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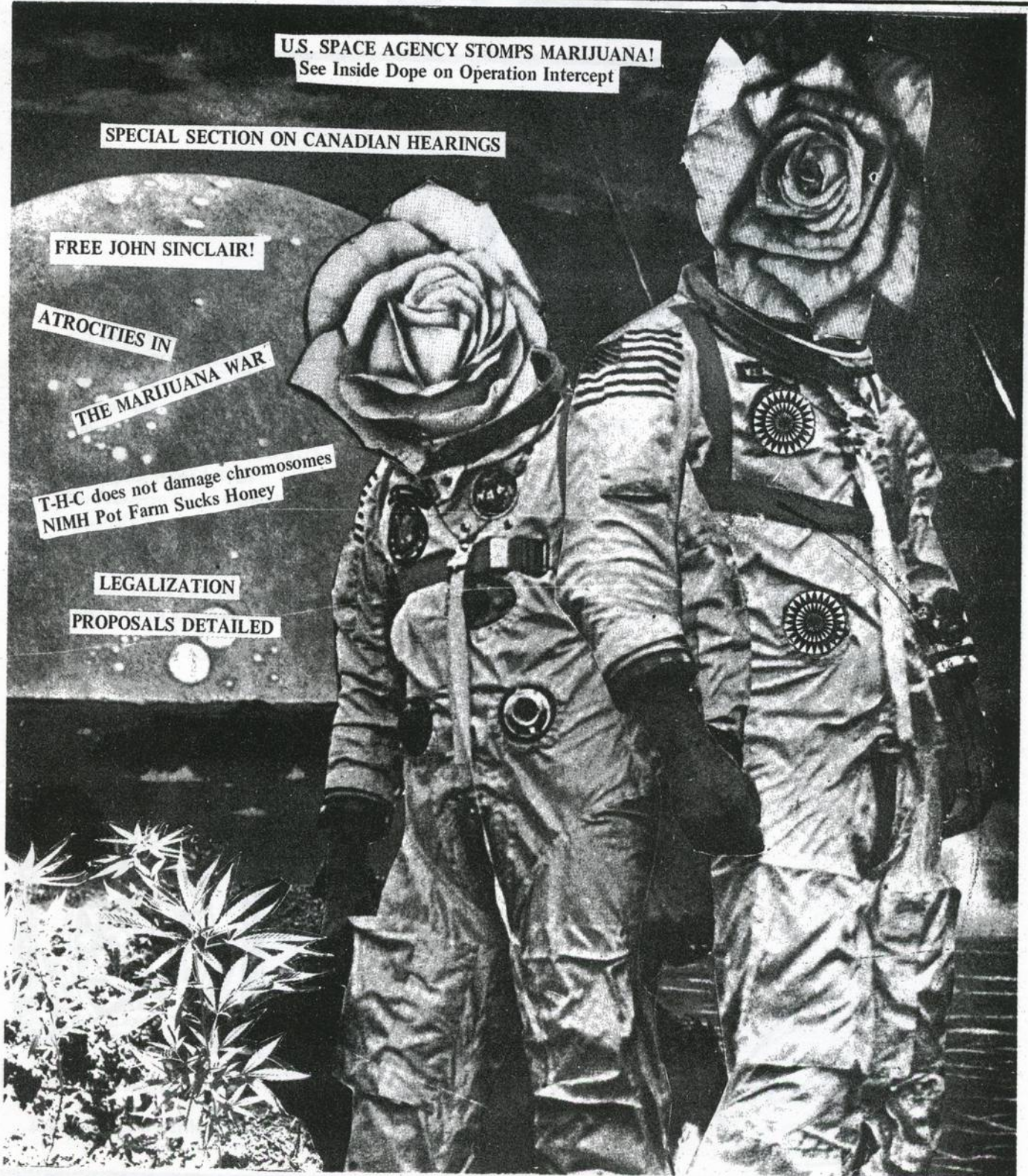
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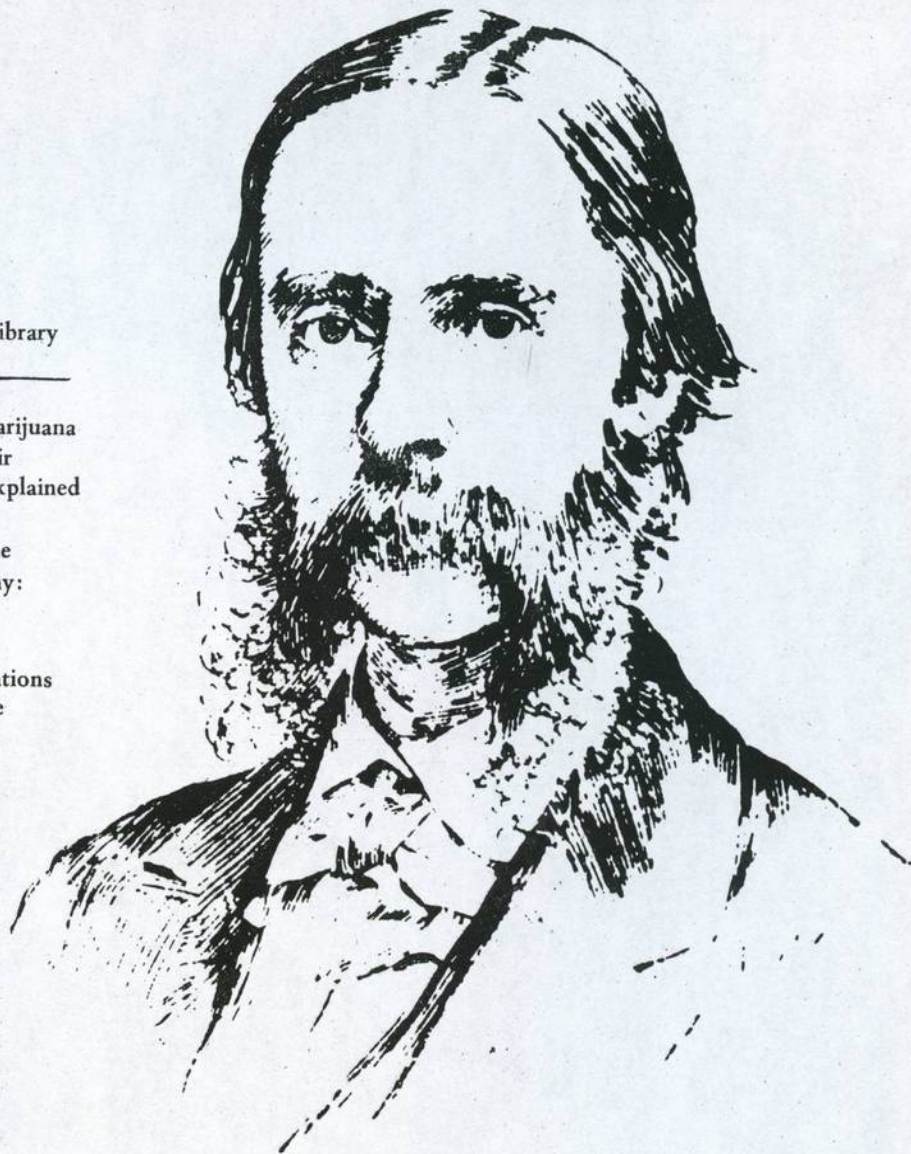
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EDITORIAL:

