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WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLENARIAN?

A report published this year predicts nuclear war, megadroughts, famine, mass migrations and rioting around the world by 2020 as abrupt climate change causes massive disruption of the world's food and water supplies.

By 2007 violent storms smash coastal barriers rendering large parts of the Netherlands uninhabitable. Cities like The Hague are abandoned. Levees in the Sacramento river delta are breached, disrupting the aqueducts transporting water south.

Between 2010 and 2020 Europe is hardest hit with an average annual temperature drop of 6°F. Britain becomes colder and drier as weather patterns begin to resemble Siberia. War and famine deaths run into the millions until the planet's population is reduced by such an extent the Earth can cope. A "significant drop" in the planet's ability to sustain its present population will become apparent over the next 20 years.

Riots and conflict tear apart India, S. Africa and Indonesia. Access to water becomes a major battleground. The Nile, Danube and Amazon are all mentioned as being high risk. Nuclear arms proliferation is inevitable. Japan, South Korea, and Germany develop nuclear-weapons capabilities, as do Iran, Egypt and North Korea. Israel, China, India and Pakistan also are poised to use the bomb.

By 2010 the U.S. and Europe will experience a third more days with peak temperatures above 90°F. Climate becomes an "economic nuisance" as storms, droughts and hot spells create havoc for farmers.

Mega-droughts affect the world's major breadbaskets, including America's Midwest, where strong winds bring soil loss. Bangladesh will become nearly uninhabitable

because of rising sea levels which contaminate inland water supplies.

Military show-downs could be fast and furious: In 2015, conflict in Europe over supplies of food and water leads to strained relations. In 2022, France and Germany battle over the Rhine River's water. In 2025, the United States and China square off over access to Saudi Arabian oil.

This report did not come from some fruitcake environmentalist thinktank, but from that paragon of rationality and principled endeavours, the Pentagon. The fact that the Pentagon should be considering these doomsday scenarios as possible, even probable in the near future should be worrying for us insignificant minions, when we consider who is occupying the seats of power in the US today.

In recent issues of Rachel's Environment and Health News (www.rachel.org) is a well-researched series of articles about the religious right in the US and its influence over the Bush administration. It shows that the U.S. is pursuing contradictory and seemingly self-destructive nuclear policies: Bush stresses that the two greatest dangers facing the U.S. are the spread of nuclear materials and know-how into the hands of (a) terrorists and (b) erratic and belligerent countries.

Meanwhile Vice-President Cheney and the Commerce Department are



promoting the sale of nuclear power plants around the world even though it is widely acknowledged that nuclear power provides a sure path to nuclear weapons.

Bush has initiated a "second nuclear age" ordering up a new generation of small atomic bombs which are needed because they are "more usable". Bush has announced provocative new war policies, including the threat of pre-emptive nuclear strikes against even enemies without nuclear arms.

The U.S. is deliberately dragging its feet in efforts to secure thousands of loose nuclear weapons in countries of the former Soviet Union, and is failing to retrieve tons of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium that were given or lent to 40 or more countries under the "atoms for peace" program.

It's as if U.S. leaders—or the political supporters to whom they are beholden—believe that the rogue detonation of a nuclear device in some key city

like Jerusalem or even New York is inevitable and can't be stopped, or perhaps might even be beneficial in some way and therefore should be enabled.

Certain fundamentalist Christian leaders within the United States say they believe that World War III is inevitable (some even say desirable) because it is part of God's plan, and those same Christian leaders control the political agenda of the Republican Party, which in turn controls the Congress

and the Executive Branch.

These fundamentalist Christian leaders are, therefore, in the best position to promote the spread of nuclear technologies abroad, and to slow U.S. efforts to retrieve and secure weapons-grade nuclear materials. Many of them also preach that a fiery conflagration is required to defeat the armies of the Antichrist and thus usher in Christ's thousand-year reign of peace.

Christian fundamentalist leaders are much further along toward their goal of dominion than most people realize. They control the Congress and the White House, and they are now working methodically to take over the courts. Perhaps because religious beliefs are considered to be a private matter in the U.S., the mass media have largely ignored this, the most important political story of our time. These leaders believe that before Christ returns to Earth he will physically transport to heaven ("rapture")

all those who have been saved, whether they be dead or still living. As the Reverend Billy Graham wrote in 1984, "The day is fast approaching when Jesus Christ will come back to 'snatch away' His followers from all the graveyards of the world, and those of us who are alive and remain will join them in the great escape!"

Reverend Jerry Falwell boasts that he can mobilize 70 million dispensationalists (36% of all U.S. adults); others say the true number of dispensationalists is no more than 40 million (20% of all adults). Either number is politically significant because only 50.99 million people voted for Al Gore in 2000 and even fewer voted for George W. Bush.

For people holding such views, the present U.S. invasion of Iraq may hold special meaning because it can be seen as an essential step toward the second coming of Christ. Indeed, President Bush describes his own role in the Iraq war in deeply religious terms. When the President visited the Middle East a year ago, the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, which is owned by the New York Times, reported that the President said, "God told me to strike at al Qaeda and I struck them, and then he instructed me to strike at Saddam, which I did...."

In short, the mightiest military machine the world has ever seen is in the hands of nutcases. Modern Day equivalents of Ghengis Khan have at their disposal a far greater power than any tyrant has ever wielded. Yet they are the same in that they believe they are fulfilling some great prophecy or destiny. Any revolutionary strategy has to take this madness into account.

We cannot assume that our enemies think or operate in anything like the way 'normal' people do. Nor should we underestimate their power and dedication.

MARCH

- 11: MALMO, SWEDEN – Fur store daubed.
- 24: SWEDEN – Three fur stores bricked and sloganised.
- 26: ITALY – Vivisectors car trashed.
- 28: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN – Fishing and game shop trashed.
- 29: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN – Fur store trashed.
- 29: RUSSIA – ALF trash butchers, hunting and fur shops.
HAMPSHIRE, UK – Wickham labs workers had cars trashed.
STAFFORDSHIRE – Isotron's director (Newchurch supplier) had two cars paint-stripped.
NOTTINGHAM, UK – Fish whole-saler bricked.
SWEDEN – Butchers bricked and sloganised
AUSTRIA - £8,000 mink coat torched – whilst still being worn!
OSLO, NORWAY – Fur store bricked.

APRIL

- 1: SWEDEN – Two fur stores paint-bombed.
BERLIN, GERMANY – 27 fur-trimmed jackets slashed in three fur stores.



- NOTTINGHAM, UK – BOC (HLS supplier) HQ bricked.
FLORENCE, ITALY – Hundreds of rodents freed from university cancer experimental labs.
- 2: EASTERN GERMANY – Two rabbits freed.
- 4: SPAIN – SECAL (vivisection) president's home sloganised.
EASTERN GERMANY – Hunting platform felled.
GERMANY – Fur store manager's home daubed and sloganised.
- 5: RUSSIA – Two fur stores sloganised.
- 6: UK – Daiichi worker and sales rep had cars trashed.
WEST BYFLEET, UK – Yamanouchi (HLS financier) gates sloganised.
- 8: SWEDEN – Fur store bricked.
GERMANY – Five butchers and two meat trucks trashed.
- 9: SPAIN – Two fur stores and McDonalds ad trashed.
CARRAL, GALICIA, SPAIN – 6,500 mink freed from fur farm. E300,000 damage.
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, USA – 47 animals freed from agricultural school.
EASTERN GERMANY – Another rabbit freed.
OSLO, NORWAY – Fur store sign pulled down. Another store bricked.
UK – Three vehicles trashed at Emerson (Yamanouchi landlords).
- 10: FALKENBERG, SWEDEN – Chicken truck torched. Two others damaged.
NORWAY – Lab dog breeder sloganised and targeted with firecrackers.

- SPAIN – 19 hens freed from battery farm.
PASSAU, GERMANY – Mink farm and fur store paint-bombed.
GERMANY – Deer fencing cut down.
- 12: SKI, OSTFOLD, NORWAY – Fur store trashed.
BERLIN, GERMANY – Fur store etched.
- 13: ITALY – Fur store glued and sloganised.
- 15: UDINE, ITALY – Four churches sloganised to protest Christian ritual slaughter of lambs for Easter.
NORTHAMPTON, UK – ACS and B&V Water Treatment (HLS suppliers) bricked and sloganised
TROLLHATTAN, SWEDEN – Fur store and bestiality porn shop trashed.
- 16: UK – Montpellier chair (Oxford monkey house associate) had car trashed.
GEORGMARIENHUTTE, MUNSTER, GERMANY – McDonalds repeatedly trashed; butchers also glued.
GERMANY – Fur shop manager again attacked.
- 18: EASTERN GERMANY – 11 rabbits freed.
- 19: Seaboard Securities (HLS associate) glued and sloganised.
- 20: UK – Forest Labs (HLS client) raided. Documents and phones taken by ALF.
STAFFORDSHIRE, UK – Newchurch (breeds guinea pigs for vivisection) owner's daughter's home trashed.
ITALY – Vivisector's cottage paint-bombed.
- 21: ITALY – Morini farm (vivisection breeder) mail service sloganised and glued.
KAUHAJOKI, FINLAND – 300 mink freed from fur farm. E100,000+ damage.
MOSCOW, RUSSIA – 119 frogs freed from vivisection lab just outside the Russian capital. Lab was then trashed.
- 22: SHOHOMISH, WASHINGTON, USA – ELF torch two houses in anti-sprawl protest. \$1m damage.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, UK – 40 chickens freed from battery farm; animal transporter's tyres slashed.
USA – Sumitomo (HLS client) staffer's home daubed.
- 23: UK – Plysu (vivisection supplier) vehicles trashed.
UK – Animal Rights Militia (ARM) sent warning letters to HLS directors.
OXFORD, UK – Home of monkey house-associated vivisection paint-bombed.
- 25: BEEKSE BERGEN, HOLLAND – Zoo that supplies surplus rhesus monkeys to vivisection lab daubed.
- 28: HOLLAND – Yamanouchi (HLS financier) staffer's car trashed.
- 29: SWEDEN – Rabbit freed from zoo.
Builder involved in Oxford monkey house had car trashed.
ITALY – Two fur shops trashed.
- 30: BERLIN, GERMANY – Fur store attacked twice more.
UK – Montpellier Group car trashed.

- ITALY – Seven incendiaries ignited in fur store; Morini Farm advertiser's office sloganised.
UK – Aramak (former HLS supplier) worker's home bricked.

MAY

- 1: YORKSHIRE, UK – Starving dog freed from back yard.
WEST SUSSEX, UK – Rentokill van trashed.
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN – Circus posters removed.; fur store and its insurers etched.
ITALY – RBM worker sent death threat; Morini farm breeder sent hoax bomb; fur store bricked and daubed.
GERMANY – 20 hens freed from factory farm.
- 3: ITALY – Four trucks at pig farm torched by Animal Rights Militia (ARM).
- 3: RIMINI, ITALY – Home of fur shop owner sloganised.
FLORIDA, USA – Fur store bricked.
- 4: MILAN, ITALY – Five fur stores glued and paint-bombed.
CHESHIRE, UK – Three key Emerson (Yamanouchi landlords) staffers had cars trashed.
VADSTENA, SWEDEN – 120 chickens freed from battery farm.
- 5: UK – Three Aramark (HLS supplier) workers had cars trashed.
- 6: UK – Roads en route to Newchurch workers' homes sloganised.
ITALY – RBM lab worker's car trashed.
- 7: SWEDEN – Shell (HLS linked) station sloganised.
- 8: UK - Yamanouchi (HLS financier company) director's car sloganised.
LEATHERHEAD, SURREY, UK - Yamanouchi (HLS financier) worker's garage sloganised.
UK – 'Voodoo' effigy left outside Newchurch Farm worker's home.
MOSCOW, RUSSIA – 110 rats and five rabbits freed from State University Biological Department lab.
- 9: UK – Hoax bomb sent to Newchurch worker's unpleasant mother-in-law (no jokes, please!).
SARDINIA, ITALY – Pig farmers' union president's car torched.
- 10: ITALY – Two butchers glued.
SKARA, SWEDEN – 133 rabbits freed from fur farm.
- 11: POOLE, DORSET, UK – Two Sigma Aldrich (HLS supplier) vans and three cars trashed.
- 13: NORFOLK, UK – 40 chickens freed from battery farm.
- 14: ITALY – Pharmacia director's home sloganised.
- 15: BARCELONA, SPAIN – Three hamsters freed from pet shop.
GOTENBURG, SWEDEN – Fur shop owner's home trashed.
- 16: GLOUCESTERSHIRE, UK – Six pheasant pens destroyed. £8,000 damage.
VALENCIA, SPAIN – Poultry farm trashed.
- 17: SOMEREN, HOLLAND – Two and a truck at rabbit slaughterhouse torched.
PROVO, UTAH, USA – Two dives, five finches and six rabbits freed from Brigham Young Uni lab.
- 18: SPAIN – Bull-fighting ring glued and daubed.
- 19: VOORSCHOLEN / LEEDENDORP, NETHERLANDS – BPRC director's home paint-bombed.

DIARY OF DIRECT ACTION

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- CRAWLEY, SURREY, UK – Bomb hoax at BOC plant.
SWEDEN – Vivisection breeder's premises trashed.
SWEDEN – Hundreds of rodents and twenty chickens freed from vivisection breeders.
- 19-20: UK - Emerson (Yamanouchi landlords) workers' cars trashed.
- 20: BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE, UK – BOC (HLS supplier) director's home paint-bombed.
UPPSALA, SWEDEN – Chinchilla farmer's home daubed.
- 21: UK - RMC (Oxford monkey house builders) site had 11 lorries, conveyer belt and computers trashed.
GERMANY – 30 dogs freed from vivisection breeders.
- 23: GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN – Two fur shops sloganised.
- 23: CHAPMANS POOL, DORSET, UK – 50 lobster pots destroyed by Lobster Liberation Front.
- 24: UK – Hoax letter sent to neighbours of Newchurch Farm worker's pro-vivisection mother-in-law.
UK – Four BOC workers had car tyres slashed.
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, USA – Three dogs freed from animal shelter.
- 25: SWEDEN – 76 rabbits freed from fur farm.
ESKILSTUNA, SWEDEN – Circus posters destroyed.
HOLLAND – Circus posters destroyed here too.
- 26: LATINA, ITALY – Molotov cocktails thrown at Blockbusters store.
UK - RMC (Oxford monkey house builders) had thirteen vehicles (diggers, etc) wrenched and three transport barges unmoored.
- 27: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND – ABN Amro (BPRC financier) had cash point machines glued; slogans and butyric acid (horrendous-smelling!) thrown over HQ.
- 28: FLORENCE, ITALY – Two fur shops glued.
- 29: ITALY – Butchers, fish and pet shops glued in solidarity with Sergio Maria.
- 31: NORWAY – Fur Animal Avengers bomb-hoax fur convention, shutting it down.
PROVO, UTAH, USA – Brigham Young Uni had vehicles trashed, buildings sloganised, etc.
- 4-5: HAMPSHIRE / WILTSHIRE, UK – Pheasant pens destroyed.
- 5: DORSET, UK – 1,000s of pheasants freed from breeding pen.
WILTSHIRE – Fox traps also destroyed.
MOSCOW, RUSSIA – 94 rats freed from State University animal physiology department.
USA – Santen (AVS subsidiary) employee had home spray-painted.
- 6: UK – Ten animal transportation lorries used for live exports had tyres slashed.
HAMPSHIRE, UK – Pheasant pen trashed.
- 7: KIMMERIDGE, DORSET, UK – Pheasant pen destroyed by ALF.
- 8: UK – HLS supplier's two cars trashed.
UK – Bullock director (Montpellier owner) had his new BMW trashed.
UK – Newchurch driver's home sloganised.
PROVO, UTAH, USA – ALF torch Brigham Young Uni meat and livestock facilities.
- 9: UK – HLS supplier's car paint-stripped.
NIJMIGEN, NETHERLANDS – ABN AMRO cash point machines glued.
- 10: DORSET, UK – Hunter Paul Swaffield had signs to his crap theme park over-painted.
HAMPSHIRE, UK – Another pheasant pen trashed.
UK – Newchurch Farm's fence power cut off, provoking a security alert.
UK – BOC and Gist (HLS suppliers) had 6+ vehicles trashed.
OSLO, NORWAY – McDonalds repeatedly bricked.
- 11: MOSCOW, RUSSIA – Russian ALF free ravens and crows from State University.
UK – HLS worker had two cars trashed.
UK – Newchurch Farm worker's home paint-bombed.
- 12: UK – HLS monkey driver's home trashed.
UK – Another Newchurch Farm worker sent hoax bomb.
- 13: CHAPMANS POOL, DORSET, UK – Lobster Liberation Front freed thirty lobsters and three crabs from fisherman, trashed his boat and house, etc. He subsequently went out of business.
NOTTINGHAM, UK – RMC vehicles trashed.
UK – HLS supplier had car covered in acid.
COUNTY MEATH, EIRE – Vegus Circus advertising destroyed.
- 14: UK – Yamanouchi (HLS financier) employee's cars etched.
- 15: UK – Amersham Biosciences worker's two cars trashed.
SKYBERGA, SWEDEN – Mink farm building torched.
HENGELO, NETHERLANDS – ABN AMRO sloganised.
- 16: UK – Bomb hoax at BOC.

JUNE

- 1: FLORIDA, USA – Fur-selling clothes store etched.
- 2: UK - Montpellier (Oxford monkey house associates) staff had seven cars paint-stripped; site lorries, bulldozers, tractor and water pump, etc, also trashed.
UK – Rotary Club secretary (gave HLS advertising) had car etched. Withdrew support from HLS.
- 3-4: UK – HLS suppliers' cars trashed.

- GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN – Three fur shops daubed and glued.
 SWEDEN – Chinchilla farmers' homes etched and daubed.
 OSLO, NORWAY – Fur shop bricked again.
 17: ARNHEIM, NETHERLANDS – ABN AMRO Cash point machines glued and sloganised.
 18: EMMERICH, GERMANY – Kao Chemicals (HLS client) glued and paint-bombed.
 20: VOORSCHOTEN / LEIDERDORP, NETHERLANDS – Two BPRC workers' homes paint-bombed.
 21: UK – Montpellier (Oxford monkey torture house financier) shareholders sent warning letters, causing share values to tumble.
 OTTOWA, CANADA – Fur shop bricked.
 VIENNA, AUSTRIA – Sankyo (HLS client) sloganised and daubed.
 UK – Oxford University fundraiser's nicked credit card used to buy Montpellier director a hammer!
 22: BEDFORD, UK – RMC (Oxford monkey house builder) had five buildings trashed in quarry.
 24: SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA – KFCs bricked.
 25: BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET, UK – RMC (Oxford monkey house builder) vehicles, crane and conveyer belt trashed.

- SPAIN – Sankyo Pharma (HLS customer) director's home daubed by ALF.
 CALIFORNIA, USA – Johnson Matthey (HLS supporters) had locks glued. Since quit HLS.
 VIENNA, AUSTRIA – Fur shop paint-bombed.
 27: SWEDEN – Fur shop daubed and glued.
 28: THE HAGUE / NIJMEGEN, HOLLAND – ABN-AMRO (BPRC monkey house financiers) cash machines glued.
 30: SURREY, UK – ALF torched RMC's (Oxford monkey house builder) three large vehicles and buildings.

JULY

- 2: UK – HLS supplier's director had three cars paint-stripped.
 UK – 2 Charterhouse (HLS supplier) vehicles slashed and etched.
 EEMSHOVEN, NETHERLANDS – 1,000 GM potatoes destroyed.
 3: ZWANENBURG, HOLLAND – Sankyo Pharma (HLS customer) had two vehicles trashed.
 4: HAMPSHIRE, UK – Pheasant pens destroyed.
 UK – Two bomb hoaxes caused chaos at BOC depots across UK.
 URBINO, ITALY – ALF freed thirty rats from university.
 7: ITALY – Fur shop glued and sloganised.
 8: GERMANY – 100 hens freed from three battery farms.
 10: SORIA, SPAIN – 100 partridges freed from shooting compound.
 USA – HLS director's home and car sloganised; vp of HLS client also had two cars trashed.
 GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 15 battery hens.
 11: MOSCOW, RUSSIA – Russian ALF free two foxes from hunting station.
 HAMPSHIRE – Pet rabbit freed from bad conditions.
 BREUHEUEN, HOLLAND – Chicken slaughterhouse roof torched. €3m damage.
 12: NERVIANO, ITALY – Medical centre daubed for buying monkeys from Covance vivisection breeders.
 13: SWEDEN – 90 rabbits freed from fur farm.
 14: ARNHEIM, NETHERLANDS – Circus posters trashed.
 AUSTRIA – Hunting towers felled.
 15: STAFFORDSHIRE, UK – Newchurch Farm's killing shed D-locked shut.
 MILAN, ITALY – Posh fur shop daubed with red paint.
 16: ITALY – 30 rats freed from lab.
 18: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 20 battery hens.
 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA – ALF trash garden furnishings (even security cameras!) of Andrew Baker's CEO following the arrest of a protestor in New York.
 19: USA – Piss poured through letter box of HLS vet.

- GERMANY – Fake blood daubed on homes of two Chiron (HLS supporters) managing directors.
 23: ZEIST, NETHERLANDS – Covance (HLS-related) office windows bricked.
 24: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 51 battery hens.
 PISA, ITALY – 210 rabbits freed by ALF, in solidarity with Il Silvestre's editors (see PoWs).
 25: HAMPSHIRE, UK – Two Wickham lab workers had cars trashed with paint stripper.
 SUORE, SWEDEN – DBF free 90 rabbits.
 27: NEW YORK CITY, DOVER PLAINS, NEW YORK, USA – McDonalds trashed.
 LUIJK, HOLLAND – MacDonalDs torched.
 28: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 42 battery hens.
 MENDRISCO, SWITZERLAND – Deer hunter's home sloganised.
 30: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 17 battery hens.
 31: CREWE, UK – Dietex (was HLS-related) homes and cars sloganised.

AUGUST

- 1: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free six battery hens.
 3: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 22 geese.
 4: VOORSCHOTEN, NETHERLANDS – BPRC director's home paint-bombed.
 5: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 4 battery hens.
 FIVE OAKS / PULBOROUGH, W. SUSSEX, UK – 2 cop cars torched. Attempt to torch cop shop too.
 11: EALING / EAST SHEEN, LONDON – HLS-related workers had car trashed and house sloganised.
 MOSCOW, RUSSIA – Russian ALF free two animals near the capital.
 15: ALASKA, USA – Fur coat in souvenir shop slashed.
 16: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 20 battery hens.
 18: HEADLE, CHESHIRE, UK – Emerson (was Yamonouchi landlords) car paint-stripped.
 MILAN, ITALY – Fur industry offices superglued.
 21: REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY – Bomb hoax at Morini (vivisection breeder) associates.
 22: LINKOPING, SWEDEN – DBF erase hunt shop sign.
 23: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 2 chickens.
 24: LINKOPING, SWEDEN – DBF trash fur store; remove circus posters.
 26: NOTTINGHAM, UK – Pipes cut at four sites supplied by BOC (HLS-related); two vehicles trashed and gate D-locked.
 27: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 7 battery hens.
 RUSSIA – Russian ALF daub meat suppliers.
 28: UK – Arco (HLS-related) director had car trashed by ALF.
 UMEA, SWEDEN – Anti-vivisection slogans painted by DBF.
 29: UK – Newchurch Farm employees two cars paint-stripped.
 30: UPPLOND – Hunting place sabotaged by DBF.
 UK – ALF free 100s of battery hens.

SEPTEMBER

- 1: VIENNA, AUSTRIA – Sankyo Pharma (HLS-related) yard glued. Two trucks sloganised.
 2: WELLINGTON, N. ZEALAND ALF free 2 hens from battery.
 BARCELONA, SPAIN – Fur shop trashed in solidarity with Gina Lynn.
 4: ESSEN, GERMANY – ALF destroys circus posters.
 5: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 10 battery hens.
 MILAN, ITALY – Fur shop trashed.
 6: BURTON, STAFFORDSHIRE, UK – Newchurch Farm employee's neighbourhood sloganised by ALF.
 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, USA – Animal Lovers Anonymous etch fur shop.
 UPPSALA, SWEDEN – Fur shop trashed by DBF.
 8: GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free 30 battery hens.
 9: MILAN, ITALY – Bomb hoax against BOC (HLS-related).
 10: WOKING / CRAWLEY DOWNS, SURREY, UK – Northingen (was HLS-related) directors' cars bricked by ALF.
 11: YSTAD, SWEDEN – ALF trash fur shop.
 UK – Oxford University fundraiser hit by credit card fraud re. the planned monkey house.
 LEON, SPAIN – Beagle freed from university lab by ALF in solidarity with prisoner Gina Lynn.
 13: MOSCOW, RUSSIA – Russian ALF free racoon from hunter's cabin near city.
 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA – Three fur shops trashed.
 OSLO, NORWAY – McDonalds bricked.
 FLORENCE, ITALY – Hunting shop trashed.
 14: BERLIN, GERMANY – Animal abuse shops glued.
 14-15: OSLO, NORWAY – McDonalds and two fur shops bricked.
 15: KENTUCKY, USA – A tipsy Ed Furlong (from Terminator 3) was arrested for attempting to liberate a lobster from a store.
 16: HOLLAND – ABN AMRO cash point machines glued.
 18: GERMANY – Circus posters trashed.
 FLORENCE, ITALY – Fur store trashed.
 19: TAMPERE / SYVASKYE, FINLAND – Fur shops bricked.
 21: MILAN, ITALY – Fur shop trashed.
 24: BURTON, STAFFORDSHIRE, UK – ALF sent Newchurch Farm employee unwanted crap.
 25: UK – Hoax mass mailing at the expense of Newchurch Farm employees by ALF.
 26: GERMANY – 10 hens freed by German ALF
 AUERBACH, SACHSEN, GERMANY – Three more animals freed
 27: BURTON, STAFFORDSHIRE, UK – Fireworks shot over Newchurch Farm employees house.
 NEUENBURG, GERMANY – 34 rabbits freed. By ALF
 28: AYLESBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, UK – HLS-related director's car torched.
 BARCELONA, SPAIN – Sankyo Pharma (HLS-related) chairman's car torched.
 NOTTINGHAM, UK – USS (HLS-related) secretary's property damaged by ALF.
 BILLINGSHURST, W. SUSSEX, UK – BOC (HLS-related) worker's property torched.
 GERMANY – Friends of the Animals free pig.



PRISONERS OF WAR

These revolutionaries have been jailed for their beliefs, so you can write them letters of support (nothing compromising!). Those not listed shouldn't take it as a sleight that they have been excluded—just send us your details and we'll put you on our free mailing list!

Prisoner details change rapidly and may be out of date by the time you read GA.

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Spirit of Freedom on-line newsletter: www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk

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ECO-DEFENCE PRISONERS

Tre Arrow, c/o Rudy Kischer, Embarkation Law Group, 609 W. Hastings St., 6th Floor, Vancouver, BC, V6B4W4, Canada. On remand accused of involvement with an arson on logging trucks and an arson on vehicles owned by a sand & gravel company. Both arsons occurred in the USA.

Dr. Yurl Bandazhevsky, Valiuk for Bandazhevsky Y.I., 231318 Grodnenskaya oblast, Lidski raion, PESKOVTSY ul. Oktiabrskaya, 2, Belarus. Serving 8 years for treason after revealing the true extent of the nuclear radiation around Chernobyl.

Marco Camenisch, Postfach 3143, CH-8105 Regensdorf, Switzerland. Serving 27 years. Ten years for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations. Seventeen years for the murder of a Swiss Border Guard whilst on the run. In '02 Marco completed a 12-year sentence in Italy for destroying electricity pylons in Italy.

Angela M Cesario, 66522-065, Federal Prison Camp Dublin, 5675 8th St. Camp Parks, Dublin CA 94568, USA. Serving 41 months for an arson attack on logging trucks at the Eagle Creek logging site.

William Cottrell, #29526112, Metropolitan Detention Center, PO Box 1500, Los Angeles, CA 90053, USA. On remand accused of involvement in a series of ELF actions that saw the damaging and destruction of approximately 125 SUVs.

Ibai Ederria, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. On Remand awaiting sentencing for sabotaging the controversial Itoz dam construction site.

Ted Kaczynski (04475-046), US Pen - admin Max Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence Colorado 81226, USA. Is serving multiple life sentences for the infamous 'Unabomber' anti-technology bombing campaign.

William Frediani, Carcere Don Bosco, Via Don Bosco 43, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Il Silvestre defendant on remand accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action.

Manase Furima, Lembaga Pemasarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

Iñaki Garcia Koch, Carcel de Pamplona, C/San Roque. Apdo. 250, 31080 - Iruñez - Pamplona, Navarra (España), Spain. Serving just under 5 years for sabotaging the controversial Itoz dam construction site.

Jeffrey Luers, #13797671, OSP, 2605 State St. Salem, OR 97310, USA. Serving 22 years & 8 months for arson on a car dealership & attempted arson of an oil truck.

Craig Marshall, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914 USA. Serving 5 years 5 months for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of incendiary devices, having used the devices to destroy SUV's to raise attention to the environmentally destructive nature of these vehicles.

Matius Nasira, Lembaga Pemasarakatan Manokwari, Jl. Sabang No.4, Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia. On remand for taking part in a road block to prevent illegal logging.

Alessio Perondi, Carcere Don Bosco, Via Don Bosco 43, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Il Silvestre defendant on remand accused of promoting sabotage and participating in direct action.

Jeremy Rosenbloom, 66521-065, Federal Prison Camp Sheridan, PO Box 6000, Sheridan OR 97378, USA. Serving 41 months for an arson attack on logging trucks at the Eagle Creek logging site.

Fran Thompson, #1090915 HU 1C, WERDCC, PO Box 300, Vandalia, MO 63382, USA. Serving Life for killing, in self-defence, a stalker who had broken into her home. Before her imprisonment Fran was an eco, animal & anti-nuke campaigner.

John Wade #38548-083, FCI Petersburg Low, PO Box 1000, Petersburg, VA 23804, USA. Serving 37 months for a series of ELF actions against a number of targets including McDonalds & Burger King; urban sprawl; the construction industry; and an SUV dealership.

Helen Woodson, #03231-045, c/o Bates County Jail, PO Box 60, Butler, MO 64730, USA. On remand awaiting sentencing after pouring a tin of red paint over the security desk of a federal court; posting 4 letters that contained threats; and making a

threatening telephone call. Before her arrest Helen had just completed 27 years for various Eco & Peace direct actions.

