FOOTNOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE OF ARTICLES THROUGHOUT THE TWO ISSUES OF DRUGS AND THE LAW—A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE FOR AUSTRALIA



Drugs and The Law

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FOOTNOTES:

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- Ibid. S.32(1), S.32(2)(a). 4
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- 6 Refer to interdepartmental working party report, the "Drug Problem in Victoria", tabled in the Victorian Parliament, 21st October, 1980.
- 7 Ibid.
- Senate Select Committee, *Drug Trafficking and Drug Abuse, Report*, A.G.P.S., Canberra, 1971 (the Marriott Committee). Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare, *Drug Problems in* 8.
- 9 Australia - An Intoxicated Society? A.G.P.S., Canberra, 1977 (the Baume Committee)
- New South Wales Joint Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry Report 10. into Drug Abuses Govt. Printer, Sydney, 1978.
- Royal Commission Into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs, South 11. Australia, Final Report Adelaide 1979 (the Sackville Commission). Report of the New South Wales Royal Commission Into Drug Traf-
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- 13 Statement in the House of Representatives, 5th October, 1978. The Australian Royal Commission of Inquiry Into Drugs Report 14.
- Govt. Printer, Canberra, 1980 (the Williams Commission) 15 Williams Commission, Book A, page A3.
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- Woodward Commission. 17.
- Sackville Commission. 18.
- Baume Committee. 19.
- 20. Sackville Commission, p.229.
- 21. Williams Commission, p.A357-359.
- 22. Commonwealth of Australia Constitution S.51.
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- See R. v. Burgess: ex parte Goya (1936) 55 CLR 608; R. v. Poole: ex parte Henry (1939) 61 CLR 634. 24.
- 25. See note 22, S.51(xxxvii).
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- S.235(3) but not for a second offence involving a traffickable 37. quantity (Customs Amendement Act 1979) Ss.229,230,239.
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- (1946) 62 TLR 462; (1946) 175 Lt 306. 41.
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- (1970) AC 132; (1969) 1 All ER 347. 43.
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- London, 1963, p.48. (1969) 2 AC 256. 46.
- 47. Ìbid. at 303.
- (1937) 59 CLR 179; (1938) ALR 37. (1941) 67 CLR 536; (1944) ALR 64. 48
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- 50. Ibid. at 540; at 65
- 51.
- (1875) LR 2CCR 154. (1889) 23 QBD 168; (1886-90) All ER Rep.26. 52.
- Ibid. at 181; at 34. 53.
- Mayer v. Marchant (1973) SASR 567. 54.
- Bush note 76; Rawcliffe note 81. 55.
- 56. S.233B.
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- (1966) SASR 250. (1980) 54 ALJR 202. 58.
- 59.
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- 62. (1978) Crim. LR 228.
- (1968) 2 ALL ER 49. 63.
- 64. See note 62.
- 65. (1979) Crim. LR 789.
- Model Penal Code S.2.01(4), American Law Institute. 66.
- Williams G. The Criminal Law: The General Part 2nd ed. 1961, 67 P.8. Smith & Hogan Criminal Law 3rd ed. 1973 p.40.
 (1810) Russ. & Ry. 184.
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- 69. İbid.
- 70. (1853) 1 El. & Bl. 435; 118 E.R. 499.
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- 75. (1961) 2 All ER 343; (1961) 45 Cr. App. Rep. 108 on the interpretation of S.1(1) of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953)
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- (1975) VR 61 79
- (1949) 78 CLR 521 but see Moors v. Burke (1919) 80. 26CLR 265 where the conviction was squashed because the goods were in a locker to which another had access; see also Button v. Cooper (1947) SASR 286.
- 81. (1977) 1 NSWLR 219.
- (1977) 15 ALR 365. 82.
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- 85. (1979) 2 NSWLR 117. (1979) 27 ALR 140. 86.
- 87. (1978) 33 FLR 223.
- (1979) 25 ACTR 21 88
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- 90. (1978) 22 ALR 195.
- Ìbid. at 209-212 91.
- See note 81; at 226. 92
- (1977) VR 479. 93.
- Ibid. at 488. 94.

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95. See note 83; at 230.

See note 96; at 88.

(1979) 21 SASR 591.

(1980) 24 SASR Sup.Ct. Cox J. (1977) 15 SASR 40.

107. (1978) 1 All ER 173; (1978) 1 WLR 37. 108. (1978) 2 Crim. LJ 174; (1978) Tas.SR 39.

96. (1974) VR 84.

102. (1979) 21 SASR.

109. (1968) 2 ALL ER 943.

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On duress see R. v. Harley and Murray (1967) VR 526 Palmer v. 97. R. (1971] AC 814.

Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act 1934-1978, S.5.

(1979) Crim. LR 183; (1978) 69 Cr.App.R. 203.

