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selling to my friends and was giving them good deals.

"I was making a little money, but not much, I just wasn't in it for that."

R.B. said he likes to make a distinction between drug criminals. "Some dopers are committing criminal acts by selling dope to their friends. Others are committing what I believe are more criminal acts by dealing dope because it's lucrative."

"Something that really amazes me is this proposal someone has come out with about marijuana being decriminalized. (I think that's the word they like to use.) That whole idea seems so naive.

"The people recommending this idea must see dope smokers as the archetypal hippie who will be planting marijuana seeds in his backyard. Man, I just can't imagine many landlords letting everyone plow up their backyard to plant dope. Besides, most wouldn't be able to grow enough to satisfy their tastes anyhow," he said laughing.

"I just don't see how we can have something legal to possess without a market system to provide it. If there is a way we can do it, I'd sure like to have somebody explain it to me."

However, R.B. said he doesn't think the present drug laws and their enforcement are very fair either.

"Like when I got busted. My roommate brought home this guy who turned out to be a narcotics agent. This gave the cops something to get a flakey sort of search warrant on, and pretty soon they came and busted down our door.

"I had some cocaine in the ice box that I was saving for some friends, and that's why I got it," he said.

"To show even more what it's all about: I have a distant relative who is really the typical little old lady. She drives a black Cadillac and everything. Anyway, she heard and I got busted and inquired about me. I heard that she was followed for about a month after that."

According to R.B., however, some people get off a little easier.

"I heard of one incident where some guy got busted with hundreds of dollars worth of stuff. He would have been in trouble except his old man just happened to be the dentist for some judge or attorney or something.

"I'm tempted to call this sort of thing aristocratic politics," R.B. said. "It seems to be true of the whole judiciary system, at least in Lancaster County.

"If you go down to Mexico and you're looking for a big deal

