

# Pro-Drug Soros Ally Forced Out of UN Post

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"Swedish Revelation Shakes Up the UN," was the headline in *Svenska Dagbladet* on Feb. 4. The Swedish daily reported that Mike Trace, the United Kingdom's former deputy drug czar and the newly appointed Head of Demand Reduction at the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime in Vienna, has been forced to leave his new post after revelations by the Swedish anti-legalization organization, the Hassela Nordic Network.

Parallel to getting his job at the UN Drug Control Program (UNDCP) last December, Trace was building an "informal" group in England—first called "Project X," then "Initiative London," and now "Forward Thinking on Drugs"—whose main sponsor, Trace himself has admitted, is George Soros, the infamous campaigner, through his Open Society Institute (OSI), for drug legalization.



*George Soros, whose "fifth column" pro-drug ally was forced out of his UN post.*

The sensational disclosures by the Hassela Nordic Network that Trace, in discussion with Soros and his collaborators, has assembled a secret network to pressure governments into legalizing drugs, led to Trace's resigning from his posts at the UN, the European Union anti-drug European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) in Lisbon, and the U.K. National Treatment Agency.

The OSI openly campaigns for "harm reduction" and drug legalization, on the grounds that the war on drugs causes more harm than the drugs themselves. That lie, and the damage that drugs do, have been extensively documented by this magazine. "The London initiative is primarily funded by OSI, and has a budget for the first three to four months of \$200,000," Trace told his friends at the Network of European Foundations, based in Brussels, in 2002. Trace and his allies, like Soros, support the legalization of drugs and are against the UN ten-year program, which began in 1998, for a "drug-free world."

## A 'Fifth Column'

Last September, Trace sent a message to Aryeh Neier, president of Soros' OSI, in which he bragged about his double

role as a "fifth column" inside the UNDCP: "In terms of my involvement, I think it would be of most use in the early stages providing advice and consultancy from behind the scenes, in the light of my continuing role as Chair of the European Monitoring Centre, my association with the U.K. government, and some work I am being asked to put together by the UNDCP in Vienna. This 'fifth column' role would allow me to oversee the setting up of the agency (I already have good quality individuals in mind with whom I could work in confidence on this) while promoting its aims subtly in the formal governmental settings. However, if you think it is important that I am publicly associated with the initiative from the start, then we could discuss this also."

Keith Hellawell, the former U.K. drug czar (he resigned last year when the government reclassified cannabis, that is, legalized it) and Trace's former boss, was quoted in the Nov. 5, 2002 *London Times*, answering the question, whether Trace, then the U.K. deputy drug czar, was in favor of legalization. "Well, he never said that. But Mike was very close to Mo [Mowlam, who was Hellawell's boss in the Cabinet] and, of course, they both used cannabis, although Mo admitted it only after someone broke the story. So I had a deputy and a boss who both admitted using substances."

What so far has been exposed is only the tip of the iceberg. One head has rolled, but the question is: Who is next?

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