

EUROPE: Now we're in it

Europe. Where is it? The typical Briton will think of 'abroad', where you go on holiday, where the coffee is better, the sun shines more (notwithstanding summer 1989) and where they drive on the wrong side of the road. The untypical Briton will think of the Europe under their feet. Yes indeed, we are in Europe.

By December 31st 1992, the European Community will have become a single market in which goods and services are intended to move freely between the 12 member states. But what about crime and criminal policy? Strangely, 'Social Europe' - the EC's document on the social dimension of the internal market - considers education, unemployment, migration, wages and other social factors but omits crime. Does this mean that crime will not exist in those halcyon days just a few years away? No, it means that it will, but that it has so far substantially been left off the agenda.

Encouraged by the media, we see our rising crime rates as some kind of national curse. Never fear. We are not alone. No European country has been blessed with falling crime rates in the last three decades. Indeed the rise in reported crime in various European countries has been remarkably similar in recent years. In the absence, one assumes, of a carefully managed conspiracy by the criminal fraternity, one can only conclude that we and our European neighbours are subject to some sort of common global influence.

National patterns of expenditure on criminal justice are rather more variable. We spent 38 per cent more per police officer (in 1985) than Swe-

den and incarcerated nearly twice as many people. West Germany spent 24 per cent less than we and allowed us to overtake them in the 'who locks up most people in Europe' league table.

What difference will '1992' make? Opinions vary. For example, drugs experts variously think that it will make a dramatic difference because of the greater ease of laundering 'drugs money' and that it will make no difference at all because dealers already show little respect for border controls so their removal is fairly irrelevant.

What about policing? The creation of TREVI, apparently named after the famous fountains in Rome, was established in 1976 to combat terrorism and to exchange information about police organisation and strategy. Not only terrorism, but also corporate crime, organised crime and environmental pollution can most effectively be policed by high levels of co-operation. Furthermore, as Barry Loveday suggests on page 8 of this issue of CJM, greater European integration may apply pressure in Britain for a national police force.

Perhaps closer association with our European neighbours will embarrass us into doing something constructive about our prison population which is now the highest in Europe.

ISTD is already providing a forum for some of these issues. Following our 'Crime in Europe' conference last year, we have organised a series of four single day conferences. 'Young Adult Offenders in Europe: Signposts to the Future?' and 'HIV/AIDS, Prison, Europe: What Next?' took place in June and will be reported in the next issue of CJM. 'Employment Opportunities in Europe: Fair Shares for Ex-offenders?' and 'Crime Prevention in Europe: Models

for Britain?' are planned for the Autumn.

Are you a 'typical Briton'? If so, the next time you holiday 'abroad', spare a moment to look beyond the rim of your coffee cup and dream of how things may be on January 1st 1993.

Martin Farrell, Director

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