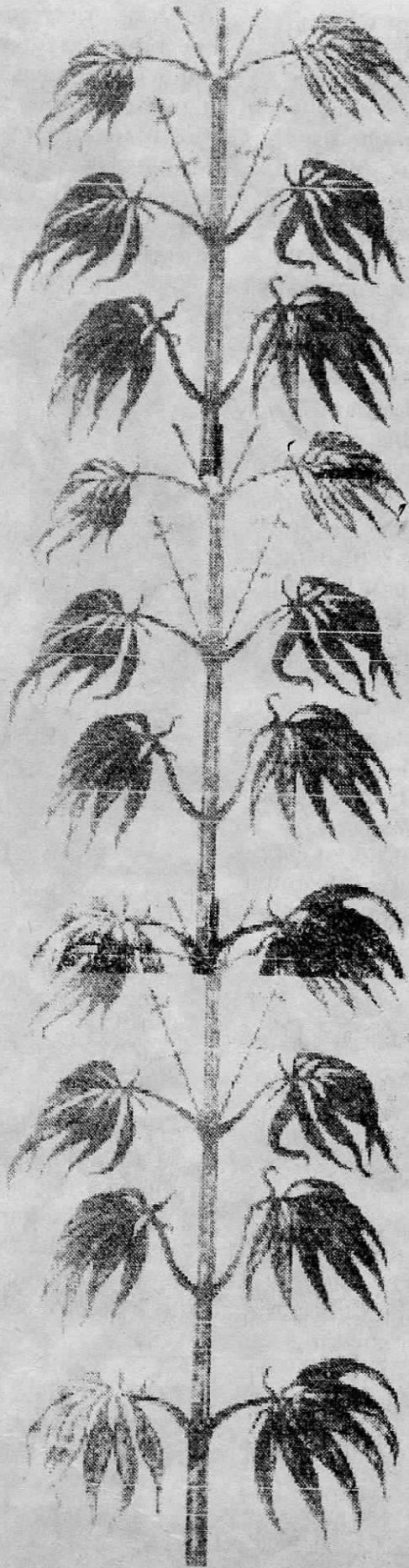
According to Ed Rosenthal (believe him if you want to, ignore him if you don't) HPS lamps are some of the best growing lamps made, especially when efficiency is an issue. These lamps give off an amberish glow, and are often used to light parking lots, bike trails, etc. They operate on a very high voltage, and require a transformer or ballast to work. Metal Halide lamps (used in photographic and theatrical lamps) are smaller, and much whiter, and usually do not require ballast, but they use up a hell of a lot more energy. I used a Fluorescent to sprout the plants, and switched to HPS after they had developed 3 sets of leaves (about 48 hours after germination) This was acceptable.



Next, it is time to deal with the foam and plant. I soak the foam overnight in a nutrient-water mixture (more on that later) after rinsing it extremely well. Then I cut a brick or 2 into 1" cubes, and plant one seed in each cube. Planting in foam means you place the seed on the foam, and push it in with a small wire or something similar, so the seed is surrounded as much as possible by the wet foam. The cubes are placed in the dishpan, and 1/2" of water-nutrient mixture is added to the pan. The foam will suck up water and nutrients as necessary, so it is important to try to keep the water level at about 1/2". It is better for the water to be slightly too low (but not dry) than too high.

The seeds can take as long as a week or 10 days to germinate, do not worry if nothing happens at first, and it seems that I never get more than about 15% of my planted seeds to sprout. This suggests a fault somewhere in my system, but I haven't identified it yet, no do I especially care. I just plant a LOT of seeds, and then use the best seedlings for my gardening. Usually a smoking-buddy or someone will take a free marijuana seedling off your hands with a minimum of hassle.

About 3 days after germination, a few pairs of leaves should've formed.



Now is the time to transplant. And transplanting is the glory of foam. All you need to do to transplant things growing in foam, is put the small block of foam (with the plant in it) on top of the larger block, and rub them together a few times. The roots will grow out of the small cube, and into the bigger one in a matter of days. I managed to find foam in 12" cubes... cutting these in half gave me 2 pieces of 12"x12"x6" foam, and each of those can easily hold one plant, probably 2. I personally grow only one plant in each trunk, but 2 smaller ones are probably perfectly acceptable.

Lighting

When I transplant is when I turn on the HPS lamp. It then stays on for 24 hours/7days until the plant is 8-15 inches tall. Then it is time to force flowering. This can be done by giving the plants a 10-16 hour dark period in each 24 hour day (this should be done using a cheap timer like people use when they go away on vacation in an attempt to foil burglars) In a matter of 3 weeks, sex should be apparent on the plants... REMOVE THE MALES. Keep the dark period constant until it is time to pick, dry and enjoy.

