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Heroin! From Where?

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Every few months, the nixon administration announces a new “drug-control” program. They act surprised and shocked at heroin’s destructive powers. We, who are forced to live in communities that have been flooded with heroin for years, are not so shocked. In December, 1969, nixon called drug addiction a “national problem.” In July, 1970, it became a “national threat.” And in May 1971, nixon cried that it had become a “national emergency.”

In our communities, we all know that dope has been killing us for years. But for the politicians, it didn’t become an “emergency” until heroin spilled out of our ghettos into white communities and into the amerikkkan army.

Nixon is a liar, and he’s surrounded by other liars and hypocrites. Since 1969, the white house has known about the increase of drug addiction in the army. They have received many reports about this, but instead of being honest and presenting this problem to the people they are supposed to represent, they covered it up. We should examine some of

the facts that have been made available to the politicians and ask ourselves why they are being covered up.

Heroin comes from opium. Opium is grown from poppies, a flower. 80% of the world's opium comes from Southeast Asia, according to the United Nations Commission on Drugs and Narcotics. It does not come from the Middle East as the Nixon administration claims.

The main production area for opium is the area of northwestern Burma, northern Thailand, and Laos. These areas are controlled by Nationalist China (Taiwan) and by the U.S. supplied and equipped troops of Laos.

The main growers of the opium poppy are the Meo hill tribespeople. It is the only crop the Meos sell. They sell opium for \$50 a kilo. The same kilo will sell for \$200 in Saigon and \$2000 in San Francisco. But the Meos don't only grow opium. In the late 1950's they were selected by the CIA (American Central Intelligence Agency) to be trained against the Pathet Lao guerrillas in Laos. As part of the deal, the CIA is now making arrangements and providing protection for planes flying opium out of the area where the Meos live.

Another factor in the opium trade is the Kuomintang (Nationalist Chinese) 93rd Division which controls a major part of the opium flowing out of Burma and Thailand.

In 1949, the Kuomintang were being defeated by the Chinese Communist Party and the majority of them fled to the island of Taiwan. Some of the Kuomintang also escaped to Burma where they now survive by buying opium from the Mao tribespeople in Laos and then reselling it at higher prices. They are also paid by Nationalist China (Taiwan) and the U.S. to do spying missions into the People's Republic of China.

For some time, opium had been transported in planes owned by Corsican Mafia. But as the civil war in Laos intensified, it became impossible for the Mafia to operate and the Meos had no way to transport their opium.

This transportation gap was filled by the Royal Lao Air Force which began to use helicopters and planes that the U.S. had given them to fight the Pathet Lao—they are using them not only to try to crush the people's movement in Laos but also to fly opium out of the Laotian hills to Saigon.

The route from Laos to Saigon is one of the well-established and often used trails of heroin-opium trade. A big part of the opium and heroin remains in Saigon where it is sold directly to U.S. troops or distributed to U.S. bases throughout the Vietnamese countryside.

This drug traffic operates with the knowledge and participation of the U.S. supported Saigon government. Investigations by Senator Ernest Gruening in 1968 revealed that Marshall Nguyen Cao Ky used to fly missions for the CIA into North Vietnam. He was fired, Gruening said, because he was caught smuggling opium from Laos back into Saigon.

The opium trade in Southeast Asia brings in a lot of money—from \$250 to \$500 million a year. Much of this blood money is used to support the rotten, crumbling governments that the U.S. is backing—South Vietnam, Laos, and Nationalist China.

And Nixon talks about “stamping out the traffic in illegal drugs.” He makes believe that it is beyond his control to stop heroin from slipping into La Perla, El Barrio, and all our other communities. But he knows where it's coming from. It's coming from his allies and puppets.

We say that if we want to stop the flow of drugs that is killing our people, we have to go to the source, to the root of the problem. Smash the corrupt puppet governments of

South Vietnam, Laos, and Nationalist China (Taiwan). And smash the puppet-master too—the lying united states of amerikkka.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!
QUE VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE!

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