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DO-IT-YOURSELF BAIL HEARING

FREE THE FIVE

FRIDAY, JULY 8, at 9:30 AM

NEW WESTMINSTER COURTHOUSE,
BEGBIE AND CARNARVON

Look inside for:

D.O.A. ~ Toronto Cops ~ Wreck Beach ~

Robin Bourne ~ Trial By Media ~

Big Brother ~ Bastille Day ~ The Five

REACH FOR THE RAID

It was like a bad script from the anti-Red scare days of the McCarthy era. Toronto, June 13: cops waving search warrants claiming seditious libel, sabotage to undermine national security and procuring an abortion, invade an east-end home; ask questions about the Five, the Litton bombing and the fire-bombings of some armories in Montreal; look for copies of the Trial By Media videotape and the anti-prison journal Bulldozer.

Seditious libel? It was last used circa 1950. Means advocating governmental change by unlawful force, and can draw ten years. The way the Toronto cops see it, even just publishing excerpts of the "Direct Action" communiques is illegal (although the mass media were told not to worry.)

One woman from the house has now been charged with procuring an abortion - another obscure offence used mainly against Henry Morgantaler. Four others were charged with ever-reliable possession of a couple of joints. The cops made it clear the house had been under electronic surveillance for some time, and that other charges could be expected in the on-going campaign of harrasment against the Free The Five support effort.

GRIN'N BARE IT

The people who brought you a beach free of blacktop and swimsuit rules for 13 years invite all to celebrate Wreck Beach Day with sun, games, and bodypaint all day July 2.

This summer the police plan to curb vending, camping, and the spread of nudity near Spanish Banks.

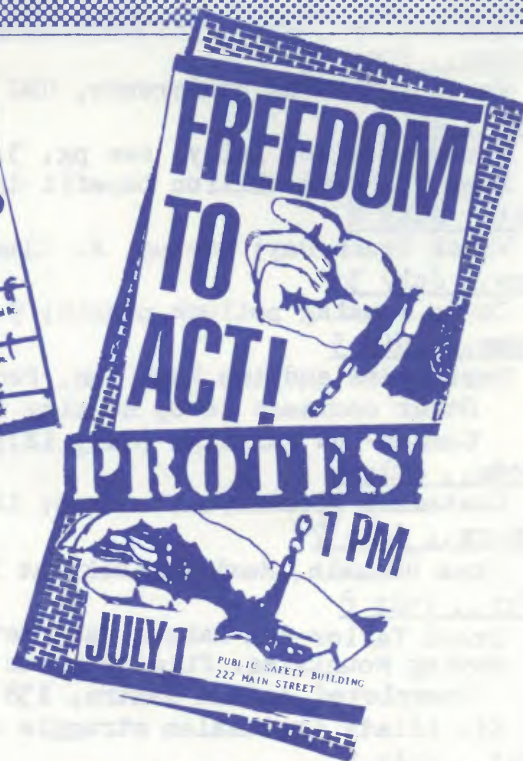
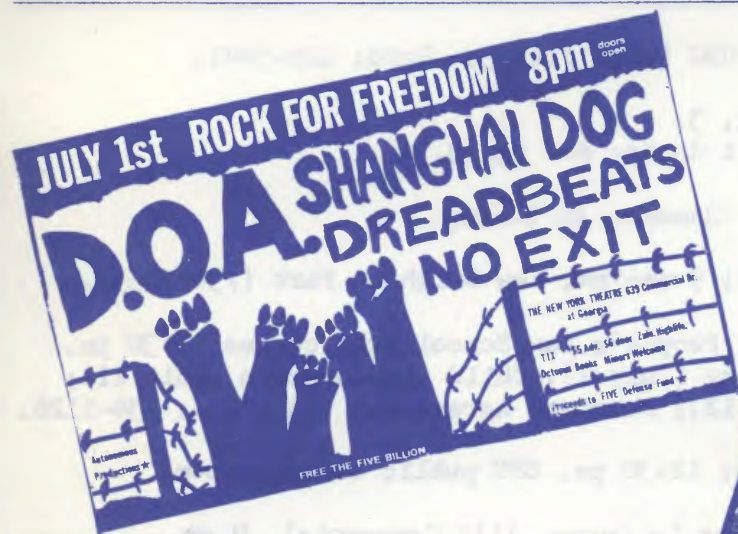
The Wreck Beach Committee's 4th annual newsletter details how you can help keep the beach free, safe, near-natural, and friendly. Get a copy there or write 1379 W. 55th, Vancouver; tel. 946-7545.