ANIMAL LIBERATION

Dave Blenkinsop EM7899, HMP Rye Hill, Onley, Warwickshire, CV23 8AN, England. Serving 10 years. 1) Three years for a stove attack on the Managing Director of HLS. 2) 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier. 3) 5? years for planting incendiary devices under abattoir vehicles.

Paul Le Boutillier KA9326, HMP Wealstun, Walton Road, Wetherby, LS23 7AZ, England. Serving 2? years for making threatening phone calls to various animal abusers including people associated with vivisection, blood sports and farming.

Sergio Maria Stefani, casa circondariale di Palmi via Trodio n°8, 89015 Palmi (Reggio Calabria) On Remand accused of criminal damage to butchers & furriers stores and involvement with the planting of an incendiary outside a butchers shop. Also accused of being involved with a letter bombing campaign.

Sergio was moved from Regina Coeli in Rome at jail of Palmi in Calabria (extreme South of Italy). The jail of Palmi is a high controlled building. This is clearly an attempt to send away Sergio from his family and supporters.

ANTI-CAPITALIST

Mario Altkat
Janeck Eissler buchnr. 325-04-6,
Julian Fiorentino,
Markus Herzberg,
Hannes Jager, buchnummer 1618-4,
Mirco Kaduk,
Sven Kinning,
Marco Koswisna,
Kai Langemeir,
Stafan Mittag,
Martin Nowak,
Sven Pitereit,
Lukas Reiter,
Sven Rumbach,
Johann Christian Solf,
Reck Stadler,
Thiemo Trobitsch-Rull,
Silvio Uschner,
Dennis Witt,
Henrik Wohler,
 (all at) Justizvollzugsanstalt Moabit, Alt-Moabit 12a, 10559 Berlin-Tiergarten, Germany. (All on Remand - Please write to each person separately)

Markus Bederke, Jugendarrestanstalt Berlin, Lützowstraße 45, 12307 Berlin-Lichtenrade, Germany. (On Remand)

James Borek LL6803, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London SW18 3HS, England (54 months)

Robert Thaxton #12112716, MCCF, 4005 Aumsville Hwy, Salem, OR 97301, USA (86 months)

Maarten Blok 04-332 Kriminalvården, Kriminalvårds, Myndigheten, Göteborg, Hisingen / Förorter, Anstaltensköge, Box 3003, 422 03 Hisingsbacka, Sweden

PLOUGHSHARES & ANTI-WAR

Sister Carol Gilbert, #10856-039, FPC Alderson RI, Box A, Alderson, WU24910, USA. Ploughshares activist serving 33 months for anti-nuke action.

Sister Jackie Hudson, #08808-039, FPC Victorville, PO Box 5100, Adelanto, CA 92301, USA. Ploughshares activist serving 30 months for anti-nuke action.

Sister Ardeth Platte, #10857-039, FPC Danbury, Route 37, Danbury, CT06818, USA. Ploughshares activist serving 41 months for anti-nuke action.

Igor Sutyagin, c/o Irina Petrovna Manannikova, Obninsk, Kaluzhskoy oblast, ul. Zvezdnaya, dom 1A, kv. 82 239039 Russia. Serving 15 years for espionage after he openly distributed anti-nuclear weapons information.

OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS

Marco Ferruzzi, c.c. "Poggioreale", via Nuova Poggioreale, 170 sezione Venezia, 80143 Napoli, Italy. Co-defendant of Animal Rights prisoner Sergio Maria Stefani. On Remand accused of sending letter bombs to non-animal rights targets.

Simone del Moro, cc Regina Coeli, via della Lungara, 29- 00165 Roma, Italy. Co-defendant of Animal Rights prisoner Sergio Maria Stefani. On Remand accused of sending letter bombs to non-animal rights targets.

Olga Aleksandrovna Nevskaya, UU163/5, 7 Otryad, pos. Dzerzhinskiy, Mozhaysk 140090 Moskovskaya oblast, Russia. Eco-activist & former member of Rainbow Keepers serving 6 years for arson, criminal damage and causing explosions in protest at the war in Chechnya.

Larisa Valerevna Romanova, pos. Golovino, OD 1/2, Sudogorskiy Rayon, 601395 Vladimirskaya Oblast, Russia. Eco-activist & former member of Rainbow Keepers serving 5.5 years for arson, criminal damage and causing explosions in protest at the war in Chechnya.

David Santini, c.c. "Le Vallette", via Pianezza 300, 10151 Torino, Italy. Co-defendant of Animal Rights prisoner Sergio Maria Stefani. On Remand accused of sending letter bombs to non-animal rights targets.

MOVE

is an eco-revolutionary group who carried out protests in defence of all life. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after being framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998.

Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308) and Janine Philips Africa (006309) all at: SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA.

Michael Davis Africa (AM4973) and Charles Simms Africa (AM4975) both at SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA.

Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974), 301 Morea Rd, Frackville, PA 17932, USA.

William Philips Africa (AM4984) and **Delbert Orr Africa** (AM4985) both at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA.

Mumia Abu Jamal, (AM8335), SCI Greene, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg PA 15370, USA. In 1981 Mumia, former Black Panther and vocal supporter of MOVE, was framed for the murder of a cop. He was originally sentenced to death but is currently awaiting re-sentencing following a court hearing in 2001.

INDIGENOUS LAND RIGHTS

Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, USA. Serving Life after being framed for murdering 2 FBI agents.

Eric Wildcat Hall, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002, USA. Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American indigenous activists.

ANTI-FASCIST

Matthew Lamont #T90251 / D3-140, 44750 W. 60th Street, Lancaster, California 93536, USA. Serving 3 years for possessing an incendiary, intended to be used to disrupt a neo-nazi gathering.

Tomasz Wiloszewski, Zaklad Karny, Orzechowa 5, 98-200 Sieradz, Poland. Serving 15 years for accidentally killing a neo-nazi whilst defending himself.

Billy Cottrell Update

Billy Cottrell appeared in court on August 2nd for a pre-trial motion. His defence team sought to have his charges reduced, specifically the 924c which carries a mandatory minimum of 30 years to life. There are legal issues in charging him with both arson AND using a destructive device during a violent crime (924c). He's basically being charged twice for the same offence. Of course, all motions were denied and Billy's charges remain:

7 counts of arson, 1 count of conspiracy to commit arson, 1 count of using a destructive device during a violent crime

If Billy is convicted he will spend 35 years in prison, essentially a life sentence. Due to mandatory minimum laws relating to federal crimes, Billy would be required to spend 85% (30 years) of the sentence in jail before he even has a possibility of being released.

USA-SHAC Seven

Earlier this year seven American animal rights activists, linked to the campaign 'Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty' (SHAC), were indicted under the controversial Federal Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

The SHAC 7 are alleged to have run a website that reported on & expressed support for protest activity against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) and its business affiliates.

This included alleged support for ALF style actions. For their alleged support for direct action the seven are charged with "terrorism" offences and risk years of imprisonment.

For more information contact The SHAC 7, c/o NJARA, PO Box 174, Englishtown, NJ 07726, USA. Or see the website.



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REVIEW OF "GREEN ANARCHY IN THE UK – GATHERING OF THE TRIBES" HELD AT BILSTON GLEN PROTEST SITE, 1-4 JULY, 2004

First of all I'd like to thank everyone for coming and helping out to make the gathering happen! I had a great time myself and everyone else seemed to enjoy it as well. I'd especially like to thank the people who turned up a couple of days before the gathering to help out. I also want to point out that this review is based on my own experience of the gathering and is a very small excerpt of what went on those days. And I won't tell you how many we were at the gathering in numbers, as that's impossible, as we're all unique and therefore can't be counted.

The first day we had the discussion "What is green anarchy? Why anti-civilization". It contained, among other things, people's opinions on the differences between the anthropocentric and biocentric worldviews, the differences between green anarchy and other forms of anarchism, whether or not we're sentimentalising nature and opinions on the origins of civilization. It became clear during the discussion that some people we're addressing the totality of civilization while others just had problems with some of it.

The next day started with a "Gender and violence" discussion. We talked about how we deal with violence in our communities, how many chances we give violent people and whether we emphasize on physically fighting the system or on building communities. The one conclusion we came to was that communication is the key to solving a lot of problems. After that some of us regrouped to have a "Beyond veganism" discussion. With a group consisting mostly of "free-gans" (people who eat animal products from skips and animals who live wild), we talked about whether or not it would be possible to survive in the north of Europe on a wild vegan diet, if we would rather die than kill an animal in a survival situation, whether we want to try to become wild animals again following our instincts or if we thought morals was something good.

In the afternoon we went for a foraging walk held by a local storyteller. He shared some of his knowledge about various plants, how eco-systems work and how to tell if a woodland is ancient or not. In the evening we gathered around the campfire for the workshop "Visualizing collapse",

a discussion about how to deal with a possible future collapses. Almost everyone seemed to think that an ecological and industrial collapse here in Europe is very likely in our lifetime. So we talked about what to do in that case, the likely necessity of fighting for your own survival in competition with others and how the state and ruling class are going to treat us anarchists.

The morning after I joined some others in trying to make fire primitively. We used the bow drill method and managed to get smoke going quite fast. But then we were interrupted by one of the worst hail-rains I've ever experienced, and thunder and lightning along with that. After it stopped a bunch of us continued with a workshop called "Biotechnology and other advances of the mega-machine". We shared thoughts and ideas about biotechnology, nanotechnology, surveillance technology, new laws of control, the proposed new ID card for the UK, and how to fight all of this. Another division amongst us also became clear; that some of us see technology as something inherently authoritarian and unequal, and that we therefore have to get rid of it altogether, while others thought that technology in itself is not the problem, it's how we use it. In the afternoon I participated in a workshop called "Nature



awareness", where we played some games and tried walking silently.

The last day of the gathering some of us had a "Primitive shelter building" workshop, which resulted in three different very cool constructions made totally of what we could find around us in the forest. The workshop also included cordage making.

Later on we had a discussion about "Science". Some of us thought that science is just about trying to control everything and that we therefore should get rid of it. Others thought that we could use the "good aspects" of science to make the world better. We also discussed whether we should and/or need to "clean up after the industrial society", planting trees etc,

or if we should leave that for nature to take care of, and if planting is not just a way of controlling nature. Later in the evening we talked about "Creating a nomadic tribe", which sprung from the great feeling of being in this big tribe during the gathering and wanting this to continue. Some people visualized a tribe travelling by vehicle between festivals, protest sites and the like, while others wanted to see a hunter-gatherer tribe walking around living off nature, fighting the system and showing another way of living.

Finally I'd have to say that getting the idea of organizing this gathering, carrying it through and experiencing it, is one of the most empowering things I've ever done!

WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP

Rusty Nail on the Anticivilisation Encuentro, Pyrenees, April '04

The expected Friday night meeting to plan out the schedule was sabotaged by the organisers, a Spanish anarchist group, who declared that their role as organisers was to get us to the site and now it was our conference. All very well, but they hadn't put it that way in the initial literature. We were a bit wrong-footed and ended up doing a half-arsed introductory thing and making no schedule for the rest of the meeting. Auto-organisation is a worthy thought but not at 11pm on a cold night. Yes, it was cold and to make things a little more ludicrous we discovered that despite the weather, it was illegal to burn wood anywhere in the Pyrenees in spring and the police would happily shut us down if they spotted any fires.

We entered the realm of a bad joke when some bright spark flooded the campsite with about fifty electric lights. So we wouldn't trip over on a nasty stone? So we could make sure our arses were clean?

With a start like this, it was not a great surprise that we ended up with three days of sprawling unfocused discussion, with occasionally interesting moments. A lot of people chose to leave early.

The first day we did a stupid ground again, then a few old men with beards dominated the discussion. We were introduced to the exciting notion of a cobweb of resistance. "Who is the spider?" someone asked. The second day saw rain stop play for a bit and a welcome diversion with a film, a presentation about the OPM struggle in Papua and a fairly interesting animal rights debate. The final day saw a basic primitive skills workshop and an uninteresting Stirner-style pro-individualist rant from some guy who used to be a Maoist

and now enjoyed being a chin-stroking anarchist.

I had optimistically expected an anticiv gathering to draw out of the woodwork some people well advanced in sustainable and non-hierarchical living in practice, but I was wrong. Instead I encountered some people doing good stuff but still trapped in wage slavery and lots of anarchists who were interested in anticiv as an increasingly trendy new concept they had read about in a 'radical' magazine, doing fuck all about it in their personal lives and thus with nothing to contribute to the meeting.

Thus the majority of the people came as passive lemmings rather than participants and the meetings of 20-30 people mainly consisted of one person ranting and everyone else half-listening and trying to keep warm. I was unempowered. In fact, no wonder people left early. We missed a lively Mayday in Barcelona for this.

Still, it wasn't totally in vain: some connections were made as we warmed our hands with copious cups of thyme tea. The language barrier of English versus Spanish was dealt with fairly well. Some nice people were there. I met Italians, Catalans, Basques, Andalucians, Dutch, English, Swedish, Irish, German, Portuguese and Libyans. Any cops there must have been satisfied with the woeful state of our resistance. I learnt a lot about how not to organise a conference. I also saw how fucked most people will be when Babylon crumbles and falls. If there are people out there seriously planning to survive, they weren't at this meeting. Maybe anticivilisation means many different things to different people - unfortunately we didn't ever get to a stage where we could discuss that.

THE EARTH FIRST! SUMMER GATHERING, 4TH – 8TH AUGUST 2004 – LINCOLNSHIRE

To be honest I was dreading another EF! Gathering, wavering on whether or not to go, I ended up reluctantly making the trek to the not exactly 'des-res' location of Lincolnshire.

Arrival on site reaffirmed my belief that Lincolnshire is a county of flat farmland denuded of trees. Still as time progressed, my rather cynical view of Lincolnshire being a desert stripped of wildness was changed slightly by the discovery of Adders and other positive examples of wildness being present.

This vision of wildness, for the most part, soon evaporated like a mirage on entering the various meetings and workshops that were put on for the week. The usual array of campaigns were represented through workshops, rather like a careers fair I thought, everything compartmentalized for easy access. There was a lack of anything particularly inspiring, but of

course that only represents the current sad state of affairs of the direct action scene.

Last year the organizers had planned a whole series of gathering-wide discussions which they thought were important for all those present to discuss in smaller groups. This met with mixed reactions, some thinking it was a great gathering but many loathing the gathering wide discussions, some accusing them of being 'ideologically loaded'.

However, this year there was only one gathering-wide discussion... on the G8 and the 'Dissent Network' set up to organize mobilisations against it. Personally I thought this incredibly ideologically loaded, mass mobilizations seemingly being placed at the top of the agenda for discussion by all those present at the gathering. On probing one of the organizers on this point I was told that Dissent were

interested in the G8 meeting, either not attending and finding other things to do in the glorious sunshine, or leaving the meeting when it broke into small groups. Still, many people were in attendance, so we will have to wait and see what happens with next year's G8 summit.

Highlights of the gathering, besides the weather, included a very well attended introduction to Anarcho-Primitivism, which proved an interesting discussion, and an interesting dissection of the successful Bayer campaign (see previous issue of GA for more on the Bayer campaign).

Of course as already mentioned there were the usual array of campaign meetings, practical workshops and 're-pressed distribution' had a book stall, Veggies provided snacks and the 'Anarchist Teapot' provided meals.

I went away from this year's EF! gathering feeling less disappointed than I had expected, but coming to the conclusion that the gathering is more of a 'direct action summer camp', than a meeting of radicals associated with the EF! Network, which lies in worse and worse tatters every year.

A meeting about the EF! Action Update was attended by a pitiful number of people, none of whom had turned up to take it on, so it seems having become increasingly irrelevant and inconsistent over the years, the EF!AU is finally dead.

Best quote of the gathering was one overheard in a workshop on 'EF! Culture' by someone saying they felt alienated by the gathering because it 'focused too much on ecology' (!).



the only people who asked for a gathering-wide discussion and that's why it had been timetabled as one. Fair enough, but I couldn't help wondering whether others would have the arrogance to suggest their campaign was important enough to deem such a meeting.

As it turned out many weren't

THOUGHTS ON THE TOTAL LIBERATION FEST

January 10-11, 2004. Erie, Pennsylvania.

From the very start, this immense winter project had been under fire from the Feds. Routine methods of harassment meant getting every place the organizers had secured taken away from them. This went from using scare tactics on the owners to scare tactics on their insurance agencies. Never-the-less, the organizers stood their ground and refused to back down to the pig presence. With the Feds lurking, the only option was to have as many back up spots as possible and not to give out the name of the venue until the last minute. In the end, this worked out well, even when the first venue got cancelled a couple of hours before the show started, another location was ready to go in less than two hours.

No doubt all of this and winter storms scared off a number of people who would have otherwise been there. In total, there was still over 300 people present. The first day was dedicated to music, and this for many the 'main attraction'. However, it was not mine. A lot of people are definitely reviewing how the bands did and they're more qualified than I, so I'll let people find that on their own (check out the message board at www.total-liberation.com).

Another day, another venue (and a warmer one at that). Kevin Jonas was the first speaker. Passionate and well spoken, but devoted to animal rights. He's one of the founders of Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty (SHAC), which is a rather successful campaign to shut down one of the largest vivisectioning corporations in the world. What bothered me was Kevin's seemingly ungrounded belief that there is some hope for 'justice' within the system, hitting a barrage of quotes with a tint of patriotic hope. He also spoke a good deal about speciesism, the AR belief that humans systematically oppress animals.

This is, without a doubt, true, but the concept of 'sentience' frankly frightens me. By saying that certain animals are sentient and deserving equal rights, there is also the implicit statement that other animals or life is not sentient. When you see the earth as an entire living entity and care as much for all life, this becomes a little hard to swallow. It seems the sentiency paradigm may just add more animals to the favored pet status without any real hope for total liberation.

Next was Species Traitor co-editor, Evan Cestari, and myself. An already short slot was cut shorter by rightful anticipation of harassment for my diet (I eat wild and road kill meat). We did the best we could to touch on the major points of green anarchist and anarcho-primitivist critiques, suffering all the consequences of trying to touch on a million things at once, but the point was really just to open the door. What followed was both the most amusing and obnoxious part of the day. Without having talked about my diet at all (since there was no reason for it), nearly every question surrounded my diet. This is what happens when a person who advocates a gathering-hunting lifestyle speaks before an audience of primarily straightedge vegans!

Now much of the things said were nothing new. What seems most apparent is that vegan dogma has no middle ground. If you say you eat

meat or hunt, vegans can't think of anything short of eating McDonalds and riding on quads with shotguns. This, of course, is far from the truth. Advocating gathering and hunting as a part of rewilding seems to have gone straight past the more arrogant and vocal of the bunch who heard nothing more than 'I eat meat'. Despite being a bit annoyed, after the whole ordeal I realized that the vocal minority was very much a minority. Folks were really supportive of the idea, and while not necessarily in agreement, they were open to the concept and equally annoyed with those who couldn't see past the thickest of dogma.

Next up was Andy Stepanian, an ex-animal liberation prisoner of war. His talk was much more personal and straightforward than Jonas, and was fully appreciable. He spoke for a bit about his own experiences with prison and towards the end offered a lot of good advice for the likely 'future political prisoners' in the audience. His central focus was on the SHAC campaign, but from a tactical perspective. He spoke honestly about what has and hasn't been effective as well as the many successes of the campaign. As much as I'm not into single issue campaigns, the SHAC one is worthy for having thus far been rather effective. I found his talk really informative and worthwhile.

Following Andy was anarchist panther Ashanti Alston. Ashanti is an ex-P.O.W. having been involved with the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army. In fairness to Ashanti, I missed a bit of his talk, so I can't give a complete review. He spoke mostly about his own experiences as a radical, in prison, and then spent a lot of time talking about how whites should be putting more effort into working with non-whites. I can agree that whites need to try and see the world from other positions, but I'm not sure everyone would really appreciate a bunch of white do-gooders flocking to 'non-white communities'. The white perception tends to be really paternalistic. I think forcibly challenging white privilege is necessary, but any revolutionary relationships should be more organic. Then again, Ashanti is coming from a leftist position and is rooted in organization and platforms. Coming from an anti-left position, we have different 'goals' and means.



Think about all those men out there, in their uniforms, barking and swallowing orders, inflicting their petty rule over the entire globe. Think of all the harm they've done! To you! To me! To humanity! Then know this: that we can make them and their flogs and their anthems and governments disappear in a flash. You, and me... You will be reborn a hero of the kind that walked the earth long before the pale religions of civilization infected humanity's soul. -David Banner

After Ashanti did his talk, he read a letter from Ramona Africa, one of the most notorious spokespersons and ex-P.O.W. from MOVE. The letter was good though I was a bit disappointed to miss seeing one of Ramona's extremely powerful talks. The letter had to do though. Talking about state repression, the problems of the system and making connections between MOVE, the ELF and the ALF. I imagine that letter may be floating around the internet somewhere or might be relatively easy to get a copy of.

Following Ashanti was University of Texas Professor/AR advocate Steven Best. Take every standard AR position and hand it to a motivational

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speaker and you have Steven Best. His spotty and random rhetoric tried it's best to appeal to everyone and people got caught up in the cheering 'phrase-a-long' speech. Unfortunately, this meant overlooking the details; 1) Best was flamboyantly patriotic. Speaking about the assault on our "civil rights" by way of the Patriot Act, he completely didn't question to real heritage of this nation. News flash, America was not founded on "the right to dissent", but on genocide, ethnocide, ecocide, slavery, capital, and every other form of exploitation. Best, a post-modernist Marxist somehow failed to take note of that one. 2) In suit with point 1, I hate to break it to the AR movement, but this nation isn't likely going to have a movement against speciesism. Not to forget that the past movements against oppression haven't gotten nearly as far as whites think they have. 3) I appreciate Best's attempts to spread knowledge about ALF/ELF actions, but we could spare some of the dogma! Frankly, and this doesn't just apply to Best, I'm really tired of hearing direct action as being rooted in things like the Boston Tea Party, isn't anybody else?

I can't understate my thankfulness for Russell Means following up to Best. Means is one of the most notorious

American Indian Movement activists. He's survived 5 assassination attempts, a lifetime of resistance to the capitalist government of the U.S., has fought along side Mayans in Nicaragua against the communist Sandinista government, and more. Now, I must say that Means, having been a prolific critic of industrialism among other things, was a big encouragement to me, but I was a bit weary about possible turns he might have taken after his acting career took off and his run for governor of New Mexico.

His talk got rid of any skepticism I had almost immediately. He spoke about his life as it related to his radicalization, his experiences with

whites and white 'radicals', and a number of other things. The huge part of his speech focused on a powerful critique of patriarchy. He spoke about Sioux life as anarchistic and about how male rule has taken this world for a wrong turn. He referred to himself as a primitivist and claimed to be a revolutionary in the sense that he wants to return to the beginning as hunter-gatherers.

I was among some of those who were really into his talk, but it seems a lot of the AR crowd absolutely hated it. Here's why: he spoke of AR as being a part of white privilege. In keeping with his past writings and speeches, he was straight to the point, confident, and well-spoken. For him, 'Grandmother Earth' is a series of relations. There is no split of sentient and non-sentient life, but recognition of the circle of life and the role we all play in that. AR folks seem to have a hard time really tackling this concept.

No time seems better than now to bring up an important point that I noticed. There seems to be a lot of implicit racism involved in the AR scene in specific, but the left/radical movement in general and this is something that has bothered me for a while, but my experiences at the TL Fest gave me a better perspective on it. The gist of what Means was getting at regarding liberation was not too different from what EC and I said hours before him. However, the reaction was quite different. When EC and I talked about the hunting aspect of rewilding, it seemed inconceivable for those vocal people mentioned earlier. For whites to talk about the spirituality of the earth is apparently ridiculous. In fact, one person said meat eating was understandable for some "ethnic" people. Apparently as whites and having confronted vegan ideology we were still within the 'rational' sphere and worth arguing with and 'ethnic' people are still outside of that realm. The old savage versus civilized split lives on. When Means confronted this ideology as white privilege, it was seemingly strong enough grounds to just write him off. Comparing that to Ashanti's allusions to white privilege, this one must have really hit a bit closer to

home for a good share of the audience. I guess if you're nicely asked to challenge your position it's easy to say 'ok' and go along, but if a non-white states it more blatantly then they're just "an ass". Hmmm.

All this aside, I was really impressed by Means and really recommend folks reading his book *Where White Men Fear to Tread*, if they don't have a chance to see him in person. After Means was a rather hilarious interlude of short radical films from the Lost Film Festival. Because of time constraints we just got a few highlights of the full three hour version. If the whole thing is like the bits viewed here, I'd say it's definitely worth pursuing. A letter from Jeffrey 'Free' Luers was also read. Free is currently serving a near 23 year sentence for torching SUV's with co-defendant Craig 'Crittter' Marshall. Free was one of the P.O.W.s who would be receiving the funds made from the fest. His letter was a passionate call for action and I believe it is on the freefreenow.org website, so look for it there.

Rod Coronado was the final speaker and was one of the most impressive speakers I've seen to date. He spoke about his radicalization and very explicitly about the actions that he has taken. Rod, a Yaqui warrior, ex-AL P.O.W., and persistent target of the U.S. government, spoke intensely about his connection with the earth and how this became the inspiration for a string of liberations and actions leaving a number of mink research facilities being reduced to ashes. He spoke about his time in prison and how the relentlessness of the wild kept him going. A really powerful and involving talk, which was definitely a great way to end the Fest.

I should state here that I am not an advocate of animal rights or any rights for that matter. No 'justice' will ever be granted by the state and I think true liberation will only come at the complete dismantlement of civilization (not replacement). It is from this that a lot of my criticisms come and I hope that deeply entrenched dogma won't cause these remarks to be seen as straight blows, but rather as criticisms. We could all benefit from being a bit more open with each other and up front. Regardless, I see animal, earth, and human liberation as all vital aspects of the struggle against civilization.

What really struck me about this fest (despite my numerous criticisms here) were the folks who attended. That all of these people stayed around after the day of music to sit intently through 12 hours of speakers, films and discussion was really motivating for me. People came and took an active role and taking in a lot of information and being open. So I'd like to send thanks out to all of them, but the greatest thanks go to the organizers. This was a huge event and not bowing to the pressure of state repression can't be underestimated. This was all done really well with a bit of variety in the speakers. Everyone staying around and taking part was a great 'fuck you' to the pigs who tried nearly everything they could to keep this from happening. Hopefully this is just another opening for folks to get involved and for more events like this in the future, so to quote the ever so prolific G. W. Bush, "bring it on"!

A LOOK AT THE FERAL VISIONS GATHERING

Uncivilizing: Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually. By Felonious Skunk

Feral Visions Against Civilization, the “2nd annual Black and Green Anarchist Gathering”, took place the first week of August and was facilitated by various collectives of the Black and Green Network. Our goal was to help bring folks with similar perspectives into a wild environment and help break down mediation between ourselves, our world, and each other. The gathering provided an introduction to the various strands of anti-civilization thought, an in-depth forum for discussing and developing the theoretical and practical aspects of anarcho-primitivism/green anarchy, and also a skill-share for primitive skills and post-industrial/survival tactics. The entire event was centered on active participation and sharing and was, in my opinion, a tremendous success.

The location of the gathering (disclosed through our website, voice-mail, and flyers only days before, for security reasons) was Twin Lakes in the Umpqua National Forest. This beautiful site in the Southern Cascades of Oregon was used for the 1998 Earth First! National Rendezvous, and was well-equipped to handle large crowds. With two crystal clear lakes for swimming, fresh mountain springs for drinking, tons of berries, and lots of huge Douglas fir, Cedar, and Spruce trees to hike through, climb, or sit beneath,

community care, spirituality), Hunting, Scavenging, Self-Defense, and Fire and Restoration. While things generally stuck to the themes, the event also had a flow of its own, which worked out quite well. Although it was not possible to go to everything, and there were times when the length of discussions were limited by the schedule, altogether it was invigorating without being too stressful. Inevitably, there did seem to be those who gravitated toward theory, and those who preferred down-and-dirty skills- sharing, but many people got a

tivists prioritizing origins, insurrectionalists focusing more on current institutions) and not opposing in terms of analysis or goals.

It was not all talk. There were also plenty of plant walks, animal skinning, and tool/weapon making to keep any feral forager more than busy. I particularly enjoyed the baskets and lanterns that were made from urban scavenged materials and the tanning of animal hides.

There were lots of informal skills shared as well, like communicating with feral noises over distances and backwoods stealth training when the Forest Service came to snoop, or the various shelters that spontaneously popped up during the week, especially when it started to rain.

There was also an amazing infoshop put together by various distros in which tons of anti-civilization, insurrectionary, DIY (Do-It-Yourself) guides, and primitive skills zines were available for free.

Nighttime was a particularly interesting time at the lakes. Because of extreme fire danger, we had only two fire-pits, which encouraged folks to either play in the moonlight or get together for story-telling, reading poetry, rants, pickin’ and singin’, as well as larger discussions on topics including patriarchy, healing from civilization, and strategy. Most interesting was the radical/anarchist dismantling of identity politics as a limited, and often repressive approach to liberation (not a conversation that is easy to have in many leftist college towns).

One night towards the end of the week, the BASTARDS (Berkeley Anarchist Students of Theory and Research Development) did an amazingly hilarious shadow puppet show, mocking every single element of the anarchist milieu. As popcorn was passed around the fire, we traveled with John Zerzan as he went on a journey with his anarchist companions to find a “primitivist way” to fix his broken glasses.

At everyone’s expense, we were thoroughly entertained with spoof characters like Tennessee Toad (editor of Fifth Estate), Brenden B. Judas (former primitivist turned leftist/liberal), Whitey McGuilt (who certainly bore no resemblance to Chris Crass), Luna Earth Child, the Plateauists, the Hermit of the Long Haul, Eco-Archy, Anthro Boy, Manny the Manarchist, Donna the Doormat, White Lion (suburban Rastafarian) and Spitting Crow (an annoying self-righteous anti-civ insurrectionary who constantly interrupts to spew the same old rhetoric...and excessive saliva).

Everyone’s favorite character seemed to be Gimili, JZ’s faithful companion with a battle axe and short temper for anything reformist, leftist, or even mildly annoying. Each scene would end with “Gimili feeling feral fury!” and destroying that which oppressed him (or got in his way), as the audience cheered on! Woefully, Gimili finally got it in the end when the Sphinx (David Watson) guarding the Oracle of Detroit (Fredy Perlman) gave him a trick question. But John finally makes it to the end of his journey, and learns that ideological thinking (even in fixing his glasses) is not

always the best way to achieve one’s anarchist goals. This magnificently performed theatrical extravaganza of sectarianism and insider humor was a treat for everyone!

