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Every other family or household in America is on its own against the unfair trade practices of the cable monopoly. Of course, there is always the home satellite dish - but since Congress passed laws making it a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment to attempt to get the daily news from satellite without proper authorization, most people don't use them anymore.

Americans get most of their daily news of events in the world from TV - TV that is increasingly controlled by the unregulated cable monopoly that not only controls the distribution of programming in most cities, but also controls the content and pricing of the programming it airs.

The free flow of news and information is important to the freedom and growth of a society. We only have to look to recent events in China to see what can happen when the press is controlled. And we do have a controlled press in this country - at least to the extent of cable TV. TV has changed American society - cable programming can affect the knowledge, opinions, buying and voting habits of its viewers. Now monopoly control of the content and distribution of programming may turn TV into a tool for brainwashing the public.

We believe that Americans should be concerned about the nationwide cable monopoly, and what the future of TV controlled by a private monopoly can mean to the freedoms this country was founded on. Let your Congressmen know that you want the cable monopoly stopped.

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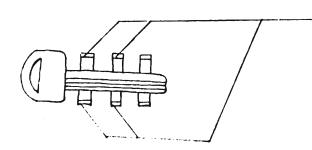
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6th Chaos Communication Congress 1989
'Open frontiers: CoComed together'
By: Klaus Brunnstein

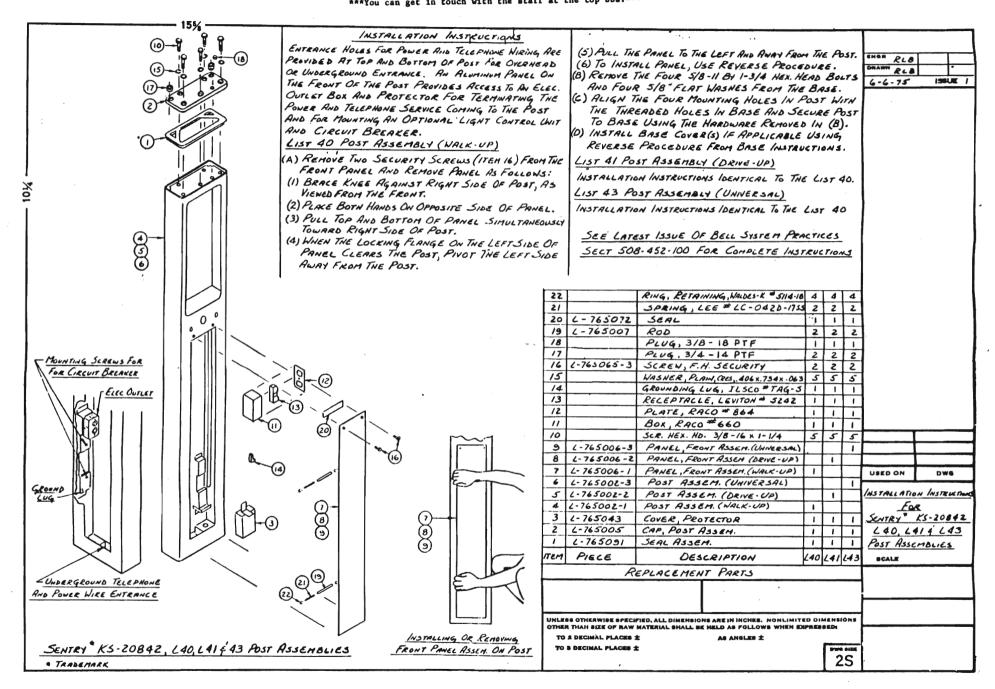
The 6th annual congress of Hamburg's Chaos Computer Club (CCC) was held on 27-29 December 1989 in Hamburg. The recent political development in Germany also influences the hacker scene; only after a controversial debate, the organizers denied a suggestion to move the congress to East Berlin. Among the about 300 visitors, about 50 people were from East Germany were present. A few foreign visitors came from France, Netherlands and USA. The congress was maledominated, with a growing female participation (about 40). The other major German hacker groups (from Bavaria, Cologne) were not present.

Following trends of the 5th CCC congress, themes relating to computer security were less dominant. As CCC members and congress, organizers age and their professional background dominates (a significant part works in computing), the political impact of computerisation becomes dominant, not only under a revised West/East German scenario. Even the presentation of comp.security changes: invited speakers with solid scientific background lecture in traditional style, some even with overhead folios from international conferences; even a state attorney (responsible for the case FRG vs.S. Wernery re hacking!) participated in a suprisingly fair and open discussion on criminal law against hacking.

Major themes were:

- -info about computerisation and network infrastructure .
- in East Germany
- -cooperation with East German computer freaks
- -cooperation with eco-groups
- -'female computer handling'
- -KGB-hacker 'Hagbard'
- -Security in open networks (2 invited speakers)
- -Hacker ethics and Harper's Hacker Conference (Cap'n Crunch)
- -Free Flow of Information, Copyright
- -UNIX discussions: several workshops, UUCP
- -Virus Forum II.

