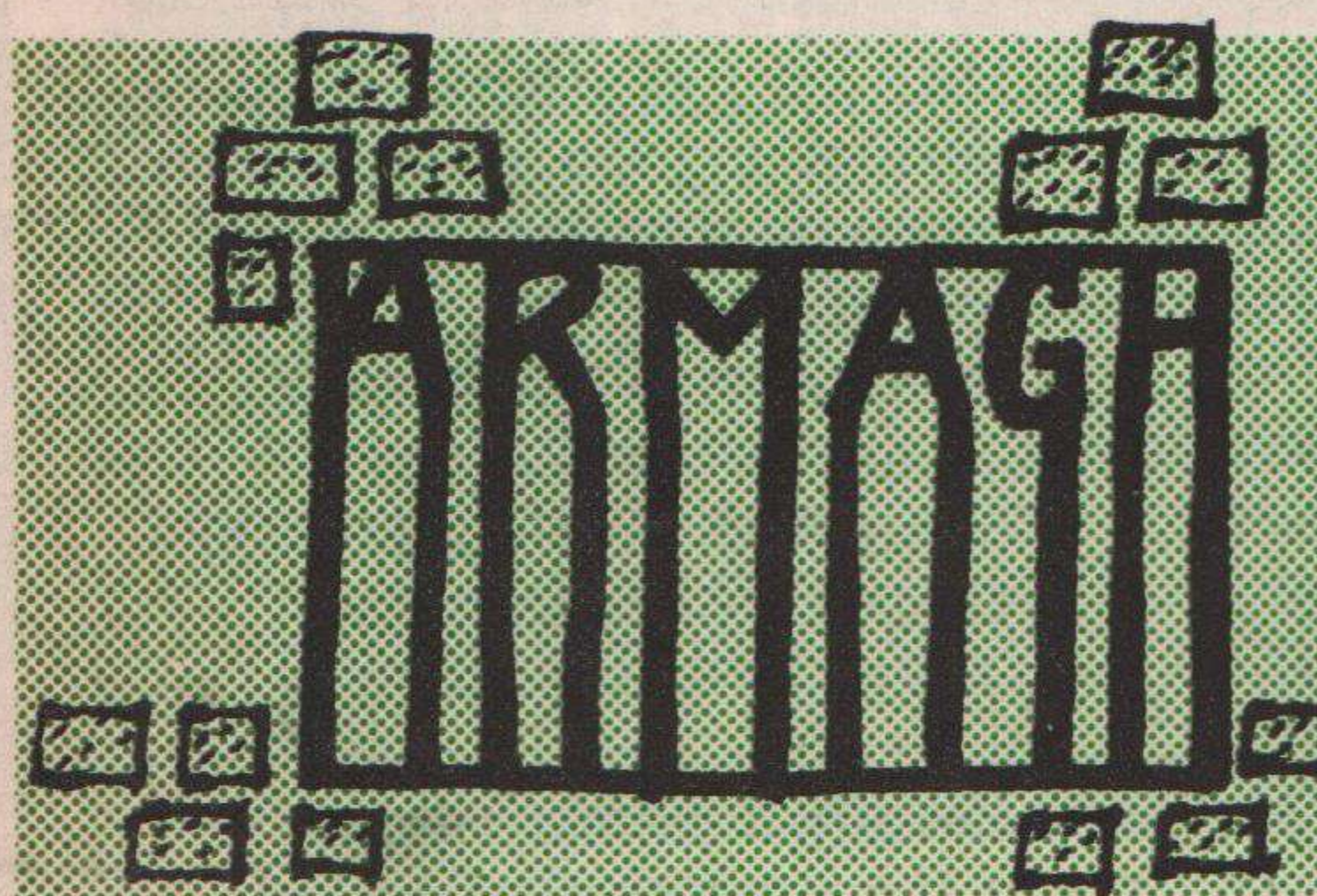
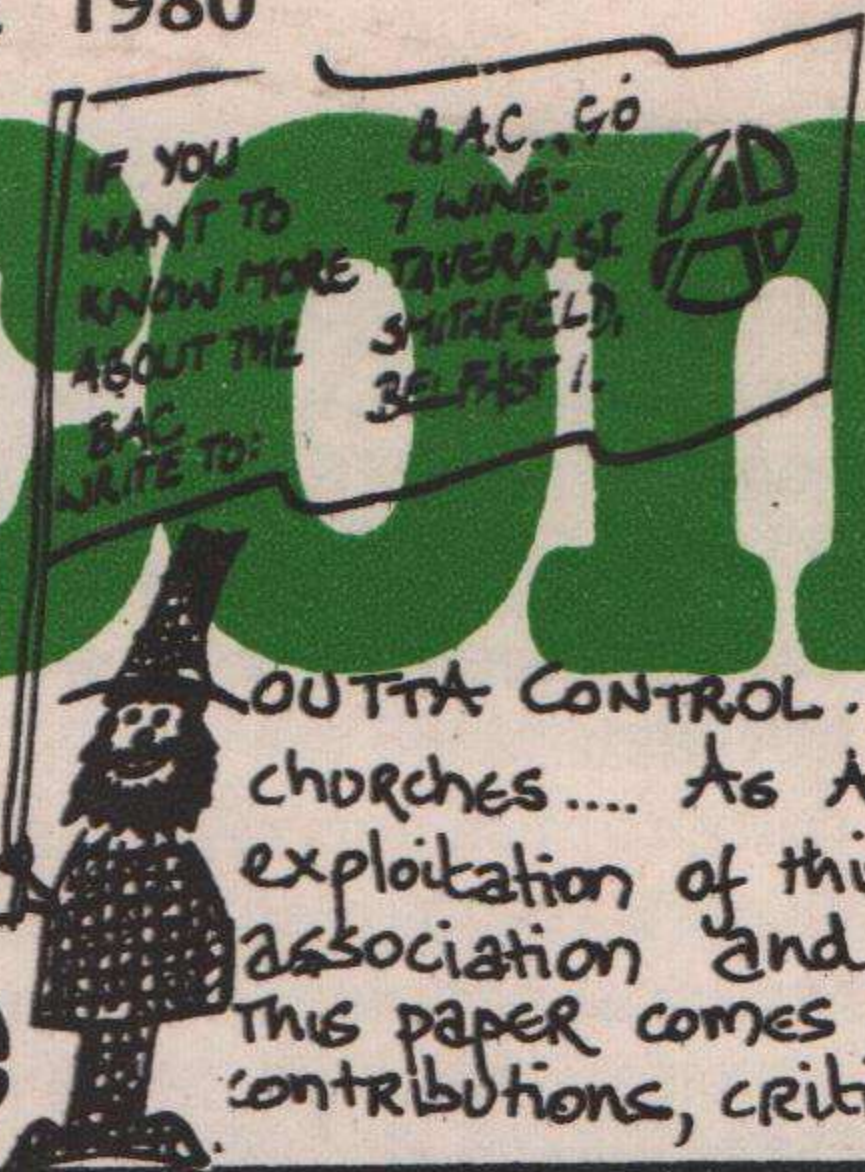


Outta Control

News & Views of the
Belfast Anarchist Collective



WOMEN HIGHLIGHT NO WASH PROTEST!

