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 Monday, Rose McAllister was the 1st woman to be released since the prison authorities forced the protesters 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. 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 viciously.
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, local demonstrations and protests have been brought to the notice of these people—and they acted accordingly. Meeting after meeting, discussions, demonstrations, pickets, sabotaged sites and machinery...They let it be known that they didn'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 unscrupulous of any other people or environment. The mining companies, silent for so long, now speak loudly, threaten workers, local person against local person. The companies in Donegal have threatened to pull out and leave the country (though it is EEC grants, disruption or no disruption, which keep them there). They forecast redundancies (of a mere handful of local jobs which would soon be closed up or 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 which have been distributing small leaflets against the antiuranium 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 committee at 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 antiuranium committee was being financed by British Intelligence to stop the mining! It fooled no-one.

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19 This years National Union of Journalists conference was held in Portstewart. The holding of conferences in traditional locations such as the seashore and clear air, but in the context of N.I. also a way of keeping people, who are paid to be inconspicuous, to the table. It provided a peaceful backdrop to the mayor of Coleraine's welcome to the delegates in the town and the song of the seagulls, seeming 'normality' and even more boldly, 'The R.U.C. are paying for it extremely respectably' (by who? Chile? South Africa?...) The delegates were also bussed to Derry Guil- dhu and seen from the window on Sa- turday giving a FREE banquet at the Northern Counties by the Chamber of Commerce. But there is a small number of journalists who are begining to question the ownership of news of N.I. They heckled the Mayor of Coleraine, picketed the banquet, and draped a banner over the balcony of the conference hall. The Belfast branch replied by putting up their own "Support Law and Or- der" which was removed after a heated exchange (as they saw in the press). This was the first time that such intrusions were made in to NUJ compla- nency about the censorship of information from here. Another illustration is the 2 motions passed-56 62 (a) The consistent failure of the Board of Governors of the R.U.C. to insist on the application of NUJ guidelines to all Chapels setting out the duty owed by the media to their colleagues and to unbiased reporting. (b) Judges don't take these things into account and from other Spanish speaking Central American countries, which was removed after a heated exchange. It included an invitation to a member of ISP in 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.I. organised a march through the streets of Oxford and sent the TUC and the Trades Council through the city by the Trades Council from its property. The TUC became involved after the last time it happened (the T.C.5 for 14 years, 3 years, 1973 for 4 years, 1963 for 10 years) is a campaign to reaffiliate, and part of this and their broader wave ofNUJ group) on how censorship works and took for 3 similar exit in 1965 and tatlin off of 1970 of 250,000. Until that is, last Easter. The guards from the Penman embasidy 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 welcome 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 states, but few realised that it was a threat to us. Since the revolution, Fidel Castro has become the 'Lider Maximo' and the Commu- nist Party the administrative arm of his one party state. Through the militarisation of daily life, down to the schools; economic control, for mass production and a patriarchal sexual morality, he has run the country as a military dictator. The only real threat to him is the possibility of a regime change, apathy and passivity. Anything else has lead to imprisonment.

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, being given as win conditions.

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. For his 'revolutionary' regime, at the Penman embassy, was removed after a heated exchange. Danny Morisson from Republican News related the time how his editorial freedom had been curtailed and held for six months before being released, and the time that he and his colleagues were held by the Brits of the papers, equipment, typewriters, files etc... Etc... Etc... In spite of his job as an officer of the exexit and trivialising Sunday World, gave a useful account of how journalists working here practice self censorship. They would say that the know the editors won't kick up a stink about, and means heavy relying on the RUC and press statements. An example of how they write the story/the latter being the operative word/happened the day of the AirreyNews leave. (Found in Mexico)

