



4, Bryn Bank, etc  
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Dear All,

it is now 10:30pm on Thursday and no incoming mail has been received. As you will be aware, the GPO are on strike in certain areas, with Liverpool (as usual) in the forefront. The only people not on strike today are those who have been going around "sealing" the post boxes. The strike is supposed to be a 24-hour effort, but the unions in Liverpool seem to be set up for something much longer. The pillar boxes in Wallasey aren't sealed, but all outgoing mail is being "channeled" through Liverpool, and all incoming mail via Liverpool seems to have come to a stop. If there are still problems at the beginning of next week, I will try to get my mail delivered via WIGAN.

The news from this end is a mixture of good and bad. The bad news is that my sister has today had her leg amputated above the knee. It has been obvious for some time that "something" had to come off, but all the indications were that it would only be the foot. My other sister, a nurse, didn't say much right from the start, but it was clear from the look on her face that something was seriously wrong right from the outset. I have said previously that I would be short of time, due to hospital visiting, and that this would probably continue for some time to come. This still applies.

The good news, <sup>? is the first £1000 fine is still in the future!</sup> not reported by the local press, is that in yesterday's court case, arising out of the DTI raid on Central Radio International in January, Jim Browne was fined £50 plus costs and Jeff Thompson was fined £150 plus costs. Details of "costs" are not currently known, as Jim Browne has been unavailable for comment. He, and a few other members of CRI, are busy setting up a "fake" radio studio in preparation for a visit to the station by the LIVERPOOL ECHO, who will shortly feature an interview with the station.

Radio Mersey Waves were on the air on Bank Holiday Monday, when Burt Williams said that the Concil's security force from the flats where RMW are located, and formerly friends of RMW, had turned against them. They had been pulling down the station's aerials over the past few weeks, and had called in the police a couple of times, which had resulted in the station losing some of their equipment. The security forces are "armed" with walkie-talkies and roof-top cameras, and operate as an 18-man Vigilante group, apparently with the approval of the local police. In effect, they are acting as an "extra" branch of the DTI, on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, with only Mersey Waves to look out for. Burt announced that if the station couldn't come to some new form of agreement with the security men, then Mersey Waves will probably close down on the first Sunday in July.

The FM stations seem to have realised that the DTI might be in the area for the Central Radio court case and were likely to be in action, particularly on Tuesday or Wednesday night. The stations ALL seem to have taken a week's holiday and none of them has been till now (up to now, I mean). It will be interesting to see whether Concept Radio have been picking anything up this week. DAILY POST CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON CRI COURT FRIDAY CASE IN TRUE ISSUE - WILL TRY TO GET A COPY.

Have just had a chat with Jim Browne, who tells me that he was fined £50 with £50 costs and that Jeff Thompson was fined £100 with £50 costs. He also hasn't heard any of the FM stations this week, although he confirms that Concept did do another link-up with WFM on Monday and that RMW have had a carrier on the air tonight from approx 5pm