Armagh was the centre of the repressive stage this month. Rose McAllister, 41 with four children, became the first woman to emerge from the no-wash protest in the prison after serving 2 years; three women went to jail after picketing the prison; the National H-Block held a march in Armagh and the Armagh Protest Committee organised another picket in the town.

On Mayday Rose Mc Allister was the 1st woman to be released since the prison authorities forced the protestors on to the no-wash campaign.

Afterwards she talked about how she had to steel herself in the prison to bear the insults and degradation from the warders. Although not realising at the time, she conditioned herself not to have emotions in order to survive the 23 hour lockup and the prospect of only a half-hour visit every month.

Much of her previous self confidence has gone, and she has difficulty feeling for her children, and even in shopping. She feels physically tired, but not from overwork, more from a couldn't-care-less attitude. But despite the effort needed to cope with the pressures of dehumanisation inside she is emphatic that the alternative — a non-recognition of the result of special police, special interrogation, special courts, special holding laws, special charges, i.e. special prisoners — is unacceptable.

Ann Marie Loughran was the 1st of those who refused to pay her fine and be imprisoned on 3rd May. Marguaretta D'Arcy gave herself up on the 14th, and Liz Lagrue on the 16th, to serve 4 and 2 months respectively on the protest in A-wing.

After the picket by Women Against Imperialism on International Womens Day last year, the pickets were attacked by the RUC when returning to the buses. 11 of them were arrested and twice turned up for the trial, but it was twice postponed — the second time because a large contingent from England, Scotland, and Ireland (mainly feminists) turned up in support. They refused to attend again and were fined in their absence.

After one week, someone anonymous paid Anne Marie's fine, which left her bitter, because of the dilution of her show of solidarity with the protesters inside. The other two hope the same trick won't be repeated.

On Sunday 11th, the buses going to Armagh to the National H-Block march were forced to take a long detour and were delayed at checkpoints. The march itself was, as usual, blocked from entering the town centre, which had been closed off and sealed up.

The point was made in the speeches that the protesters are not so much seeking better treatment than the other prisoners, as a recognition of their treatment all along the line as specially vicious.

On the return journey the buses were again forced to take a long detour, but the spirit and determination of the few hundred from Belfast who travel all over the North, seemed inexhaustible.

Finally on Sat 24th the Armagh Protest Committee organised a picket to once again highlight the conditions inside and in immediate response to the imprisonment of the 2 women who were denied that right to picket over those conditions.



Margaretta D'Arcy & Liz Lagrue

BRUM'S RUSH

It was no coincidence that as the NUJ were holding thier Annual Conference in Portrush and debating about the strict censorship of information on Ireland, that the Home Office opportunistically decided to admit UTV on a conducted tour of the H-Blocks.

No doubt they choose UTV, whcih is controlled by Unionist Brum Henderson & Co., as giving a very favourable report in the governments interest. It took 2-3 weeks to transmit it, after putting it through a fine tooth comb removing anything mildly disturbing before getting final approval from the Home Office.

The report consisted of TV hack, Gary Gillespie being given the red carpet treatment by the screws sampling the food etc., yum yum!

The main crux of the matter of course, should have been to actually talk to the prisoners and see what they had to say about conditions, but of course the prison authorities wouldn't permit this (much to UTV's relief) Now UTV can 'justifiably' say "How dare you accuse us of ignoring controversial issues, haven't we made a programme on H-Block" This sustains their credibility in many peoples eyes.

However more and more people are waking up to the lies, distortions and superficial handling of issues which deeply effect ordinary people, which are pumped out daily. They are seeing these media careerists for what they really are - paid agents of social control!

DIRECT ACTION

No mediators!
No vampires!

There must be few and maybe not any working class areas throughout the city that do not have their own committees to deal with housing, redevelopment, leisure, a certain lack of amenities, local festivals and a variety of other topics.

The vast majority of these organisations have been set up in Northern Ireland after the mass rallies and demonstrations of the Civil Rights days. They have been encouraged by the British Government, first through the Ministry of Community Relations and its community development team and now by the City Councils Community Services Department with their field officers. These 'agents of the government' told us that if we set up bodies with committees that had acceptable constitutions and responsible citizens, we would be rewarded with financial aid to build community centres, hold festivals etc. It was impressed upon us that committees were the best way to get things done. We were to give the City Council etc., credibility and power by channelling our efforts towards them. We were granted money for our own headed notepaper, a phone, and office maybe and instead of all collectively clamouring for a real change in our lives we were joisteling with each other for proper appointments with the various government bodies. Trying to get the best deal for our own little community, and maybe at the expense of another less organised group. The committee structure gave us the illusion of power to change circumstances through negotiation. And indeed small concessions were made from time to time to keep the illusion credible. One of the worst consequences was that we isolated our social problems. We set up one committee to deal with redevelment, one to deal with housing and so on, when in fact people do not have housing as a particular problem, unemployment as a particular problem, nor do we have 'mental' disorders, breakups in the family, battered wives and children as a particular problem, but that these are all connected and it is dangerous to isolate them; to let people think that they can solve them one at a time. Community development was a very clever move by the state to have us think in pigeon holes.

The division of social needs into compartments causes hardship when, even if you do succeed in finding the right connection, you discover that you must turn to a dozen agencies for your different needs. Once we perceive that all problems stem from the same source, the authoritarian capitalist system, then we are more likely to organise for real change, and less chance of us being bought off with concessions and reforms.

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DONEGAL: URANIUM OR PEOPLE?

The mining companies were exploring for over a year in Donegal, before opposition to it really got off the ground. Over the past 9 months word of the dangers and rip-offs have been brought to the notice of the local people—and they acted accordingly. Meeting after meeting, discussions, demonstrations, pickets, sabotaged sites and machinery.. They let it be known that they don't want or need any part of the nuclear fuel cycle in their lives. And now the mining companies and the state and the business community are fighting back....not with the energy and honesty of those opposed to the uranium mining: their tactics are necessarily dishonest and uncaring of either people or environment.

The mining companies, silent for so long, now manoeuvre worker against worker, local person against local person. The companies in Donegal have threatened to pull out if work is disrupted (even though it is EEC grants, disruption or no disruption, which keep them there). They forecast redundancies (of a mere handful of local jobs which is all they will ever be able to offer) and so get the workers to argue their defenceless case. And unfortunately, the total lack of jobs in the area for so long, makes the jobs seem worth defending! So it is workers, in company cars who have been distributing smear leaflets against the anti-uranium people, and who passed a 'vote-of-confidence' in the mining company. And it was a local person who tried to set-up a member of the local anti-uranium committee as being a British agent. He (and it was a 'he') posed as a member of the IRA and sent copies of a fictitious letter to the local media which would 'prove' that a member of the local anti-uranium committee was being financed by British Intelligence to stop the mining! It fooled no-one.

