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BACKGROUND

PIE was founded in October 1974, recognising that there was a need in Britain for a group for those men and women who are sexually attracted to young people of 17 and below. The inaugural meeting of its members took place in March 1975.

WHAT DOES PIE STAND FOR?

We are an organisation for those adults sexually attracted to children. We want to dispel the myths connected with paedophilia, and show that most paedophiles desire gentle, loving and mutually pleasurable relationships. The group believes that it is essential that attitudes towards young people should change, so that the existence of their sexuality and other feelings are recognised and accepted. Our aim is to make public scientific, sociological and similar information proving the value of paedophilia and showing how the lives of children and paedophiles are distorted by society's prohibitive values.

We campaign for the legal and social acceptance of paedophilia. We believe it is inhumane to children to outlaw their sexuality, and we support moves to lower the 'age of consent'. We are against the rape and physical assault of anyone, but we want to see the removal from the statute books of the unjust laws which define mutual and loving relationships with children as assaults.

We hope to provide a means by which paedophiles can communicate with one another, and to help those whose lives have been distorted by oppressive attitudes; such as those guilty, isolated, lonely and others in legal difficulties concerning sexual acts with consenting 'under-age' partners.

WHAT HAS PIE DONE SO FAR?

By the time of PIE's third birthday in October 1977 the organisation consisted of about 300 members, and although a relatively new organisation we had by then made efforts to attain the objectives expressed in our aims. Besides establishing a regular newsletter, the first of its kind for British paedophiles, we have begun to tackle the question of the legal 'age of consent' by submitting evidence to the Home Office Criminal Law Revision Committee. We have spoken in support of paedophilia to many groups, numerous letters have been written to newspapers and various other bodies, and articles have appeared in several journals. Hundreds of letters from paedophiles all over Britain, and abroad, have been answered.

We are running a series of continuous campaigns and surveys (we have already published some interesting results from a survey of our members), and we always need information about chemical castration or other maltreatment of paedophiles both in and out of Prison.

PUBLICATIONS

Our magazine MAGPIE is sent out about every 8 weeks to all PIE subscribers. It contains news, information, book reviews, articles, etc. of a paedophile interest. Childhood Rights is published two or three times a year and is produced by the Childrens Rights Group of PIE.

MEETINGS OF PIE MEMBERS

There is a general meeting for all members of PIE once each year, but it is hoped that regional groups may start up. A London group is already in existence, and there are several other groups proposed in various parts of the country.

OTHER WAYS OF CONTACTING PAEDOPHILES

There is a Contact Sheet sent out regularly enabling paedophiles to contact one another.

WHO DOES PIE REPRESENT?

Most paedophiles who have contacted PIE so far have been men who are attracted to boys, but as we become more well known we hope we will find that more male heterosexual and female paedophiles will join.

DONATIONS

As a newly emerging organisation we are always short of cash. In order to become involved in useful and relevant work we need a continuous supply of funds. Hence, additional donations are always welcome.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF PIE

I would like to become a member of PIE and I am enclosing as payment for one year's subscription. I understand that all communication with PIE will be held in strict confidence and that my name and address will be protected in all circumstances and will not be revealed to anyone without my permission.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

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Signed Dated

Where did you learn of PIE's existence

ORDER FORM

Please supply the following publications:-

PIE Evidence to the Home Office Criminal Law Revision Committee copies

PIE Survey of Members copies

Paedophilia - Some Questions and Answers copies

Magpie Nos

Childhood Rights Nos

I wish to subscribe to Magpie and I enclose as one year's subscription.

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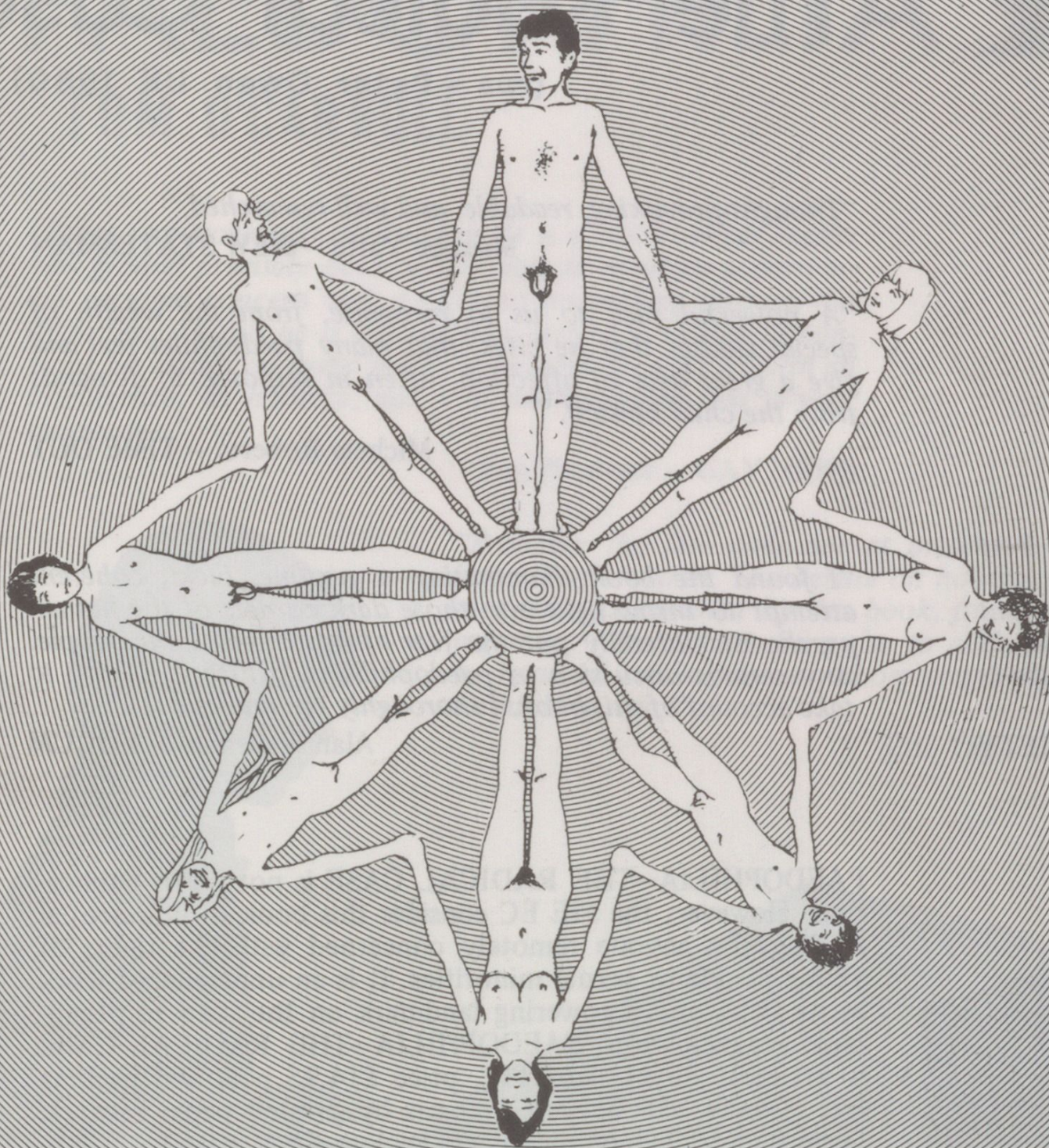
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WHAT IS P.I.E.?

The Paedophile Information Exchange is a campaigning self-help group which exists to promote a wider understanding and acceptance of paedophilia and the rights of young people.

WHAT DOES PAEDOPHILE MEAN?

Paedophiles are men and women who are sexually attracted to young people, most usually those around the age of puberty. Paedophiles are *not* "child molesters", rapists or murderers, and nor is paedophilia a sickness or "perversion". Paedophile love is as natural and beneficial as parental love and, like adult heterosexual and homosexual relationships, it is based upon the free and happy consent of *both* partners.

WHAT DOES P.I.E. STAND FOR?

We seek to dispel the harmful myths which surround paedophilia, and to show that most paedophiles desire gentle, loving and mutually-pleasurable relationships. We believe it is essential that society's attitudes towards young people should change, so that the existence of their sexuality and other feelings is recognised and respected. Our aim is to make public scientific, sociological, and above all *accurate*, information proving the value of paedophilia, and showing how the lives of children, as well as of paedophiles, are distorted and damaged by society's prohibitive values.

We campaign for the legal and social acceptance of paedophilia. We believe that a fundamental revision of the Law is needed, that it is unjust to children to outlaw their sexuality. The whole concept of an "age of consent" is a denial of children's rights in that, whilst acknowledging their right to say "no", it denies them the right to say "yes". PIE is opposed to the rape or physical assault of anyone, regardless of age, but we wish to see the removal from the statute books of all unjust laws which define mutually-desired and loving relationships between adult and child as "assaults".

PIE also seeks within the Law to bring paedophiles closer together in a spirit of mutual support and acceptance, and to help those whose lives have been distorted by ignorance and prejudice around them—the isolated and lonely, the frightened and the suicidal. Wherever possible, we offer guidance to those in legal difficulties arising from consensual sex acts with young partners.

PIE does not promote or encourage illegal acts, sexual or otherwise.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE JOIN P.I.E.?

Those who care enough to want to see an end to a social injustice. We have an international English-speaking membership (spanning more than 20 countries) which embraces people from all walks of life and of most political complexions. The majority of our members have in the past been homosexual male paedophiles (men attracted to boys or youths), but we have a growing number of heterosexual and bisexual members, and we would particularly welcome more women members, of whom we have seen too few to date.

CAN NON-PAEDOPHILES JOIN?

Yes. PIE is not a secret society. Membership is open to anyone who is sincerely committed to children's rights, and who is prepared to endorse PIE's aims and objectives. Corporate affiliation is open to societies, institutes, libraries, etc.

WHAT SERVICES AND FACILITIES DO MEMBERS ENJOY?

Beyond our magazine *Maggie*, and various one-off publications as described below, PIE was at one time organising local social meetings for members, a regular penfriend service through which isolated members could write to one another, and an Annual General Meeting in London at which future policies were decided, committee officials elected, etc. All these facilities have been curtailed due to the 1981 Old Bailey show trial. If in the future a *safe* and *legal* means can be found, whereby members can meet and befriend each other without jeopardising the freedom of Executive Committee members, then PIE will do all that it can to arrange this. In September, 1981, PIE launched *Contact!*—a new bi-monthly journal to supplement *Maggie*, providing members with a unique forum of paedophile opinion. Later in the year the first in a series of invaluable *Information Sheets* for the paedophile were published. Other services in the years ahead will depend largely on enough members coming forward to assist the Executive Committee with the extra work entailed. Remember that PIE is run on a voluntary, part-time basis.

CAN I OBTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL THROUGH P.I.E.?

No. Although PIE has not reached a formal policy on the subject of pornography, and opinions of E.C. members vary considerably, membership of PIE is on the strict understanding that *no attempt is made to obtain such material through us*. (However, we are perfectly willing to offer members guidance as to the legal position regarding possession of such material within the UK, if this is required.) □

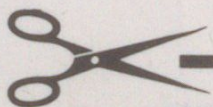
DONATIONS

Please note that the rates quoted above are the barest minimum charge to cover the cost of your own membership. *Anything* you can spare beyond this—even a few pounds—in the form of a donation will contribute towards the general improvement of PIE's services for *all* our members, many of whom are imprisoned or unemployed. Additional projects require additional funds. If you wish to see PIE expand its services and activities, please give generously. Thank you.

Please complete and detach this slip, and return with your payment to :

NEW MEMBERS: P.I.E.; P.O. Box 75; London E5 8AQ; UK

(Make cheques and postal orders payable to PAEDOPHILE INFORMATION EXCHANGE)



Dear Friends,

I should like to become a member of PIE. I enclose :

I DECLARE THAT . . .

"I am not applying to join PIE in order to obtain introductions to children for sexual purposes, nor to exchange or solicit 'indecent' or 'obscene' material concerning children. I am not acting as an agent on behalf of the press or news media, nor of any police or law enforcement agency. I fully endorse the aims and objectives of PIE, and I support the sexual rights both of children and paedophiles."

£ initial joining fee

£ 1 year's membership

£ for publications (listed separately)

£ donation

£ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Where did you obtain PIE's address?

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☐ Please send me a copy of the PIE PARTICIPATION GUIDE

Signed

Name

Address

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A SHORT HISTORY OF PIE

September 1974: PIE founded by Michael Hanson—a gay student living in Edinburgh—under the aegis of the Scottish Minorities Group (now the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group).

March 1975: Inaugural meeting of membership in Edinburgh. Constitution formulated.

July 1975: Hanson succeeded by Keith Hoes as PIE's Chairperson. Group's centre of activity shifts to London.

