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George Soros: the Queen's drug pusher

by Jeffrey Steinberg

During his campaign for the 1984 Democratic Party Presidential nomination, Lyndon LaRouche was the target of a slander campaign, led by NBC-TV, accusing him of libelling the Queen of England as “a drug pusher.” For years after that broadcast, a typical feature of the myriad of slanders against LaRouche has been the ID-format line, “LaRouche accuses the Queen of England of pushing dope.”

In the initial NBC-TV interview, in response to a question about the British royals' role in the drug trade, LaRouche cited the 1979 book, *Dope, Inc.—Britain's Opium War Against America*, which proved that the British Crown, through its patronage of agencies like the British East India Company, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., and the Jardine Matheson trading company, had a long, unbroken history of supporting the illegal drug trade. His remarks were heavily edited to appear foolish—as if he were accusing Queen Elizabeth of selling bags of heroin on the steps of Buckingham Palace.

A great deal of evidence has come to light in the 15 years since that initial NBC-TV slander, and since the publication of the first edition of *Dope, Inc.*, that, now, fully justifies labelling Queen Elizabeth II as one of the world's leading drug traffickers.

Today, officials of the British House of Lords, including members of the Queen's Privy Council, have come out openly advocating the legalization of drugs. The leading journals of the City of London, the *Economist* and the *London Times*, have repeatedly editorialized for the end of “prohibition” of narcotics. In 1996, the British House of Lords staged a debate, to denounce the Clinton administration for its decertification of Colombia, because of the Samper Pizano government's flagrant collusion with the Cali Cartel.

The historical archives, too, have been opened. Queen Elizabeth II's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, it has now been publicly acknowledged in the City of London's press, was a drug addict for the last 20-odd years of her life; and, the records of her Royal Apothecary have been released to the public, revealing that



George Soros (left), Mr. Moneybags for the drug-legalization mafia and financial manager for Queen Elizabeth II, receives an honorary degree from Bologna University, October 1995.

the majority of members of the Victorian Royal Household spent their annual holidays at Balmoral Castle, looped on heroin and cocaine solutions.¹

Moreover, the Queen's personal speculator, George Soros, who manages an undisclosed, but sizable portion of the royal *fondi*, is leading a multimillion-dollar drive to legalize drug production and consumption throughout the Americas. In the United States, Soros has, in recent years, funneled at least \$15 million into the Drug Policy Foundation, a group devoted to the legalization of drugs; he has created his own drug legalization lobby, the Lindesmith Center, in the headquarters of his Open Society Institute in New York City, at an upfront cost of \$5 million; and, he has poured an undisclosed amount of his personal fortune into a number of state ballot initiatives, in an attempt to legalize "medical" use of narcotics, from marijuana, to LSD, heroin, and cocaine.

In Ibero-America, Soros is a pivotal figure in the British Club of the Isles' banking and raw materials grab (see *EIR*, Aug. 22, 1997, "Britain's 'Invisible' Empire Unleashes the Dogs of War"), and he is also a leading financier of the drive to legalize the production of cocaine, bankrolling a myriad of so-called "human rights" groups and associations of coca growers, who are peddling this criminal enterprise.

1. Ian Sutherland, "Menthol and Cocaine Lozenges—To Be Sucked Occasionally," *Leopard* magazine, Aug. 27, 1993; William Bowditch, "Royals Kept High in Highlands," *London Times*, Aug. 28, 1993; Dan Bindman, "Royal Drug Record Reveals Old Habits," *London Guardian*, Aug. 28, 1993.

Political corruption

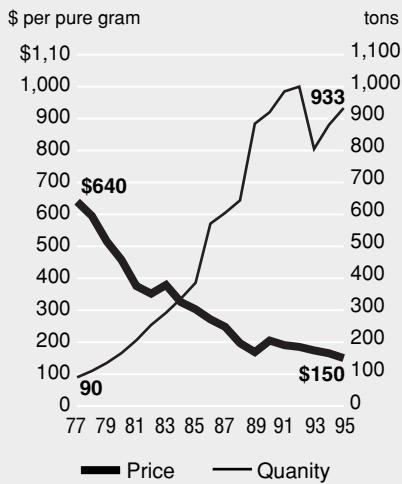
Given the widespread media coverage devoted to the most arcane details of the Whitewater real estate affair, and, more recently, to the 1996 Presidential campaign fundraising efforts of President Bill Clinton and the Democratic National Committee, one should ask: Why have the national media given zero coverage to the fact that Soros, an agent of a foreign power, Great Britain, through his network of tax-exempt organizations, foundations, and his personal largesse, has been buying off elected officials, police chiefs, judges, and news-media celebrities, by the dozen? Is this not political corruption of the highest order?