The state and business community are fighting back too.....the travelling road-show of 'experts' is on tour.....with the Nuclear Energy Board leading the way in trying to impose a mystifying scientific-expertise over local common-sense. Latest stop of the NEB road-show was at Dungloe. It was organised by the local 'Town and Development Assoc.' who were kind enough to invite along the head of the NEB--Nolan—and Dr. P.J.Newbould (professor of environmental science at the New University of Ulster, making a second guest appearance. That Newbould's membership of the Nuclear Energy Board won't affect his academic 'neutrality' is more than questionable. That he is also a member of Friends of the Earth shouldn't surprise us nor the fact that his NUU research interests are closely associated with govt. pollution control and chemical analysis—which is used by govt. and industry alike to find the 'acceptable level of pollution' in the economic interest of the industry concerned, NOT with the local environment or the local people. This 'research' seems to have missed out on all the recent evidence detailing low-level radiation as extremely dangerous for workers and neighbours alike. And to say, as Newbould does, that 'if all the uranium in the EEC were to be mined, there would only be 13 related deaths'... is as callous as it is untrue!

So the mining companies, the state, the academics ('with no vested interest') and the business community fight back....and what is the local response? The Donegal Uranium Committee, formed mainly of local, articulate professionals, plan to call upon the Oxford Political Ecology Research Group to

investigate the consequences of exploration and mining in Donegal. They would also—like very much to be in on an Inter-departmental govt. committee to look into the health and safety aspects of uranium work. Any dealings with 'experts' or 'govt. sub-committees' have many dangers and traps....not least being the subtle pressures towards compromise and respectability. It wasn't experts or govt. committees that informed the local people so far, and their uses now are clearly limited. More research or responsible meetings with govt. officials and bureaucrats won't reverse the interests of the EEC and the Euratom Treaty, (which has all the say on any uranium within the EEC, and pays for up to 70% of exploration costs) ...it won't force the mining companies to reconsider their profit margins. All of them already know the dangers involved, yet don't care...their priorities lie elsewhere. So it won't be 'experts' who have or will stop the drilling, harass the mining companies, and eventually kick them out of Donegal...just local people who have been ripped-off once too often. Now's the time for MORE direct action, against the mining companies, particularly as they intend moving deeper into Donegal and around the area of Derry.

What is still needed is a mixture of meeting after meeting, self-education, county-wide education, common-sense, pickets, harassment and consistent sabotage. It is the only sure way of making the uranium unworkable and unprofitable, and to replace the madness we have to rely on to get a job.

SORROW & REMORSE

Despite the Southern government's recent public relations statements about nuclear power, the EEC continues to push their 'uranium policy'. They are pushing ahead throughout Ireland, paying up to 70% of exploration costs. Existing nuclear stations and a rapidly expanding armaments industry have much need of it. It was such secretive EEC manipulation which led to the occupation of the EECHQ last Nov. during the summit meeting in Dublin.. The trial of the occupiers is now over and each got 12 months (suspended for 2 years) in the Central Criminal Court. A savage sentence. It came about as a result of a 'deal' with the state...plead guilty to Forcible Occupation, and the state would drop Malicious Damage. The occupiers accepted the 'deal' after deciding that the state legal apparatus is NOT the place to fight them, and that heavy fines/prison sentences, appeals etc. would only soak up energy badly needed elsewhere.

As they say...*'Accepting the deal in order to escape the judicial obstacle race was a decision not easily agreed to. In doing so, we re-affirm that we do NOT feel that there was anything wrong with what we did--(in a moral rather than tactical sense) and will continue to fight the Irish govt.--eec uranium mining policy'.*

Valuable lessons all round--the tactical disadvantages of passively getting caught have been made known to everyone. Just possibly the posters and leaflets calling for support in the weeks pre-ceding the trial may have prompted the 'deal'....perhaps a similar ILLUSION could help the case of the remaining 2 protestors arrested outside the occupation. They too, need our active, not passive support! Mutual Aid. Their case comes up soon.

ABC of Anarchy contd.

DURRUTI BECAME A LEGENDARY FIGURE IN SPAIN IN THE 1930'S, BECAUSE OF HIS WORKPLACE MILITANCY, LATER HIS PART IN THE NOSOTROS GUERRILLA GROUP, + THEN HIS ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS IN THE REVOLUTION.

3 Held For Selling Paper

Three people were arrested last Sunday on the Ormeau Rd. for possession of 'Prison Struggle', paper of the Relatives Action Committee. They were charged under Section 11 which meant they could be held for 3 days.

They were 1st brought to Donegal Pass and held for an hour. Here the two young men were beaten for refusing to answer questions other than what the law demands. They believe they got this attention because one was a protestant and the other English. The young woman received sexual insults and sectarian threats.

They were then taken to Castlereagh, separated up, and subjected to long periods of interrogation. At the start they were photographed and fingerprinted, though this is illegal without a judge's warrant.

There were usually 2 (sometimes 3) detectives, and the interrogation periods (about 5 each) lasted from 2 to 5 hours, with a different team of detectives each session.

During these sessions the 2 interrogators usually sat on one side of a table, and the prisoner on the other. The only other furniture was 2 video cameras, but as was said once 'Don't take consolation in them, we'll beat you up when we want'.

Sometimes one of the interrogators would stand behind, and scream into the suspect's ear, while the other screamed into their face. There was the continual fear that the one behind would resort to physical attack. This proved the most frightening tactic, and was dropped only when the suspect would answer satisfactorily. So when the interrogator sat down again in front, the suspect was under pressure to keep answering in the same vein to prevent a recurrence.

There was the continual carrot and stick alternation, from vicious verbal attack and threats (you're in here for 7 days and then Crumlin prison for 9 months'), to the disconcerting expression of concern for you and your family's safety.

Each of the 3 was totally isolated (except when twice they tried to trick them by bringing them together when they thought they gave them different information). All rooms were white, with no windows, and it was difficult to tell day from night. The cells with bed and chair chained to the floor, and the interrogation rooms were hot and stuffy, with the pipes turned on all the time.

For the day and a half they were held the interrogators tried to engage them in political conversation and set traps for them eg. If you campaign against the conditions in prisons, support the protests, sell papers, then you politically agree with the organisations of the prisoners, and so are a Provo or whatever. A microcosm of the states polarisation — you either support it or are a terrorist.

The separation of the 3 also meant the interrogators could claim that the others had implicated the 3rd in the statement.

Finally a couple of bits of advice. Say as little as possible, but if you have to answer (eg. during a 4 hour barrage of them bawl-in your face, it's difficult not to answer back) then restrict your answers to what involves you.

After every interview you should make a complaint to the inspector, who's usually in the corridor, about the mental as well as physical torture you've received.

Lastly, don't get caught!

WOMEN IN MEDIA want any women who have had abortions in Northern Ireland or gone to England for them and who are prepared to write about their experiences (anonymously) to contact them at Box WIM; 7 Winetavern Street, Belfast. They are compiling a pamphlet on abortion and any financial donation towards that would be really tremendous.