Overall, people were generally helpful and enthusiastic about contributing to the temporary community, yet there did seem to be an informal division of labor occurring at times. There was a dedicated security team and a solid kitchen crew, which were open and flexible, yet seemed to consist of a lot of the same people. This was a little disappointing, but we are all trying to figure out how to contribute and cooperate after being taught to either compete or be too dependent on others to survive. Even in this regard there was growth at this gathering.

And while the group was fairly homogeneous in some respects, it was actually diverse in many ways, with the militants, intellectuals, survivalists, raw-foodists, crusties, artists, gardeners, goat herders, foragers, and tree-sitters offering an interesting mix of perspectives on the decivilizing process. However, noticeably missing, especially in a gathering of this type, were many indigenous folks, something to definitely think about in the future.

Despite taking certain security precautions, since this was an open gathering on “public land”, we had to deal with the fact that we were always being watched from outside and from within. The overt pigs (Forest Service and Sheriff’s Department) were not too big a problem. When they appeared (about every other day), we mostly played off the trails, so they couldn’t count us or see what we were up to. But the undercovers and informants were a little more troubling. They were definitely there, but we tried to maintain a balance of precautions without becoming paranoid or judgmental of those who dressed

or acted differently than most. We should expect that whenever we are doing anything that threatens the system, they will do what they can to investigate, infiltrate, and/or disrupt our activities. But as long as we take our safety and security seriously and take the necessary actions to protect ourselves and each other, and don’t act like a bunch of liberals who believe in playing fair or being honest with the state, this doesn’t have to impede our activities.

This is only a broad look at the gathering, barely a glimpse of the personal and interpersonal experiences and adventures of people there. In general, most people who attended agreed that it was a very meaningful event. I want to give personal thanks to all those who facilitated workshops, the security team who gave us warnings when the forest service was coming, those who bottom-lined the kitchen and provided everyone with three great vegan meals a day, those who donated food, supplies, literature, energy, and money, and everyone who participated respectfully with an open yet critical mind.

It was obvious that there is a strong desire to do this again, and people in the southeast have proposed organizing the “3rd annual Black and Green Anarchist Gathering” in their bioregion next August (We’ll keep you posted). We also talked about different bioregions possibly organizing their own local events a few weeks before the larger one.

Each day it becomes more clear to many of us that the anti-civilization tendency within the anarchist movement is taking things seriously in many regards and constantly growing as a potent dynamic contributing to the momentum against civilization.

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the location was ideal for people to re-connect and re-wild.

The “organizing” was very loose and open. Through various informal networks (publications, flyers, internet, radio, word of mouth), lots of people got the word out months ahead of time, while a core group, mostly living in the region, took the initiative to get the main supplies and site details together in the few weeks leading up to the gathering. The lakes were a mile and a half hike uphill from the parking lot, so some folks arrived a couple days early to haul supplies for the kitchen and temporary infrastructure. By the time people started rolling in, a top-notch kitchen, numerous shitters, and general information (signs, maps, etc.) were ready for the nearly 200 people who were there throughout the week (with approximately 100 or so at a time).

Although we contacted lots of folks with specific skills, knowledge, and opinions, we wanted to keep the schedule open to encourage everyone’s participation, so we decided on loose themes for each day, both on theoretical and practical levels, as suggestions or general orientations for people to plan around. At each morning circle we passed around a board for people to schedule discussions or skill-shares they wanted to facilitate or see happen. The theoretical themes were: Intro to Green Anarchy and Primitivism, What We’re Up Against (Civilization, Patriarchy, the State), Moving Beyond the Left and Ideology, Insurrection and Nihilism, Direct Action and Tactics, and Visions and Strategy. The more practical themes were: Intro to Earth-Skills and Primitive Life-Ways, Shelter, Containers, Water, Plants (food and medicine), Healing (self-care, com-

balance, not to mention the personal interactions, direct experiences, and play throughout the week!

Preferring to learn and practice my rewilding skills on my own or in small groups, and loving the intellectual stimulation of critical folks I don’t normally get to interact with on a daily basis, I tended to stay in the thick of the discussions and debates. I really appreciated “Leftism 101” by Lawrence Jarach of Anarchy: A Journal of Desire Armed, in which he gave a concise history of the Left, and its typical contemporary manifestations, so that anarchists could better understand the non-liberatory political tendency they often criticize (and in some unfortunate cases, consider themselves part of). Also of interest to me were the non-ideological discussions of Primitivism, a strategic look at the destruction of civilization’s infrastructure (electric grid, communication networks, economic systems, etc), and a look at some ways of creating insurrectionary communities.

I was a little disappointed with the anti-climatic discussion of the controversial new pamphlet, “Barbaric Thoughts”, billed as the long-awaited smack-down between insurrectionalist Wolfi Landstreicher and primitivist John Zerzan. Both sides seemed disinterested in this discussion, and most others seemed fairly timid in challenging any of the questionable ideas. Throughout the week the debate between insurrectionalism and primitivism came up in numerous discussions, and most people felt that while there are rigid and dogmatic aspects of both tendencies, the ideas are connected in some very fundamental ways, and it seems that most of the differences are a matter of prioritization (to oversimplify: primi-



A GREEN ANARCHIST PROJECT ON FREEDOM AND LOVE

by Mae Bee

Whilst this short piece hopes to inspire thoughts it is not meant to be complete: much is missing from it. And if it causes controversy I hope that is to arouse emotions, discussion and hopefully other writings, rather than cause upset. It is merely my current contribution to something ongoing rather than a final word.

This piece is not advocating another option, another "choice" of relating for couples. It is rather a recognition that our "common project" - the abolition of all power relations - includes the abolition of coercive/closed relationships. These are those relationships with fixed stature, those relationships with rules or permanent contracts. These relationships cannot really be part of a free society. And just as with other coercive relations at odds with our freedom they must be confronted by all who seek such freedom and communities.

"We need to pursue our sexual encounters as we do all of our relationships, in total opposition to this society, not out of any sense of revolutionary duty, but because it is the only way possible to have full, rich uninhibited sexual relations in which love ceases to be a desperate mutual dependence and instead becomes an expansive exploration of the unknown."

(On sexual poverty - wilful disobedience 4)

"At best then, anarcho-primitivism is a convenient label used to characterise diverse individuals with a common project: the abolition of all power relations. E.g. structures of control, coercion, domination and exploitation and the creation of a form of community that excludes such relations."

(John Moore - An introduction to Anarcho-Primitivism)

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

I am going to use the term "rule relationships" or sometimes "coercive or restricted relationships" because I do not know another generic term for monogamous relationships and those which claim to be polyamorous or open but have rules. By the latter I mean those where the consenting coercion is that whilst a loved one is not restricted to one person only but they are still not at

liberty or encouraged to follow their desires.

From a political view these two relationship options are the same. If your reasons for non-monogamy are merely about increased sexual gratification with an increased number of people than rule relationships may serve that purpose.

If, however, it is through the desire to create communities not couples, for desire not consent, for trust not fear...why then, the "banned list", the "not in my company", the regulations must all go. When open relationships or free relationships are referred to in this text I mean exactly that..

CHOICE AND RESPECT

Whilst there is an acceptance of open relationships within our eco-anarchist communities, there is equal acceptance of restricted relationships. This comes in part from sound motives: people can be at liberty to agree their own relationships, there are no set patterns, etc. However, there are a host of reasons why this libertarian outlook is an idle one.

Firstly, in mass societies we consent to all sorts of coercive relationships. Working for a wage, signing on, being a customer and therefore an exploiter of workers...indeed it is difficult to find many relations which are not based on some degree of coercion or exploitation. Consenting to coercive relations in no way indicates that we

desire them. Since the 1970s (at least!) radical feminism has been exploring the very major differences between consent and desire, particularly in the realm of love and sex. Many women consent to sex to avoid rape, for example. Consent is rooted in the language of law and of property rights. This is why it is useful for mass societies but useless for creating radical ones. It is certainly not a radical place in which to understand a world based on desire. And surely, our sexual relationships are one of the more obvious places to situate desire and not consent.

So, people consent to rule relationships as they do to other coercive relations but do they desire them? Fundamentally, this is an oxymoron. We do not need to make rules about things we do not fear. If two people only desired to have sexual relations with each other then there would not need to be rules made to govern this. This does not make it a coercive relationship, although it makes it literal monogamy. The coercion is in the governing of that desire, not just for oneself but for the one you desire and love.

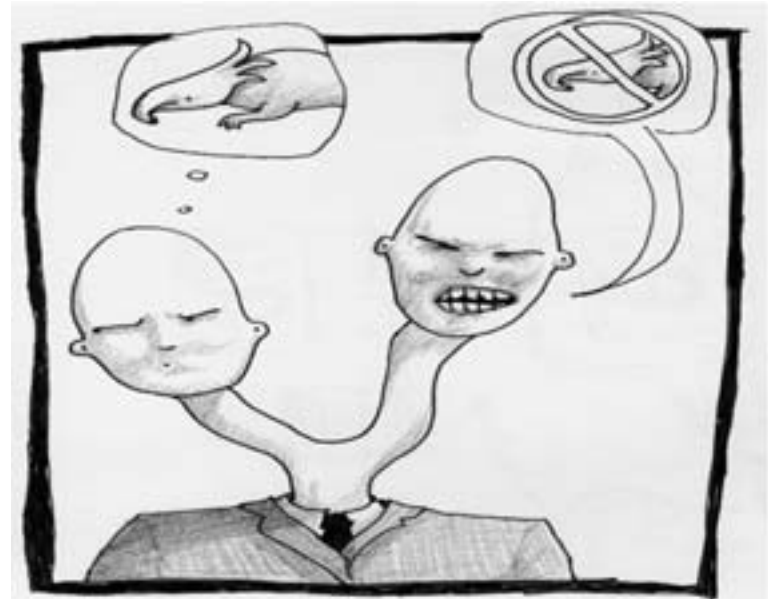
Monogamy is a contract precisely because we do not expect literal monogamy, because we expect our lover to desire sex with others who are not us. Maybe not now, but certainly in the future. We also expect our lover to make rules to govern our desire because we have no trust in the singleness of our sexual desire either. It is ridiculous then, for monogamists to claim they have forbidden each other to have sex with others because they only desire sex with each other.

Rule relationships then operate on sexual consent but not desire. Although of course, there are reasons we do desire to coerce and be coerced. We desire this because we desire to control, own and possess that which is around us. This is a desire fixed in the myth that we can do this with living beings, and worse, that we can do this in the name of love when really it is only control. If we cannot give up our belief in possession of the limitless: and by that I mean things like love, affection, sexual desire...how do we begin to relinquish control of that which is limited: such as the resources of the world? An inability, or rather a lack of desire, to free the ones we love the most and at no real cost to ourselves suggests we are so far gone in the madness of mass society that there is no going forward, no coming home to freedom.

It is worth mentioning here, although only as an incidental aside, that outside of using constant surveillance and/or force, nobody can really stop their loved one loving or fucking another. They can only choose to believe they can which to me would suggest a form of mental illness.

JEALOUSY AND OTHER FEELINGS

The infant often reacts to a new sibling at its mother's body with extreme jealousy, intense feelings of rivalry and anger, and ultimately ownership. As adults we watch with sympathy but not horror. We do not expect the mother to put the newcomer away or keep her love for the new one out of



the older child's eyeshot. We expect instead that the mother will reassure the first child she still loves and cares for it as well as assuring the child she loves and cares for the new baby also. Except in very rare cases the child's jealousy lessens and the child accepts the situation.

In comparison we have the relationship of adults: the adult often reacts to a new person at its lover's body with extreme jealousy, intense feelings of rivalry and anger, and ultimately ownership. As adults we expect either the newcomer to be put away (monogamy) or for a code of conduct to be obeyed, such as love for the new one to be out of the first one's eyeshot (restrictive relationships). Of all the complex and different emotions between the three, or more, people, we give the jealousy and rivalry of the first lover priority.

How can this possibly happen? This seems to demonstrate a civilised and artificial separation of the potentials of children and of adults. We deem children's emotions unreasonable and therefore not masters of a situation, but adult's emotions reasonable and allowed to govern. The confusion of restricted relationships is that we do not think other feelings e.g. desire for another's body, unreasonable, but just that those particular feelings are the ones to be controlled.

The desire to possess and own takes precedence over other desires. (It is worth noting that this is particular to certain cultures and sexual jealousy is not comprehended in some. Whilst it is "natural" for those of us raised in monogamous society to feel jealous, this does not mean those raised in polyamorous societies are just repressing their emotions!)

Another key difference is that civilised society believes emotional growth occurs in childhood not adulthood. Learning is not for life. This means the child can be given the opportunity to grow and develop but the adult is now retarded and incapable of learning.

And this, brings us onto respect. Coercive relationships are NOT respectful, for they are denial not only of desire but of growth. If I am bound by my lover's jealousy I presuppose them incapable of dealing with their emotions and too retarded to change. There is of course some truth in this. It is harder to be flexible at 30 than it is at 3. At 30 I have had 30 years of the megamachine and its myths of personal ownership. I have more shit to

wade through, and I am likely to be hampered by well-meaning others trying not to "hurt" me. That hurt is just growing pains.

For someone to feel hurt by another it does not mean anyone has wronged anyone else. This is tricky land to negotiate but it is far from impossible. To openly accept feelings of jealousy and fear without asking or expecting another to restrict their behaviour thereby "solving" those feelings forces us to be the possessors not of another but of our own emotions. My hurt is my hurt. We can ask loved ones to love us through the hurt, and like the infant, we will probably find that hurt lessens and often leave. In particular, the victim culture of women and even amongst anarchists and feminists - is shackled by concepts that someone else is responsible for our feelings of rejection or upset. It is pitiful to blame our lovers for wanting someone else, even desiring someone else more than you, and even desiring someone else and not you.

BREAK OUT OR BREAK UP

Due to our position of existing in mass society, and our needs to survive, some co-options and compromises are inevitable. Our need to eat and have shelter makes us exploitative consumers, whether of "fair-trade" products or of pepperoni pizza. We are not connected with nature at any meaningful level even if we do grow our own vegetables in the "countryside". We all use technology to a greater or lesser degree. Our relations meanwhile, are one of the places we are most free to try to be wild and to live in the here and now and without owning and oppressing each other.

To accept coercive relations as well as free ones is as full of folly as hoping industrial societies, or societies with governments, can exist alongside nature based ones. If my love is free, but yours is not then scarcity is created. To say I am at liberty to not possess land but you are at liberty to possess land is ludicrous. Fortunately, your possession relies on my compliance with it, and as anarchists we do not accept your ownership and possession. If we believe love should be freely given from desire than we cannot respect the culture of love-as-commodity-lover-as-possession.

"The middle person in the triangle often manifests a certain compassion for the suffering of the jealous one, respecting his



“humanity” even though she regrets the unpleasant effects of misery’s manipulations and melodramatics. this complicity remains loyal to the couple form, because it respects the traditional rules of love.”

-Issac Cronin

this means that for me to not act on my desiring in loving who i will when i will, is to be complicit in a system of coercion, of control and of ownership that i am opposed to. no, i do not and cannot, accept the rules of “your” relationship. in a free society we will not be asking for the consent of one person to sleep with another anymore than we would ask a father for the “right” to marry his daughter. and here and now, we can also live that out. to “respect” restrictive relationships is to uphold them.

DIRECT ACTION

would it be so controversial to call a war on monogamy? to seduce the lovers of the possessive? could we help those trapped by their timid jealousies to grow into freedom by “stealing” kisses from those forbidden lips in front of their terrified eyes? if this shocks or offends you perhaps you should ask yourself why.

COMMUNITIES NOT COUPLES

rule relationships, and the acceptance of them, betrays an internalised hierarchy. the relationship of a couple is of greater value and worth than others in the community. it would be equally unrealistic and undesirable to hope for everyone to feel as much love and connection with every single one of

their community ñ down that path lies formalised and institutionalised groups or other coercive ways of relating which are just as damaging as rule relationships and coupledness.

community is more than one and it is more than two also. to create self-governing, self-sufficient small communities there cannot be the tyranny of individualism or of coupledness. to create wild and anarchistic communities we must also forsake the idea of sacrificing individual desires for the sake of the community. we have been so programmed by the megamachine that it is hard to imagine such a world where cooperation rather than competition does not elicit us as without. even harder to imagine is a world where we are free to take our pleasures and our desires openly. but if these are the communities we are in the process of creating then we must be honest and open and challenging. these communities will not prosper by shying from conflict but rather by not fearing it.

an argument often given by those who do not necessarily preach coercive relationships but are restricted by the ideology is this: it is reasonable for A to not kiss B in front of C. it is reasonable because A cares for C as much as she does for B. A does not want to upset C.

nobody wants to upset those we care for. but if we restrict or inhibit our own desires for the false peace of not upsetting others, then we are left in a passionately deficit world. what then if C was upset because A and B were both female and C’s masculinity was threatened by queer sex? or if C was upset because A was black and B was

white and C’s security as a black man was upset by mixed race love?

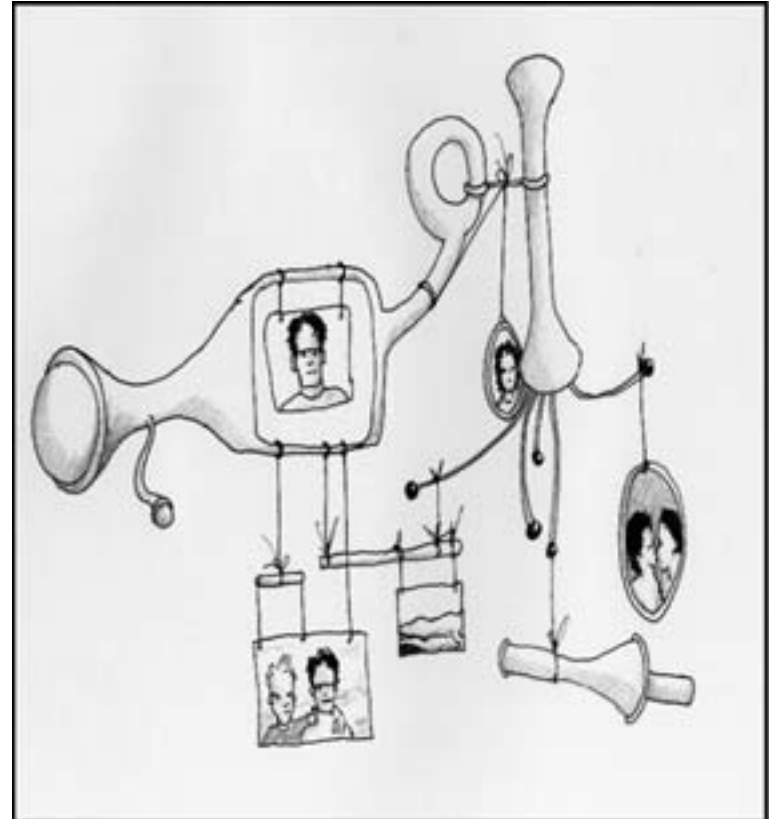
as radicals we would inevitably say the lovers should challenge homophobia and racism, that the onus is on C to deal with his feelings. and rightly so. homophobia and racism are internalised and damaging dynamics of control and power that must be challenged. so are rule relationships. would you kiss B in front of C if C would be upset?!

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

the defining features of green anarchy include a desire to live in small, self-governing communities, individual and collective self-determination, a reconnection with the wild and an understanding that we live only in the present, in the here and now.

living in the real here and now instead of in the unreal past/future is a discerning feature of many nature based societies and one of the greatest poverties for us in mass society. dredging up dysfunctional childhoods or storing pensions for our old age deny us the being alive of the present. sitting in an office dreaming of the weekend or spending free time engaging with mythical soap opera characters instead of real people is clearly not healthy. equally unwell-making is having feelings incompatible with the here and now. sitting in the woods with a lover but being miserably occupied with something that happened as a child is the same as not enjoying a feast because once you had felt hungry. the past is behind us. the future might never happen.

happiness is also located in the here and now, in the moment. we have



spent our lives unlearning this but we catch glimpses of it through sex, love, pain, reunion, the unexpected etc. for our relations to be happy ones they must also be in the here and now, because, really, they only exist in the here and now. the famous quote “there is no such thing as heterosexuality and homosexuality, only heterosexual and homosexual acts” can be extended to realise that sexual unions are sexual only in that defining moment not the day before or the day after. it is delusional and painful to insist on consistent sexual desire, to demand your lover of today still loves you tomorrow.

gay, straight, my lover, your primary partner, it’s all identity politics of ongoing contracts unbefitting to lives of mutual desires. we don’t need to “work” at our relationships, merely have them. without contract, demand, competition and coercion

“I hate all those who, by ceding through fear and resignation, a part of their potential as human beings to others, not only crush themselves but also me and those I love, with the weight of their fearful complicity or with their idiotic inertia.”

Albert Libertad, *I Hate the Resigned*

GA ARTICLE NOT POPULAR WITH LIFESTYLE ACTIVISTS

Discussion of ‘Pathological Socialising’ from GA 71

The following is part of a discussion sparked by the “Pathological Socialising” article by Ransu in the last issue. See web board (www.greenanarchist.org/forum.html) for full discussion and to join in if you can bear it.

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The milieu that sets its agenda as one of serving a cause is lost from the start because they immediately prime themselves towards a goal of subservience to an abstraction. Sacrifice of ones life is therefore promoted as a good thing.

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If you look on it as ‘sacrifice’ then your priorities are seriously fucked up.

If a tiger’s cubs are being attacked, does she view it as a ‘sacrifice’ to fight back? Does she feel it’s a drag to have to forego hanging out at the watering hole, shagging more tigers? If so, her cubs won’t survive very long.

Of course, if you view the struggle for survival and liberation as being a ‘sacrifice’ then you should stick to hanging out with radical cliques, socialising, being cool, etc. But don’t pretend to yourself that that in itself is radical or liberating.

Self-discipline isn’t ‘subservience to an abstraction’—it’s a practical way of living which doesn’t put short-term goals (like where the next joint is coming from, or what party is on at the weekend) ahead of doing something to make this world a better place for free people to really live in. If you think drugs and sex are necessary for happiness, then I feel sorry for you. Maybe you need to get out

more. Out of your closed, civilised mentality that is.

Although I wish it were otherwise, the activist community is just as fucked in the head as the average consumer. Some are trying to do the right thing—but because their peer group is obsessed more with socialising than actually affecting change their efforts come to little. If our priorities were different this wouldn’t happen. The activist community would become a vibrant force to be reckoned with (like for example the black panthers who saw the destructive nature of alcohol and banned it from their organisation) and individuals within the community would regain a lot of their personal power in the process.

With this personal power and vibrant community, this would be a completely different place. But of course, if you prefer to live in an alcoholic, drug infested pit of sexually dysfunctional, puerile, apathetic slaves...

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A call for people to sacrifice more is the call of religionists of all stripes ... Let us be done with all this self-righteousness and judeo-christian nonsense.

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Self-discipline is not exclusively a judeo-christian or even religious attribute. Martyrdom, hypocrisy and sacrifice are used by those institutions

to keep people servile—the complete opposite of the aim of real self-discipline. Things like responsibility, self-discipline and commitment are not ‘religious’, they are necessary ways of dealing with the current mess we’re in. But of course, it doesn’t sound sexy, what a turn off maan...

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... breaking the multiplicity of chains that restrain the insurrectionary instinct, will mean abandoning the old tired concepts promoted by the rulers and would be rulers down through the years, many of them promoted as “revolutionary” despite them being the complete opposite.

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“As political and economic freedom diminishes, sexual freedom tends compensatingly to increase. In conjunction with the freedom to day-dream under the influence of dope and movies and the radio, it will help to reconcile the subjects to the servitude which is their fate.” - Aldous Huxley, Forward to “Brave New World”, 1932, Harper Collins.

I’m sorry, maybe I missed something, but aren’t sex and drugs completely condoned by the rulers and the ruled, as long as they don’t interfere with production. The rulers and the ruled have a long tradition of believing they are free simply because they can indulge in whatever they’ve been told is fashionable at that time. Like a bit of activism at the weekend... As long as none of this interferes too much with the churning of civilisation it’s perfectly acceptable to the rulers and the ruled.

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The whole issue of imposing “good” and “bad” on people who are merely escaping the monotony of daily life is replicating civilisation, who decides who is a worthy activist and who isn’t? will there be written rules? what happens to trespassers of this new code of conduct?

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I agree that codes of conduct, issued diktat-like, would only enslave others even more. That’s why I haven’t advocated this. I am asking for people to be aware of the detrimental effects of things like drink and drugs on their hearts, minds and willpower, and to ask themselves if this is what they really want. Of course this isn’t effective unless it comes from the individual - something Ransu was at pains to point out in “Pathological Socialising”. In that article Ransu explicitly states that the will to be self-disciplined must of course come from the individual and not from any organisation. The more astute readers might have realised by now that this is actually the meaning of the term “self-disciplined”!

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For the re-wild poster to then use the example of the stalinist black panthers as something positive is strange to say the least. Sure we are up against it but will demanding more tight lipped, grim faced “determination” lead us anywhere?

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I used the Black Panthers as an example of a movement that recognised the destructiveness of certain activi-

ties and therefore eliminated them. I didn’t say we should model our struggle on them, just that they had a certain amount of success due to their appraisal of the situation they were in at that particular time and place. Looking around us now, you can’t help but be struck by how destructive many of our practices are and therefore should we not be looking for ways to end them? In order to make ourselves stronger and freer—not to strengthen a power base for any organisation.

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So you are seemingly very pissed off that the activist club does not do what you would like them to do, fuck ‘em you are responsible for yourself [full stop!] organise outside the “cliques”, organise on your basis, from the point of your dreams, do what you want, if it is inspirational it will spark a fire, if not it won’t, but at least try and enjoy doing it?

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I am not pissed off that activists don’t do what I would like them to do. I am pissed off because they are doing exactly what their enemies want them to do. It is perfectly acceptable to civilisation for vast amounts of time, energy and passion to be squandered in pointless displacement activities. It would be nice if this didn’t happen and that activists started prioritising their freedom. They would become, as the Panthers did in their time and place, a force to be reckoned with and some real change might come about. Until then we just keep on posturing, throwing dust in the face of a dragon...

YOU CAN'T RENT YOUR WAY OUT OF A SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP

a work in progress by rogue element

This article has been written by a group of people who have been involved with squatted social centres and other forms of direct action over a number of years. We write in response to the recent plans to create a host of new social centres that are neither squatted nor co-operatively owned, but rented. It is our opinion that social centres should come from 'need', initiated by a critical mass of individuals and groups that have a common desire and/or need for autonomous space. This network of social centres has, on the other hand, been initiated by a wealthy, albeit well-intentioned, individual within the activist milieu who wanted to collectivise their wealth. The collective that was put in place to manage this money decided to share £70,000 among local activist groups through the Dissent! Network to help set up a network of 'anti-capitalist' social centres in the run up to the G8 summit, being held in Gleneagles in 2005.

This discussion document has not been written to 'slag' people off, but rather to start a dialogue on the issues raised so we can move closer towards realising our desires and challenging our political and personal comfort zones. We did not feel as though we could just 'put up and shut up' as we are very passionate about the issues we are discussing here. We hope that these rented spaces are indeed a springboard to more confrontational action, a place in which to ask why and what and how, and that the people involved in them will support other initiatives that occur in their localities – even if that means closing the rented spaces for a few days.

"Legalisation is one of the most effective remedies against the inconveniences of subversion. It was used by the Social Democratic regimes in particular in order to suppress the most radical and openly subversive elements."

Against the Legalisation of Occupied Spaces by El Paso Occupato and Barocchio Occupato

"We think it is important to have a confrontation of these topics, even at the risk of disturbing the sleep of the civilised." *Barbarians: the disordered insurgence by Crisso and Odotheus The Dissent! Network, the PGA and Conflict*

"How can we engender radicalism in our society if people's first point of contact with non-mainstream politics is a space built on compromise, which exists only because the state says it can?"

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The new Dissent! Network, mobilising against the G8 in Britain, has adopted the hallmarks of People's Global Action (PGA). The Dissent! Network website reads as follows:

"As a group we decided that we wished to work non hierarchically with a view to enabling direct action protests against the G8. To enable the non-hierarchical working we agreed to adopt the PGA Hallmarks. The hallmarks promote a confrontational direct action approach, since we believe that it is impossible to negotiate with the incumbent governmental institutions."

The PGA says it is absolutely committed to confrontational approaches to the dissolution of the global capitalist system and social relations built on patriarchy, sexism, inequalities of wealth and status etc. Grassroots groups from all over the world are part of the PGA network.

Groups or networks cannot really describe themselves as confrontational and anti-capitalist when they submit themselves unnecessarily to legal infrastructure. Squatting in the UK is possible (as well as preferable).

Renting a social centre in the run up to the G8 is not only in direct conflict with the idea of promoting radical self-organisation, do-it-yourself alternatives (ie that which can be replicated by any group of people - £10,000 anyone?) and resistance to the state, it is also in direct conflict with those struggles abroad, such as the Piqueter@ movement in Argentina, with whom many involved in networks like the Dissent! Network would claim to be in solidarity with. When a woman from the MTD Solano (part of the militant Piqueter@ movement) in Argentina toured Britain to talk about their experiences, she talked as well of her own life choices: a trained clinical psychologist, she gave up her well-paid job and the house that she owned, long before the 'revolution' in December 2001, in order to set up a grassroots community health initiative in a poor barrio of Buenos Aires and to live in occupied spaces with a collective of unemployed workers and others like herself. Here in Britain, our experience is that there are an increasing number of people taking the easy route, trying to maintain one foot in the system (reaping the benefits of personal security, status and financial reward) whilst posing as radicals plotting its destruction.

As we understand it, the key reason for renting rather than squatting a space that can be used as a social centre (or a series of social centres) seems to be people's desire for a space defined by its continuity. If something is not continuous because it is constantly repressed – such as a squatted space – then surely the alternative is not co-option

or the creation of continuity by buying into the system, but resistance. Throughout history, many politically confrontational and challenging times have been accompanied by a strong, and confrontational, squatting movement. It was true with the ecological direct action movement in 1990s Britain. Not only were there many urban squats, but squatted land in the form of protest camps. If you are doing something the state doesn't want you to do, if you are challenging the way things are, then you will be repressed. Renting a social centre is, in our opinion, an admission of failure and cannot promote anything other than the idea that the anti-capitalist movement has been absorbed into the system. It demonstrates a lack of commitment to realising the ideas that you expound, and by calling such a space 'radical' is to rewrite the dictionary.

Worse still, state-approved social centres can have a damaging impact on other projects. For example, in Italy, social centres that have negotiated with the state – often run by people associated with the White Overalls Movement/Tute Bianche, now 'Disobbedienti' - have not only become recuperated but, through their negotiations with the state, have further marginalized the squatters movement. In the preface to 'Barbarians: the disordered insurgence' (a critique of the ideas of Negri and Hardt) the authors talk of the activities of leaders of the 'Disobedient' causing the state to issue an ultimatum, either you dialogue with the system or you are labelled 'terrorist' and repressed.

