In the introduction to this 1943 book, Robert James Devine speaks of marijuana dealers as agents of Satan. He compares them to ancient Phoenicians and Ammonites who sacrificed children to the fire god, Moloch. Devine also notes, “Continued credit must be given to the faithful efforts of Mr. Harry Anslinger, Federal Commissioner of Narcotics, and the splendid men engaged with him in fighting this terrible menace. Anyone waging warfare against marihuana or any other dope evil will find in the Narcotics Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a strong and willing ally.”

For more on Anslinger’s drug policy legacy and dealings with the medical community, turn to page 34.