FROM LAST WEEKS "SUNDAY TIMES" - PAUL MCCARTNEY SAYS, "MY DAUGHTER, SHE'S IT, IS INTO PUNK, + SHE HAS THIS BOYFRIEND WHO USED TO WEAR AN ARMBAND WITH A BIG 'A' ON IT. HE SAID IT STOOD FOR ANARCHY. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE MEANT. HE SAID IT WAS THE FREEDOM TO WALK DOWN THE STREET + HAVE NO ONE LAUGH AT THE WAY HE DRESSED. WHEN I SAID THAT

NUJ: CENSORSHIP

This years National Union of Journalists conference was held in Portrush. The holding of conferences by the sea is traditional because of the scenery and clear air, but in the context of N.I. also a way of keeping people, who are paid to be inquisitive, away from the blemishes. It provided a peaceful backdrop to the mayor of Coleraine's welcoming speech to the delegates, "N.I. is returning to normality" and even more boldly, "The R.U.C. are internationally respected" (by who? Chile? South Africa?)

The delegates were also bussed to Derry Guildhall for a reception with its mayor, and on Saturday given a FREE banquet at the Northern Counties by the Chamber of Commerce.

But there is a small number of journalists who are beginning to question the censorship of news from N. Ireland. They heckled the Mayor of Coleraine, picketed the banquet, and draped a banner "Smash H.Block" over the balcony of the conference hall. The Belfast branch replied by putting up their own "Support Law and Order", which was removed "after a heated exchange" (as they say in the press). This was the first time that such inroads were made in to NUJ complacency about the censorship of information from here.

Another illustration is the 2 motions passed-59 & 60.

This ADM demands an end to the continued operation of direct and indirect censorship of reporting of the war in Ireland and calls on the NEC to combat this censorship. In particular ADM calls upon the NEC to:

- Campaign for open access by journalists to prisoners 'on the blanket' in the H-block, Long Kesh, so that NUJ members can report on the conditions there. A report to be published in The Journalist.
- Publicise in The Journalist, and other media, all incidents of censorship in connection with the war in Ireland.
- Oppose any moves to restrict access by journalists to representatives of the Provisional Sinn Feinn, Provisional Irish Republican Army, Irish Republican Socialist Party, Irish National Liberation Army and any other organisation.

ADM is appalled at the threat to press freedom inherent in recent attacks on NUJ members, in particular the "Panorama" team involved in the "Carrickmore" incident. It supports the firm stand taken by the Broadcasting Chapels in defending successfully the members involved.

This ADM condemns:

- The consistent failure of the Board of Governors of the BBC to defend their journalists in the face of political attack.
- The irresponsible behaviour of politicians who made unfounded statements about NUJ members without adequate investigation of the facts or any subsequent apology.
- The unprofessional behaviour of certain national newspapers and agencies for their biased and distorted reporting and comment.

ADM is of the strong opinion that all those hysterical reactions put at risk the lives of all NUJ members working in Northern Ireland and Press Freedom generally. ADM instructs the NEC to issue clear guidelines to all Chapels setting out the duty owed by journalists to their colleagues and to unbiased reporting and comment and to take every step to ensure that further action of this sort is firmly dealt with under Rule.

A further motion was prevented from being debated by the NEC putting it down on the list, knowing there would be no time for it.

For the 1st time also at a conference a separate meeting was held by Charter (the rank and file NUJ group) on how censorship works and how to challenge it.

Danny Morrison from Republican News related the story of how their writers had been arrested and held for six months before being released, and the destruction and theft by the Brits of the papers, equipment, typewriters, files etc.....

E Mc Cann, in spite of his job as news editor of the sexist and trivialising Sunday World, gave a useful account of how journalists working here practice self censorship. They write what they know the editors won't kick up a stink about. This means heavy relying on the army and RUC press statements. An example of how they write a good story (the latter being the operative word) happened the day of the Airery Neave escape (from this world).

The Daily Mirror reporter in N.I. was having a drink in the Blackthorn Pub in Belfast when the news flash of Neave's death came on the tele. The reporter, who hadn't been in contact with his head office that day, panicked. He needed an angle, and so asked his drunken companion - E. McCann

"why would they have done that?" McCann gestured, "To get the Tories a sympathy vote" (it was almost election time). Immediately the Mirror's hack was on the phone to head office. And next day the headlines ran - "we'll blast the Tories to Power - Provos". They even claim to have had a statement to that effect (tho in fact it was the INLA). When asked later if he felt a fool, the reply was "it was a good story on the Day"!

More serious was the account by a Thameside (Manchester) NUJ member, who related how that branch had worked very hard to expose coverage (a lack of it) on Ireland both in the union and the Trades Council, the latter successfully. It included an invitation to a member of IRSP to speak. Immediately the local press began a smear campaign with such headlines as "Terror Talk" and "The pro-IRA IRSP" (!) Shortly afterwards the fascist N.F. organised a march through the area, but was banned by the Trades Council from using its property. The TUC became involved by disaffiliating the T.C. for its stand. There is now a campaign to reaffiliate, and as part of this and their broader work, the branch has organised a conference on Ireland for June 7th in Thameside. ("War? What War?" A 10p pamphlet on censorship in Oxford and Thameside available from Just Books).

Being a trade union, there was much talk of how to challenge the present set up of the media barons (private and state) who own and control the means of mass communication, rather than attempt to bypass these and set up our own means. While it is important to expose and challenge the censorship in the "gutter press", it also necessary, if we want to overcome them completely, to start preparing and operating media under our own control. After all people are journalists, not because they want to make information available to all, but primarily because they are paid money.

