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My name is "Bierli" and I read the article about cocaine in the ZINE #3. There are several things which I can't agree to. Here's my own opinion. First I have to say: - LEGALIZE ALL DRUGS - The reason why I have this - for most people - extrem opinion will be discussed in this article. There are many more facts but I hope that this will start a little 'diskletterdiscussion' and so I wont fire all my facts in a short time. As a hint (?) I have to say that I'm a student and therefore sometimes the text will have some thoughtjumps (=Gedankenspruenge).

I think it is easy to say we forbid the planting of coca and also the extracting and selling of coca & Cocaine. But that this way is the false one, therefore are many proves everywhere. In this 'summary' I will mention two of them. One is that it is impossible to forbid the cocaplant in countries like Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador etc., because the people living in the Andean-Highlands need the plant to survive. Every tourist going there will have the same experince. You have to drink the tea called (in Peru) mate (I stood there for more than six weeks) and this tea is made of the coca-leaf. Secondly the cocaleaf contents a lot of good stuff (not drug-like) as Vitamins and so on. The peruvian people as example make a kind of Spinach out of the cocaplant. And there is no other plant in the highlands which could be a compensation for coca. Thirdly the cocaplant has a substant in it that takes away the feeling of hunger and the same substant makes the blood of everybody to take more oxygene than it would be possible at such high altitudes. The bad side of all this is that there are TOO MUCH TOURIST going there only to consume Cocaine. A peruvian friend of mine says about that misery: "Coca es el alimento del dois por la pueblo pobre, pero 'Cocaine' es el diavolo por los inexpertos GRINGOS !" - "Coca is the food given by god for the poor people, but Cocaine is the evil for the unexperienced Gringo !" Think about.

Now I think in this way we can't solve the drug-problem. So we have to find another solution. In my opinion we have to search among ourselves. We have to find a way to stop the imense consumption of drugs in our countries. One way is to destroy the high prices with legalizing drugs. At the point where prices will fall no one is interested in selling drugs any longer because there will be no more this high profit-margin. - Don't misunderstand me. I mean legalizing in the way that you have to go to the doctor or like in the Netherlands to a special (Anti-)drug-office to get the drugs. In the same time we must start anti-drug-campains (better ones than today !). As conclusion my hope is that our "modern, civiliciest world" will learn "How to use drugs". You know forbidden fruits are everytime and everywhere more atractive than legal ones.

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