November 1975: Following a major speech by Hoes at the CHE annual conference in Sheffield, and on the recommendation of MIND (a mental health organisation), PIE composes and submits its own "Evidence on the Law Relating to, and Penalties for, Certain Sexual Offences Involving Children" to the Home Office Criminal Law Revision Committee. After nine issues of a modest *Newsletter* PIE launches a new, more ambitious magazine—*Understanding Paedophilia*—under the editorship of Warren Middleton.

April 1976: PIE publishes the results of a "Survey of the Membership" correlating the sexual "preferences" of some 100 respondents.

January 1977: PIE incorporates remnants of fellow group—Paedophile Action for Liberation—following a cowardly attack on PAL by the Sunday People (PAL was a breakaway group of the South London Gay Liberation Front).

March 1977: On the retirement of its editor, *Understanding Paedophilia* is succeeded by *Magpie*—a compromise between house magazine and campaigning journal—published monthly for first seven issues, but later on an occasional basis. Simultaneously, the first of three broadsheets called "Childhood Rights" is produced by Secretary, David Grove.

September 1977: PIE is catapulted into the public consciousness by its decision to hold its first public meeting (at London's Conway Hall), and by the much-publicised attendance of PIE's new Chairperson, Tom O'Carroll, at the British Psychological Society's conference "On Love and Attraction" at Swansea. In both cases, a carefully-orchestrated crescendo of press hysteria drowned the serious argument we tried to convey, demolishing all pretence about "freedom of speech" in the UK.

December 1977: PIE wins a token victory against the media by achieving a Press Council verdict against the Guardian, which had refused us a right of reply to follow allegations printed about PIE.

May 1978: PIE publishes its booklet "Paedophilia—Some Questions and Answers" (initially compiled with the aid of the Albany Trust). Copies are sent to every Member of both houses of parliament, to the media, and to many "prominent" individuals. It is still on sale.

June 1978: An otherwise sedate AGM is disrupted by a freelance photographer working for the News of the World. Police later raid the homes of several Executive Committee members prompted—so they claim—by the resulting gutter press "expose". Many PIE documents (though not our membership list) are seized.

July 1979: A year later, charges of "Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals" are brought against five past and present members of the Executive Committee, based on the penfriend service we provided for members. A separate obscenity charge (later dropped) is brought against the editors of *Understanding Paedophilia No.4*.

December 1979: Tom O'Carroll resigns from the Chair to prepare his defence and complete work on his book "Paedophilia—The Radical Case".

August 1980: PIE's 4th Chairperson, Steven Adrian, an Open Letter proposing a trans-national federation of paedophile and children's rights groups is circulated to individuals and groups in Europe and the US. PIE begins compiling a number of *Information Sheets* on various topics, including extensive fiction and non-fiction reading lists.



SUGGESTED READING

- ADULT SEXUAL INTEREST IN CHILDREN.**
Cook & Howells (ed) (1981) Academic Press
BIRTHRIGHTS: A Bill of Rights for Children
Richard Farson (1974) Macmillan—NY
- THE BOSSOM SEX SCANDAL**
Mitzel (1980) Glad Day Books—Boston
- BOYS SPEAK OUT ON MAN/BOY LOVE**
NAMBLA (1981) NAMBLA—NY
- CENTURIES OF CHILDHOOD**
Philip Aries (1962) Penguin—UK
- THE CHILD IN THE CITY**
C. Ward (1978) Architectural Press—UK
- GREEK LOVE**
J.Z. Eglinton (1971) Neville Spearman—UK
- INDECENT ASSAULT**
Roger Moody (1980) World Is Out—UK
- PERSPECTIVES ON PAEDOPHILIA**
Brian Taylor (ed) (1981) Batsford—UK
- SEX WITHOUT SHAME**
Alyne Yates (1979) Temple Smith—UK
- THE WORLD, THE FLESH AND MYSELF**
Michael Davidson (1966) Mayflower Dell—UK
- YOUNG GAY AND PROUD!**
Melbourne Gay Teachers & Students Group (1979)



HOW CAN YOU HELP PIE?

For obvious reasons, committed paedophile activists are few and far between. The PIE Executive Committee has always been short-handed and overworked, thus volunteers to join the E.C. will always be especially needed. E.C. members must be able to attend meetings in London at least twice a year (most of us live in greater London, but we do have stalwarts who have travelled from as far afield as Birmingham and Lancashire for committee meetings). However, if it is not necessary either to join the E.C. or to physically attend meetings, in order to make a very significant contribution to PIE. Indeed with as much as 50% of our membership living outside the UK, we are anxious to encourage these members to participate actively as well.

Accordingly, PIE has prepared a detailed **PARTICIPATION GUIDE** (available free on request) which describes numerous ways that the individual member can help in the work of our organisation. Some of these tasks—translation work for example—require special skills or abilities; others—such as counselling the distressed or guilt-ridden—require only discretion, understanding and mature judgement. Members with a flair for writing, for research, for liaising with outside groups—will find all within the guide a variety of tasks to suit their tastes, and members with a taste for nothing in particular will find some ideas for them too. Of course, everyone is welcome to contribute articles, letters or artwork to *MAGPIE* and *CONTACT*—all these are in constant demand—but we hope that members will look beyond this, and wish to participate more fully in the expansion of PIE's activities and services into new and challenging dimensions. Order your copy of the **PIE PARTICIPATION GUIDE** today. And if you have clear ideas of your own as to how you could help us—so much the better!

THE NORTH AMERICAN MAN/BOY LOVE ASSOCIATION
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P.O. Box 174 Midtown Station, New York 10018

PAEDOPHILIA

TOM O'CARROLL

The Radical Case

(Pub—Peter Owen UK 1980)

"Thought-provoking, readable, and well-researched."

Maurice Yaffe—NEW STATESMAN

"A powerful plea to us to recognize, from the wealth of special studies that he cites, that many paedophiles feel and give a great deal of affection, often in response to demands from the child himself."

Michele Roberts—TIME OUT

"I found the book illuminating—a genuine, lucid, coherent attempt to throw light into those dark corners of the human psyche that literally put the fear of death into some people. Any serious discussion of paedophilia in future will have to take account of this book. I thoroughly recommend it."

Alan Wakeman—FORUM

Eric Taylor—NEW SOCIETY

"Probably the law does not at present operate in the best interest of children. The debate on how society can best protect them is enriched by this book, for it gives an important argument which is nowhere else so ably sustained. It should be required reading for all whose response to paedophilia is unthinking rage."

Eric Taylor—NEW SOCIETY

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MEMBERSHIP RATES.

Joining fee = 1st year's membership =

Membership includes subscription to *MAGPIE* and *CONTACT*!

ON JOINING

New members receive: the current issues of *MAGPIE* and *CONTACT*; a copy of PIE's Constitution; the booklet "PAEDOPHILIA—SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS"; and a membership card (your personal membership no. should be quoted on all future correspondence).

BACK ISSUES

Copies or photocopies of all PIE's previous publications are available—see separate PIE PRESS leaflet for prices and details.

PRISONERS

Membership of PIE is free of charge to persons serving sentences for consensual sexual acts with "under-age" partners.

NON-EARNERS

A concessionary rate is available on application to the Membership Secretary.



PIE'S HISTORY IN BRIEF.

December 1980: Presented from publishing our address through conventional means, PIE orders a first run of 50,000 stickers to be printed. Distribution of these is held over till conclusion of the trial.

January 1981: PIE defendants Dagnall, O'Carroll, Parratt and Wade (the fifth—David Grove—having died of cancer shortly beforehand) face a full-fledged Old Bailey show trial charged with "conspiracy to corrupt public morals". The press, fearing an acquittal, give the trial very low-key coverage throughout. After the jury do acquit Wade altogether, and reach partial verdicts of "not guilty" against Parratt and Dagnall, judge John Leonard orders a re-trial.

March 1981: On the eve of the re-trial, O'Carroll and Dagnall are re-arrested and charged for good measure with "conspiracy to commit an act of gross indecency"—a charge which is later dropped completely. The re-trial results in the total acquittal of Dagnall and Parratt, but former Chairperson Tom O'Carroll is sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Judge John Leonard—who has since received a knighthood for his treachery to civil rights). With the acquittal of Tom O'Carroll it has become possible in the UK to be sent to prison for conspiracy with no specified person to commit an act which is not a criminal offence. In a pathetic post-script to the trial the laws of the British media generate a parliamentary scandal over an ex-PIE member who, as a retired diplomat, had enjoyed immunity from prosecution. Calls are made for PIE to be proscribed by Act of Parliament, as were the IRA, but the Government decide that present legislation will be "adequate" to deal with us.

Although Tom O'Carroll has been a major driving force in PIE, and his conviction was a severe blow to the Executive Committee, we have been united in our determination to continue the work for which he has so plainly been made an example by the forces of ignorance and intolerance. The press have already gone to great pains to single out another member of the PIE EC as a target for public abuse, but without success. With the introduction of a new bi-monthly magazine for members—*Contact*—plus the *Information Sheets* and stickers, PIE has redoubled its energies after the trial.

(The above events—up until the commencement of the trial—are covered in greater depth in a "History of PIE" *Information Sheet*, obtainable only from PIE. The strategy and philosophy behind them are discussed by Tom O'Carroll in "Paedophilia, The Radical Case.")

END THE REPRESSION OF YOUTH SEXUALITY

The fight for the rights of youth has become a burning issue in the gay movement. The right-wing forces in the country have defined the issue by focusing their anti-gay attacks on youth sexuality. Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign and the Briggs Initiative in California were rallying points for the anti-gay witch-hunt. The right wing wants to force gay people back into the closet by regimenting all youth sexuality, and particularly that of gay youth.

The Revolutionary Socialist League believes that everyone fighting for lesbian and gay rights must take a clear and uncompromising stand in defense of young people's right to their own sexuality, in this case, of gay youth. We think such a stand must include the following points:

1) The fight for full rights for gay youth is central to the struggle for gay liberation. As long as youth sexuality is repressed, the closet will dominate the lives of all gay people. The closet starts when society tries to cram young women and men into a strait-jacket of "acceptable" behavior. From a very young age, people are taught to repress any parts of themselves that don't fit this mold—or pay the consequences. The consequences are either to bear society's scorn and attacks, or to hide in the closet. For gay people to be free, therefore, the closet—the "choice" society imposes—

must be destroyed in all its forms.

2) We believe that all consensual sex is the business only of those involved. The state has no business regulating in any way expressions of sexuality between consenting persons of any number, sex, or age.

3) The state's attempt to regulate youth sexuality in particular is rooted in young people's position as property of their parents and/or wards of the state. Young people are jailed in schools, economically exploited and denied the most basic political rights. Society maintains this oppression by imposing the idea that young people are not capable of determining their own wants and needs—in particular, their sexual needs and desires.

4) We oppose age-of-consent laws. These laws deny the ability of young people to determine their own sexual needs and desires. They maintain the status of youth as property, and reinforce the closet for gay youth.

Age-of-consent laws were established to keep young women the property of their fathers—to make consent the option of the parents, not the young woman. Today, society has found age-of-consent laws useful not only to oppress straight young women and their lovers, but also to use against young lesbians and gay men and their lovers. In their present form, these laws are just a tool in the hands of the sexist, anti-gay courts to use

against those who refuse to fit into society's mold.

5) The fact that in this society young people are considered someone else's property—objects—means that they more easily become the victims of rape, exploitation and other forms of sexual abuse. We are for the strongest possible fight against rape and abuse, including the right to self-defense by any means necessary. We support and will fight for stronger laws against rape and sexual abuse, including laws against abuse of children who are in no position to consent.

However, we don't consider laws a solution. The entire social system—capitalism—is based on dog-eat-dog competition and exploitation. Capitalism trains some people to think they are better than others—straights to think they're better than gays, men better than women, whites better than Blacks, adults better than young people, etc. And it trains people to "get ahead" by trampling on others, exploiting them, denying their rights and abusing their minds and bodies. The result is rape, wife-beating, child abuse, racist attacks and other horrors that we see all around us. These things will only end when capitalism is destroyed and replaced with a society based on cooperation, not competition. This is socialism—a society run by workers and all oppressed people, a society in which all people will be free. □

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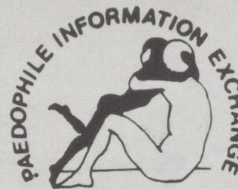
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SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBERS



When parliament's away, the press go in search of other prey - this is the lesson of previous years for PIE. It is notably during the summer recess, the so-called "silly season", that the mosquitoes rise from their breeding grounds in the rank stagnant pools of Fleet Street to descend greedily upon the exposed parts of bodies such as PIE. In the past we have been plagued by whining parasites from the SUNDAY PEOPLE and the NEWS OF THE WORLD - striking suddenly, drawing a little blood, then buzzing off to spread their diseased ideas and deeply sick notions of "morality". From an insect-eye perspective, the unremarkable (and frankly humdrum) routine of the PIE Executive Committee is magnified into a catalogue of unspeakable depravity. Their papers spread like running sores across the face of the country, exciting the prejudices, outraging the proprieties, and titillating the sexual curiosities of their base and asinine readers. This year it has been the turn of the DAILY STAR to dip its proboscis into PIE.

