

# THE CLARION

"CALLING FOR AN END TO CANNABIS PROHIBITION"

## Global Cannabis Liberation



### Marches and Rallies for Freedom in Salem and Around the World

The Million-Marijuana Marches, which traditionally happen on the first Saturday in May, are a worldwide celebration of the benefits of cannabis and hemp. On that day ten thousands of people from hundreds cities rally in unison, wherever they are, all for cannabis law reform. It picks up steam every year, gaining more cities and people, sponsors and other support each time someone talks about it.

It started as the Yippie! organized "May Day 5th Avenue Pot Parade" in New York City. The NYC-MMM version has been going on for somewhere around 25+ years and has years of tradition of which many are unaware. The CRRH (Campaign for the Restoration and Regulation of Hemp) web site has a video you can watch which documents some of this history loosely. Howard Lotsof and other Yippie! activists produced this in 1977 and it is called "Smoke-In: The Movement to Legalize Marijuana". It is at:

[http://www.crrh.org/hemptv/docs\\_yippie.html](http://www.crrh.org/hemptv/docs_yippie.html)

In 1996, the event became known as the Million Marijuana March. This appears to have been an attempt to capitalize on some potential name recognition from the Nation of Islam's Million Man March. Once again, perhaps we have something to learn from other rights movements. Even though the event still occurs on the first Saturday in May, it has now established tradition of its own, spreading beyond NYC.

For those working to change the laws governing cannabis, there is hope. The wall of prohibition, thrown up by ignorance and vested interests, is crumbling. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. It's crucial, however, not to forget we're still in the tunnel. In the flush of success, the work remains. We must celebrate by considering our next step.

We have come this far because our cause is right. As with all laws that are unreasonable and unjust, the prohibition of cannabis has shown itself also to be impractical and costly. In economic terms, outlawing its commercial cultivation is not the act of a rational government and in its use to produce paper, hemp fiber could play a major role in preserving our nations forests. Outlawing the personal use of marijuana has generated an unacceptable cost in terms of human lives. The number of new prison beds outpaces the number of new schools. Change, when it comes, will not be a product of today's successes, but of tomorrows.

There is a time in all processes where energy reaches critical mass; the point at which change in a certain direction is not just probable but inevitable. Our next step is to generate this critical mass. There is no political truth greater than this; citizens get the society, and the laws, they deserve. If we want freedom of choice, we must first choose not to be silent. If we believe the prohibitions against cannabis have neither logic nor merit and, instead of making a better society, **<continued next page>**

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<Continued from previous page> are turning good citizens into criminals, we need to live our convictions. We need to stand up and speak out.

The next step depends on us, and our power as human beings to change society one heart and one mind at a time. It could be a very good millennium.

Our mission as active, responsible citizens is to broadcast Information and Educate people about the cost of cannabis prohibition and the benefits of ending it. Further, we work to Empower the people to effect this change. To give them tools and the means to use them. To give them opportunities to express themselves to their detractors, to uninformed observers and to their supporters. Marches and Rallies are a good way to do this.

Overall, the MMM event is organized by **CURES not WARS** which was founded in New York in May 1994 as a grassroots response to the deteriorating quality of life in America. They are a coalition of concerned citizens, drug-reform activists, health-care and drug-treatment providers, drug users and social-justice activists committed to direct action in stopping the drug war, whether in small, local protests or in regional or national actions.

One of their goals is to separate "soft" and "hard" drugs but decriminalize all personal use - including up to six cannabis plants to ensure medical access.

Their philosophy is that America's "War on Drugs" has failed because it treats drug control as a Criminal justice issue for the police instead of a public health issue for medical personnel. They believe we are in a crisis and that it requires immediate and decisive action, from the highest levels of government to the smallest local communities. They propose creating peace by shifting "War on Drugs" funding from law enforcement to a harm reduction approach. Contact them at: #9 Bleecker Street • New York City • USA 10012 or visit: **www.cures-not-wars.org**.