THE SOCIAL CENTRE AS DIRECT ACTION

"...the act of occupying a building is a form of direct action: illegal – collective – carried out openly that leads a group of individuals to reconquer a living space previously taken away

from the collectivity by those in power."

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"Increasingly, in the face of the juggernaut that is civilization, our present social reality, I hear many radicals say, "It's necessary to be realistic; I'll just do what I can in my own life." This is not the declaration of a strong individuality making itself the center of a revolt against the world of domination and alienation, but rather an admission of resignation, a retreat into merely tending one's own garden as the monster lumbers on.

The "positive" projects developed in the name of this sort of realism are nothing more than alternative ways of surviving within the present society. They not only fail to threaten the world of capital and the state; they actually ease the pressure on those in power by providing voluntary social services under the guise of creating 'counter-institutions'." *'Realism' in Against the Logic of Submission, by Wolfi Landstreicher*

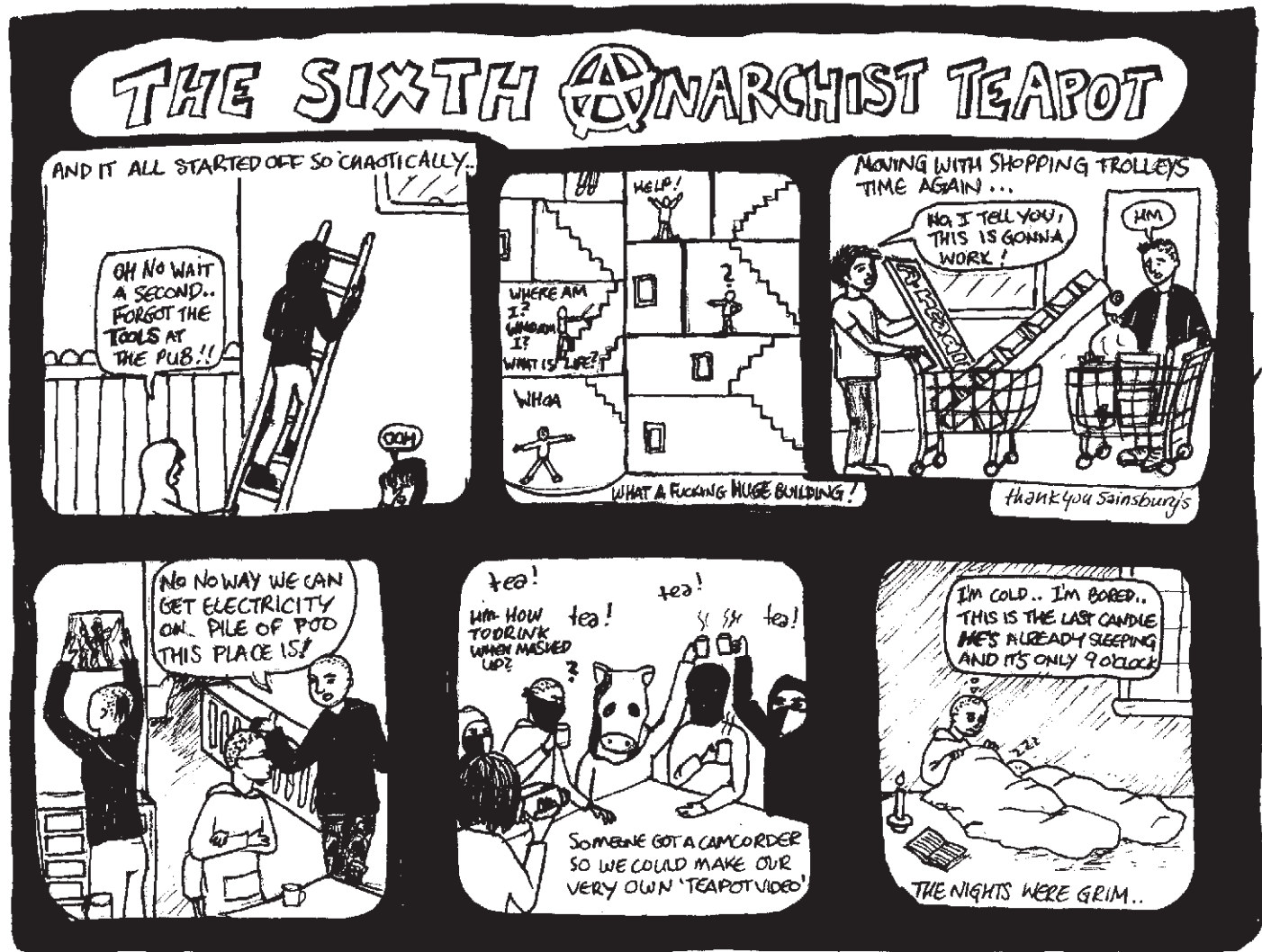
In our opinion, an anti-capitalist social centre, paying rent to a landlord, paying rates, and bills, obeying licensing laws, legal structures, and insurance, cannot in essence be in any way in conflict with the capitalist system. It is not direct action and it is not confrontational. At its heart is defeat, sometimes called realism.

To occupy, to squat a building is an act of direct action. It is taking what you want when you want it. Although squatting is not illegal in Britain, much of what goes on in a squat is illegal – providing food, beer, and entertainment for people without a license and without insurance. By squatting, we introduce ourselves to

the new social relationships that develop when we take what we want from the state and property-owning class rather than asking and paying for it – and to the very idea that it is possible for us to exist outside those parameters. The experience of opening a squatted social centre is fundamentally more liberating than setting up a legal structure, a bureaucracy, in order to rent a building from a capitalist landlord. The experience of entering an occupied space is also fundamentally different to that of entering a legitimised one. There is often an atmosphere of anything can happen. In some senses this is the very essence of wildness, of revolt, and therefore in direct opposition to domesticity and obedience. The feeling that one is outside the petty rules and regulations of the system, even in some small way, is a magnificent one. Entering a centre that follows rules, pays it's rates and licences, and has financial and cultural ownership of the space is radical suicide.

Private property is a product of theft, repression and exploitation. It is an agent of oppression and exploitation. The land used to be ours, now it is theirs. It is a principle of radical political activity to refute this ownership by simply taking back what we used to hold in common. Squatting is taking 'private' space and opening it back up to the collectivity. To rent space and call it a 'radical' or 'anti-capitalist' social centre is an oxymoron. As it was said during the May '68 insurrection in Paris " Don't demand. Occupy!"

The history of revolt is one that occurs largely outside the workplace, the rented house, the ballot box. The rented social centre is no more radical than an alternative café. It is not what you say (or how many leaflets you put out), it is what you do, that matters. Revolt is about bringing the war home in a society where it is often too easily hidden beneath the veneer of isolation and alienation, where we are



told (and believe) the war is always somewhere else, where we continue to labour under the illusion that we are privileged and where in fact some of us do actually have a 'nice life', where abundant opportunities arise for recuperation and the insidious selling out of ideals. To bring the war home is to make war on this society, on the way we live our lives, on the power structures that exist both outside ourselves and within us. Our project is one to destroy a system that impoverishes us and leads us to live increasingly mediated existences devoid of any meaning.

We wonder if the rented social centre offers a perfect displacement activity for those who are essentially part of the system, but wish to appear to be involved in radical politics. A rented social centre is never going to be a substitute for the spontaneous, transformative human interaction that comes about when people live together, struggle together, and spend time together on their own terms on a daily basis. When people have to come together against a system that doesn't want them there.

"Politics is the art of recuperation. The most effective way to discourage all rebellion, all desire for real change [is] to transform a subversive into a man or woman of state. Not all people of state are paid by the government. There are functionaries who are not found in parliament or even in the neighbouring rooms. Rather, they frequent the social centre and sufficiently know the principle revolutionary theories, they debate over the libratory potential of technology; they theorise about non-state public sphere and the surpassing of the subject.

Reality—they know it well—is always more complex than any action. So if they hope for a total theory, it is only in order to totally neglect it in daily life. Power needs them because—as they themselves explain to us—when no one criticises it power is criticised by itself"

*From Ten blows against Politics,
by Il Pugnale May 1996*

SAMBA, SUMMITS AND COUNTER SUMMITS

"We who cultivate the taste for adventure and the free flow of passions see that only through the ongoing practice of direct action, springing beyond the four walls, going beyond the limits of lawfulness imposed by the state, can we succeed in opening new spaces for the self-organisation of our lives outside the squat and instilling new dignity into the existing occupations. In short, in spreading the practice of generalised self-organisation."

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The rented social centres that will be springing up in cities in England, Scotland and Wales in the next year have been initiated through the anti-G8 process that began in Britain a year ago. They are to be part of the build-up to a mobilisation against the G8 when it comes to Gleneagles in June 2005.

It is outside of the scope of this article to go into much detail on the role of summits, the mobilisations for them and 'summit hopping' as a phenomenon, but we would like to say just a few words about them. Since the kick start of what has variously been called the 'anti-globalisation' and 'anti-capitalist' movement, arguably June 18th 1999 or the anti WTO protests in Seattle in the same year, the level of autonomous direct action has gone down. Much of what passes for action now is a crowd of people kettled by cops, occasionally breaking free, only to follow a samba band around whilst dressed in pink and silver. For example, at the BP AGM action in London in April 2003, most of the crowd were content to protest the meeting by partying with a samba band outside – despite the fact that 100 shareholder tickets were available to enable people to get

23TOPIA LIVES ON

IN JUNE this year a group of anarchists in Worthing, West Sussex, occupied a large, prominent, recently closed nightclub in the centre of the seaside town and turned it into a protest social centre.

Initially conceived as an anti-G8 protest to coincide with this year's Sea Island summit and draw attention to the 2005 protests, 23TOPIA hosted a week-long "Festival of Resistance", also taking on local issues and the global ecological struggle.

They went on to stage a series of video evenings, parties, band nights, a critical mass protest and general socialising and discussing, attracting more than 150 members and drawing in many people, some very young, not previously involved in the 'political' scene.

A month later it was ended, on a high note as a resounding success, and the following statement released:

23TOPIA is dead! Long live 23TOPIA!

past security and disrupt the meeting. The majority of protestors, however, were happy to engage in spectacular pseudo-resistance rather than confrontation with those they claim as their enemies. There is no doubt that in Seattle, and in Genoa, a critique free of mediation by 'organisers' and against domination was demonstrated, despite the dates being set by the leaders, and the presence of reformists in the street. Seattle took cops of all types by surprise, and at Genoa we hear of people physically challenging the authority of 'White Overall' stewards who were attempting to orchestrate resistance according to their 'acceptable' confines. But if domination and oppression are in every part of society and in daily life, attack has no need for dates set by the enemy. We can develop forms of action that can act as concrete exam-

23TOPIA was never a place, never an organisation, never anything that could be categorised, authorised, criminalised or sanctified.

23TOPIA was an act, a beautiful act of defiance, an explosive device spraying colour shrapnel across the monotone wastelands of the great ghetto of chronic consumerism and terminal TV dependency we know as Worthing.

Our act of resistance had a beginning and an end, but for the most considered and timely acts, the end is always in fact the beginning.

An act, like 23TOPIA, can never be undone, expunged or evicted. 23TOPIA is now a reality that has forever left its imprint.

23TOPIA lives on, and will always live on, in a multiplicity of unfathomable ways.

23TOPIA lives on in every tiny act of assertion and defiance of arbitrary authority, in every momentary thought-crime that passes through the

mind of the slave who knows, deep down, that freedom can never be eradicated.

23TOPIA lives on in the breeze on Cissbury Ring, in the spray of the waves at Splash Point, in the ancient woodlands of Titnore, where the bird-song even now falls silent in anticipation of the murderous violence about to be unleashed by the slavemasters and their money machines.

23TOPIA lives on in the nexus of new friendships and understandings born from its creative flash and the collective will that its alchemy has conjured from the disparate despairs and frustrations of a small army of lost souls, dreamers and champions of the human spirit against the Goliath of global greed.

23TOPIA lives on in the rising tide of certainty that another world is not just possible, but necessary.

23TOPIA has been and gone!

23TOPIA is here to stay!

ples of why people are resisting the G8, rather than a one-off carnival, a temporary rented social centre and a symbolic street fight against a meeting where the decisions have already been made.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KRAAKERS!*

"In Berlin and Hamburg, during the occupation movement of the early eighties, the number of illegal squats was gradually reduced until they nearly vanished. At the same time, the most radical struggles also diminished."

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So the rented social centres are going to act as some sort of focal point for those that want to resist the G8. But with all this energy going into officialdom and cake selling, what will come of direct action and resistance? Will all the form filling, maintenance and café shifts not sap the energy from those who might otherwise be taking part in acts of resistance against what the G8 represents, and direct action?

"If we think we need 'access points' to be inspired by our political perspective[s], then surely this is best achieved through practising direct action – not through acquiring crippling mortgages [or rents], obeying a myriad of regulations set by the state and spending years doing DIY of the conventional sort.

The energy that has gone into social centres during what has been an action-quiet couple of years may well have found other avenues for action had a lot of very energetic people

not been engaged in property development."

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In terms of action, there is also the potential for conflict to emerge between 'users' of the space, those whose priority is the centre, and those who take action, which may place the centre at risk. This is often a fraught relationship. This was even the case with a squatted social centre in Manchester when those running the social centre tore down another collectives flyposters because they were publicising an action in the city which they thought might bring down repression on the squat.

The squatted social centre A-Spire in Leeds has been about for a number of years now. It has opened and run buildings for parties, film nights, queer events, political workshops and action planning, a free café, an illegal bar, healing spaces, art projects, hanging out space and much more.

The last A-Spire happened in December 2003. It had clearly run its course. Attendance was low, the crew was small, the space was formulaic (though probably no less formulaic than the proposed rented spaces).

But a network of squatted social centres, in bolder and more daring locations, carried out in increasingly creative ways, is a far less compromised and more combative way of doing things than the sordid compromise of the tenant. As someone once said 'How can you think freely in the shadow of a church?'

Surely the rented, fully licensed social centre is that church?

"The expansion of the possibilities opened up by the insurrectionary break, the full exploration of the panorama of self-determination and of the "collective movement of individual realization", requires, above all, indomitable individuals who associate on the basis of affinity and the pleasure they find in each others' singularity, refusing every compromise."

Against Compromise, Willful Disobedience Vol. 3, No. 2

*Dutch for squatters



The anarchist Teapot was a series of squatted cafés/infoshops in Brighton during the 1990s.

THE NANO-NIGHTMARE

from Terra Selvaggia

Those who remain as pure humans and refuse to improve themselves will have a serious handicap. They will constitute a subspecies and be the chimpanzees of the future.

-Kevin Warwick, technophile with multiple subcutaneous chips

As in a game, a macabre game, technology has been pushed to the manipulation of matter on the scale of a nano-meter, i.e., the millionth part of a millimeter. What is manipulated is something that shades off into the boundaries between the non-living and the living: the atom.

This technology, called nanotechnology, creates new 'products' actually starting from the manipulation of atoms, subatomic particles and molecules. Unlike biotechnology that manipulates the structure of DNA, creating organisms through the recombination of genes, nanotechnology 'breaks down' matter transforming it into atoms with the possibility of artificially synthesizing them and thus of creating something material from nothing (atom by atom). At the moment, attention is focused on carbon atoms, the skeleton of matter, but soon it could be extended to other elements. In short, scientists would like to control the elements of the Periodic Table at will; according to science, this would allow combining the characteristics of a product (such as color, resistance, melting point) in a manner completely different from what has been possible up to now. For example, the enterprises that deal with nanotechnology have tested new products such as stain-proof fabrics, self-cleaning windows, cement with special characteristics, anti-pollutants for diesel, etc.

As absurd as it may seem, nanotechnology has the pretension of making new products by constructing them atom by atom. For example, it has the ridiculous idea of replacing food with an ensemble of atoms that could be transformed into wine or whiskey or orange drink, depending on the need of the consumer, 'simply' by triggering off a determined reaction.

The enthusiastic supporters of nanotechnology have thought that ultimately if one reaches the point of manipulating matter in its most basic component, the atom, why not mix biotechnological studies of the biomolecular world with the precisely with the research on atoms? Thus,

nano-biotechnology is born. No longer satisfied with creating new apparently static products starting from atomic technology, instead by blending it with the technology of life, it aims for the creation of new products where the boundaries between living and non-living beings are erased. For example? Self-cleaning plastics in which enzymes feed on the dirt, airplane wings full of proteins (if the wing breaks, proteins that function as adhesives are released repairing it), ultra-fast computers with circuits based on a 'framework' of DNA, electric conductors of dimensions on a nano scale in a protein base, i.e., the 'living plastic' built on a genetically manipulated bacterium capable of producing an enzyme that can polymerize according to scientists.

But the applications unfurled before the great public are just shoddy goods, useless innovations to satisfy infantile desires generated by technology in the 'consumer'. And, in fact, the applications described above for the manipulation of matter turn out to be just the tiniest part of the results sought in current research projects. The miniaturization of information processors is concealed within these worthless gadgets, and this is of some importance. This miniaturization will lead to the presence of 'intelligent' microchips on any object in the market, from scales to clothes to pens all the way to nutritional mixtures capable of communicating with the refrigerator.

But this final application foreseen for these microchips is not certain, and it is not the first time that behind the humanitarian pretenses or the miraculous improvement of the average lifestyle there is quite a different project hidden, carefully concealed from

most of us. This is the case for the most disturbing applications of nanotechnology, such as the human-machine link or the application of subcutaneous microchips, which use as their excuse the combination of the curing of rare diseases and the protection of poor, defenseless citizens from brutal criminals.

In fact, the field in which nanotechnology is most developed is that which is linked to military studies. The scenarios that the media showed during the last war in Iraq already pointed to the finalization of 'intelligent' equipment capable of adapting itself to internal and external conditions and weaponry that was also endowed with extraordinary powers conferred by sensors, microchips and so on.

An obvious example is that of the MEMS (micro-electrical-mechanical systems), the first generation of nanomachines. These are miniature receivers and motors the size of a grain of dust, the proto-types of which are already coming into use in industry. The application currently being studied is that of surveillance powder that will be sprayed onto a battlefield or into an area under observation in order to get various types of information. The future of the robotics of war is increasingly that of versatile and low-priced micro- and nano-robots used as highly specialized weapons.

In the wake of these studies another important aspect is that of social control. A chip the size of a grain of rice that is meant to be inserted under the skin has been put on the market by the American company Applied Digital Solutions. It is called the Verichip and is capable of containing information about the person and can be endowed with GPS capabilities that would allow knowledge of where the person 'wearing' it is at all times (one can even buy it on the Internet if one wants to know it up close). The Verichip can be injected with a syringe, using a simple local anesthetic. It is sold as an electronic body-guard for preventing abductions, so that already many multi-millionaires are requesting it. But an intuition eas-

ily develops that soon such a chip will not be an optional convenience for the rich, but rather a heavy burden for the poor. At the beginning, they extol the humanitarian aspects of such instruments, mentioning that in some cases they will be of use to doctors for intervening quickly or to police for preventing abductions and violence. Then applications on increasingly larger portions of the population will be justified until the day in which we cannot live without it. On that day the chip implant will be obligatory and getting rid of it will be a serious offense.

Finally, the chips that the British government proposes for implanting in pedophiles who are already sentenced are the latest frontier. Besides registering the position of the one under surveillance, these chips will register the heartbeat and arterial tension, giving a warning about the imminence of an eventual act of violence. It will not signal a state of sexual arousal, but nervousness and fear. The same nervousness and fear that a thief or a saboteur might feel while at work. Besides, one should not consider the pedophilia alarm, with which the media has been bombarding us for years in a way that is hugely disproportionate to the reality of things, to be incidental to the project of social control.

By maneuvering collective hysteria in this way, children increasingly become the objects of state property, and thus their protection becomes an obligation to carry out. This doesn't merely justify chip implants in pedophiles, but also the proposal of experts and parents' associations to chip all the children in England after the latest extraordinary case of Holly and Jessica, raped and murdered in 2002. But who will protect these children from the penetrating eye of their parents and the state? Who will protect them from the inescapable network of technological control?

We might, indeed, be the last generation of human beings lacking technological prostheses at birth.

The great importance of nanotechnology for the economic and institutional world is shown by the huge appropriation of funds by the American government, which invests between 600 and 700 million dollars a year in the development of the sector. Furthermore, in Europe there is enormous financing for research projects or centers dedicated to the development of nanotechnology. The case of Grenoble is revealing. It is the French town considered to be the European capital of technological development, where some projects financed by the European Union benefit from funds of hundreds of millions of Euros. Among these is Minatec, considered the European project capable of competing with the largest Japanese and American rivals, originating in the efforts of the EU and multinationals like Philips, Motorola and STMicroelectronics.

In past years, science fiction has entertained us with stories about replicants capable of multiplying autonomously and in great numbers until they conquer the earth. This is also the fear many experts feel about nano-biotechnology, that some

artificially constructed living organism could escape the controls of science and live, multiplying itself beyond measure (a fear that is concretely verified for the products of genetic manipulation).

But as always, every fear, and not just those that are most absurd, is set aside in the name of progress to the benefit of humanity. Furthermore, the world of science has always been defended by maintaining that the misdeeds of techno-science are due to the bad uses that have been made of the knowledge; by maintaining, as always, that technology is neutral, just as those who, with their studies of nuclear science, then fully contributed to the bombs that fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to the tragedies of nuclear accidents and to the proliferation of armaments, were quick to say. It is certainly not by allowing the usual experts from the same academic-political world the only say in the matter that we will be able to resolve such questions. Nor will we be able to do so by placing our trust in the information arising from the scientific world since one of its current prerogatives is to openly make people accept the new technological applications of scientific research. In reality, its transparent information merely communicates decisions to us that have already been made in our names and over our heads and discloses the results of research that has already been carried out.

Who knows if in the case of nano-biotechnology, as already happened with biotechnology, those who claim to oppose it will once again venture into demands for regulation, precautionary rules, independent structures of control.

Then the story will end just as it did for biotechnology: a minimal opposition to applications related to food with arguments easily recuperable (and recuperated) by a part of the scientific clique, with transgenic food that already makes part of our daily diet. No opposition at all to medical biotechnology that is rather looked upon by all as a great opportunity for sick people.

And these things are really what the entire apparatus that has everything to gain from biotechnology focuses on: no more debate on GMOs in the dietary field, no more alarmism, no more news, despite the fact that there are still people who want to struggle, opposing the harm with the only possible solution: destruction.

And so it will happen in the field of nano-biotechnology. As soon as it is talked about and the scenarios are made increasingly clear, the sterile opposition will raise on oppositional voice about the dangers inherent in those projects that are most open to question such as those in the dietary or military fields. Nothing more.

What to do? If Kevin Warwick is right, then we will stock up well on bananas, because we will certainly be among those who form the chimpanzees of the future. But it is known, even a well-known film teaches us, when chimpanzees get pissed off...

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LOW-LIFE RESEARCHERS

"Insects can do many things that people can't," Professor Isao Shimoyama told a press conference in Tokyo, "such as being able to lift hundreds of times their own weight. The placement of the electrodes is still a very inexact science, but within a few years we'll have electronically-controlled insects carrying colour minicams with surround-sound stereo microphones, and equipped with hi-tech backpacks. The potential applications of this work for mankind could be immense."



In a speech reminiscent of the blather about radio ID tags being used to help rescue lost old ladies and kidnapped children, Shimoyama was 'explaining' to the terminally stupid why the Japanese government had just awarded a \$5,000,000 grant to his bio-robot research team at Tokyo University.

"We envisage insects crawling through earthquake rubble searching for victims, or being slipped under doors on espionage surveillance, in suspect restaurants for example.

At present, we're experimenting with the American cockroach. We remove the wings and antennae, then equip them with tiny microprocessors, and fit pulse-emitting electrodes where the antennae used to be. That way, researchers can control them remotely by sending signals to the backpacks, making them turn left or right,

scamper forward, or spring backward. The technology isn't so difficult. The real problem is understanding what's happening in the nervous system."

Raphael Holzer, a Swiss researcher on the team, added: "We breed them by the hundreds in plastic bins, and they are not nice insects. They stink, and there's something nasty about the way they move their eyes and antennae. But they look nicer when you put a little circuit on their backs, and remove their wings."



STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH 'IL SILVESTRE'

Green Anarchist abhors the arrest of the fellow-writers and revolutionaries of 'Il Silvestre', Italy, a call to action. Whether bogus or not, the Italian judiciary's constant resort to conspiratorial theorems from the fascist (Mussolini) era to both exercise and excuse political repression is a direct attack on supposed freedoms of association and expression. As it is, these theorems are bogus, absurdly linking 'Il Silvestre' to Marxist-Leninist groups in an astounding display of either crass expediency or political illiteracy on the part of the examining judge. Never has the axiom that 'terror is but one extension of statecraft' been better illustrated, nor the need for free information and revolutionary / societal self-defence from such abuses. Of course, in court fire must be fought with fire (law), but these issues are never decided there.

Only defiance by continued and expanded publication of exactly that the State seeks to suppress, backed by action to cost them more than they gain by repression will carry the day for our Italian comrades—as it already did for the GAndALF defendants.

Below is a slightly edited article recently received by us over email.

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Blow to blow—active solidarity with 'Il Silvestre'

Here are some communiqués done by comrades who were directly implied on the repressive wave that has been conducted since June against radical ecologists and anarchists. The group 'Il Silvestre', that does the radical ecologist magazine 'Terra Selvaggia', is under attack. Some of the people involved in that group (that at the beginning weren't even investigated, are now under preventive arrest waiting for the investigations to end, charged with terrorism and subversive association, the latter, nowadays under debate).

All this has happened because during a search police found a document where a group called COR (Revolutionary Offensive Cells, who did many attacks in Toscana) claimed responsibility for an action they did. This document arrived by mail to the magazine Terra Selvaggia, but also to other local newspapers wanting them to publish it. These comrades, always in the front line supporting fights against ecological, animal and human exploitation, against repression and toxicities of this society through the pages of their magazine—they now need our ACTIVE solidarity. As well as those arrested and investigated for the CERVANTES case in many cities of Italy also are targets of the ROS (a special force of the Carabinieri mainly dedicated to terrorism) that were 'unemployed' after the Marini case ended just seven months ago.

A) FROM PISA—

After months of criminalisation through the mass-media, on June 7th the latest repressive attack against the ecologist group 'Il Silvestre' took place. First Alessio, Leo, Betta, Gioacchino and Alice (who was quickly left without charges) were arrested, being applied house arrest and incomunicated from the outside. Alessio is transferred to the prison of Prato. Next week Constantino is arrested based on the local media arti-

cles that showed him as a dangerous leader. Some days later, house arrest is also applied to him.

The lies of the news and their calls for repression have never stopped, taking profit from the current situation in which it's tried to definitely kill all the experiences from the group 'Il Silvestre', who for more than six years has been an annoying

and constant presence in a big territory through dozens of campaigns of struggle and giving voice to the resistances all over the world in the pages of the magazine 'Terra Selvaggia'

On Friday July 30th, as the mass-media were announcing in the days beforehand, more arrests took place: Beppe, Francesco and William are kept on 'caution custody' through house arrest; but the prosecutor who is in charge of the investigation, Di Bugno, isn't satisfied enough: he wants to see our comrades imprisoned.

The accusations for all the arrested is to belong to the COR (Revolutionary Offensive Cells), a group that has struck right wing and trade union symbols and facilities, most of the time through incendiary devices since July 2003.

These arrests in Pisa seems not to satisfy the prosecutor, who doesn't need much evidence, keeping in mind the actual situation in where, on a national basis, the groups that take forward a radical dissent are striken very easily and in a very strong way by the Magistratura. From Roveretto to Lecce, from Roma to Cagliari, other comrades have been targeted lately and repressed because of their fights against this murderous system.

Just in these days where this same system is spreading terror all throughout this planet with ecological devastation, the wars that exterminate civilians, the stupidity of consumerism that grows in a society in ruins— The people they show as terrorists are the individuals that fight opposing all that, without fear to express their solidarity to everything and d everyone that rebels with any means they think as necessary. Guilty for us are those who benefit looting and oppressing all the corners of this world; and also their irresponsible accomplices, those who shut their eyes on the ecological disasters that approaches more and more every day.

B) BLOW BY BLOW

They wanted to 'do the proper thing' with that space on 'via del Cuore' in Pisa (headquarters of 'Il Silvestre' and 'the Uncontrolled') where, since two years ago, many comrades are struggling many fights in defence of earth, of animals and searching to destroy every cage for the liberation of all living beings.

A meeting point where dozens of initiatives have been planned and done, from the ones against biotechnology to the ones for animal liberation, from the Spanish war to the critique against medicine, from the support of imprisoned comrades to the support of those groups who defend their own land in Patagonia.

Also the publication of magazines such as 'Terra Selvaggia' or 'Mamora', the production and distribution of books, pamphlets and more materials. A group of people that has taken forward a struggle for a world without prisons, some of them of the ecologist group 'Terra Selvaggia', others of the anarchist group 'Uncontrolled' and lots of individualities that, together during those years, have expressed a clear and radical dissent towards this world, never hiding their complicity with those that are exploited in any way.

That's what this space in 'Via del Cuore' in Pisa was and still is. And this is what police, prosecutors, and informers-journalists want to destroy. They want to judge nobody of laws on their hand- friendships, solidarities and affections through an 'associative crime' that wants to create an associative structure with leaders and affiliates, showing the dullness and absurdities inherent to 'justice'.

Through their miserable journalists they try to build the feeling that they have ended with those dangerous terrorists, first publishing our names, then our houses and at the end our faces in the garbage of their pages and TV screens.

But these purposes, wherever they reach, will have to face (and will break apart due to) the determination of all the individuals that, accomplices beyond any 'justice' and 'guilty' as we are of not accepting this world in a passive way anymore, still go on fighting for a totally different existence, with neither masters nor servants, without exploiters and exploited and without prisons.

The dozens of concentrations, pamphlets, the spray paintings, the initiatives, the solidarity with the investigated and imprisoned... all the strength that, after all, those people from 'via del Cuore' and other territories show, those are realities that no prosecutor or prison will be able to break apart.

A determination in fight that makes us respond blow by blow to all the 'brilliant' operations of the ROS (Carabinieri special branch dedicated to mainly terrorism), Digos (the political police) and all that shit: facing searched and arrests, facing intimidations and beatings, facing those coward journalists accomplices of the inquisitors, facing the attacks of fascists...

