

the infrastructure necessary to extend the writ of the tough new laws to every corner of the country. This means training and equipping police and others, thus building up a specialized anti-narcotics capability in the various military and enforcement branches. It means establishing laboratories for testing drugs in different regions of the country.

Very recently, the development and production indignously of a simple "field kit" for drug enforcement officers was announced. The kits, being produced for the equivalent of \$100 each, contain a set of reagents, a small testing tray, and a few droppers to allow on-the-spot testing for about eight of the most common narcotics. Previously such a kit was available in only limited quantities from the U.N., or could be purchased from Czechoslovakia for the equivalent of \$1,000 each.

Formidable task

Though India's response has been timely to the virtual invasion of Dope, Inc. in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and fundamentalist takeover in Iran, the job of putting the narco-traffickers on the defensive in the subcontinent is formidable by any standard. From 1980, when not a single case of dope peddling was registered, the traffic soared. In 1985, when India emerged as the number-one source of heroin to Europe in Interpol records, the Indian government drafted sweeping new anti-narcotics laws. But as current statistics indicate, the trend has yet to be reversed.

The biggest problem, say NCB officials, is on the borders. Ninety percent of the seized drugs are positively identified as coming from Pakistan, the principal conduit for drugs grown in Afghanistan. NCB officials state their conviction that the Northeast must also be a major transit area for drugs coming from the Golden Triangle, but say that so far they haven't been able to get the evidence.

All big seizures are on the export side, at airports mostly, as the drugs are being shipped out to the West, officials explain. These seizures have turned up "white heroin," the famous 98% pure type from Burma, but it isn't being caught when it comes into India. It is "common knowledge" that sections of the military who enjoy political protection are involved.

Although the issue of illegal poppy cultivation and "leakage" from the government's legal opium production program has surfaced repeatedly over the years—and sophisticated heroin-refining labs have been discovered in the interior as well as Bombay—NCB officials maintain that this is not a significant problem, at least not yet. In 1988, some 50 acres of illicit poppy cultivation and 623 acres of marijuana were destroyed by the NCB. But officials say they have not found evidence of marketing contacts from the cities plugging the small isolated poppy cultivators—limited to several hundred acres in the hills of Uttar Pradesh, they say—into national, much less international, operations, or broader smuggling rackets—in which gold invariably plays a major role.

Pedophiles arrested 'more powerful than

by Mark Burdman

On Feb. 2, in London's Old Bailey court, four men were convicted for running a ring of pedophiles—adults who sexually use children—which had recruited at least 150 young boys, some as young as nine, for repeated sodomic abuse. It is the biggest ring of pedophiles yet uncovered in Britain. British newspapers Feb. 3 said it had been run as a "Mafia-like conspiracy." One man arrested was too frightened to testify, declaring that the ring was "more powerful than the Mafia."

According to experts on child abuse in Britain, this case is only the beginning. Interviewed on British television Feb. 3, Dianne Core, head of the Childwatch organization, stated that "people in high places" were involved in pedophilic activities, and that the whole matter would "explode" during the coming months. The London *Daily Telegraph's* crime correspondent reported Feb. 3: "Despite the convictions, police believe there is still a flourishing pedophile network in Britain, with a sophistication said to resemble the Mafia."

The most prominent figure in the ring, Colin Peters, was trained at Oxford, and was formerly a senior adviser in the British Foreign Office. Following his Foreign Office work, he prosecuted cases for the British Customs and Excise. Investigators working on the case had interrogated at least one senior member of the House of Lords, one vicar in West London, and officials in Whitehall, "but the police did not have sufficient evidence or manpower to pursue their suspicions," the *Telegraph* reported.

Alan Delaney, the official head of the ring, is a cleaning company director. Delaney would procure young boys for pedophiles, by putting job advertisements in the press. The ring would also procure boys who were members of a junior soccer team. Many of the youngsters had been at special boarding schools for educationally below-normal children. Others were runaways, who were caught up by members of the Delaney-Peters ring, who would roam the streets of London scouting for boys.

