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EARLIER TODAY RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL IN A PRESS STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S JAMMING ACTION WAS "ILLEGAL". THE CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT BROADCASTING WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT ARTICLE 422 OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS ANNEXED TO THE INT. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONVENTION, MONTREUX 1965, UNDER WHICH THIS ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN, WHILST PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF BROADCASTING STATIONS ON SHIPS OUTSIDE NATIONAL TERRITORIES, DOES NOT IN ANY WAY PERMIT, AUTHORISE OR OBLIGE ANY SIGNATORIES TO TAKE SUCH JAMMING ACTION.

INDEED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS ARTICLE, THEY COULD JUST AS EASILY JUSTIFY BOMBING AND SINKING THE PIRATE SHIP. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO END TO THIS GOVERNMENT'S DESPERATE EFFORTS TO UPHOLD THE B.B.C. MONOPOLY IN RADIO BROADCASTING IN BRITAIN.

TO ALL NEWSPAPERS, PLEASE. THIS IS A STATEMENT FROM RADIO NORDSEA INTERNATIONAL, ZURICH HEADQUARTERS.

STATEMENT OF RNI

27.5.1970 / 15.00 -. RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL HAS NO WISH TO CONCERN ITSELF WITH POLITICS. RNI SIMPLY WANTS TO ENTERTAIN ALL PEOPLE WHO CAN AND WANT TO LISTEN TO IT.

BUT SINCE CERTAIN POLITICIANS WANT TO CLOSE RNI DOWN, WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DEFEND OURSELVES. THE STATION'S CRIME, APPARENTLY, IS THAT IT IS GIVING BRITISH PEOPLE FREEDOM OF CHOICE, AND BREAKING THE RADIO MONOPOLY HELD SINCE 1968 BY THE BBC.

IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE FOR NEWSPAPERS TO BE BROUGHT UNDER STATE CONTROL. FREE RADIO, AS WE BELIEVE, IS AS VITAL IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY AS A FREE PRESS.

BUT NOW, RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL IS JAMMED SINCE 21.MAY. THIS JAMMING IS ILLEGAL, AND RNI HOLDS THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ILLEGAL ACT. IT IS ALSO, AS WE BELIEVE, A DICTATORIC ACT OF RARE QUALITY.

CONSIDERING THE FACT, THAT LABOUR IS OBVIOUSLY DELIBERATE TO GET RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL OFF THE AIR,

THE STATION'S FUTURE LIES IN THE OUTCOME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF JUNE 18TH.

IF LABOUR WINS, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANCE FOR RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL TO STAY IN THE AIR UNJAMMED. THEREFORE, IN THAT CASE, RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL WILL THEN GO OFF THE AIR DEFINITELY.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE KEEP UP OUR PROGRAM AND HOPE THAT AS MANY LISTENERS AS POSSIBLE ARE STILL IN A POSITION TO RECEIVE OUR BROADCAST. IF BRITISH PEOPLE ENJOY OUR PROGRAM, AND IF THEY WANT RADIO NORDSEE INTERNATIONAL TO STAY ON THE AIR, THE BRITISH SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE CANDIDATE THEY VOTE FOR DOES SUPPORT FREE ENTERPRISE RADIO.

ZURICZH, 27TH MAY, 1970
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THANK YOU FOR ONPASSING THIS STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC. THE STATEMENT WILL BE REPEATED OVER THE AIR.

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