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CORK POLL UPSET

Critics confounded by survey results

One in two Cork people know someone who thinks that the quality of life in the city has improved in the last year,according to a survey carried out exclusively for the Cork Free Press.Moreover,the majority of those polled themselves express surprise and delight at the manner in which business and local authorities are doing their bit towards making Munster's capital a better place to live.

Certain chemical companies are frequently and movingly cited,by ordinary Cork people,as having had a marked impact on the environment (symptoms of those so overcome included giddiness and tears).In particular,fish and mollusc eaters display a keen appreciation of the role of chemical ingredients in the diet of their favourite fare,"a shot in the arm for local anglers" and "a fine kettle of fish" being the most common observations. Further industry contributions by sea and air are generally held to be in the pipeline.

Warming to the topic of what is (and is not) in the drink,many of those surveyed reserve a special mention for that brewery which carries on the hallowed tradition of tinting the Lee every conceivable colour.Their heartfelt gratitude at this no-expenses-spared prettification of our watery heritage, is compounded by the realization that these matters are being discharged,without the brewery seeking any publicity whatsoever for themselves.

Nor do the efforts of local authorities go unsung.Most Corkonians feel that the farsightedness of our City Fathers in turning a blind eye to smog,has successfully shrouded Cork in the mystique of that urban nil fhios agam so crucial to any conurbation worthy of the name.Moreover, the majority assert that the deepening of Cork's commitment to neutrality by conferring freedom of the city on all foreign navies,is a definite marriage of idealism and commercial shrewdness - issuing in jingling cash registers in quayside pubs and brothels. Environmental and other groups are unavailable for public comment as we go to press,but many privately admit to being stupefied at the poll's findings."We've been shown up as a bunch of self-appointed Cassandras," reads the note beside the body of one of their number,found shortly after he was seen swallowing a phial of Lee water.

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CAMPAIGNING IN CORK

This month's issue of the Cork Free Press is devoted to campaign groups that operate in and around Cork.

Most people's conception of campaign groups are of pickets outside shops or demonstrations in the streets.While that part is accurate as far as it goes, the bulk of the work of these groups lies in fundraising for themselves or others,meeting to decide future policy and tactics, or collecting signatures for this or that reason, often under adverse meteorological conditions.

Initially quite a few campaign groups' ideas are too obscure or far from the mainstream to be taken seriously.After what often proves to be long and tedious work by a small handful of people,the message may eventually filter through,(often enough in bowdlerized and distorted form).The nearest thing to felicity for a campaign group is to have its platform become part of the accepted wisdom of public discourse.

Some of the issues that have had an effect on us over the last few years are :
* the boycotting of South African goods
* the consciousness of environmental pollution
* the abhorrence of nuclear weapons
* the closure of Sellafield
* the awareness of covert operations in South and Central America by the U.S.
* women's rights
* gay rights
* children's issues
* animal rights

It is often the case that if an issue is being debated in the Dail,a campaign group has had an influence on it somewhere in its gestation.So the next time you encounter a campaign group,flag day,or a demonstration,think the issue through,since with luck and perseverance it may appear on the agenda of national political debate sometime in the future.

CORK RAPE CRISIS SERVICE

If you have been raped or sexually assaulted or have been a victim/survivor of child sexual abuse we would like to help you.We will listen to what you want to say without judging you or blaming you.We will give you the time and support to talk about what has happened to you for as long as you need it.We are a service for women and girls of all ages.Rape and child sexual abuse is something that happens to a lot of women.We realise that it is not an easy experience to talk about.

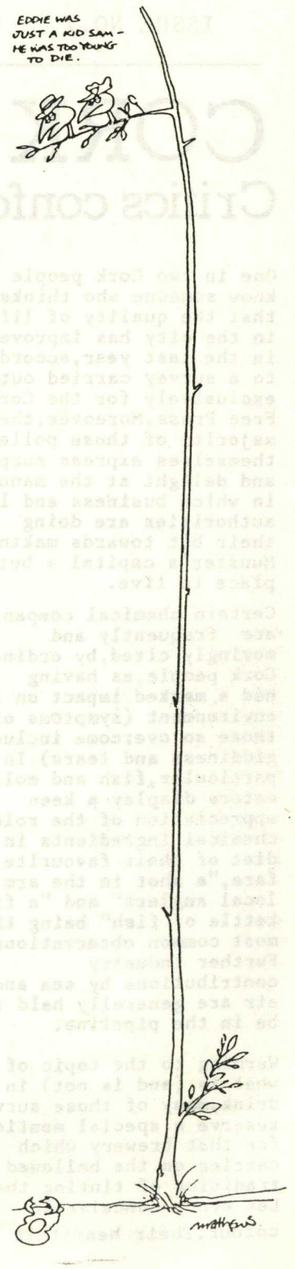
Maybe it happened a long time ago and you haven't told anyone,maybe you were raped or abused by someone you knew and trusted,maybe you feel what happened to you was a small thing and you should be able to get over it.We know that any experience of abuse,rape or sexual assault is traumatic for a woman and we are here to listen and give you support.