Women's groups and other community organizations are being asked to make statements protesting the use of the abortion charge in such a blatantly political way. Send the statements to P.S.C., Box 5052, Stn. A, Toronto, Ont. M5W 1W4. And if you're curious as to why the police are so wound-up about Bulldozer, send a donation for the latest issue to the same address.

Electronic surveillance, anti-"terrorist" war games, the new federal domestic spy service, police pacification campaigns - 1984 is just over the horizon.

A public forum on electronic surveillance and related aspects of the emerging Big Brotherhood will occur Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. at 1st United Church, 320 E. Hastings. For an up-dated dossier on current trends, including the latest doings of spy-chaser B.C. police czar Robin Bourne, send donation to B.C. Civil Liberties Action Security Project (B.C. CLASP), Box 65369, Station F, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 5P3.



WHO'S WHO

There were 48 cabinet-makers, 41 locksmiths, eight printers and ten hairdressers. The people who liberated the Bastille during the French Revolution were virtually all working folk from the neighborhood - hardly a middle-class revolutionary or outside agitator among them. (Of 900 who took part, there was only one woman, a laundryworker; but it was women who later initiated and carried out the daring capture of the king.)

July 14 is the 194th anniversary of the Bastille - as good a time as any to catch up on the latest research into just who it was that pulled off the first modern revolution. For all the fascinating details, check out The Crowd In The French Revolution, by George Rudé. There's also good stuff in Class Struggle in the First French Republic, by Daniel Guerin; The Sans-Coulottes, by Albert Soubol; and The Great French Revolution, by Peter Kropotkin. All available at the library.

B.C. BAILOUT

Ann Hansen and Brent Taylor will conduct a do-it-yourself (i.e., no lawyers) bail hearing Friday, July 8, in New Westminster County Court, downtown New West, at Begbie and Carnarvon.

This will give them an opportunity to state in their own words why they need to be on the street to prepare their defence. They will also call witnesses to testify to other aspects of the case of the Five.

The hearing is scheduled to start at 9:30 am, and may run to Monday, July 11. It's all public, so don't be shy about attending.

To stay current (trials start Sept. 12), check with Free The Five Defence, Box 48296, Bentall Stn., Vancouver, B.C.

WHAT'S ON

Thurs., June 30

Women And Words conference, UBC (thru July 3). Info: 228-5441.

Fri., July 1

Freedom To Act rally; see pg. 3.

Free The Five Billion benefit dance; see pg. 3.

Sat., July 2

Wreck Beach Day; see pg. 2. Clean-up on Sunday.

Sun., July 3

Co-op Housing potluck picnic; 9 am-7pm, New Brighton Park (734-5653).

Tues., July 5

Pesticides and the Law: Van. People's Law School free course; 7:30 pm.

Other courses: Co-op Housing (July 7); Child Apprehension (July 11);

Common-Law Marriage (July 12); Marriage Agreements (July 13). 734-1126.

Weds., July 6

Guatemala speaker/slide show; 12:30 pm, SFU public seminar room.

Thurs., July 7

Irma Hessel, Mexican folk, at La Quena, 1111 Commercial, 9 pm.

Fri., July 8

Brent Taylor-Ann Hansen bail review: see pg. 3

Moving Mountains: film on women coalminers at Elkford, B.C.; 1:15 pm,

Unemployed Action Centre, 138 E. Cordova (688-9001).

Kin Lilat: Guatemalan struggle and Mayan folk; 9 pm, 1111 Commercial.

Sat., July 9

Solidarity day for El Salvador: all day food, music, info, slides at

La Quena, 1111 Commercial.

Mon., July 11

Teatro Vivo: Guatemalan drama group; 8 pm, 1111 Commercial.

Weds., July 13

Peter Alsop: kids and adult folk; 7 pm, 1111 Commercial.

Thurs., July 14

Bastille Day read-in: see pg. 3.

Sabia: women's Latin contemporary/traditional folk; 8 pm, 1111 Commercial.

SFU forum on new security legislation. Call The Peak, 291-4360 for time.

Fri., July 15

Business On Aging: film on nursing homes; 1:15 pm, 138 E. Cordova.

Blackout ends chase

A DRAMATIC car chase Volvo slammed into a hedge when he searched.

Yes, we've given up chasing after fame and glory (what's the use?). But our pursuit of the elusive greenback continues. It now costs \$84 to print each issue of B.C. Blackout, and our annual handout from Autonomy Central has long since run out. How about putting two and two (or more) together? Every contribution, no matter how large, will be accepted.

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