

Dear Js (cc PG),

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You will remember that recently I reported Gil's comment that Jack Anderson's columns recently are actually hidden promotion of Nixon. If this seems incredible, I believe today's bears on this as do other recent ones some of which I've noted to you.

The Post's head is "New Drug Wave Points Westward". This and the column saying it are really quite false. I think you can get the angle from the beginning of the lead sentence, "President Nixon's Herculean effort to stop drug smuggling..." These Herculean efforts consist of presiding over an enormous increase and refusing to do anything about the major source, under our control, our Southeast Asia mendicants, and their means of communication, the CIA, which also subsidizes them besides using its planes for them.

Then Anderson cites and quotes from two CIA memos, the dates being part of the giveaway, June 9 and 26. These are AFTER the new McCoy study was well known and the involvement of the CIA was about to be widely publicized. Under the circumstances, I think this is not a leak but a deliberate feed that, for whatever reason, Anderson took uncritically. It serves CIA purposes and is so designed. It says that the new major sources are "allies" Iran and Afghanistan, and even tried to pin blame on India with a clever formulation in which I think the average reader will miss the key words, "legal" and "medicinal", "As for India, the documents say it now produces about three-quarters of the world's legal opium for medicinal purposes." Control is then said to be a "myth". Now the reality is that at least 3/4 of the opium comes from SEAsia, not India, Iran, Afghanistan or anywhere else, and all of this is under the control of CIA people of various sorts.

Especially with all the attention to this uncontested fact, beginning with McCoy's still-uncontested Congressional testimony, is so obviously propagandistic a column cause for thought. It is incompetent reporting, amateurish at best. It has been proven false over and over. There was recently a long piece in Time, for example, on this, I believe also in Life, there is the attention to the McCoy book now being reviewed and out or about to be out (documenting the case against the CIA itself), and there is the inability of the CIA to come up with any kind of refutation when offered the chance by Harpers, which seemed a bit anxious to get out from under McCoy.

If I am without ready explanation of what this means, it is obvious that this is pro-Nixon and pro-CIA propaganda and in both cases worse than false for both are responsible and neither has really done anything. It also coincides with two related things: Anderson's atypical ignoring of the Watergate Capers story and his involvement with one of those arrested. That man, Fiorini, has been tied to the theft of papers from O'Brien's files and some of these have appeared in Anderson's column in the recent past.

Meanwhile, <sup>while</sup> back on the urban ranchero, PG is being fed the most awful pap by one who claims past connection with the CIA. It seems that to his knowledge she had a deal with the Reader's Digest that he has reason to believe will include treatment of both CIA and dope. So he suddenly develops current sources inside mainland China and from them gets info. And he actually persuades her that China is financing Castro by shipping dope to Castro, who sells it in the US, thus fighting the US and getting money from it. PG knows nothing about the politics involved or the fact, both of which preclude the possibility and might, indeed have used this to a mass audience. Net effect: other CIA exculpation. With the side benefit of good propaganda against "the enemy".

If there is one thing that could not have been secret from the CIA, it is its own involvement in dope and the astounding increase in its production and use by Americans, particularly troops. From the outset important enough people had to have had sufficient knowledge. As is usually the case with the politically dedicated, the political objective is all that counts and the other costs are accepted as essential to the quintessential objective, the purity of which, naturally, just can't be questioned. Too bad, but c'est la guerre. There is a parallel to virtually every military dictatorship of modern times and virtually every frustration of every effort to overthrow one. Need one say more than "Dominican Republic"?

Anderson is too experienced, too sophisticated, to be unaware that at the very best he is being used. I think in context it has to be considered that he is conscious of what he is into and that this, in turn, means he is in some kind of bind. The Watergate Capers and The Fiorini Involvement do not exhaust the possibilities.

The overt propaganda for, this sudden overt support of Nixon, both indicate there may be something rather serious behind all of this.