To support the hunger strike of the imprisoned comrades, to solidarize with any means necessary with those directly striken by the State, forward

with the fights against this murderous system. If solidarity is a weapon, this weapon has to be targeted against the ones that oppress, devastates and exploits.

A big hug to the rebel prisoners, to those who escaped and to all those comrades that don't abandon us and that seek to destroy every cage.

Two imprisoned comrades

C) WITH ANY MEANS NECESSARY

Both Alessio and William imprisoned; Leo, Betta, Gioacchino, Constantino and Beppe are under house arrest; Francesco — who was under house arrest — has decided not to enter prison, thus escaping from an announced detention which was prepared (as with the other ones) by the sell-out journalists of the local media, which are day by day more full of lies, slanders and police stories.

If it's obvious that those responsible for this repressive operation are the Magistrates (Magistratura) and the law enforcement agencies, it is also true that without the participation of the media it wouldn't have been possible to justify and give strength to this powerful repressive attack.

Every day, since some time ago, through any ways and with every means, journalists (no matter which 'color' they defend) have shot bullets in their articles, loyal to the directions coming from above having depicted 'Il Silvestre' as a den, and the comrades as very dangerous criminals which need to be imprisoned for as long as possible

The highest, nastiest and most cowardly point was reached when these shitty journalists, last Sunday, published the pictures of our comrades, showing them as in a 'WANTED' poster, forgetting in their crazed accusations that Alice is free without charges, and that the other comrades haven't had their trial yet.

'Not that serious' must have thought the journalists, and well, what the fuck!, they're not even important people or bank managers, neither financial brokers which have fallen

suddenly into misfortune and that have to be well treated... These are dangerous anarchists, they don't need to be depicted in a polished way, nobody will complain about the lack of privacy they have suffered, for their smashed right to defend themselves and for the lack of guarantees. What does it matter that they lose their freedom, not able to live their lives plenty, their passions and their feelings.

With any means necessary journalists have to try to transform their affective relationships and their social relations into dangerous and obscure clandestine relations to isolate them and forcing them into silence, depicting them as blood-thirsty monsters.

If later due to their delirious articles, something like the other investigations in Val De Susa about 'ecoterrorism', in a similar ambient, ended with Edo and Sole committing suicide, well, these are accidents that will be cured thanks to the journalists professional sensibility.

We have nothing to tell to judges and journalists except for our rage. To you, to those well-minded, we want to say that they are making you believe that your enemies aren't the exploiters, the speculators, those who pollute, those who poison, the killers or the torturers.

They want to make you believe that your enemies are the individuals who rebel against the exploitation of human beings over other human beings, over nature and animals.

They are making you believe that we are your enemies. The choice is yours. We, as well as our comrades in prison, under house arrest, escaped... we, along them, never accomplices, never resigned, through our fights for a better society, without poisons or prisons.

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ETERNAL FRONTIER — ETERNAL WAR

Wars may end, but not war.

As I write this people are being killed systematically. As you read this people are being killed systematically. Bodies, lives, beings, torn to shreds by bombs, bullets, napalm, and flame: not just killing, but maiming, uprooting and devastating lives. Devastating life.

Right now that killing is going on in Iraq. The people being killed are children, parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends, and lovers. We see numbers. That is if we see anything at all. What people in Iraq see are bodies without limbs, people broken mentally and physically.

There is a movement to end the 'occupation' of Iraq. People want an end to wars. They march, hold signs, protest, get beaten and arrested, and occasionally attack the war machine symbolically.

But the end to war will not come. The end of war cannot come.

Wars may end, but not war.

For the most part, protestors can accept this. That is why they fight against wars. They are brutal and nasty. Most people know someone involved. They tie ribbons around trees. Somehow I doubt the trees care much about soldiers. But wars can and will end. Things can go back to normal for those not on the receiving end of the bombs.

Stop the wars and its back to business as usual. Back to everyday warfare.

Civilization is warfare.

This is not a rhetorical statement. Civilization is the culture of cities. Cities are permanent settlements with a lot of people on a little amount of land. All those people on that little amount of land need 'resources'. Those have to come from somewhere. The countryside is the other half of cities. They are one in the same and they need each other.

This has always been the case. This will always be the case, if not locally, then globally. Rows of cash crops and mines on one end: rows of houses and people on the other. The people in cities will take what they 'need' to survive. They must because a city cannot support itself and the countryside must grow with it. Almost always this taking requires force.

This is what Stanley Diamond was thinking about when he wrote: "Civilization originates in conquest abroad and repression at home."¹ Where people cannot be coerced into giving on their own, there are armies and police to ensure that things run smoothly. Between states this is called war. But states do the same thing everyday to their citizens. It is still war, but we can't call it that. The state can't afford for us to call it that.

At the root of the problem, there are two things that happened to set all of this in motion: gardens and settle-

ments. Both of which are usually tied, but not always. But the garden and the settlement represent two different aspects of war. There are ecological reasons and political reasons for war, respectively.²

Gardening is about taming wildness. Pulling weeds, clearing forest land, and selective breeding are all methods of domesticating. This is as true for small scale horticulturalists as it is for industrial agriculturalists.

The damage that can be done depends on the relationships of the people to the land and the scale. Small scale horticulturalists typically see the earth as their home and have things like longer fallow periods and shifting gardens to make sure they don't destroy it.

Industrial agriculturalists see the earth as something dead and use science to 'fix it'. Naturally if they see the earth as dead matter, they have no real issue with killing it as they do.

Bioregions are picky. The healthiest ecosystem is a wild one, but a balanced ecosystem can take some sway. Horticultural societies can exist without tipping the scales.

Occasionally those scales do tip and something must be done to bring things back in balance. That can take days or years. Even if it takes over 6,000 years (as in our case), it is something that must happen. The far end of that balance is what is called carrying capacity. It means simply how much life can be supported by any particular bioregion.³

Gardens challenge carrying capacity because people settle around them. Being nomadic has shaped who we are as humans. Our ecological role has been defined by this. As nomadic gatherer/hunters, there are any number of ways to keep us within carrying capacity that are just inherent to that way of being. When people settle down, populations increase. Populations increase, more food needs to be grown. More food needs to be grown, more land must be cleared and used. When that land is being used by other people, there will be violence.

This is the formula for 'primitive warfare'.

This kind of warfare serves a number of ecological purposes. For the most part it is largely symbolic. It is typically spaced at least ten years apart and has a minimum amount of casualties. In some ways it has been considered a kind of play.

It is easy to see why when you see the novelty size arrows shot high into the air or that the bulk of 'fighting' is really shouting insults which both sides may laugh at.⁴

But it is still warfare. It is not unheard of for whole bands to be wiped out in raids or battle. This kind of warfare happens between people who know each other intimately. It is an accepted part of life. But it serves the ecological purpose of not tipping the ecological balance.

Warfare happens in time of ecological stress.⁵ People do die in raids and battle, but that is not the most effective way of keeping numbers down. In these societies, being a warrior is extremely important. Gender

becomes an important distinction and raising strong boys takes priority. Having warrior sons becomes important. The result is female infanticide. The result of having far fewer women than men is there are fewer children in the end.⁶

They gain notoriety because of their ability to convince and typically they are able to pull together more stuff for massive feasts or general redistribution.

Politics can be created in two ways. In horticultural societies like the ones mentioned above. When the population does expand and people stick together rather than break apart and create new bands, there tends to be people who have more influence. These people are called Big Men (they are not always men, but most often).

Big Men talk. A lot. They rant about everything in the morning or the evening. They have an opinion and must voice it. For the most part, people don't even notice. Lying in hammocks or around the fire, they can hear the rants. Sometimes they go listen, but not all the time. This ranting is important though. That is what a Big Man must do. They are typically no different than other people, but

The other way power is created is through surplus. Some horticultural societies expand and some become empires. Power is held by chiefs or kings. The role of a chief can be slightly different than the role of a Big Man, but it can also be slightly different than the role of a king. A chief must be a good talker, but he has more than a voice. He has a surplus.

A chief and occasionally a Big Man will have multiple wives. What this means is that he has a number of gardens and a number of people working them. A single garden can feed the family that works it with relative ease, but there are times when they need more or crops fail. The chief, with a number of gardens, can compensate them. In fact, they must. This is where coercive power comes from: the perception of dependency.

The chief gives and talks. The people listen so long as the chief provides something for them and tells them what they want to hear. The power of a chief is not absolute. The position can be terminated. But the position does carry some power.

They are called in to settle disputes between people and in the process become the first true political institution. Politics are created here.

In return for these services, people will listen to them. The most authority they can possess is in times of war. Their voice has more sway in this time than a Big Man for two reasons: they already have an upper hand in the society and they are known for their prowess in battle.⁷

Through all of these, the power of a chief is created and affirmed. They cannot force anyone into battle, but their decision becomes a political one and there can be consequences.

Civilization is really born in war. That is the essence of the state, of kingdoms, of empires.

The influence or power of a Big Man or some chiefs was never absolute, but absolute power is the basis for kings and some more powerful chiefs. How did this happen?

In the societies mentioned above, as long as the chief or Big Man had something to offer or was reasonable, people might listen to them. The only time this was ever truly exercised was during battle or war where some leadership is necessary.

But as populations continue to grow and devour the earth and its relations surrounding them, war becomes not an occasional ordeal, but a part of everyday life.

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becomes an important distinction and raising strong boys takes priority. Having warrior sons becomes important. The result is female infanticide. The result of having far fewer women than men is there are fewer children in the end.⁶

This is not what must happen, but this is what has happened over and over again. If you live a way that challenges carrying capacity, there must be some way of keeping the balance. Warfare and the values that come with it have been that solution for horticultural societies in almost every instance.

But this is not what has always happened. If it were, we wouldn't be in our current dilemma. If it were, civilization would have never existed. We would never have to destroy it.

The problem is that not all societies went through a horticultural stage. The old lists of 'social evolution' are something that our linear/historical orientation needs, not something that necessarily happened or must happen. The societies that originate civilization typically skipped the horticultural step or barely went through it. They were settled people who technically lived by gathering and

they gain notoriety because of their ability to convince and typically they are able to pull together more stuff for massive feasts or general redistribution.

The Big Man rants and the people tolerate it. Occasionally they listen to him. Occasionally he's talking about raiding or attacking a neighboring village. Sometimes he can convince a number of people to get involved, but their decisions are always voluntary.

The Big Man has no power, no authority, and no ability to coerce. Only his voice. Nothing exists for him to hoard so much that he can control or attempt to control the actions of others. His position is far from permanent and a lack of a Big Man never hurt anybody.

They can wage wars, but only if other people are willing to go along with it.

That usually works for a raid or battle, maybe two. But if people had the choice to go to war constantly, they would chose not to. That has almost always been the case. There are no specialists. There are no armies: bands of people specialized in the art of taking lives.

Sometimes war just happens.



The origins of absolute power could only be created through fear. People don't compromise their autonomy unless they must or they are convinced that they must. The need for land puts people on the offense. The knowledge that others may be in the same situation puts people on the defense. The role of those in power has always been to play up these two aspects. Society must be under attack. Society must be defended.⁸

Under these premises people will be willing to compromise. Under these premises states, nations, and empires are created. The earth is attacked. People are attacked. Lives are destroyed.

This should start sounding familiar.

Eternal war is as tied to civilization as the need for the eternal frontier. There must be room for growth. There must be resources. There must be people willing to throw their lives away to defend the 'greater good'.

States grow and roles become more and more specialized. Police can be trained and soldiers can be conscripted. People can dedicate their lives to advancing technology. The art of killing and maiming becomes increasingly efficient.

This is how civilization must be. The only thing that's changed over the last 10,000 years is the scale and efficiency of tools meant to do nothing but destroy.

This is our heritage, reaffirmed daily. We remain distanced and entertained. But this is the true cost of our way of being.

No one really likes war. At least no one involved in the actual fighting. The actual destruction of life.

The very word can turn your insides. As long as we are entertained and distant spectators we're fine. Pictures are posted of civilian casualties and people will react. They will react just enough to believe that their hands are morally kept clean.

Lately we've been hearing the word quagmire used in terms of the Iraqi War. It's a flashback to the Vietnam War that we're stuck in a completely undesirable situation, but one that must be dealt with. Whether we support the war or not it is still going on. That is the reality that has been created for us and we are told to deal with it.

It's a depressing thought. No amount of good intentions or hope will bring

back lives cut short, lives torn apart, or mend the very flesh of the earth: our home.

But this is our world. This is where we are.

This is a reality that we should never have to deal with. The power to destroy lives across the planet just by trying to survive is something that was never meant to exist. But it does.

Civilization should never have existed. Lives should have never been wasted serving rather than living. Our home should never be threatened.

Perhaps quagmire is the most appropriate word, not only for the war in Iraq, but for our entire way of life.

We should have never been in this situation; we should never have to destroy civilization so that we may one day live free. So that life may exist on this planet after we are gone. But we are in this situation and it is in our hands to do something about it.

Civilization is warfare. Like civilization, warfare has an origin. Like civilization, warfare will have an end. It will die with the system that creates and requires it.

Civilization can be destroyed and if we truly want an end to war, it's time to pull the plug.

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AEROSOL & ELECTROMAGNETIC WEAPONS IN THE AGE OF NUCLEAR WAR

by Amy Worthington

North America is now suffering its seventh year of conspicuous and dangerous aerosol and electromagnetic operations conducted by the U.S. government under the guise of national security. Concerned citizens watch in fear as military tankers discolor the skies with toxic chemicals that morph into synthetic clouds.

We continually witness bizarre meteorological occurrences as powerful electromagnetic devices manipulate both the jet stream and individual storm fronts to create artificial weather and climatic conditions. Black operations projects embedded within these aerosol missions are documented to sicken and disorient select populations with biological test agents and psychotronic mind/mood control technologies.

Part of what is happening in the atmosphere above us involves the Pentagon's secret space weapons program, designed for strategic, operational and tactical levels of war. NASA missions will soon be transferred to Pentagon control.¹ The Air Force Space Command declares that, in order to monitor and shape world events, it must fight intense, decisive wars with great precision from space.² Air Force Secretary James G. Roche has stated: "Space capabilities are integrated with, and affect every link in the kill chain."³

A glimpse into new death technologies under construction is in legislation introduced by Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich. His unsuccessful Space Preservation Act of 2001 was intended to ban space deployment of:⁴

- * electronic, psychotronic and information weaponry
- * high altitude ultra low frequency weapons
- * plasma, electromagnetic, sonic and ultrasonic weapons
- * laser weapons
- * strategic, theater, tactical or extra-terrestrial weapons
- * chemical biological, environmental climate or tectonic weapons
- * chemtrails (this item was stricken from a later version, suggesting duress)

In their quest to remain top dog in the kill chain, the purveyors of perpetual war have deliberately dimmed earth's life-giving sunlight,⁵ and reduced atmospheric visibility with lung-

clogging particulates and polymers.⁶ This ecological terrorism has severely compromised public health, according to thousands of testimonials. Years of mass appeals to legislators, media and military officials for information, and for cessation of catastrophic atmospheric degradation, have fallen on deaf bureaucratic ears. Public awareness of what befalls us remains as murky as our skies because those "in the know" are muzzled by national secrecy laws and Americans have no authority to challenge matters of national security. Left to gather clues, we know this much so far:

1. At least part of the aerosol project has been dubbed Operation Cloverleaf,⁷ probably due to its multifaceted operations, which include: weather modification, military communications, space weapons development, ozone and global warming research plus biological weaponry and detection testing.

2. Dumping tons of particulate matter from aircraft has geo-engineered our planetary atmosphere into a highly charged, electrically-conductive plasma useful for military projects.⁸ The air we breathe is laden with asbestos-sized synthetic fibers and toxic metals, including barium salts, aluminum, and reportedly, radioactive thorium.⁹

These materials act as electrolytes to enhance conductivity of military radar and radio waves.¹⁰ Poisonous on par with arsenic and a proven suppressant of the human immune

system,¹¹ atmospheric barium weakens human muscles, including those of the heart.¹² Inhaled aluminum goes directly to the brain and medical specialists confirm that it causes oxidative stress within brain tissue, leading to formation of Alzheimer's like neurofibrillary tangles.¹³ Radioactive thorium is known to cause leukemia and other cancers.¹⁴

3. Only a small percentage of the military's atmospheric modification projects are visibly obvious. What we can't see is equally dangerous. The ionosphere, the earth and its inhabitants are continually bombarded with high frequency microwaves used to manipulate the charged atmosphere for weather modification, information gathering and for tectonic (earthquake-producing) weaponry.¹⁵ Independent chemtrail researcher Clifford Carnicom confirms that we are also continuously subjected to extremely low electromagnetic frequencies (ELF) pulsing at 4 hertz

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multiples, frequencies known to profoundly affect human biological and mental functioning.¹⁶

4. There is a well-documented biological component to continuously ongoing atmospheric studies in which nations and regions are furtively inoculated via specially designed delivery systems with combinations of viruses, bacteria, fungi, mycoplasma, desiccated blood cells and exotic biological markers so that testmasters can assess human, animal and plant response.¹⁷

5. The multi-organizational megalith perpetrating these bio-chem projects against humanity includes the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and

its research arm DARPA, plus the Department of Energy (DOE) with its huge network of national labs and universities. Private defense contractors and pharmaceutical companies are heavily involved.¹⁸ Cooperating governments of other nations and probably some United Nations agencies are complicit, since the aerosol projects are global in scope.

Gross chemical and electromagnetic pollution is only part of the horrific realities we endure. The sociopaths who brazenly pervert skies, climate and weather for power and profit are the same madmen who have waged four limited nuclear wars since 1991. Radioactive weaponry, declared both illegal and immoral by the entire civilized world, has been used by the Pentagon in Desert Storm, the Balkans campaign and the on-going occupation-wars against Afghanistan and Iraq. Few Americans understand the extent of carnage inflicted in their name across the planet.

By scientific definition, the missiles, tank penetrators and bunker busting bombs unleashed against Iraq and Afghanistan by United States and British forces in the so-called war on terror are nuclear weapons.¹⁹ Refuse from radioactive weaponry does not disperse, but remains in the atmosphere organotoxic, mutagenic and carcinogenic to all living flesh for 4.5 billion years.

Inhabitants of the Pentagon's two newly "liberated" nations are now slowly dying of radiation and heavy metal poisoning. Victims of U.S. weaponry used in Afghanistan have a concentration of non-depleted uranium isotopes in their bodies never

before seen in civilian populations.²⁰ Tons of depleted and non-depleted uranium contaminating their land, air, food and water guarantee their painful demise. Using data from the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA), nuclear scientist Leuren Moret calculates that the estimated 2,500+ tons of depleted uranium used against Iraq in 1991 and 2003 is sufficient to cause 25 million new cancers.²¹ Is it a coincidence that the population of Iraq, according to the CIA, is 25 million?

The quarter million U.S. and British fighting forces who have helped the Pentagon deliver this holocaust also face inevitable radiological death by slow burn. Rotated into atomic war zones since 2001, coalition troops have inhaled and ingested millions of tiny invisible ceramic uranium particles which emit alpha, beta and gamma radiation as they embed in lungs, kidneys, blood, lymph and bone.²² Radiation exposure to a single internalized U-238 (uranium) alpha particle is 50 times the allowable whole body dose for one year under international standards.²³

As U-238 decays into daughter isotopes, it becomes ever more radioactive, causing cell and organ destruction to escalate over time.²⁴ Uranium contamination leads to incapacitating, multi-organ system disorders identical to illnesses suffered by thousands of Gulf War I vets. Bodily fluids poisoned with uranium isotopes sicken spouses and visit upon offspring a genetic Armageddon.²⁵

Who knows what a disabled and prematurely dying military population will mean to future stability and safety of USA? Yet Senator Chuck Hagel (R- Neb.) now demands that America provide more fodder for its atomic battlefields by reinstating the military draft so that "all of our citizens...bear some responsibility and pay some price" in order to "understand the intensity of the challenges we face."²⁶

Despite disingenuous denials that biological harm will result from

atomic warfare,²⁷ the Pentagon knows full well the gruesome realities of uranium weaponry by virtue of its own voluminous studies spanning 60 years. Pentagon documents confirm that America's war establishment knowingly exposes its own troops to dangerous levels of radiation.²⁸ The resulting illness of those now returning from the war zones is already making headlines.²⁹

Because our military-industrial overlords brazenly poison the very grunts who make their war games possible, we must logically conclude there is virtually nothing they would not secretly and sadistically do to the rest of us. Military officials lie as perniciously about chemtrail operations³⁰ as they do about effects of DU weaponry. If people were to consider the published science regarding chemtrails and DU, they would understand that we are all in mortal jeopardy.

Both the Pentagon's aerosol operations and its limited nuclear wars are deeply interconnected. We can trace the beginnings of Operation Cloverleaf right to the Strangelove brain of Dr. Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb and proponent of nuking inhabited coast lines to

rearrange them for economic projects.³¹ Before he died in 2003, Teller was director emeritus of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where plans for nuclear, biological and directed energy weapons are crafted. In 1997, Teller publicly outlined his proposal to use aircraft to scatter in the stratosphere millions of tons of electrically-conductive metallic materials, ostensibly to reduce global warming.³²

Shortly after Teller's presentation, the public began seeing frenetic chemtrailing. In 2000, CBS News admitted that scientists were "looking at drastic solutions for global warming, including manipulating the atmosphere on a massive scale." CBS confirmed that the plan to load the air with tiny particles would "deflect enough sunlight to trigger global cooling."³³

Teller estimated that commercial aircraft could be used to spew these particles at a cost of 33 cents a pound.³⁴

This gives credence to a report by an airline manager, forced by a compulsory non-disclosure agreement to remain anonymous, that commercial aircraft have been co-opted to assist the military in consummating Project Cloverleaf.³⁵ A 1991 Hughes aircraft patent confirms that sunscreen particulate materials can be run through jet engines.³⁶ A science textbook now used in some public schools discusses the sunscreen project by

increasing the risk of blood clots and vessel damage.⁴⁰ Now researchers in Taiwan document "a significant increase" in the number of stroke victims when PM10 pollutant levels rise.⁴¹ The American Lung Association confirms that we are breathing more toxic air than ever.⁴² No wonder nationwide asthma rates have been soaring in recent years.⁴³

Tiny synthetic filaments called polymers are part of the brew. In 1990, a NATO report detailed how high-flying aircraft can modify the atmosphere by spraying polymers to absorb electromagnetic radiation.⁴⁴ U.S. patent number 6315213 describes how cross-linked aqueous polymers dispersed into a storm diminish rain.⁴⁵

Polymer chemist Dr. R. Michael Castle has studied atmospheric polymers for years. He has found that some of them contain bioactive materials, which can cause "serious skin lesions and diseases when absorbed into the skin."⁴⁶ He has identified microscopic polymers comprised of genetically-engineered fungal forms mutated with viruses. He says that trillions of fusarium (fungus)/virus mutated spores, which secrete a powerful mico-toxin, are part of the air we breathe.⁴⁷ Allergies anyone?

We can safely bet that into our particle-enriched air, experimenters are also dumping nanoparticles, developed for a variety of military and industrial uses. These engineered carbon molecules, as small as one-thousandth the diameter of human hair, display bizarre chemical properties and are known to trigger organ damage.⁴⁸ A recent study at Southern Methodist University found that fish exposed to one type of nanoparticle suffered severe brain damage after only 48 hours.⁴⁹

The military's aerosol operations have been climate altering to the extreme. Air traffic is a huge source of greenhouse pollution. Increasing that traffic exponentially in order to scatter tons of heat-trapping metallic particulates and heat-liberating barium salts have undoubtedly led to accelerated global warming. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, including carbon dioxide, have reached a record high this year.⁵⁰ As carbon dioxide levels rise, oxygen levels decrease.

In 1996, Scientists for Global Responsibility compiled a report contending that dangerous geoengineering, as proposed by Teller and the Global Change Research Coordination Office, would be absolutely ineffective in mitigating global warming. The report noted that climate engineering research is funded by industry with a vested interest in continued high consumption of fossil fuels.⁵¹ The hair-brained scheme of particle engineering was contrived to ensure that industry polluters will never be forced to decrease their greenhouse gas emissions. But because warming and pollution trends have worsened drastically since the aerosol projects began, we must suspect that the warming mitigation program is a hoax and that chemtrailing is really intended, among other things, to create a series of "hobgoblins."

The establishment's modus operandi for maintaining a fierce and lucrative hold upon the collective American mind has been defined precisely by satirist H.L. Mencken (1880-1956) who wrote: "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace

alarmed, and thus clamorous to be led to safety, by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."

In The Report from Iron Mountain published in 1967, just as the Pentagon's lucrative Vietnam War was being revved into high gear, establishment braintrusts confirmed that perpetual war is absolutely vital for controlling and manipulating the masses. The document even suggested a number of options for creating fictitious enemies, noting that perpetual war induces populations to give blind allegiance to political authority.⁵²

Since the 1930s, when the Eastern Establishment, including the Bush family, used its New York banks and oil companies to secretly fund Hitler's German Nazi party,⁵³ our controllers have employed FEAR, the

ment also states that the military's radical weather modification agenda will "become a part of national security policy with both domestic and international applications."⁵⁸

Weather weapons are now routinely used in war zones. A citizen reporting from Serbia noted that during NATO operations in the Balkans, black clouds suddenly materialized out of blue skies, hailstones were the size of eggs, and surreal thunder and lightning terrified the people. He reported that scientists found that the electromagnetic field over Serbia had been punctured, causing rain systems to circumvent the region.⁵⁹ In addition to manufactured drought, scientists also predict that Serbia will suffer 10,000 cancer deaths from DU weaponry used there.⁶⁰

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concept of ENEMY and WAR to keep us in bondage. Chemtrailing is a manifestation of the Fourth Reich, an era of corporate fascism ushered in by a powerful military juggernaut, which manufactures enemies and unleashes fake terror attacks to scare us into voiceless submission.

Both Saddam Hussein and the al Qaeda networks have long been nourished with U.S. government and corporate funding and groomed by U.S. military and corporate advisors to play useful roles as "enemies."⁵⁴ Former German Technology Minister Andreas von Bulow recently confirmed on U.S. radio that hijacked planes were able to fly around the eastern U.S. on 9/11 unimpeded by military interdiction because those attacks were part of a carefully-orchestrated "covert operation" designed to coerce America into perpetual conflict with the Muslim world.⁵⁵

Now, a "secret" Pentagon report has been conveniently leaked to the media. It contends that abrupt climate change is the most fearful hobgoblin yet.⁵⁶ Authored by change agents with ties to the CIA and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, the report contends that abrupt climate change will lead to a global catastrophe of monumental proportions, including nuclear war and natural disasters, as whole nations disappear beneath the encroaching sea and survivors fight for dwindling food, water and energy supplies.

Yet the Pentagon has been involved for decades in the drastic manipulation of weather, climate and atmospheric conditions. The U.S. used a chemical agent dubbed Olive Oil during Operation Popeye to induce heavy rains in Vietnam 40 years ago.⁵⁷ The Air Force document titled "Weather As a Force Multiplier: Owning the Weather in 2025" lists its weaponized agenda for creating abrupt climate change including: Storm creation and modification, fog and cloud creation, precipitation enhancement, precipitation denial, drought inducement and artificial creation of "space weather." This docu-

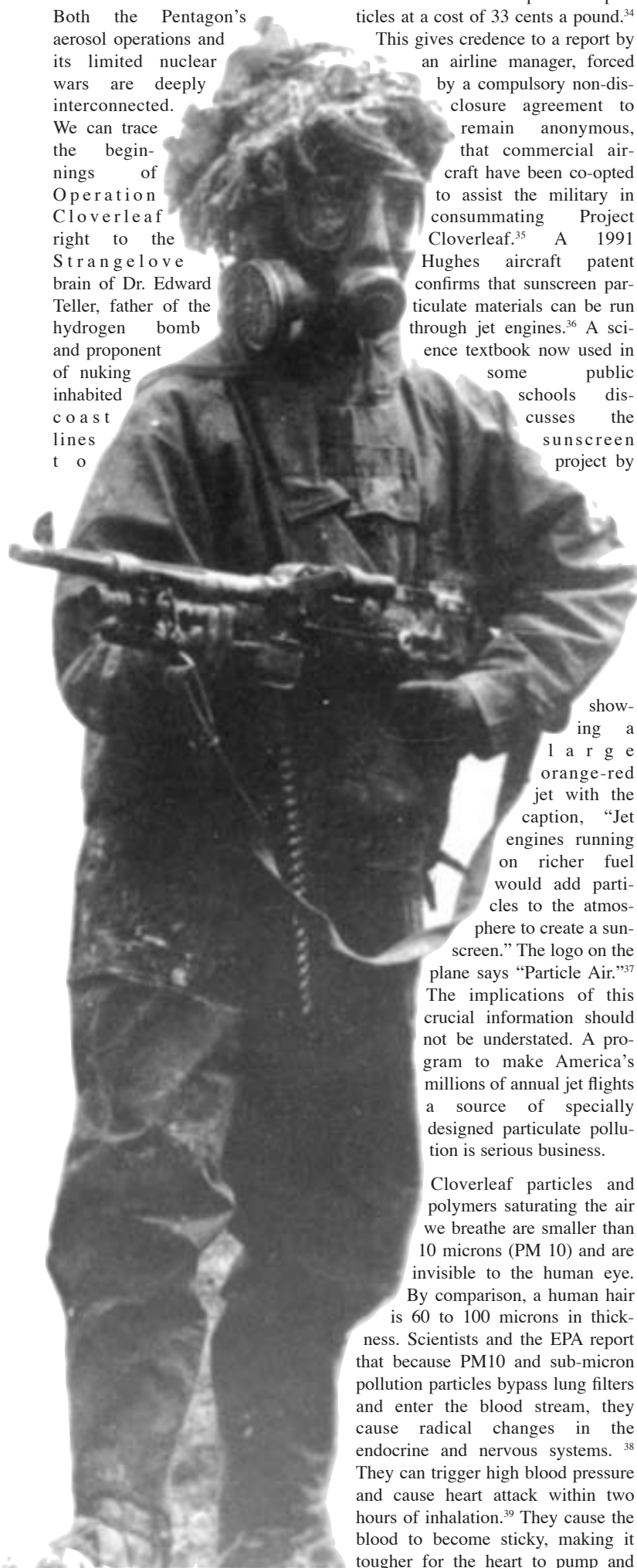
military's High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP), operating in Alaska as part of the Strategic Defense Initiative, is a powerful tool for weather and climate modification.⁶¹ Operated jointly by the U.S. Navy and Air Force, HAARP antennas bombard and heat the ionosphere, causing electromagnetic frequencies to bounce back to earth, penetrating everything living and dead.⁶²

HAARP transmissions make holes in the ozone,⁶³ creating yet another hobgoblin. HAARP inventor Bernard Eastlund described in his original patent how antenna energy can interact with plumes of atmospheric particles, used as a lens or focusing device, to modify weather.⁶⁴ HAARP is capable of triggering floods, droughts and hurricanes, much to the chagrin of both the European Parliament and the Russian Duma.⁶⁵

HAARP also generates sweeping pulses through the ULF/ELF range.⁶⁶ In 2000, independent researchers monitored HAARP transmissions of 14 hertz. They found that when these signals were broadcast at high output levels, wind speeds topped 70 miles per hour. They watched as these same transmissions dispersed a huge weather front approaching the west coast from California to British Columbia.

