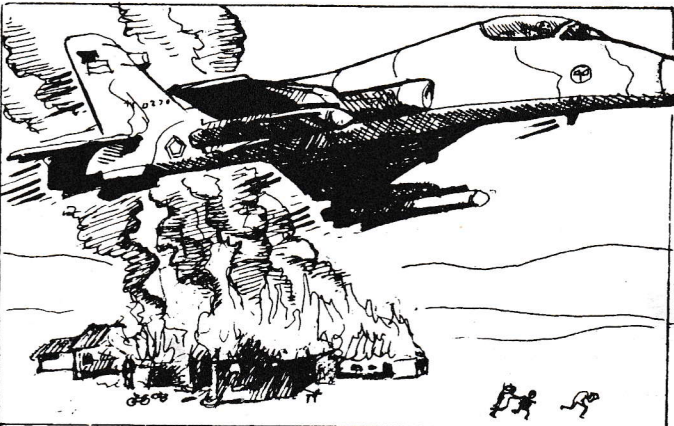


SOME SIMPLE QUESTIONS

K. EVANS

Mr Straw

ONE OF THESE INSPIRES TERROR IN PEOPLE, MR STRAW, CAN YOU TELL WHICH?



YES OF COURSE! THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IS A TERRORIST.

TERRORISM ACT 2000: 1 (i) In this Act "terrorism" means the use, or threat, for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which:
 (a) involves serious violence against any person or property.

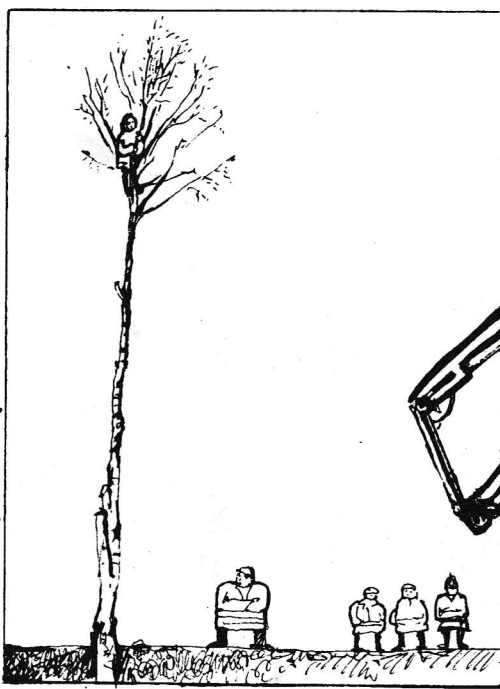
NOW, TAKE YOUR TIME MR STRAW, ONE OF THESE PEOPLE IS SCARED, WHICH ONE COULD IT BE?

HERE'S A CLUE:

PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT 2000:

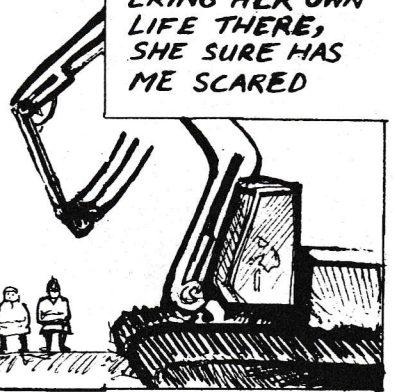
1(i) In this Act "terrorism" means the use, or threat for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which:

(b) endangers the life of any person.



AH, YES THE SECURITY GUARD ON THE GROUND MUST BE PETRIFIED OF THAT WOMAN UP THERE ON THAT BRANCH.

HEY, BY ENDANGERING HER OWN LIFE THERE, SHE SURE HAS ME SCARED



THE TERRORISM ACT 2000 IS EXPRESSLY DESIGNED TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO DON'T ADVOCATE VIOLENCE AGAINST ANYONE AND WHO DON'T CARRY GUNS. IT ALSO AFFECTS PEOPLE FIGHTING IN OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THEIR FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSIVE DICTATORS OR GENOCIDAL REGIMES

GIVE IT A BIT OF POLITICAL SPIN

MR STRAW...

Clever, isn't it?



TERRORISM ACT ~ 2000 ~

1.-(1) In this Act "terrorism" means the use or threat, for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which-

- (a) involves serious violence against any person or property
- (b) endangers the life of any person, or
- (c) creates a serious risk to the health and safety of the public or a section of the public.