We will give information to you about medical care. We have a number of women doctors available.We will go with you for a doctor's visit,pregnancy and V.D. tests if you wish.We will give you information about the law and explain what happens if the case goes to court and stay with you during the trial if you wish to report the crime. This is entirely your decision.
The Cork Rape Crisis Service will speak to groups,schools etc. about rape,sexual violence and child sexual abuse.We aim to help women cope with the reality of rape and to change the attitudes which condone rape and increase the distress for a woman who has been raped.

We aim to help women and girls who have experienced child sexual abuse to increase awareness within the community about child sexual abuse,to work with schools and community centres on preventative programmes to help children protect themselves.

Any woman can be raped.No woman is to blame.No woman should feel guilty or ashamed.We cannot come to terms with rape or abuse unless we talk about it openly.

If you want to contact us phone 968086 or write or call to 27a McCurtain St. If there's no one in the centre please leave a message on the answering machine.



CORK SCHOOL PROJECT

"No child is an outsider" is the motto of the Cork National School Project which grew out of an Inter-Church family association meeting in June 1985.After a public meeting in July 1986,at which the basic principles of the school were agreed an executive committee of parents and friends of the Project was formed to carry them out.The school formally opened in September 1987. It is Cork's first state aided multidenominational primary school.

The school is a National School run by a Management Board,an executive committee and a parents council.

Some of the educational principles on which the school is run are
1/A child-centred approach to education
2/Co-educational
3/Multidenominational : children of all or no religious backgrounds must and do have equal right of access to the school,and the social and religious backgrounds of each child must be respected.In addition to a "Religious Education Core Curriculum" drawing from all faiths, philosophied and systems of ethics,at the request of some of the parents,the Catholic and Bahai faiths are being taught to their respective children.
The school has two basic educational aims :
INTELLECTUALLY ,to enable children to live life.To this end there is great emphasis laid on balance between intellectual and personal development.
SOCIALLY,to promote genuine concern for others and respect for different points of view.

The school receives a capitation grant of £24 per pupil to cover running costs and the teachers' salaries are paid by the Department of Education.In an effort to upgrade facilities,the Executive and Board run fundraising events such as socials, benefit concerts,flag days, table quizzes,draws etc.The school would also to thank its generous sponsors.

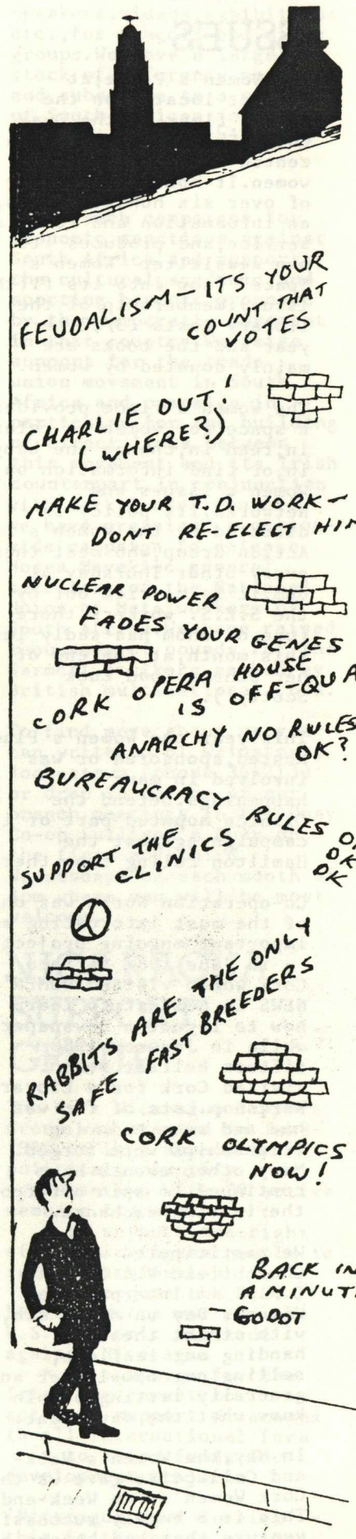
A great advantage that the school does have is the enormous input by parents and friends,not only from the point of view of the Executive committee but as voluntary teachers on a planned basis.Such co-operation which is actively encouraged has led to visits to farms,workshops, galleries and exhibitions. Using the environment as a learning base has led to many follow-on projects where the children see connections very quickly and ask pertinent questions. Parental support has helped in broadening the curriculum. Currently,guitar,typing, chess,drama,French,arts and crafts,hockey and foot-ball are offered both inside and outside school hours.
At the present moment there are 112 pupils on roll in the school : 65 boys,47 girls,and 4 teachers. Enrolment is by number only on a first come basis.A pre-enrolment form is filled in on application. Forms are available from the school.