**The Salem Freedom Rally** was the name given to MERCYs (the Medical Cannabis Resource Center's) entry in the Million Marijuana March, version 2003. The plan is to make their Rally part of this global event drawing attention to the medical, industrial, and environmental benefits of cannabis while generating revenue as well as interest. Scheduled for the first Saturday in May, MERCY Centers one-day event will (someday!) feature information booths, national speakers, and live music. It's success or failure will depend on its being more than a mere gathering of like minds. Ours are not the minds we need to be concerned with. Its success depends on our ability, each and every one of us, to become a teacher.

There were over 200+ marches, rallies and forums May 2-4, from as far as Tula (Russia) to Rapid City (South Dakota) involved in this years action item/event. The Mercy Center organized their event to happen at the capital building steps in Salem, Oregon, USA. Another group had already occupied the space, so MERCYs brave band of patients and concerned citizens set up on the sidewalk next to the steps. Driver's displayed tones of support as they passed whistling, honking and waving at sign's that volunteers made: POT IS AN HERB, BUSH IS A DOPE, MEDICINE IS LIBERTY, HEY HEY D.E.A. HOW MANY PEOPLE KILLED TODAY! Even Salem's finest would show his support (!) by circling the block 3-4 times, each time waving, or trying to read the literature. Cannabis supporters were very enthusiastic about the interest the state police also showed towards the cannabis rally.

Over all MERCY had a demonstration of about 45 people that stayed for about 3 hours. Everybody took a short walk around the block <continued on next page>

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people gasped in disbelief that Marijuana could be used for medicinal purposes. Their education began immediately. Next years March will encompass more of the city and one day, liberty and freedom of choice will prevail and people will be able to medicate in peace.

**Cannabis Culture magazine** is a major supporter of the Marches, including sending a check to every city/group they could. The magazine was founded in the summer of 1994 as a newsletter edited and published by Marc Emery, who also founded Hemp BC and the Cannabis Cafe. CC is now approaching their fiftieth issue, they come out every two months and print over 70,000 copies per issue. They are dedicated to liberating marijuana, freeing pot-prisoners around the globe, and bringing an end to the vicious worldwide "war on drugs." Every issue challenges prohibitionist myths and tackles controversial issues like kids and pot, drug-war atrocities, the danger of low-THC hemp, and other difficult topics. From fabulous budshots and grow advice to cutting-edge journalism into pot culture and the war on drugs, *Cannabis Culture* covers it all.

Around the world the marijuana movement is blossoming into a unified cultural force and CC has full coverage of it on their website at: <http://www.cannabisculture.com> "THANK YOU" CANNABIS CULTURE for caring! Contact them at: PO Box 15, 199 West Hastings, Vancouver BC, Canada V6B 1H4 -or- Check them out at a newsstand near you today!

The Salem Freedom Rally / Cannabis Liberation March will always be a peaceful party to celebrate our gains and to re-energize for the next steps. The main purpose is to raise awareness about the issues, to inform and educate through the publicity involved. Secondly, they want to register every person there and further empower them by providing whatever is needed in getting them to the voting booth at the right time. Also they want a good show, a nice time for every one - entertaining as well as informative. And, at the same time, they can also raise a little money and fund some projects for the cause - like sponsoring OMMA patients who can't afford a fee or a Hemp Initiative.

**MERCY Rally/March Strategy issues:**

- (1) Make it a Family Affair
- (2) Accentuate the positives, 'information stations' at all four corners
- (3) Communications, volunteer training
- (4) Know our rights and options during the event- can squads of cops just stroll on through with frothing Dobermans and loiter at leisure?

**MERCY Rally/March Mission objectives & goals:**

- (1) Make sure the Marches go off O.K. (and through publicity about & during the March raise awareness and followers)
  - (2) Register Voters (through the Rally) and ...
  - (3) Empower them with tools ( and tool building 'kits'). Give them Literature and Contact info. Through that we ...
  - (4) Sign up members and generally gain support. We do this for the cause in general and to get the most resources to best insure we must ...
  - (5) Fundrai\$. ('cheap, good, on time' paradigm)
- (+!) and, at the same time, build alliances and an overall activist community. Make booth space available for other groups.