John Sinclair is one of the most incredible energy-sources in the world. In a way, he is one of the reasons LEMAR INTERNATIONAL exists. When I returned to the U.S. in 1966 after a turned-on year in India, I wrote to the Detroit Artists' Workshop for a copy of Olson's *The Human Universe*. Back came a note from John explaining that the Olson book would be published by Grove, so he was sending me a stack of Workshop publications. The giant pile of poetry books, magazines, posters, and LEMAR literature was so interesting that I remember letting my dinner burn up on the stove while looking through the literature.

I decided that a college chapter of LEMAR was necessary, and spent New Year's night 1967 rapping with Ed Sanders and Allen Ginsberg about setting one up. Then in January 1967 the Detroit Workshop was busted for pot— 56 people were hauled in. That was the real impetus behind SUNY-Buffalo LEMAR, which began in March. Later, as the case developed in Michigan, all but 14 of the 56 had charges dropped: and all of the 14 except John Sinclair and his wife Leni (Magdalene) pleaded guilty to reduced charges. Leni's case was finally dropped for illegally obtained evidence: that left Brother John to carry the burden.

His case was an obvious entrapment. Months before the bust, secret narko-spy Vaughn "Louie" Kapegian had moved into the Workshop commune, bearded, with another pig-girl posing as his wife. Kapegian constantly insisted that John get him some dope. John was suspicious, but finally relented to the cop's demands and gave him two joints.

Sensing that his bust was an opportunity to challenge the Michigan pot laws, John spent 2 years and a lot of bread producing a sound legal defense supported by various drug experts across the country. Meanwhile, in the summer of 1968, SUNY LEMAR became LEMAR INTERNATIONAL and this magazine began publishing. Every time I felt a need to be re-energized, I'd write or visit Sinclair, who meanwhile moved the Trans-Love Commune to Ann Arbor.