At the moment the school is seeking an alternative premises,preferably located in the city centre area.

To contact the school with a view to enrolling a child or offering your support, services or sponsorship, please write to the school or ring 502774.

Events : * February 14th '89 Annual Book Fair (at the school)
* June'89 Annual Auction Ashbourne House (great family outing).





WOMENS ISSUES

The Women's Place,at present located on the second floor of the Quay Co-op,Sullivans Quay,is a centre run by and for women.It houses a library of over six hundred books, an information and referral service,and produces its own newsletter "Women's Space" (now into its fifth issue).Membership of the library costs £3/£2 per year and the books are mainly donated by women.

The Women's Place provides a space for women to relax in,read in,change the baby in,or find information on Women's Issues and Networks.Its policy is directed by the Women's Action Group,who meet there every other Thursday at 8pm.It is carried out by the S.E.S. workers there (one of whom has sadly left this month,at the end of her scheme,Good Luck Scotty!).

This year the Women's Place hosted,sponsored or was involved in many happenings.Defend the Clinics mounted part of its campaign against the Hamilton ruling from there.

Co-operation North was one of the most interesting and important ongoing projects - in June 1987 fifteen Cork women visited WOMEN'S NEWS in Belfast to learn how to layout a newspaper, while in January 1988 fifteen Belfast women visited Cork for a Library Workshop.Lots of fun was had and some enduring friendships were forged. Many other events have continued to spin off from the initial exchange.

We participated with Churchfield W.A.G. and C.N.D. in International Women's Day on March 8th, with street theatre, handing out leaflets, selling our newsletter and generally letting people know what the day meant.

In May,the Women's Week-end Collective gave us the Cork Women's Fun Week-end. This is a hugely successful venture that has become an international event over the years.There were workshops,videos,socials, meditations,sports events, beach parties and brunches - culminating in a brilliant Cabaret Night at Moore's Hotel.(Book early for next year if you need accommodation!).The Week-end is a fundraiser for future Women's Projects and Week-ends.

Other popular,successful week-ends on a smaller scale have been organised by individuals.There was Margaret's "Come and See the Dolphin" week-end in Dingle in August and Collette's week-end in Castlefreke in September.

The Women's Place liaises with various other groups, such as Council for the Blind (we hope to put some of our many books on tape for them),The Cork Centre for the Unemployed,particularly during the "Women & Poverty" discussion day and workshops on September 17th organised by Churchfield Women's Action Group,which resulted in two of our workers presenting submissions at the National Tribunal on Women's Poverty.Findings there were taken to a European Community Event in Brussels in November (four women from Churchfield Women's Action Group travelled from Cork) thus ensuring that Women's needs are kept in mind when Social Policies are being drafted for 1992.We have also affiliated to the Council for the Status of Women. Two of our members attend regularly at the meetings in Dublin.

Also,run from the Women's Place are various classes and discussion groups - at present a Women's Mechanics Course (very well subscribed),a Writers Workshop (very small),the Newsletter Collective (more members needed please,they've all gone to South America or the U.S.). A Women's Health Group hopes to start discussions in January next year.There is the possibility of a Lesbian Discussion Group. another Mechanics Course, an 'Alternative Future's' Group,Art Workshop and many more.

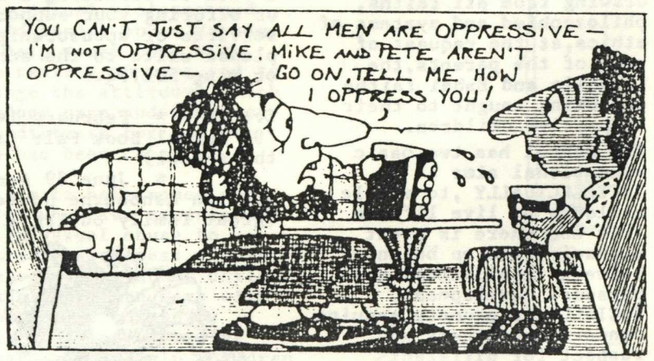
We also fundraise for the library and other projects by running mini-marathons, raffles,first Tuesday Socials,book parties,pub quizzes and any other (legal) money making activity we can think of. Also,starting this month is the new video club "Women in Focus".

So,if you have time,money energy,or ideas to spare, or if you simply want to use the space for your group or get more info, call the Women's Place at 317660.

GAY INFORMATION

Gay Information Cork was founded in October 1984 to help improve the level of information available for and about gay people in Cork and the Munster area. The group developed from,and maintains a close working relationship with the Cork Gay Collective.