Several sessions were devoted to the state and possible developments of computers + communication (c+c) in East Germany. With insufficient computers and and outmoded telephone net, CCC appealed to the German public to donate unused equipment (C64, Apple II, PCs) to eastern groups. As substitute of the insufficient telephone net, the recently installed 'packet radio' should be used for computer communication; pc-communication with packet-radio was demonstrated at the exhibition. As a start of computerisation, CCC plans to hold another congress (Kaos Kommunikation Kongress) in East Berlin early in 1990.



Representatives of the East German citizen movement, esp.from 'New Forum' discussed possible devolpments. Many participants (most oriented towards the left wing of the political spectrum) adviced the East Germans not willingly to follow West German c+c industry and public authorities (Telakom) to install traditional technology; as an example, ISDN is widely criticized because it neglects data protection laws.

Following discussions on CCC congress 88, several projects of ecological data processing and communication started (e.g. data collection in the environment of industry and nuclear power plants). CCC and some eco-groups plan to install an information center on a ship during the EEC's North Sea conference (March 1990). A special session and workshop was also devoted to female computer-handling; a group of male (30) and female (20) participants discussed the role and attitudes of women in education and profession; similar discussions in national and international conferences (e.g. IFIP TC-9) may point to revised design principles (e.g. reduced complexity, possible plausibility control).

Only a minor part of the congress was devoted to traditional hacker themes. Suprisingly, CCC did not follow it's tradition to extensively discuss hacker experiences of the last year. The KGB hack (broadly published in March, 1989) was *no theme*; instead, a session was devoted to the memory of Karl Koch alias 'Captain Hagbard', one of Cliff Stoll's 'Wily Hackers' (CACM 5/1988) who, after having informed the public authorities as one of 2 chief witnesses in the case, committed suicide. 3 personal friends (without any interest in computing) and PENGO (the other chief witness) described Hagbard's sad life story, full of family problems and addictions (drug, hacking). The role of the media as well as CCC's role (part of which had strongly denied any contact to the crackers) was controversially discussed.

Btw: the trial against 3KGB hackers will begin on Jan 11, 1990.

A whole 4 hour session was devoted to 'Security in open networks', with Dr. Raubold (director in GMD, the national research institute for computers and communication) and Dr. Pfitzmann (Karlsruhe, Faculty for Informatics) introducing into technologies of encryption (DES, RSA) and of secure communication in open networks; the 20 participants which stayed until the end were mainly students of Informatics and programmers.

'Cap'n Crunch' reported about the recent electronic conference which was sponsered by Harper's; the results will be published in this magazine early in 1990 (Ed- March) (survey document in English available on request). He moreover demonstrated, via AT+T operator switched connection, Picture-Phone.

Virus Forum II (1989) was intended to show the devolopments since Forum I (1985) where CCC made viruses publicly known in FRG. Ralf Burger (author of a Virus Book, where he published also virus code including a MVS/370 virus), Wau Holland (CCC's founding father), Juergen Wieckmann (editor of Chaos Computer Book) and K.Brunnstein discussed trends of viruses. Meanwhile, more than 80 viruses are known on INTEL 80xxx-systems, and more than 70 on several 68.000-systmes as AMIGA, Atari and MacIntosh. Viruses are found to grow from 'families', the descendants of which are ever more difficult to analyse and produce growing damages.

While the participants agreed in the threat assessment, there was significant disagreement about the consequences. Burger argued that everybody can program a virus; publication of virus code does not contribute to the virus threat. Brunnstein argued strongly against, that many young programmers learn to program viruses mainly from published code which they change slightly to produce there own virus; even if they program a virus for learning purposes, they loose control when it spreads via the friends' diskettes. Virus publication as part of virus distribution presents severe threats to data processing in economy, public services and private life.

Another controversy raised when Burger told the audience: 'My antivirus finds every virus'; unfortunately, he did not accept a bet from the audience to prove his promise. Burger also said, that he needs only one hour to detect and eliminate any anomaly; this differed significantly from the 250 hours which according to Brunnstein are needed to analyse and classify a complex virus and to produce the proper antivirus.

Some participants from the audience differentiated between: the good use of viruses and bad use. It could be Good Use of viruses against inacceptable activities, such as nuclear weapons or state activities such as census. Following such ideas, Wau Holland said that the existence of viruses gives a chance to analyse whether they are 'socially acceptable'.

The 'electronic newspaper', which reports the major discussions of CCC'89, was significantly more professionally organised tahn last year; it was produced by the team of CHASTLISTI, CCC's newly (1989) founded electronic newspaper, as edition no.4. Due to the minor foreign participation, most documents are German, with only two documents are written in English (Capt.Crunch's report on the Harper Hacker Conference, and the IFIP General Assembly's resolution on legal activities against viruses). There may be an English translation of the CCC newspaper in some time (?early February); I will send a short notice to PGN when this is available. People interested in the German version (1794 Lines, 97kBytes) or the English documents (135 Lines, 8kBytes) can request it from the author.

Conclusion: CCC and its constituency is on the *way to professionalism*. On this way, CCC may loose control and even contact to real hacker groups, which they previously hold in cases such as Btx and NASA hack; in the KGB case, CCC evidently had neither information nor control of the crackers. On the other hand, CCC's propagation of UNIX enlarges the threats inherent in UUCP and the UNIXes.

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***Editor's note- While typing this data in, I have slightly edited it. Correcting and possibly adding some mistakes that the author might have made. This article was taken from Risks 9.58.