Although precipitation had been originally forecast, the front was seen shredding apart on satellite photos and rain did not materialize.⁶⁷ The hobgoblin drought can be an enriching and empowering tool for certain corporate and governing entities.

HAARP is not only capable of destabilizing agricultural and ecological systems anywhere on the planet, but its effects can target select regions to affect human physical, mental and emotional responses during non-lethal warfare projects.⁶⁸ HAARP frequencies beamed at specific targets can generate catastrophic earthquakes,⁶⁹ exactly like the quake last December which killed thousands of people in Iran, a nemesis nation according to the Bush administration.



showing a large orange-red jet with the caption, "Jet engines running on richer fuel would add particles to the atmosphere to create a sunscreen." The logo on the plane says "Particle Air."³⁷

Cloverleaf particles and polymers saturating the air we breathe are smaller than 10 microns (PM 10) and are invisible to the human eye. By comparison, a human hair is 60 to 100 microns in thickness. Scientists and the EPA report that because PM10 and sub-micron pollution particles bypass lung filters and enter the blood stream, they cause radical changes in the endocrine and nervous systems.³⁸ They can trigger high blood pressure and cause heart attack within two hours of inhalation.³⁹ They cause the blood to become sticky, making it tougher for the heart to pump and

The Pentagon's warning about climate catastrophe is surely nothing more than a thinly-veiled attempt to prepare the masses for the bizarre atmospheric upheavals we can expect as the military continues to brutalize our planet and near space with its grotesque toys. And we ain't seen nothing yet. Dr. Eastlund and his ilk have developed plans for solar power satellites designed to modify the weather with electromagnetic beam output that dwarfs the present HAARP system.⁷⁰ As abrupt climate change is increasingly orchestrated, we will surely need additional fascist agencies, an ever-growing military budget and more poison-particle projects that just happen to ensure population reduction as a side benefit.

Despite visual evidence that every aspect of our physical environment is being manipulated and damaged for war games, some Americans cannot accept that dangerous covert operations are being conducted by a government they still believe to be a virtuous defender of freedom. Their stumbling block is a numbing belief that their own officials would never perpetrate dangerous experimentation on humanity since "they have families too." History and the release of declassified government documents disprove such naiveté.

Although "they" had families too, the U.S. government and its defense contractors exposed citizens of the northwest U.S. to huge and deliberate releases of radioactive iodine 131 from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation where plutonium was produced for nuclear bombs.⁷¹ Those Cold War releases unleashed radiation illnesses upon thousands of downwinders, some of whom received up to 350 rads of radiation when a maximum safety dose is set at .025 rads annually.⁷² Between 1949 and 1952, radioactive pellets, dust and particles were tested on the hapless citizens of Utah and New Mexico.⁷³

By 1963, 1,200 nuclear weapons tests conducted at the Nevada test site had exposed every person in the U.S. to deadly radioactive fallout, causing millions of fetal deaths, spontaneous abortions, stillbirths and birth defects.⁷⁴ The U.S. government also conducted over 4,000 radiation experiments on individual human test subjects without their informed consent.⁷⁵ The delayed effects of decades of radiation exposure from weapons testing are today demonstrated by a U.S. population plagued with epidemic cancer and heart disease, neurological disorders, low fertility, chronic fatigue, obesity (thyroid involvement), immune system dysfunction and learning disabilities. Approximately half of all pregnancies in the U.S. result in prenatal or postnatal death or an otherwise less than healthy baby.⁷⁶ As military tankers spew white chemical plumes across America at a cost of \$3,448 per hour per tanker,⁷⁷ we are reminded of Dr. Leonard Cole's 1994 testimony before a Senate Committee regarding 45 years of open air testing during which military aircraft sprayed American cities with bacteria, fungus and carcinogenic chemicals.⁷⁸ Between 1962-1973, the U.S. Navy conducted hundreds of bio-chem tests known as Operation SHAD (Shipboard Hazard and Defense). SHAD projects like Autumn Gold and Copper Head exposed 10,000 navy personnel to aircraft spray laden with biological and chemical warfare agents, including sarin nerve gas.⁷⁹ The cocktails used in those genocidal

"tests" are now linked to cancer, heart and lung problems suffered by surviving guinea pigs.

We are told that defense officials perpetrated these atrocities so that scientists could learn about how to "protect" Americans from attack. So why, in the late 80s, would our "protectors" fall all over themselves to supply Saddam Hussein's war machine with 90 shipments of chemical and biological weaponry, including sarin, anthrax, botulism, brucella and West Nile Virus?⁸⁰

It will likely be years before Americans are told what is being tested upon them during our present chemtrail/space wars era. The Hanford downwinders did not learn until 1986 what had been unleashed upon them some 30 years earlier; SHAD victims filed suit in 2003 to learn the extent to which they were intentionally exposed to dangerous substances in the 60s.

To understand how our nation has arrived at this doomsday corruption, we must recall that immediately after WWII ended, the U.S. government initiated Operation Paperclip through which a large number of German Nazi scientists were imported to the United States. Once issued new identities, these death industry pros were employed in U.S. military laboratories to develop a dazzling array of secret weaponry projects.⁸¹

With congressional funding, the crowning achievement of this nexus was the creation of ghastly new bioweapons, including the AIDS virus⁸² and an incapacitating chronic fatigue agent engineered from mycoplasma and brucella.⁸³

The military is empowered to continue lethal experimentation by devious wording of Section 1520a Chapter 32 of U.S. Code Title 50. The law states that the Secretary of Defense may NOT conduct any chemical or biological test or experiment on civilian populations, unless such tests are for

medical, therapeutic, pharmaceutical, agricultural, industrial purposes or for research in general or for protection against weapons or for law enforcement purposes, including riot control. So DOD may not use us for guinea pigs, unless it is for any "good" reason under the sun!

The law states that human subjects must give informed consent. But a

When new "low yield" nuclear weapons (defined as being smaller than 5 kilotons) are tested in Nevada, downwinders might like to know that a mini .5 kiloton nuclear warhead would have to burrow 150 feet to eliminate atmospheric fallout.

No weapon yet developed can penetrate more than 40 feet into the earth. A tested nuclear warhead that bur-

we still hope that sufficient numbers of American lab rats will miraculously awaken from their collective stupor and take stock of our appalling situation. After all, rodents have a notoriously short life span and are always killed when no longer useful to those conducting research. The irony of this horror story is that we rats are being plundered to finance our own demise. Our national debt of 7.2 trillion grows by \$1.8 billion a day.⁹⁰

The Pentagon cannot account for \$2.3 trillion of its shadowy transactions.⁹¹ The radioactive operations in Iraq are costing \$3.7 billion a month, those in Afghanistan \$900 million a month.⁹² No one knows how many \$billions are being flushed into Operation Cloverleaf and other hobgoblin projects. The U.S. spends \$11,000 per second on weapons, according to calculations of celebrated author William Thomas.⁹³

So, while we await the great awakening, have a wonderful, barium-dried summer under a synthetic tarpaulin of aluminum-white, particle-laden, electrically-charged aviation scum that passes for sky. Endure well your respiratory and ocular difficulties while staring at huge oily sun rings and smeary sundogs, the patent signature of chemical assault. Don't forget to salute and click your heels when you see tanker formations patriotically saturating the atmosphere with such a dense, micro-particulate brew that they cast black shadows alongside or ahead of themselves.

As you witness the noxious drama in the skies, remember, it's all just part of the "kill chain."

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nasty loophole in Section 1515 of Chapter 32 allows informed consent to be suspended by executive order during a period of national emergency, a situation under which this nation perpetually labors by deliberate hobgoblin design.

Few American test rats realize that the Pentagon's boys in Congress have now:

* appropriated millions of dollars for the manufacture and testing of new "mini nukes" and bunker buster bombs.⁸⁴

* authorized the DOE to resume nuclear testing in Nevada.⁸⁵

* exempted DOD and DOE from landmark environmental laws in the development of these new weapons.⁸⁶

America's 70,000 nuclear weapons manufactured since 1945 are not sufficient! As DOE gears up to develop and test fourth-generation nukes, numerous reports continue to surface about the agency's sordid corruption and mismanagement. DOE's habitual cover-up of site contamination and its devious efforts to downplay serious illnesses suffered by many of its nuclear workers are among recent scandals.⁸⁷

rows to only 40 feet will throw a million cubic feet of radioactive debris into the atmosphere.⁸⁸

The Pentagon's new nuke era is in the capable hands of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has so ably presided over the pre-emptive nuclear incineration of Middle Eastern Muslims. Rumsfeld has never adequately explained why his Department was unable to defend the Pentagon building despite a full hour's notice that hijacked planes were in the air.

Should Rumsfeld be replaced due to the Pentagon's Iraqi torture scandal, we are assured that his Bush-appointed successor will share his have-nuke-will-travel ideology.

Working closely with Rumsfeld is a coven of pro-nukes, including his advisor Keith Payne, a vocal advocate of pre-emptive nuclear war. Payne has written that an "intelligent" nuclear offensive launched by the U.S. would result in only 20 million U.S. casualties, "a level compatible with national survival and recovery."⁸⁹

Now that we have tied together the historical and political realities for which we mindlessly wave our flags,

THE MILITARY ABUSE OF ANIMALS

Chemical and biological warfare has been dubbed a 'higher form of killing'. This is reflected in the military's endless quest to 'perfect' the deadly nature of each compound through animal experimentation.

Killing and maiming is not enough, great importance is attached to the scientific nature of the weapon's effect. Whether it is by burning, poisoning, suffocation, infection or attacking the nervous system, each method is meticulously 'refined' on sentient, unconsenting lab animals.

Napalm, Agent Orange, 245T have all been extensively tested on animals. So too will other weapons.

for example, rhesus monkeys and marmosets have been used at Porton Down in the UK to study the effects of the nerve gas Soman. Those receiving a high dose suffered violent convulsions and quickly collapsed. About 75% regained consciousness and experienced an increased rate and depth of respiration. Some made attempts to crawl around the cage before eventually relapsing and dying one to two hours later.

Few published examples of military abuse exist. Everything is hidden under a 'top secret' label. Even the pathetic regulations applied in commerce don't apply here. Sadistic or misguided freaks are free to act out

whatever their sick imaginations can conceive of.

Each year in military establishments across the world, animals are shot, blasted, burnt and subjected to other forms of injury. All of this takes place against a backdrop of a violent world in which all of these injuries are being inflicted upon humans on a daily basis.

In Britain, information is scarce, but it is known that sheep, pigs, rabbits and monkeys have been wounded at Porton Down. One published experiment detailed how 20 anaesthetised rhesus monkeys were shot through the head with a 3.2 mm steel ball. They survived between 2 and 169 minutes. In Germany 20 dogs were shot in the hind leg from 50metres, with the objective of fracturing the upper thigh, shattering the bone column and destroying the hollow marrow bone. Nine dogs

died within 48 hours and the remainder were operated on and then treated for several weeks before being killed.

In the US stray animals can be bought and abused by the military. In 1983 public pressure forced them to stop using cats and dogs, but this only transferred the agonies to other species. In that same year more than 400,000 animals were massacred by the US military.

This immoral abuse of animal life has only one purpose—the development of even more deadly weapons and

new methods of waging war. There will be no peace until we end our abuse of animals.

Ending warfare experiments would be a good place to start.

The above article was cobbled together mainly from an excellent pamphlet published in 1987 by the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection and written by Chris Fisher. It can probably still be got from Turnaround Distribution, or BUAV. ISBN 1 870356 00 4



FASLANE PEACE CAMP: 22 YEARS OF RESISTANCE

An Interview with a camper

FASLANE PEACE CAMP is situated 30 miles North of Glasgow, in West Central Scotland. Since 1982, peace campers have taken action against the Trident nuclear weapons system based on the nearby Gareloch.

Faslane has been UK's longest-running peace camp. Can you tell us a little about how and why it started, and a quick history of the camp since?

How camp started has nowadays descended into myth. The most popular story goes as follows: There had been temporary camps happening at Faslane for a while. On 12th June 1982, another, longer temporary camp was supposed to start. It was meant to be closer to the base's South Gate, but on the way a caravan broke its axle and couldn't be moved. Camp was set up around that van. People decided they wanted to carry on the site, and 22 years later the "temporary" peace camp is still here! At first, the local council was West Dumbartonshire, which had an anti-nuclear policy. They supported camp and rented us the land for a pound a month. Then, 7 years ago, the council boundaries changed.

The newly formed Argyll and Bute Council was staunchly anti-peace camp, and took out an eviction order against us. This actually worked in our favour - from having 2 burnt our residents, site became full of people determined to build defences and fight the eviction. Numbers hadn't been so high since the 1980s heyday of the anti-nuclear movement. Nowadays the council still want to evict us, but can't afford to politically or financially!

Can you fill us in on the background to Trident, UK's so-called 'independent deterrent', and the direct action campaign the camp has led against it?

There are four Vanguard class subs at Faslane, which fire Trident nuclear missiles and are nuclear-powered.

and the UK depends heavily on the goodwill of the US to keep Trident running.

There are 16 missiles on each Trident sub, and each missile holds 64 times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb. It's worth pointing out that ALL the UK's nuclear weapons are based at Faslane.

As anarchists we wouldn't say we "led" the direct action campaign against Trident. We work with other likeminded groups and are always looking for new folk to do actions with. Our actions take in anything that can put a spanner in the war machine - blockades, fence cutting, smashing expensive equipment, office occupations, phone blockades, stopping nuclear warhead convoys and so on. We do a mixture of pixie (sabotage) actions and Ploughshares-style accountable disarmament. In general tho, peace campers see no reason to make ourselves accountable to the state.

How does the camp's anti-Trident campaign link to other areas of contestation, for example re. the environment or human liberation? Is there some sort of consensus what it comes to a critique of militarism and if so, what is it? If not, what are the different viewpoints and principle debates?

Nuclear weapons cause massive ecological destruction and human misery even if they are never fired. For example, Uranium mining (carried out by Rio Tinto Zinc among others) is notorious for causing the displacement of tribal peoples. It also poisons ecosystems and people near the mine. At the other end of the process, decommissioned nuclear reactors from old subs are already causing

also against industry and civilization. We do discuss the connections between war, industry and civilization, but have never agreed on everything so far! Anyone who is a positive force in anti-nuclear work, and who respects our community, is welcome at camp tho - you don't have to share the political views of the current residents.

We tie in our anti-militarist stance to other struggles by encouraging and taking part in anarchist organising and ecological direct action throughout Scotland and beyond. Peace campers have been involved in direct action against GM food in Scotland, for example.

Many in the 1980s peace movement saw the peace camps as utopian experiments as much as loci of protest, particularly at Greenham, the womens' camp against US nuclear Cruise missiles based in the Home Counties. Is there anything like that in Faslane's ethos now and if so, what can you tell us about it?

At camp we try to live out an alternative to the society which created Trident. We believe that state society is nothing but the means of preparing for war, so for this reason we live along anarchist principles. Important decisions are made by consensus at camp meetings.

There is a strong emphasis on communal living and communal responsibility. We try to have a (vegan) group meal every day, and do big tasks as a group. We also help each other with personal jobs (babysitting, living space maintenance, legal/prison support) if need be. Camp has a mild work ethic and we generally find that working together helps build our sense of community. We also socialise together and consider each other as friends.

Although still very dependent on civilization, we do try to live more sustainably and closer to nature than mainstream society. We have a compost toilet, get heat from burning fallen wood, and use only a small amount of electricity from renewable sources.

Hopefully camp is a welcoming place for all sorts of people. Any sort of discrimination or intimidation is not tolerated. The newest addition to site is an extended wheelchair path. Wheelchair users and older people have lived here in the past, so don't be put off if you're not 18-30 and able bodied!

We understand that the Left-leaning Scottish National Party (SNP) were once very sympathetic to Faslane as part of their campaign against the militarisation of Scotland. How prominently do Scottish issues feature in camp discussions?

The destruction caused by nuclear weapons knows no borders, and is carried out in the name of global capitalist domination. Therefore we try to see our actions from a global perspective. That said, we do discuss Scottish issues a lot.

There is a definite nationalistic element to the Scottish anti-nuclear movement, because all the UK's nuclear weapons are based in Scotland. Many Scottish anarchists also started out as Scottish national-

ists, but became disillusioned with party politics and the inevitable right-wing tendencies of nationalism. (The SNP has become more and more conservative in many ways, although it is not a racist party). While it would be a definite victory to get rid of nuclear weapons from Scotland even by party political means, we don't think it's likely to happen that way.

actions to daily tasks to baking vegan cake!

If you can't make it here, camp also need money to keep running and fund actions. Please make cheques payable to Faslane Peace Camp.

And don't forget, the Trident system stretches across Britain. People in England and Wales wanting to do sol-



A major concern for us is the lack of direct action in Scotland. We think this is due to two factors. Firstly, the left is much stronger here than in the rest of the UK. Both the Scottish Socialists (SSP) and the Scottish "Greens" (SGP) have considerable representation in the devolved parliament.

Prominent members of these parties have spoken in favour of direct action, but the party hierarchies all to often try to quash any real dissent (for example, trying to control civil disobedience at the beginning of the Iraq war).

This isn't really surprising as these people hope to form the government one day, and are scared of a population truly thinking and acting for itself! Secondly, there is a lack of autonomous spaces in Scotland, exacerbated by the anti-squatting laws here. Squatting has been illegal since the Highland Clearances of the 19th Century.

Highland peasants were cleared from their land to make way for sheep farming, and the law prevented them returning to abandoned homesteads.

Things are improving tho - Faslane and Bilston Woods protest sites are doing well, there has been a resurgence of rented social centres this year, more housing co-ops are planned and there's talk of starting a squatting movement in Scotland.

Is there anything practical readers can do help the camp and its campaigns?

Most of all we need people to come to camp, whether you can stay for a day or want to live here full time. There are loads of things you can do to help on site, from

identity actions will probably find a base near them that is involved with Trident in some way.

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Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Yes - peace camper Karen Fallon is currently awaiting trial in Ireland for disarming a US warplane in the run up to the Iraq war. Please send her letters of support and donations, care of Roz, Talamh Housing Co-op, Birkhill House, Coalburn, Lanarkshire, SCOTLAND. More info on Karen at www.faslanepeacecamp.org.uk/karen.html

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Cheers!



They are backed up by a supporting fleet of nuclear powered "Hunter Killer" subs which fire conventional Cruise missiles, as well as minesweepers, minelayers, frigates, tugs etc.

Trident was planned in 1982 and the first Vanguard sub arrived at Faslane in the early 90s. Trident a first-strike system, replaced Cruise, a second-strike system, so the introduction of Trident clearly indicated that the UK was moving from a defensive to an offensive nuclear policy. The UK does not have complete control of the Trident system - it's US technology

problems here in Scotland. The Ministry of "Defence" is trying to find a community which doesn't mind having radioactive waste dumped on it for the next few thousand years. Strangely, this is proving difficult.

Capitalism depends on the military for its very survival. Not only do arms companies rake in the profits, the whole "free" trade system is supported by militarism and ultimately by nuclear weapons. For this reason, all the residents at camp at the moment are anti-military, anti-capitalist, and anarchist. Some of us are



A BAND OF BROTHERS?

Military manipulation of primal instincts

Be all you can be, Who Dares Wins... the army rhetoric is as bad as any advertising jingle. No-one could possibly take it seriously when you see what the brave 'heros' actually get up to. But soldiers are not exactly monsters either. Many are looking for somewhere to belong, some group to be part of. More than any loyalty to Queen or state is this strong group desire—the 'band of brothers' tribal impulse to belong to a group.

Most soldiers don't swallow the patriotic bullshit any more than your average zombie—some do even less because they've seen the bloody workings of the state in action. Instead they act out of misplaced loyalty to their soldier comrades, to what they feel is their tribe.

In Mogadishu, Somalia in 1992, US special forces were shot down and stranded in the middle of a very hostile native force. Some of the men managed to escape back to base, most had been shot and injured, some quite badly. When they got back to base they were told they had to go back in again and rescue some of the men who'd become stranded.

While a loyalty to the American state is seen among these men, no amount of loyalty to an abstract concept is going to make them go back into such a nightmarish situation. A different kind of loyalty is at work here. A loyalty to their fallen soldier comrades, their drinking buddies and often best friends.

It is this loyalty, this sense of belonging to a group which makes them overcome their fear and go back. It's not a rational feeling, but one which comes from their gut—a primal feeling which is far stronger than anything the State could have hoped for.¹

The State of course encourages this impulse. It's a feature of military training to play on it. A soldier from a special unit in the second world war describes his experiences:

"The three of us, Jake, Joe and I, became... an entity. There were many entities in our close-knit organizations. Groups of threes and fours, usually from the same squads or sections, core elements within the families that were the same units, were readily recognised as entities... This sharing... evolved never to be relinquished, never to be repeated. Often three such entities would make up a squad, with incredible results in combat. They would literally insist on going hungry for one another, freezing for one another, dying for one another."²

Andy McNabb, a SAS man sent undercover to Iraq was captured and tortured for days.

"Hour after hour, day after day, beating after beating, taking my turn with the other two, lying curled up, cold and in pain, waiting for the terrifying noise of the

door being kicked open... I knew one thing. I knew the other two weren't giving up because otherwise my interrogations would have stopped. I kept saying to myself, it's not going to be me, I'm not going to let them down, I'm not going to be the one to put the others in the shit."³

So the army nurtures this instinct because it knows that it will keep the men together far better than any other brainwashing trick.

Another primal instinct played upon by the military is the young male's desire to prove himself in the company of other men. Although women are tolerated as long as they act like men, the average soldier would prefer them to keep out. The only woman I ever met who was in the army eventually left because she was raped by fellow soldiers.

So I think it's fair to say that soldiers prefer a male environment and that in itself is not unnatural. Of course how they go about it is—but the desire to put himself through physical and mental tests in an exclusively male environment is something which most men have done in many different cultures.

The Australian aborigines have many different approaches to this. They believe that women don't need to do all this silly stuff because women are of the earth already, but men are a different matter! They need to get some sense, often the very hard way.

Most of the 'walkabouts' common to native people are usually exclusively for men. They spend many weeks on their own trying to learn lessons which maybe the women instinctively know.

Robert Lawlor in "Voices of the First Day—Awakening in the Aboriginal Dreamtime" writes that "female initiation rites are always related to biological changes such as menstruation, defloration, pregnancy and childbirth... women mark these stages by gathering together and performing certain rituals and songs."⁴ Whereas men have elaborate, very serious rituals usually involving a lot of pain and hardship.



The military takes this masculine instinct and uses it for its own benefit. "Be all you can be!" Be a man, prove yourself, and at the same time supply us with limitless fodder for our nasty endeavours. Everybody hates the soldiers. But they're no worse than a bank clerk or a supermarket attendant or a housewife.

The military cliché of regimented blind obedience is just as present in the hordes rushing to work every morning. The mindless workers waiting for their orders.

"Suits are the Descendants of military uniforms, unfold the lapels and turn up the collar and it resembles a high-collared military tunic."⁵

Aren't we all manipulated into roles which destroy ourselves and our home, the earth? There's no role within civilisation which is free from manipulation and perversion, there's no-one who is free to follow these instincts in a natural way. Instead of demonising soldiers, it's better to look at how we all allow ourselves to be manipulated and our energy channelled into keeping civilisation alive.

Of course, there's no reason to romanticise them either. The current spate of special forces books (Tom Clancy, etc.) are cashing in on the average zombie's fascination with those people who have some semblance of hunter-gatherer skills. From a bored housewife or harried office worker's point of view, these skills

must seem very impressive. Living vicariously through these super-humans' exploits is about the nearest these repressed, dull couch potatoes ever get to 'wildness'.

The skills the soldier learns are closer to what a hunter gatherer learns than any other profession. Tracking, survival shelters, finding food, etc. But they learn them in a spiritless way, a way which is utterly different from primitive people. This lack of spirit is crucial. It prevents the soldier from entering into any kind of meaningful relationship with himself and surroundings and despite his longing for a real tribe to belong to, it destroys any hope of attaining a community of kin. The soul-less knowledge leads to misery and frustration, death and destruction, with only civilisation (that soul-less monster) benefiting.

By not being able to immerse themselves in nature the soldier cannot learn what nature can teach. For instance, in Tom Brown's "The Science and Art of Tracking" Stalking Wolf describes how in his tribe, by the time a child is five they can track a mouse across solid rock.

"By the age of six they could follow ants across the same rock. Yet this only qualified them to be considered common trackers."⁶

The master trackers, the Scouts, could track across solid rock with ease and identified well over five thousand pressure releases (each feature inside a track).

"They moved as the shadows, mastering camouflage and stalking to a point of invisibility. They could get right into the middle of an enemy encampment without being observed. They could read the symphony of movement and sound around them and know what was going on many miles away. Most of all they could glance at a track and read into the maker's very soul."⁷

Compared to this don't the special forces skills rapidly become less impressive? But to those who's biggest dilemma of the day is what to have for lunch it's not hard to see why the bluster seems good. If only they could see beyond the modern primitives cartoon version and see the far more impressive feats of hunter-gatherers.

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STAKEKNIFE - BRITAIN'S SECRET AGENTS IN IRELAND BY MARTIN INGRAM AND GREG HARKIN, £8.99, O'BRIEN PRESS, 20 VICTORIA ROAD, DUBLIN 6, IRELAND. 2004.



OVER the decades the British media has worked hard to present the role of the British army in Northern Ireland as a 'peacekeeping' one.

Our forces are depicted as essentially neutral, caught between two insane, warring sectarian factions.

If the military operated any agents within paramilitary groups, it would go without saying that their task would be to tip off the authorities to possible atrocities, thus saving lives and salvaging the 'peace process' to which the British state is so publicly committed.

Of course, a few cracks have from time to time appeared in this rosy facade and the public are gradually getting an idea of the murky reality beneath.

Stakeknife is a very useful addition to the literature exposing this crucial area of the secret state's operations.

Investigative reporter Harkin has teamed up with Ingram, a disillusioned former British army intelligence officer, who 'handled' British agents in the paramilitary organisations and has been blowing the whistle on what really goes on.

The main focus is on Freddie Scappaticci, known as 'Stakeknife'. He was deputy head of the IRA's 'Nutting Squad' a kind of internal Gestapo dedicated to rooting out and punishing (usually by torture and death) suspected informers or infiltrators.

Unfortunately for the IRA, he was also an agent of the British Army's Force Research Unit (FRU). While on some occasions Scappaticci's inside information did manage to save the odd life, this certainly was not the main purpose of his role.

The book details how many sound and loyal IRA operatives were usefully taken out by this British plant in the heart of their movement, having been wrongly accused of treachery.

This also had the bonus effect of causing revulsion among the dead militants' friends and family, potentially leading to more republicans coming forward and offering to spy on the IRA.

And if the killing of IRA men or women does not strike you as morally reprehensible, Scappaticci was also not adverse to torturing and even killing fellow British state agents in

the IRA, in order to maintain his credibility and cover.

The authors stress the enormous implications for the IRA of Scappaticci's exposed double role. "Yes, they are penetrated, but that should come as no surprise. It is the depth of penetration that has caused the high level of concern.

"The perception which was always prevalent within the movement was that if you got your hands dirty—ie, hands-on killing—you were clean. This was the single most damaging assumption the movement made in the present campaign.

"This assumption was played upon by the security forces. I suppose the belief was that even the Brits wouldn't allow people to get away with murder, especially multiple murders. How wrong can one be?"

While Scappaticci was sticking his stakeknife into the republican movement from the inside, others were doing similar work from within the loyalist ranks.

The authors home in on one Brian Nelson, a notorious long-term British agent within the UDA. His role was very different to that of Scappaticci, though.

Rather than murder members of the group he had infiltrated, his job was to pass them information enabling them to kill republican enemies of the British state.

Information and photographs relating to the victims—who included 'nuisance' non-paramilitaries such as lawyers—fell into the hands of the loyalist gangs and security mysteriously evaporated just long enough for the murders to be carried out. As the authors comment:

"The thinking of the FRU at that time was not dissimilar to that of recent regimes in Colombia, where right-wing paramilitary death squads were armed and run by the State... The FRU was using loyalist paramilitaries as an extension of the British Army."

The authors retain throughout a sense of the human cost of all these parapolitical games, listing and describing many of those who fell victim to the murderous double-dealing of British state operatives on both 'sides' of the conflict. They add:

"Little wonder then that the clear-up rate in bringing killers before the courts was so appallingly bad over the past thirty years. So many of those killers, both loyalist and republican, were also working for the security forces."

They rightly scoff at the hypocrisy of British politicians' pious condemnations of killings which were in fact carried out by their own employees. And they comment:

"The final chapter on those who died during the Troubles has yet to be written. When it is, perhaps one question in the conclusion will be this: who really ran the Troubles?"

With the question marks mounting over the true origins and purpose of certain other notable 'terrorist' acts used to justify increased state control and militarisation, this issue could hardly be more poignant.

Are we now reaching the end of an era when capitalist states could govern by laying claim to the moral high-

ground and thus command the implicit support of the majority of the public?

Are they aware that the lid is lifting rapidly off their cauldron of lies and mind games? Is the vast array of repressive legislation and surveillance hardware currently being developed coming in readiness for what the authorities know will be a 'gloves-off' assault on dissident threats to their power?

If so, then potential future freedom fighters ought to make note of another lesson to be learned from the Stakeknife affair.

The IRA's security wing was in effect turned into a weapon of the British state by means of infiltration.

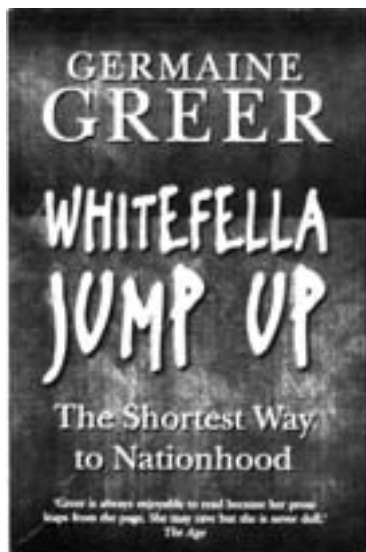
If it could happen to them, it could happen to anyone.