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The Council was founded in 1966 and is a non-political,non-sectarian, voluntary organisation,with a 32 county membership.The Council believes that it is wrong to inflict suffering upon any animal for the purpose of sport.It opposes hare coursing and all forms of hunting.It believes in the conservation of Ireland's wildlife and advocates that if killing is necessary because of numbers,it should be carried out by experts in the humanest way possible. The Council claims that wild animals feel pain in the same way as domestic animals and therefore should be similarly protected from cruelty.In Ireland at present,there are four animals legally hunted and persecuted under the guise of sport - hares,foxes, otters,and stags.We will rigorously campaign for changes in this legislation.

You can help us in this campaign by joining the council and/or sending us a donation.Membership fees are £5 per adult(£3 unwaged),and £1 per under 16.Donations to The Treasurer,2 Chapel Square,Fermoy,Co. Cork,and membership enquiries to Ms. Rosemarie McCarthy,31 Endsleigh,Douglas Road,Cork ph.(021)292197.

CORK GAY COLLECTIVE

The major event of the past year was the Norris judgement delivered by the European Court of Human Rights.The law in Ireland dealing with gay relationships is an infringement of individual rights and has to be changed.To forestall another 'Irish Solution' a great deal of work needs to be done.All the old arguments will be dragged out.

The Collective is a gay men's group and its members work on the Gay Information Line,organise a weekly social event (Tuesday) and monthly discos.Some are involved in Cork Aids Alliance,and Gay Health Action.

Over the next year we hope to encourage the development of a colleges group,and will be working with women from Lesbian Line to establish a permanent base in Cork.So if you want to meet people,work on any of the above,contribute ideas or just wish to chat,then phone Gay Information for further details.(021)317026

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CORK ANTI-APARTHEID

The Cork branch of the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement has been in existence now for nearly four years.Formed during a period of mass resistance to the Apartheid regime in South Africa,and in Ireland when the Dunnes Stores strike was in progress,the branch has maintained a high level of activity in support of the liberation movement throughout those four years.

The basis of all activitie is education,firstly of our members through discussion at regular branch meetings, and more generally through meetings and seminars open to the public.We organise Apartheid Awareness days for students and provide speakers,videos,exhibitions etc.,for schools and other groups.We have a large stock of reference material and subscribe to a number of South African journals. We publish a monthly news bulletin for general distribution.

The branch campaigns for economic sanctions against South Africa,and supports the cultural,academic,and sporting boycott proposed by the democratic movement in that country.We raise support for the trade union movement in South Africa and campaign in particular for the building of direct links between this movement and its Irish counterpart.In conjunction with Cork Trades Council we have organised a nation-wide campaign to release Moses Mayekiso,general secretary of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.We have raised thousands of pounds for the Sarmcol strikers,sacked by British multinational ,BTR.

To find more about us you can write to 61 Wainsfort, Rochestown (phone 364213) or drop in to one of our branch meetings in the Quay Co-op Sullivan's Quay,on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8pm where you will be most welcome.

NICARAGUA SUPPORT GROUP

The Cork Nicaragua Support Group was started in June 1988.It is a non-party political,voluntary organisation with 20 active members.Its aims are :

* to support the right of the Nicaraguan people to self-determination
* to oppose the U.S. backed Contra war and the U.S. economic blockade against Nicaragua
* to campaign for the Irish government to actively support Nicaragua in all international fora
* to raise funds for development projects.

'Nicaragua Must Survive' - this is the credo of the

Group.It is also the name of the international campaign for support of the revolution,sponsored by the Nicaraguan Government.Never has this been more urgent than now.The recent hurricane has left 300,000 people homeless,in addition to a similar number displaced by the war.Bluefields,the capital of the Atlantic coast,is almost totally destroyed.There have been catastrophic crop losses.

On top of all this,George Bush,the U.S. President-elect,is certain to renew military aid to the Contras who will step up their attacks on farms and villages and the murders of innocent civilians. During the hurricane evacuation the Contras ambushed frightened people trying to escape the storm. They kidnapped over 5,000 people and forced them to fight against their own communities.They brutally rape and murder their women captives.

Only international pressure on the United States will stop this and allow the Sandinista Government continue with its programme of social justice which has included such remarkable achievements as :

* the first free elections ever in Nicaragua
* reduction in illiteracy from 50% to 13%
* construction of 1,400 elementary schools in 6 years
* eradication of polio
* reduction in infant mortality by 40%
* distribution of land free to 100,000 families.

These reforms make Nicaragua the most socially advanced country in Central America.It is this "threat of a good example",this so-called communism,that the U.S. government wants to destroy.Its actions have been condemned by the United Nations and declared illegal by the International Court of Justice.

