

DEA head slams 'wealthy' drug legalization clique

by L. Wolfe

Thomas Constantine, the Clinton administration's Drug Enforcement Administrator, used the occasion of a conference on youth problems in Leesburg, Virginia on Nov. 20 to lash out at a "wealthy clique" promoting drug legalization, who are undermining the nation's resolve to win the war against drugs.

Constantine made his pointed remarks against some of the "citizens above suspicion" who are on the other side of the drug war, as new evidence came to light of the resolve of the administration to deal internationally with the major bank drug-money-laundering operations which handle more than a trillion dollars in illegal drug proceeds annually. Reversing nearly two decades of benign neglect, Clinton anti-drug officials have let it be leaked to the international press that they are planning to move against the drug bankers, including their base of operations in the City of London banking circles, and their offshore operations in the up-until-now "protected" Caribbean islands of the British Commonwealth.

Such actions closely parallel those called for by the political movement of Lyndon LaRouche, going back to the late 1970s and the publication of *Dope, Inc.* That book, which describes the British Crown's historical and current control of the international drug trade, including the protection of money laundering by major banks, has recently been republished by *EIR*.

'False prophets'

Constantine, a former superintendent of State Police in New York, told an audience of more than 100, which included youth from area schools, that the Clinton administration's war on drugs is making major progress, in part thanks to the acts of courage on the part of Colombian prosecutors in risking their lives to go after the leadership of the Cali Cartel. "These are decent, honorable people," he said of the Colombian drug fighters, many whom have fallen in the fight against drugs. Their actions, Constantine stated, prove that "courageous individuals can make a difference" in the war on drugs.

However, there is a wealthy clique in this country who propose, just as we are beginning to win the war, to abandon the fight, he charged. "This group of false prophets tell people that if we legalize drugs the problem will go away." Naming conservative pro-drug legalization columnist William F.

Buckley as an example of a member of this clique, Constantine stated that they live in "wealthy areas" and are perfectly willing to leave the nation's inner cities and those who inhabit them to the drug pushers.

"I know that I could get on all the major national television networks at 6:30 p.m. if I were to say that I am in favor of drug legalization," Constantine said. "But, if I say that we must never legalize drugs, that we must never as a government cause people to become addicted, I can't get coverage on even the smallest station." The "false prophets" of decriminalization are always on television, he stated.

Constantine explained that, from his own experience, the efforts to "legalize" gambling in New York State did not eliminate crime or organized crime control of gambling; rather, it enlarged the problem and increased the power of crimi-



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nal elements. The same thing will happen with drug legalization, he warned.

"I have a plan," he said. "Let those wealthy people who want to legalize drugs try it out on their own families, in their own wealthy neighborhoods. Let them do it in their rich schools. . . . That will end the push for drug legalization." Pushing for drug legalization, said Constantine, "sends the wrong message . . . that we can't do anything about it [the drug problem] and it causes people to give up too early in the fight."

Constantine was speaking in Loudoun County, an area whose political establishment has been corrupted by the power of the wealthy oligarchy that resides in its "Hunt Country." These families, which include such names as Mellons, du Ponts, and Harrimans, through their foundations, have funded the drug-decriminalization movement. It is well known among locals that this decadent oligarchy is itself intimately involved in both the local and international drug trade, including its money-laundering aspects. Loudoun County Sheriff John Isom, a stooge of these families, was regarded as so untrustworthy by DEA officials, that his department was routinely kept in the dark about investigations. Isom was thrown out of office in the recent elections, and his successor, Sheriff-elect Steve Simpson, shared the dais with Constantine.

Squeezing London

The day before Constantine spoke, the London *Sunday Times* reported that Britain "is becoming the money-laundering capital of the world," and that the Clinton administration is determined to crack down on various British drug-money havens.

"Clinton wants Britain to take urgent action to stop the transfer of the cash by introducing tough measures which would make it easier for the money to be seized," the paper reported. "He also wants the banking secrecy laws of the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands to be changed. Washington regards both British dependent territories in the Caribbean as safe havens for criminals' cash."

Clinton's administration "has grown increasingly frustrated by the feeble international response to the huge growth in organized crime and money laundering. After months of secret talks with its allies, America decided to go it alone; among actions ordered by Clinton are negotiations to close about 50 money-laundering centers around the world. If these negotiations are unsuccessful, the centers will be denied access to American financial markets," the paper said.

"At the top of this list, are the Cayman and Turks and Caicos Islands, which are tax havens and have amassed great wealth by receiving cash from both legal and illegal sources, which can then hide behind tight bank secrecy laws."

Sources close to the DEA report that such actions are "just the beginning," and the crackdown will also involve New York and other London-allied banking centers.

Bush boosts British plan to break up U.S.

by Kathleen Klenetsky

The former Socialist President of France, François Mitterrand, predicted the break-up of the United States and other countries at a conference organized by Mitterrand's close ally, former U.S. President George Bush, in Colorado in October. Bush uttered not a peep of protest at Mitterrand's inflammatory comments. While shocking, Bush's negligence was hardly surprising, given that he is a rabid supporter of the Gingrichite Conservative Revolution, whose purpose is to destroy the central governing institutions of the United States.

Mitterrand warned that the world "must create the rule of minority law" that would give much greater independence to various ethnic communities within States, or "we shall see a tremendous scattering or breaking away" of existing nations. "No one will be immune" from this process, asserted Mitterrand, who, although he suffers from terminal cancer and rarely travels, told journalists that he decided to attend the Colorado Springs forum "out of friendship for George Bush." In Europe, "we will witness many other separations" similar to the split-up of Czechoslovakia, he stated. In the United States, "the need for decentralization . . . will prevail over the existence of a federal state, and it will be the same in Brazil. . . . In Canada, you have a few problems along the same lines."

The same holds true for such countries as Belgium, Spain, and many others, he said. "So there is no end—there is no way out. Will we have politicians, legislators, capable of conceiving the organization of this huge world with a few major coordinating centers obeying international laws set by the international community, and, at the same time, we make minority rules enabling each to live according to his or her yearning? That is a problem for the 21st century."

Thatcher rages

Mitterrand's espousal of a policy that can be traced directly to the reigning British monarchy (which, through Prince Philip, has publicly called for the break-up of the United States into "bioregions"), came during a forum on "A World Transformed," sponsored by the George Bush Library Foundation Association and the Forum for International Policy.

Held on Oct. 8-9 in Colorado Springs, the conference featured five former heads of state who held power during the collapse of the Soviet Union. In addition to Mitterrand and Bush, participants included Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail