An Immoderate Proposal

A special commission to advise the President of the United States on the problem of organized crime has had a remarkable report on organized crime. What it amounts to is: Fight the drug traffickers by testing the population for drug use.

Now it is indisputable that the illegal drug trade is an organized crime. The commission is proposing that those who import or manufacture and distribute narcotics and other substances whose sale and use are either prohibited or controlled by law be seized.

Inadequate is the extent of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies' efforts to combat this activity. It's also true that government's present anti-drug laws are directed against those who sell and buy these substances rather than against those who buy and use them.

So, since government hasn't been able to stop the biggles in the business, the commission calls for a new law that would make employee drug-testing a condition for anyone doing business with the federal government. They recommend testing using the U.S. mail; it could be called a federal government and universal drug test.

This immoderate proposal by the presidential commission is really a confession that we cannot stop the criminal who profits from them. That being so, does anyone seriously think that they wouldn't put their illegal business in the wholesale testing of the public?

Americans in hopes of turning up some of their customers! Before we consider trying to enforce our drug laws by such futile and totalitarian means, we should reconsider the whole idea of the thing, who is actually helped and who is hindered by the laws against marijuana, cocaine, and heroin?

Everyone in the illegal drug trade are from Latin American and Mexican, and the majority of American taxpayers to the corner store, and profits huge because it is the anti-drugs that make it possible to get very big dollars for stuff that costs pennies to produce.

And of course, new laws are not keeping the customers from buying. Uncounted numbers of users are addicted, dependent, and too many cases willing to do whatever, or any illegal thing, to support their habit. It is the law enforcement that is the problem, not the drug user. The law enforcement is not effective in prohibiting people from drinking alcohol?

After and experience with that noble experiment, it was repealed. We do not equate the two drugs and alcohol because. We know that the abuse of alcohol wrecks the lives and the health of far too many of our citizens. We cannot know what effect legalization of narcotics would have on American society, for we are all aware that the drug traffic faces a serious crime crisis when a presidential commission recommends widespread random blood testing or urine testing to combat the illegal drug business.

The commission laid the groundwork for all of the organized criminal activity in the country. Perhaps it's time to weigh an alternative - allowing the police to choose to destroy themselves with drugs and having to offer to get them money with which to enrich the drug traffickers.

It wouldn't solve the drug abuse problem, but it would do away with it. It would kill the dirty business for organized crime.