With 42,000 dead or wounded in the war since 1981 and damage to the economy estimated at $3.5 billion, progress cannot continue without peace.Your support is urgently needed now.

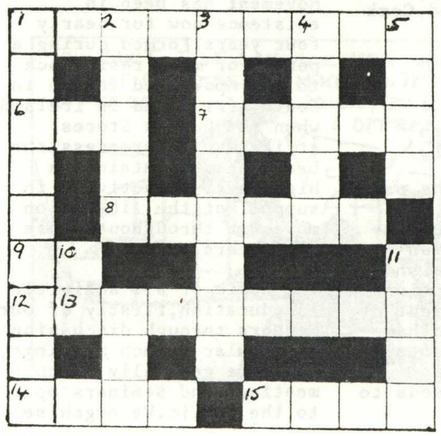
Among the activities of the Support Group in the last few months were the launching of the Nicaragua Must Survive Campaign on the 19th of July.A benefit gig,a flag day and fund-raising parties have been held.£2,000 has been sent to assist a new health clinic in the war zone.The Group recently hosted the visit of 3 Nicaraguans working with the rehabilitation of the war disabled. Among the ongoing activities are the street information stall,the school programme and a petition to the U.S. government.Future activities include a political lobbying campaign,a book launch,and celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary of the revolution.

The Group meets every Monday night at Comhlamh, 55 Grand Parade,at 8pm and everybody is welcome to participate.Enquiries ,or donations to the Hurricane Appeal (urgently needed), can be sent to C.N.S.G. c/o 63 Westbury Estate,Wilton, Cork.All donations will be receipted and sent to Nicaragua through Oxfam.

Nicaragua needs you!

LAST ISSUE'S CROSSWORD

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Classified ads (not more than 20 words) price £1.50 each.To be in the Quay Co-op shop not later than the 20th of January.

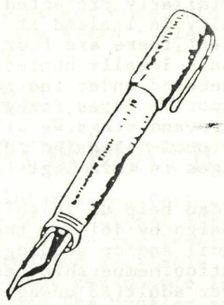
BADGE MAKING SERVICE Resource Centre, Quay Co-op Ltd.,24 Sullivans Quay, Tel.317660.(Minimum order 50 badges).

HONDO GUITAR, very good condition, £60.Tel.963894 (CATHERINE).

PLAYGROUP 2 Lower Janemount Sunday's Well.Morning activity class; daycare facilities.£1 per hour. Montessori trained supervisor.

CORK PREGNANCY COUNSELLING HELPLINE info on abortion Mon 8-10pm.Tel(021)314165.





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The provision of a telephone information service is the group's first project.In time we hope that everybody in the Munster area will know of our existence.
We expect the line to provide the following:

(1)A simple method by which isolated gay people can make contact.
(2)Provide accurate information about facilities and events of interest to gay people.

The group also intends to work in the area of information generally.

Gay people are socially 'invisible' and this allows myths and distortions about us to be widely believed and repeated.Gay Information Cork aims to improve the level of information available locally-

(1)To gay people themselves.

(2)To decision makers (Doctors,Administrators etc.) who frequently ignore or misunderstand the needs of gay people when services are being provided.

(3)To the media.

(4)To the public at large.

Enquiries about the group should be directed to; John Calnan c/o Quay Co-op 24 Sullivans Quay,Cork.

The information line number is (021)317026 Wednesday 7pm-9pm.

YOUR STARS FOR '89

Discover the real you. Improve your mind and body. Find out what 1989 has in store for you and yours. The only star guide that tells you the truth,whether you want it or not.

ARIES THE RAM



A fire sign that often shows traits of stupid recklessness.Prides themselves on their pioneer instincts (whatever that is) and can be rude and selfish into the bargain. You should do well this coming year if you keep up this attitude,but look out the rest of us.

TAURUS THE BULL



An earth sign that indulges in gluttony in an obstinate way.Whilst loyal,this is usually to the Dolce Vita. Guaranteed to put on weight this coming year (serves you right).

GEMINI THE TAURUS



This capricious air sign is one of nature's versatile creatures. Unfortunately to balance that off they are utterly unreliable.You'd both better get your act together this coming year.

CANCER THE CRAB



A water sign,what else! Full of homing instincts that border on the childish.They give out sympathy but very often in a clannish way.This coming year should prove interesting for you if you can get out of that stupid shell.

LEO THE LION



The egotist of the fire signs who loves to flaunt their authority under the guise of love and integrity.A real lager lout if ever there was one. Next year you'll be just as boorish.

VIRGO THE VIRGIN



The prim and proper earth sign full of purity ,fact finding and boring nit-picking.Whilst they are reckoned to be industrious and good at analysis,their cynicism makes you want to throw up.Next year should see this boring old fart getting their come-uppance.