In a week which had seen extensive coverage in the media of several sexual killings of children around the UK, a short item appeared in the NOTW (August 15th) in which ALEX MARUNCHAK disclosed the address of Steven Adrian (full name Steven Adrian Smith) and claimed the credit for Steven being dismissed from his job the previous week. Steven had worked for a company in the Home Office, Westminster, and security clearance had been withdrawn immediately the paper contacted the Home Office about his involvement in PIE. Marunchak got just about everything else wrong: he pronounced Steven a "CHILD-SEX BOSS" and Chairman of PIE, whereas in truth Steven resigned as Chairperson last year, at which time the post of Chairperson was abolished, and in a statement which amounted to manifest criminal libel, he alleged that Steven had at an EC meeting "bragged of his relationships with boys and urged members to organise a dirty weekend with children at a South Coast hotel". The truth behind Marunchak's lies in this case was that another EC member did propose a social weekend for EC members on the coast, to improve committee harmony - there was never any suggestion of children attending it.

The following week saw a frenzy of activity from the minions of the DAILY STAR, notably a creature called PAUL HENDERSON, and on August 21st the paper published a three-page "expose" (yes, yet another) including details, names and addresses of four committee members (from an EC of 12) and photo's of three of them: Steven Adrian, Peter Bremner and David Joy. This account, under the front-page headline "CHILD SEX SPY TELLS ALL", was the outcome of collusion between 60-year old PIE member, Moral Crusader and part-time Headmaster Charles Oxley, and full-time hypocrite Paul Henderson. GAY NEWS (September 2-15) has dismissed that STAR account as the: "trivial gossip of car journeys, neighbours.." and it was, needless to say, liberally laced with wild distortions, deliberate misrepresentations, calculated lies, the odd stray truth bobbing incongruously in a sea of snide innuendo. Not content with a single tirade, the STAR followed on two days later with "BAN THE PIE MEN" and an announcement that our old friend Geoffrey Dickens MP - that absurd self-parody of a glory-hunting Tory back-bencher - was "launching his own fight to smash the evil child-sex organisation PIE" and proposed to "introduce a bill that would outlaw the Paedophile Information Exchange". Dickens was the clown who, following the Old Bailey trial, made a great performance out of publicly naming PIE member and ex-diplomat Sir Peter Hayman - whom everybody knew had been named six months before this in PRIVATE EYE. Amid the surrounding furor, Dickens himself became a figure of ridicule in the Commons when it was revealed that he, whilst raucously proclaiming the sanctity of The Family, had been spurning his own wife for the favours of not one but two other women (that is, only two came to light..).

Returning, however, to Oxley - this "child sex spy" joined PIE only last year under a false name (David Charlton) and using the address 2 Keswick Road, St Helens, Merseyside. Oxley declared himself to be a teacher and boy lover, and was extremely keen to assist in the practical work of PIE; so much so that he supplied - among other things - much of the photocopying for the PIE PRESS SERVICE, and retyped in its entirety our Non-fiction reading list Information Sheet. After a conversation with one EC member he was invited along to an EC meeting in London. He aroused one or two suspicions with his inquisitiveness (his offer to place the membership list on his school computer was rejected), but this is not exactly uncommon when a paedophile meets others for the first time, and he was invited to a

second meeting without too many qualms. We learn subsequently that he was almost overcome with the Headmasterly impulse to bang all our heads together, but he managed to restrain himself: "I am 6ft 4in and weigh over 14 stone, but I always took the precaution of sitting by the door." He told the STAR darkly of "various paedophile books and magazines" which were "mentioned and passed around", but he omitted to mention that he himself gleefully took away said magazine (the latest issue of "PAN") for closer study. Oxley, our sources tell us, is actually a member of an exclusive fundamentalist religious sect - the "Plymouth Brethren" - who doubtless believe that sex is something blasphemous which Godfearing folk don't have anything to do with at all. This conclusion is reinforced by an interview which Oxley gave to the GUARDIAN Churches Correspondent (September 3rd) in which he openly confessed to being a friend of Mary Whitehouse, and of Raymond Johnston, High Priest of the Festival of Light. Both, it was alleged, "had known of his infiltration of PIE". Clearly, in the case of Oxley, it was not so much a matter of infiltration as infestation. He is, in fact, Vice President of the National Viewers & Listeners Association - Whitehouse's private army of bigots.

Despite having attended two Executive Committee meetings, Oxley was woefully unable to produce any shred of evidence of illegality in PIE. How disappointed he must have been not to see handfuls of hard-core pornography being passed around, what a shame that no children were dragged screaming off the streets to a fate worse than death during the half-time recess. Where were the secret deals and introductions, the plots and international conspiracies, flowing from this cabal of kinky subversives? How we must have let you down, Oxley! Well, no matter, Oxley is not to be deterred by such paltry considerations as lack of hard evidence, and he has written to the Home Secretary, demanding that he "make incitement to sexual relations with a child under 16 a criminal offence, and to proscribe PIE". If Oxley had any understanding of the law at all, he would know that such incitement is already against the law in this country. As for the more serious matter of PIE being proscribed by special act of parliament, all sources we have consulted on the matter assure us that the idea is quite preposterous, and would create a precedent that would strike to the heart of any self-styled parliamentary democracy. Like Dickens, Oxley and all Whitehouse's fanatical cohorts are regarded as weary nuisances by the Home Office, and nor are they taken seriously at Westminster. The only two organisations presently outlawed in the UK are the IRA and the INLA (Irish National Liberation Army) - in both cases for the violence they inflicted indiscriminately upon the public. To attempt to eliminate any organisation, merely for the expression of unpopular beliefs, by an act of parliament, would be such an affront to civilised values that PIE's fortunes would be reversed overnight, and the momentum towards wider acceptance of paedophilia will have received its greatest boost from those most trenchantly opposed to it. This is not mere rhetoric - PIE would experience a quantum jump in popular support if any such move were to be made.

A larger, more broadly-based, better-established group than PIE could afford to shrug off the threats of ignorant, self-righteous MP's as so much wind. It would be easy to dismiss Oxley as a religious nut, a fraud and proven liar who is more of a menace to the minds of his pupils than to us. We could scoff at the furtive collusion between the gutter nasties, the NVLA, and the Festival of Light to undermine our group. But PIE is neither big nor strong, and it would be dishonest to pretend that we are not easily bruised. We cannot ignore the rantings of this motley collection of anti-democrats - their chief tactic after all is to single out individual committee members for direct personal attack; sackings, evictions, physical assaults. However, apart from the customary boost to membership enquiries which always follows in the wake of such press stories, the PIE EC have received concrete pledges of support from certain quarters far stronger than we, and other eyes than ours are watching the moves of our enemies very closely indeed. This time we are not on our own.

Be in no doubt that the consequences of this press harassment for the EC members involved have been very grim. But equally, be in no doubt that the consequences for PIE as a group have been slight. The Police have had no involvement in this affair whatever. The membership list is still completely secure, and at no time did Oxley gain access to the addresses of non-EC members. There will be a further report on this business in MA-PIE 18. Meanwhile, we trust that this briefing will reassure any among you who were unfortunate enough to read that STAR story. PIE is not in imminent danger of collapse, and there is no cause at all to fear for the security of our membership records. PIE's history over the last five years has been a stormy one. This must be seen as just one more hurdle in our long struggle to bring sanity to the debate about paedophilia. Like those before it, we shall overcome this one.

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"CONSPIRACY": LATEST NEWS

The PIE Five, who face a charge of "conspiracy to corrupt public morals", have been committed for trial at the Old Bailey, following a week-long hearing in February at Wells St Magistrates Court, London.

The charge relates to PIE contact ads, which, it is alleged, involved a conspiracy to bring about illegal activities, such as sexual offences against children and sending indecent material through the post.

It is estimated that the trial itself will run for at least six weeks -- that is, when it eventually gets off the ground, which could be as late as this time next year. Meanwhile, the Five -- Tom, David, Trevor, Michael and John -- are having to make shift as best they can in the face of precarious, or non-existent, employment prospects, although they at least have the consolation that their bail has been extended until the trial.

The committal, something of a brief dress rehearsal for the prosecution case, provided plenty of interest. Mingling uneasily at the back of a packed courtroom, where PIE supporters wore radical badges with slogans like "Take your filthy laws off my body", Fleet St reporters could be heard muttering what a pity it was that reporting restrictions had not been lifted. And anyone surprised at the fact that there were any PIE supporters present should note that the defence group, "Campaign Against Public Morals", picketed the court and distributed some 2,000 leaflets about the case to those on a protest march that same week against the Corrie abortion bill.

In sharp contrast to the histrionics with which the prosecution might in time hope to impress a jury, the atmosphere in the committal courtroom was remarkably low-key: the PIE Five, seated comfortably in lounge chairs near their counsel, not in a dock, were courtiously addressed as Mister whoever, or as "these gentlemen" (without a hint of sarcasm), by an urbane, relaxed crown barrister, who appeared totally confident that the stipendiary magistrate was in no danger of taking too much notice of any defence submissions.

Nor did he. After hearing a number of witnesses during the week, the magistrate lost no time at all in deciding that there was a case for all five to answer. (At one point he told the court that his copy of the prosecution evidence appeared to have every other page missing. "I don't know if it matters," he enquired!)

We feel it would not be sound to discuss the evidence at this stage -- except to say it appears extremely feeble -- but it should be emphasised that not too much should be read into the magistrate's unhesitating decision: committal is little more than a formality in a case of this nature.

Three of the Five also faced a summons in relation to an allegedly obscene article published in Understanding Paedophilia, the journal which preceded Magpie. This has been indefinitely adjourned, and can effectively be discounted, as it is unlikely to be pursued at any stage.

THE PIE CONSPIRACY TRIAL...WHAT IT'S ABOUT...WHY IT AFFECTS YOU

In July 1972, several members of the Psedophilic Information Exchange (PIE) were arrested and charged with the common law offense of conspiracy to corrupt public morals. The Old Bailey trial is expected to take place in the latter half of 1980.

What is PIE?

The Psedophilic Information Exchange is a voluntary and campaigning group which aims for changes in social attitudes and the criminal law, especially in relation to the issue of consensual gay sex. The group has a policy of non-violence and non-physical contact with the police. The group is based on contact with the police.

PUBLIC MORALS

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The charges

The charges are based on contact advertisements by which PIE members, many of whom are desperately isolated, have sought to befriend each other. Although it has consistently warned its members of the dangers involved in breaking the law, PIE is being held responsible for any unlawful acts which the people thus put in contact with each other might possibly have committed.

PIE is not being charged with a substantive offence. PIE is being prosecuted for the things it says. The case follows an attempt to have PIE officially proscribed, as well as press attacks (particularly by the News of the World) on PIE's right to exist.

This prosecution is an attack on PIE's right to freedom of speech and freedom of association.

Conspiracy

Because it is completely arbitrary who is charged, conspiracy charges have often been used against activists such as the Shrewsbury pickets and anti-apartheid campaigner Peter Hain. But with the charge of conspiracy to corrupt public morals, the purpose need not even be unlawful. A conviction carrying a maximum theoretical sentence of life imprisonment may be obtained for conspiracy to do something which is not in itself a crime.

Is it any wonder that the abolition of this disreputable common law charge has been recommended by the Law Commission?

An attack on us all

This is a trumped-up charge designed to silence a group merely because it is unpopular with the guardians of public morality. Have YOU ever held radical views? Have YOU ever campaigned for social change? Because if you have, it could be YOUR turn next. Our freedom to communicate and organise is under attack.

The Conspiracy Against Public Morals (CAPM) is a group set up to campaign around the issues raised by this case.

What we demand

DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PIE MEMBERS !

SCRAP THE CONSPIRACY TO CORRUPT PUBLIC MORALS CHARGE !

What you can do

- Write to your MP
- Discuss the case in your trade union branch or other group
- Call a public meeting - CAPM will supply speakers and leaflets
- Set up a local CAPM group

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THE PIE CONSPIRACY CASE:

A BRIEFING

Five members of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE), a group campaigning for the legalisation of consensual sex between adults and children, have been charged with "conspiracy to corrupt public morals".

The five, released on bail following their arrest last year, have been committed for trial at the Old Bailey. The hearing, expected to last at least six weeks, will probably be late this year, or early in 1981.

THE CHARGE

The conspiracy charge relates to the occasional publication by PIE of a "Contact Page", in which PIE members could place personal ads. Typically, these ads were from paedophiles wanting to correspond with, and meet, any other paedophiles who happened to share their own interests. The idea of the Contact Page was to enable paedophiles to make friends and to offer each other mutual support.