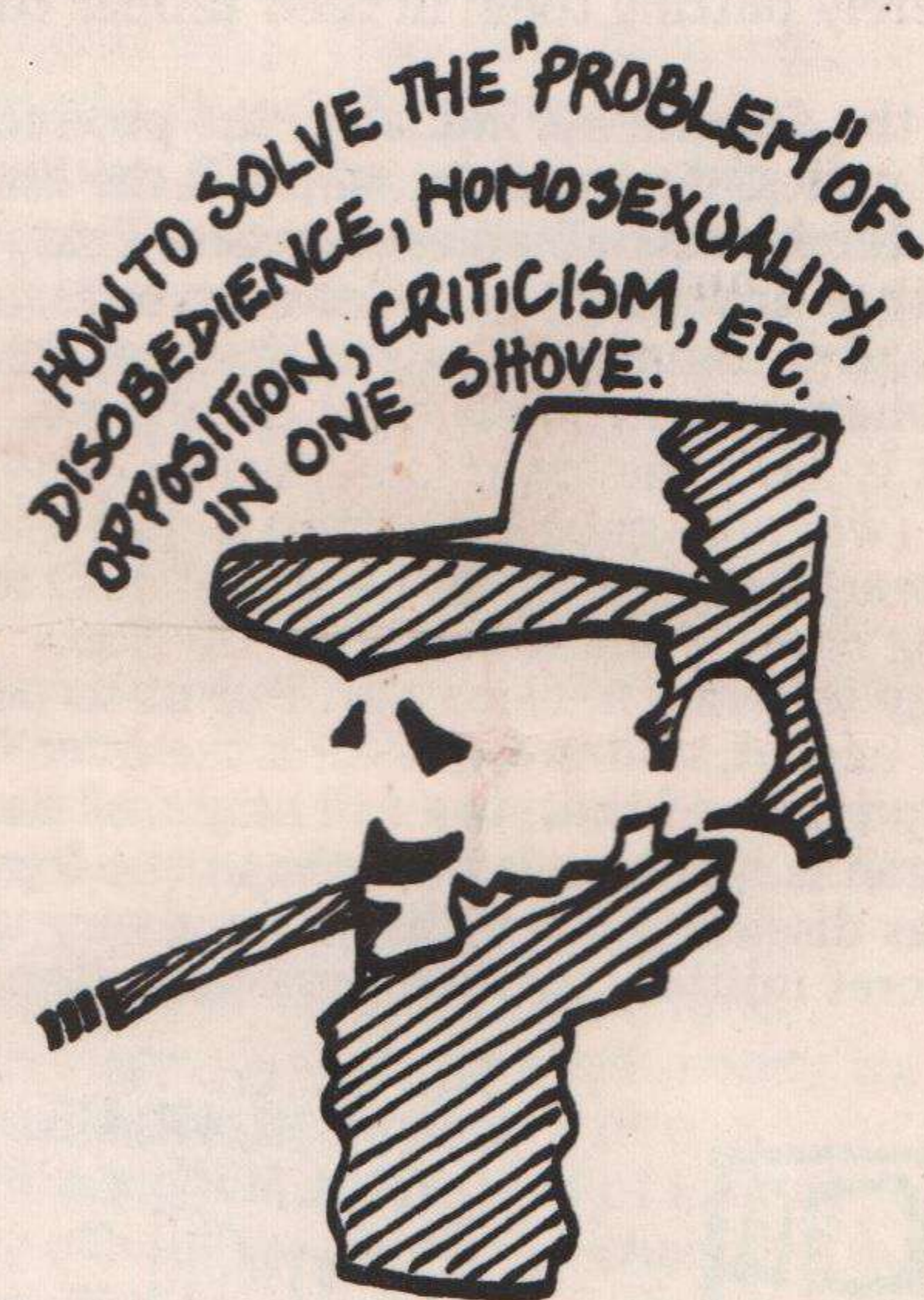
demonstrate the inherent racism of US society.

But has Carter fallen for a Castro trick (one from which it had no choice), and why have so many wanted to, and been able to, leave - an average last week of 3,000 a day, with a final figure of 200,000?

First of all its been nearly impossible to leave Cuba for most people wanting to, except for a similar exit in 1965 and tailing off in 1973 of 250,000. Until that is, last Easter. The guards from the Peruvian embassy in Havana were removed, and a van with a loudspeaker toured the streets announcing the fact. Within a few days 10,000 people were crammed into the embassy grounds looking for visas. Then more recently Castro announced that people were free to leave by boat, which led to the present stream of small craft into Miami.

It appeared to be a gift to the Western capitalist press, but few realised that its the thought that counts.

Since the revolution, Fidel Castro has become the 'Lider Maximo' and the Communist Party the administrative arm of his one party state. Through the militarisation of daily life, down to the schools; economic austerity, for reasons of state profit; and a patriarchal sexual morality, he has run the country as a military dictator. The only method of resistance has been non-cooperation, apathy and passivity. Anything else has lead to imprisonment.



Evidence of this apathy came to light last year when it was announced (for the first time during his regime) that those who wished to stand for the local council elections did not have to belong to the Communist Party. It was obvious that not enough people were voting.

And lo and behold during the recent "crisis" large crowds of demonstrators gathered outside the embassy grounds and ports chanting the glories of the regime, and the 'criminal nature' of those wanting leave it. So, as in Iran, a clever move to motivate support, and distract attention away from internal problems (in this case the disastrous economic planning where even basics are rationed) has been engineered.

There is a strong ideological conflict between Cuba and the U.S.A. Many visiting emigres appear wealthy and free, compared to the meagre and strict lifestyle of Cubans. Castro has gambled on regaining support for his "revolutionary" regime, at the expense of a political gain for Carter, whose foreign policies could well do with a patching up! Most of those in the middle who have escaped the prison island, are not yet bothered about the second class citizenship they face in the U.S. And those left behind having shown their faces, will not be forgiven!

Des Keane

Anarchist Comrade Des Keane received 8 years in the Dublin Special Court.

The Special Court like the Diplock Court has no jury and depends on police perjury, beatings etc. to win convictions.

Des who was always active on prisoners issues and has already spent 5 years in the Curragh Military Detention Centre was found guilty on an attempted larceny charge.

His Barrister pointed out how Des was hounded out of two jobs one in the Dept. of Agriculture and one in the Post Office, because he appeared on an R.T.E. programme dealing with the conditions of civilians in the Curragh., he also pointed out the difficulties prisoners have in securing jobs outside.

Judges don't take these things into account and the Special Branch were pleased with their dirty work in the name of Justice.

CUBA

'Scum, parasites, criminals, lumpen, homosexual' - these are the Cuban embassy's (London) descriptions of those now leaving the 'Paradise Island' for any country that will take them. Florida, USA, has one of the largest emigre Cuban populations, and is the nearest country, which explains why most of them are heading there.

Anything that will appear to harm the image of Communist Cuba, will only but help the image of Capitalist USA. It is even seen to 'care', despite its record of exploitation and harassment of legal and illegal immigrants from other Spanish speaking Central American states, such as Mexico and Puerto Rico. The recent Black riots in Miami

locked away in the jails and prison camps in this country. And if we on the outside brush it aside as if it has nothing to do with us then we are just as repressive as the courts, police and prisons. The call for justice and liberty must be intensified and prolonged. ALL PRISONERS MUST BE RELEASED!

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when they stole from George Martin McGrady a time in his life which is of great importance to him. This convenience by the apparatus of Law and Order must not be allowed to pass unnoticed and without protest. There are already too many McGrady's

HM.GOVERNMENT WARNING "all at home must go to the fall-out room and stay inside the inner refuge, keeping the radio tuned for government advice and instructions"

Governments work in strange and mystifying ways, of that there is no doubt. They feed us THEIR propaganda, we believe what THEY want us to believe, rather than what is ACTUALLY going on. Take the new cold-war we suddenly wake up to one morning... The aggressive, menacing, Soviet invasion of poor, defenceless Afghanistan is the cause, we are dutifully informed day after day. Not quite true... but we need to penetrate the lies and ideology of our Western government, the views they express day after day, the bombardment of essentially false information, to get at what is actually going on.

And the truth is quite simple...the so-called capitalist recession gets worse...the ability of multi-nationals to produce more and more to make profits through our consumption and energy, is having a temporary (?) relapse, state welfare spending gets cut, industrial 'leaders' rationalise the work-force (i.e. more exacting, dull, repetitive work, more robotisation,...the technical fix)...but amid it all we have an expanding and booming armaments industry!! Hard to understand, hard to accept, but governments wrap it up well with a barrage of deceiving propaganda about Soviet might, Soviet aggression, the need for 'defence' (!) etc. etc... No matter that the aggressor on the world stage is the US-led NATO forces, with the Soviet military leadership a frightened, paranoid, and dangerous REACTOR to the 'Western Alliance'. (That doesn't, of course, either excuse or justify what the Soviet militarists are getting up to.. it's merely putting them in their proper context).