LIBRA THE SCALES



The air sign that can never quite make up its mind.Whilst purporting to seek harmony in all things this person is often full of superficial dithering - will I ? won't I ? Next year will be full of possibilities...or maybe not.

SCORPIO THE SCORPION



A water sign with a sting in the tail that leaves everyone hurt.Full of survival and regeneration traits,but look out for the barb if you don't give in to this one! The coming year should hopefully see this one scoring a home goal.

SAGITTARIUS THE ARCHER



The optimistic water sign full of the tedious need to achieve higher learning. Look out for this one though,there's a strong tendency to lawlessness. For the New Year you'll receive a present of a pair of six-guns.

CAPRICORN THE GOAT



An earth sign that prides itself on its depth whereas in fact they are usually narrow-minded and full of gloom and doom.The year ahead promises to be full of excitement whether you want it or not.

AQUARIUS THE WATER CARRIER



An air sign that considers itself overflowing with human fellowship and undeniable genius.Don't be fooled : these people are perverse and unpredictable.The New Year promises you a stretch in gaol for some depraved crime.

PISCES THE FISHES



The last of the water signs supposedly gives out lots of spirited love with an aura of universality.The truth is they are full of diffusion and escapism. Next year sees you marooned in an overpopulated city surrounded by hateful people.What can I say ?



EARTHWATCH

With ever-increasing pressures on our environment,both nationally and internationally,the need for environmental pressure groups has never been so great.During the past year, EARTHWATCH,affiliated with Friends of the Earth International,has campaigned on nuclear pollution,and has initiated research into the 'greenhouse effect,' urban air pollution,tropical rainforests,and mining.

For the past year,the nuclear campaign has focused on the risks posed by submarine nuclear traffic in the Irish Sea.Questionnaires have been circulated to sea users (fishermen, divers,etc.) in an attempt to build up a more complete picture of submarine activity in Irish waters. EARTHWATCH has also been working in conjunction with CND and Greenpeace on a campaign to have legislation enacted which would establish Ireland as a Nuclear Free Zone.

The food irradiation campaign has continued with an EARTHWATCH leaflet and a list of irradiated foods being published,and with the countryside circulation of petitions calling for a ban on irradiated foods.

The acid rain campaign,with its prime objective of having emission controls fitted at Moneypoint, achieved a partial success with the government's recent decision to clean up the NO_x emissions from the plant. However,the larger problems of sulphur dioxide emissions from Moneypoint remain,and the EEC's decision to effectively grant Ireland a derogation from the large combustion plant directive represents a disappointing setback.

The ozone campaign has functioned on two levels : as a consumer campaign, attempting to persuade the public to avoid products containing ozone-damaging CFCs ; and as a lobbying campaign seeking legislative changes to phase out the use of CFCs in Ireland.

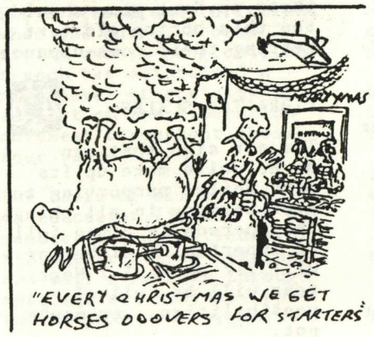
The Kowloon Bridge,an iron ore freighter which went aground off the south coast resulting in a sizable oil spill,was the subject of an EARTHWATCH report entitled "The Kowloon Bridge : Unanswered Questions", published in February 1988.

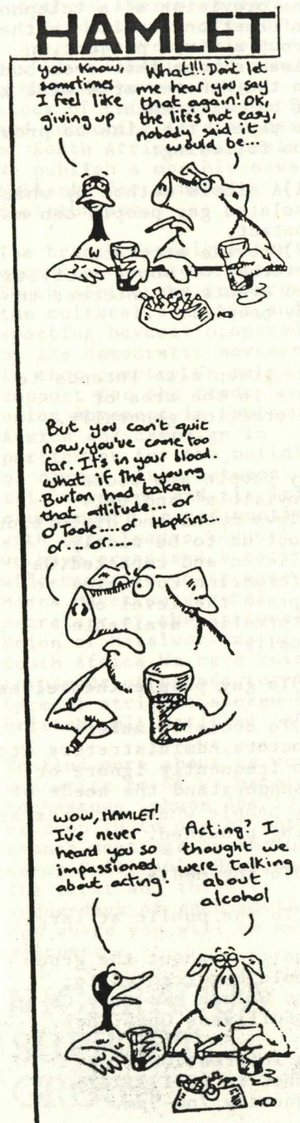
In the coming year, EARTHWATCH will assess the likely effects on Ireland of the 'greenhouse effect,' and lobby for an effective response to these projections.EARTHWATCH has been collating information on the urban smog problem, with a view to launching a campaign next year from the Dublin office.