What the Crown is suggesting is that some members who were put in touch with each other in this way sent each other pornographic magazines and stories (obtained from sources unconnected with PIE) and that the defendants connived at such swopping.

The charge also suggests that the Contact Page was designed to "provide opportunities" for illegal sexual activity between adults and children: this is the most bizarre aspect of the charge, for the Crown has so far come up with not a shred of evidence that any such offence ever took place, or, to the knowledge of the defendants, was ever planned to take place.

IT APPEARS THAT THE CROWN INTENDS TO USE THE EMOTIVE IMPACT OF "CHILD PORN" TO MAKE TOTALLY UNWARRANTED INFERENCES ABOUT THE DEFENDANTS' INTENTIONS.

"Child porn" was in fact seized in police raids on a number of PIE members' homes, and will be used copiously in evidence. It is hardly surprising that paedophiles should seek the sexual release, however inadequate, afforded by pornography. but the possession of pornography by these people owes nothing to the intentions of the defendants in their handling of the Contact Page. Each issue of the Contact Page carried a firm statement telling potential advertisers that ads could not be accepted if they solicited trade in, or the exchange of, pornography. No ads were accepted which offered, or sought, contact with minors. The charge is thus directed against allowing paedophiles to have a means by which they can meet and talk to each other.

A typical ad in the Contact Page (which was free-standing, not part of a magazine, and was sent to PIE members only) might have read as follows:

"No. 357 Young teacher, male, attracted to boys, esp. 8-13, also keen on chess and classical music, seeks corresp. someone with similar interests (Berks)."

Formally, the charge states that on "divers days" between January 1976 and September 1978, when the Contact Page was issued, the defendants conspired with each other, and with those placing the contact ads, to provide opportunities for illegal activities to take place, in breach of the Post Office Act 1953 (sending indecent material through the post), the Obscene Publications Act 1959, the Sexual Offences Act 1956 and the Indecency with Children Act 1960.

THE CONTEXT

Although the Contact Page has been of immense importance to PIE members, it has been only a small part of what PIE is all about. Public campaigning has in fact occupied an immensely greater part of PIE's energies. As well as around 40 issues of a news bulletin and a regular journal since the group's inception in 1974, there have been three major publications:

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| 1975 Evidence to the Home Office Criminal Law Revision Committee on the Age of Consent | -- As the title implies, this is a serious policy document, providing incontestible evidence as to PIE's sincere intent as a campaigning group. |
| 1976 Survey of Members | -- A scientific approach to the study of paedophilia, using PIE membership for data. Findings reported in New Society and elsewhere. |
| 1978 Paedophilia: Some Questions and Answers | -- A layman's guide. Copies mailed to every member of the House of Commons, plus bishops, law lords and others. |

Talks explaining PIE's beliefs and policies have been given at numerous universities and elsewhere, to students, social workers, probation officers, Samaritans and gay groups. Other services to PIE members have included personal counselling, help for those in legal difficulties and the provision of regular social meetings.

WHY THE KNIVES ARE OUT TO CARVE UP PIE

The charge hits at the heart of what PIE is trying to do -- which is exactly the point of the prosecution.

When PIE started, its main aims (and they have not changed) included:

- (i) enabling paedophiles to contact each other for the purpose of friendship and mutual support, and
- (ii) campaigning for the legal and social acceptance of paedophilia.

The two aims are linked, insofar as it is not possible to campaign unless paedophiles are allowed to meet freely and organise themselves. The fact that PIE members have not met as a clandestine, underground group, but have mounted a vigorous, determined and sustained campaign to get paedophilia on the agenda of public discussion, has led directly to police harassment and the present attempt (effectively) to suppress the group.

It is no accident, PIE believes, that the raids on its Executive Committee members' homes in June 1978, which led to raids on other members and to the present charges, came only two or three weeks after the group had mailed out its new booklet to the whole of Parliament -- a red rag which must have had dozens of Parliamentary bulls roaring behind the scenes at Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir David McNee, demanding that he do something to "get" PIE. The Chief Inspector in charge of the operation has himself admitted that the investigation was set in motion "at a very high level" -- a level so high, he added, that he himself did not know the source. Indeed, even before PIE's Parliamentary mailout, questions had been asked in the House of Commons as to whether PIE was under police investigation, and some MPs had been saying the group ought to be banned.

The "aggro" against PIE can be traced largely to a sudden explosion of publicity received by the group in August/September 1977, when the group announced plans for a public meeting, to be addressed by Dr Edward Brongersma, a member of the Dutch Senate and an expert on paedophilia.

Sensational treatment in the Daily Mirror and elsewhere resulted in threats to burn down the hotel where the meeting was to be held, and the manager-- whose own life was also threatened -- called off the meeting. A re-arranged gathering, minus guest speaker, went ahead the next month at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, amid scenes of mob violence, whipped up by the press, orchestrated by the National Front and largely ignored by the police.

Thereafter, any demagogue seeking cheap popularity needed only to mention PIE's name: it had become a minority group ripe for bashing, and no-one, not even civil liberties groups like NCCL, could defend the civil rights of PIE without the fear of a McCarthy-like attack on themselves.

SILENCING THE SEXUAL DISSIDENTS: IT'S GOING ON ALL THE TIME

The catalogue of attacks on PIE's rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly has been unending. Here are just a few examples:

(1) PIE SPEAKERS

It is impossible for PIE speakers to address any public meeting without the threat of violence. In one case -- at Swansea University in 1977 -- PIE Chairperson Tom O'Carroll was ejected from a conference (and afterwards physically attacked) even when he had no intention of speaking, after porters and catering staff threatened to go on strike if he were not removed.

The reaction to his proposed speech at Liverpool University in 1978 was even more extreme. After two weeks of anti-paedophile propaganda in the Liverpool press, these pressures were mounted:

- * local "Mary Whitehouse" threatens "march of a thousand mums"
- * anonymous phone calls threaten violent disruption of meeting
- * Liverpool Hotels Association imposes a ban on O'Carroll staying in any of their hotels
- * porters and kitchen staff at the University (by now predictably) threaten to go on strike.

On about a dozen occasions, PIE speakers have been invited, but organisers have had cold feet at the last moment and backed out -- PIE has had the rare, perhaps unique, distinction of being both invited, and disinvented, to address the Oxford Union.

(2) PRESSURE THROUGH THE PURSE

- * the Albany Trust was to have published a question-and-answer booklet on paedophilia, prepared in cooperation with PIE. Then Mary Whitehouse launched an attack on the Trust, alleging that Government money was being used to support paedophilia. Faced with the possibility of losing their grant, the Trust was forced to back off.
- * PIE used to use Release as an accommodation address, but was forced out when Release began to worry that housing the group would endanger their grant.

(3) DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

Soon after the 1977 publicity, PIE's Treasurer was forced to resign as administrator of a social work agency, because of his connection with PIE; PIE's Chairperson was later sacked for the same reason from his post as Press Officer at a university.

(4) MEETINGS

The 1978 A.G.M. of PIE was infiltrated by the News of the World, and some members found themselves named and photographed, in a massive three-page expose. This in itself provided additional pressure on the police for them to be seen to be "doing something" about PIE.

A more recent social meeting was also infiltrated, and again members were exposed. As many members have much to lose by exposure, especially loss of livelihood, this continuous threat of harassment effectively denies PIE the right of assembly.

PUBLIC MORALS: AN UNJUST LAW

"Conspiracy to corrupt public morals" was dug up as a charge in 1961, on the basis of an obscure and tenuous common law precedent some three hundred years before.

It is a bad law chiefly because of the uncertainty of its scope. Its use means that activities which seem to be legal can nonetheless result in prosecution and then be declared illegal after the event. In effect, the jury, prompted by the judge, is encouraged to make up its own law, without prior provision by Parliament, or even without any common law precedent against the specific activity in question.

When the law against male homosexuality was amended so that acts between "consenting adults in private" were legalised, International Times began to run personal ads enabling gay people to get together for these now legal acts. It seemed reasonable to suppose such ads would be legal. But no. A charge of "conspiracy to corrupt public morals" was brought, and upheld on the grounds that although individual homosexual acts might not be illegal, homosexual behaviour was still deemed so undesirable that to promote it was an offence.

THIS LEGAL CONJURING TRICK LEFT THE "CONSPIRATORS" OPEN TO A MAXIMUM THEORETICAL SENTENCE OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT, A MAXIMUM WHICH ALSO APPLIES IN THE PIE CASE.

The principle could also be used against running a gay disco, or even advertising a CHE meeting, as these too could be said to promote homosexuality. Nor do attacks on gay society exhaust the potential of this "law" -- it could be turned, for instance, against the promotion of progressive sex education.

As if the idea of "public morals", and what constitutes "corruption" of them were not vague enough, the charge becomes even more catch-all thanks to its "conspiracy" component. No-one is ever indicted for actually corrupting public morals, only for conspiring to do so. In this way the prosecution avoids having to show that the "conspiracy", even if fully carried out, had actually done anyone any harm.

SO IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR A "CRIME" WITH NO VICTIMS AND WHICH THE ACCUSED HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE WAS A CRIME ANYWAY.

NO WONDER THE LAW COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED THE ABOLITION OF THIS UNJUST LAW NO FEWER THAN THREE TIMES.

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Dear Member Organisation,

Last April in Barcelona, the IGA passed two motions. One called for the abolition of the age of consent, whilst the second called for an international solidarity campaign. The second of the two motions related to the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE), where five of its leading members have been charged with "Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals". Let us remind you of the motion. It is as stated on page 8 of the IGA Newsletter 80-I.

Proposal:

The Second Annual Convention of the IGA notes:

- A) The charges laid against 5 members of the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) of "Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals";
- B) The history of repression and hostility towards children and paedophiles which is responsible for the Conspiracy Trial;
- C) The serious and perhaps disastrous consequences for the adult feminist and gay movements.

Conference therefore resolves:

- A) To demand the dropping of the charges, the abolition of the Conspiracy Laws in Britain, and to demand the freedom of association for paedophiles.
- B) To encourage member organisations of the IGA to build an international support campaign on behalf of the 5 PIE members.

The following would include:

- A) Collecting a petition supporting the above demands;
- B) Handing in the petitions to the British Embassies and Consulates accompanied by a protest march and as much media publicity as possible.
- C) Contacting as many organisations as possible that would be sympathetic, and to disseminate as much information on paedophilia and children's sexuality as possible;
- D) To coordinate these actions through the PIE defence campaign (contact address, Fallen Angels).

Extensive and explicit though this motion is, there has as yet been virtually no response from the IGA member organisations. The PIE trial starts on January 5th, and given the importance of the issue, IGA members must start organising now. The DSAP from West Germany, is the only group so far to have committed itself to putting the motion into operation. Body Politic has sent a letter to the British High Commissioners in Quebec, COC from Holland is contacting Dutch Parliamentarians, and SHRC in Scotland are organising a school on paedophilia for September. But so far, that is all internationally.

Inside England, the recently formed Gay Youth Movement has set up a working party on the age of consent and paedophilia, but that debate is of a long term nature and may not result in any action. The main hope at present of the PIE defence campaign, which is called Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals (CCPM, for short) lies in the anger shown by the English gay community against police harassment. Last June, the Gay Pride march in London suffered from considerable police harassment, which included the arrest of ten of the marchers. When the rest of the marchers discovered this, there was nearly a riot, and the police were very scared. It was a great moment of Gay Pride and Gay solidarity and we felt very confident as well as very angry. Afterwards, a Gay Pride Defence Committee was set up to defend those who had been arrested, and there are now plans to launch a big campaign against police harassment. One idea is to have a march against police harassment on the 10th of January, which will end up at the Old Bailey, where the trial of the 5 members of PIE will be taking place. This demonstration could be used as a centre piece of the PIE defence campaign, which makes it even more important that the actions which the IGA membership undertakes are properly coordinated.

The Gay Pride Defence Campaign is also launching a newssheet as an alternative to Gay News, which we are ashamed to report has refused to give campaigning coverage to the Gay Pride marchers, just as it has refused to give support to the PIE defendants. Therefore if anybody has news that they want spreading in Britain, such as the Amphi trial, then please send articles/information to Gay Noise, 114, Mayall Road, London, SE 24, England.

In this mailing, we have enclosed some leaflets produced by CAPM on the PIE trial, ~~along with a leaflet produced by the Gay Activists Alliance on PIE/ age of consent for an Abortion march.~~ We in Britain desperately need your support; the strategy of the British State is to present paedophiles as an isolated group of social outcasts who can be castigated as child molesters. To enable our defence campaign in its efforts to make a positive impact, we need to be able to point to support, including international support which is of the greatest importance to us. In ~~countries as~~ Britain, the trial will be given front page coverage in all the newspapers and will probably feature in European and American publications as well. We need your support. ~~One consequence of the trial will be a redoubling of efforts by right wing moral pressure groups to close down gay youth groups which at present are trying to spring up in Britain. . . Some are trying to form the Gay Youth Movement. Can we let it be smashed?~~

A typical example of current events occurred only a few weeks ago when an Executive member of PIE was sentenced on a charge of Indecent Assault. There may be no equivalent charge in some other countries, but in Britain a man (but rarely a woman) can be sent to prison just for tickling a child as happened recently in another case involving three boys. The British police have enormous freedom; a freedom that is, or at least up to now, has been legitimated by the belief in Britain as a liberal democratic society. Many people are now beginning to realise that this is not the case, not least black people who have suffered severely.

