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CAJ; POLICING, PARADES, RIGHTS

A number of new and important publications are coming out from the CAJ (Committee on the Administration of Justice); these include a fully updated human rights handbook for Northern Ireland, a comparative study of policing in Northern Ireland with reference to other international situations, and a pamphlet on policing parades in the summer of 1997, plus a video looking at the policing of parades over the last three years.

□ *"Civil liberties in Northern Ireland - the CAJ Handbook"*. This is a practical guide to your rights in Northern Ireland edited by Brice Dickson, foreword by Lord Lester. This is the third edition, completely updated to take account of changes in the law and important court decisions. It consists of 21 chapters (the new ones are on racial discrimination and children's rights and all the rest are updated). It weighs in at 463 pages, price UK£7 (post and packaging £1.45 in UK; elsewhere please enquire).

□ *"Human rights on duty; principles for better policing - international lessons for Northern Ireland"* is a 300-page publication written by Mary O'Rawe and Dr Linda Moore based on comparative research around the world and applying it to Northern Ireland. It is priced at £6 (postage £1.05 extra in UK).

□ *"Policing the police"* is a 24 page pamphlet, "A report on the policing of events during the summer of 1997 in Northern Ireland". This looks at issues of concern this year, and matters which had been raised in "The misuse of law" report last year. It is priced at £2.00 (postage 20p UK).

□ *"Policing the police; The video"* concentrates on the policing of contentious events during the marching seasons of 1995, 1996 and 1997. In particular it looks at issues of public order, police accountability, and plastic bullets. It will be available very shortly, price £10.00 (postage 64p UK).

□ CAJ's *Annual Report for 1996/97*, entitled *"Human rights can't wait!"*, gives a detailed account of the breadth of CAJ's work and concerns (44 pages, A4).

□ Finally, CAJ has produced a leaflet on *"A bill of rights for Northern Ireland?"* - 'your questions answered'. This issue has been running for a long time but the CAJ has produced this to encourage a more informed debate (copy enclosed for most people receiving *Nonviolent News* as a mailing).

Membership of CAJ is £17 waged, £5 unwaged, £25 international, including 11 issues of *Just News* bulletin. The extensive publications list is available on request.

- CAJ, 45/47 Donegal Street, Belfast BT1 2FG. Phone 01232 - 232394; Fax 246706.

Website: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Comm_Admin_Justice/

CONFLICT RESEARCH PROJECT

Since August this project has been running workshops bringing together two groups of people to learn from each other's experience - those who work on conflict issues locally and are interested in Third World issues, and Third World development workers who have returned home. Workshops have been well attended and two more are planned, with the first being held in December in the Fermanagh/Lettrim/Sligo area. For balance and to ensure the Protestant or Unionist voice is heard, there will be a workshop in the Shankill area of Belfast on 12th January 1998, organised by a local organisation there. For further details or survey findings, contact; Michael Hanly, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE; phone 01232-660194, or CCRG, 10 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2, phone 01-478 3490.

OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND CONFLICT - DERRY

The Peace and Reconciliation Group in Derry/Londonderry, in association with the Mediation Network for Northern Ireland, are offering a 4-month training course focusing mainly on conflict and the mediation process. It is accredited through the NI Open College Network at Level 2. The programme runs from January to April 1998 with four sessions of two days each including a residential, plus a possible visit to Britain. The course is aimed at individuals working in community associations, those seeking resolutions to anti-social behaviour in communities, and others interested in conflict transformation. Closing date for applications; 6th January. Further information and application form from; Tanya Gallagher, PRG, 18-20 Bishop Street, Derry BT48 6PW. Phone 01504-369206.

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT COURSE for young people, 12 - 14 December

One of the main areas that the Peace People Youth Department would like to work with during the coming year is to develop creative ways of working with conflict management together with young people; a series of courses and workshop sessions is being organised. The first main event, *Learning to work with conflicts*, is a weekend course at Kilcranny House, outside Coleraine, from 12th - 14th December. The all-in cost is £30 (some bursaries available; transport available free from Belfast). Facilitators will be Robert Lee and Hannes Eder. It will mainly be exercises, workshops and roleplays but with a few interactive lectures. Participants limited to 15; contact a s a p; Robert Lee or Hannes Eder, Peace People, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6GE; Phone 01232 - 663465; fax 683947.