This year the Tropical Rainforest Campaign will attempt to reduce Irish imports of tropical timbers which are not from sustainable yields,initially by raising general consumer awareness,and subsequently by targeting critical groups of 'upstream' consumers (e.g.,architects,firms, etc.).

Following a resurgence of interest in Ireland among mining companies,EARTHWATCH has been researching into the environmental effects of mining and the legislative controls on mining companies.The aim is to lobby for an update in the legislation relating to mining so as to take account of environmental protection needs.

EARTHWATCH's past achievements have only been possible because of financial and other support of its near 1,000 members,as will be the case of any future campaign achievements.If you would like to join or subscribe to our quarterly magazine,please contact us at EARTHWATCH,Harbour View, Bantry,Co. Cork,027-50968.





C.N.D.

C.N.D. aim to rid Ireland of all vestiges of nuclear weapons.This includes the banning of all courtesy visits by foreign navies and flyovers by foreign military aircraft.Over the last year C.N.D. have protested at the presence of foreign naval shipping in Cork Harbour,called for a nuclear free zone,and campaigned on a number of related issues.

Meetings held every Thursday at 8pm in the Quay Co-op,Sullivans Quay,Cork.

IRELAND-CHILE SUPPORT COMMITTEE

The Ireland-Chile Support Committee in Cork is a very small group indeed,meeting informally,and in various locations,usually a pub. It works in conjunction with a larger group based in Dublin,and with the Chile Committee for Human Rights in London.
The Cork group came into being in response to the detention and torture in Santiago,in September 1987, of Luis ('Tito') Tricot, a former political refugee who had recently returned to Chile,having lived here in Ireland for about six years,and in England for a further five years.
The work of the Cork group has mainly been related to the case of Tito and his girlfriend,Rolio Reyes,who was also detained,albeit briefly.This work has included much political lobbying,getting media coverage of the case and, of course,fundraising for the couple.The campaign has, to some degree,been successful : Tito was released on bail on the 17th November last,and there is hope that the groundless charges preferred against him may be dropped.
It is hoped that the Committee will undertake other work to support,in whatever little way we can, the opposition in Chile and, in particular,human rights groups.It is also highly desirable that contact be maintained with,and support extended to,those refugees who return from Ireland to Chile to help in the restoration of democracy.
If you're interested in joining the Committee or in helping in its work, please contact Tadhg Cotter, Monerone,Bandon,Cork.

DISARM

A magazine that seeks to highlight and oppose any development of Ireland in nuclear weapons related activities,agreements or alliances,and to function as a forum for disarmament, peace and anti-nuclear groups.Price 70p.

CORK AND THE WIDER WORLD

The magazine is published quarterly by the Cork Development Network.This group is concerned with world development,human rights,poverty,peace,self-reliance and sustainable development,in - as the title implies - Cork and the wider world.Price 50p.



COMPETITION

This month's competition prize will be a book token. Entries to be in by the 6th January 1989.

1/ Name the book written by Niccolo Machiavelli in 1517.

2/ Which Chinese politician was once a librarian ?

3/ Which famous scientist once worked as a patent office clerk ?

4/ Where is the only royal palace in the U.S.A. ?

5/ What famous producer was born Samuel Goldfish ?

LAST MONTH'S WINNER

Last issue's competition winner is R.Brennan from Wellington Road,Cork,who receives the prize of a dinner for 2 at the Quay Co-op Restaurant.

A MEAT-FREE XMAS

For those who want a meat-free Christmas,or perhaps have a vegetarian coming to stay,the following recipe has been supplied to us by Denis Cotter (formerly of Cranks,London), who now works in the Quay Co-op Restaurant.

CHRISTMAS LOAF

3 oz. margarine
1 onion,finely chopped
2 cloves garlic,crushed
5 diced celery sticks
6 oz. brazil nuts, finely ground
6 oz. cashews,toasted and finely ground
2 oz. flaked millet or baby oats
4 oz. mashed parsnip or potato
2 tblspns chopped parsley
1 tsp. dried sage
½ tsp. oregano
¼ tsp. each ginger,cayenne
½ tsp. curry powder
½ lemon,rind and juice
1 egg, lightly beaten
water or white wine to mix
salt and pepper to taste
2 oz. breadcrumbs
chestnut puree - 8 oz. tin

Cook onion in marg. until tender.Add garlic and celery and cook one minute.Combine with all other ingredients to give a firm consistency.Press half the mixture into a greaseproof paper-lined 2 lb. loaf tin.Spread the chestnut puree over,then top with the remaining mixture.Bake at GAS 5,375 F. for ¾ - 1 hour,until firm and golden.Serve sliced with a red wine or mushroom sauce,and with traditional roast potatoes,sprouts and carrots.Serves six people.