It is the armaments industry, the production of useless destruction, which is the linchpin of the industrialised economies. That, more than anything else, consumes our energy; it is armaments, more than anything else, where governments must deceive us. And it is NOT the theory of 'mutual destruction' (whereby each leadership is deterred from warfare as all would be wiped out) that is being considered...but a clear US-Nato strategy to win a nuclear war. For us to peaceably accept, and not question the horrific consequences of that, the full might of their propaganda machine is brought to the fore.. (and, as discussed later, they have a very useful, secret military/civilian back-up system

for times of emergency, and should there be any internal dissent).

It is indeed incredible that we are being led to believe that the 540 medium and long-range nuclear missiles (capable of destroying huge chunks of European Russia) that are being financed and donated to their European allies by the US, are for OUR peace and defence. That is what we are repeatedly told. These nuclear missiles (160 of them for Britain) start arriving from September onwards, and only the US-Nato bosses (and the US National Security Council led by mad-man Z. Brezinski of the Trilateral fame) know where they will be based. They are vital to US militarist thinking, and the US armaments economy...they are NOT for defence!

US-Nato have come up with a neat nuclear strategy for 'winning the war'..and it's so simple.Europe becomes the battlefield, the theatre, where the superior cruise and pershing 11 missiles can battle it out with the new Soviet SS20 missiles....the US does not even get touched, Europe gets devastated, and the long-range MX missiles planned for the Utah and Nevada (by 1987) haven't even been used! The US-Nato strategy is based on winning this first strike; it leads to a devastated Europe, many casualties in W. Russia, but NO casualties whatsoever on American soil!! Very clever.

The decision to place the cruise missiles in Europe was officially announced in Dec. 1979, two weeks before the Soviet military invasion of Afghanistan, (and 3 days before a US-Nato statement said that the 1980's were to be a decade of arms control!!). The invasion is an attempt at consolidating the ineffectual communist government which already existed there. They were attempting to crush all resistance to Soviet communism something the local communist government were having remarkably little success with. The proud, independent Afghani tribes have resisted the British interests, Pakistan, Iran, and now the Soviet Union. However it was the US-Nato decision on the cruise missiles which finally prompted the Soviet tanks.... and NOT the grand world-control scares as pumped out by W. governments and their obedient media. Such propaganda aims at concealing THEIR war strategy! For Thatcher and co. to go on about retaliatory measures by boycotting the Olympics is sheer

hypocrisy---fuck the lot of them, olympics and all!---our support goes to those fighting the military elites on ALL sides.

Meanwhile, the British government, alongside their grovelling acceptance of the US-Nato 'defence gift' (costing £2,500m....a real boost for the California arms industry; the British contribution a mere £10m.).... are secretly spending £1000m. on restoring their out-dated POLARIS 'independent deterrent'....that it is relatively useless does not deter them...it aids the armaments industry which is the number one priority for the economy. Better to waste it on armaments, than to build houses, hospitals, or nurseries.

War jingoism keeps capitalism ticking over; as the Brit army regiments practice chemical and biological warfare at Porton Down in England, the armaments manufacturers sell the equipment to their Nato allies - The squaddies, of course, are just badly paid sales representatives with very dangerous working conditions!!

Even though the military war-theatre is Europe, the govt., military elite, and top civil servants will not suffer...they have their own personalised defences. As they tell us to hide behind brown paper bags, their double-talk and double-think encourages us to believe in civil defence....but that's just another term for 'military-govt. defences', with a police-military leadership. Throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, there are a series of underground control centres, (the Armed Forces HQ they are called; one of them is below a dole office in Hereford!) with a further series of underground shelters for the govt. and top civil servants; and yet another series of shelters for more localised management and control in times of nuclear war or revolutionary unrest. (There are 20 such bases in S. Ireland; there is also one in Belfast, below Post Office House.) These are the plans for a military take-over in Britain and Ireland should there be a European nuclear war!

The governments have made their plans, built their defences, are installing their weapons....that it is called civil defence, global peace, or deterrence is just another lie. That our opposition to their madness just aids the Russians is NOT the issue....those resisting militarism anywhere are our allies.

JUST ANOTHER CASE

The case of 19 year old Martin McGrady is but one example of how judges, lawyers and police can conspire to erode the few legal rights we do have in this part of the "free" world.

For anyone to face the monolithic legal machinery in this country, North or South is a mammoth task. Being arrested, held in custody, hassling to get the "services" of a half decent solicitor and barrister, appearing in court, entering a plea and then waiting the outcome of your case, which many times turns out to be a custodial sentence are coming to experience. This is especially true for youngsters without jobs and who just don't stand a chance against the forces of "Law and Order"

Should the courts, police and prisons be allowed to carry on their insidious practices without as much as a squeak from the general public? The obvious answer is NO!

On the 14th June 1979 young McGrady was held by, then beaten up and released by an official IRA punishment squad. On returning home McGrady learned that the RUC was looking to lift him in connection with a hold-up earlier in the same day. Consequently McGrady turned himself in and was delivered to Castlereagh interrogation centre. After almost a year of being held on remand his trial ended on the 15th May. The total evidence against McGrady is contained in the following extracts from the Belfast Telegraph: "The judge said he decided the case on the accuse's verbal admissions during police interviews at Castlereagh when he was alleged to have said "I done the thing"

"Defence Counsel admitted McGrady was a juvenile and criminal nuisance and that he had a very anti-authoritarian disposition"

The main police witness under cross examination said:

"There is no real evidence to say what his part was"

Although young McGrady pleaded not guilty and the evidence against him was less than circumstantial he was sent to prison for seven years. How shallow in principle and idealism are the three protagonists, the judge, defence counsel and police deceive that between them they trampled justice and liberty into the ground

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PLEASE GO TO
YOUR APPROPRIATE
SHELTER

GOVERNMENT
PERSONNEL

OTHERS

Look out. look out;
There's a soft cop about.
Expose the bums
Make them run
Back to their masters
Where they belong!

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Committee structures as they exist now, as a real power for the working class to gain control of their own lives only serve to confuse and dissipate the energy of people. When we elect people onto these committees as potential leaders (though they are not necessarily elected because of their expertise, knowledge or skills but usually on the basis that they are well liked, public speakers, or power figures.) we encourage ourselves to lose sight of our own insights and power. We project our potential qualities onto others instead of developing them ourselves. Committees, once they have been set up rarely call on the support or involvement of people. Unless we all get actively involved no real change can come about.

outta control

This is an article about drugs--ALL drugs, but more particularly those which some authority has declared to be 'illegal', and therefore must be 'controlled'...by them, of course. Little gets written about the drug laws, the drug industry, the 'drug scene' in Ireland.....instead we are constantly fed the platitudes that those drugs for sale on the open market are quite safe, necessary, or harmless to our well-being (i.e. all those numerous pills and remedies that the medical profession dispense at random). With other drugs, like tobacco and alcohol, governments are only too keen to let us decide for ourselves, as long as they can cut-in on the take! Those declared illegal (and backed up by the agents of their law and their order) are portrayed as nothing less than the stepping stones through perversity and craziness, to addiction and a horrible death. It's all very clear-cut and 'scientific'....but somewhat removed from reality. There IS a 'drug problem' in this country, of that there is no doubt, but it has a lot more to do with successive governments, the law, those that enforce the law, the profit-making drug companies, and the many practices of a Western capitalist culture....collectively THEY are the 'drug problem'. And not at all the increasing number of people learning yet again to experiment and develop through the use of natural, organic substances.