As far as medical cannabis is concerned, the folks at MERCY have been inundated with requests for information and referrals concerning OMMA. They have been assisting as many people as possible, yet we see the needs only increasing. This event is a chance to help others to help themselves.

MERCY is constantly working on the formation of coalitions of organizations in order to better address the community needs. They have a dedicated space in which to do their work and are willing to share it. Their mission is to educate the community about marijuana and its surrounding issues, inform people about OMMA, assist them through the process and support them socially through the often isolating effects of a debilitating condition. Without information, there can be no informed decisions, the truth, presented without self-righteous zeal, will not only set us free but also bring us together.

There has been some bad publicity surrounding these kinds of events, especially when the news flashes a picture of some kids in tie-dyes toking on a jay. The emphasis of upcoming events should be turning from a street party/protest into a productive political venue that the NAACP and the ACLU would be proud to co-sponsor. Let's honor our counter-cultural elements, history, heroes and activists, but at the same time be aware that we need to better coordinate our efforts for the maximum politically-positive media spin and potential resulting benefits for our on-going political efforts. We hope this is the beginning of a national cannabis action. <continued on next page>



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## Other March Reports

In Oregon, at 12:00 Noon, the Million Marijuana March also occurred in Downtown **Portland** sponsored by Oregon NORML. For details on this year's event, as well as further happenings, Oregon NORML can be reached via their website at: [www.ornorml.org](http://www.ornorml.org).

**Eugene**, Oregon had their March without incident. People came out and supported their Constitution and their right as citizens to have a legal relationship with a plant that comes from God. For more info on this action contact: Kris Millegan, 541.744.0090, [hempsters@aol.com](mailto:hempsters@aol.com)

To see the whole list of cities and related organizing groups visit: <http://www.cures-not-wars.org/cities.htm>. There are posters which may be downloaded and printed and put up at local stores, clubs, etc. or wherever, as a reminder for next years event. Additional cities and updates info can be found at: [www.ccguides.org.uk](http://www.ccguides.org.uk) -and- [www.cannabislegal.de](http://www.cannabislegal.de)

For example, **Washington D.C.**'s Million Marijuana March on May 3rd was a lively event, even with a low turnout.

About 35-45 people from Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC showed up at McPherson square Saturday to march, enjoy some live music, and listen to a few speakers. Some students came all the way from Towson University in Maryland, but other than that, there wasn't much of a student turnout, a disappointment considering all of the universities in the DC area.

Speakers included SSDP founder Shawn Heller, event organizer and NORML member Toni Keane, Maryland NORML founder Jason Wertz, and local DC activist "Bear." Topics mainly focused on organization and becoming active in local chapters, and the injustice of America's drug policies. Also at the event were about 3 or 4 local college and cable press crews performing interviews and taking pictures.

Local band Hurt headlined the event and kept the crown going, and Adam Eiding for Americans for Safe Access and [www.VoteHemp.com](http://www.VoteHemp.com) handed out free hemp pretzels, much to the liking of everyone with the munchies and the homeless who inhabit the park where the rally was permitted.

"We spent no money on the event, which was great, and we managed to meet some interesting people and some more students interested in helping us start the NORML chapter at Towson next semester. Also, no one was arrested, bothered, or hassled in any way by any of DC's many police forces!!! This was excellent considering the volume level of the music and the heavy smoking of cannabis!

At could have been better, but a success nonetheless." Commented organizer and spokesperson Jason Wertz, of Maryland NORML ([www.mdnorml.org](http://www.mdnorml.org)). "Hopefully, our event will appear on TV in the fall of 2003 on cable's Trio network."

"I am very pleased to announce our successful march in **Albuquerque!**" reported Cindy L. Giannini, Executive Director of New Mexico NORML.

"Not only was there no one arrested, but there was no body even hassled at our event. A crowd of cheerful, enthusiastic, protesters led a cloud of smoke down Central. The 3 or more mile march stopped periodically and chanted to local businesses and passer's by slogans like; 'What do we want-Freedom! When do we want it-Now! One, Two, Three, Four, We don't want a drug war!' and... 'In your heart you know it's true, hemp and herb are good for you!' We were met with almost continuous honks and cheers of approval by automotive and pedestrian traffic. One very supportive store, Bird Land, offered free candy to the marchers, and cheered us on."