According to the Feb. 3 *Telegraph* account, the young boys were "passed around its members for sexual degradation and, when the attraction faded, abandoned to a life of prostitution, drugs, and petty crime. . . . The boys were tempted off the unfamiliar London streets with promises of food,

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accommodation, money, and a sympathetic ear. Some were plied with drugs, including cocaine, and sexually assaulted while under their influence."

When he was brought before presiding Judge Pownall for sentencing Feb. 3, Colin Peters was told: "On your own admission, you found boys to satisfy your lust. You were prepared to encourage them to drugs or to lace their drinks—and you have made matters worse by trying to get witnesses not to attend court. You did that to save your own skin. That was disgraceful. You of all people should have known that."

'A permanent conspiracy'

British deputy police superintendent John Lewis, who oversaw the investigations, is calling on Scotland Yard to create a special squad to deal with pedophile rings. Lewis declared Feb. 2 that "these people are as organized and sophisticated as any other criminals, and are involved in a permanent conspiracy which is renewed daily as they hunt for new boys. They need to be targeted like bank robbers. It is important that we should not feel complacent. Positive policing should be continued."

British police investigators were reportedly angered by the light sentence meted out to Peters, Delaney, and their two collaborators. The four received, *in total*, only 34 years of sentences. Peters received only 8 years, for combined charges of conspiracy to commit buggery (sodomy), buggery and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. Delaney was jailed for 11 years, on conspiracy to commit buggery, indecent assault, taking indecent photographs, indecency with a child, and attempted buggery. One of the four was given only 6 years.

A senior British police officer told the *Daily Express* Feb. 4: "It should have been more. The damage these people have done to young lives is very severe." In an editorial entitled, "Is This Justice?" the *Express* Feb. 4 called the sentences "woefully inadequate . . . weighed against the enormity of their crimes and the emotional and physical damage they did to their victims, some of whom were only nine years old."

Moncini and the Satanist track

The London case has refocused attention on another re-

cent case, in Trieste, Italy, involving one Alessandro Moncini, a businessman nabbed by law enforcement in the United States and convicted in 1988 for importing child pornography (although he received a paltry one-year sentence and was released "on good behavior" after serving less than three months in jail). Investigators in Trieste working on the Moncini case have recently been to the United States, attempting to accumulate more information on what they believe to be a "most exclusive ring of international pedophiles."

Informed sources in Britain believe that the Delaney-Peters ring and the Moncini-linked networks are connected, and that both are part of an international pedophile conspiracy. U.S. law enforcement officials have in their possession tapes of Moncini attempting to procure a young girl, for Satanic-ritual abuse purposes. Experts on ritual abuse stress that pedophile rings, as horrifying as they are in and of themselves, are actually fronts for, or extensions of, hard-core Satanist cults, for whom the pedophiles provide young boys.

In Britain, however, the Home Office has repeatedly indicated its opposition to allowing the matter of satanism to be pursued by police and in the courts. Should this attitude continue, it will be impossible to crack the command-structure controlling powerful pedophile rings.

Investigative leads

Experts in pedophilia and Satanism report to *EIR*, that that the dossiers on previously publicized cases of European-based pedophile rings have never been fully closed, and may now be reopened. These involve pedophile rings that were either cracked or exposed in the 1986-87 period. Three of them are worth noting:

- On June 18, 1987, the head of the Belgian national office of UNICEF was arrested for involvement in a large-scale child pornography and pedophilia ring. Ring leader Jozef Verbeeck had used his influential position in UNICEF to procure children, often from broken homes, some as young as *eight months old*, for some 400 wealthy clients across Europe. The basement of UNICEF in Brussels was used to store pornographic pictures of children.

- In spring-summer 1987, Dutch authorities uncovered one of the worst cases of collective child sex abuse in recorded history. In a small town called Oode Pekala, during the Easter holidays, a gang of pedophiles, dressed as clowns, lured more than 70 children into taking part in pornographic movies.

- On Aug. 3, 1986, the *Sunday Times* of London "Insight Team" exposed the activities of a secretive organization called the Spartacus Club, based near Amsterdam in Holland, which sent pedophile literature to 25,000 subscribers in Great Britain, and which specialized in procuring boys from the Philippines for pedophile activity. Headed by one John Stamford, the club was part of Spartacus International, which published homosexual literature and the *Paedo Alert News*, "a magazine about boy love."