BUT HOW COME REALITY SEEMS TO BE ON ITS HEAD?

Perhaps a bit of history will help explain why some drugs are illegal (any dealings carrying stiff prison sentences) whilst other 'drugs' become a multi-million pound industry. It's not, as you might think, somehow connected to our 'welfare'...but has much more to do with racism, imperialism, police-power, and ignorance.

All cultures, at all times, have 'turned' on to something whether for religious/mystical purposes or just pure enjoyment beyond beyond the norm of everyday life. The use of marijuana*, for instance, spread westwards from China from about 5000BC. S.American cultures have used various hallucogenic plants for centuries. It's not something recently invented by the western flower-children of the 60's! Marijuana first came to Europe following the interest in the writings of other cultures that occurred during the Renaissance (15th.&16th. centuries)....the stems of the marijuana plant were invaluable for rope and sail-cloth, and played an important role in the mercantile trade boom. From George Washington to Queen Victoria, the very well documented medicinal uses of the marijuana plant were enjoyed.** In the West, though, it was largely confined to the aristocracy...in the East, a part of daily life for all.

The 20th. century brought changes...the use of drugs such as opium, coca leaves, and marijuana from Eastern cultures began to play an important role in Western commerce: Britain, for example supplied China with Indian opium (derived from the poppy plant)...the government of the United States wanted in on the profits to be had. They instigated the 1912 Hague conference, an international government convention, to investigate all forms of natural drugs. The US government argued for world-wide illegalisation of drugs and control by governments. During the next 20 years various governments supported such illegalisation for a variety of reasons---and none of them for the benefit of the people themselves. S.Africa, Egypt, and Turkey were particularly interested in the outlawing of cannabis (marijuana or grass) due to the fear that its widespread use by workers and slaves would slow production; British trading interests were concerned about losing their grip on the opium trade in the colonies...but it was the US government, through the manufacture of drug-scare stories, who did most towards the eventual banning.

In the midst of the depression, jobs were scarce in the US. Unwanted and unemployed Chinese labourers became an easy target, and the illegalisation of opium (opium was favoured mainly by the Chinese) gave more credibility to the government-sponsored press stories like... 'Chinese doping young American maidens to make them slaves'.....The US government were simply using opium to instill racism in the American workforce. It gave the unemployed an outlet, other than the government and the business interests, on which to vent their anger. Likewise with coca-leaves and its derivative cocaine...the Southern states resisted any black/white equality using the outlawing of cocaine to give credence to the lies about 'coke-crazed blacks raping young whites' etc. etc.. And all too often the racism and ignorance were believed, aided by the shock-horror presses. And likewise racism and business politics were behind the illegalisation of marijuana. Following the prohibition of alcohol in the 20's, marijuana became increasingly popular as an alternative, particularly with an influx of Mexicans looking for work... it was easier to deport Mexicans for 'illegal' marijuana use than to pay them welfare payments...so marijuana was banned also.

And Britain followed suit with the banning and control of certain drugs from 1917 onwards. (It was a mere coincidence that marijuana was included in these laws...Britain merely ratified an international agreement which included marijuana, but their prime interest was in the control and sale of opium.) The 30's, 40's, and 50's saw yet another turn in the 'drugs scene'. If racism and imperialist economics had been instrumental in forming the basis of our drug knowledge earlier in the century, it was the American narcotics squad which fed us our information thereafter. With alcohol no longer illegal in America, the Feds and G-men, who had become an industry in themselves, justified their enormous power-base with a crack-down on the 'evils' of marijuana smoking, as always equating it with crime, subversion, and anarchy! And the media, as always, were only too happy to go along with it... (it sold newspapers!). The illegalisation of drugs, used for centuries by many different cultures, was never based on 'scientific fact', the medicinal and pleasurable uses never considered.... racism, imperialism, cop-power, and red-scares were at the foundation of our modern drug laws. No wonder that drugs and crime seem to be two of a kind..but more of that later.

Throughout the prohibitive legislation of the 20's and 30's, the international medical profession did nothing to counteract the blatant propaganda---and for good reason. Any move away from heret al cures could only but increase the saleability of their 'scientific' potions, neatly packaged and marketed as cures for all our ills. That such cure medicine rarely worked stimulated better advertising campaigns, rarely better medicine! (and it was always a 'cure'.. never an attempt at tackling the various causes of illness and disease...it was much, much too difficult to 'market' that 'product'. Later in the 20th. century, as some people rejected the 'alien-culture racism' of international law, and were prepared to experiment with the ancient natural medicines and relaxants of the East, the legal chemical manufacturers began to find 'cures' for ALL our ills...and made it very profitable in the process. It became very big business, with illness and causes a mere side-issue in the race for profits, the research and development and packaging of the same old wonder drugs, the squabbling over patents, the massive advertising campaigns that accompany every new pill. The scientific establishment, with scientific advertising to gain our confidence, replaces and mystifies the whole notion of self-help, peoples cures and natural, herbal medicines. And controlled by a handful of international drug companies like Hoffman la Roche (of Seveso and Dioxin fame), ...a Swiss multi-national with an annual turnover of over £500m., but a very low turn-over of satisfied customers.

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The success of the chemical drug industry is reinforced, not just by their massive advertising campaigns, but by the attitudes prevailing throughout the Western medical profession....always away from ANY degree of self-understanding, and towards the (predominantly male) medical hierarchy and the chemical fix only THEY can prescribe. Our bodies, our minds, our health are their possession; our mystery but their profit. 'Shoot-up and Shut-up' as SEDATION becomes the norm for the depressed, at work or in the home. Working-class women suffer most at the hands of these Quacks who prescribe twice as many sedatives for women as for men. Living in shit housing conditions, motor-ways running past their doors, heavily armed Brits running through their lives, nowhere for the kids to play, demanding aggressive husbands, women are DOPED TO COPE. The pseudo-scientific technical/chemical fix called LIBRIUM or VALIUM, the Hoffman la Roche answer to 'anxiety' or 'psychic tension'. The 'womens problem' is reduced to their inability to cope with their predestined 'natural' role! The 'scientifically-proven' wonder drugs of the 60's, 70's, and 80's become part of daily life, and never mind the physical as well as the psychological problems... (the bad side effects, the dangers during pregnancy, dangers of mixing with alcohol, the very real addiction problems...in fact, all the problems normally associated with 'illegal' drugs can be yours every time you visit the local doctor!). And if you don't consider THAT to be criminal, there's more...read on. So, with a neat mix of racial prejudice and economics we end up with a series of draconian drug laws which scientists continually try to justify. Therefore when we think of drug laws we think of corruption, addiction, craziness and death...and that's how the law appears as our only safeguard for sanity. That it's not, hardly matters as long as enough people go along with THEIR way of thinking, consuming their horror stories in their daily rag. A beginning is, of course, to try a smoke for yourself. Their prejudices and guilt-trips are difficult to overcome, but hardly impossible. The consumption of organic, natural substances is only a crime because of the accumulated prejudice and racism that ends up as the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971)...and sentencing in the north of Ireland is particularly severe, not because of a greater 'drug problem' here, but because of the ignorance of the magistrates and judges who can never hope to understand the full use of the brain; and a DS always ready to justify their existence and penalise those they catch as vindictively as possible....aided by some non-entity from Queens University whose 'authoritative' article in the N.I. Legal Review convinces judges that a 'custodial sentence for a first offence is more common in N.I.'

