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## LORD HAW-HAW IN FREEDOM TEST

A significant hearing concerning the right of publishers to produce controversial material is taking place in Manchester today, 23rd February 1995.

The material - over 4,000 comics - is controversial not simply because of its alleged racist content (the protagonist of the comics is based on the fascist traitor Lord Haw-Haw) but because of its satirical portrayal of ex-Chief Police Constable of Manchester, James Anderton, whose men first seized the comics.

The case will also challenge the perceived procedure by the police that under the Section Three laws they can seize controversial material, hold it for an unlimited period of time, and then seek its destruction before a magistrate.

Material the police object to may be destroyed and never brought before a jury.

## CONTACTS

Publisher (of seized material): 0161 339 8595  
Court: Manchester Magistrates Court No.3  
Date: 23rd Feb 1995  
Time: 10.00 am  
Solicitors: Stephens Innocent, 0171 353 2000  
Barrister: Doughty Street Chambers, 0171 404 1313

The case is backed by freedom group Article 19: 0171 403 4822