(2) In subsection (1)-

- (a) "action" includes action outside the United Kingdom
- (b) a reference to persons or property is a reference to any person, or to property, wherever situated, and
- (c) a reference to the public includes a reference to the public of a country other than the United Kingdom

... AND ALL THESE PEOPLE BECOME TERRORISTS!

SO WHAT'S IN STORE?

LET US FOLLOW THE THEORETICAL CASE OF ROSEMARY MORLEY, BIRDCATCHER, WHO HAS BEEN MONITORING THE EFFECT OF CHEMICAL SPILLS FROM THE LOCAL TOXICO FACTORY ON HER LOCAL BEACH. AFTER A SERIES OF SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS RESULT IN ONLY INEFFECTUAL FINES, SHE FORMS THE GROUP 'FRIENDS OF NETHERTHONG BAY' WITH THE AIM OF TAKING ACCOUNTABLE NON-VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION AGAINST THE CORPORATION

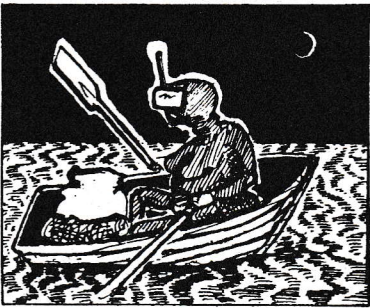


Rosemary Morley in happier times

'Paul' (Ayo) Adedeji
leaving mission
School aged 12
- this is the only
known photograph



OR, IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE ~ WHAT ABOUT AYO ADEDEJI WHO HAS SEEN HIS TRIBAL PEOPLE SUFFER ENSLAVEMENT, STERILISATION, MASSACRE + ULTIMATELY DISPOSSESSION. WITH HIS CHARISMATIC PREACHING ON THE CITY STREETS, HE FINDS HIMSELF THE LEADER OF A CROSS CULTURAL RESISTANCE DETERMINED TO FIGHT BACK...



ROSEMARY MORLEY SETS OUT LATE ONE NIGHT WITH CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF STEEL MESH AND WATER-PROOF CEMENT... SHE SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKS TOXICO'S OUTFLOW PIPE AND IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONES THE LOCAL POLICE STATION TO INFORM THEM OF THE CRIME.



SHE IS IMPRISONED, AND SENTENCED IN DUE COURSE

Well, Miss Morely, were your crime motivated by simple GREED, REVENGE or misguided PASSION I would be happy to recommend a sentence of weeks. But it appears that you have an IDEOLOGICAL JUSTIFICATION for your actions. This clearly meets the terms of "serious violence against property" under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and as such I shall sentence you to a much longer term.

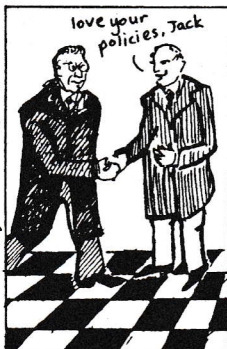


...Flooding at the Toxico plant... blah blah ...damage to the value of £60,000... blah...



I did it for the birds

APPALLED AT THE SEVERITY OF THE DAMAGE (FRESH FROM LUNCH WITH THE TOXICO MANAGING DIRECTOR) THE SECRETARY OF STATE DECIDES TO BAN 'FRIENDS OF NETHERTHONG BAY' AS A TERRORIST ORGANISATION



THE NETHERTHONGIANS MOUNT A LEGAL CHALLENGE, BUT THE MEMBERS OF THE APPEALS COMMISSION (WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE MAJOR TOXICO SHAREHOLDERS) EXCLUDE THEM AND THEIR LAWYERS FROM THE APPEAL HEARING. THE COMMISSION UPHOLDS THE BAN, WITHOUT GIVING A REASON WHY.



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Are you members of 'Friends of Netherthong Bay?'
Indeed we are.
I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you all to come with me.

ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE CONVICTED OF "membership offences" AND ARE SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON.



ROSEMARY MORLEY, GUILTY OF "directing" THEIR ACTIVITIES, GETS LIFE.

AYO ADEDEJI LIVES FAR AWAY IN A COUNTRY WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES ARE COMMONPLACE. THINGS LIKE THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE.



AYO ADEDEJI DIES IN PRISON FROM HIS WOUNDS. HIS WIFE AND SONS ARE SHOT BY MASKED GUNMEN. HIS DAUGHTER FLEES TO ENGLAND WHERE AFTER ONLY 14 MONTHS IN DETENTION, HER CLAIM FOR ASYLUM IS ALLOWED.