103. (1980) 23 SASR. S.5(4) "A person who knowingly has in his

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possession more than a prescribed quantity of a drug to which this

Act applies shall be deemed to have that drug in his possession

for the purpose of trading in the drug unless the contrary is prov-

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- 110. Ibid at 945.
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- (1975) 18 CCC (2d) 419 (BCSC) (1954) 109 CCC 57. (1959) 124 CCC 238 (BCCA) Ibid. at 239. Seel also *R. v. McBurney* (1974) 3 WWR 546, 15 114. CCC (2d) 361. (1976) 62 Cr. App. R. 169.
- 115.
- See note 105. 116.
- 117. Ibid at 43.
- (1973) Crim. LR 516. (1971) 2 SASR 49. 118.
- 119.
- 120. Ibid. at 54
- (1973) 14 CCC (2d) 433 (SCC) (1956) SASR 203. 121.
- 122.
- 123. Ibid. at 209.
- (1966) SASR 310. See also Borillo v. Bartlett (1966) SASR 286. R. v. Rodriguez (1975) 22 CCC (2d) 302 (BCCA(124.
- 125.
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- 127. Goode, op.cit., p.28.
- 128.
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- (1978) 24 ACTR 3. 130.
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- 132.
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- (1974) Crim. LR 243. (1955) 111 CCC 137. 134.
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- (1969) 2 All ER 1181. (1967) 117a (2d) 395. (1976) 2 NZLR 286. 136.
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- 139. Unreported; CA 7/76; 14 June 1976.
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- (1978) 2WLR 872. (1979) Crim. LR 462. (1978) ACLD 391; (1978) Tas.SR.39; (1978) 2 Crim. LJ 174. 142.



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FOOTNOTES:

- (1980 ALR 449. 1.
- 2 See, for example, the report of an interview with Mr. T.W. Smith Q.C. in "The Age", 23rd July, 1980. As might be expected, this is an unusually clear exposition of the High Court decision. See also the report of a speech given by Stephen J. at the University of Tasmania, calling for judicial press releases which would ex-plain decisions in "layman's language", "The Age". 3rd October, 1980.
- (1976) 2 W.L.R. 623. З.
- 4 See in particular the speech of Lord Russell in Majewski, ibid., 656; Leary (1977) 74 DLR (3d) 103. There is an excellent discussion of the issue in the judgement of Gray J. in the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal decision in O'Connor, 5 (Unreported, 30th April, 1979). Of the dissenters in the High Court, who would have upheld the distinction between crimes of specific intent and crimes of basic intent, Mason J. regarded rape as a crime of basic O'Connor (1980) 29 ALR 449, 469, 480. In the light of the majority decision the question of the correct classification of the offence has probably ceased to matter in Australia. Of the majority in that case, Stephen J., *ibid.*, 475 remarked that rape appeared not to be a crime of specific intent.
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- Ibid., 634, per Lord Elwyn-Jones L.C. See Gold, An Untrimmed "Beard": The Law of Intoxication as a Defence to a Criminal Charge (1976) 19 Criminal Law Quarterly 6. 34; Glanville Williams, Textbook of Criminal Law (1978), 428-430. For an example of ad hoc classification see *Orpin* (1980) 1 W.L.R. 1050.
- (1976) 2 W.L.R. 623, 651.
- 8. Williams, Intoxication and Specific Intent (1976) New Law Journal 658; and comments by Professor J.C. Smith in (1975) Criminal Law Review 570 and (1976) C riminal Law Review 374.
- Dashwood, Logic and the Lords in Majewski (1977) Criminal Law 9 Review 532, 591; Sellers, Mens Rea and the Judicial Approach

- 143. (1979) 53 ALJR 101; (1978-9) 22 ALR 195.
- Unreported; Tas. S.C., 28 April 1980. (1974) CR 184. 144.
- 145. 146. Ibid. at 188.
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- Ibid. at 188. (1973) 3 NSWDCR 127; (1973) 22 FLR 456. (1974) unreported; noted in (1974) Tas.SR 112 (NC3). (1976) Crim. LR 125. (1963) 2 CCC 279 (BCCA) (1973) 16 CCC (2d) 396 (Qu.C.A.) (1979) Cr.App.R. 371 (ČA); (1979) C rim. LR 664. (1976) Crim. LT 125 (QBD) (1975) Crim. LR 224. (1976) 1 All FR 337 148.
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- (1976) 1 All ER 337. 155.
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- (1976) 1 All En 337. (1977) 5 WWR 283. (1971) 463 SW (2d) 312. (1978) 2 NZLR 174 (CA, NZ) (1976) Crim. LR 518. 157. 158.
- 159.
- Unreported; 9 November 1978; No. 164 of 1978. 160.
- 20 September 1979; No. 52 of 1979. 161.
- 5 May 1980; No. 24 of 1980; Supreme Court of Tasmania, Everett J. 162.
- 163.
- (1980) 24 SASR 17 August 1979; CCA, WA; No.78 of 1979. 164.
- 165. (1980) Q. Case Note (26 July)
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- (1980) Q. Case Note (2 (1973) Crim LR 708. (1979) 3 Crim. LJ 155 (1979) 3 Crim. LJ 109. (1980) 4 Crim. LJ 47. 168.
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- 170. (1980) 4 Crim. LJ 238
- (1979) 3 Crim. LJ 363. (1979) 3 Crim LJ 152. 171.
- 172.
- 173.
 - (1928) 41 CLR 128 at 139-140. See also R. v. Strapps (1979) 22 SASR.
- 174. (1979) 25 ALR 174 (S.C., W.A.) 175. (1979) 27 ALR 140. 176. (1979) 21 SASR 272.