"The only disappointment in the day was our numbers were

down from the last few years. We had a turnout of about 80. We attribute the lowered turnout to a few factors; The University scheduled events that many of our student participants were at, With our 4:20 Celebration cancelled by the city, much of our word of mouth advertisement to sympathizers was curtailed, we could have paid for more advertising, it was cloudy and breezy, and (just maybe) recent police action to peace protestors in the area has shocked and frightened many away. Again, we are very thankful to our local police this year, as in the past, for being supportive and non-interfering in our endeavor."

"Local television news station Channel 13 CBS sent out a reporter to cover the story, but did not air any of this coverage. We may still hear from local alternative media! One of the unforeseen benefits of having a smaller turnout than expected was that everyone was able to gather, hear and participate in a teach-in, question and answer style, with the crew from Hemp TV! Everyone who participated in the march came away with Cannabis Culture Magazines and commemorative posters for this year's event from Cures Not Wars. All in all, a very high and happy time!"

"Let's do it again, next year! Everyone, mark your calendars now, or put a reminder in the back of this years calendar, so you remember to transfer it to your new 2004 calendars! It's always the first Saturday in May, so spread the word now. Tell your family and friends about how much fun we had, and how much support we see while on our marches! It lifts my heart every time, to see we are the majority, not the few, as we often feel. When more than half of the traffic is waving, honking and smiling...I know I am doing what is right. All of a sudden, I have the strength, enthusiasm, and will to be outspoken. I want more people to understand the energy one really gets out of an experience like this. To share in the camaraderie, and see how far our numbers really stretch! Thank you, to all of those who made this event a success!" For more info on the Albuquerque, New Mexico action contact: Cindy L. Giannini, NM-NORML Exec. Dir. At: (www.nmnorml.org) -or- (505)281-6277 EVENTS/VM -or- (810)821-0690 FAX

"We had a low turnout of between 100 and 150, probably due to one of the nicest spring days we've had this spring. It's been raining a lot here (good for the garden). We did get some positive newspaper and television coverage. It's been a long, strange trip for the MMM this year" reports Carl Olsen of Iowa NORML.

"This is the second one Indiana NORML has done, my fourth one here" said Neal Smith, Vice Chair, Indiana NORML.

"We had extremely low turnout, possibly in large part due to the 'Mini-Marathon' that ended not far from our location. It's hard to do anything at all besides hide in Indianapolis during

May because of the Indy 500."

"We only had 30 people show up, mostly students from Indiana University / Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), where our event was held. We had been using a north side park, away from the marathon, but any group must post a million dollar liability insurance certificate to use a public park for a rally or other political event. We checked with four different insurance companies, including the one we used before, and were told underwriters wouldn't cover political events during a time of war. Therefore, we co-sponsored the event with the IUPUI Campus Greens.

"The good thing is that we made a couple of key political contacts and strengthened a couple others. We also have the seeds planted for an IUPUI chapter of NORML.

"Since we didn't have to pay the \$375 dollars for insurance and the \$250 for the park, we could afford color fliers and to print enough material to be presentable. By hook and by crook we only spent approx. \$89 dollars ... and took in approx. \$70, so we didn't take a financial hit."

"We didn't accomplish what we set out to do, but it was a good day nevertheless. I've seen other estimates of low turnout for MMM, which is unfortunate indeed. I attended and spoke at Cincinnati's MMM hosted by Lynne Wilson, a long time activist Met up with Northern Ohio NORML, Paducah NORML, and a bunch of people I hadn't seen in quite awhile. But for all of Lynne's efforts, only about 200 showed up."

"My best guess for the low turnout at this time is that people are afraid after what has been done to the anti-war protestors and are afraid to come out to a rally. It's indeed odd that places that have always before turned out respectable-sized crowds didn't turn out the people this year."