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A few months ago, a man in Brighton was mending his bike in a quiet road where there was no passing traffic. Two five-year 15 year old boys came by and asked the man if they could have a ride on the motor bike. The man said yes. Then two policemen came along, saw what was happening and arrested all three. The two boys were beaten up by the police and forced to sign a statement accusing the man of having Indecently Assaulted them. Likewise the man was also similarly battered and forced to sign a statement 'admitting' his guilt. Later, this man wrote a letter to the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) saying that he was totally straight, had no interest in boys whatsoever and that he had never met the two boys in his life before. He ended his letter with the comment that at least he now understood what gay people go through!

This type of incident is not uncommon. In the city of Nottingham, the police keep a register of all adolescent boys known to them who are gay. Every few months the police haul them in and force the boys to sign statements giving details of the various men with whom they have had sex. These men are then prosecuted. In Hull, the murder of a boy has been used as a pretext to arrest 20 men on charges of sex with under age boys. More are expected to follow. Again in London the same procedure has been used against the gay community of Earls Court over the case of a 14 year old boy who went missing. In line with its policy against paedophiles Gay News has supported this operation! The examples multiply. A worker was sacked from his job in Scotland because he was in contact with children. He was of course gay. A gay youth worker, employed in an Earls Court youth club was sacked for the same reasons, and in a major development, the kids (gay and straight) occupied the youth centre, in support of the sacked man, and in support of the right of people, including youth, to enjoy homosexuality.

So what can the ISA do? We repeat, the support motion passed at the IGA conference was not meant to be a paper motion. We have enclosed background information on the case, but since the issue is one of such crucial importance, and is so complicated, we would like to arrange a speaking tour, which we can do so if enough offers come in. A pamphlet is being produced. 10,000 copies are being printed at a cost of 1,000 pounds sterling or more, and if possible we would like money. Complimentary copies will be sent out to all member organisations in September. It is desperately needed so that we can explain the issues and promote positive propaganda on paedophilia and children's liberation.

We therefore hope to hear from you all soon.

Paedophile love and kisses, Time Brown.

(some quite good) and of illustrations (uniformly dismal); and the interpolation of questionnaires and summaries of other people's research: all this makes for a sense of fun, but also for muddle. While the professor and his ghost, Betty Nichols Kelly, have been at pains to be clear, sentence

women should try to increase their own sexual satisfaction scores, just as they should be encouraged to increase their score on libido'. Are women being encouraged to be more libidinous, one wonders, in order to get higher scores on the professor's tests; or, a more radical suggestion, to get higher scores

Dr Duck has a lazy way with a sentence, however. The nanny who raps our knuckles each time we dribble or leak seems to play no part in his psychic life. As a psychologist, one learns to accept shoddy sentences as part of the puritanism of science: the belief that research should not rely on

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How many people have sexual problems? In his survey of sexual behaviour in young people, Michael Schofield reported that 57 per cent of his British subjects reported sexual problems of some sort, suggesting that having sexual difficulties is, statistically speaking, the "norm". Five years ago, a paper appeared in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine* entitled "Frequency of Sexual Dysfunction in 'Normal' Couples".

The inverted commas around "normal" appeared justified by the comments in the paper, for the authors found that in analysing the responses of 100 well educated, happily married American couples to a questionnaire, 40 per cent of the men and 63 per cent of the women reported some degree of sexual difficulty and/or dissatisfaction. After much serious discussion of the possible methodological shortcomings of the study, the authors concluded that sexual dysfunctions "were more likely to reflect a combination of education deficits, inhibitions, physiologic problems and interpersonal conflicts". There was some comfort drawn from the fact that the couples involved were apparently able to "tolerate a relatively high frequency of specific sexual dysfunctions and still feel very positive about their sexual relations and their marriages".

When I first read that American

paper I wondered how long it would be before those hundred couples, moved by the heightened marital and sexual expectations of the times, would add their demands to the clamour for "therapy" which is a feature of contemporary medical services. Faced with the latest in a long line of books devoted to the subject of sexual harmony, I wonder yet again whether Prudence Tunnadine's serious, solid and reasonably sensible views will reassure people that there is more to marriage than optimally functioning genitalia. Or whether they will merely water the seeds of disenchantment.

That there are people, and many of them too, who experience serious sexual problems, problems such as premature ejaculation, impotence, vaginismus, anorgasmia, is unarguable and Dr Tunnadine, adopting a no-nonsense, factual style, provides numerous and highly readable examples. She and her colleagues at the Institute of Psychosexual Medicine insist that they avoid treating people as "cases" and prefer to see them as "people who are unhappy, yearn for knowledge, sympathy, information and support". The theoretical basis for the work is eclectic although the book is laced throughout by a psychoanalytic flavour which injects such notions as the Electra complex and castration phantasies at the most unexpected moments. However, it is far from clear to what extent, if at all, a psychoanalytic training is necessary for someone to be a sexual counsellor, although it does not appear to matter very much because virtually everything that Tunnadine and her colleagues do can be justified by appealing to a much less complicated explanatory system.

Listening, coaxing, reassuring, being prepared to let the patient see a

little of the therapist's own fallibility and humanity, plus some behavioural techniques and clinical skills of a good physician – these are the virtues, knowledge and skills which Tunnadine endorses. It makes good sense, although we know little of the efficacy of what she does for this is not a scholarly treatise. There is nothing in the way of a follow-up and little systematic information concerning the socio-economic and educational status of the people who present themselves for help. Individual case-histories abound and run a familiar gamut, from initial depression and despair through curiosity and doubt concerning the possibility of improvement to a breathless gratitude when Tunnadine has been successful. The chapter headings, like the case-histories, are simultaneously dramatic and opaque – "Images of Ourselves", "Phantasies Explored", "Fertility and Parenting" – but the final chapter, intriguingly entitled "Who Dares Wins", could indeed be taken as the sum total of human wisdom concerning many sexual problems and their resolution save for the inexplicable fact that it turns out to be about premenstrual tension and the menopause.

The Child-Lovers, A Study of Paedophiles in Society by Glenn D. Wilson and David N. Cox (132pp. Peter Owen. £9.95. 0 7206 0603 9) presents comprehensive data gleaned from the questionnaire responses of seventy-seven members of PIE, the British paedophile organization. The book explores the social backgrounds and sexual behaviour of paedophiles, their personalities and mental health as revealed by the Eysenck Personality Questionnaire; and there is a set of detailed interviews.

Fiction

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THE ROAD TO TARA

The Life of Margaret Mitchell

Anne Edwards

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Illustrated. £9.95

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Michael Leapman

Who is the man behind *The Times*? A major biography of the Australian who became in a decade the leading newspaper publisher in Britain.

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CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

Cruelty, and other tests of tolerance



... the treatment we are getting is remarkably reminiscent of what was happening to Jews in the 1930s in Germany: those of us who have dared to speak out received threatening phone calls and poison pen letters; our windows are smashed in; we are set upon in the streets and beaten; our meetings are wrecked by National Front thugs; we are kicked out of our jobs and our homes when there is not the remotest "threat" to children involved; the Press deliberately stimulates a lynch mob mentality.'

So writes Mr Tom O'Carroll, former chairman of Paedophile Information Exchange, and author of 'Paedophilia: the Radical Case.'

Mr O'Carroll was responding, in a long and carefully-argued letter, to some comment I made in this space, Sunday before last, on the subject of witch-hunts. I have received a number of other letters to the same effect (and some to a different effect).

If I can believe these informants—and on the whole I do—then indeed something is going on which can appropriately be described as a witch-hunt: something comparable—not indeed to the persecution of the Jews in Nazi Germany, even in its earliest phases—but to the milder but real persecution of Communists and supposed Communists in the America of the 1950s, or of radicals in the Britain of the 1790s. So I ought not to have written about witch-hunts as lightly as I did, a fortnight ago.

I regret the inappropriate lightness of my tone—since real suffering is involved, for a number of individuals—but I am not convinced that the case I argued was wrong.

Freedom of speech, I agree, is at the heart of the matter. After the Campaign for Homosexual Equality had carried its resolution in defence of PIE—and rejecting 'the definition of a paedophile as a child molester'—Professor Michael Jarrett, who chairs CHE, said: 'It is nothing very much to do with PIE. It is entirely a question of freedom of speech.'

But freedom of speech is not a one-sided affair. Freedom of speech is the right to say things that other people don't want to hear. But if you exercise your right, and say such things, you must expect other people to exercise their right to say things *you* don't want to hear. And if there are a lot more of them than there are of you, and if the subject is one that arouses strong feelings, the consequences of all this freedom of speech are liable to be unpleasant for you.

Freedom of speech, like other freedoms, is not a uniformly benign condition. It permits cacophony, vulgarity, cruelty, injustice, and the exploitation of human passions, and human miseries, for money. True, these are

abolished, there are also those who do not, and your definition of paedophilia does an injustice to those paedophiles who, for religious or other reasons, share your views that child-adult sexual contacts are wrong, and do not engage in them.'

Well, I didn't know about 'those who don't,' and I'm sorry for bracketing them with the others. I'm concerned here with those who *do*, the 'many paedophiles including those in PIE, who would like to see the age of consent laws *abolished*' (not just reduced). Most parents will see that proposition as a threat to their children and most parents, seeing such a threat, get angry.

Of course, we shouldn't get all that hot about the collar. The threat (of such a legal change) is exceedingly remote. Any political party that took up that call would sink like a stone. Not even Labour's annual Conference could buy that one... I think.

PIE are beating their heads, most painfully, on a stone wall. CHE, most foolishly, have chosen to join them. The whole business would be hardly worth commenting on, except for the general questions it raises, not only about how free speech works, but also about levels of tolerance in society.

The matter of PIE is now being used, by persons of authoritarian inclinations, both to legitimise new and stringent limitations on free speech, and to discredit tolerance, as a general value. Mr Roger Scruton, a guru of the far Right, was heard from to that effect in *The Times* last Tuesday, in an article headed 'When intolerance must triumph.' 'Few of us,' according to Mr Scruton, 'would reject the introduction of the severest laws (sic) not only to prevent it (paedophile activity) but also—what is now more urgent—to stifle its attempts to gain a public audience.'

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Guru going it a bit, there. Intolerance isn't all *that* great. Freedom of the intolerant to suppress what outrages them is what is now flourishing in Lebanon. Christians have recently exercised that freedom at the expense of Muslims; Druses at the expense of Christians. So it was in Europe, in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. By the end of that period, people had got a bit fed up with 'the rights of the intolerant.' They had found that all of us are potentially intolerable to some group or other, and that therefore some general conventions of tolerance are in the best interests of us all. It was a modest, pragmatic discovery, not an absolute moralis-

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Freedom of speech, like other freedoms, is not a uniformly benign condition. It permits cacophony, vulgarity, cruelty, injustice, and the exploitation of human passions, and human miseries, for money. True, these are all *abuses* of freedom of speech, but the point of freedom is that it permits and protects—within certain wide limits—such abuses. If it did not, it might perhaps be a more desirable condition—though I think not—but it would not be freedom of speech.

People who like freedom of speech have to take the rough with the smooth. Personally, I dislike both what PIE has to say, and also what some of the papers have to say about PIE—and, especially, the way they choose to say it. But they have to be free to say these things, and say them the way they want to say them, or we are all less free.

Mr O'Carroll says the Press 'deliberately stimulates a lynch mob mentality.' He has a point, as regards some of the Press, but the Press did not create the deep repugnance which most of us feel for PIE, and would feel, even if there were no popular press. Mr O'Carroll finds that my own repugnance, as previously expressed, derives from 'amazing ignorance.' Perhaps it does, but Mr O'Carroll's efforts to lessen my ignorance do nothing to lessen my repugnance. He says: 'While many paedophiles, including those in PIE, would like to see the age of consent laws

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It holds good today, and Mr Scruton benefits from it, like most of the rest of us. There are people who find *Tories* intolerable: 'Vermin,' Nye Bevan called them. There are people who would like to 'stifle the attempts' of Mr Scruton and his likes 'to gain a public audience,' through the Tory Press, for views which this category of intolerant people sincerely regards as immoral and outrageous. Everyone—or almost everyone—has a rational interest in respecting the conventions of tolerance which exist. Those of us who write for publication have a special interest in defending the freedom of expression of people whose views we don't like. People like Mr Scruton try to undermine established conventions of tolerance and free speech. People like PIE are putting a strain on those conventions, through asking more of them than they can give. Which suits the underminers.

