



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED!

Voice of the Arkansas Teapot Party

The Arkansas Teapot Party is an unincorporated volunteer citizen task force which works collaboratively with the national Willie Nelson Teapot Party and others to end the unconstitutional prohibition of cannabis-hemp and terminate the War on Drugs. Find us on facebook, phone Richard Morton, 870-405-5512, email gozarks@gmail.com or visit www.gocannabis.wordpress.com

WORLD LEADERS EULOGIZE: WAR ON DRUGS IS DEAD

When President Richard Nixon declared a "war on drugs" in 1971, the stated objective was to make society a better, safer and healthier place for all to enjoy the blessings of liberty. The ensuing 40 years have, according to the 19-member Global Commission on Drug Policy, told an entirely different tale of "devastating consequences for individuals and societies around the world."

Signed by a remarkable list of dignitaries, including many former and sitting heads of state, a couple of Nobel laureates, two former Secretaries General to the United Nations, a former Canadian Supreme Court Justice, Ronald Reagan's Secretary of State and Bill Clinton's U.S. Surgeon General, the Commission's 24-page report was delivered to the UN's presiding Secretary General early in June and has garnered enthusiastic support from a growing list of shakers-and-movers world wide.

"The global war on drugs has failed [and] is now causing more harm than drug abuse itself," the Commission declares. "This [blackmarket] industry has empowered organized criminals, corrupted governments at all levels, eroded internal security, stimulated violence, and distorted both economic markets and moral values [resulting in] decades of failed and futile drug war policies. Act urgently: the war on drugs has failed, and policies need to change now."

Commissioners call on global political leaders, international public figures and – most importantly – all citizens to examine the scientific evidence which "overwhelmingly demonstrates that repressive strategies will not solve the drug problem, and that the war on drugs has not, and cannot, be won."

The appeal for "open and honest dialogue regarding the failure of global drug policies" condemns the tactics of fear, prejudice, and punitive prohibitions, while recommending that global drug policy "yield to common sense, science, public health, and human rights."

Learn more at www.GlobalCommissionOnDrugs.org ~~~

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Call Off Global Drug War

By JIMMY CARTER, 39th President of the U.S.A.,
founder of the Carter Center and the winner of the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

In an extraordinary new initiative announced earlier this month, the Global Commission on Drug Policy has made some courageous and profoundly important recommendations in a report on how to bring more effective control over the illicit drug trade.

The report describes the total failure of the present global anti-drug effort, and in particular America's "war on drugs," which was declared 40 years ago. It notes that the global consumption of illicit drugs substantively increased from 1998 to 2008. Primary recommendations are to substitute treatment for imprisonment for people who are addicted to drugs but do no harm to others, and to concentrate more coordinated international efforts on combating violent criminal organizations rather than nonviolent drug-users.

The commission's facts and arguments are persuasive. It recommends that governments experiment "with models of legal regulation of drugs designed to undermine the power of organized crime and safeguard the health and security of their citizens."

The number of people incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses has increased more than twelvefold since 1980. Some 7.2 million people are now either in prison or on probation or parole — more than 3 percent of all American adults!

Not only has this excessive punishment destroyed the lives of millions of young people and their families (disproportionately minorities), but it is wreaking havoc on state and local budgets. Our government should support and enact the reforms laid out by the Global Commission on Drug Policy. ~ ~ ~

MARIJUANA LAW REFORM IN ARKANSAS

Several groups are aggressively working for the reform of marijuana (cannabis-hemp) laws here in Arkansas and the national repeal of cannabis-hemp prohibition:

◇ **Arkansans for Medical Cannabis (A4MC)** kicked-off its 'citizen activism' campaign in January of 2010, which culminated with the Medicinal Cannabis Educational Roundhouse held in the State Capitol Rotunda in January of 2011. Aiming for the Arkansas General Assembly to enact medical marijuana legislation, legislators miserably failed to take this bull by the horns and A4MC spokesperson Robert Reed has twice since then submitted A4MC's proposed med-cannabis legislation to the Arkansas Attorney General for certification as a ballot title and petition initiative. The first submission was rejected. The proposal was refined, resubmitted for a second time in May, and subsequently rejected again. This does not, however, preclude A4MC from making further revisions and re-filing. www.arkansansformedicalcannabis.info

◇ **Arkansans for Compassionate Care (ACC)** sprang to life in December of 2010. Forwarded by Ryan Denham, affiliated with several Fayetteville-based pro-pot organizations and supported by the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), their initiative, titled the "The Arkansas Medical Marijuana Act," has also gone before the Arkansas AG twice and gained certification on its second submission. Petitions are now being circulated to get the measure on the 2012 ballot. www.arcompassion.org

◇ **The Arkansas Cannabis-Hemp Study Advocates (ACHSA)**, a somewhat ad hoc group composed of independent activists who drafted "The Arkansas Cannabis and Hemp Study Act" about a decade ago, have also submitted their proposal to the AG's office and been rejected. As with A4MC, however, they may choose to refile. This initiative is being forwarded by Will Taylor and Rex Petty as a tribute to Charlie and Randy Smith, long-time cannabis activists, now deceased, who were instrumental in the conceptualization and initial writing of this proposed legislation. www.chsa.jigsy.com

◇ **Arkansas NORML**, longstanding affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, under the tenured leadership of president Glen Schwarz, has also entered the fray anew with a decision in May to forward a statewide decriminalization initiative. In addition, Arkansas NORML is coordinating petition-drive efforts in the metropolitan Little Rock region to get the ACC initiative on the 2012 ballot. www.arnorml.org

◇ **The Arkansas affiliate of the national Willie Nelson Teapot Party** (which boasts over 70,000 members on facebook) formed last November as part of the nationwide surge of support for the esteemed musician subsequent to his arrest for possession of pot in Texas. The spokesperson in Arkansas is Richard Morton and the group meets monthly in Mountain Home. Their focal point is raising public awareness on cannabis-hemp issues to end prohibition. www.gocannabis.wordpress.com

Also, each of these groups except the Study Act Advocates have pages on facebook.

For any of the aforementioned initiatives, once certified, to appear on the November 2012 ballot, each will have to garner approximately 65,000 valid signatures of registered Arkansas voters before July of 2012. ~~~



Claims to have created everything, including all illegal plants. We have evidence in writing, "I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of earth", Genesis, the Bible

Also wanted as a person of interest and co-conspirator
Jesus Christ

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