to "Bad Excuses" in the Criminal Law (1978) 41 Modern Lae Review 245, 264; "Convicting a defendent of an offence of basic intent' where the prohibited harm was not caused deliberately can only be criticised a 'illogical', . . . if 'logic' dictates that liability must invariably be based on subjective fault. But this is a value judgement and not something which can be logically posited." See Bugg (1978) V.R. 251; *Viro* (1976-1978) 141 CLR 88; *Roulston* (1976) 2 NZLR 644.

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- 11. (1978) 19 SASR 577
- O'Connor, unreported decision of the Victorian Court of Criminal 12. Appeal, 30th April, 1979. See the concluding paragraph of the judgement of Young C.J.
- Report of the Committee on Mentally Abnormal Offenders (1975). 13. Cmnd. 6244; para 18.54. But see now, Fourteenth Report, Criminal Law Revision Committee, 7844, which rejects the pro-posal. Discussed Ashworth, *Intoxication & General Defences* (1980) Criminal Law Review 556. (1980) 29 ALR 449, 466 (per Barwick C.J.(477 (per Stephen
- ·15. J.) 484 (per Murphy J.)
- 16. This is to characterise the issue in the way that the majority in O'Connor saw it. For the dissenters, on the other hand, the decision in Majewski was in accordance with the preceding authorities. See, for example, Gibbs J. ibid, 470: "DPP v Majewski involved no departure from the settled rules of the common law - the effect of the decision was that the relaxation of the original common law principles should proceed no further.
- 17. lbid., 452
- Williams, Intoxication and Specific Intent (1976) New Law Journal 18. 658. See too the remark in Sellers, Mens Rea and the Judicial Approach to 'Bad Excuses' in the Criminal Law (1978) 41 Modern Law Review 245, 253 (fn.48): "One difficulty with the subject is the suspended disbelief that is necessary to give such a defence a fair hearing. The House of Lords . . . was disposed to think that there was in fact ample evidence to support a finding that the appellant knew what he was doing.'
- (1980) 29 ALR 449, 454. 19.
- See O.W. Holmes, The Common Law (Little Brown, 1963) 7: 20. "even a dog distinguishes between being stumbled over and being kicked.
- Kake (1960) NSLR 595. For an American variation on a similar 21. theme, see United States v. Short (1954) 4 USCMA 437, where the dissenting judgement of Brosman J. expresses the approach which would be followed in Australia.
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- See per Lord Denning in Attorney General for Northern Ireland v. Gallagher (1963) AC 349, 381. For an early and excellent discussion see Mercier, Criminal Responsibility (1905) 111ff. See also Crowcroft, The Psychotic: 23. Understanding Madness (1967) 41ff.