In San Francisco, those of us who are disappointed by progress on marijuana reform in the US should take heart at the generally tolerant reception accorded the many that rallied last Saturday. For the first time in five years, SF was blessed with good weather for this event. Several hundred attended, including SF Supervisor Tom Ammiano and Assemblyman Mark Leno.

"Things could have been far worse, as they were in Hungary." commented Dale Gieringer of California NORML.

### Protesters Disrupt Pro-Marijuana Event

BUDAPEST, Hungary - Revelers at Hungary's first pro-marijuana rally and rock concert were pelted with tomatoes and eggs yesterday, forcing the festivities to end early.

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Hungary has one of the toughest anti-drug laws in Europe.

Meanwhile, about 50 enthusiastic demonstrators took part in **Wichita's** March for Cannabis Liberation. Despite the threat of some May showers, the skies remained slightly overcast and the breeze pleasantly cool. The location, an alternate one because of renovations and street closings in the area we used last year, was superb--a broad island at the intersection of three busy streets, and a nearby bridge with demonstrators on both sides. "This will now be our traditional location for the March" Said C.A. Riley, Marketing and Communications Coordinator for **Kansas NORML**.

"Support shown by passersby was almost continuous, and extremely gratifying. Several interested individuals requested more information, which we happily provided. Law enforcement presence was unobtrusive. The few officers with whom we spoke were courteous, and expressed their appreciation for our orderliness and non-interference with traffic flow. We're marking this one down as a resounding success!". For more info contact Kansas NORML at 316.685.7869 -or visit: [www.ksnorml.org](http://www.ksnorml.org).

"I would like to thank everyone for such a great job they did at the rally on Saturday" stated Teresa DiMillo, Midlands NORML Secretary in her MMM report.

"All of the speakers did a wonderful job. We had a very positive response from passers by as we formed a picket line of sorts in front of the South Carolina State House. Bearing signs ranging from 'Stop All Marijuana Arrests!' to 'Arrest Pain, Not Patients', we at Midlands NORML feel that a very strong point was shown. We simply need to show the people of **Columbia**, and of **South Carolina**, that they now have a voice for legislation reform. With the democratic debate happening only blocks behind us we had many people on the state house grounds. All in all we had a great time and spread the truth about cannabis' many uses and benefits in the process!! Next year we hope it will grow as much as it did this year!!".

"The Millennium Marijuana March in **Philadelphia** Sat., May 2, 2003 was a small but spirited affair" reported Ken Wolski (RN, MPA) for New Jersey NORML.

"Thirteen people marched from 8th & South St., down South St. to Headhouse Square. There were actually more police than marchers, but the police were mostly friendly as they escorted the marchers. There were no arrests, but

neither was there blatant civil disobedience."

"The marchers carried signs and chanted slogans (with the help of a bullhorn), and welcomed the support they received from onlookers. At least one onlooker actually joined the march. At Headhouse Square, the marchers doubled-back to the more crowded intersection of 3rd and South St. for a rally. There, several people gave brief speeches with the bullhorn, encouraging marijuana law reform. About ten students from Drexel joined the rally, apologizing for being late. I encouraged them to start a NORML chapter at their college, and I told them about some of the other successful NORML chapters at college campuses across the country."

Chuck Thomas organized the event, despite having health problems. Diane Fornbacher brought extra signs, the bullhorn, and a wealth of positive energy. It was a beautiful day in Philadelphia and a successful march and little disappointed in the turnout. One of the participants tried to put it into perspective ...

"This is world-wide. It's not going away, it's just getting bigger. Someday we'll be able to tell our grandkids that we were one of only thirteen marchers in Philadelphia, back when marijuana was still illegal."

More than 5,000 attended the annual picnic in **Tel Aviv** for the liberation of cannabis and cannabis smokers. The Picnic was sponsored by The 'Green Leaf Party' and the Israeli Chapter of 'Legalize' and produced by E. Vered. It is the 6th year that the picnic is organized and the police did not interfere with the celebration. DJ's from all over the country gave their time and booths on medical cannabis, drug policy and harm reduction were set up to distribute leaflets.

