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# BLACKOUT

**FREE!**  
(if you're ripe!)



## OUT OF THE CRISPERS AND INTO THE COURTROOMS!

What do you have to do to get noticed around here? Throw a toymato at a judge or something?

In her arguments on sentencing, Ann Hansen laid out a detailed case - complete with expert witnesses - on the long history of patient, "legal" and fruitless protest that preceeded the Direct Action and Wimmin's Fire Brigade actions.

It was a moving experience for anyone who took the trouble to pay attention, as she showed how B.C. Hydro had arrogantly refused even to hold a public hearing on its dangerous and unpopular Cheekye-Dunsmuir scheme, how "law-enforcement" authorities had consistently refused to move against the violence being fostered by Red Hot Video

and how the Canadian government itself was complicitous in the manufacture of weapons of mass murder at Litton via a \$60 million subsidy.

One witness even directly asked the judge, Sam Toy, to consider what he would have done if he had been a judge in Nazi Germany and was called upon to try a defendant accused of sabotaging the railway tracks leading to Auschwitz. As the audience waited expectantly, Toy kept writing in his notebook and never once replied.

Yet, for all their "weekend →

**DOUG STEWART: THURSDAY, JUNE 21**  
**BRENT TAYLOR: MONDAY, JUNE 25**

exclusives" and "now-it-can-be-told's," there was hardly a word reported on any of this documentary evidence. The media have consistently treated the story of the Five as if they came out of nowhere and there had been no peaceful buildup - not exactly doing the public a favor in explaining why guerilla actions occur. After all, courtroom theatrics are a much riper and juicier story.

But don't fret: there's a few more chances to get the story straight. Doug Stewart and Brent Taylor will do some explaining when they next come to court for their sentencing. Looks like Doug will be talking about the need to struggle to protect the environment on June 21; while, on June 25, Brent will be explaining how direct action tactics are not aimed at correcting just a single problem - you know, sort of guerilla reformism - but are part of a broadbased movement, using many different types of legal and clandestine tactics, to bring about a thorough-going transformation of society.

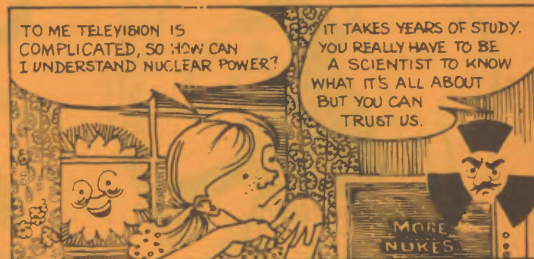
Chances are you won't get much of it in the newspapers or on TV, so best to catch it in person. The court is at Begbie and Carnarvon in New Westminster (#6 or #12 Fastbus from downtown Vancouver), and it starts at 10 am.

Likely, that will be the last high-profile court appearance for any of the Five in B.C. All other charges, including Red Hot, against Doug and Brent, have been dropped, and Brent will probably be heading back to Toronto shortly to face Litton.

## CURING THE EAR AC

If you're wondering what really goes on behind the scenes at those mass peace marches, and how a once small, but spirited, Vancouver anti-nuke movement, has become a large, respectable and boring one-issue, once-a-year media event, well, have an EARfull:

"End The Arms Race's evolution from an ad hoc coalition to



organize one event, to an ongoing coalition, has institutionalized its monolithic tendencies...

"As a result, EAR's hierarchical structure is reflected in its function as a coalition. Each component is top-down:

## THE PLANED TRUTH

Constant Reader writes in to say there seems to be some sort of vigilante campaign going on against The Plain Truth, the right-wing, bible-thumping glossy magazine that gives away 6.6 million copies free(!) to benighted souls around the world, and which is now sprouting up like god's plague of locusts in free boxes in front of stores everywhere in Vancouver.

Seems these self-appointed censors take armfuls of the magazine out of the boxes and dump them in the garbage. Or they roll them up in a package and send them back to the sender (PT pays the postage).

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- Structure - the Executive steers the Steering Committee from above (although it's supposed to be the other way around);

- Focus - EAR targets only The Bomb, situated at the top of the nuclear chain and a complex web of connected issues;

- Strategy - EAR directs most of its efforts, such as mass rallies and petitioning, at politicians and diplomats at the 'top' of society.

"Instead of empowering people, this vertical direction overwhelms them with despair, because it restricts their vision and energy to the enormity of The Bomb and The System. It increases mystification more than illumination."