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- Discussed in Text Accompanying Note (hereafter TAN) 24. (112)-(114).
- An Inquiry Into Criminal Guilt (1963) 196. Professor Brett's 25. discussion of excuses founded on intoxication is fundamental and invaluable.
- P.Q. Roche, The Criminal Mind (John Wiley, 1967) 27. Noyes & Kobb, Modern Clinical Psychiatry (5th ed., 1958),62. 26.
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- 28 S. Halleck, Psychiatry and the Dilemmas of Crime (1967) 159.
- The distinction between "actions" and mere "movements" is 29. philosophically complex. See the discussions in H.L.A. Hart, Punishment and Responsibility (O.U.P., 1968) 90ff, 25-256; I. Thalberg, Enigmas of Agency (1972) 48-72, 171-185.
- Glanville Williams, Criminal Law: The General Part (2nd ed. 1961) 30. 11-13; Glanville Williams, Textbook of Criminal Law (1978) 33-34, 609.
- 31. Ibid. 577-578, referring to DPP for Northern Ireland v. Lynch (1975) AC 653.
- 32. H. Fingerette & A. Hasse, Mental Disabilities and Criminal Responsibility (1980) 50.
- 33. But see the recommendations made in Report No.9, Law Reform Commissioner Victoria, Duress, Necessity and Coercoin (1980). Op.cit., 210-211. Halleck continues: "Actually, the person
- 34. whose criminal behaviour is primarily engendered by poverty or persecution may be motivated by forces which are just as powerful and unrelenting as those which motivate the emotionally disturbed offender. Crime may be necessary for survival in either case. If the psychiatrist can be persuaded to argue that an offender should not be held responsible for behaviour which is largely determined by unconscious factors, then perhaps the sociologist should be required to argue that poverty, discrimination and delinquent associations would also make the offender nonresponsible." See also N. Morris & G. Hawkins, The Honest Politician's Guide to Crime Control (Sun Books, 1971) chapter 7. For a consideration of these issues in relation to the insanity defence see U.S. v. Brawner (1972) 471 F2d. 969, particularly the judgement of Bazelon C.J.
- One source of confusion in examples such as this one arises from yet another usage of the word "voluntary". In the Aristotelian 35. sense of the word behaviour done in ignorance of the facts, or as a result of mistake, was not voluntary. See Nicomachean Ethics, Bk. V.8., 1135a, 20-25 (Ross translation, 1925). See also, 1 Hale, Pleas of the Crown 42 (1736). In this sense what the actor did may be voluntary under one description of his conduct (removing branches) and not voluntary under another description (trimming the pear tree).
- 36. See, for example, Egan (1897) 23 VLR 159.
- Compare Cogdon, (1950) Unreported, see Morris, Somnabulistic 37. Homicide - Ghosts, Spiders, and North Koreans (1951) 5 Res Judicatae 29.
- 38. Thalberg, Enigmas of Agency (1972) 178, commenting on Cogdon, ibid. Nor is this merely philosophic esoterica. See N. Morris & C. Howard, Studies in Criminal Law (1964) 62-64 in their comment on the case, and the discussion by the South Australian Supreme Court in Joyce (1970) SASR 184
- See O'Connell, Amnesia and Homicide (1960) 10 British Journal of Criminology 262. Of 50 English murders examined by O'Con-39.1 nell, 20 had either no memory, or very impaired memory, of the actions which had led to their arrest.
- 40 Essays on Mental Incapacity and Criminal Conduct (1967) 166.
- 41. Ibid.. "It seems unjust to p; unish a man who has no present insight into the conduct for which he is being punished or into the full meaning of such conduct. There is at stake the total doctrine of 'guilt" as present imputability of a past event". The notion of "response-ability" is borrowed from Fingarette & Hasse, op.cit. 206ff.
- 42. See, for example, O'Connor (1980) 29 ALR 449, 455, 467. The moral issue was discussed in United States v. Olvera (1954) 4 USCMA 134 where the Court pointed out that the amnesic defendant "is certainly able to analyse rationally the probabilities of his having committed the offence in the light of his own knowledge of his character and propensities. Moreover, he will presumably be able to remember whatever punishment he may receive - with the result that its deterrent effect will be present as to future danger of criminal promptings.
- 43. See, for example, Commonwealth ex rel. Cummins v. Price 218 A.2d 758, cert. denied, 385 U.S. 869 (1966).
- The logical fallacy was remarked in *Tsigos* (1964-5) NSWR 1607, 1630. See also *O'Connor* (1980) 29 ALR 449, 455, 467. There 44. is authority, however, for a protective direction to the jury in cases where the defendant cannot remember and so cannot testify. See Broadhurst (1962) AC 441, 449. Cf Sharmpal Singh (1962) AC 188, 198.
- 45 Op. cit 196, See also, Glanville Williams, Textbook of Criminal Law (1978) 33
- 46. (1980) 29 ALR 449, 470.