But it may not be all bad. It may be good to be reminded, both that tolerance has social limits, and also that tolerance is an unusual and salutary social condition, not just a vague and muzzy personal attitude.

THE WORLD

Asylum pending in the Netherlands; two others jailed on similar charges

PIE exile beats British extradition bid

LONDON — Steven Adrian Smith, former chairman of the now-defunct Paedophile Information Exchange, is seeking political asylum in the Netherlands and, on October 23, successfully fought off a first attempt by the British government to extradite him.

Smith jumped bail last August after being charged with sending an obscene article, which appeared in the PIE newsletter, *Contact*, through the mail, as well as with "inciting sexual offences against children."

He filed an application for political asylum with the Netherlands justice ministry September 20, citing "the savage sentences meted out by British courts for consensual paedophile acts" and the "extraordinary political (publishing) charges" he was facing. Smith was granted temporary refuge until a final decision is made on his claim.

In spite of his status, he was arrested by Dutch police at Assen October 10 at the request of Scotland Yard, and was imprisoned to await extradition proceedings.

A subsequent decision by a local court that the offences for which the extradition had been requested were "not serious" led to his release October 23. Although the British government intends to proceed with its extradition case, success appears unlikely. It must show that a case exists against Smith on charges which also exist in Dutch law. Only the "incitement" charge has even a vague Dutch equivalent, and it is unlikely to apply to anything as general as the publication of a



No fair play in Rugby: Twelve hundred people marched through the town of Rugby, England November 10 to protest a decision by the local borough council to remove the words "sexual orientation" from its employment fairness policy. Council Leader Gordon Collett blames gay people for the fall of moral standards in Britain and does not want lesbians and gay men working in the town hall, regardless of their qualifications. Nineteen of the demonstrators were arrested after a struggle with the police.

magazine.

Meanwhile, two other former PIE executive members, Peter Bremmer and David Joy, were sentenced November 14 to six- and 18-month jail terms, respectively, on the charge of sending an obscene article. Both were acquitted on the vague "incitement" charge.

subsequent editions continue to be sold in bookshops in the UK.

Also seized was *Teleny*, which dates from the 1880s and is attributed by many to Oscar Wilde. An editorial in *The New Statesman* points out that, ironically, the seizure took place in the same month that Home Secretary Leon Brittan publicly released Wilde's appeals for leniency which were sent to the Home Office from 1895 to 1897. They were not due for public release until 1997.

Customs has an indefinite period of time after impounding material in which to issue notices that it has formally been seized. Gay's the Word has set up a defence fund and intends to fight all the notices in court.

The shop held an "Open Day" November 1 to introduce politicians, the press and other interested parties to the community aspects of the bookstore, and to show them that GTW is not simply a porn shop. The store does not, in fact, carry any material which would ordinarily be classified as pornography.

Lavender Menace, Edinburgh's gay community bookshop, has also been subjected to a number of seizures by Customs. The latest titles announced seized from the Scottish shop include *Au Courant*, a Philadelphia gay newspaper, *One for the Gods* by Gordon Merrick and *Querelle of Brest* by Jean Genet. □

In San Francisco October 7, ninety people attended a public forum at the closing of the Eighth National Conference of the North American Man/Boy Love Association.

Jes Harrison, a 16-year-old gay male, reported being physically assaulted, taken to the police and interrogated without benefit of counsel when his parents found out about his relationship with a 19-year-old college student. When he told police he had been beaten by his parents, "they said it was normal," he recounted.

Harry Hay, a pioneering gay activist in the 1950s, told the audience of his first sexual encounter with a man, at the age of 14, in 1926. "I found somebody I felt I could trust. For the first time in my life I found out about the world I might some day be able to enter.

"In every generation there are people like me who are reaching out for that person who can be trusted. We haven't shared ourselves in that trust — giving back to that younger generation following us. We're the ones responsible for their coming into happiness and understanding. We should be about sharing and beginning that responsibility." □

British boy-lover makes refugee bid

LONDON — Steven Adrian Smith, a member of Britain's Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) has fled to Holland and applied for refugee status on the grounds that he has a well-founded fear of persecution in his own country.

Smith is one of three PIE members facing charges, including publishing an obscene article, incitement to commit indecent assault and gross indecency. The charges, resulting from an article which appeared in the PIE magazine *Contact* in June 1982, were laid after the British gutter press published savage attacks on the group.

The Dutch government has stated its willingness to consider cases involving persecution on the basis of homosexuality. Age of consent in Holland is 16 but police generally do not prosecute cases of child-adult love where the child is older than 12, unless abuse is clearly involved. □

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OUTRAGE



STEVE SMITH:
political
asylum?

IGA MEMBER GROUP SMASHED by STATE!



PETER BREMNER:
6 months
for "posting"

David Joy and Peter Bremner, former members of PIE (Paedophile Information Exchange) have been jailed for 6 months each for sending "indecent material" (no.6 of PIE's discussion magazine Contact) thru the post. David Joy was jailed for a further 18 months for "publishing an obscene article" (also Contact no.6). Judge Owen said "no doubt the jury had in mind the article you translated... the most dangerous aspect of PIE was that it sought to give intellectual respectability to acts which society regards as loathsome." Four charges "inciting" sex with children (also by publishing Contact no.6) were upheld to the end by the judge, but dismissed by the jury.



DAVID JOY:
6 months
for "posting"
18 months
for "publishing"

Another defendant on the same six charges, Steve Smith, fled to the Netherlands, where he is claiming political asylum. He was regarded as leader and would

have been treated most harshly of all. Britain's attempts to extradite him for incitement (British obscenity laws are not recognised there)

are failing one by one, on the grounds of freedom of expression. Perhaps Thatcher will not be allowed to pursue her dissidents across Europe. But Steve will not be safe until asylum is granted, and the British government is expected to resist vigorously.

PIE has finished and will not start again, but David and Peter continue to suffer, and Steve is still under threat, merely for having dared to run an IGA member group, and to discuss pedophilia in Thatcher's Britain.

DAVID JOY MUST SPEND 18 MONTHS BEHIND BARS FOR TRANSLATING THIS

One especially controversial problem often met in CUARH's files on man/boy relationships is that of explicitly sexual relations, in particular paedophile sodomy. An article in the GLH journal of Rouen says: "We know that children are not innocent, and that they often play the role of seducer, but whoever heard of a ten year old penetrating a man of 40?" Now that's false, quite false. It's just a manifestation of pre-conceived ideas of child sexuality. I may not set much store on Freud's theory of three stages of development - oral, anal and genital - but I nevertheless believe that these three types of sexuality do in fact exist. As is seen by their behaviour, anal sexuality - for example - is well developed in children. Small boys wish to bugger little girls! I can't say whether the girls are willing. The idea of anal intercourse is recurrent, anyway. Another problem is that of physical distortion. Doctors may tell us this is possible, but the danger is much less serious than we are led to believe. That is to say since children have fewer hang-ups about the anal sphincter, for example, than adults do, they are much less troubled by the idea of being penetrated.

obscene = tends to deprave and corrupt readers

FROM HOMOPHONIES no.4

DEMAND

PETER BREMNER + DAVID JOY FREED ASYLUM FOR STEVE SMITH

IGA = International Association of Lesbians/Gay Women and Gay Men

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Update 1

CARDS...

ACTION

of scorn from screws and cons alike, whipped up by a campaign of press incitement. And especially when you are on Rule 43, locked up 23 hours a day "for your own protection" (from the very screws who have the key!). Communication with the PIE prisoners is difficult, but at Xmas (ie. now) they can receive cards from anyone, containing a short message and signed only by a first name. I incite everyone to send at least one to:

David Joy

258407

Wandsworth Prison
London SW18 3HS

Peter Bremner

258406

Pentonville Prison
London N7 8TT

They can receive letters only from "personal friends". So if you have something important or amusing to tell them, do write, and make your letter look as if it is from a personal friend. Do give full name and return address, but do not expect a prompt reply: they can only send 1-2 letters a week,

which take 4-5 days to pass thru the prison bureaucracy.

What they can receive any time, no problem, is paperback books, in good condition ("as new"), up

to six per package. Magazines: consult me first, please.

More political actions should appear in updates to this bulletin (send SAE/2 IRCs). David's and Peter's APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE is on Dec 20 Law Courts Strand - they may well appeal their convictions to Europe.

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W.J. van Bennekom

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1017 JT Amsterdam

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MORE ACTIONS TO FOLLOW...

do your OWN TOO!

The prison day is long and lonely, especially when you are the object

FAST FORWARDS

PIE defendants go down

The trial of two former Paedophile Information Exchange members ended in conviction at the Old Bailey last week.

PIE's now-defunct Contact magazine, brought jail sentences of 18 months and six months respectively for former PIE executive committee members Peter Bremner and David Joy at the Old Bailey last week.

Despite furore over the 'child-sex perverts' (Sun) neither defendant was actually charged with assault on a child, nor did the magazine have anything to do with child porn in the conventional sense. Both Joy and Bremner, however, had previous convictions for indecency.

The offending layout included a French article which put forward the opinion that since children have fewer anal hang-ups, they might be less troubled by anal intercourse than adults. A letter from Western Australia, the prosecution's main target, argued penetration (with a child's consent and in certain circumstances) to be possible and mutually pleasurable. The basis for this was the writer's personal experience, some (unspecified) medical knowledge, his own researches and discussions with other paedophiles.

The jury took just over six hours to find Joy guilty of publishing an obscene article (by a majority), and both guilty of sending an indecent article through the post (unanimously). This meant that the article would tend to deprave and corrupt PIE members by making them more inclined to intercourse with children than they might otherwise be. Both were, however, acquitted of four charges of incitement arising from the article - apparently the first time that such serious charges have been brought in conjunction with obscenity. During the trial only Bremner elected to give evidence, contending that the whole point of PIE was to de-criminalise sexual relations between adults and consenting children. The organisation also helped members cope with the intense feeling of isolation they often felt. It had less than 200 active members, who received Contact 6 in the traditional plain brown envelopes, much as they had received previous editions.

The prosecution was instigated in autumn 1982 (following closely on the Brighton boys assault), thanks largely to one Charles Oxley - a Liverpool headmaster, also a member of the Responsible Society, National Viewers and Listeners Association, and ex-chair of the Festival of Light. Oxley told the court how he had joined PIE in 1976 with the sole aim of exposing the organisation at some future date.

Commended by the judge for having brought PIE to an end, Oxley remained in court to hear the full case after his own evidence, and was joined on a number of occasions by Mary Whitehouse and by Geoffrey Dickens, MP, who hopes to introduce a Private Members Bill banning PIE and similar organisations. (J.S. Davenport)

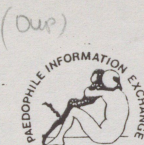
CITY LIMITS SAID THIS OF THE TRIAL

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- North American Man/Boy Love Association.
NAMBLA, P.O.Box 174, Midtown Station, New York, NY 10018, U.S.A.
- Studiegroep Pedofilie.
S.P., Breughelstraat 31-33, B-2000 Antwerpen, Belgium.
- Martijn: independent magazine on paedophilia.
Martijn, Postbus 442, 7900 AK Hoozeveen, Netherlands.
- Spartacus: publishers of gay and paedophile books and magazines.
Spartacus, Postbus 3496, 1001 AG Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Centre de Recherche et d'Information sur l'Enfance et la Sexualite.
CRIES, 281 Chaussee d'Ixelles, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.
- Groupe de Recherche pour une Enfance Differente.
GRED, c/o SEP, 1 rue Keller, 75011 Paris, France.
- Schweizerische Arbeitsgemeinschaft Paedophilie.
SAP, Postfach 138, CH-3000 Bern 9, Switzerland.
- minor Problems: a review for free intergenerational & childhood relations.
mP, 52 Broughton Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3SA, U.K.
- Stiekum: paedophile studygroup.
Stiekum, Willem Tellstraat 13, 9000 Gent, Belgium.
- Childhood Sensuality Circle.
CSC, P.O.Box 5164, San Diego, CA 92105, U.S.A.
- Gay Youth Movement.
GYM, BM GYM, London, WC1N 3XX, U.K.
- Indianerkommune.
Indianerkommune, Mittlere Kanalstrasse 34, D-8500 Nurnberg, U.Germany.
- Possible: a magazine about childhood.
Possible, Agence Information Enfance, 14 rue Veron, 75018 Paris, Fran.
- Childright: a bulletin on law and policy affecting young people.
Childright, 20 Compton Terrace, London, N1 2UN, U.K.
- Gai Pied Hebdo: a weekly gay newspaper.
Gai Pied Hebdo, B.P. 183, F-75523 Paris cedex 11, France.
- Gay Community News: a weekly gay newspaper.
GCN, 167 Tremont Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, U.S.A.
- Body Politic: a monthly gay newspaper.
Body Politic, Box 7289, Station A, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5U 1X9.
- Gay Legal Rights Coalition.
G.L.R.C., P.O.Box 35, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065, Australia.
- Friend: a counselling organisation. (Local groups throughout U.K.)
Friend, 274 Upper Street, London, N.1., U.K.
- David Sonenschein: publisher of pamphlets on paedophilia.
David Sonenschein, POB 4755, Austin, TX 78765, U.S.A.
- Sexual Freedom League.
SFL, P.O.Box 0105, College Grove Station, San Diego, CA 92115, U.S.A.
- National Council for Civil Liberties.
NCCL, 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA, U.K.
- International Gay Association.
IGA, c/o RFSL, Box 350, S-10124 Stockholm, Sweden.