"We thank again the organizers from Cures no Wars for the inspiration for the wonderful event that is scheduled in the Israeli national Calendar few days after the Holocaust memorial day and few days before Israel's 55th independence Day" reported B. Wachtel of the Green Leaf Party, Israel.

"Open the Can," says SoDakNORML. SoDakNORML is the **South Dakota** affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). Bob Newland, president of SoDakNORML, announced plans today for **Rapid City's** segment of the international event known as the "Million Marijuana March", on May 3.

Newland drew fire in 2002 for arranging for the march to begin at Dakota Middle School at 6th and Columbus Streets. School officials and others tried to criticize Newland's choice of school property for the gathering point. But it was just a convenient and logical point from which to stage the parade (which took place on a Saturday, when there was no school), and that no inference should have been drawn from

the fact that it was a school. The 2002 march drew about 400 participants.

Nonetheless, Newland has arranged for the marchers to gather in the Pennington County Court House for the march this year, which takes place on, May 3.

"Our slogan, 'Open the Can', refers to the jail cells which incarcerate people for the crime of trying to feel better," Newland said. "So it makes sense to meet at the court house from within which so much injustice is meted out."

According to Newland there is no logical basis on which to punish people for possession or sale of cannabis.

"It's like drinking coffee or alcohol, or smoking cigarettes, or popping an aspirin," he said. "Except that those products all kill people, while cannabis, or 'marijuana', as the government likes to call it, has never caused a death by ingestion. Matter of fact, one would be hard-pressed to document any ill effect from ingestion of marijuana, aside from short-lived effects such as difficulty concentrating. Such effects wear off in a few minutes, and are usually unnoticeable to casual observers. We don't think that the attempt to achieve a condition in which it's difficult to concentrate for a few minutes is worthy of losing one's job, car, house, children, savings, and freedom."

Loss of employment is a common social sanction for a cannabis conviction (or, often, just a cannabis use accusation). Asset forfeiture, imprisonment, and "protective" taking of children by the Dept. of Social Services are common legal punishments for cannabis possession (or, again, even the accusation of use).

According to U.S. Government figures, over 5 million cannabis-based arrests have occurred since 1992 – 90 per cent of them for simple possession. Since the federal Marijuana Tax Act was passed in 1938, some 7 million people have served over 18 million years in prisons for cannabis "crimes".

"Every arrest, every hour in jail, every asset forfeiture results in a ripple effect throughout society. Innocent people are terrorized and killed, put on social welfare rolls, and induced to cynicism about the government which creates such havoc merely to prevent people from trying to feel better.," Newland said.

Newland said that marchers should gather in the Pennington Court House parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on May 3.

"We'll go over some rules about being safe and courteous during our parade, then, at 4:20 p.m., we'll take a turn around the block (which contains both the court house and the Pennington County jail) on the sidewalk, then we'll march through downtown Rapid City to Memorial Park, near the Civic Center." At Memorial Park, Newland said

plans include an open musical jam and some speeches about public policy concerning cannabis." For more information contact Bob Newland at:

<http://www.SoDakNORML.org> -or- 605-255-4032

**To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men.** -- *Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

You may say "If only we had one in the 10,000 of all those at home hiding in their closets today!"

But I say No Way!

If we are marked to get hassled, arrested or even die we may be a loss to our family but if to live, the fewer here with us, the greater share of honor. I wouldn't wish for one person more to be here with us that doesn't want to be.

In fact, proclaim that any who have no stomach for this fight must depart. Give them a passport and funds for the journey to their home. I wouldn't suffer in the company of those who are afraid to March with us.

This is Our Day, and those who outlive this day and get safely home will stand proud when this time is named and become roused when this day is named. Those who survive this day and see old age will stand proudly each year, wait and work on the vigil for the March with their neighbors saying; "Tomorrow is the Day!" They will roll back their sleeves, bare their tattoos, show their scars, and say, "These wounds I received on the March to Global Cannabis Liberation".

Old people sometimes forget. But if all else is forgotten they'll remember, with advantage, what feats they did on this Day. Then will all of our names, familiar as household words, be freshly remembered. This story will be relayed to the gathered circle and the next and the HempFest will not go by from now until the ending of the world that we will not be remembered.