- 47. Ibid. 469, 482, 503.
- Except, perhaps, the offence of manslaughter. See TAN. 48.
- As did Stephen J. See (1980) 29 ALR 449, 471. 49.
- 50. Ibid. 454-455.
- Ibid. 455. 51.
- Ibid. 483. 52.
- 53. Ibid. 485.
- 54. Ibid. 456, 475, 484, 492-493. See also the discussion by Crockett J., of the Victorian Supreme Court, in Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict - Mainline for Immunity? (1974) 12 Medico Legal Society of Victoria 322, 334-335.
- 55. Ibid. 493. The meaning of these qualifications is obscure. So far as "offences concerning negligence" are concerned, see the difficulties expressed by Crockett J., ibid. On "statutory offences", compare Barwick C.J., ibid. 460-461.
- *Ibid.* 465, 483. Barwick C.J. refers to manslaughter as "anomalous". This is probably a reference back to *DPP v. Beard* (1920) AC 749, where Lord Birkenhead L.C. said: "the law is 56. plain beyond all question that in cases falling short of insanity a condition of drunkenness at the time of committing an offence causing death can only, when it is available at all, have the effect of reducing the crime from murder to manslaughter". See also Howell (1974) 2 AI E.R. 806. Compare Haywood (1971 VR 755 and see Crockett J., Criminal Responsibility for the Drug Addict — Mainline for Immunity? (1974) 12 Medico Legal Society of Victoria 322. The tendency of Haywood and contemporary Victorian authorities is to suggest that manslaughter is neither exceptional nor anomalous and that a defence founded on evidence of intoxication might on occasion result in a complete acquittal. Quaere whether this possibility has survived the Victorian decision in Nydam (1977) V.R. 430.
- See Lovett (1975) V.R. 488, 493. But see the concluding note, 57. ibid. 495 which appears to leave the question of the mens rea required for the offence of unlawful and malicious infliction of grevious bodily harm and, by implication, of the companion offence of unlawful and malicious wounding, unsettled. (1980) 29 ALR 449, 458-459. Barwick C.J. distinguishes bet-
- 58. ween "an intent to use the knife and an intent to wound". He leaves open the question whether evidence which merely led one to doubt whether there was an intent to wound would allow the defendant to escape conviction. Notice, however, that the medical evidence in O'Connor was not framed in accordance with this distinction. See the text accompanying the next footnote.
- 59. Ibid. 467.
- 60. Ibid. 487
- 61. (1980) VR 353.
- Those States which have adopted Criminal Codes are governed 62. by a formularised set of rules for the intoxicated offender. For discussion see R. O'Regan, Essays on the Australian Criminal Code (1979) Ch.V.
- 63. (1920) AC 479.
- Ìbid. 501-502. 64.
- 65. But see O'Connor (1980) ALR 449, 485-487, for an attempt by Murphy J. to breathe new life into the presumption.
- ·66'. See Broadhurst (1964) A.C. 401, 461. It is clear enough what Lord Birkenhead L.C. was getting at however. In a jurisdiction which recognised both the presumption of sanity and the presumption that a man intended the natural consequences of his acts, no evidence short of incapacity of mind would displace the effect of the second presumption.
- 67. (1980) ALR 449, 452.
- Ibid. 462-463. 68.
- 69. See, for example, A.G. for Northern Ireland v. Gallagher (1963) A.C. 349, 381, per Lord Denning. Cf. Sheehan (1975) 1 WLR 739.
- 70. (1975) 2 NZLR 610, 612.
- Ibid. 616. The Australian courts reached the same conclusion 71. considerably earlier. The course of development may be traced through Stones (1955) 56 SRNSW 25; Thomas (1960) 102 CLR 584; Gordon (1963) SRNSW 631; Menniss (1973) 2 NSWLR 113; Olasiuk (1973) 6 SASR 255. See also the Queensland cases of Herlihy (1956) St.R.Qd. 18; Nicholson, ibid., 520. O'Connor (1980) 29 ALR 449, 464, 491 approves Kamipeli in this respect.
- 72. (1974) VR 400, 401.
- 73. See fn. (56.)
- See Quick & Paddison (1973) 3 WLR 26, on the limits of 74. transmutation. See also the discussion in Crockett J's paper, Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict - Mainline for Immunity. (1974) 12 Proceedings of the Medico-Legal Society of Vic-toria 322, 333-334. For some indication of the underlying issues, see the paper by Dixon C.J., A Legacy of Hadfield, McNaughton and MacLean in Jesting Pilate (1965) 214, 222-225
- On expert evidence and intoxication, see Darrington & McGauley 75. (1980) VR 353. Jeffrey (1967) VR 467, is an instructive example

of a defendant who suppressed evidence of her mental disabilities in the vain hope of achieving a complete acquittal on the ground of automatism, or at least a reduction of guilt by reason of provocation.

- 76. See for example, Bratty v. A.G. for Northern Ireland (1963) AC 386, 401
- (1969) NZLR 736. 77.
- 78. Ìbid. 7'47.
- 79. See, for example, Cooper v. McKenna, Ex parte Cooper (1960) Qd.R. 406
- (1969) NZLR 736, 745, 747, 748. 80.
- 81. İbid. 745.
- 82. See the extract from the medical evidence, ibid. 749.
- 83. Ibid., 747.
- (1967) 121 CLR 205. 84
- 85. Ibid. 213.
- 86. Discussed, Elliott, Responsibility for Involuntary Acts: Ryan v. The Queen (1968) 41 Australian Law Journal 497. Cf. J.C. Smith and B. Hogan, Criminal Law (4th ed., 1978) 40-41.
- 87. See the discussion in Burr (1969) NZLR 736.
- 88. See the following cases in which states of dissociation triggered by intoxication, or stress, have been held to provide a basis for a voluntariness defence: *Haywood* (1971) VR 755; *Tait* (1973) VR 151; Allwood (1975) Unreported Judgement of the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal, 7, per Crockett J. (Cf. Tsigos (1964-65) NSWR 1607); Ratahi (1976) Unreported Judgement of the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal; O'Connor (1979) Unreported Judgement of the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal; King (1979) Unreported Judgement of the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal. (1971) VR 755.
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- 90. (1970) SASR 184.
- Ibid. 192. 91.
- 92. Ibid. 193.
- 93. Ibid. 192-193. See also Burr, (1969) NZLR 736.
- See the subsequent South Australian cases of Dodd (1974) 7 94. SASR 151; Harm (1975) 13 SASR 84; which amplify this point. 95. (1971) VR 755.
- 96. See the cases to which reference is made in fn. (88) above. As a matter of grammar the phrase implies that the defendant will escape liability if he can raise a doubt as to whether his acts were conscious or voluntary. The most startling case in the Victorian series is Ratahi (1976) where the Court of Criminal Appeal rejected Joyce without discussion. The evidence in Rahiti indicated dissociation. It does not appear that he suffered amnesia. There is no apparent ground for assuming that he was unconscious in any sense of the word.
- 97. The fact of his conviction is not recorded in the report of the case. See Crockett J., Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict -Mainline for Immunity (1974) 12 Proceedings of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria 322, 328.
- 98. Crockett J., Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict - Mainline for Immunity (1974) 12 Proceedings of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria 322, 329. It may be significant that Crockett J. thought
- "general intent" if the intoxication had induced an hallucination so that "he thought, for example, that the rifle was a snake and the trigger its tongue that had to be plucked out in order to avoid some ophidian attack. . ." Compare the remarks of Jenkinson J. in Darr-
- ington & McGauley (1980) VR 353, 378 and TAN (112)-(114). See, for example, Allwood (1975) Unreported Judgement of the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal 7, per Crockett J. 100.
- 101. Crockett J., Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict - Mainline for Immunity (1974) 12 Proceedings of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria 322, 328.