A word on water-nutrient mixtures

Floram foam should be totally inert, meaning it does not provide the plant with ANYTHING except something for the roots to grow in. Thus all nutrients that the plant would get from the soil MUST be in the water. Read a few

books on hydroponics to figure out what mixture suits you best. I personally use a liquid plant food that shows on its label an N-P-N count of 10-15-10. This seems to work fairly well for me. I know people who use 20-20-20, and quite a few who use different foods during different stages of growth. Read up on the subject and decide for yourself.

Anyway, this was not ment to be a 'HOW TO GROW WEED' type of post, but apparently it has become one (sort of). It was ment to talk about my grow room, as it was described earlier in this post. I have found that a single plant can grow to maturity without any trouble in this space, and 2 smaller plants (forced to flower at about 8 inches, instead of the 10-12 that I personally use) would probably be ok too.

This grow room is very portable (unplug it and take it with you) clandestine (it looks like a trunk to me (not an uncommon thing in a college dormatory if you are a student), and it can be locked with a padlock) and effective (trust me!)

I assume one could grow using standard soil and such in this thing, but I have had great success with foam, and it is much easier to keep it watered. Rockwool has been suggested to me as a medium, but I dont even know where to buy it... apparently it is much like foam in that it is inert, and transplanting is a breeze.

Happy Growing

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

according to Mel Frank and "Marijuana Grower's Insider's Guide"..... [quoted without permission]

**From: LKEYS@BUPULA.BU.EDU
(clementine)**

Resin itself, or an abundance of resin glands, is not a good indictator of potency. A mj variety may have copious amounts of resin and still be nearly worthless for smoking;

another variety may have little apparent resin, but it may be super-potent. This is because much of the resin is made up of inactive ingredients, and the resin might contain mostly inactive cannaboids. Also, the active cannaboids (THC,THCV, etc.) are only necessary in amounts small enough that they may not be major components in the resin. Surprisingly, the few scientific studies that

have compared the concentration of resin glands or resin to potency have found that the concentration of resin glands was negatively correlated with the potency (in other words, the fact that a variety of mj is resinous or has a lot of resin glands has little to do with its potency) Experience connoisseurs actually may look for a non-resinous but very potent variety - who need cough inducing resin if it doesn't add to the high?



HOW TO ROLL A JOINT

From: rml3362@venus.tamu.edu

I am a popular commodity among some people I know. I am the only one who knows how to roll a joint. Now this is because I tend to be older than most of the people who smoke dope around me and have a bit more intense life lesson than others.

"Reefer will get you through times of no money, better than money will get you through times of no reefer."

The Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers

I like rolling joints. It is a very visceral pleasure, you get to play with the nifty green stuff and it gives your hands something to do. This is especially nice if it is good if you don't wanna get really stoned but just catch a nice buzz and instead of keeping your hands busy smoking you keep 'em busy rolling.

I like that green stuff. It's cool, kinda like oregano or some other green bulk spice but you know it aint. It has the smell, strange how so many people don't groove to it, ahh well learned response, like appreciating good scotch. It reminds me of harvest day, right after the fruit has been reaped and the oils and esthers fill the air. Very good green homey feel to it. Then you get into carding the stuff to take out the seeds and stems and to break it down so it will roll effectively. It has to feel right, a bit drier than the best feel, where it is so sticky with resin that all you can do is load it into a bowl and do bong hits until your brain goes numb.

You gotta decide how fine you are gonna sift the shake. I know some who remove everything until nothing is left but a fine red dust. I don't like that, it takes too long, and casues too many volatiles to be released as you card it, and makes really lousey joints that pack too tightly and don't draw worth shit. We all roll joints to match our personality, my joints tend to have stuff in them that shouldn't be there, leave things on the tray that SHOULD be, double paper walled, kinda fat in the middle, nice where it meats the mouth, and fulla garbage that gets burnt.

Once you got the grass ready you them have to get you papers in order. The way I learned to make a joint was to make a boat out of the paper. Take the paper in you hand so that the gummed side is up and the crease is away from you, the short sides are called edges and the long sides are called sides. You fold the end towards the side, each in turn. First you take the left edge and you fold it about the top corner of that edge, bringing the lower corner up to where it meets the top side

and the edge is perfectly in line with the side. Then you do the same thing about the bottom corner, and then you do it for each of the other corners on the other side. You have to make sure all the creases are away from you, then, from where the two bisectors meet on out to the edge you fold agains the crease, you fold in the same place but in the other direction of the original crease

You do that with each edge and you get a little paper boat into which you can shift your sift. After having thoughly raked the herb you wind up with a little mound of grass, how big depends on how strong the grass is, how big the papers are, and how

stoned you wanna get. I usually use a bit more than would fill a large bowl. You pick the gras up between you fingers and dust it into the paper boat. Try to get it even but don't worry about it you can fix it. Towards the bottom of the mound you run into stuff too fine pick up with your fingers, I consider it

a point of grace to card once, and once only, it back into a smalled mound and then try to get at least one good pinch or two from it and let the rest of the shit go back into the baggie until one is scaping for anything green that burns.