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Dear Member,

In the months since our Bulletin of last September there has been some work on PIE matters, but because of various difficulties and a continuing drop in morale on the Executive Committee, we have to inform you that the E.C. has sadly decided it can no longer continue running the group when it has so little to offer the membership and with little prospect of the situation improving in the foreseeable future. For the last few months, the Committee has consisted of only a handful of members, each with varied degrees of commitment to the group. The worry of the forthcoming 'Incitement' trial, the continued antagonism with minor Problems and its attendant friction within the Committee, the wear of long periods devoted to the running of PIE and many personal problems - all these have combined to leave the Committee exhausted and despondent. The 'Crisis' letter of May last year did bring some response, and we are grateful to those members who replied and met us, but that response was not sufficient to strengthen and revive an already tired Committee.

We have therefore decided to close down PIE and there will be no further mailings to members. Our P.O.Box will however remain open and letters received will be replied to. The Press Service will also continue to be dealt with. We regret there should be such a sad ending to Britain's only paedophile group and we realise this will prove a great loss to many members; a number of alternative groups, counselling organisations and publications are suggested at the end of this Bulletin.

Some of us intend to remain active on the campaigning front for paedophile and children's rights, and we would be pleased to hear from any of you who are interested in joining us in this area. The continuance of the P.O.Box, and providing support for the defendants in the forthcoming trial will cost money - we hope all of you will send in donations to help with this.

PRESS SERVICE

The Press Service will continue to operate, and any orders received will be fulfilled. The April 1983 list is still current, but as we have excess stocks of some items we are selling the following more cheaply; the prices quoted are postage free (overseas by surface printed paper rate; if air printed paper rate required please add 30p per item):

- 40 pence each: Paedophilia, Q & A; July 1980 Periodical.
- 60 pence each: Jan. 1981 Bulletin + 'Public Morals' Briefing; March 1983 + September 1983 Bulletins.
- 75 pence each: Maggie 10; 11; 16.
- £1 - each: Childhood Rights, set of 3 issues; Maggie 12; 13; 14; 17; August 1976 Survey of Members.

(If sending foreign currency, please add £1 for banking charge, or send cash.)

Due to the problems we had running the Service last year, it may be that some members are still waiting for old orders to be completed. If you ordered some items and have not yet received the whole of your order, then do write to us - tell us when you sent in the order, what you requested and which items you are still awaiting.

By the way, if you have received a copy of Maggie 10 or 11, would you check that you have the correct pages for them - because of an error some copies of these two issues had their inside pages transposed. Look at pages 4 and 5 - in Maggie 10 these should show the article 'As I see it... A Question of Strategy'; in Maggie 11 you should see 'Brongersma, Paedophilia, the Effects'. If we have sent you the wrong pages, please accept our apologies and let us know - replacements will be sent.

P.O.Box

We must apologise to any of you who wrote to us from the end of April to the middle of July, and who had their letters returned. Due to some confusion with the Post Office over the renewal of the Box, it was closed during this period and all mail arriving at it was returned to sender; the re-opening of the Box has now been completed and mail is again being dealt with. We hope members who had their mail returned will not have been too distressed by this, and we would ask of you who did write in during that time to write to us again, when your letters will be answered promptly.

GAY PRIDE MARCH 1983.



This photo of the PIE banner is one of many taken in London at the Gay Pride March in 1983.

If you wish to order copies of this photo and others of the March (8 photo's in all) or photos taken at the remand hearing in Bromley on 7th October 1983 (4 photo's), please send 40 pence per print, post free.

Print size will be 5" x 7".

TRIAL

As was reported in the September Bulletin, three members of the Committee (Steve Adrian, Peter Bremner, David Joy) were arrested on September 8th last year and charged with five common-law offences of 'incitement to commit sexual offences', one of publishing an obscene article and one of posting an indecent article.

After four weary months on bail, having to report every day to their local police station, they appeared at Bromley (Kent) Magistrates' Court in late January for the committal hearing. The only prosecution witness was Charles Oxley, the main item of evidence was one letter on intercourse in Contact 6, and the outcome obvious - after three whole days in court, the three defendants were committed on all charges for trial at the Old Bailey, and a date for this has been set for November 5th. Until then, they will still have to 'report' at least once a week.

One avenue of support may come from the NCCL - at their AGM in April, the delegates passed a motion recognising that 'discrimination against people on the grounds of sexual orientation is an infringement of individual civil liberties' and instructing the National Executive Committee to 'campaign to protect the rights of ... affected groups when they come under attack'; it also condemned 'the use of charges of conspiracy and incitement to obtain convictions under the Sexual Offences Acts' and instructed the EC 'to campaign in defence of the civil liberties of groups which are being attacked in these ways'. The motion was proposed by CHE, who referred to the charges against the PIE committee members as a direct example of the circumstances that the motion related to.

PAEDOPHILIA (PROTECTION OF CHILDREN) BILL

On 27th June 1984, Geoffrey Dickens finally fulfilled his threat to introduce legislation against paedophiles, and was given leave by Parliament to introduce the above Bill. The Bill itself is complicated but generally speaking it would make it an offence to belong to a group which discusses sexual relationships with children or for members of such a group to possess any material discussing such relationships where that material is indecent or obscene. Due to pressure of business, the Bill did not get its second reading, but Dickens has promised to re-introduce it in the next session, starting at the end of the year.

Help in lobbying against the Bill has been sought from the NCCL and CHE, and NCCL's legal officer has said he thinks it will stand little chance of becoming law without active support from the Government. We await further moves later in the year.

OTHER GROUPS AND PUBLICATIONS

We give below a list of paedophile and gay groups, publications and other useful organisations. We would suggest you write to some of them for more information on their aims and membership/subscription rates; also, they should be able to tell you about other useful groups and magazines in their countries.

To allow for the possibility that a new group or scheme that would be of interest to members should occur within the next six months, we intend to keep a copy of the membership list in a secure place and will write to all those on it in that event; if you feel you definitely do not want to remain on that list, then please let us know and we will destroy your details. The list will be destroyed at the end of January 1985 if nothing has developed by then, but in the meantime you should write to the P.O.Box if there is any change in your address.

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24th August, 1983.

Dear Sir,

It has come to my knowledge that the initials of the accounts designated in our records as P.I.E. actually relate to an organisation known as Paedophile Information Exchange, which has been the subject of Press comment in recent days. As a matter of policy, and in the light of the information now before me, I am writing to advise you that we are not under any circumstances prepared to act as bankers to P.I.E. and I must ask you therefore to arrange the closure of the accounts forthwith, and certainly not later than 31st August 1983. In the event that the balances have not been drawn by this date, it would be our intention to remit a bankers draft payable to P.I.E. to the address shown in our records and this in turn may be encashed at this branch in accordance with the mandate held, should the need arise. From the 1st September onwards any cheques presented, or credits received, will be returned to the remitters. The cheque book and paying-in book in your possession are to be forwarded to us without delay.

Yours faithfully,

G.H. Shead,
Manager.

N.B. our cheques give our full name

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pie MAN IS FREE!

Steven Adrian Smith, who formerly chaired PIE (Paedophile Information Exchange - now defunct) and edited its magazine CONTACT!, jumped bail during August and fled to the Netherlands, to avoid trial on charges arising from CONTACT!6.

POLITICAL REFUGEE

His application for political asylum was filed by the Netherlands Ministry of Justice on September 20. Until it is decided upon, he has the status of a political refugee. This means he enjoys all the rights of a Netherlands citizen, such as social security benefits, legal aid, and a state housing facility. As an EEC national he is also entitled to a work permit.

The grounds for his application are that he is a member of a social group (pedofiles) persecuted in Britain. In his favour are:

- (1) The savage sentences meted out by this country's courts for consensual pedophile acts.
- (2) The extraordinary political (publishing) charges he was facing here.

He will use the case of Tom O'Carroll (imprisoned for two years in 1981) to show that he was in serious danger of punishment simply to "satisfy public opinion" (the words of Judge Leonard when sentencing Mr O'Carroll); his co-defendants' trial this week will be watched closely too, but even if they are let free, the fact that such grossly oppressive charges could be brought at all will be a telling point for him.

His lawyer has copies of every press report from the August 1983 witchhunt, which caused Mr Smith's arrest. When the case is heard the whole British press and people will be on trial for their treatment of PIE.

BRITAIN'S SHAME

At Scotland Yard's request, Netherlands police arrested Mr Smith on October 10 at Assen. On October 12, a local court imprisoned him on a ten day remand to await extradition proceedings. After nationwide outrage* that a political refugee could be arrested at the request of his persecutors, he was released on October 23 by the same court which imprisoned him, on the grounds that the offences for which extradition was requested were "not serious". He is now a free man, not on bail.

In order to extradite Mr Smith, the british authorities must show that there is a prima facie case against him on charges which also exist in Netherlands law. This will not be easy: of all the offences with which he is charged only one ("inciting persons to have unlawful sexual intercourse with girls under 16") has even the vaguest Netherlands equivalent. And all Mr Smith is alleged to have done is publish an article with positive references to pedophile sex. In Netherlands law, "incitement" means provoking somebody specific to do something specific, and of this the british have no evidence whatever.

In fact, they have already recognised the attempt to extradite Mr Smith is futile, by withdrawing their application to delay his co-defendants' trial until his return. (Old Bailey, October 29)

Even if Mr Smith's local court were to decide to extradite him, he can appeal to the Netherlands supreme court. What is more, he cannot be extradited until his application for asylum is definitely decided, and he can take that to the supreme court too.

Meanwhile he has, as remarked above, the status of a political refugee. And that is Britain's shame.

Release issued by friends of Mr Smith.

*For further details, contact his lawyer:

Mr W.J. van Bennekom (van Bennekom & van Baarsen)

Amsterdam (010 31 20) 25 36 27

and the Netherlands Ministry of Justice

For information about his co-defendants' trial, contact:

re Mr Joy: Mr R. Winstanley (Winstanley Burgess) (01-)278 7911

re Dr Bremner: Mr B. Nash (Nash & Dowell) (01-)263 9441

and the DPP



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PRESS RELEASE: 31/8/83.

CHE (Campaign for Homosexual Equality) passed the following motion against press and state abuse of the Brighton case at its Annual Conference, London 28/8/83.

In the light of recent publicity surrounding the reported sexual attack in Brighton two weeks ago, Conference:

- 1) Condemns all violent attacks on children,
- 2) Believes that the victims should be given both the protection of the law and support to enable them to recover without constant and insensitive intrusion from the press and media,
- 3) Declares its support for the Brighton gay community in the face of concerted press attempts to link them with the case,
- 4) Rejects the definition of a paedophile as a "child molester" and deplores all attempts to use public concern over such cases to conduct witch-hunts against minority groups including PIE on the basis of prejudiced assertions unsupported by any evidence,
- 5) Notes that the Brighton police have conducted themselves with courtesy and understanding towards the Brighton gay community,
- 6) Upholds the right of PIE to freedom of speech and organisation,
- 7) Instructs the EC to make representation to the Home Office, Scotland Yard and the DPP in defence of this right,

END OF MOTION.

PIE hopes that "all violent attacks" includes institutionalised beatings in home and school.

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NEWS RELEASE: 31/8/83

PIE executive members Tony Zalewski and David Joy were physically threatened by a group of youths on the tube on Thursday night 25/8/83, after their pictures appeared in the Standard. One of the youths armed himself with a karabiner. Tony and David managed to avoid any violence.

Tony was evicted without notice from his flat in Manor Park later the same night. He was first informed of this by a Mirror reporter awaiting his return. Knowing that his address would be published the next morning in the gutter press, he decided to leave his home in the small hours.

In the past 18 months, two other executive members, Steven Adrian and David Joy, have also been harassed out of their homes. Steve faced a two-month concerted campaign by his neighbours. Both had all their ground floor windows smashed in. The house of Peter Bremner has also been the object of National Front violence.