So that's one aspect of the drug problem....but there IS a very real connection with crime that shouldn't be ignored. As long as there's laws prohibiting the use of natural drugs—any law, any drug—there will be 'crime' as professionals take over for the money. (whether Belfast, Dublin, or Columbia). And the drug becomes a refined yet impure COMMODITY, far removed from its origins...snorting very expensive cocaine rather than chewing coca leaves, injecting heroin rather than smoking opium; the use of dirty needles; and dealing cut hash rather than growing marijuana. Heroin junkies do, of course, exist (though nowhere near the scale of those destroyed by alcohol and valium) and it's not a glorious scene...but they are more the victims of our legislated culture than simply of drug abuse. The state response to people, feelings, and consciousness is always prohibition....legislation, police, courts, and prisons. It's always the SCARE education of the drug squad, and media whereby their ignorance and puritanism freaks out an inquisitive conscience, or steers it towards aerosol sprays and doctored morning-glory seeds. (NOT RECOMMENDED) Real drug education literature is legally classified as obscene, and those caught communicating with others are guilty of 'corruption and a danger to society'.

Marijuana, opium, coca leaves, and psilocybin mushrooms may not be the choice of everyone, but our individual scope and preferences can only be discovered in a society where social communication is the priority, NOT legal prohibition based on ignorance, racism, imperialism, and a prison sentence!

*marijuana, cannabis, hash...various derivatives of the leaves and flowers of the marijuana plant. It will grow anywhere if there is no frost, some sunlight, and a head-start against other plants.

**medicinal uses include constipation, rheumatism, menstrual cramps, difficult child-birth, fevers, convulsions, dysentery, appetite stimulant, analgesic and an aphrodisiac.

†one medical report on the use of cannabis bases its horror story on the fact that if rats smoke 3 times their body weight in grass every day for 3 months, they would become ill! Rightly so!!

CHARLIES ANGEL DUST

At the end of March, Jim McCann, who was charged with possession of ½ a million pounds worth of dope, and possession of a pistol with intent to endanger life, walked free from the Central Criminal Court, after one of the most inept prosecution cases ever heard in Ireland. The whole bust from the beginning was shrouded in mystery with different versions of what happened that night on the Naas Road lay-by appearing in the local and national papers. Some contradicting others, just as garda evidence at the trial contradicted the most commonly accepted story that had appeared in the press at the time of the bust—a story that had come from the gardai, of course.

Certain events help explain the ease of McCann's acquittal. The re-appearance of some of the Thai grass from the bust for sale on the streets of Dublin must have been part of the price of McCann's freedom (though one member of the gardai has been questioned about this, the DPP has decided not to press charges). The other part of it would appear to be McCann's silence. In an interview with that scurrilous sexist rag the Sunday World after his release, McCann claimed that if the trial had continued he would have had to make some revelations about happenings at the beginning of the '70s that would prove very embarrassing to a 'highly placed politician'. The immediate reaction is to think of Haughey and arms, though the drugs angle should not be discounted. When the present southern drugs act was being debated in the Dail, Haughey fought it tooth and nail, particularly the bit that allows the DS to search houses, cars, yachts etc on suspicion and without a warrant. Early in the '70s a drunken Sunday World reporter in Cork claimed that Haughey was one of the main men behind the importation of dope into Ireland. That the story was never printed has more to do with a fear of reprisals from Haughey, than with any lack of evidence. Many of Haughey's business deals have been 'shady'—such as his purchase of land in N. Dublin which was immediately rezoned for development, giving Haughey a tidy sum.

The whole question of dope importing and dealing in the South brings in local and not so local mafia which run the scene. And that's how such bad dope hits the streets....perhaps some dealers falling out accounts for the so-called 'supergrass' knocking about. This is just grass cut with 'angel dust'—a very powerful psychochemical which can hit some people in very bad ways. It also enables Mullins and friends of the DS to crack down even harder, particularly with a 'legalise it' campaign run by Ubi Dwyer just beginning to get off the ground. Shock horror scare stories, fed by the DS, is the level of their 'education'.

† grass can be checked for the presence of angel dust....put some grass in water and angel dust will float out;

BANNED	LEGAL CLASSIFICATION
1917... COCAINE, HEROIN, MORPHINE	A : COCAINE, COCA LEAVES, HEROIN, L.S.D., Mescaline, MORPHINE, OPIUM, ANGEL DUST (P.C.P.).
1925... CANNABIS	B : AMPHETEMINES AND CANNABIS (NOT SEEDS)
1964... AMPHETEMINES	C : MANDRAX, MILD AMPHETEMINES.
1966... L.S.D. (ACID)	

SENTENCING		CROWN COURT	
MAGISTRATES COURT			
POSSESSION	SUPPLY	POSSESSION	SUPPLY
A UP TO 6 MONTHS AND/OR £1000 FINE		UP TO 7 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE.	UP TO 14 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE.
B UP TO 3 MTHS. +/OR £500 FINE	UP TO 6 MONTHS +/OR £1000 FINE (INCLUDES GROWING)	UP TO 5 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE	UP TO 14 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE.
C UP TO 3 MTHS. +/OR £200 FINE	UP TO 3 MTHS. +/OR £500 FINE	UP TO 2 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE.	UP TO 5 YEARS +/OR UNLIMITED FINE.

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PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS

FRESH ONES ARE STILL LEGAL : DRIED ONES COULD BE CONSTRUED AS A 'PREPARATION'... BUT IT CAN BE DEFENDED ON THE GROUNDS THAT ONLY A CHEMIST CAN 'PREPARE' OR EXTRACT THE ILLEGAL BIT!

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COMMENTS TO "OUTTA CONTROL"

POSSESSION: THEY HAVE TO PROVE IT IS A CONTROLLED DRUG, THOUGH ANY DRUG LITERATURE LYING ABOUT COULD BE USED AGAINST YOU. KNOWING SOMEONE ELSE HAS A CONTROLLED DRUG IS NOT AN OFFENCE : PRIOR POSSESSION IS, BUT DIFFICULT TO PROVE UNLESS YOU ADMIT TO IT. 'TRACES' CAN BE FOUGHT, AS LONG AS YOU DON'T SAY IT WAS PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER. NEVER SAY YOU'VE TRIED IT IN THE PAST, OR ABROAD.

SUPPLY: COULD INCLUDE THE PASSING OF A JOINT. AN OFFER OF SUPPLY IS ENOUGH FOR THEM. THERE'S ONLY ONE RULE—SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE AND GET A SOLICITOR.