

International Times Busted On Obscenity

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The *International Times* (IT) will be temporarily out of commission as a result of a monster bust on March 9, during which both IT headquarters and the Indica Bookstore were severely disordered.

The *Fifth Estate's* sister underground paper in England had confiscated 10,000 copies of *IT* and the entire correspondence files.

Regular and narcotics officers invaded the IT-Indica premises with a search and seizure warrant issued under the Obscene Publications Act. After seizing an extensive list of publications, the cops then demanded to search everyone associated with the Indica concern, 'for weed.'

Although their warrant authorized them to seize any material they wished, 'with force if necessary,' Indica manager Miles refused to submit to a frisk. All other Indica personnel were searched, roughly, including the salesgirls. The officers then conducted a thorough inspection of every ashtray and dustbin in the store.

Publication of the *International Times* has already resumed. *Fifth Estate* readers are invited to subscribe by sending to: 102 Southampton Row, London WC1, England.



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