DALAPO ADEDEJI VOWS TO CONTINUE HER FATHER'S STRUGGLE.

Goodness, yes, I see that last year your country bought nearly the entire U.K. export of electric shock batons



UNFORTUNATELY THE UK GOVERNMENT PROVES UNWILLING TO UPSET THEIR VALUABLE TRADE PARTNER. DALAPO'S ORGANISATION IS BANNED.

We've got some smashing new legislation to deal with things like that. I'll talk to Jack. See you at the arms fair then?



Offences Membership. 117
 (1) A person commits an offence if he belongs or professes to belong to a proscribed organisation. **(BANNED)**
 (2) It is a defence for a person charged under subsection (1) to **prove**
 (a) that the organisation was not proscribed on the last...occasion on which he became a member... and
 (b) that he has not taken part in the activities of the organisation at any time while it was proscribed.
 (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable -
 (a) ... to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years...

Directing Terrorist Organisation
 56. - (1) A person commits an offence if he directs, at any level, the activities of an organisation which is concerned in the commission of acts of terrorism.
 (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction to imprisonment for **life**.

INTERESTINGLY MEMBERSHIP OFFENCES UNDER THE NEW ACT INCLUDE A CLAUSE OF 'NEGATIVE PROOF'. THIS MEANS THAT ALTHOUGH DALAPO WAS WILLING TO RENOUNCE HER POLITICAL BELIEFS IN ORDER TO AVOID JAIL, SHE WAS IN EFFECT GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT, AND HAD TO PROVE TO THE COURT THAT SHE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE "TERRORIST" ORGANISATION. SHE FAILED.

WHAT! THE HOME SECRETARY CAN'T JUST SILENCE
SYMPATHISERS ORGANISE A MEETING IN SUPPORT...
 IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE LIKE THAT!
 (SATURDAY, 7.30 PM:)

REMEMBER DALAPO ADEDEJI + THE NETHERTHONG 5

MEETING
 Saturday 13th Feb 7.30pm
 Friends Meeting House

Speakers include:

- Rose Travail from Netherthong Bay
- Dr Russell Hout from Civil Liberties UK



... AND ARE PROMPTLY ARRESTED FOR CONTRA-VENING SECTION 12 OF THE T.A. TUT TUT, MS TRAVAIL IS CLEARLY GUILTY OF SUPPORTING HER FELLOW RESIDENTS, WHILE DR HOUT BLATANTLY INTENDED TO SPEAK AT THE SAME MEETING, MRS POSTLETHWAITE

- Support 12 -**
- (2) A person commits an offence if he arranges, manages or assists in arranging or managing a meeting which he knows is -
 - (a) to support a proscribed organisation,
 - (b) to further the activities of a proscribed organisation,
 - (c) to be addressed by a person who belongs... to a proscribed organisation.
 - (3) A person commits an offence if he addresses a meeting and -
 - (a) the purpose of his address is to encourage support for a proscribed organisation... or
 - (b) he knows the meeting is to be addressed by a person who belongs... to a proscribed organisation...
 - (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable -
 - (a) on conviction... to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years.

BOOKED THE HALL, AND HER DOWNS SYNDROME SON JOHNNY TOOK THE MONEY ON THE DOOR.

Can I have a go in your police car?



My God! That sucks

I don't know much about the PTA, but I've been reading about Dalapo Adeleji. It's so unfair what happened to her.



Why don't we go down the pub + talk about it ~ or you could come back to mine



(4) In subsections (2) and (3) "meeting" means a meeting of three or more persons, whether or not the public are admitted.

NOW, GIVEN THAT:

1. (3) In this Act... action taken for the purposes of terrorism includes ... action taken for the benefit of a proscribed [banned] organisation.

~ SO, AS THE NUMBER OF SYMPATHISERS WITH OUR HEROES GROWS, SO A GREATER AND GREATER PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION BECOME TERRORISTS.

AND THEREFORE, WHEN A SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATION OCCURS A WEEK LATER, AND THE POLICE DECIDE TO EXERCISE THEIR NEW POWER OF DECLARING A 'CORDON' AROUND THE PROTESTORS TO DISPERSE THEM, THEY DO IT WITH THE SOLE AIM OF ERADICATING THE EVIL OF TERRORISM IN OUR MIDST. LOOK~

Cordons Cordoned Areas. 33.-

(2) A designation may be made only if the person making it considers it expedient for the purposes of a terrorist investigation.