We few. We happy few. We band of Sisters and Brothers.

For those who sacrifice and risk with us today shall always be of our band. Though time may gentle the harsh and strengthen the weak, those now safe at home will think themselves small and fearful they were not here with us.

All will fall silent before any who speak, who were of those who Marched with us on this Way to the HempFest.

Prepare thyself! The Drug Warriors are on the offensive and will, with our tax dollars, attack us and try to steal back what's been gained, so dearly earned by martyrs. Yet, all things are ready, if our minds and hearts be so. Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more!

*Paraphrased from Shakespeare's "HENRY 5<sup>th</sup>"*



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**What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.** -- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Make the most of the Indian Hemp Seed and sow it everywhere.** -- *George Washington*

**The greatest service that can be rendered to any country is to add a useful plant to its culture.** -- *Thomas Jefferson*

And here we come to the vital distinction between the advocacy of temperance and the advocacy of prohibition. Temperance and self-control are convertible terms. Prohibition, or that which it implies, is the direct negation of the term self-control. In order to save the small percentage of men who are too weak to resist their animal desires, it aims to put chains on every man, the weak and the strong alike. And if this is proper in one respect, why not in all respects? Yet, what would one think of a proposition to keep all men locked up because a certain number have a propensity to steal? -- *Felix Mendelsohn, 1915*

**I'd rather that England should be free than that England should be compulsorily sober. With freedom we might in the end attain sobriety, but in the other alternative we should eventually lose both freedom and sobriety.** -- *W.C. Magee, Archbishop of York, "Sermon at Peterborough," 1868*

**Mistrust those in whom the urge to punish is strong.** -- *Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900)*

**[In] my era everybody smoked and everybody drank and there was no drug use.** -- *former DEA Chief Thomas Constantine, July 1, 1998*

**I have never seen a situation so dismal that a policeman couldn't make it worse.** -- *Brendan Behan (1923-1964)*

**Power is sweet; it is a drug, the desire for which increases with a habit.** -- *Bertrand Russell, in The Saturday Review, 1951*

**Narcotics police are an enormous, corrupt international bureaucracy ... and now fund a coterie of researchers who provide them with 'scientific support' ... fanatics who distort the legitimate research of others. ... The anti-marijuana campaign is a cancerous tissue of lies, undermining law enforcement, aggravating the drug problem, depriving the sick of needed help, and suckering well-intentioned conservatives and countless frightened parents.** -- *William F. Buckley, Commentary in The National Review, April 29, 1983, p. 495*

**A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep.** -- *Saul Bellow*

The only freedom which counts is the freedom to do what some other people think to be wrong. There is no point in demanding freedom to do that which all will applaud. All the so-called liberties or rights are things which have to be asserted against others who claim that if such things are to be allowed their own rights are infringed or their own liberties threatened. This is always true, even when we speak of the freedom to worship, of the right of free speech or association, or of public assembly. If we are to allow freedoms at all there will constantly be complaints that either the liberty itself or the way in which it is exercised is being abused, and, if it is a genuine freedom, these complaints will often be justified. There is no way of having a free society in which there is not abuse. Abuse is the very hallmark of liberty. -- *Lord Hailsham, former Chief Justice, "The Dilemma of Democracy"*

The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail; its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it; the storm may enter; the rain may enter; but the King of England cannot enter - all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement! - *William Pitt, the Earl of Chatham, during a 1763 debate in Parliament*

The prestige of government has undoubtedly been lowered considerably by the prohibition law. For nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely connected with this. -- *Albert Einstein, "My First Impression of the USA," 1921*

**The passing of an unjust law is the suicide of authority.** -- *Pastoral Letter of the American Roman Catholic Hierarchy, February 1920*

Each time a (person) stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others... he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current that sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance. -- *Robert F. Kennedy*

**When even one American - who has done nothing wrong - is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril.** - *Harry S. Truman*

Those, who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. -- *Ben Franklin*

**The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.** -- *Edmund Burke*