For example, for the past several years, Soros has been the "sugar daddy" of the Drug Policy Foundation. Each year, at its national convention, DPF gives awards to prominent politicians, doctors, police, and judges, who throw their lot in with the dope traffickers. Each award comes with a substantial cash payment. For example, Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke, a drug-lobby poster boy, was a recipient of the Richard Dennis Drugpeace Award, given annually by the DPF. He received a check for \$100,000. Recently, Soros announced that a branch office of his Open Society Institute is to open in Baltimore, where it will dispense \$25 million to an array of private social service agencies, largely focussed on the city's large and growing population of drug addicts.

In 1996, British agent Soros infuriated President Clinton, White House Drug Policy Adviser Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), and other anti-drug activists, by bankrolling a slick,

FIGURE 1

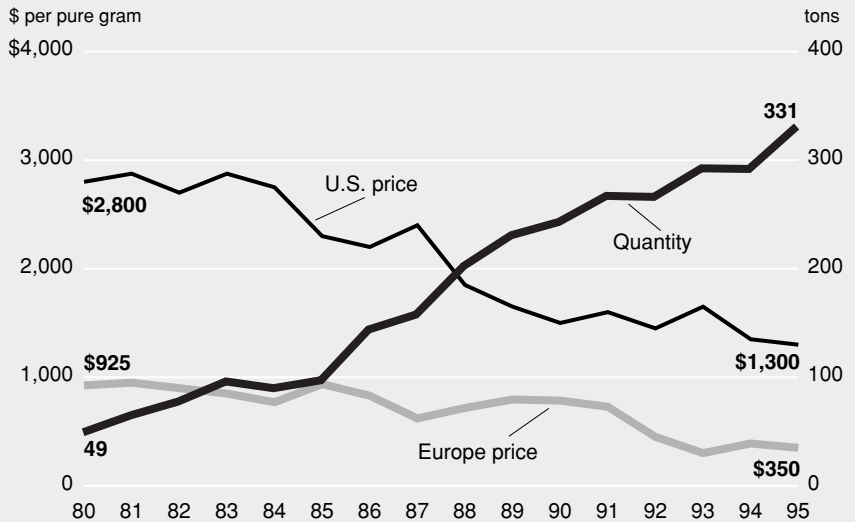
Cocaine: world price vs. quantity produced



Sources: NNICC; UN; OFECOD, Peru; Abt Associates; EIR.

FIGURE 2

Heroin price vs. quantity produced, United States and Europe



Sources: NNICC; INCSR; UN; Abt Associates; ANF, Pakistan; NALA; EIR.

Madison Avenue-style ad campaign, to gull California and Arizona voters into supporting ballot initiatives to legalize drugs. The “bait and switch” methods employed by Soros’s minions painted the pro-drug initiatives as “tough-on-crime” proposals, and as medical “reform” initiatives, aimed at getting medicine to the sick, with a minimum of red tape. Voters in both states, unfortunately, passed the propositions, and Soros is now bankrolling similar initiatives in Oregon, Washington State, and the District of Columbia.

In an interview with the Aug. 17 *New York Times*, Soros said that he kicked in \$1 million to the Arizona and California campaigns, alone. In Arizona, bipartisan majorities in both houses of the state legislature, with backing from President Clinton and McCaffrey, passed a law, which was signed by the governor, largely overturning the ballot proposition; there is still an ongoing fight over its status.

In the interview, triggered by Soros’s announcement that he was giving \$1 million to the San Francisco-based Tides Foundation to purchase hypodermic needles to be distributed, free, to heroin addicts, Soros denied that he advocates drug legalization. “I think marijuana should be kept away particularly from schoolchildren, from anybody who is learning something. . . . If that requires that marijuana generally be outlawed, I’m not opposed to that,” he said.

Nice words. But, Soros persistently puts his money into the pockets of people who aggressively advocate the legalization of all drugs, albeit, often, behind closed doors. Take the case of the Tenth International Conference on Drug Policy Reform, sponsored by the DPF in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 6-9, 1996. At the plenary sessions, which were video-taped, speakers carefully side-stepped the question of drug legaliza-

tion. However, at a session titled “A Hard Look at Hard Drugs: The Legalizers’ Achilles Heel,” DPF activist Eric Sterling, director of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation in Washington, pronounced himself a 20-year veteran of the “drug legalization movement.” He chastized those in the audience who refused to go all out for the legalization of *all* drugs—including crack cocaine.

Nothing but lies

Sterling’s remarks are emblematic of the outlook of the entire Soros-bankrolled “reform” movement. Through subterfuge and disinformation, Soros and his London backers publicly protest that they are merely fostering debate on the pros and cons of various drug policy “reforms.” But, ultimately, all of their arguments boil down to a single phony refrain, devised by the highest echelons of Dope, Inc.: “Drug ‘prohibition,’ like alcohol prohibition before it, is a failure, which has led to an increase in drug-related violent crime. Legalize drugs, and the prices will fall, removing the ‘profit incentive,’ and reducing the violence.”