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HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

CAFE

OPEN UP UNTIL
SAT 24th 10am-6pm

RE-OPENS
TUES 3rd 10am-6pm

RE-OPEN EVENINGS
WED 4th JAN 1989
6pm-10.30pm

SHOP

OPEN FOR 2 DAYS
FRI & SAT,
30th & 31st DEC

RE-OPENS
TUES 3rd JAN

CORK AIDS ALLIANCE

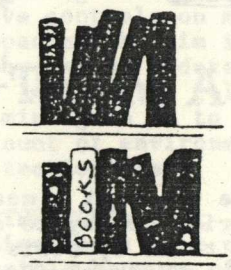
Cork AIDS Alliance started the year with no office, no phone, no equipment, no funds and no staff. We go into 1989 in a considerably improved position, thanks to the hard work of members and supporters. Deserving of special mention is the RTC Student Union, who presented us with a cheque to the value of £1000 at a time when we literally didn't know where the next rent payment was coming from.

Our phone helpline now operates three days a week, we have a befriending group - Cairde - for people affected by AIDS or HIV (the virus that can cause AIDS), our Outreach group provides public speakers and AIDS information material, and we expect to get a worker under the Social Employment Scheme. Our fundraising group continues to dream up ingenious methods of extracting legal tender from the populace, and we are involved in producing an Irish-made AIDS video aimed at young people.

We are under no illusions that we still have a very long way to go until a satisfactory AIDS education, prevention and support programme is running in the Southern Health Board region. This can't possibly be achieved by voluntary groups alone, although it is being increasingly recognised around the world that voluntary and self-help groups have a central role to play in the AIDS crisis.

The Alliance welcomes new volunteers. Full training is given in whatever area you choose to work, with regular refresher courses. Contact us on 537237, or write to 22 MacCurtain Street, Cork. We are also glad to provide speakers for any groups who want to inform themselves on AIDS and associated issues.

BOOK REVIEW



Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey/Faber £9.95
Extraordinary novel which fully deserved the Booker. The eponymous hero and heroine share a passion for gambling and for each other, while the labyrinthine plot takes in a host of wonderfully realised characters and settings that range from Devon and Oxford to newly colonised Australia. Uncommonly well written, constantly entertaining, it is an outstanding achievement.

The Swimming Pool Library by Alan Hollinghurst Chatto £11.95
Blush-makingly explicit fictional cruise around the gay purlieus of London in the early 1980s (before the Aids scare broke) as an insatiable young Wykhamist dilettante meets a gay peer and is invited to write his memoirs. Brilliantly written, staffed with well-realised characters and positively bulging with muscular sex.

The Secret Lives of Trebitsch Lincoln by Bernard Wasserstein/Yale £16.95
Wildly entertaining life of the century's most relentless conman, a Hungarian Jew who became, in turn, a thief, a missionary in Canada, a curate in Kent, the Liberal MP for Darlington, an oil magnate in Romania, a wartime double agent for Britain and Germany, a convict, a foreign affairs spokesman in Berlin, an adviser to Chinese warlords, a Buddhist abbot . . . charisma and *chutzpah* run riot through the pages.

Chuck Berry: the Autobiography/Faber £12.95
Genuinely (for once) self-penned account of the king of rock 'n' roll's formative years, spent being railroaded, ripped off (by manager and producer alike) and racially abused by the white audience he was trying to please. His response was to invent, virtually single-handedly, the teenage culture of the next decade. Idiosyncratic style, unappealing *braggadocio*, but full of fascinating details (like his near-seduction by Little Richard . . .)

Imagine: John Lennon edited by Andrew Solt and Sam Egan Bloomsbury £20
Handsomely produced tribute to the Working Class Hero in photographs (many never seen before), film stills, letters and brief reminiscences, the most telling of which are those of Lennon's Aunt Mimi . . . published to tie in with the recent film, but constitutes a fine biopic in its own right.

The Missionaries by Norman Lewis Secker £10.95
A blistering attack on the cultural (sometimes physical) genocide visited on the old tribes of Central and Latin America, Indo-China and the South Pacific by American fundamentalists since the war. Bribery, land-grabbing, enforced slave labour and debased hellfire browbeating are commonplace for the indefatigably smiling intruders. Lewis's book is a must for conservationists, anthropologists, anti-clericals and lovers of old-fashioned polemical indignation.

Modern Ireland by R F Foster Allen Lane £18.95
Glowingly reviewed, panoptic study of the "most distressful country", beginning with the Ulster plantations and the coming of Cromwell, ending with the dissolution of Stormont, and taking in along the way the Act of Union, the famine, the revolutionary movements, the Rising, the Partition, the constant intermingling of religion and politics, the visionary calls for blood sacrifice . . . A sharply written, intelligent-layman's history book, unlikely to be superseded for many years.