As you load the paper you are gonna spill dust, just let it go. Make sure you load over the tray and you will either get it with the cleanup card or smoke it some other time.

Now you take your boat full of dope and begin leveling it. Stir it about with your finger to balance as much as possible and then you will begin rolling it. Make sure the gummed side is away from you if there is one. You roll it to settle the grass and get it even, and ya try

to get it to spread out towards the edges. This is where people who use doller bills use them. I always thought it was too much hassle to fuck with. Once you have it spread to suit your desires you then have to roll

the paper up into a joint. This is the tricky part. I always try to finish rolling it so that it is very near the ungummed edge and then to just fold that over and roll it up. Try to get it a bit tighter than you wanna some cause it will loosen as you roll it up. Just before your



finished you have to lick the gum. The best I ever saw anyone do that was this little oriental girl I knew who had the most pointed tounge that was always moist. She had absolute control over her tounge, she could make it do

things that would give you an orgasm just watching the movement

"Herb is the healing of the nation
Alcohol the destruction of mankind."
Bob Marley

How to Roll a Blunt!
The first thing you have to know to roll a blunt, is

s. I being who I am tend to either slobber a bit, too much or not get enough on there, it could be better but it works. You finish rolling it up and and then you gotta close the sides.

The best way I have found to close the sides is to just roll one end and figure what gets caught gets caught and turn it so the other end is upright and then use a small poker to pull out things which stick out and push in the stuff that needs to go inside. Roll the ends counter to each other and lick to close. I got friends that stick half the damned joint in thier mouths, and others who just touch it to thier tounge. I am undecided, the wetter it gets the better the joint is but it just grates my aesthetics. Let it dry and you gotta joint. I tend to double wrap mine, by rolling that joint in annother, it strengths that fragine middle section and generally keeps a tight nice looking joint. I also tend to tear off that messy end, the one that caught what got caught, to suck on, and use the flashy paper tail to light it.

BLUNTS

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What are "blunts?"

The name, "Blunts," is a street name used to describe a marijuana and tobacco cigar. Other street names include "el-pees" (LP's). According to one source, blunts originated among Jamaicans in New York City in the early 1980's. Blunts take their name from "Phillies Blunt" brand cigars, although other

brands of similar make (such as El Producto, White Owl, and Dutch Masters) are also used for this purpose. Tobacco is removed from the inside of the cigar, and replaced with marijuana.

Practice, Practice, and Practice. It takes several tries before you can get it right. Go to your corner store and buy a pack of Phillies Blunt cigars. Take a razor blade, and cut it open down the middle. Take all the tobacco out. Lick the back of the paper, that is, the outside of the gar, thoroughly. You really need to make love to these things with your tounge. Next, place a healthy portion of weed in the gar. Roll it up, and lick the edge thoroughly. It takes a lot of saliva to make these things stick. When you have it closed up, pop it in the microwave for about ten seconds, this makes it stick better. The light it up, and smoke it.

Why are Phillies Blunt cigars used?

Many other cigar brands are still being used to make blunts. Users say that the Phillies Blunt brand produces less harsh tasting or sweeter smoke. The leaf wrapper of a Phillies



Blunt is strong enough to hold together through the manipulations of making a blunt. Other brands fall apart.

The Ethics of Gars

A lot of people think rolling in gars ruins the taste of marijuana. I personally think it enhances the taste. You can take mondo hits.

and you'll definitely choke the first time you smoke one. For the ultimate high, let someone give you shotgun. It'll knock you on your ass. All the people I know now don't even carry skins anymore, only a pack of gars in their pocket. It takes longer to roll than a joint, but it's worth the extra effort.



minor hallucinogen with some depressant properties. Other stimulant and depressant combinations include cocaine and heroin, cocaine and alcohol, amphetamines and alcohol. At this writing, there

appears to be no medical literature evaluating the psychoactive effects of using marijuana and tobacco together vs. individually.

WORLD'S CHEAPEST BONG

From: JUSCOTT@delphi.com

Rob Robertson GTE Laboratories
...an idea from a Scottish friend of mine....

- 1) take a sip of water (you'll need to experiment to find the right amount)
- 2) cup your hands to form an air chamber (as if you were holding an insect in your hands)
- 3) tuck a joint between the pinky and ring finger
- 4) hold your head down a little
- 5) inhale at the opening between your thumbs

-The tobacco wrapper slows down the burning rate of the joint. This allows a greater number of users to share the same joint.

-A blunt holds more marijuana than a joint, and is convenient to use and store. A single user can smoke it, extinguish it, and easily relight it. "That's what's so cool about a blunt. Just put it out. It fits nicely in the top pocket."

-It looks like a legal drug. Even though it is illegal for adolescents to use tobacco products, blunts appear to be commercial tobacco cigars. Policemen, teachers, and parents who ignore cigarette possession in minors are likely to ignore blunts as well.