The Artist's Workshop became Trans-Love and Trans-Love then started the White Panthers. John's fiery energy linked in with that of the MC-5 and 2 other bands, a Trans-Love light show, giant poster and art productions, WORK poetry magazine, a dozen other projects of the cultural revolution.

On July 28, John Sinclair was sentenced to 9½ - 10 years in prison for "possession" of those two joints he'd given away. 10 years! One ought to be given awards for turning on a cop. Instead, John may be forced to tithe one-seventh of his allotted time on this planet for pot.

Though he is appealing, John was denied appeal bond and has been transferred from Jackson State Pen to Marquette, a maximum security prison in Michigan's desolate upper peninsula. This makes it very difficult for his lawyers and friends to visit him: John has been physically isolated from the universe he so energetically helped to create. But not mentally isolated— his SUN DANCE NATION letters continue to pour out of that dreary jail, a shot of light from the darkness.

FREE JOHN SINCLAIR !

—M.R.A.

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10 YEARS FOR 2 JOINTS

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How can you help free Brother John?

FIGHT FOR LEGALIZED MARIJUANA!

One of the most important points in all plans to legalize grass is that all pot prisoners be released. LEMAR has also suggested that the first tax revenues from legal marijuana— if pot is taxed, as the alcohol freaks will demand— be given to released prisoners as partial reparation for their unjust suffering.

HELP JOHN'S DEFENSE FUND!

The Sinclair appeal is the most important pot case in Amerika right now. It will challenge the cruel and unnecessary penalties for marijuana crimes as well as the very existence of the stupid pot prohibition laws. If one state decides their dope laws are unconstitutional, other states will quickly follow suit.

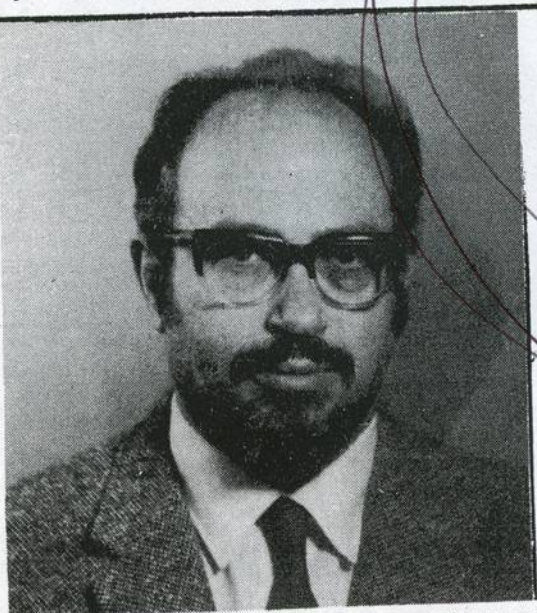
Funds are desperately needed to win this battle in state and Federal courts, thereby freeing John Sinclair and thousands of other pot victims of political and cultural repression. SEND ALL THE MONEY YOU CAN, to Trans-Love, 1520 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

JOHN SINCLAIR DAY, simultaneous defense rallies all across the country January 24th! For information contact John Giorno, 222 The Bowery, New York City!

dramatizing the dangers and unfairly ignoring the benefits of this miraculous drug. The double bind created by propagation and seduction on the one hand, and threats on the other, created a situation in which the young and creative minds were seeking experimentation. In spite of, or because of, the hysterical propaganda, more and more scientists, scholars, philosophers, and deeply religious, highly ethical and moral individuals started to discover the truth about themselves and the world around them, under the influence of psychedelic agents. But use of LSD was complicated by its unpredictability, lack of guides, lack of properly trained medical personnel, and of course because of its unique controversial and legal implications. So, people started to look for other psychedelics and discovered marihuana.

### PIPE DREAMS

It was noted that under the influence of marihuana one is able to dream while fully conscious, i.e. without distortion and symbol formation by our conscious censor. In other words, we are able to witness the primary process with all its purity and greatness. By means of a psychedelic agent the sediment accumulated in our brain through years of repressions, projections, reaction formations, etc., was washed away forever and one is able to see what one really is. This is the only psychotropic agent which pro-



*"I found marihuana to be an excellent agent facilitating the psychedelic and transcendental experience as a facilitator of a psychotherapeutic process: not a panacea but a helpful tool under proper circumstances."*

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duces such fantastic and profound effects. When one stops to think about it one sees the tremendous potentialities and fantastic future of this discovery. The use of psychedelic agents, which is spreading all over the world, will change profoundly all our value systems, not only in the arts (as is already happening in the musical and visual arts), but also in creating a new generation of people extremely different from all former ones, which cannot communicate with older generations because their level of functioning is different from that of the new generation. With the increased use of marihuana the knowledge of its effects on our mind and body will in the near future become indispensable.

