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PIE'S HISTORY IN BRIEF

- September 1974 : PIE founded by Michael Hanson - a gay student living in Edinburgh - under the aegis of the Scottish Minorities Group (now the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group).
- March 1975 : Inaugural meeting of membership in Edinburgh. Constitution formulated.
- July 1975 : Hanson succeeded by Keith Hose as PIE's Chairperson. Group's centre of activity shifts to London.
- ? 1975 : PIE incorporates remnants of fellow group - Paedophile Action for Liberation - following a typical cowardly attack on PAL by the Sunday People (PAL was a breakaway group of the south London Gay Liberation Front).
- November 1975 : Following a major speech by Hose at the CHE annual conference in Sheffield, and on the recommendation of MIND (a mental health organisation), PIE composes and submits its own "EVIDENCE ON THE LAW RELATING TO, AND PENALTIES FOR, CERTAIN SEXUAL OFFENCES INVOLVING CHILDREN" to the Home Office Criminal Law Revision Committee.
- April 1976 : After nine issues of a modest NEWSLETTER, PIE launches a new, more ambitious magazine - UNDERSTANDING PAEDOPHILIA - under the editorship of Warren Middleton.
- August 1976 : PIE publishes the results of a "SURVEY OF THE MEMBERSHIP" correlating the sexual "preferences" of some 100 respondents.
- March 1977 : On the retirement of its editor, UNDERSTANDING PAEDOPHILIA is superceded by "MAGPIE" - a compromise between house magazine and campaigning journal - published monthly for first seven issues, but later on an occasional basis. Simultaneously, the first of three broadsheets called "CHILDHOOD RIGHTS" is produced by Secretary David Grove.
- September 1977 : PIE is catapulted into the public consciousness by its decision to hold its first public meeting (at London's Conway Hall), and by the much-publicised attendance of PIE's new Chairperson, Tom O'Carroll, at the British Psychological Society's conference "On Love and Attraction" at Swansea. In both cases, a carefully-orchestrated crescendo of press hysteria drowned any serious argument we had to convey, demolishing all pretense about "freedom of speech" in the UK.
- December 1977 : PIE wins a token victory against the media by achieving a Press Council verdict against The Guardian, which had refused us a right of reply to hollow allegations printed about PIE.
- May 1978 : PIE publishes its booklet "PAEDOPHILIA - SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" (initially compiled with the aid of the Albany Trust). Copies are sent to every member of both houses of parliament, to the media, and to other "prominent" individuals. It is still on sale.
- June 1978 : An otherwise sedate AGM is disrupted by a freelance photographer working for the News Of The World. Police later raid the homes of several Executive Committee members prompted - so they claim - by the resulting gutter press "expose". Many PIE documents (though not our membership list) are seized.
- July 1979 : A year later, charges of "Conspiracy to Corrupt Public Morals" are brought against five past or present members of the Executive Committee, based on the penfriend service we provided for members. A separate obscenity charge (later dropped) is brought against the editors of UNDERSTANDING PAEDOPHILIA no 4.
- December 1979 : Tom O'Carroll resigns from the Chair to prepare his defence and complete work on his book "PAEDOPHILIA-THE RADICAL CASE".
- August 1980 : Under PIE's 4th Chairperson Steven Adrian, an Open Letter proposing a new trans-national federation of paedophile & children's rights groups is circulated to individuals and groups in Europe and the US.

- December 1980 : As a means of circumventing the near-universal embargo on publishing PIE's address, a first run of 50,000 PIE stickers is printed. Distribution held over till conclusion of trial.
- January 1981 : PIE defendants Dagnall, O'Carroll, Parratt and Wade (the fifth - David Grove - having died [DPA] beforehand) face a full-fledged Old Bailey show trial for "conspiracy to corrupt public morals". The press fall strangely silent throughout. After the jury acquit Wade altogether and reach partial verdicts of "not guilty" against Parratt and Dagnall, a retrial is ordered.
- March 1981 : On the eve of the re-trial, O'Carroll and Dagnall are re-arrested and charged with "conspiracy to commit an act of gross indecency" - a charge which is later dropped completely. The retrial results in the acquittal of Dagnall and Parratt, but former Chairperson Tom O'Carroll is sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment - by a judge who had himself served on a committee which recommended the abolition of the notorious "public morals" law. In a pathetic post-script to the trial - the resulting media attention generates a parliamentary scandal over a senior diplomat ex-PIE member who had received immunity from prosecution. Calls are made for PIE to be proscribed by Act of Parliament. The Government feel that present legislation is "adequate" to deal with us.
- Summer 1981 : Although O'Carroll's conviction was a severe blow to PIE's committee, we have been united in our determination to continue the work for which he has been made an example. At the time of writing it is not possible to gauge how PIE can best serve its membership in the future, now that any form of "contact service" is out of the question. MAGPIE will continue of course, and we trust that new schemes and projects will come into operation as committee recruits new members via the sticker campaign and a renewed advertising drive.

(The above events - up until the commencement of the trial - are covered in greater depth in a "HISTORY OF PIE" INFORMATION SHEET, obtainable only from PIE, and the strategy and philosophy behind them are described in "PAEDOPHILIA - THE RADICAL CASE" by Tom O'Carroll)