Drug Offence Law in Australia: If it looks silly and vicious, if it sounds silly and vicious and if it has silly and vicious results then . . .

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FOOTNOTE

- R.v. Manos, ex parte Normandale (1977), 16 S.A.S.R. 78 at 80. 1. See also R. v. Medianik (1977) 76 L.S.J.S. 148.
- 2. Tunis v. Fingleton (1980), 85 L.S.J.S. 166-7. Tunis is itself an excellent example of the unintelligibility of the legislation. See also *R.v. Strapps* (1979), 82 L.S.J.S. 478.

- 102. (1980) 29 ALR 449, 460. See also Stephen J., ibid., 475, 478.
- 103. ŤAN (34).
- (1963) AKR 524, 551-552, "The law is concerned with an ir-104. resistible impulse as ordinarily understood only when it is a manifestation of the insanity of an insane man. It is concerned with an act done under provocation only when it is the act of a sane man. What is insisted upon, if provocation is to avail, as a defence, is that the action of the accused should be a noral reaction of an ordinary man. It may be that, on psychological analysis, the impulsive act of a sane man and an insane impulse are similar, in that in each case there is an act done, without deliberation or volition, in immediate reaction on the presentation of a situation. But law looks at them differently, whether or not is is psychologically proper to do so . . . to rely upon provocation it was necessary to show that the provocative conduct of the deceased aroused in the prisoner an intent, in the legal sense, to do the act he did, not that it robbed him of the capacity to form an intent." See also, Dixon C.J., A Legacy of Hadfield, McNaghten and Maclean in Jesting Pilate (1965) 214, 224-225. On the general issue of defences which depend on proof of impairment of the will, see United States v. Moore (1973) 486 F2d. 1139, and particularly 1178-1181 per Leventhal J.
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- (1970) SASR 184. 111.
- 112. See the discussion in Crockett J., Criminal Responsibility of the Drug Addict — Mainline for Immunity (1974) 12 Proceedings of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria 322, 334-335. Cf. the premises underlying the discussion of manslaughter and Nydam (1977) VR 430
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- İbid. 378. 119.
- 120. Ibid. 363.
- Ibid. 381. Darrington & McGauley also contains an inconclusive 121. discussion of the possible rule that an expert witness may not be asked the very question which the tribunal of fact is ultimately to answer by its verdict or finding. For a recent discussion of the alleged rule, see Cato, Psychiatric Testimony: The Ultimate Issue Rule and the Rule in Rowton's Case 1980 New Zealand Law Journal.
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- 127. See fn. (104) above.
- 128. The point is made explicitly by Lord Simon of Glaisdale in Majewski (1976) 2 WLR 623, 635-636. See also Criminal Law Revision Committee, Fourteenth Report, Cmnd. 7844, para. 261. The Committee rejected the Butler expedient.
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- 8. U.S. v. Holland (1971), 445 F. 2d. 701 at 703-4, (D.C. Circuit).

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- (1977), 15 S.A.S.R. 40. 13.
- 14. Supra note 7.
- 15. Id., at 69-70.
- See Brown, op.cit at 136-7. 16.
- See, for example, the dissent of Lucas J. in Wallace, (1978) Qd. 17. R. 323.
- 18. Supra note 7.
- Credibility played a determinative role also in Van Swol, supra note 19. 7 and Bourne v. Samuels (1979), 21 S.A.S.R. 591. There is a deal of law on the point that mere spectators of a crime
- 20. cannot be found guilty of complicity in that crime. The classic
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- cannot be found guilty of complicity in that crime. The classic example is *Coney* (1882), 8 Q.B.D. 534. *Criminal Code*. R.S.C. 1970, c. C-34, S.3 (4)(b). The principal authority for the proposition that proof of control is not required is *Caldwell* (1972), 7 C.C.C. (2d.) 285, (Alta. C.A.). (1973), 14 C.C.C. (2d.) 433, (S.C.C.). (1979), 50 C.C.C. (2d.) 524, (Ont. C.A.) (1979), 9 C.R. (3d.) 370, (Man. Q.B.) See Willis, "The Meaning of Possession In Drug Offences Under The Curstoms Act" (1979) 3 Crim. L.J. 271 at 277 22.
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- (1978), 33 F.L.R. 223. 39. (1979), 25 A.C.T.R. 21 40
- Many cases are riddled with this nonsense. The highwater mark is 41. Peel (1971) 1 N.S.W.L.R. 247, but Bush and Rawcliffe reek of it also. In the English context, an example is the (thankfully) dissenting speech of Lord Guest in Warner, (1969) 2 A.C. 256.
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- 46. Willis, op. cit. at 283
- 47. Customs Amendment Act, No.92 of 1979, S.235 (2)(c)
- Id., Division 3 of Part XIII, SS. 243A 2435 48.
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- 50. See, for example, Rawcliffe v. The Queen, No 57 of 1977, 2/11/77, p. 90 of Transcript.
- Kennedy, supra note 36 at 362. 51.
- (1978), 53 A.L.J.R. 101 52
- 53. See also similar analyes in Kayal, supra note 37, and See v. Milner, supra note 40.
- 54. Supra note 52 at 104. See also Roden J., dissenting in Kennedy, supra note 36 at 377.
- 55. This crucial factor did not dissuade the Queensland court in Gardiner, supra note 38, from applying Bush to S.233 B (1)(b) which does not contain the phrase but which does contain such a men 56.
- rea word as "attempt". The decision on S.233 B (1)(b) is fatuous. See *Tawill*, (1974) V.R. 84. Willis, *op.cit.*, at 288. The same point is made by Roden J. (dissenting) in *Kennedy*, *supra* note 36 at 377. 57. 58
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- "The Theory of Criminal Negligence: A Comparative Analysis" (1971), 119 U.Pa.L.R. 401 at 414. Supra note 39 at 231. See also the same judge in See v. Milner,
- 61. supra note 40 at 29 who was reassured in convicting by the fact that the accused gave no evidence, from which he inferred that the inferences drawn from the prosecution case were correct!
- This is evident from a number of cases; examples are Bush, supra 62. note 7 and Rawcliffe, supra note 34.
- Kennedy, supra note 36 at 370. 63.