I always wondered about the relationship between the preferred intoxicant and the socio-economic cultural structure, and the influence of the preferred intoxicant on the way of life of the individual and vice versa. I never saw a pothead who became an alcoholic; *to the contrary, I saw many alcoholics who gave up intensive drinking after they started to turn on with grass.* Considering the relative safety of marihuana as compared with that of alcohol and nicotine, one can readily see that from a purely medical point of view, that of preventive medicine, the switching of some people from alcohol to cannabis might be life-saving. But the problem is much more involved; it brings in deep-rooted prejudices as well as medical and legal problems. *The marihuana problem is a cultural civil war in which the traditional moral, ethical, and religious, conservative, conforming way of thinking clashes with the new, dynamic, global, expanded, planetary awareness. This is very unfortunate, because it prevents many people from profiting from the medicinal properties of this unique plant.*

Cannabis sativa is truly unique. Its unique effect on humans is reflected mainly in its ability to produce tranquility and relief from pain, be it psychological or physical, without depression, while keeping the subject awake and consciously more aware. There is also the euphoriant component, which, together with the mind-expanding properties of cannabis, creates a most unique and mainly pleasant combination.

### PSYCHO-ADJUVANT

My main interest in Cannabis is as a psychoadjuvant or adjunct to psychotherapy, mainly the psychoanalytically-oriented psychotherapy which explores and delves into sub-conscious material usually not accessible to our waking, so-called "normal" awareness. The so-called "reality" in which most people usually function is only one of several levels potentially accessible to us. Another level is that of dreaming during so-called "sleep." Interpretation of the dream material is sometimes possible through hypnosis, narcoanalysis, or through different methods of sensory deprivation— and of course through the most spectacular way, through the proper use of some naturally occurring or synthetic compounds with psychedelic properties.

Marihuana belongs to that group of drugs which are

## STREET THC: A SHUCK, A BURN, A DOWN

—Editorial

As far as LEMAR INTERNATIONAL has been able to discover, "THC" as peddled on the streets is the biggest shuck since bananas.

It is highly unlikely that anything you buy illegally as "THC" is actually tetrahydrocannabinol. If you dig dog tranquilizers, fine, that's your trip, but don't fool yourself into thinking that it's THC.

Alexander Shulgin, Ph.D., who developed STP (DOM) and knows more than most about the chemical activity of drugs in the brain, has reviewed new syntheses of THC in the current Journal of Psychedelic Drugs from Haight-Ashbury's free clinic, and has noted that

"There has recently been much discussion of a "synthetic THC" that is widely available in our drug subculture. It is certainly possible that this material may be an extract from plant sources, or a synthetic material similar to THC but employing a route of preparation yet unreported in the scientific literature... However, in light of the inherent expense involved in the synthesis of any single active material, it seems far more reasonable to assume that this "synthetic THC" is a material dissimilar to any cannabis component... The samples that have come to my attention have been salts of nitrogen-containing compounds similar to, but not identical with, benactyzine."

Benactyzine is classified pharmacologically as a "minor tranquilizer," with few uses for humans but nice if your puppy is fidgety. For this you want to pay \$2.50 a cap? You're asking to get burned. You don't know what you're putting in your head—and remember, you are what's eating you, too.

Real THC is a trip, not a down, and making it is difficult and dangerous. The Neo-American Church handbook of Sacramental Preparations says "Blue Cross major medical is advised as a preliminary step" in synthesizing olivetol, one of the things you need to make THC.

The basic reason you're not getting real THC is simply that so far, the yields of all known syntheses are far too low to make the product marketable for less than \$15 a cap—whereas high-yield fakes are easy to produce. Even the government has been forced to give Arthur D. Little Co. several thousand dollars to produce the tiny amounts of THC needed for research!

A hint: real THC, a little dab of yellow liquid, must be refrigerated. Another hint: real THC can be smoked, but most the fakes cannot—that's why you get the fakes in caps and tabs. Try dissolving whatever you have in olive oil and putting it on parsley flakes. Toke it down. Get you high? Like mellow yellow? You sucker. Go cop a lid of grass and maybe get stoned for a change.

(Footnote: if you think you have real THC, send a sample to a chemist for analysis—don't send it to us, our mail is watched. If you think you have a high-yield, low-cost synthesis for THC, send that to us—the process, not the product.)

—MRA

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