-Nicotine from the tobacco content may add to the effects of the marijuana in a blunt. Nicotine is a stimulant, and marijuana is a

"Personally, I'm in favor of democracy, which means that the central institutions of society have to be under popular control. Now, under capitalism, we can't have democracy by definition. Capitalism is a system in which the central institutions of society are in principle under autocratic control. Thus, a corporation or an industry is, if we were to think of it in political terms, fascist; that is, it has tight control at the top and strict obedience has to be established at every level -- there's little bargaining, a little give and take, but the line of authority is perfectly straight forward. Just as I'm opposed to political fascism, I'm opposed to economic fascism. I think that until the major institutions of society are under the popular control of participants and communities, it's pointless to talk about democracy."

from Noam Chomsky Language and Politics (1988)

6) spit out that disgusting bong water after your hit

7) repeat step one

...he says it really does cool the smoke and if you accidentally swallow the water instead of spitting it out you can taste all the crap that got filtered out, so, don't accidentally do that.

SUBJECT: RE:

EATING COOKING MJ

When cooking MJ (ie. brownies) does the smell of the MJ permeate throughout the kitchen area?

From: caedmon@cats.ucsc.edu
(Jeffq)

YES IT DOES!!!

It's about as easy to conceal as baking-chocolate-chip-cookie-fumes on a cold morning.

From: albion@csd4.csd.uwm.edu

It didn't smell for me.

I took an 1/8oz of smoke, chopped it all very fine until it was all sift, and added it to some Microwave (Not MicroRave, some other brand) brownies and cooked it in the micro for 8 minutes... All I could smell was chocolate! From there, I went to the Lallapalooza concert in Milwaukee, and had one in the car 15 minutes from the gate (All this doing a police road check for intoxicants) ...

Anyways, it hit me 20-30 minutes later, and kept getting stronger and stronger for the next hour. The next 5 hours were great... Seems much more mellow than smoking a number of bowls, although it was a very strange feeling to not smoke something and just get more and more stoned. The best part of eating pot brownies is getting a very small smidgen stuck of a bud stuck between your teeth mixed with chocolate!!!!

From: ab158@Freenet.carleton.ca
(David Johnston)

If you fry the dope in butter or oil before cooking with it, you will alter the kind of high you get. Without frying, you'll be stoned out of your mind, immobile on the couch for the duration. With frying, you are stoned out of your mind, running around laughing like an idiot. I much prefer the latter.

I've been told that this is because the frying dissolves the THC out of the dope and into the butter, which allows it to enter the

bloodstream faster. Come to think of it, this would seem to suggest that the effects would be reversed. Any confirmation/denial, anyone?

P.S. My favorite recipe: Open an oreo cookie, and scoop out a small depression in the icing (yes, I *know* what's in that icing, I try not to think of it.) Take a quarter gram of hash, heat it, and crumble it up. Then heat a bit of butter, about the same amount as the hash you broke up, in a spoon over a stove

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element, candle or lighter. When it's melted, add the hash and stir it up with a toothpick, or something. It will melt.

At this point, if someone comes in, you look like your about to shoot up. Throws a real scare into Mom!

Pour the mixture into the depression in the oreo, and put the cover back on. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or so, and chow down.

1 cookie will do the trick!

Enjoy!

From: an8533@anon.penet.fi

I haven't seen this variation of cooking with MJ on the list, but it is from a recipe in

"A Childs Garden of Grass" that my friend Ernie used to have back in school.

Anyways, some FOAF's used to do this to extract the last useability from sticks, stems and whatever "rubble" is lying around. Of course, you can do this with any other shake or bud if you so desire.

Bring 1-2 quarts of water to a boil. Add 2 sticks of butter. Add sticks, shake, stems, whatever...thow it all in! Cover and let boil for 15 minutes. Pour through a strainer into a bowl. Put the bowl into the fridge over night. In the morning, most of the THC laden butter will have formed a hard layer on the top of the

water. Carefully skim this off and save. Use this butter in any recipe you desire; my friend Ernie used to put it on toast!

A lot of work I know, but this method seems to enjoy several advantages over frying:

1) no danger of overcooking or burning because the water temp won't be much higher than 100C/212F

2) better extraction of THC because you can cook it longer without burning; Ernie said you could even catch a reasonable high from just sticks and stems.

3) You can use the butter in any recipe; Ernie was also a big pesto fan.

Ernie told me that there was a better version using alcohol instead of water but that you can't do it with a gas stoye, so he didn't really remember.

From:
an66009@anon.penet.fi

A FOAF told me about this:

Eating really is the best way to injest, but how

PETER TOSH

WANTED



DREAD & ALIVE

-Anarchism, at least as I understand it, leaves posterity free to develop its own particular systems, in harmony with its needs. Our most vivid imagination cannot foresee the potentialities of a race set free from external restraints. How, then can anyone assume to map out a line of conduct for those to come? We, who pay dearly for every breath of fresh air, must guard against the tendency to fetter the future. If we succeed in clearing the soil from the rubbish of the past and the present, we will leave to posterity the greatest and safest heritage of all ages.