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- 68. As to which, see Goode, op.cit. at 143-165.
- 69. S.A. Hansard, November 12, 1970, at 2631
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- ference Of Intent To Deliver Heroin" (1977), 81 Dick. L.R. 669. See, for example, Bonnie, "Decriminalizing The Marijuana User: A Drafter's Guide" (1977), II U. Mich. J. Law Reform 3 at 6-7. 72.
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- Goode, *op.cit.*, at 145-149. Incredibly S.235 (2)(c)(B) equivalates prior conviction with a fin-74. ding of guilt without recording a conviction. So much for conditional or absolute discharge.
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- Customs Act, 1901-1979, s.235 (3)(b), (emphasis added). (1973), 2 A.L.R. 74 at 78. But c.f. Kays supra note 75 which ap-77. pears, on the facts, to be contra. It is, however, submitted that Kays depends rather upon the time at which the purpose is formed.
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- It may be recalled that Kennedy faced a credibility onus. See 85. supra note 63.
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- Id., at 371 97.
- (1979), 85 L.S.J.S. 356 98.
- Supra note 94, S 6, 6a. See also S4(3). 99.
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- We can also reject the hypothesis of an inelastic demand for 46. heroin and suggest that demand is price-elastic. In this case, not only will high prices discourage new users, but will discourage some current ones. "... if criminal activity goes on independently of the price of heroin (even though criminals may spend some of their money on heroin), an increase in price presumably causes criminals to consume less heroin, possibly substituting other drugs or alcohol, or moving out of the illicity drug market altogether. When prices are low, they presumably choose to buy more heroin" (Brown and Silverman, 1974, p.603).
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- 50. Gould, op.cit.
- lbid. p.65. 51.
- 52. Wardlaw, op.cit.
- Narcotic user will be used here as a convenient label to refer to 53. consumers of addictive/expensive drugs, primarily heroin, cocaine, and methadone.

DRUGS AND DRUG ABUSE **NEW APPROACHES TO** THE PUNISHMENT OF FEDERAL OFFENDERS

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FOOTNOTES

- This note is a modified version of an address delivered to the Second Biennial Convention of the Australian Stipendiary Magistrates' Association, Melbourne, 15 June 1980. It will be published in an expanded form in the Australian Law Journal, December 1980.
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SENTENCING FOR MAJOR MARIJUANA OFFENCES

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FOOTNOTES:

- Other interchangeable expressions for this compendious term are 1. to be found in this paper and in the literature of drug peddling. See Falconer v. Pedersen (1974) VR 185 for a discussion of the word 'trafficking'
- 2.
- Adopted in Victoria in 1973. "Cannabis". "marihuana" ar "marihuana" and "indian hemp" are used inter-З. changeably.
- 4. The chief derivatives are cannabis resin (hashish) and cannabis oil. The active ingredient of cannabis is tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).
- 'Age" 23rd October, 1980. See also n.50. 5.
- Their combination is not new in Australian legislation. See, for example, the 1970 amendment to s.20 of the Poisons Act (NSW) which defined cannabis to include "its resin and any preparation containing such resin". It is of interest to note that when cannabis and hard drugs were "tied" together Wickham J. of the Western Australia Supreme Court believed that this increased cannabis sentences and held down hard drug sentences - see Stephen-Son (Court of Criminal Appeal, Perth, 18 September 1978). Peel. [1971] NSWLT 247. at p.261. 7.
- 8.
- Saw and Ching (20th December, 1974, unreported). Anderson. (29th November, 1974, unreported). Smith & Ors [1977] 1 Crim L.J. 40. 9.
- 10.
- 11. Sentencing discrepancies do not appear to have been as pronounced some three or four years ago. See F. Rinaldi "Sentenc-ing the Marihuana Pedlar" [1978] 2 Crim L.J. 326.

