

Australia Dossier by Allen Douglas

Premier crusades for heroin

While claiming to be “repelled by heroin,” New South Wales Premier Bob Carr is leading the charge to legalize it.

At the close of the week-long state of New South Wales Drug Summit on May 21, the delegates, which included 135 state members of parliament and 89 community organizations, voted to drastically weaken the state's drug laws. They recommended that self-injecting heroin be legalized, that marijuana be decriminalized, and that heroin-injection rooms be set up.

Although N.S.W. Premier Bob Carr had pronounced himself firmly against such ideas, he and his senior government ministers in fact *orchestrated the entire affair*, including its recommendations—the most radical steps toward full-scale legalization of drugs yet taken in Australia. Carr's hypocrisy did not go unnoticed. Said summit participant Maj. Brian Watters, the chairman of the Prime Minister's National Drug Policy Committee, “I'm quite sure that what happened . . . was the result . . . of a carefully orchestrated campaign over a number of weeks.”

Liberal Party Member of Parliament Peter Debnam charged that the summit's “working groups,” which drafted the resolutions, were run by the pro-dope lobby: “It was clear to me that the proposed resolutions of the working group were established from the beginning and nothing was going to substantially change them.” Liberal MP Chris Hatcher charged that Carr had rigged everything: “And that's what this whole summit had been about—all carefully orchestrated by this government, all with the expert panel, so called; the experts all selected by the government, the agenda prepared by the [N.S.W.] public service.”

Indeed, Carr's key ministers and law enforcement chiefs have all championed drug law “reform” and legalized heroin-injection rooms. These include: Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Cowdery; Attorney General Jeff Shaw; N.S.W. Justice James Wood, who led a three-year, \$40 million Royal Commission attack on N.S.W.'s police force, and whose commission recommended legal injecting rooms; and N.S.W. police chief Peter Ryan, who dismantled the state's highly effective anti-drug squad in the wake of Wood's investigation. The summit and its recommendations were orchestrated from off-stage by Carr's Special Minister of State, John Della Bosca.

Though a determined minority at the summit fought the pro-dopers, the most effective opposition came from Lyndon LaRouche's associates in the Citizens Electoral Council, who led a spirited demonstration against the rigged summit on its opening day, and who circulated their *New Citizen* newspaper, featuring an exposé of the banks and private family funds crusading for legal dope. In its introduction to a full-page flow chart, “Australia's Pro-Dope Mafia,” which named the names of the banks and individuals “above suspicion,” the *New Citizen* charged: “Behind all the recent hysterical media coverage of the ‘heroin crisis,’ lies one simple fact: The powers-that-be in this country are on a mad drive to legalize heroin and other deadly drugs, *in order to drastically expand drug consumption.*” Their purpose, the paper said, is to increase the billions of dollars flowing through their bankrupt financial institutions.

The fanatical pro-legalization push is not unique to Australia, but is part of a Commonwealth-wide drive, in which Her Majesty's Canadian government plays a leading role, through its sponsorship of the Canadian Foundation for Latin America, which is pushing legalization in Ibero-America, a leading drug-producing region. No wonder, then, that many Crown servants are prominent in the Australian legalization push, including Her Majesty's senior Privy Councillor in Australia, Ian Sinclair, who chaired the summit, and N.S.W. police chief Peter Ryan, a British cop who carried out investigations for the royal family before being sent to N.S.W. several years ago. Furthermore, all the key Australian legalizers are closely associated with Her Majesty's investment adviser, George Soros, the “Daddy Warbucks” of the worldwide legalization drive.

The press barons of Her Majesty's British-American-Commonwealth media cartel, Kerry Packer and Rupert Murdoch, relentlessly campaigned for drug legalization over the past several months, either directly, in the case of Packer, or by creating hysteria, in the case of Murdoch. Premier Carr on May 22 praised Packer's the *Sun-Herald* for publishing a dramatic photograph of a young drug addict shooting up in a back lane, as the “spark which led directly to the summit,” and which demonstrated that it was “something that had to be done.”

Carr, whose sudden “change of heart” on dope surprised many, began his career as a scribe for Packer's pro-drug *Bulletin* magazine, where he was a member of Packer's inner circle. Packer was investigated as the “Mr. Big” of drugs in Australia in 1983 by the Costigan Royal Commission, which was shut down by Packer's friend, Labor Party Prime Minister Bob Hawke.