EMMA GOLDMAN, Anarchism, 1910

many people want to whip up a batch of brownies every time? It just takes too much time. This recipe, for "Firecrackers", is really easy, and really fast:

Spread peanut butter thickly on a cracker. Top with perfectly cleaned MJ (no twigs or seeds, and break up any buds) - about enough for a joint. Spread peanut butter on another cracker, and put on top of the MJ, peanut butter side down, so the layers are cracker, PB, MJ, PB, cracker.

Put on some foil, and bake at 300 for 20 minutes. Let cool and eat.

From djh@osc.edu

With the weekend coming up, you might find use for this recipe for bhang from *Flavors of India* by Shanta Nimbark Sacharoff.

2 cups water

1 ounce marijuana (fresh leaves and flowers of a female plant preferred)

4 cups warm milk

2 tablespoons blanched and chopped almonds

1/8 teaspoon garam masala [a mixture of cloves, cinnamon, and cardamon]

1/4 teaspoon powdered ginger

1/2 to 1 teaspoon rosewater





1 cup sugar



Bring the water to a rapid boil and pour into a clean teapot. Remove any seeds or twigs from the marijuana, add it to the teapot and cover. Let this brew for about 7 minutes. Now strain the water and marijuana through a piece of muslin cloth, collect the water and save. Take the leaves and flowers and squeeze between your hands to extract any liquid that remains. Add this to the water. Place the leaves and flowers in a mortar





and add 2 teaspoons warm milk. Slowly but firmly grind the milk and leaves together. Gather up the marijuana and squeeze out as much milk as you can. Repeat this process until you have used about 1/2 cup of milk (about 4 to 5 times). Collect all the milk that has been extracted and place in a bowl. By this time the marijuana will have turned into a pulpy mass. Add the chopped almonds and some more warm milk. Grind this in the mortar until a fine paste is formed. Squeeze this paste and collect the extract as before. Repeat a few more times until all that is left are some fibers and nut meal. Discard the residue. Combine all the liquids that have been collected, including the water the marijuana was brewed in. Add to this the garam masala, dried ginger and rosewater. Add the sugar and remaining milk. Chill, serve, and enjoy.

It seems a bit labor intensive, but then it is meant as an offering to Shiva.

We  not  erate Saddam Hussein for his actions. We will  bilize to meet this threat to our vital interests in the Persian 

until an  cable solution is reached. Our strategy is to  prepared. Failing that, we

 ming to kick your ass, even if it takes

 years.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF HEMP

- Hemp grown for the production of biomass fuels can provide all of our gas, oil and coal energy needs and end dependency on fossil fuels.
- Hemp results in a 95.5% fuel-to-feed ratio when used for pyrolysis -- the thermochemical process that converts organic matter into fuel.
- Biomass has a heating value of up to 8,000 BTU/lb., with virtually no residual sulphur or ash during combustion.
- Biomass fuels offer a clean alternative to fossil fuels. No sulphur oxides are released, either during pyrolysis or combustion. A closed CO₂ system is created. According to Stanley Manahan, "Environmental Chemistry," biomass fuels would not result in any net CO₂ being added to the atmosphere.
- Hemp is the #1 producer of biomass per acre in the world. Biomass energy expert Lynn Osburn estimates that 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 million acres of hemp would replace all of Canada's fossil fuel demands.
- From 75% to 90% of all paper was made with hemp fiber until the late 1800's.
- U.S.D.A. bulletin #404 outlined a process for the production of paper using hemp pulp and demonstrated that hemp could replace 40% to 70% of all tree pulp paper, including corrugated boxes, computer paper and paper bags.
- An acre of hemp will produce as much pulp for paper as 4.1 acres of trees over a 20 year period.
- The hemp paper-making process requires no dioxin-producing chlorine bleach and uses 75% to 85% less sulphur-based acid.
- Hemp paper is suitable for recycle use 7 to 8 times, compared with 3 times for wood pulp paper.
- By utilizing hemp pulp for paper, we could stop the deforestation of our country and produce stronger, more environmentally sound paper for less than 1/2 of the price of wood pulp paper. The paper mills now in place would need almost no conversion in order to switch from wood to hemp pulp.
- Hemp produces the strongest, most durable natural soft-fiber on earth. Until the 1820's, up to 80% of all textiles and fabrics for clothes, canvas, linens and cordage were made principally from hemp.
- Hemp cloth is stronger, more durable, warmer and more absorbent than cotton. Best of all, hemp can be grown in Canada, cotton cannot.
- An acre of land will produce 2 to 3 times as much fiber as cotton, about 1,000 lbs. of fiber per acre.
- Hemp grown in most parts of Canada will require no herbicide, fungicide or insecticide applications. Up to 1/2 of all agricultural pesticides used in North America are applied to the cotton crop.
- Natural, organic hemp fiber breathes and is recyclable, unlike petroleum-based synthetic fibers.