Read the blurb somewhere on these pages again—this is exactly why autonomous cell structures are the only safe approach!

WHITEFELLA JUMP UP BY GERMAINE GREER, PROFILE BOOKS 2004 €12

I heard Germaine Greer on the radio a few weeks ago talking about her new book, and it sounded great. She was talking about the chronic malaise of white Australian society, and recommending a total change towards a hunter-gatherer existence, and that all Australians should be learning from the aboriginal tribespeople how to live on the land. Unfortunately—after getting my mum to buy me the book—I was quite disappointed. While she does recommend adopting "aboriginality" for everyone living in Australia, it seems to be without considering the inevitable technological collapse that would follow everyone "going native", and the serious fallout in the short term. By ignoring it, it plays into the hands of the cynics (nine of whom line up at the end of the book to scorn the essay), as there is obviously no way of transforming civilised mass society into a continent of new-aboriginies, without big painful changes.

The essay discusses early colonists, and how they failed time and time again in their attempts to submit the bush to agriculture, and to submit the natives to their way of life.



"...their delusion was their utter conviction of their own mental and moral superiority and their god-given right to civilize and subjugate all other groups in the Great South Land. The settlers toiled like madmen to remove the scrub, bush, and trees that stood in the way of cultivation."

Interestingly, Greer says that aboriginies always welcomed the 'settlers'

with tolerance and an open hand, and tried to help them in whatever ways they could. Presumably trying to share their country with the strangers, even after it became clear that the strangers were brutal and ignorant. She contends that even now, aboriginal people would be willing to share their knowledge with the invaders if they would only ask. Thats as may be. I don't know any Australian aboriginies, and don't really even know any immigrant Australians. But I do know that however many million people can't all turn to hunting and gathering overnight (and survive) and Greer neglects to mention that at all. She could have put a valid case forward for an urgent population reduction, and an end to mass production, industrialism and earth destruction. Or considered the outcome of a more immediate change to hunting and gathering and faced the probability of large scale loss of human life, but instead the essay just calls for an adoption ("admittance") of every Australian aboriginality, and pretty much leaves it at that. I would have liked her to follow through on the idea, and as a "renowned writer academic and broadcaster" she would have had a lot of people listening.

It seems that Greer's vision of an aboriginal nation (the book's subheading is "the shortest way to nationhood") is not one of a nation of free individuals and bands of self-sufficient people getting on with life like they did up until a couple hundred years ago, but rather it's an attempt to incorporate some general currents common to aboriginal societies, into a socialist style state. That may be more appealing than the current situation over there, but it totally loses the point she seemed close to grasping. While I'd say she has genuine intentions, and is publishing some very accurate analysis of the colonizers' psycho(path)ology, she just seems trapped inside a western perspective, but still often hitting the nail on the head.

"My white countrymen appear to me afflicted by a kind of emotional paralysis, a pathological indifference... Australians have access to adequate and reliable information about the threat represented by their mismanaged environment but they remain unable to give a damn."

I can't decide whether this essay does more harm than good. On the one hand it does make the point that the European (and presumably elsewhere) invaders have brought ecological disaster with them to Australia. That they have nearly driven the original human culture to extinction, and that they have everything to learn from the aboriginies.

"The country I love has been crazily devastated by whitefellas who seem unable to give a damn, and who even now insist on continuing in their madness, knocking down its mountains, grinding up its trees, diverting its watercourses, building high-rises on its flood plains, creating an endless nightmare of suburbia from which our kids try to escape by sticking needles in their arms."

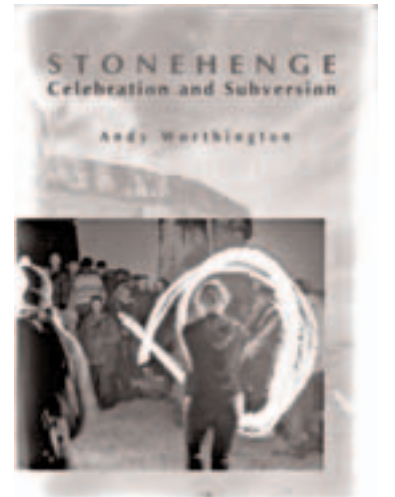
The essay also calls for the learning of hunter-gatherer skills, and defence of hunter-gatherers around the world too. On the other hand there is no look at worldwide colonization and the spread of civilization as necessarily barbaric. Greer imagines an Australian Aboriginal State which

would maintain trade (?) with other continents. She calls for adoption of hunting/gathering as a way of life but dismisses the requirement to leave their houses and cities (?). She even unfortunately makes reference to the Native American situation, as being somehow something for Australia to aspire to (??)

However I'd like to think that Greer does have a genuine desire to see change in Australia, even if she may not have looked too deeply into our global sickness. It is possible that she simply has not considered life outside civilization (like most people) and is writing as well as she can from her perspective of an educated and thoroughly civilized person. Maybe the next book will explore these themes further, with a bit more hard truth. I'd say it's worth a read anyway, and there are a lot more good bits than bad. Her essay ends :

"...Australia doesn't owe whitefellas (including me) a living. They should stop ripping it's guts out for a pittance, and sit on the ground. Sit on the ground, damn you, and think, think about salination, desertification, dieback, deforestation, species extinction, erosion, suburbanisation, complacency, greed and stupidity. As if."

STONEHENGE: CELEBRATION AND SUBVERSION BY ANDY WORTHINGTON. £14.95 FROM HEART OF ALBION PRESS, 2 CROSS HILL CLOSE, WYMESWOLD, LOUGHBOROUGH LE12 6UJ.



Our review copy was misbound, pp.93-188 running backwards, and we hope all the other copies weren't too as Stonehenge: Celebration and Subversion is an excellent first book from Andy Worthington. The author is a veteran of the last days of the 1980s Stonehenge festivals himself, but no space cadet. His research into the history (if little pre-history) of the monument is impressive and illuminating in its rigour, all claims on the monument—mythic, mystical or archaeological—are treated with a good-humoured if sceptical neutrality, and Worthington has had excellent access to most of the current key players in the Stonehenge access debate, largely letting them speak for themselves so we as readers can decide which are the bullshitters (and they are hardly unheard of in this milieu...).

Of course, you get all the well-trodden Stukeley and Aubrey material (with incidental reference to bizarre claims the poet William Blake was a practising druid), but what was most fascinating to me as a fellow old Stonehenge hand were accounts of pre-1970s festivals at the Stones. It seems the Druids always felt themselves exclusive and always got due

stick from revellers that came for the beer and music (1920s 'sound systems' being gramophones...). Similarly, the mid-1980s exclusion zone was hardly the first and all met similar defiance, if not the same brutal enforcement.

If history is necessary transmission of memory from one generation to the next, Worthington has done the current generation of Solstice-celebrators a great service, documenting the police excesses of the Thatcher era and underlining that this is still unfinished business, not one cop currently held to account for the brutalities of 1985-6. It's also interesting how strongly the move to end the festival was driven by English Heritage's 'old school' archaeologists and their view that the festival-goers mythic take on Stonehenge was an affront to their profession and their interpretations of the 'Truth' of the monument. In this, they reminded me of the blinkered 'quack busting' doctors that rigorously evade scientific investigation of medical phenomena they arbitrarily deem 'unscientific'.

The re-opening of Stonehenge appears multifaceted. On one hand, the old Stonehenge Campaign hands were joined by a new generation of activists invigorated by the anti-roads milieu (some readers will be new to this, never mind the 1970s free festival movement...) prepared to systematically defy the exclusion zone, culminating in the ubiquitous Dr. Margaret Jones' challenge that voided it of legal meaning.

On the other hand, the old scientific generation of archaeologists administering the Henge were replaced by a new generation that took 'Earth Mysteries' type stuff a tad more seriously and more often than not had attended the 1980s festivals themselves. Post-processionist archaeologists like Barbara Bender even linked up with Stonehenge campaigners with a joint 'Stonehenge Belongs To You and Me' exhibition and defied the exclusion zone. Anyway, they were prepared to let the festival-goers in provided the consequent gathering wasn't actually called a festival ("using the F-word").

Aside from explicitly reinstating the festival, the biggest current issue is the cut and fill tunnel likely to be imposed on the landscape. Again, we find elitist druid orders cheerleading this and the more reflective realising this will be both archaeologically destructive (bulldozers and pristine straitigraphy hardly mix!) and restrict access still further. Andy Worthington has given the historical context to understand current emphases and alliances, a valuable service in itself.

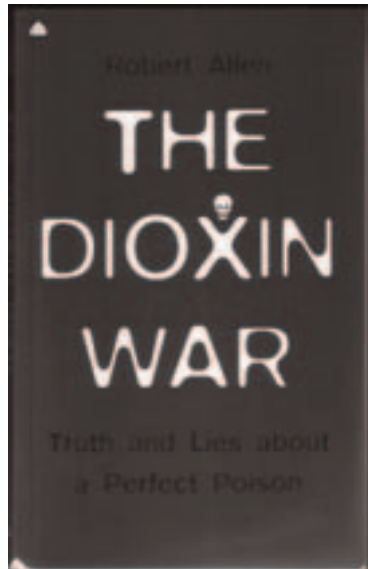
THE DIOXIN WAR BY ROBERT ALLEN. £12.99 FROM PLUTO PRESS, 345 ARCHWAY ROAD, LONDON N6 5AA.

The struggle against dioxin is the prequel to that against GM, almost seminal in creating the modern Green movement, albeit surprisingly forgotten. Karen Carson's *Silent Spring* was as much about dioxin-based herbicides as direct pesticide impacts on wildlife.

Then was not now though. Then big chemical corporations like Monsanto and Dow (dioxin's principle manufacturers) could do what the fuck they liked, with absolutely no restraint or regulation. They could tip as much crap in the river as they liked and if it poisoned whole communities, then that was "scientifically unproven".

Exaggeration? The Dioxin Wars documents the notorious Times Beach incident at a chapter's length, where an illiterate scrap dealer type who later pleaded ignorance spread dioxin-contaminated oil salvaged from electrical equipment across horse paddocks across the entire county, causing untold equine and human mortality. This incident was key to the EPA's formation, so Monsanto just got up a bunch of 'scientific experts' to automatically naysay any evidence this was a problem (c.f. US industry nonsense about the so-called 'myth' of global warming now) and when the junk science angle wasn't playing, they just sent their scientists into the EPA as 'advisory experts' and bought as many local officials as they could. There is still no justice in Times Beach county now, twenty years later, and so the citizenry are now getting behind Earth First! as the only option still open to them.

But a rural county in backwoods America is surely mere bagatelle compared to weaponised dioxins in the form of Agent Orange sprayed over a quarter of Vietnam by Operation Ranch Hand. The literally hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese born subsequently with horrendous birth defects were casually dismissed as "Communist propaganda" and when the war came home and it was American kids and their Nam vet fathers dying, they too were a threat to corporate profit dismissed for



decades. What sort of society is it that thinks it can fuck over its own military—the last line of defence against egalitarian social relations—and still expect to have survive into the long-term? This game, too, is not over. Two decades after Seveso (where even the Pope recognised dioxins cause such terrible birth defects that he approved abortion as an alternative), there's still been no admission of liability on Monsanto's part, though their investment in GM 'diversification' shows how their position is becoming untenable.

With the power to just cut off funding (directly or indirectly) to hostile research (as happened to Alistair Hay at Leeds or Arpad Puztai re. GM at the Rowett Institute), the chemical industry is incredibly arrogant in imposing its own convenient version of 'scientific Truth'. When cows started dying under the cloud of Merck's incinerator in Tipperary, the executives just blamed the wogs' "bad husbandry" rather than admit they'd poisoned them – and the farmers themselves too, of course. Ireland was just another 3rd World country they could dump on as they pleased. Like the tobacco industry, it's the old story of 'deny, deny, deny' – and we'll hear more of the same over GM in a few years too. Actually, we're hearing it already now.

This is a necessary, timely book, but I want to say a few words about the author. He's a column editor for the Establishment's paper of record, the *London Times*, but faced with such abuses, even he can't help himself mentioning "capitalism" disparagingly and talking of "the dark side of science" and mixed blessings of Progress. By his account, dioxins suffuse our society to such a great extent that they, in themselves, account for the cancer boom of the last few decades. Monsanto and all claim that without their herbicides agriculture would collapse. Cancer or starvation? It's no choice. The real choice is a world without them and their sort in control of our food supplies – and if the most massive, radical social change is necessary to achieve this, so be it.

THE IDLER BOOK OF CRAP JOBS BY DAN KIERAN. £9.99 FROM BANTAM, 61-63 UXBRIDGE ROAD, LONDON W5 5SA.

The Idler's been getting a lot of coverage in the broadsheet press at the moment, with anti-work sources familiar to the rest of us for decades recycled as challenging and innovative to its new, privileged audience.

We've seen people's (anti-)working experiences anthologised right back to Studs Turkel's *Working* back in the early-1970s and more radical versions such as *Sabotage in the American Workplace* (a.k.a. *Sabotage the American Workplace*), but this is certainly entertaining enough. The 100 crap jobs listed range from grossly overworked executives through to £6.50 / hour pig wankers (the resultant cum being used for artificial insemination in agriculture), all categorised by degrees of humiliation, disgusting-ness, danger, immorality and futility.

'Top of the unpops' is apparently phone sex line work, though this actually sounds quite fun to me, certainly preferably to other call centre work where the customers' enquiries are a lot more boring and they habitually only act like tossers. Sales jobs sounded the pits to me, with unlimited hours, commission-only income you can starve on and will lie outrageously to earn, selling to people that don't want and can't afford it, and ritualistic humiliation and / or physical assaults on those not making sales quotas both by bosses and even by their own colleagues accepted custom and practice.

All the work experiences have come in from the Idler's readership. A lot of them sounded like holiday jobs taken by students on their way between public school and Oxbridge—typical Idler readers indeed!—and so whilst the writing is stylistically good and the writers' traditional upper class distaste for exerting themselves is noteworthy, there's a lot of contempt shown for the poor sods stuck doing this crap for the rest of their lives (some do sound odd in this version, but no doubt the contempt was mutual). Still, there are some 'real people' contributing too ("so I endured it for another five years before they finally sacked me", etc) and it's noteworthy that even the 'Calvinist' middle class are coming to realise the work ethic has gone way too far in terms of there being nothing else to their lives. In one of the few stats included in *Crap Jobs*, it's noted three times more people have been killed by work since World War 2 than by warfare. This rejection appears inarticulate as it is

instinctual rather than ideological ("I just hate it"), and is all the better for that.

"WAR IS A RACKET - THE ANTI-WAR CLASSIC BY AMERICA'S MOST DECORATED SOLDIER" BY BRIGADIER GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, FERAL HOUSE, 2003 (ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN 1935).



OK, we're short on space and the man puts it well...

"I spent 33 years in the Marines, most of my time being a high-class muscle man for big business, for Wall Street and the bankers. In short, I was a racketeer for Capitalism..."

"... I had a suspicion that war was a racket; not until I retired to civil life did I fully realize it. Now that I see the international war clouds again gathering [aren't they always!], I must face it and speak out."

"... Why don't those damned oil companies fly their own flags on their personal property - maybe a flag with a gas pump on it."

Smedley describes the profits industry made in the first world war. For eg. Du Pont earned \$6 million a year from 1910-14, but \$58 million a year from 1914-16, Bethlehem Steel made \$6 million a year from 1910-14, but \$49 million a year from 1914-16 and General Chemical Company averaged profits of less than a million for the three years before the war, but \$12 million a year from 1914-16. From the companies who made the soldiers shoes to the bankers who engineered the whole set up, there were many, many rich industries by the end of the slaughter and Smedley was well pissed off about it.

An interesting essay, it's a pity his other writings don't come up with better solutions than for the US to have only a defensive army ('Ammendment for Peace'). And although the whole thing could have been issued as a pamphlet, Feral House is charging \$10 for the book! Mmm. Ok, it's got some gory war photos at the back, but really you can see that stuff in most newspapers these days.

"AS FAR AS MY FEET WILL CARRY ME", J.M. BAUER, GRANADA PUBLISHING, 1966.

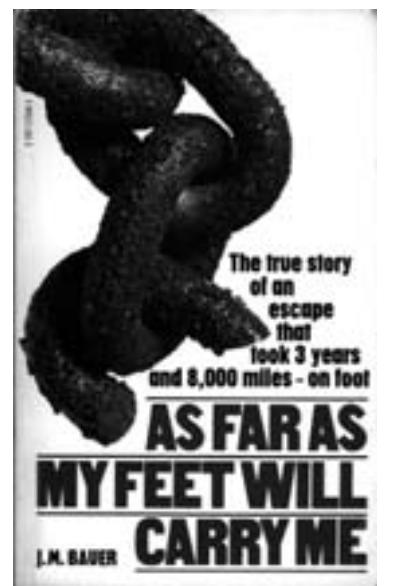
Clemens Forell joined the German army in 1938, working first in the Alpine Troops, later volunteering for the paratroops and further specialised training as part of a squad called the "Fire Brigade". This commando unit were used in Russia to blow up bridges, depots and other strategic targets. Forell was captured, imprisoned in a work camp for the rest of the war and eventually sentenced to

twenty-five years in a lead mine at the outer tip of Siberia. This is where the book begins, the story of his work at the mine, escape and trek through Siberia, across the USSR to Istanbul. Whatever you feel about Nazi special forces, you got to admire a man who can manage such a feat—8,000 miles through freezing snow, evading socialist bureaucrats and search parties—never mind the initial escape from the lead mine.

Although Forell had a family back in Germany, at one stage he contemplated staying with a tribe of reindeer men who adopted him. The tribe were generous, friendly and thoughtful and Forell noted that "here at least he had something more than an existence—a life that at times seemed to contain all he could want" (pg 103) The tribe taught him how to build decent shelter, catch fish and tan hides. They expected nothing in return and never put any pressure on him to leave. They joked a lot, took things easy and paid little attention to the Moscow dictates pushing collectivisation. Forell was surprised at the relationship they had with the reindeer—none were counted or fenced in and when the tribe wanted to move on, the reindeer gathered back at the village again.

Later in his journey, Forell was saved by another tribe, who treated him with similar respect and love. Without meeting these native people he would certainly have perished as they healed both his body (after he was attacked by a fellow escapee from a different mine), and mind—gave him a different view of the land he was travelling through—a more sane perspective which helped him to survive.

One of these tribes, the Yakutes, were huskie breeders who lived in small tents—two in each sleeping bag. Forell says he was shocked at the casual way women approached the infant mortality rates. "There would be yet more children, the Yakutes explained, if so many of them did not die soon after they were born." (pg 165) Forell, in the manner of many a



civilised observer, feels that a bit heartless, but then he wouldn't have to cope with a tent full of kids and a tribe over-stretching the area they are camped in. The Yakutes accepted fortune "good or bad as foreordained." Which is another way of saying they weren't egomaniacal, anthropocentric control freaks who were willing to make decisions best left in the hands of Nature.

It was with great sadness Forell left that temporary family to continue on his way and paradoxically things got harder the further he got from the Siberian wilderness. When he even-

tually reached civilisation he was struck by the “teeming menace and oppression of modern industry, oilfields, refineries, blocks of ferro-concrete skyscrapers, the hoot and surge of motor traffic and crowds. In every corner of the huge, artificial, roaring nightmare seemed to lurk the agents of the M.V.D. (socialist police).” (pg 217)

Very interesting book and well worth reading.

PAMPHLETS

BARBARIC THOUGHTS: ON A REVOLUTIONARY CRITIQUE OF CIVILIZATION VENOMOUS BUTTERFLY, 818 SW 3RD AVE., PMB 1237, PORTLAND, OR 97217, USA, 20 PAGES. 2004.



This short pamphlet is really a concise version of all the usual arguments against the anarcho-primitivist critique. I was hoping it would be worthwhile and original, but it makes the same misstatements and straw person attacks that have just become the norm. The tone is horribly self-righteous and presumptuous, making patently absurd attacks.

In this case, the most overarching one is that for some reason green anarchists and anarcho-primitivists are not concerned with social relationships and that somehow the bulk of us are really just insincere about our approaches (sorry folks, apparently the communist, egoist perspective is the one truth, and also the most “fundamentally anarchist”?).

If I try to think about where these ‘attacks’ are going or what they are really pointing towards, I just get really irritated at best. What is being argued is just so counterintuitive to what I feel and know: There’s more to life than billions of individuals acting on their own behalf with no greater connection. You can call it biocentrism, paganism, whatever you want, but I know there is something greater to life that connects all beings. According to this pamphlet, that is somehow moralistic. According to this pamphlet and its author, nearly everything that isn’t coming from that communist, egoist truth is moralistic. How or why this is so is beyond me and the pamphlet and all other Venomous Butterfly publications have yet to convince me. But what I have learned is that morality is an easy label to place, but when used so easily, should we be surprised when it no longer has meaning?

There is a post-modernist angle that goes against anarcho-primitivist critiques: that we have no roots, or at least none worth pursuing with any real meaning, and even more so, there is no ‘we’. Any concept of primordial selves or human nature is forbidden, because apparently they can only be used to naturalize and legitimate a power dynamic or morality wielded against others. This is a leap that

would make sprinters jealous. Anyways, the denial of roots is nothing new, but that doesn’t make this usage any less obnoxious. Apparently we can’t look at other societies without reifying and further romanticizing them. But even if we could (somehow this is all only hypothetical), they aren’t worth seriously looking at.

Now this point really bothers me, probably for reasons that should be fairly obvious considering the contents of this zine. But I don’t understand this point. It doesn’t matter whether you think nomadic gatherer/hunters are or are not an image of humanity in the state of nature. It doesn’t matter whether or not you think there’s anything ‘primal’ about our being or not.

What does matter is that there are living examples of anarchy in action. Not theory, not speculation, nothing but real beings. That doesn’t mean we need to recreate their every day lives, but it’s something that anyone seriously interested in destroying the state (especially those wanting to destroy civilization) should, at the very least, take serious notice of.

All of this is completely pushed aside or thrown out. What is pushed is the importance of “something different”. It’s all about this one true path to revolution and about freeing ourselves from all of our limits (though rather rigid guidelines as to how this ought to be done are clearly elaborated), but at some point something positive needs to be done to create and not just destroy whatever it is oppresses us at the level of the self, whatever that may be.

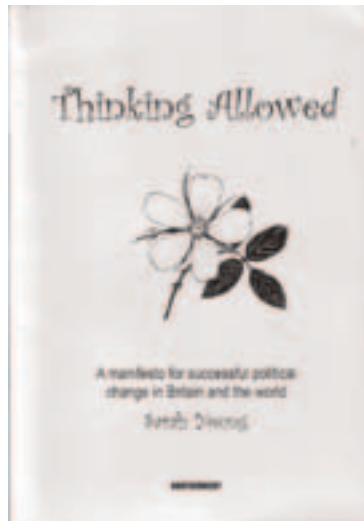
But for all the pushing aside of anarcho-primitivist and green anarchist critique, and all the talk of going to that ‘nebulous’ “somewhere different”, it’s clear that the proper steps to a revolutionary project of destroying civilization aren’t so open. It’s all about class struggle and class struggle exclusively.

The pamphlet really labors this point without clearly explaining why the only valid egoist struggle against civilization is through class. But it seems apparent that for all the word mincing, the communist, class struggle orientation is hardly such an unknown rather than an unspoken image of what the outcome of this illustrious revolution may really be. The revolutionary wears no clothes, comrade.

There’s enough in this pamphlet to make me want to dissect and tear it apart piece by piece, but really I just don’t think it’s worth the time and effort. I’d like to say I found something useful here and on certain levels there are, but the amount of groundless straw person attacks taken to get to rather well covered topics such as the problems of utopia or ideology or morality doesn’t merit the effort it takes to find the needles in the haystack. Perhaps it’s of use to others, but the one thing blatantly clear to me after reading this is that I have little to nothing in common with its author and its approach. That is probably the only thing the author and I have agreed upon.

All my problems aside, we all should and do have our own approaches and visions. Such is extremely important. But in the end I only hope that we can find more productive ways of articulating those visions without having to misrepresent each other. There are enough differences that we don’t have to make up new, straw ones!

THINKING ALLOWED BY SARAH YOUNG. £2.00 FROM NORTHERNSKY PRESS, P.O.BOX 21548, STIRLING, U.K.



This quick, cheap, charmingly illustrated pamphlet bills itself as “a manifesto for successful political change” and as is the way with such things, it’s a lot more articulate when it comes to problems than answers. Descriptions of the patheticness of current everyday consumerist life are vivid and hilarious, obviously drawn from lived experience (pp.6-7):

A - If you have a little money:

‘Farmfoods’ groceries, items from the Argos Catalogue, take-away food, clothes from Mark One, wishing you had a bit more money.

B - If you have a bit more money:

Sainsbury’s groceries, items from IKEA, restaurant meals, clothes from Monsoon, deluding yourself into thinking that you are leading a more worthwhile life than Type A people.

This, then, is what two billion years of evolution has come to for the self-styled ‘most advanced species’ on the planet!

Young is particularly good in describing how the lives of young women have ‘progressed’ in the last few decades, now forced by extortionate property prices directly from their fathers’ homes to their husbands, as dependant on them as Victorian chattels once were. I think also with a personal angle in mind, Young is surprisingly sympathetic to on-the-ground social workers as the only ones giving a shit for their clients. Somehow I doubt she’s ever had a straight answer from her clients as to how much use they think well-intentioned social workers are.

What is most satisfying about Thinking Allowed is that it is. In dealing with the pseudo-revolutionary Left as same-shit-in-miniature, pages of sectarian ranting would be typical in anarcho publications of this sort, but instead we get to ‘OK, they’re bad, ‘nuff said, move on’ mercifully quickly.

Instead of laying down dogmatic lines and dictums after softening up her readers by slagging others (the ‘they are dogmatic, but I am right!’ school of propaganda), Young concludes by putting open questions to readers (some not even leading!) and asking for genuine dialogue based on these. Such lack of politico arrogance is refreshing.

Sadly, what is least satisfying is the ‘and next’ bit. Young latches onto popular movement buzzwords, particularly ‘community’ and ‘participation’, and uses them like catch-all incantations without any idea of content or application. ‘Participation’ is a magic wand to be waved over society

to change everyone. I suppose a lot of this harks back to the Sits in the watered-down, decohered currency of movement-speak.

They saw their magic wand, ‘workers councils’ (even then already old-line-sounding and feeling at odds to the rest of their profounder anti-spectacular / spectator critique) realised in the form of ‘worker self-management’ at the occupied Lip watch factory and quickly discovered that all this meant in practice was the workers working themselves harder than they would have done when they had a boss peering over their shoulder.

A ‘radical’ consumer market for Lip watches hardly impressed them either – except to critique. Nowadays ‘participation’ is a management buzzword too, albeit corporate doublespeak that translates into pseudo-participation. My problem is that ‘revolutionaries’ again and again have also created similar pseudo-situations using the same ideological currency. More, then, on smashing social structures across the board would have been welcome. OK, changing personal attitudes and small-scale social experiments are something, but so easily co-opted and drops in the ocean otherwise, as Lip showed.

NEW ZINES



325 #1. PRICE FROM 325 COLLECTIVE @ HUSH.COM.

The title isn’t a bullet calibre as you might expect from the contents and so is likely something more arbitrary – the shared house where the editors all live or whatever. Such speculations aren’t that interesting – I mention them just so you (don’t) know.

More interesting than 325’s title is the publication itself, clearly well-connected with current reports on the Il Silvestre and Marco Carmenisch situations and contributions from Mark Barnsley, ‘some Brixton anarchists’ and the stropier elements of the Bristol rave scene.

Clearly written from an insurrectionist perspective, there’s a great deal of coverage of impressive prison revolts in France and Spain, a general lauding of criminality-as-revolt, and—most usefully—a good listing of biometric equipment suppliers.

325 looks and sounds good, but there is a smell of superficiality about it. The only real extended theoretical piece, on anti-psychiatry, is just recycling of the SPK’s Turn Illness into A Weapon (even recycling their ‘toons’) written two decades ago and uncritical guerillista lauding extends to a lot on imprisoned Action Directe with no mention of the question marks over many of them playing provocateur roles. Maybe another case of “where’s the beef?”, but time will tell. We’ll see.

BURNOUT #1. PRICE FROM R.A. C/O BOX 1683, ROCKFORD, IL 61110-0183, USA.

Billing itself as “a journal of optimistic negativity”, this anarcho-primitivist zine is incidental content hung on an extended academic essay by noted geologist Richard C Duncan, The Peak of Oil Production and the Road to Olduvai Gorge, which essentially argues that the oil will run out within the century and with it the basis for viable civilisation.

The rest of the zine seemed more compilation that original composition, not necessarily a bad thing, but it speaks a little of the editor having more confidence in academic authority than on his own judgement and— even less desirably—imposes an unfeasibly moderate tone on the content, given conclusions reached. CrimethInc’s weak post-9/11 ‘Your Leaders Can’t Protect You’ gets included, for example.

This zine is incidentally useful, but probably needs stronger, more original content.

ULTRAMILITANCE #5. PRICE FROM XULTRAMILITANCEX @ DONTEATMEAT.COM.

Like it says on the tin, this is a compilation of Earth and animal liberation targets and tactics, with good graphics and shouty slogans (starting with “This is a declaration of war” right on the front cover). Such coverage is both necessary and brave and we can only commend it.

However, the ‘x’s in the e-mail address are brought into sharp relief by a centrepiece interview with a Spanish band, Justice Department, on vegan straightedge. As with another like publication we reviewed half a decade ago, Hardcore, there is an extremely self-denying, self-sacrificial tone to Ultramilitance that feels unsettling, almost unhealthy, stemming from a lack of love, especially self-love.

AFA’s old favourites, the Eidelweiss Pirates, are showcased to illustrate Ultra-militance’s anti-fascist credentials – but these are usually celebrated as examples of popular street-level anti-fascist resistance under Nazism, and were surely no straightedgers! Obviously they are no fascists either (sadly, the Stalinist tradition of so-labelling every tendency more radical than themselves still persists in some quarters) but the emphasis on rigid control, starting with rigid self-control, seems both inhuman and unnatural.

Animals don’t live this way. If we are to live in harmony with them, we could at least learn the lessons of their lives, lessons in true, natural freedom without the restraints of abstract Morality and tabu.