NOT BECAUSE IT'S A USEFUL TOOL FOR SUPPRESSING THE RIGHT TO FREE ASSEMBLY. NOT THAT, AT ALL.

33.- (4) ... the demarcation of the cordoned area [shall be made]

- (a) by means of tape marked with the word "police"; or
- (b) in such other manner as a constable considers appropriate.

Police powers 36.- (1) A constable in uniform may-

- (a) order a person in a cordoned area to leave it immediately;
- (b) order a person to leave premises which are wholly or partly in or adjacent to a cordoned area;

BLAH BLAH... Removal of a vehicle ... movement of a vehicle... prohibit or restrict access to a cordoned area by pedestrians or vehicles...

(2) A person commits an offence if he fails to comply with an order...

BLAH BLAH (4)... liable on summary conviction to-

- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months...

AND HERE'S THAT NEGATIVE PROOF CLAUSE AGAIN:

(3) It is a defence for a person charged ... to **prove** he had reasonable excuse for his failure [to comply]

LOVELY!



THE FRIENDS OF NETHERTHONG BAY CONTINUES TO FUNCTION IN ORDER TO PAY COURT COSTS, PROVIDE PRISONER SUPPORT AND, UNWISELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROSEMARY MORLEY'S STATEMENT FROM HER PRISON CELL...



...SILLY REALLY BECAUSE SECTIONS 14 + 15 OF THE T.A. HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT BANNED ORGANISATIONS ATTEMPTING TO RAISE FUNDS...

Terrorist Property 14 (1) In this Act "terrorist property" includes any resources of a proscribed organisation...

Offences Fundraising. 15. (1) A person commits an offence if he -

(a) invites another to provide money or... property

(2) (a) receives money or other property

(3) (a)...provides money or other property...

Help save the seagulls.



AND SO THE EARLY SUPERMARKET COLLECTIONS WERE RATHER UNSUCCESSFUL

SECTIONS 17 + 18 CRIMINALISE MORE SECRETIVE ARRANGEMENTS TOO.

Funding Arrangements. 17. A person commits an offence if he ... enters into... an arrangement ... YAWN and money or other property is made available...

Money Laundering. 18... YAWN YAWN BLAH... concealment... transfer to nominees, or (d)... any other way

AND THEN SECTION 16 GIVES THE WHOLE FUNDS/ PROPERTY THING A NICE CATCH-ALL:

Possession 16. (2) A person commits an offence if he - (a) possesses money or other property, and (b) intends that it should be used... for the purposes of terrorism.

5 YEARS IN JAIL

I could give some money to the Adedeji campaign

but I'm a bit skint at the moment.

NO LONGER LIABLE TO 5 YEARS IN JAIL

Maybe when my student loan comes through.

AHA! QUICK LOCK HER UP!

NOW CHECK OUT THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY"

GIVEN IN SECTION 120 OF THE ACT:

120. "property" includes property wherever situated and whether real or personal, heritable or moveable, and things in action and other intangible or incorporeal property.

SUDDENLY EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE NETHERTHONGIANS AND THE ADEDEJI CAMPAIGN BECOMES INCREDIBLY HOT.

BUT THATS NOT THE NASTY BIT. THIS IS THE NASTY BIT.

YOU WHAT?

WHAT?

!!??!

*Disclosure of Information: duty. 19. (1) This section applies where a person (a) believes or suspects that another person has committed an offence under any of sections 15 to 18 [OWNING SOMETHING WITH TERRORIST INTENT] and (b) bases his belief or suspicion on information which comes to his attention in the course of a trade, business, profession or employment (2) The person commits an offence if he **does not** disclose to a constable as soon as is reasonably practicable - (a) his belief or suspicion, and (b) the information on which it is based.*

IN THIS COUNTRY, IN YOUR LIFETIME, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO NOT SHOP SOMEONE TO THE POLICE. ONLY LAWYERS ARE EXEMPT.

So Dalapo's family were tortured...
Shob... now you're followed by police
... your girlfriend was arrested...



THE INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST CONCERNED WITH MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE - HOW CAN SHE MEET ADEDEJI'S SUPPORTERS WITHOUT BEING AWARE THAT THEY OWN SOME FORM OF PROPERTY?

...He drove a blue Fiesta. I think he mentioned having a fax machine. Here's his mobile phone number. I'd definitely recognise him again...