Richard Travell was forced out of his home in July after a report in the Sun whipped up anger among his neighbours. He was also "made redundant" from his job as a pension-scheme consultant as soon as his employer heard he was in PIE. His case follows those of Steven Adrian and Barry Cutler, fired as contract maintenance workers in the Home Office at ONE HOURS NOTICE last August, by withdrawing their security clearance, thus denying them any legal protection they might have had.

Clearly loss of home and job is the least a pedophile activist can expect, at the hands of press, police and right-wing extremists. In particular, the gutter press is prepared to make cynical use of the hysteria we attract to fight its circulation battles.



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PRESS RELEASE

Late on Sunday 14th August, a six-year-old boy was abducted by three men, sexually assaulted and dumped ten miles from his home in Brighton. During the following week, outcry over this attack developed into something more sinister - a general witchhunt against pedofiles. Conservative and labour m.p.s (Geoffrey Dickens, Joe Ashton, Jill Knight, Vivian Bendall, Bernard Braine) and religious fanatics (Charles Oxley - a Plymouth Brother and former member of PIE) turned on PIE. We have suffered twelve days of full front-page coverage in the tabloids - lies, distortions, accusations, "exposés" naming PIE executive members and giving their addresses - all linked for emotional effect with the Brighton case, and even with the Moors Murders (a celebrated series of child murders 20 years ago). Apparently all pedofiles, and especially PIE, are collectively and individually responsible for these attacks; the former deserve ruthless persecution for their sexuality, and the latter should be banned - or at least harassed out of existence with mob-justice show trials under any existing law that seems convenient. The police obligingly completed a "dossier" on us for the Director of Public Prosecutions, to see what laws those might be. Prime minister Maggie Thatcher and Home secretary Leon Brittain are both taking a personal interest in its progress.

Background on PIE

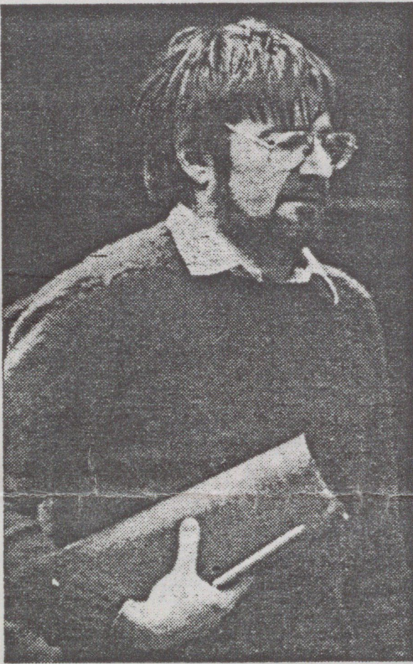
PIE is a group of pedofiles and others, men and women, campaigning for the emancipation of non-coercive child-adult relationships including sex. We are also a mutual support group for people with any degree of pedofile sexual orientation. In no way have we ever condoned actions such as those of the Brighton attackers, nor any other violence or coercion against any child. Although not impossible, it is unbelievable to us that the Brighton attackers could be members of our group; we do not see what we could have to offer people with such callous motivations. Yet the police continue to make press statements that every known PIE member or sympathiser is suspect...

Six members and ex-members of the PIE executive have been raided or interviewed over the past nine months or so, as the "Obscene Publications Squad" has vaguely fished around for some charge on which we could be got. Eventually they decided that what would most excite the bigotry of judges and juries alike is a centre-page spread concerning "Intercourse" in our magazine Contact! no. 6

Contact! was not so much a magazine as a collection of unedited members' letters, helping fulfil our mutual support/consciousness-raising function. As letters, not articles, they are not clearly thought out and consist largely of chit-chat. Nonetheless, the two letters in question are ideologically quite defensible, both clearly advocating responsibility and high standards of consent. It is simply a lie to call them in any sense porn.

The enclosed news releases show that becoming known as a PIE-member means losing your job and your home. We demand the right to organise as pedofiles without harassment. In doing so we are sensitive to the fact that the only group more oppressed, so less able to organise than ourselves is children. We do not think our ideas in any way contrary to children's liberation, but we are not the people to speak for them, and are ready to face your constructive criticisms on this point.

EVIL SECRETS OF A SCOTS ADDRESS



IAN DUNN . . . his address is used by paedophiles.

TODAY the Sunday Mail can reveal the man who is the British link with a shameful organisation.

He is 40-year-old Ian Dunn, a planning officer with Edinburgh District Council.

● Dunn allows his flat to be used as the main contact address for Britain and the whole of Europe for paedophiles — people who believe that sex with children should be legalised.

● He openly admits that he accepts subscriptions for a new magazine called *Minor Problems* which is financially supported by the controversial Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE).

● Lothian police have been so concerned about the publication and its contents that they recently raided an Edinburgh bookshop and seized all the copies.

When we confronted Dunn at the basement office in Edinburgh where he edits *Gay Scotland*, he said: "I'm a homosexual but I'm not a paedophile."

He admitted that he had been a founder member of PIE in 1974, but claimed he was no longer associated with the organisation.

Yet the latest issue of *Minor Problems* carries a signed letter from him urging support and sympathy for 'poor old PIE' — and requesting more contributions from young males under the age of 16.

He said: "My flat is the contact address for the whole of Britain and Europe for the magazine."

"But I only volunteered to accept their mail because nobody in London was willing to handle it for them. I felt it was a question of civil liberties."

He says he deplores attacks on the freedom of sexual minorities to express their views and adds that he will never 'totally or undeniably' denounce the Paedophile Information Exchange.

He claims all the mail and subscriptions he receives for the magazine are sent to a Peter Bremner in London — a man he says he has never met.

EXCLUSIVE

By **ALEX SCOTLAND**
and **GAVIN GOODWIN**

But a Scotland Yard spokesman in London said: "Peter Bremner is well known to us because of his activities with the Paedophile Information Exchange. He is on bail on seven charges involving publishing obscene material and inciting people to have sex with children."

Tory MP Geoffrey Dickens, who is leading a campaign against PIE, said: "I'm very disturbed by the results of your investigation which now links Scotland with this evil organisation."

"I want the organisation to be outlawed"

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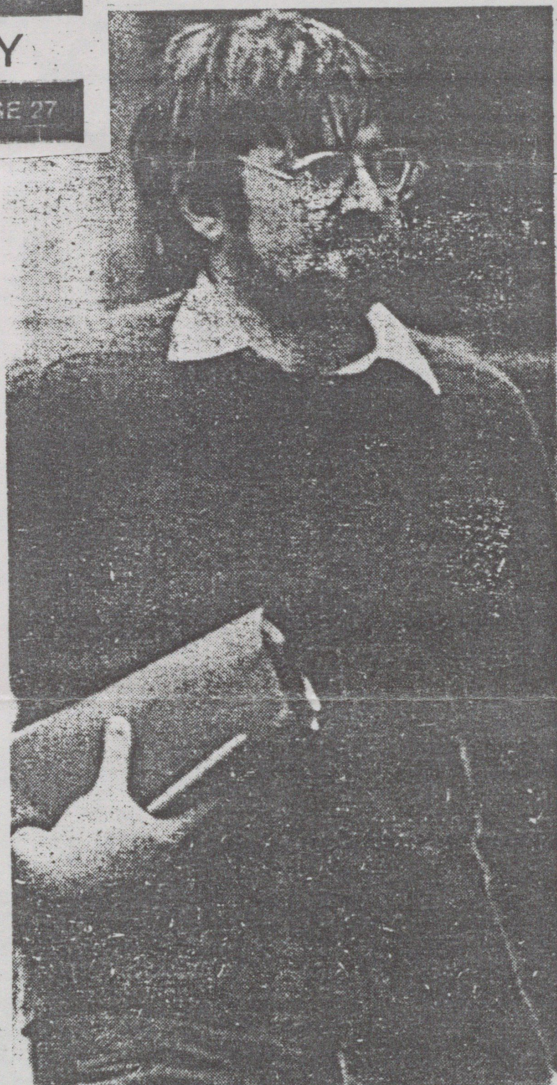
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MAN WITH AN EVIL SECRET

■ This is Ian Dunn, a man who harbours an evil secret. He is a link man for an international group who crave sex with children. His flat is used as a contact address for group members throughout Britain and the Continent.

The full story is on Page 5.

Chief target was Gay's The Word, Britain's biggest gay community bookshop, with its large stock of imported titles.

But Customs officers also visited the homes of Gay's The Word staff and directors and seized private papers as well as books.

Operation Tiger began at 9.20 on Tuesday morning when two



(Above) taking books from the shop, and (top right) loading up the waiting car, just across the street.

Customs officers called at the flat of GTW director Glenn McKee and demanded entry.

"They went through everything — every piece of paper, my videos, minutes of board meetings. And they wouldn't let me talk to anyone."

He was held a virtual prisoner in his own home for six hours before the raiding party left with private papers, videos and books of his.

Shop raid

Meanwhile another team of officers visited Gay's The Word bookshop itself.

"It was about one o'clock lunchtime that they got here," said shop manager Paud Hegarty. "They advised me to close up and the customers to leave — there were about ten customers in here."

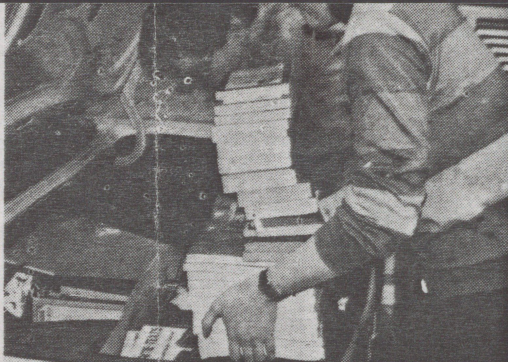
Then began the long and confused process of sorting out imported titles

Humorist hoots

CALIFORNIAN humorist Armistead Maupin, whose *Tales of San Francisco* are followed eagerly by readers of the city's *Chronicle*, could scarcely believe the news that his *Tales of the City* had been one of the books 'detained'.

"This is the first time anything like this has ever happened — it's really quite extraordinary. I mean Spain — has bought the damn thing — and if they can handle it, surely anyone can," he told *Capital Gay* on Tuesday.

It was at Gay's The Word that Armistead Maupin gave a public reading from his books when he last visited London in 1982.



(Customs have no jurisdiction over books published in the UK).

The imports were next sorted into books to be left at the shop and books to be "detained" by the raiders.

In charge of the literary short-listing was a balding man with unkempt sideburns, dirty sneakers, and an oddly-patterned white shirt featuring the repeated blue motif of a man riding a penny-farthing bicycle past a lamp-post.

Appeals

He spent a good deal of time on all fours on the carpet browsing through one or two paragraphs in each new title he came across.

He made repeated appeals to Dave Odd, a dark-suited, auburn-curbed officer apparently in charge of the shop-raiders.

"They clearly didn't know what they were doing," said Paud Hegarty. "They had to keep ringing up to find out what they were meant to take."

A young woman in a grey fur jacket, and a man in a badly crumpled suit and moustache (one of whose jobs was to fetch pork pies and sandwiches from Safeways) made up the rest of the team which took four and a half hours to complete its work.

The raiders were later joined by another man in a beige Vauxhall — the team's getaway car into which they roughly dumped the books they had decided to detain.

In the front of the car, on the floor by the front passenger seat, they placed Gay's The Word company records wrapped carefully in polythene bags.

Amongst these documents were till rolls, invoices, address books, the subscription list to the GTW newsletter, and VAT records, together with correspondence with overseas gay organisations.

Amongst the books seized off the shop shelves were *Southern Discomfort* by

Books held

DAVE ODD, leaving Gay's The Word on Tuesday evening, said that his team had only "detained" certain books which might or might not be returned. It was up to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to examine the books and decide whether they should be "seized".

"Depending on the circumstances, if items were seized there could then be the prosecution of an individual," said a Customs and Excise spokesman later. The officers involved in Operation Tiger had asked repeatedly about Gay's The Word's system of importing books and there were fears that Customs were seeking a prosecution for conspiracy to import "indecent" material.

and Gordon Myles and one for the Gods.

Scores of other titles were included — *Cruise To Win*, *Taking Care of Mrs Carroll*, *Return to Lesbos*, *Walking On The Moon*, *Happy Ending Are All Alike* amongst them.

Would-be customers came and went all afternoon, hoping to buy or browse, but were turned away by the Closed sign and brisk Customs signals.

Amanda Russell, shop manager with Paud Hegarty, spent most of the afternoon at Customs and Excise in Woburn Place where she was questioned by Operation Tiger officers.

Later her flat was searched and several video recordings of *Dallas* taken.

Customs men also visited GTW director Dr Jonathan Cutbill at his Blackheath home. They were distressed by the sight that greeted them and were quickly on the phone to their superiors. "We're meant to be looking for pornographic books, and he's got about ten thousand books here ..."

STOP PRESS

Public meeting has been arranged for Sunday at 3pm, County Hall, South Bank to launch a Gay's The Word defence campaign and fund. Ask at reception for room number.

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