- A fully mature hemp plant may contain 1/2 of its dry-weight in seed.
- Hemp seed has an oil content of 34%, more than any other seed. Hemp seed oil is second only to whale oil in its quality and has the same burning qualities and viscosity as #2 grade heating oil without any of the sulphur-based pollutants.
- Once hemp seed oil has been extracted, the remaining seed cake is second only to soya bean for protein content and is an excellent source of nutrition for either farm animals or humans.

AGRICULTURAL BENEFITS OF HEMP

- England, France and Spain have all legalized low THC varieties of hemp for an agricultural crop. England planted 1,500 acres of hemp as a first year crop. Reports from England state that farmers are receiving in excess of \$3,000 per acre for their hemp crop.
- Low THC hemp is not suitable as a psychoactive drug.
- A Canadian report from the late 1800's demonstrated that hemp works very well in rotation with bean and corn crops.
- In 1991 Ontario farmers received \$290 and \$240 per acre for grain corn and soya bean respectively.
- Hemp was grown successfully in Canada for over 100 years. For a period in the late 1800's, Canada produced 1/2 of all England's hemp requirements. At the time, England was the largest hemp consumer in the world.
- In the 1930's, a South Western Ontario newspaper reported that Canadian grown hemp was among the best in the world and far superior to tropical hemp.
- In Canada hemp can be grown successfully from our southern borders to approximately 60° North Latitude, the parallel that divides the North West Territories from the provinces. This remarkable range is possible due to hemp's short growing season, usually 90 to 110 days.
- The hemp plant will reach a height of up to 5 m (16 ft.) and sink a main tap root down 6 ft. This tap root will draw nutrients from deep in the soil and make them available to subsequent crops when the hemp leaves are shed on the soil. This extensive root system also helps to alleviate the problem of soil compaction.
- Hemp is very easy on the soil and returns up to 60% of the nutrients it takes from the soil, when dried in the field.
- A report from Kentucky states that hemp was grown on the same land for 14 consecutive years without soil depletion or reduction in yield.
- Hemp is a very economical crop to grow since it requires virtually no pesticide applications.
- Hemp is also relatively drought-resistant and has been relied upon several times during drought-induced famine for its high protein seed.
- Hemp is very resistant to increased UV radiation and should not suffer decreased yields, unlike soya bean and corn.

THE TALE OF TWO HASHISH-EATERS (TRADITIONAL)

There was once, my lord and crown upon my head, a man in a certain city, who was a fisherman by trade and a hashish-eater by occupation. When he had earned his daily wage, he would spend a little of it on food and the rest on a sufficiency of that hilarious herb. He took his hashish three times a day: once in the morning on an empty stomach, once at noon, and once at sundown. Thus he was never lacking in extravagant gait. Yet he worked hard enough at his fishing, though sometimes in a very extravagant fashion. On a certain evening, for instance, when he had taken a larger dose of his favorite drug than usual, he lit a tallow candle and sat in front of it, asking himself eager questions and answering with obliging wit. After some hours of this delight, he became aware of the cool silence of the night about him and the clear light of a full moon above his head, and exclaimed affably to himself: "Dear friend, the silent streets and the cool of the moon invite us to a walk. Let us go forth, while all the world is in bed and none may mar our solitary

exaltation." Speaking in this way to himself, the fisherman left his house and began to walk towards the river; but, as he went, he saw the light of the full moon lying in the roadway and took it to be the water of the river. "My dear old friend the fisherman," he said, "get your line and take the best of the fishing, while your rivals are indoors." So he ran back and fetched his hook and line, and cast into the glittering patch of moonlight on the road.

Soon an enormous dog, tempted by the smell of the bait, swallowed the hook greedily and then, feeling the barb, made desperate efforts to get loose. The fisherman struggled for some time against this enormous fish, but at last he was pulled over and rolled into the moonlight. Even then he would not let go his line, but held on grimly, uttering frightened cries. "Help, help, good Mussulmans!" he shouted. "Help me to secure this mighty fish, for he is dragging me into the deeps! Help, help, good friends, for I am drowning!" The guards of that quarter ran up at the noise and began laughing at the fisherman's antics; but when he yelled: "Allah curse you, O sons of bitches! Is it a time to laugh when I am drowning?" they grew angry and, after giving him a sound beating, dragged him into the presence of the kadi.



I wish to learn the most convenient manner of pissing. Should one squat and carefully lift the robe, as religion prescribes? Should one stand up, as is the unclean habit of unbelievers? Or should one undress completely and piss against one's friends, as is the custom of two hashish-eaters of my acquaintance?"

Knowing that the Sultan used to walk about the city in disguise, the kadi realized in a flash the identity of his last night's visitors, and fell on his knees, crying: "My lord, my lord, the hashish spake in these indelicacies, not I!" But the fisherman, who by his careful daily taking of the drug was always under its effect, called somewhat sharply: "And what of it? You are in your palace this morning, we were in our palace last night." "O sweetest noise in all our kingdom," answered the delighted King, "as we are both Sultans of this city, I think you had better henceforth stay with me in my palace. If you can tell stories, I trust that you will at once sweeten our hearing with a chosen one." "I will do so gladly, as soon as you have pardoned my wazir," replied the fisherman; so the Sultan bade the kadi rise and sent him back forgiven to his duties.