The Dublin Minister in N.I. was having a drink in the Blackthorn Pub in Belfast when the news flash of Neven's death came on the tels. 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 "what have they done that/McCann gasled, 'To get the Tories a sympathiser vote' (it was an election year). Indeed the Mirrors hack was on the phone to head office in the last few minutes. The headline read "we'll blast the Tories to Power - Provos". They had had to have had a statement to that effect (that fact it was the last line). 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 (Norway) NUJ member, who related the fact that now that branch had worked very hard to expose coverage of lack of its on Ireland both in the union and the Trades Council, the latter successfully. It included an invitation to a member of ISP 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.I. organised a march through the streets of Oxford and sent the TUC and the Trades Council of its property. The TUC became involved after the last time it happened (the T.C. 5 for 14 years, 3 years, 1973 for 4 years, 1963 for 10 years) is a campaign to reaffiliate, and part of this and their broader wave of NUJ group) on how censorship works and took for 3 similar exit in 1965 and tatlin off of 1970 of 250,000. Until that is, last Easter. The guards from the Penman embasidy 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 welcome 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 states, but few realised that it was a threat to us. 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 control, for mass production and a patriarchal sexual morality, he has run the country as a military dictator. The only real threat to him is the possibility of a regime change, 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 in its 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 voters... 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 mot- tive support, and distract attention away from internal problems (in this case the disastrous economic planning where even basic rationing is rationed) has been engineered.

There is a strong ideological conflict between Cuba and the U.S.A. Many visiting emigres appearầy to be 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 patch- ing up! Most of those in the middle who do not agree to Castro's policies have been boistered on the second class citizenship they face in the U.S. And those left behind having shown their faces, will not be forgiven!
Governments work in strange and mystifying ways. On the face of it, they seem to operate from their own internal debt, the existence of which they feed their public. They believe that their propaganda, the belief that they are doing the right thing, and the belief that they are doing the right thing with the right weapons, will in themselves, without any real effort, win the war. In the meantime, they are busy developing more sophisticated weapons, and the public is left to wonder what it is all about.

The aggressive, menacing, Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is the cause, we are dutifully informed day after day. But the views they express day after day, the evidence they give us, is having a temporary (?) relapse (capitalist recession gets worse...the ability of multi-nationalists to produce more and more...the viewsthey express day after day, the evidence they give us)...but amidst it all we have an expanding and booming arms industry!! Hard to understand, hard to accept and not question the horrific reality that we are being led to believe, rather than what is actually going on. Take the nuclear program: we suddenly wake up to one morning...we are dutifully informed day after day. Not quite true...but we need to penetrate the lies and ideology of our Western governments, the views they express day after day.

The 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 II 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. Ruanda, but NO and brutality whatsover on American soil!! Very clever.

The decision to place the cruise missiles in England, announced by the US government in Dec. 1978, two weeks before the Soviet-military invasion of Afghanistan, (and 3 days after a US-Nato statement that the 1980's were to be a decade of arms control!!) is the most astute illustration of ineffectual communist government which 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 the forces of the Soviet Union. However, the US-Nato decision on the cruise missiles which finally prompted the Soviet reaction, would have been an absolutely useless strategy...With the muscle-control scares as pumped out by W. governments and their respective propaganda arm of concealing their "real" 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!!! The same is true 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 now 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 chem- cal and biological warfare at Porton Down, in England, the armaments manufacturers sell the equipment to their Nato allies. The quagmires, 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 specialised defence industry. As they lie to hide behind brown paper bags, their double-talk and double-think encourages us to hide in civil in our collective response to the other term for "military-go & defences", with all the connotations of intrigue and treachery, the British contribution amere £10m.)....It was the US-Nato decision on the cruise missiles which finally prompted the Soviet reaction, would have been an absolutely useless strategy...With the muscle-control scares as pumped out by W. governments and their respective propaganda arm of concealing their "real" 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!!! The same is true 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 now one priority for the economy. Better to waste it on armaments, than to build: houses, hospitals, or nurseries...

Look out. look out; Back to their masters There's a soft cop about. Where they belong! The case of 19 year old Martin McGrady is but one example of how the processes of "Law and Order" 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 speak 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 Mr. McGrady alleged that the RUC was looking to link him in connection with a hold-up earlier in the same day. Consequently McGrady turned himself in and was delivered to Castlereagh inter-rogation centre. After almost a year of being held his trial ended on the 15th May. The total evidence against McGrady is contained in the following extracts from the Belfast Telegraph: 'The judge refused McGrady's application for a trial by jury 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 a symbol of youth anti-authoritarian disposition''.