THE WINDOW CLEANER WHO GLIMPSES SOME CAMPAIGN LITERATURE ~ IF HE DOESN'T GET DOWN OFF HIS LADDER AND REPORT HIS SUSPICIONS TO THE POLICE, HE COULD FIND HIMSELF BEFORE A COURT TRYING TO "prove he had a reasonable excuse for not making the disclosure."

We don't like Toxicos~ do we Daddy? You said they locked up your friend Rosemary

Toxicos!
NO~ONE CARES MORE FOR YOUR ENVIRONMENT. TOGETHER WE'LL BUILD A BRIGHT SHINING FUTURE FULL OF SMILING MIDDLE-INCOME CHILDREN AND LOVABLE FLUFFY DOMESTIC ANIMALS



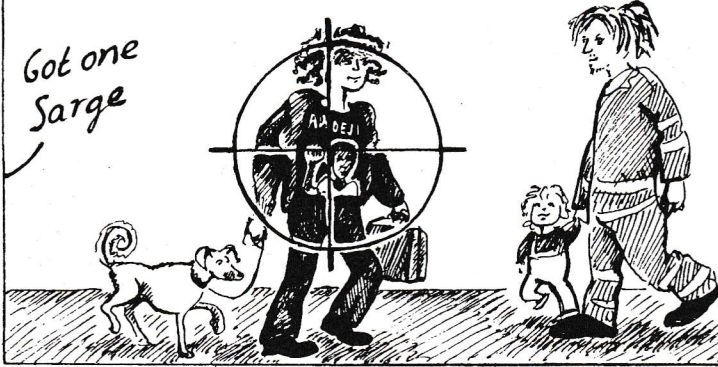
and you said they should be shut down, shouldn't they Daddy?
SSHH!

BUT STILL RANDOM, SPORADIC ATTACKS OCCUR ON TOXICO INSTALLATIONS. ABROAD, THE ADEDEJI RESISTANCE MOVEMENT GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

TERRORISTS COULD BE ANYWHERE

SOME ARE EASY TO SPOT:

Got one Sarge



13.- (1) A person in a public place commits an offence if he
 (a) wears an item of clothing or,
 (b) wears, carries or displays an article,
 in such a way or circumstances as to arouse reasonable suspicion that he is a member or supporter of a proscribed organisation.

(3)... imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months
SERIOUSLY, THIS REALLY IS U.K. LAW.

BUT ONCE THESE FOOLHARDY TYPES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP, THE POLICE REALLY HAVE TO EXTEND THEIR POWERS. THE ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE OF WEST YORKSHIRE DECLARES A STOP + SEARCH AREA AROUND NETHERTHONG BAY, WHERE COPS ARE AUTHORISED TO SEARCH VEHICLES, DRIVERS PASSENGERS, PEDESTRIANS + ANYTHING THEY ARE CARRYING (SECTION 42)



OK - let's see who we stopped this week.
 My God man! Do any of these look particularly like environmental activists to you?
 Lets hope the CRE dont hear about this!
 It's OK Sarge, we're covered.



Exercise of power 45.- (1) The power conferred by an authorisation under section 42(1) or (2)
 (a) may be exercised only for the purpose of searching for articles of a kind which could be used in connection with terrorism and
 (b) may be exercised whether or not the constable has grounds for suspecting the presence of articles of that kind.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE POLICE TO USE MORE NEW POWERS TO AMASS LOW LEVEL INTELLIGENCE ON THE ENTIRE UK POPULATION



THIS IS WHERE YOU SHOULD GET WORRIED. BASICALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF A BANNED ORGANISATION FOR THE POLICE TO INVESTIGATE YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE, OR INTEND TO. THE POLICE CAN INVESTIGATE ANYWAY, IN CASE YOU MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE BANNED.

[THIS IS SECTION 32 IF YOU WANT TO LOOK IT UP ~ ALL THESE QUOTES ARE GETTING BORING]



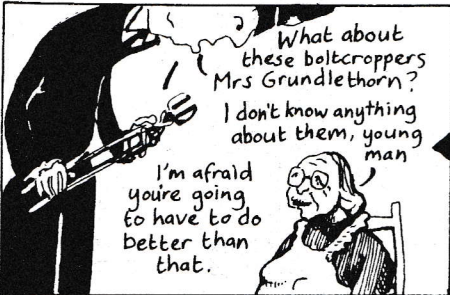
AND IF THEY REALLY WANT TO DIG THE DIRT, THEY CAN COME INTO YOUR HOME TO FIND SOMETHING TO ARREST YOU FOR...