From The Book of Grass: An Anthology on Indian Hemp, edited by George Andrews and Simon Vinkenoog.

THE ASSASSINS BY PHILIP K. HITTI

The Assassin movement, called the "new propaganda" by its members, was inaugurated by al-Hasan ibn-al-Sabbah (died in 1124), probably a Persian from Tus, who claimed descent from the Himyarite kings of South Arabia. The motives were evidently personal ambition and desire for vengeance on the part of the heresiarch. As a young man in al-Rayy, al-Hassan received instruction in the Batinite system, and after spending a year and a half in Egypt returned to his native land as a Fatimid missionary. Here in 1090 he gained possession of the strong mountain fortress

Alamut, north-west of Qazwin. Strategically situated on an extension of the Alburz chain, 10200 feet above sea level, and on the difficult by shortest road between the shores of the Caspian and the Persian highlands, this "eagle's nest," as the name probably means, gave ibn-al-Sabbah and his successors a central stronghold of primary importance. Its possession was the first historical fact in the life of the new order.

From Alamut the grand master with his disciples made surprise raids in various directions which netted other fortresses. In pursuit of their ends they made free and treacherous use of the dagger, reducing assassination to an art. Their secret organization, based on Ismailite antecedents, developed an agnosticism which aimed to emancipate the initiate from the trammels of doctrine, enlightened him as to the superfluity of prophets and encouraged him to believe nothing and dare all. Below the grand master stood the grand priors, each in charge of a particular district. After these came the ordinary propagandists. The lowest degree of the order comprised the "fida'is", who stood ready to execute whatever orders the grand master issued. A graphic, though late and



secondhand, description of the method by which the master of Alamut is said to have hypnotized his "self-sacrificing ones" with the use of hashish has come down to us from Marco Polo, who passed in that neighborhood in 1271 or 1272. After describing in glowing terms the magnificent garden surrounding the elegant pavilions and palaces built by the grand master at Alamut, Polo proceeds: "Now no man was allowed to enter the Garden save those whom he

intended to be his ASHISHIN. There was a fortress at the entrance to the Garden, strong enough to resist all the world, and there was no other way to get in. He kept at his Court a number of the youths of the country, from twelve to twenty years of age, such as had a taste for soldiering... Then he would introduce

them into his Garden, some four, or six, or ten at a time, having first made them drink a certain potion which cast them into a deep sleep, and then causing them to be lifted and carried in. So when they awoke they found themselves in the Garden.

"When therefore they awoke, and found themselves in a place so charming, they deemed that it was Paradise in very truth. And the ladies and damsels dallied with them to their hearts' content...

"So when the Old Man would have any prince slain, he would say to such a youth: 'Go thou and slay So and So; and when thou

information about this strange and spectacular order is derived mainly from hostile sources.

As early as the last years of the eleventh century the Assassins had succeeded in setting firm foot in Syria and winning as convert the Saljug prince of Aleppo, Ridwan ibn-Tutush (died in 1113). By 1140 they had captured the hill fortress of Masyad and many others in northern Syria, including al-Kahf, al-Qadmus and al-Ullayyah. Even Shayzar (modern Sayjar) on the Orontes was temporarily occupied by the Assassins, whom Usamah calls Isma'ilites. One of their most famous



returnest my Angels shall bear thee into Paradise. And shouldst thou die, nathless even so will I send my Angels to carry thee back into Paradise."

(from "The Book of Ser Marco Polo, the Venetian", translated by Henry Yule, London, 1875.)

The Assassination in 1092 of the illustrious vizir of the Saljug sultanate, Nizam-al-Mulk, by a fida'i disguised as a Sufi, was the first of a series of mysterious murders which plunged the Muslim world into terror. When in the same year the Saljug Sultan Malikshah bestirred himself and sent a disciplinary force against the fortress, its garrison made a night sortie and repelled the besieging army. Other attempts by caliphs and sultans proved equally futile until finally the Mongolian Hulagu, who destroyed the caliphate, seized the fortress in 1256 together with its subsidiary castles in Persia. Since the Assassin books and records were destroyed, our

masters in Syria was Rachid-al-Din Sinan (died in 1192), who resided at Masyad and bore the title shakkh al-jabal', translated by the Crusades' chroniclers as "the old man of the mountain". It was Rashid's henchmen who struck awe and terror into the hearts of the Crusaders. After the capture of Masyad in 1260 by the Mongols, the Mamluk Sultan Baybars in 1272 dealt the Syrian Assassins the final blow. Since then the Assassins have been sparsely scattered through northern Syria, Persia, 'Uman, Zanzibar, and especially India, where they number about 150000 and go by the name of Thojas or Mowlas. They all acknowledge as titular head the Aga Khan of Bombay, who claims descent through the last grand master of Alamut from Isma'il, the seventh imam, receives over a tenth of the revenues of his followers, even in Syria, and spends most of his time as a sportsman between Paris and London.

