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Ton man's long wait in jail

THE Rhondda man being held in Spain on a drugs smuggling charge has been moved to yet another jail.

Alan Jones, aged 36, of Ton Pentre is now in Seville prison on the Spanish mainland.

He was arrested on July 11 last year and accused of smuggling more than 60 pounds of hashish over the border. He was taken to Ceuta jail in Spanish Morocco.

After an abortive escape attempt with a number of others, he was sent to Cordoba prison on the mainland.

Five months later he was transferred back again to Ceuta.

Now he has been taken to Seville, a move which has brought some comfort to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones of Wyndham Street, Ton Pentre.

Ceuta is known as a tough prison, and Seville, writes Alan, is much better.

However, after ten months there is still no date set for his trial.

He has always pleaded not guilty to his charge and says the drugs were planted on him.

Alan Jones writes of his experiences exclusively for this newspaper — See page 3.

And now the battle for Europe

CAMPAIGNING BEGINS soon for the European Parliamentary elections — due to be held on June 7 (writes Ceri Jones).

And although not expected to be as intense as the most recent elections, the different political parties will still be cajoling our support through leaflets and doorstep canvassing.

Only this time none of the five candidates you can choose between come from the Valley.

For in this election the Rhondda is only one small part in a gigantic constituency stretching from the Bwlch to Severn estuary.

The South East Wales constituency comprises ten Parliamentary constituencies in all, including Rhondda, Aberdare, Merthyr, Ebbw Vale, Bedwellty, Aberdillery, Pontypool, Newport and Monmouth. A total of over 500,000 electors.

And despite a £1,250,000 promotion campaign urging people

to use their vote, the turn-out is expected to be low — 50 per cent is the "optimistic" forecast.

The four major parties, Labour, Plaid Cymru, Conservative and Liberal, are all standing candidates. There will also be a candidate from the National Federation of Self Employed.

The Labour candidate is Mr. Allan Rogers, a Mid Glamorgan County Councillor. A geologist by profession, he comes from Gelligaer. He is also chairman of the Polytechnic of Wales, a member of Mid Glamorgan Health Authority and sits on the Welsh Joint Education Committee.

The Conservative candidate, Dr. Ann Robinson, is a lecturer at University College, Cardiff. Secretary of the Study of Parliament Group, she lectures in the politics of European integration.

The Plaid National Council member and a member of the Finance.

Mr. Ambrose, an engineer at 10 years. He is a member of the Parliament. Also stands for Self Employed. Mr. Kelly, a member of the lived most of



Mattie leads Paraplegic Labour group

Security slammed school vandals

By JUDITH MARSH

A WAVE of vandalism swept through Rhondda at the weekend, leaving three primary schools and Rhondda College of Further Education damaged and everyone wondering — why?

Parents and staff put the blame squarely on the shoulders of Mid Glamorgan Education Committee for failing to provide proper security.

Mr. T. V. Edwards, college

college will not be burned down next weekend.

"There was a break-in a week ago, this Sunday they flooded the place, next Sunday it may be burned down".

Floods at the college were three inches deep in water, when staff arrived on Monday morning, on the first and ground floors of the first instalment building because fire hoses had been left on

helped with the mopping up operations to prepare the building for examinations being held that day.

But the long-term damage may not become apparent for some time as the electrical conduits were also flooded, affecting cables and connections to electric machinery.

Large scale cleaning operations were also needed

The intruders left a mess that was closed on Monday before children and parents had a chance to see the chaos which had made the school unusable.

Milk bottles, tins had been left on the floor, coffee, piano and books on the walls.

But most of the damage was explicable.