... ANYTHING THAT COULD BE USED BY A TERRORIST! Possession for Terrorist Purposes. 57 - (1) A person commits an offence if he possesses an article in circumstances which give rise to a reasonable suspicion that his possession is for a purpose connected with the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism...



... (2) It is a defence... to prove his possession of the article was not... connected with the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

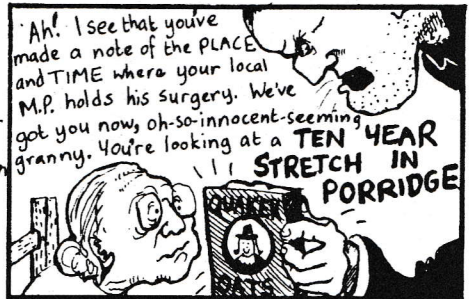


(3)... If it is proved that an article - (a) was on any premises at the same time as the accused ... the court may assume that the accused possessed the article, unless he proves that he did not know of its presence on the premises or that he had no control over it.

[SCARY BIT]

Collection of Information. 58 - (1) A person commits an offence if - (a) he collects or makes a record of information of a kind likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism, or (b) he possesses a document or record containing information of that kind.

So ~



YOU MAY NOT ADVOCATE ANY KIND OF IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED ACTIVISM. YOU MAY NOT LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO DO...

BUT DO YOU POSSESS INFORMATION THAT A TERRORIST MIGHT FIND USEFUL? A PHONE BOOK? AN ELECTRONICS MANUAL? A GUIDE TO LAW, OR HUMAN RIGHTS?

HANG ON! WHAT ABOUT THIS CARTOON!? WHAT ABOUT THAT THEN? HUH?! HUH?



[Unfortunately this cartoon appears to have exploded under the pressure of its own paranoia]

DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T HAPPEN LIKE THAT. THE GOVERNMENT WON'T IMMEDIATELY BAN EVERY POLITICAL ACTIVIST WHO DAMAGES PROPERTY. THAT WOULD RISK A HUGE BACKLASH. IT'S O.K., THE SECRETARY OF STATE WON'T BAN ANY GROUPS AT ALL, UNTIL HE WANTS TO...

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE MASTER CONTROLLER. PO-LI-TI-SHAN IN DE AREA!



Let me hear you say "yeah"!

AND THEN PEOPLE WILL BE ARRESTED, AND THEY WILL BE HELD WITHOUT CHARGE, QUESTIONED, HELD FOR SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT CHARGE...



it may harm your defense if you do not mention something that

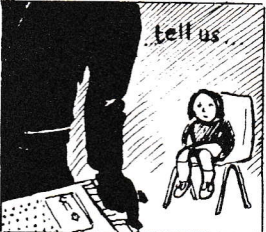


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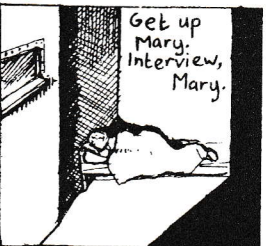
... QUESTIONED, QUESTIONED...

SOME OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO A SOLICITOR FOR TWO DAYS*, AND NO-ONE WILL BE INFORMED WHERE THEY ARE*. AND SOME CHILDREN WILL BE ARRESTED, AND THEIR PARENTS WON'T BE TOLD FOR TWO DAYS*, AND THEN SOMETIMES THEY'LL ONLY BE ALLOWED



TO SEE EACH OTHER *in the presence of a uniformed officer not below the rank of inspector. [schedule 8,19-(1)]

* Schedule 8,19-(3)[when] it is in the interests of the investigation or prevention of crime, or of the apprehension, prosecution or conviction of offenders



MR STRAW, I DON'T CARE IF SOME SENIOR POLICE OFFICER DECIDES THAT IT'S IN THE INTERESTS OF CRIME PREVENTION, I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN JUSTIFY THAT.

IF A PERSON COMMITS MURDER OR CRIMINAL DAMAGE, MR STRAW, THE ORDINARY CRIMINAL LAW CAN DEAL WITH IT. SO WHY CREATE ADDITIONAL OFFENCES, OF SPEAKING, THINKING (INTENT), POSSESSING INFORMATION, WEARING CLOTHES? YOU'VE ACQUIRED THE POWER TO CRUSH POLITICAL DISSENT MR STRAW. WHY DO YOU NEED IT? SHOULD I TRUST YOU NOT TO MISUSE IT? THIS MAKES ME SCARED, MR STRAW. IT MAKES ME TERRIFIED.

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