POWER SHARING AND THE MATRIX VOTE

The de Borda Institute is organising a one-day seminar on Monday 9th February in Queen's University Belfast, looking at this topic. The matrix vote is the appropriate method for electing a number of people into an equal number of different posts. Prof. Elizabeth Meehan will be chairing the session. Details from 01232 - 711795.

WAVE Trauma Centre; Cross Cultural Night, Belfast, 9th January

WAVE is organising a cross community cultural night in the Elmwood Hall, Queen's University Belfast, at 8 pm on Friday 9th January. Compered by Liz Weir it will feature Tommy Sands, Vedran Smailovic, Len Graham and John Campbell, and Different Drums. Tickets are £8; contact 01232-779922 for outlets.

ONE WORLD CENTRE, Belfast; In debt and danger

The One World Centre are holding a public meeting on Wednesday 10th December with Jean Somers, coordinator of the Debt and Development Coalition in Navan when she will assess the impact of debt and neo-liberalism in developing countries. All welcome to; Lecture Room, Dept of Sociology, 20 College Green, Queen's University Belfast at 2 pm on Weds. 10th December. Further details; One World Centre, 01232 - 241 879.

KIDS FOR PEACE visit North

A group from years 8, 9 and 10 of the Darvell Bruderhof, a christian Community in the south of England are visiting Ireland in early January with the aim to gain understanding and share hope. The schedule includes arrival in Dublin 3rd January, Tobermore 4th, Derry (Peace and Reconciliation Group) 5th, Belfast (Cornerstone) 6th-7th; Slemish Integrated School 8th, peace walk to Ballymena 9th, YMCA Newcastle 10th. Contact; Kids for Peace, Darvell Bruderhof, Robertsbridge, East Sussex TN32 5DR; Phone 01580 88 33 00; fax 88 33 17.

SONAIRTE; RENEWABLE ENERGY PARK

Sonairte, the National Ecology Centre in Laytown, Co Meath (just off the main Dublin/Belfast road) has opened a renewable energy park which includes wind energy demonstrations, solar water heating and solar electricity, and there are practical demonstrations on how wind and wave power are used to create electrical energy etc. Contact; Sonairte, Laytown, Co Meath. Phone 041-27572; fax 28130. [Source: Environment Bulletin #36]

EUROPEAN NONVIOLENCE TRAINERS CONFERENCE

January 13th - 16th sees a European conference for trainers in nonviolent action taking place at the Communauté de l'Arche, Saint Antoine, Isere, France (between Grenoble and Valence); the topics will be trainers' training programmes, and reconciliation. The languages used are French and English, the all in cost is 600FF, and it's organised by Michel Nodet and Hagen Berndt. Further details from INNATE; details or bookings to/from Michel Nodet, ph. 33(0) 4 76 36 45 52 or Hagen Berndt, Bildungs- und Begegnungsstätte für gewaltfreie Aktion KURVE Wustrow, Kirchstrasse 14, D-29482 Wustrow, Germany, ph. 49 (0)5843 / 507; fax 49 (0) 5843/1405.

CANDLES AT CHRISTMAS

Women Together for Peace are again calling on people to light a candle and place it in their window this Christmas Eve [an old Irish custom anyhow - Ed] and spare a thought or a prayer for families who have lost loved ones to sectarian violence. Women Together, 62 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF; phone 01232 - 315100

BURMA

Video premiere and discussion on the struggle for democracy in Burma; Thursday 11th December with Jeanne Hallacy from 8 - 10 pm in Peace People House, 224 Lisburn Road, Belfast. Ph. Michael Hanly 01232 - 660184.

The editor should learn to keep his comments silent but a compromise might be to put them at the end of the newsheet where only the demented will read, so - Get the CAJ parades video, just the thing to bring back the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. And the matrix vote seminar on 9th February; I thought a matrix was where people kept their money. Spell-check suggestion of the month; 'Roly polles' was suggested by the computer spell check for 'role plays'! Finally, may I be permitted to wish a preposterous new year to all our readers.....

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