

Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy

■ The Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy, a radical radio group with headquarters in Baltimore, is dedicated to breaking up the "bourgeois stranglehold on the electronic media." It began to produce radio shows five years ago. An advertisement in the December 1972 issue of *New American Movement*, a socialist/Marxist publication, described them as follows: "The Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy produces and distributes nationally a weekly thirty-minute program of new left political analysis in a format of reporting and interviewing, interspersed with appropriate music and comedy. If you want to promote left programming on your local station, or if you would like to try well-produced audio materials for study groups or classroom use, write us . . ."

The Marxist *Guardian* recently devoted a double-column spread to the Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy, which now has almost 200 taped shows available. Distribution of these programs, reports the radical Communist *Guardian*, is "large and growing; shows

have been heard in about forty cities and more than two hundred college and public libraries stock their tapes."

A Radio Conspiracy statement explains that "we try to communicate not only criticism of this society but also our tentative proposals for a new co-society and our thoughts on how revolutionary change may occur." The *Guardian* notes that "Any media counterinstitution necessarily interacts with the very machinery of bourgeois hegemony it seeks to destroy — radio stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, for example. Consequently, such work has to be something of a guerrilla operation, taking advantage of openings without becoming thoroughly enmeshed and pacified."

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