Wardlaw, op.cit. 54.

It might also be noted that the impression gained from reading the 55. criminal histories is that many cannabis offenders were arrested on other charges and then additionally charged with drug offences when cannabis was found in their possession. In such cases a cannabis charge was really incidental. This did not seen to be true of narcotics offenders, who were almost exclusively charged only with drug or drug-related offences. This difference could fruitfully be researched further to establish the validity of the impressions. Wardlaw, op.cit. 56

Dangerous Drugs of 1963. Australia is not a party to the latter Convention.

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- 10. Australian Constitution, s.120. In the case of Territories prisoners an Executive Agreement, supported by legislation, is relied on.
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- ibid, 58. See also Tables 7 and 8. 12. 13.
- ALRC 15, Summary. N. Morris, 'Sentencing Convicted Criminals' (1953) 27 ALJ 186, 198 and N. Morris, 'Sentencing and Parole' (1977) 51 ALJ 523, 14 527
- 15.
- ALRC 15, 113 (Figure 6). See ALRC DP 10, para. 25f. Where preliminary views are stated 16. in favour of a range of such institutions. At present such persons are sent to N.S.W. prisons.
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- Capital Territory, including as they affect child offenders. Lord Kilbrandon, 'Children in Trouble' (1966) *Brit.J.Crim.* 122. See generally B. McKenna, 'A Plea for Shorter Prison Sentences' 18. in Glazebrook (ed) 'Reshaping the Criminal Law', 1978, 434, 441-4, 429.
- A private aircraft was used to smuggle some 250kg of cannabis in 12. the form of Buddha sticks in Tait and Bartley (1979) 24 ALR 473. Douglas & Ors (4th June, 1976).
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- For general comments on sentencing drug couriers Rahme 15. (1979) 3 Crim L.J. 115.
- Brown (Court of Criminal Appeal, Melbourne 10th August, 1978). 16.
- A retailer of some of the Buddha sticks involved in this case was 17. sentenced to imprisonment for 15 months -Andrews (Supreme Court, Adelaide, March 1976)
- Uniformity in the sentencing of Federal offenders is one of the ·18. issues recently examined by the Australian Law Reform Commis-sion whose interim report "Sentencing Federal Offenders" was tabled in Parliament during May 1980.
- The charge in this case was laid under s.94(2)(b) the State 19. Poisons Act - possession of cannabis for sale - indicating that the prosecuting authorities were satisfied that the applicant had not been involved in any scheme to import the drug. For another example involving this procedure in what had the appearances of a case of importation of cannabis see Upton (Court of Criminal Appeal, Perth, 29th October, 1974).
- The trial judge's attitude was re-affirmed by the Court Criminal Ap-20. peal which reproduced at length an extract on the extraordinary wickedness of drug dealing from its unreported decision in Smith & Carngham (1977) 16 ALR 1, at p.10.
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- Piscitelli & Ors (7th August, 1979). 26.
- For representative cases dealing with sentencing the medium to small cultivator of cannabis see Kew (Court of Criminal Appeal, 26A. Sydney, 2nd March, 1973) and the following recent decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeal, Brisbane: *Smith* (15th October 1979); *Crouch* (15th May 1980); *Leslie and Smith* (16th October 1979)' MacAuley (9th May 1980); Drummond (8th May, 1980).
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1972); McNamara (1978) 2 Crim L.J. 1970: Broughton v. Lowe (1980) 4 Crim L.J. 119; Morrison (Court of Criminal Appeal, Brisbane 27th March, 1979); Ebner (Court of Criminal Appeal, Brisbane 31st March, 1978).

(1972) Qd.R. 394, at pp. 399-400. (1972) 2 SASR 446.

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- 31. Bobrige v. Sweatman (Supreme Court, Adelaide 15th May, 1979 per Williams J.); see also Lindsay v. Giersch (1978) 2 Crim L.J.101.
- 32. (1971) 1 NSWLR 247.
- (1977) 1 Crim L.J. 40. 33.
- Cited from Speech (unreported decision, 11th December, 1974). 34. where a sentence of four years with parole eligibility after two years was confirmed in respect of what was described as a "coldblooded" dealing transaction which involved 1,200 Buddha sticks.
- 36. Blundell (3rd February, 1978) - Imprisonment for two years with parole eligibility after six months for 23 year old who had completed half of a law degree and who had about half a kilo of cannabis at the time of arrest. In Whitehouse (21st July, 1978) a 29 year old university student who managed to convince the Court that he had "changed his lifestyle" after repeated lawlessness as a teenager had his sentence reduced to two years with parole eligibility after six months - he possessed some 200 grammes of cannabis (and other drugs) at the time of arrest. See also Drake-Brockman (13th August, 1976); Demos (1st December, 1978); Rix (12th October, 1979).
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