Right? No, dead wrong! The July 26, 1996 *EIR* cover story, “Britain’s Dope, Inc. Grows to a \$521 Billion Business,” provided an in-depth, statistical profile of the growth of the illegal narcotics trade over the past 20 years. One of the most important discoveries, was the fact that the drug cartels have systematically *driven down* the retail prices of cocaine and heroin, in order to vastly expand the size of the market, i.e., to expand the number of addicts hooked on these killer drugs. The case of crack cocaine, which opened up the impoverished inner-city neighborhoods of America to cheap cocaine, in a smokeable form, is but the most glaring example

of Dope, Inc.'s adoption of the "Sam Walton" model of mass marketing through reduced prices.

Figures 1 and 2, reprinted from that report, show the steep drop in retail price, and the meteoric rise in heroin and cocaine sales over the past 15 years. They give the lie to the Soros crowd's entire argument.

In the reports that follow, you will be given a tour of Her Majesty's Dope, Inc. empire, with detailed attention focussed upon the activities of Soros, against the populations of the United States and Australia, in particular.

George Soros: a golem made in Britain

by Scott Thompson

Despite the stupid statements that some furry creatures in the U.S. State Department have made recently, praising George Soros's works as an "American," Soros is emphatically not American. Rather, he is a "golem," bearing the stamp "Made in Britain." If he were not so filthy a creature, he would be making speeches from the steps of Buckingham Palace. Calling Soros American, because he resides in greater New York City, is like calling the British troops, who temporarily resided in Washington, D.C., while they burned the White House during the War of 1812, "American."

Where Soros keeps his real money, such as the multibillion-dollar Quantum Fund N.V., is in Caribbean islands like the Netherlands Antilles, that were formerly British or Dutch colonies. If you are from the United States, you cannot invest in any of George Soros's funds, or even receive a prospectus. Soros has, in the past, had financial "near-death" experiences with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and, apparently, has no desire to cross swords with any U.S. financial enforcement agencies. Yet, one of Soros's select group of investors is the world's wealthiest woman, and head of the British Empire, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Once a Nazi . . .

Soros revealed the "secret to his success" on the Adam Smith Show, a financial community gossip hour, aired in 1993 on New York's PBS affiliate, WNET-TV. In that interview, Soros recounted that, during World War II, while he was a teenager, he helped the Nazis loot the country estates of wealthy, Hungarian Jews. Soros thus escaped the Holocaust that eventually led to the deaths of 500,000 Hungarian Jews. After World War II, however, because of his actions, he had to skeddadle from Hungary to escape retribution by the survivors.

Numbers of young people went through similar, traumatic wartime experiences, but few, if any others would later boast

of that wartime misery, as a profound learning experience and basis of later success.

Soros ended up at the London School of Economics, where he became a protégé of then-British Aristotelian Society leader Sir Karl Popper. It was from Popper's writings on *The Open Society* that Soros developed his smarmy, pluralistic hatred of the American republic and of what has been known since the days of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton as the American System of political economy. Others helped train Soros in the depredations of the rentier-financier oligarchic British economic system, epitomized by the British East India Company, that he has followed to this day.

In an exchange of correspondence before his death, Popper, who claims that the authoritarianism of Reason in Plato's Academy was the origin of communism and fascism, lied that he had nothing to do with his "protégé," George Soros. However, news accounts subsequent to Popper's death reveal that he was the source of at least one of Soros's grand schemes, the destruction of Russian science through Soros's International Science Foundation. Sir Karl Popper may prove in history to be a greater "Nazi" than George Soros's former *capo di tutti capi*, Adolf Eichmann.

George Soros got his start in large rentier-financier deals through the intervention of the Rothschild family, which has been part of what has become known as the "Club of the Isles" surrounding the British Sovereign, from the days of Baron Nathan Meyer Rothschild and Napoleon I. After brief polishing in British financial houses, Soros moved to the United States in 1956, where he worked for a couple of years managing the portfolio of an old Hapsburg-linked firm, which managed large holdings of old European money.

With permission from this firm, Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder, Inc., Soros took some of these *fondi* (old family funds) and started Quantum Fund N.V. But, he would not have been nearly as successful had it not been for the intervention of financier George Karlweiss, who was then with Baron Edmond de Rothschild's Banque Privée. At about the same time, Karlweiss was busy launching the international business career of the "Detroit Kid," Robert Vesco, who, with Rothschild assistance, would soon take over the flight capital firm of Investors Overseas Services and milk it for a fortune. Before Vesco was jailed recently in Havana, Cuba, on other charges, this fugitive from U.S. justice had become involved in narcotics-trafficking in Ibero-America.

The Rothschild connection to George Soros continues to be represented in various ways. For example: 1) Nils Taube, an old crony of Soros, who is now on the board of Lord Jacob Rothschild's St. James Capital, continues to be a director of Quantum Fund, N.V.; 2) The recently deceased Sir James Goldsmith, a cousin of the Rothschilds, sold a controlling interest in the gold-mining firm, Newmont Mining, to George Soros (some 8.8%), while selling a smaller amount to Goldsmith's business sidekick, Lord Jacob Rothschild. This helped to position Soros for the British-inspired raw materials grab in precious, strategic, and base metals.