

We at the Edge get a lot of stuff that is strange and some that is wonderful. Here we present a few ideas that might be of interest to our readers, without comment.



Cascadia Secession Now!

What is Cascadia Secession? Cascadia Secession is the political action committee of Cascadia Steady State a group that is working to help create a shift in paradigm towards a sustainable Steady State society with an ecological world view.

Why Secession?

The first and most obvious reason for secession is that the increasing centralization of power and government in this country has alienated a majority of the people from participating in the political process. This centralization and ever growing complexity of government has also caused what we've all become familiar with as grid lock.

lock. Thus secession would create the decentralization necessary to bring government and power back to the people.

The second and most important reason for secession is that the ever increasing centralization, interdependency and unrelenting growth of the global economy is destroying all the last remnants of self-sufficiency in the world, and is killing the planet's ecosystems. Thus Secession and the formation of areas into Bioregions would be the first major step in creating the constructive environment necessary to start the process of healing the planet and ourselves.

Cascadia Steady State and Cascadia Secession needs your help! Only together can we build a future that will work.

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Cascadia Secession Advisory Act

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. This is an advisory act only.

Section 2. It is the desire of the people of the State of Oregon to sever any and all bonds of allegiance to the government of the United States of America and to be independent and sovereign and free to enter into alliance and commonwealth with other peoples and entities of the Cascadia Bioregion.

Section 3. Within 45 days of the passage of this act the Secretary of State will advise the President of the United States and the Secretary General of the United Nations that this desire for secession is the will of the people of the State of Oregon as expressed by Majority vote.

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American Anti-Prohibition League

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"ANTI-DRUG-CRIME PROPOSAL"

GREETINGS and Thank You for your interest in the American Anti-Prohibition League, a registered Political Committee. This League, recently re-established, evolved from the "Peoples Movement" that successfully Organized and Won Repeal of Alcohol Prohibition (1919-1933). As our predecessors were, we are confident that one day "Main-Stream" America will awake to the terrible consequences of our current Prohibition-like policies. We reject all forms of Authoritarianism and embrace Individual Freedom and Responsibility. The League is open to all who advocate for Peace and Justice. This Proposal challenges conventional thinking. It takes as its basic premise that [illegal] Drug Profit, NOT [illegal] Drug Use, is the primary source of what is often erroneously called "Drug Related" Crime.

There is a great need for education, prevention and treatment-on-demand for all drugs, regardless of their legal status. Yet, this "Drug War" has pushed deeply underground the people we claim to want to help; the hard-core addict.

The currently popular "Drug-Free Zones", tend more to displace problems than address them directly. "Buy & Bust" and other undercover operations net thousands of arrests on a daily basis, most of those arrested are out on the street within hours. This "Revolving Door" Criminal Justice System often allows dangerous and violent suspects to be released due to an overloaded "System". It's also a Racist system. Reports show those arrested and jailed are much more likely to be poor and minorities.

One of the main Public Health problems is the increase of HIV/AIDS among intravenous [illegal] drug users. If we really want to

stamp this insidious PANDEMIC, the IV [illegal] Drug User must be brought into contact with agencies that provide AIDS Prevention materials, opportunities for voluntary treatment, social services, etc. The hard-core addict must be brought aboveground, out of contact with criminal elements or incentives.

Prohibition-like policies have produced a massive black-market and underworld. The human suffering and cost of the accompanying crime, violence, corruption and disease negates the minimal deterrent of harsh penalties. The harm to society from [illegal] drug use per se is dwarfed by the crime and violence of dealers, gangs, indigent addicts and law enforcement.

Speaking of cops. Thousands of police officers are daily exposed to "combat duty" and the stress that results. It's no surprise that cops are five times more likely to commit suicide than civilians and more likely to have a drinking problem; 25 per cent of police vs. 10 per cent of the public.

Police work is dangerous. Even more so with this Drug Prohibition. This violent "war", our police have been ordered to prosecute, places officers and citizens in needless danger. And to what end? Riots in LA, while two of the world's richest men are running cocaine from their posh "cells" in a Colombian "prison". Police Unions should be up-in-arms over these disastrous policies that do so much harm to their members.

[illegal] drugs are Big Business, it's simple calculation: Risk Vs. Profit. The Higher the Risk, the higher the Profit. To Organized Crime, Gangs and Corrupt Officials this so-called "Drug War" is a boom!

Dangerous [illegal] drugs must be taken out of the hands of unscrupulous dealers and dealer-addicts who often target our youth. [illegal] Drug Profits must be taken away from Organized Crime, Gangs and Corrupt Officials.

"How?"

Well, this raises a complex set of issues, so the general plan seeks to establish a new Check and Balance. We call it:

"ANTI-DRUG-CRIME POLICY REVIEW PROGRAMS AND BOARDS."

On the formal levels - city, county or state - these Boards, will investigate and propose ways and means to reduce Drug-Profit-Related Crime. To recommend legislation and report regularly to the (Legislature, county commission, city council, etc.). To arrange testing of programs to reduce [illegal] Drug-Profit-Related Crime and Human Suffering related to [illegal] Drug Use or Abuse.

This MULTI-LEVEL PROPOSAL can take many forms, from the neighborhood level to the national. From city Resolutions or Ordinances to State-wide Initiatives and beyond. This Proposal can help bring about a new public awareness and raise the level of debate over this KEY to the "Drug Problem": [illegal] DRUG-PROFIT!

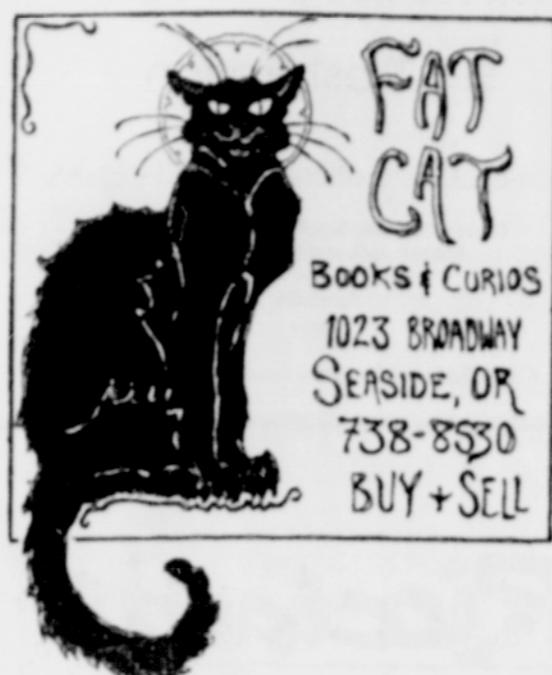
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MISSION STATEMENT

"To help hasten an end to one of the most Socially, Economically and Environmentally damaging wars ever fought - The War On Drugs!"

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