KEEP THE ROOF OPEN

Oh my how the world still loves a cage
maude

I told this friend of mine not to grieve a divorce that happened according to life (change). She rationalized right past reality and insisted that constitution was more sacred than evolution. She passed it so closely i could feel it shuddering in my gut. I told her that a river stops cold, a river runs wild, but a river never stays still from beginning to end .

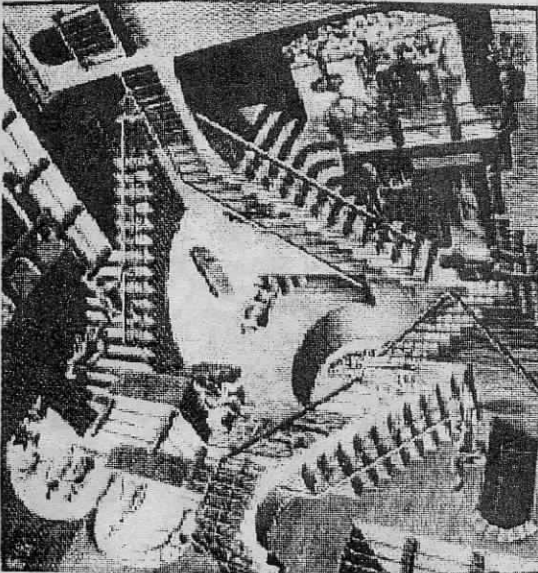
Currents are inconsistent.

She started shrieking in desperation, her fables of decent morality swelled the air and she cried out to me "but what of the kids!" and I said the kids couldn't be covered from the rain. Anyway, a sunny day all the time would be like living in the SkyDumb. Your skin would start to frail, your imagination would begin to bleach and your emotions would turn to shells

jay

It's best not to be too moral. You cheat yourself out of too much life. Aim above morality. If you apply that to life then you're bound to live it fully

maude



SONNET EIGHTY-NINE

More and more shadow fills our rooms;
high-rises, towers, office blocks,
loom newly up, year upon year
shutting out the pale blue sky, all loathsome

These bird cages of hard blue steel
are to become our death's memorials
when winds alone are the sirens of Toronto
and her streets. No matter. Wave your hand

in greeting now, for in our pots the flowers
bud and blossom still in their many colours
each one of them aware how much they mean

and how much they're loved as pigeons wander
tiptoed on our windowsills each morning
tapping upon the glass to be let in.

SONNET SEVENTY-SEVEN

The huge farm of humanity has spilled out
its population, cancelling the past.
Nature upon Her knees, bows down before it,
and the glistening lakes are broken glass.

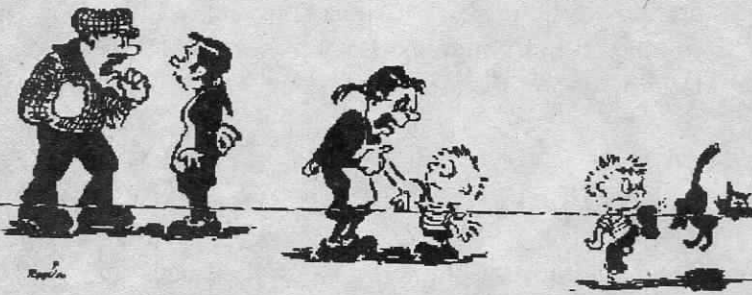
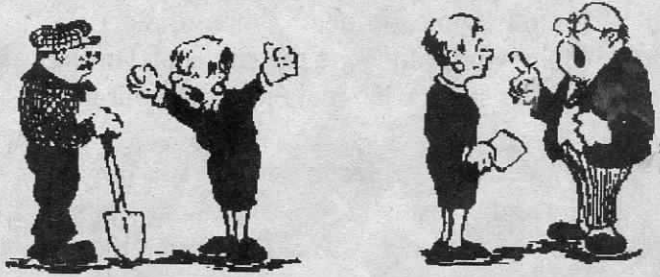
Casually, they have finished off the future.
After all, who knows or gives a damn
what is to come, contented to have comfort
rather than the ardours of civilization.

Insatiable, demanding Oil, Oil, Oil,
as cancers demand morphine shots, these are
tapeworms lengthening endlessly round
their tables,
fish-heads blinking at the wheels of cars,

What's our defense against these living dead?
Maybe a thousand books,
two hundred records.

George Faludy
Translated by Robin Skelton

BOSSES AND BOSSED
HAVE THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP
WHICH CAUSES MISERY
AT EVERY LEVEL.



Why not stop pushing?

TO THE FREE SOCIETY

TO THE REPRESSIVE SOCIETY