The main police witness under cross examination was asked: "There is no real evidence to say what his part was in the incident." Although the judge was accused of using anti-public figures, we encourage ourselves to lose sight of our own interests and power. We project our potential qualities onto others and are not aware of our own real change can come about.

Committee structures as they exist now, as a real power for the working class to organise, are growing. The groups are now able 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 known public speakers, or power figures...), we encourage ourselves to lose sight of our own ideas. We project our potential qualities onto others and are not aware of our own real change can come about.
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 that narcotics 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 perversion and crassness, and a horrible death. And the one-camer drug, the '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 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?

Not much of history will help explain why some drugs are illegal (any dealings carrying stiff prison sentences) whilst other 'drugs' become a multi-billion 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, crime, and propaganda.

All cultures, at all times, have 'turned' on to something whether for religious/mystical purposes of just pure enjoyment beyond beyond the horrors of everyday life. The use of marijuana*, for instance, spread westwards from China from about 2000BC. In ancient cultures, it was used for hallucinogenic purposes for centuries. It's not something recently invented by the western flower-child 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 used for rope and sail-clothes, 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 India, 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)...American businessmen...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 radical governments have 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 peasants would lead to revolution; British trading interests were concerned about feeding 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 this oppression, the wars were scarce in the US. Unemployed and unemployed Chinese labourers (and women) was 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 drug users must be made slaves". The US government were simply using opium to limit, in a part of daily life for all, the East. 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 radical governments have 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 peasants would lead to revolution; British trading interests were concerned about feeding 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.

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 was merely 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 raid which fed us our information thereafter. With alcohol no longer illegal in America, the Feds and G-man, 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, opium-power, and fear were at the heart of our modern law. 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 heretobecures could only but increase the salesability 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 medical (and it was always a cure...it was always a 'cure'...acknowledging the cause to cure cause the 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 medicine of other lands, enthusiastic medical practitioners began to find 'cures' for ALL our ills...and made it very profitable in the process. It became very big business, with illness and cures 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 accompanied 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 contrary to what the national drug companies like Hoffman La Roche (of Serox and Dioxin fame...), A Swiss multinational 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 also 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, not ours. They use us to gain a name and a way to justify, or excuse, their existence. Is this expensiveness...is this depression, 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, motorways running past them and the harshly armed soldiers sweeping through their lives, nowhere for the kids to play, surrounded by 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 'women's problem' reduced to their inability to bear children. The 'sterile' artificially-produced chemical whale, described as part of daily life...and never mind the physical as well as the psychological...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 avoided by the story that has appeared in the press at the time of the bust—a story that had come from the parcel, of course.

Certain events help explain the ease of McCann's acquittal. The re-appearance of some of the dope which was sold for sale on the streets of Dublin must have been part of the price of McCann's freedom (though one member of the gardai had been questioned about this, the DPP has decided not to press charges). The other part of it would appear that this was through an interview with that scurrilous sexist (the Sunday World) reporter, Haughey. The story would prove very embarrassing to a 'highly placed politician'. The main DPP argument was that McCann and Haughey, arms and legs, the drugs angle should not be discounted. When the present southern drug act was being debated in the Dail, Haughey fought it tooth and nail, particularly when it sanctions the DS to search houses, cars, yachts etc on suspicion and without a warrant. In the 70's, McCann claimed that if the trial had continued he would have made some 'very serious and exciting' revelations about the running of the '70s that would prove very embarrassing to a 'highly placed politician'. The point is that it never was: McCann and Haughey are, through the drugs angle, more connected with the running of the '70s than any lack of evidence. Many of Haughey's business deals have been 'shady' such as his purchase of a Cypriot company, and this has immediately resonated for development, giving Haughey a tidy sum.

The whole drug importing and dealing in the South brings in local and not so local mafia which run the scene. And thats how such incidents happen. There still appear to be perhaps some dealings falling out accounts for the so-called 'supergrass' knocking about. But this is just grass cut with 'angeldust' - a very powerful psychochemical which can hit some people in very hard. And this also enables Mullins and friends of the DS to crack down even harder, particularly with a 'legality' campaign run by Uhi Dwyer just beginning to get off the ground. Shock horror scare stories, fed by the DS, is the level of their 'education'.

'T grass can be checked for the presence of angel dust...put some grass in water and angel dust will float out;