There's lots more gory details, and they're all in the current (#16) issue of Open Road, available at local bookstores, or send a buck to Box 6135, Station G, Van., B.C.

Or they fill out gobs of subscription forms with non-existent addresses.

CR passes on these comments from one of the instigators: "It takes six seconds to remove the cover and two cards from each magazine. In two minutes, you can process 20 copies, a commitment which will not inconvenience you, even if done daily.

"Don't be overly concerned about being caught. They are free, and the store is minimally involved with them. If you are challenged, simply say that you have friends who are interested in this issue."

## LISTEN UP!

**D.O.A.: Bloodied but Unbowed (CD)**  
Subtitled "The Damage to Date: 1978-83," this six-buck special selects 19 tracks from the three-single, four-EP, two-LP output of the hardest working band in hardcore. Though they're never as scintillatingly sophisticated as the Dead Kennedys at their rare best, these Vancouver boys are much more consistent, getting over on the momentum that defeats so many similar bands for the first side and turning into songwriters by the second. Old Clash fans will stand up and cheer their chanted oi-together-now hooks—and their state-smashing politics, too, I hope. Address: 1230 Grant Avenue, Suite 531, San Francisco, California 94133. **B PLUS**

Attention all pseudo-intellectuals, limousine liberals and armchair pinko fellow-travelers: catch what your bible, The Village Voice, from big, bad New York, had to say about some local fellas.

Too bad the record is only available right now at that California address. Their other records are available locally, though. And if you want to be in touch directly, write D.O.A. Money Grubbing Fan Club, Box 65896, Station F, Vancouver, B.C.

## WHAT'S ON

(Continued from  
Saturday, June 30 back page.)

Jim Thorpe Native Run benefit dance w/Jim Page ("Song For Leonard Peltier"), Ras Radicals, White Feather and special guests; 8 pm, Oddpersons, 1720 Graveley.

Alan Zisman (yup) and Michael Marapesa play at the official closing of Claire Kujundzic's art show; 8 pm, 1111 Commercial.

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Thursday, June 14

Co-op Housing: free evening law course. Register: 734-1126.

Friday, June 15

Wen-Do Women's Self-Defence benefit dance (everyone invited); 8 pm, 1320 East Hastings (876-6390).

Unemployed gay support group; 7:30 pm, VGCC, 1349 Burrard (684-6869).

Jim Bell, the Free Spirit, from Carnegie Centre, sings; 8 pm, La Quena, 1111 Commercial (251-6626).

Saturday, June 16

Chilean pena: music and food; 7 pm, Russian Hall, 600 Campbell.

Last day for Ariel Books clearance sale: 2766 West 4th.

Sunday, June 17

Zurich Burning: videotapes on youth riots, squatting, swim-ins and other stuff; 2 pm, Video Inn, 261 Powell (688-4336).

Monday, June 18

Women Encircle Boeing: anti-cruise action nr Seattle. Info: 251-1495.

Wednesday, June 20

Meeting to plan a women's peace camp/ritual/action against the cruise; 7:30 pm, 1239 Charles, nr Clark. All women invited.

Thursday, June 21

Phil Hall and the Industrial Writers' Union solstice work poetry reading; 8 pm, La Quena, 1111 Commercial.

Doug Stewart sentencing: see page one.

Friday, June 22

Lesbian Information Line benefit dance, w/blues singer Heidi Archibald; 9 pm, Capri Hall, 3925 Fraser (734-1016). Women only.

Common Ground Fair ("Whole Life Expo"); thru Sunday, 950 W, Broadway.

Koyaanisqatsi: Hopi-like film vision of the planet; 7:30 pm, Van East Cinema, 7th & Commercial (253-5455). Thru Sunday.

Saturday, June 23

Rika Ruebsaat and John Bartlett sing Canadian working songs; 8 pm, La Quena, 1111 Commercial.

Women In Focus cabaret w/Carolyn Bell; 8:30 pm, 456 W. B'way (872-2250).

Sunday, June 24

Slide show on Nicaragua trade unions; 8 pm, 1111 Commercial.

Monday, June 25

Brent Taylor sentencing: see page one.

Ariadne, priestess of the Great Mother at the Reclaiming Collective, gives three days of ritual workshops and story-telling performances for women and mixed groups. Details: 732-5153, 738-2823.

Tuesday, June 26

Welfare Rights: free evening law course. Register: 734-1126.

Wednesday, June 27

Rights of non-union workers: free evening law course. Register: 734-1126.

Friday, June 29

Debra Faulks sings about Central America; 8 pm, 1111 Commercial.

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