# New Drug Wave Points Westward

By Jack Anderson

President Nixon's herculean effort to stop drug smuggling has at last slowed the flow of heroin from Turkey and Southeast Asia. But a new tidal wave is rising in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.

Even our mideastern ally, Iran, has started to grow its own opium under government control, but the government may not be able to stop illegal shipments from being diverted to America.

This is the warning of the Central Intelligence Agency, which has also reported ominously: "Rumors persist that some members of the royal family and parliament are narcotics users. Swiss authorities recently charged an Iranian Prince, who accompanied the Shah to Switzerland, with having transferred pure opium."

Secret documents from the CIA and other intelligence agencies describe dangerous opium buildups in South Asia. This could be a shot in the arm for the Mafia, whose supplies in Turkey and the Thailand-Laos-Vietnam area are slowly beginning to dry up.

The new smuggling menace was raised by the CIA's Directorate of Intelligence in memos dated June 28 and June 9.

"Whether or not substantial quantities of South Asian opium are diverted to the U.S. and Western Europe will depend, in the final analysis, on

the Western traffickers," reports the CIA.

"Tribal producers in Afghanistan and Pakistan undoubtedly would be willing to sell to Western traffickers . . . The potential for substantial diversions of opium westward exist . . .

"Laxities in South Asia would offer a distinct advantage to international traffickers if they should decide to tap the South Asian opium market."

## Opium Gum

In Afghanistan production is up. Starving peasants, "lacking adequate food supplies because of recent droughts, have resorted to chewing opium gum to ease hunger pains."

In Pakistan, too, production "may have risen sharply since 1969," says the CIA. In both countries "penalties for narcotics violations are minimal."

The intelligence documents also suggest that the Mafia would have no trouble corrupting officials in both countries.

In Afghanistan, the documents report, "official corruption including high-level protection of narcotics dealers is . . . a problem" and "smuggling is a way of life."

In Pakistan, "official corruption is reported to be a serious problem" among the Land Customs, Sea Customs, provincial police and para-military forces.

Worse, "the existing hashish

network in Afghanistan and Pakistan could be used to send substantial quantities of opium westward," warn the intelligence documents. Afghans already have "professional and sophisticated" means of getting hashish by air to Tehran, Beirut and Frankfurt and by sea to Karachi. Some has reached the U.S.

As for India, the documents say it now produces about three-quarters of the world's legal opium for medical purposes. The widely held view that India is effectively controlling its opium production is a "myth," the documents allege.

Iran still doesn't produce enough legal opium for the country's registered addicts, who receive the drug under a national program. But the opium harvest is increasing.

Meanwhile, allege the documents, "the estimated 100-300 tons currently being smuggled into Iran, that could become available, exceeds the total opium equivalent needed to supply the U.S. market."

## Diplomatic Grievances

Diplomats at the State Department have been complaining about undiplomatic treatment from their bosses. This week the squabble among the striped pants set will boil over into a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee.

Chairman Wayne Hays (D-Ohio) is finally yielding to Senate pressure and holding

hearings on a bill to give State Department workers an independent grievance board.

Two present and one former foreign service officers are breaking the gentleman's code of silence and spilling their woes.

One witness is John Hemenway, a conservative diplomat who claims he was fired because he argued with his bosses over U.S. policies in Berlin.

A present foreign service officer, John Harter, who fought and won an appeal against shabby treatment from the department, has told his story in a letter to Hays. Even State's grievance board upheld Harter, urging that he be promoted, given a new job and reimbursed for his lawyers' fees.

The State Department, however, has largely ignored the recommendations which are now eight months old.

While the Hays hearings have made the State Department anxious over what further horror stories may surface, some of their fears are unwarranted. Hays has confided that he does not expect a bill out of his committee until the next session.

This means that the Senate would have to go through the entire process of passing their version of the measure again before any grievance board is set up outside the department's own jurisdiction.