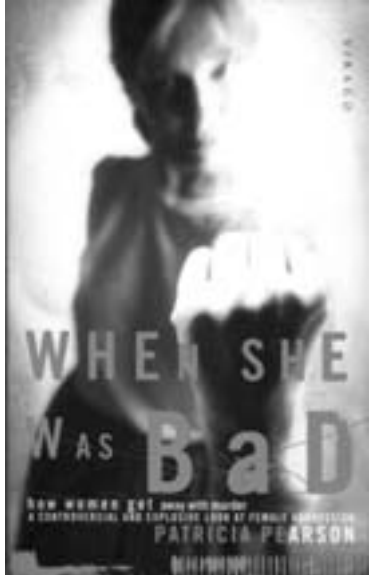


WOMEN AND VIOLENCE - GENDER MYTHS

A review of some literature from the other side.

President Clinton launched the 5 billion dollar funding for the "Violence Against Women Act" in 2000. He spoke of the 900,000 women beaten every year, "one every 12 seconds" and refused to mention that that figure was actually closer to the number of men beaten every year.¹ And he's one that should know! Just a year before he was on tv sporting a nasty red welt on his head. Sources in the White House leaked that the injury was due to an attack from his wife and that secret service agents had to pull her off him the night before.

The fact that women are violent is not really that interesting. We're civilised too, so what do you expect? But it's the fact that so much of the evidence about violent women is covered up and suppressed—the double standards, hypocrisy and whitewashing displayed by so many feminists—that is interesting.



In "When She Was Bad" Patricia Pearson looks at many different aspects of female violence. From husband bashers to serial killers, she notes the way in which women are rarely afforded the same agency as men in similar situations and are more usually treated as victims than as autonomous adults.

From PMS, post-birthing psychosis, and even 'lactational insanity' women are viewed to be totally at the mercy of their bodies and hormones, under the control of their bodily functions and cycles (which being part of nature are unpredictable and destructive, according to civilised doctors and psychologists).

Why this need to pretend women aren't capable of the same violence, anger and spite as men are? Surely the problem of all this violence and hatred is not a gendered one, but one of civilisation, of the way we are forced to live today?

This 'victim' shite can reach really ludicrous heights as in the case of Guinevere Garcia, who, just released from a stint in jail for smothering her baby daughter, shot dead her husband in cold blood. On death row she'd requested that her execution go ahead as she felt she'd done wrong and wanted to be punished. What happened?

"Everyone ignored her. Amnesty International sent Bianca Jagger to tell the prisoner review board that 'Garcia is the quintessential case of a battered woman and an abandoned child.' Garcia responded, 'This must be her cause for the week, rather than the Screen Actors Guild or cruelty to animals.'" The press reported her fifteen years enduring abuse at the hands of her husband, "a battered wife who exploded after years of abuse" (New York Times) and that "after a life filled with tragedy she is not capable of choosing

her own fate" (National Public Radio).²

Garcia had just been released from jail for killing a kid—she couldn't have been suffering as a battered wife in jail! But the battered wife syndrome is certainly one designed to stop any questions. It has become part of public perception that most women kill out of fear or self-defence, yet that's not true in the majority of cases. Peter Cook mentions a study he looked at in his book, "Abused Men—the Hidden side of Domestic Violence" which found that most female spouse killers don't kill for either of these two reasons.

"Some murder out of greed, others because they have taken a new lover, and for a variety of other reasons. There are many such cases in the anecdotal newspaper record. For example, there is Donyea Jones of Seattle, who was shot by his wife in the back of the head (not a case of imminent fear) in front of their children, and then was dragged out of the house and set on fire. This murder took place in National Domestic Violence Awareness month, but of course, neither Seattle newspapers nor any domestic violence advocate in Seattle pointed to this case."³

Partner battering is just as common for women to instigate as men (some studies including the one mentioned further on show them as being even more likely to beat their partners), yet you'd never think it to read the official documentation, newspapers, etc. Lesbian couples suffer the same high rates of domestic violence and many studies are now showing women as just as likely to abuse their children too, with high rates of neglect and beatings.

Pearson mentions the Straus, Gelles and Steinmetz book, "Behind Closed Doors: Violence in the American Family", which showed mothers had a 62% greater physical child abuse rate than fathers.

"Mothers beat their children nearly twice as often as fathers do, and fathers are less likely than mothers to throw objects at, slap, spank, or hit their child with objects."⁴

Mothers are also more likely than fathers to murder their children. (Do they do this to their children out of fear and self-defence too?) 55% of under-twelve killings according to US Dept of Justice.⁵ And if the child is very young, chances are the deaths will be put down to SIDs (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome), a catch-all for any death with unknown causes. This is not to say every SIDs mother

has killed her baby—of course not—but like with the battered wife defence it has been manipulated and used in inappropriate situations. Interestingly enough in the case the SIDs label was manufactured from in 1972 the mother later confessed to smothering all five of her children. But it was twenty years later and by then the label had stuck and coroners were using it indiscriminately.

But don't expect the truth when you're dealing with popular perceptions. I recently went into the local video shop where two new releases looked equally uninviting. One was about John Wayne Gacy, infamous US serial killer. The cover looked pretty menacing and the description on the back was the usual 'monster who stalked the community'. The other video was about Aileen Wuornos who according to the back 'killed out of self-defence' and only because she had been traumatised by a life on the street. The fact that she murdered innocent men who picked her up as she hitchhiked and that her attacks were completely unprovoked won't be dealt with too seriously. And the fact that Gacy was abused by his father as a young boy won't get him too much sympathy either!⁶ One standard for women, another for men.

The video touted Wuornos as the first female serial killer in the US.

"Only four years earlier, ten female serial killers had been arrested across the United States. Less than two years before, Dorothea Puente was convicted. And less than a decade earlier, the state of North Carolina executed Velma Barfield, who poisoned five."⁷

When the moron majority get to spouting they won't be mentioning the many women who've been serial killing in the past. (All white by the way—Puente is a marriage name)

"Not the dozens of women who killed up to forty patients in hospitals; nor the dozens more who have killed ten men, or twenty; nor Puente and others who preyed upon tenants. Never mind Marybeth Tinning, or any of the mothers and angels of death."⁸

The point is not that women are violent—living civilised they could hardly not be. The point is the amazing level of disingenuity feminists display on this subject. Research in 1985 showed that women were being beaten in the home on average once every 15 seconds. Feminist groups rallied around the figure and it became household knowledge. But that same study showed that men were being battered on average once every 18 seconds!⁹ The researchers received death threats for their troubles—a common occurrence for those daring to threaten the feminist gravy train.

Erin Pizzey, founder of the first womens shelter, now has to have a police escort for public speaking because she started looking at the ways in which to help men who suffer beatings from their female partners.

"There is now an established domestic violence industry which fears any acknowledgement of the well-established sci-

entific fact that women can be as violent as men with their intimate partners... Because of these views, and daring to speak out, I've been vilified and physically threatened many times by women in the domestic violence movement. Don't tell me women can't be violent! Nowadays, you won't even find my name or my domestic violence books mentioned in the established domestic violence literature... I've been erased because of heresy, for daring to speak the truth."¹⁰



This industry needs to propagate various myths so that they can soak up all the funding. There's big money in 'victim women, nasty men' routines. Clinton allocated 5 billion to women-only services in the early nineties, so a lot of feminists stand to lose out if mens groups start leaching their money.

Well, they could cater for both sexes and get all the money still like in a very few shelters in the US, but that'd require a change in ideology and a little more imagination—not something those feminists are keen on.

So what if this culture is patriarchal? Individual men are just as disempowered as individual women. They suffer the same shit living within civilisation as their civilised sisters. Male or female it doesn't matter, if you're living tame and demoralised and working for Leviathan, then you feel the same rage and self-loathing. Living in a culture which denigrates sharing and compassion, both men and women have little of either. Living under conditions that humans were never supposed to live under

(little box, screaming brats, isolated from any community, pressures of money—they we all know these things!) why are we surprised if we lash out at those closest to us? I don't believe patriarchy is the problem. It's one of the symptoms of a sick, unbalanced, unhealthy way of living. Civilisation is the problem and until feminists (and that includes all you men too) start addressing that they're doing nobody any service.

By continuing to view womens violence as non-existent, trivial, a result of bodily functions over which they've no control or as a result of male coercion (frequently given as an excuse in partnered violence), civilisation can continue to explain away the huge levels of hatred, distrust and aggression that civilised humans commonly display. And with men as the big nasties, no-one has to look at the real problem—civilisation itself.

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TRIBAL ROUND-UP

Tasmanian Genocide

Once upon a time a people lived happy and free. They practiced no agriculture, made no pottery, wore no clothes and were as gentle and content as the other wild animals they lived with.

Then the civilisers came. And within seventy years all the native people of Tasmania were wiped out. It was called the "The Black War of Van Diemen's Land", the official campaign of extermination begun in 1803, which decimated the native people of Tasmania in the usual brutal civilised way.

"The Tasmanians were by missionaries and friends of man civilized under the earth." - German anthropologist, Hellwald.



By 1830 the few remaining Tasmanian natives were rounded up and imprisoned on Flinders Island where by 1843 only fifty survived.

"On Flinders Island Robinson was determined to civilize and Christianize the survivors. His settlement—at a windy site with little fresh water—was run like a jail. Children were separated from parents to facilitate the work of civilizing them. The regimental daily schedule included

Bible reading, hymn singing, and inspection of beds and dishes for cleanness and neatness. However, the jail diet caused malnutrition, which combined with illness to make the natives die. Few infants survived more than a few weeks. The government reduced expenditures in the hope that the native would die out. By 1869 only Truganini, one other woman, and one man remained alive."

Jared Diamond
(<http://www.cwo.com/~lucumi/tasmania.html>)

The last survivor, Truganini (pictured here on the left) was defiant to the last.

"An old woman lay dying in a white-walled room, upon a white bed, surrounded by white-skinned doctors and nurses. In all that whiteness, her dark skin glistened affirmatively; even with the sweat of death on her face, a dominant vitality seemed to flow from her. She cursed at her doctors, and sometimes, in a cracked voice, she sang and chanted. At last she fell back against the pillows and whispered, 'Bury me behind the mountains'; and so she died." (pg 137, "Fall of the Sparrow"

by Jay Williams, Oxford University Press, 1951)

Her mother had been stabbed to death by a European, her sister was kidnapped by Europeans and her intended husband was drowned by two Europeans in her presence, while his murderers raped her. Even in death she was mocked - displayed in a museum in contradiction with her dying wishes. (She was eventually, in 1976 allowed rest at sea after a lot of fuss.)

What do we know about her people? No record remains, only impressions of missionaries, anthropologists, invader settlers and government agents who made no effort to try to understand Tasmanian culture. They were hunter gatherers who lived in small bands, (nine widely dispersed tribes at the time of the European invasion), breastfed their kids to a ripe age, practiced no circumcision or cannibalism, sang and danced a lot, were well-fed, strong, happy, and abhorred agriculture.

Archaeologists found certain peculiarities in the Tasmanians' history:

1. They had started to wear clothes at some stage, but then abandoned them again about 4,000 years ago. Although the climate was cold and wet in winter, the Tasmanians wore nothing but a small pieces of wallaby skin as necklaces.

2. They stopped using the bone tools they'd been using to make the clothes and didn't seem to have a need for weaving tools, axes, spearthrowers or boomerangs.

3. They stopped eating scale fish. When the Europeans arrived the Tasmanians preferred to swim further out into the open ocean to gather abalone and other shellfish.

4. They had been using fire to flush out small animals and encourage fresh plant growth, but discontinued this practice too.

5. They had no fire-making tools, but kept a fire stick burning and if one tribe's fire went out they had to go and ask another tribe for some fire. Mainly used for ritual, sacred purposes, not to keep warm by.

All the changes occurred about 4,000 years ago and neatly turn civilised ideas of progress on its head. The usual argument, that 'they didn't know how to' do such and such, was clearly not true as, for example, catching scale fish involved far less skill and knowledge than gathering shellfish from far out in the sea. And in the other things, like cloth-making, they obviously did know how to do them, just chose not to for some reason.

We don't have any testimonies from the Tasmanians themselves, so I'll just hazard a guess as to why these changes occurred. They felt more free while naked, they were afraid of over-fishing the scale fish and were guided by instinct and observance to see the destructiveness of burning areas of bush land. They weren't afraid of ditching an obviously unusable idea if it hindered them in any way or damaged their home. Being free was far more important than being comfortable.

Of course, we don't know though because all the people were murdered without telling anything of themselves. Anthropologists must surely be wringing their hands over the rock paintings which will never reveal their secrets to them (a large number of hieroglyphic rock carvings were found) and spend many long hours hypothesising about what the natives might and might not have 'believed' in. Perhaps the Tasmanians knew how futile it is to talk to these white fellas who cannot understand anything.

Perhaps their last defiance was to leave this earth without divulging anything of themselves to the stupid, brutalised and brutal people who visited their land and destroyed it. Fuck you! Miserable fellas from the prisons of Europe you wouldn't know what we are about even if we told you. Better to die than live like you, as prisoners. We go to our deep earth graves whole, intact, impeccable, while you must live in the hell you're creating.

The Tasmanians are an enigma, a glimpse of a way of life that could not survive alongside the civilised invasion. They gave nothing to the nasty morons who over-ran them, preferring to hold onto their dignity and integrity, revealing none of their stories or songs, nothing of their history, none of themselves. So we don't even know what they called themselves or the land they lived in. It wouldn't have meant anything to us anyway. And their stories and songs and philosophy of the universe - we would understand them even less

THIRD FIREBOMB ATTACK AT ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY

On the night of 16 Aug, at 9pm the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, on the lawns opposite Old Parliament House, Canberra, was a boom and a blast with the third firebomb attack in just over 12 months. The Aboriginal Tent Embassy has been the driving force of the Aboriginal Sovereignty movement since 1972 and remains the grassroots platform for the voices of Aboriginal Peoples.

"This is a deliberate attempt to drive us from the tent embassy site, it's quite a few times that we've been attacked now and it's just another example of the lengths they'll go to to get rid of us. This is the Aboriginal Tent Embassy and we won't go away we will stay and fight, we have a right to life and a right to existence and a right to being who we are, Aboriginal people," declared Aboriginal Tent Embassy Elder, Uncle Neville Chappie Williams.

"The fact that people are forced to firebomb us shows they have no legitimate way to move us and only makes us more determined to stay. This kind of attack justifies why the embassy needs to be here. Aboriginal people are under constant attack, there is still a genocidal war going on," stated Arinya Freeman who has been subjected to all three attacks on the embassy. "They have no legitimate way to get rid of the embassy so they have been reduced to violent attacks" affirmed Gandra Penola resident of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. "This is the third time in the last year

the embassy has been fire bombed, when is there going to be a full investigation".

After the first fire bomb attack July 2003, the embassy applied under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain copies of the Old Parliament House security video tapes to assist with investigations. The embassy was denied access to these tapes as it would 'disclose the footprint of the surveillance cameras'. Despite repeated requests, the AFP have refused to release their findings from the previous attacks.

"There are cameras everywhere and they won't give us the tapes but we are not a security risk, we are peaceful people" said Williams. "We are in the face of the government here and people motivated by power and greed and the colour of money want to see the embassy gone."

"This is an attack within the Parliamentary precinct, if any other embassy was firebombed there would be serious repercussions. If the American Embassy was firebombed there would be a state of emergency, but the Aboriginal Embassy barely gets a mention" stated Terrah Freire resident of the embassy.

While this may be a legitimate form of attack against those using 'violent' tactics themselves, the tent embassy have gone to great lengths to operate within the laws imposed by the invading government, and have been very successful.

Brazil: Arara on brink of destruction

The Brazilian government has unexpectedly halted the demarcation of a key territory belonging to the Arara Indians, called Cachoeira Seca.

The tribe, some of whom were only contacted in 1987, are fighting for survival against waves of loggers, land speculators and settlers who have illegally invaded their territory.

Ethiopia: 'resettlement'

Mursi cattle-herders face wave of settlement Three thousand families belonging to the farming Konso people have been moved onto the lowland territory of the cattle-herding Mursi and Bodi peoples in the southwest of the country.

The move is part of the Ethiopian government's scheme, backed by the World Bank, to resettle 2.2 million people.

Congo pygmies 'exterminated'

The International Criminal Court is being urged to investigate "a campaign of extermination" against pygmies in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Minority Rights Group International say they have gathered evidence of mass killings, cannibalism and rape. The ICC say their most urgent task is to pursue Congo's war criminals.

More than 600,000 pygmies are believed to live in the Congo's huge forests, where they survive by hunting wild animals and gathering fruits. However, many civilised Congolese regard them as "subhuman" with some

believing their flesh can confer magical powers. "There have been systemic rapes and killings on a huge scale," the group's director, Mark Latimer, told the BBC's Network Africa.

One witness they spoke to survived the late night massacre of an entire village. He said that everyone was shot and hacked to death and the huts were burnt.

"This level of quite horrific violence which has been perpetrated against the pygmies is part, or was part, of a campaign aimed at exterminating them," Latimer said. He identified the Movement for the Liberation of Congo, which is part of the transitional government and still controls much of the north, and their allies, as being behind much of the violence against the pygmies.

Does He Take Sugar?

Dunno if it's still going, but there was a program on radio 4 by the same name as our headline here. It was produced by and for disabled people. The idea of the title was to show the bigotry of even those who are trying to 'help' disabled people. When confronted with a disabled person many automatically assume that person is not capable of making their own decisions, or maybe even of understanding. Does he take sugar? is something they come up

Most Aboriginal children are able to happily feed themselves through hunting small lizards and animals and independent food-gathering by three to five years of age.



against a lot. It shows that however well-meaning, this person hasn't taken the time to find out anything about you.

Likewise, the proponents of civilisation, when confronted with awkward facts about uncivilised people, ignore those facts and instead of asking the people themselves, make unfounded assumptions about them.

Or go and ask someone else about them.

GREEN ANARCHIST SAYS

SPIRIT OF REBELLION, REBELLION OF SPIRIT

A BUNCH OF DULL JOES

A well-known critique of the anarchist movement portrayed them as a bunch of dull Joes constantly locked in meetings about minutiae, who would be utterly embarrassed in a very bourgeois-conformist way if one of them suddenly stood up and started sharing an experience of sexual ecstasy or spiritual revelation with them. Except in its nethermost reaches, anarchism hasn't quite reached the same extremes of mundanity as socialist groups that draw up dull lists of consumer goods 'every worker will have after the revolution' (house, car, fridge, etc - like they're fooling anyone), but comparing anarchists now with anarchists then, something certainly seems to have been lost. Even the Wobs at the turn of the century, who combined what Christopher Hill has called 'popular materialism' with a fervent preaching of their 'social gospel' had a spirit that current anarchists almost universally lack.

By way of contrast, take the example of the Ranters, radical antinomians from the English Civil War period, who acted on their overwhelming urges to publicly blaspheme and desecrate Bibles at a time when their tongues could be bored through with hot iron by way of chastisement (in the spirit of the times, even Quaker founder John Fox was likewise inspired to preach naked in the streets of Lichfield, save for a loincloth!), or indigenous rebels of Africa and the Americas (notably Haiti) that felt themselves blessed enough to be immune to bullets, a tactic that worked again and again in inspiring them to rush and overwhelm firearm-wielding (even artillery-armed) White colonialists, albeit before the latter finally figured out rapid reloading.

I'm not arguing here that spirituality (a belief in an extra-mundane reality or whatever) is a good trick to make the movement more rebellious, though it should be obvious to anyone that the movement lacks vision. I'm saying that some sort of spirituality is intrinsic to a free society. Not just any sort either, as we've seen how—like biopower, where instinctual desires for nourishment, shelter,

sexual release, etc have been reconfigured as tools of Power—spirituality has become ritualised and institutionalised, with a 'blessed few' dictating the ritual to the subordination of all others.

No, the spirituality I'm talking about is at once both more practical and more mystical, the voiding of distinctions between self and Other often called an 'Oceanic feeling' whereby we come to identify with others, including non-humans and Nature, as ourselves. I would hope this would be a firmer base for solidarity than abstract ideological formulations, rather than an excuse to bliss out and affirm, as Pope did in defence of his elitist patrons, "whatever is, is right".

COMRADES, YOUR COMMENTS, PLEASE!

Whether you agree with this opinion but feel a lot, lot more needs to be said or you profoundly disagree, don't keep your comments to yourselves. Turn them into dialogue in the next issue of GA - on the principle that we are no wiser than our readers, we'll publish pretty much everything received on a 'no censorship, no endorsement' basis in the hope this will encourage still others to think and act.

A few fruitful areas I might suggest:

- **MATERIALISM, OR AN ISSUE ABOUT NOTHING?** Some atheists, especially sciobiologists, are so fervent in their unbelief as to appear quasi-religious. I'm sure many would argue that there is no soul and any numinous feelings we experience are illusory effects of piezo-electricity on the brain's parietal lobe or whatever. Does any of this matter? Is it possible to reject a typically body-hating dualism (strangely as many extropians do, with their beliefs in 'downloadable personalities, etc) without affirming a depersonalised materialism? Can there be a spirituality that rejects both gods and afterlives, as atheists also do? And if our reality is all just sense impressions and brain functions anyway, what makes one such impression more illusory than another, except an oth-

erwise unfounded desire to push one version of reality over another?

- **TURNING OFF THE ENLIGHTENMENT?** On a related topic, many—especially eco-feminists—point to the Reformation and after as a time when a materialist scientific worldview came to predominate, not least because it was such a powerful tool in inventing and organising things, and its claims to Truth were typically more persuasive than other worldviews it opposed. The trouble with this, they say, is that it was a particularly masculine perspective that further entrenched patriarchy and made for an alienated way of doing things that will ultimately destroy the planet.

In terms of human emancipation generally, both the demands and follow-up actions of post-Enlightenment rebels were certainly a lot smaller and weaker than the popular millenarians movement that preceded them, suggesting the rationalist worldview also 'defanged' these tendencies. Defenders of the Enlightenment project equate this with rejecting ideas of Progress, human rights, bountiful economy, even civilisation itself. Is this true, and if so, how do we go about it, given science's truth-claims?

- **AN AUTHORITARIAN SPIRITUALITY?** Our back-files are already full of positive examples of spiritually rebellious movements and readers' own pet-spiritualities. It is too easy to unthinkingly affirm these without considering how each might undergo the process of institutionalisation into control mechanisms that earlier spiritualities did, not least the earliest such as shamanism, that first created a dualistic, alienated worldview and, John Zerzan says, opened the way to a full-blown symbolic order. We need to explore such areas, possibly with real-life case studies, possibly satirically.

All your views are welcome via

BCM1715, London WC1N 3XX, before early-May '05 if they're to make it into GA75, please.

ONLINE GREENANARCHIST.ORG



For a while now Green Anarchist has had a website at <http://www.greenanarchist.org>. The last few issues are available there as adobe acrobat files, and web versions will be added soon. Eventually we hope to put up back issues as well.

The complete books, 'Children of Guinea' (about the Africans brought to Haiti as slaves and their revolution there) and 'The Rise of the West' (a critique of Western civilization looking into how it was made, in order to see how it might be unmade) are available on the site, along with a selection of links relevant to green anarchists.

The site also has a message board where readers can discuss things that have come up in the magazine, or things that they would like to see in

future issues. Basically you can discuss anything you like there, related to the magazine.

If you have any ideas for future articles it would be a good place to discuss them, and even to submit them in a semi-anonymous fashion. Cybercafes are useful in this context.

The internet is becoming increasingly less useful and will probably be no use at all in a few years so we might as well use it while we can. Microsoft (*et al*) are introducing 'trusted computing' and if it all goes to plan our computers will no longer be our own.

In the US Department of Defense, a 'trusted system or component' is defined as 'one which can break the security policy'. In this context, 'trusted' is something that can harm you.

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GREEN ANARCHY NOW

WHO ARE WE?



The State spent £10m jailing GA's editors in an attempt to shut us up. We're still here...

WHY SMASH CIVILISATION?

Civilisation is the exploitation of mass society. Specialisation, division of labour creates hierarchies to maintain the complex web of production and consumption that is our techno-industrial mass society.

Exploitation divides mass society and the individual on the grounds of class, gender, ethnicity and sexual preference. Mass society can't be reformed. It must be replaced.

DISINTEGRATION IS BEAUTIFUL

In small communities each person is respected as an autonomous individual. Self-determination replaces hierarchy and so the city ends. Mass can't fight mass. The Left's living proof.

LAND OR DEATH

All life derives from the land
.Civilisation alienates us from the Earth using nationhood and property law. We must take back the land and living self-suffi-

ciently, re-establishing our relationship with the Earth. Those of us who are most exploited by Civilisation live in the South, the Third World, the fruits of our labour are exported to the rich North.

We have nothing to lose in fighting for self-governing, self-sufficient small communities. Both North and South we need to expand our culture of resistance to free ourselves from alienation from our Earth..

DIRECT ACTION

Build an alternative green and black eco-nomy and enjoy yourselves in the smashing of banks, multinationals, military bases, labs, exploiters, bigots and developers. Organise underground in networks of autonomous small groups.

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Send your letters to Oxford Green Anarchists, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX, but remember:-

- We print all letters received on a 'no censorship, no endorsement' basis. Your letters are your responsibility, not ours. We think readers are grown up enough to think for themselves, so won't usually comment on letters we print — even those we don't agree with — unless asked. The only exception to this are letters from fascists and other such bigots and piss-takers. These will be binned, though we will note their arrival.
- We will ruthlessly edit all letters we think too long or boring. So keep 'em short so everyone can have their say too. Cut letters are marked with a [] with the original number of words inside the bracket.
- If you don't want your letter, your name or your address printed, let us know.



ID SNIPER GUN

Hi,

I would like to express my concern about an article in the last edition of green anarchist. I don't know how you do your resource research. If you would have looked at the website of Empire North, the company of the so called id sniper gun, you might have noticed that this company who has always been at the edge of technology, only has 2 products. It also doesn't have it's own domain space. I would be very suprised if a company like that would have it's site hosted by: <http://www.backfire.dk/>, a site with the title "all hackers go to heaven". I try to do some real research on technologies like this and it is not very helpful to find false resources. In attendance of your reaction

greetings

ufo

DOWN WITH ANY ELITE

Dear reader,

When you think that our society is "reasonable" or that democratic leaders are solving the plights of mass-people, please stop reading.

The elite at the top of the world has time and again proven it cannot give everybody a decent life. Many mass-people still die in wars, because of avoidable illnesses, lack of adequate food, housing, education or health care. In its private life the privileged elite is never bothered by such trivial problems.

The world will not become better by listening to elitist leaders. I even deny that better leaders can be chosen. Why should rightist or leftist politicians be trusted when it is clear that they in the first place represent the interests of people who are already better off.

The privileged and powerful elite lives on the quiet and safe eliteworld. This world lies far from the dangerous and often harsh massworld where most people live. Most actions of masspeople only ask and never force the elite to make things better. The centre of power is never attacked. Actions concentrate on the work place of leaders and never on the private living place where the elite enjoys the privileges that belong to its surplus of power.

Elitist leaders are first of all interested in the preservation and improvement of the own world. What hap-

pens on the massworld is of secondary importance. Change will occur when creative and autonomous mass-people invade the quiet and safe elite-world to make elitepeople clear that they cannot anymore live the life they lived before. When at the same time masspeople do not want to live their subordinate life, a fundamental other world can come into being on which all people have equal status.

On my website "Down with any elite", (<http://members.chello.nl/jsteenis>), you can find three books and scores of articles about the theory and practice of my ideas. Included are also contemplations about catastrophic jumps in human relations because slow changes can not free masspeople from the bonds by which the elite keeps masspeople subordinated.

About twice a month I send around my "Letters of an Autonomous Thinker". When you want to receive these Letters and other updates to my site, please send an empty e-mail with the subject subscribe to powere-lite@chello.nl.

I try to answer any e-mail.

Yours sincerely, Joost van Steenis

<http://members.chello.nl/jsteenis>

SUPPORT SOMEONE II

Madam / Sir:

I seek to draw the Left's attention to the appalling sexism meted out by the tabloids to Maxine Carr. It is similar sexism that led to Ian Huntley murdering Holly Wells & Jessica Chapman, and the press having to be banned from identifying rape victims.

Before, during and since Maxine's trial tabloids displayed contempt of Court by filthy lying about her. She was convicted of conspiracy to pervert justice—exactly what the tabloids did! But charges against her were not dropped, nor the tabloids prosecuted. The tabloids lied not for love or folly, but to cash in on child-murder. Such hypocrisy, esp. in light of the prosecution of Maxime's mother for obstructing justice.

So Maxine may not have had a fair trial. She probably could not prove that Huntley intimidated her into lying for him (he denied this), which would have granted her a defence of duress and fully acquitted her.

The same male-dominated legal system operated when a judge made sexist remarks to her, and the State showed no interest in sexual abuse claims re. Huntley (the Bichard Report): had they prosecuted him, instead of Maxine for merely lying on CVs, the Soham tragedy would never have happened.

Maxine's trial by tabloids contrasts sharply with their lionisation of Louise Woodward, convicted in the USA of child manslaughter (originally murder), unlike Maxine, but also unlike Maxine, Louise had rich parents.

Well, what is the Left doing about this hypocritical, sexist, literal witch-hunt meted out to Maxine Carr?

From:

Glenn Harfield, Hove, Sussex

WAR PREPARERS ANONYMOUS

Dear GA,

Here's a list of some militarism books I have found useful!

Charles Tilly (1991) Coercion, Capital and European States AD 990-1992

Manuel De Landa (1991) War in the Age of Intelligent Machines

William McNeill - his three books (and especially the middle one) on biopower: Plagues and Peoples, The Pursuit of Power and Keeping Together in Time: Dance and Drill in Human History

Paul Virillo and Sylvestre Lotringer (199?) Pure War - Autonomedia

Ken Silverstein (2000) Private Warriors - Verso

Chomsky has good capsule concepts on Military Keynesianism in 'World Orders, Old and New', and in a recent interview with Counterpunch (easily googleable) about the work of Seymour Melman. Barbara Ehrenreich (1997) Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War (Virago) is simply brilliant. Here's a quote from it backing up my mum's favourite grafitti "War is men's menstruation envy" (p.106):

In Papua New Guinea, the self-induced ritual nosebleeds mentioned earlier are seen as parallel to menstruation; the Australian Aborigines who subincise their penises reopen the wounds regularly in order, they say, to simulate menstruation. In ancient Hawaii blood sacrifice was understood to be a "man's childbearing", just as childbearing was a "woman's sacrifice", and the Aztecs similarly equated men's death in war to women's death in childbirth. War as a kind of ritual blood-letting is linked to menstruation in the myths of the Ndembu people of Africa, and Ndembu male initiates "are implicitly treated like brides at the first menstruation".

Some fucker has stolen my copy of Kurt Vonnegut's Fate Worse Than Death, so I can't be accurate, but he says if Western Economies could talk, they'd go to War Preparers' Anonymous and say "I am a War Preparer addict. I have lost everything I ever cared about to feed my habit. I first hit bottom in World War One..." and so on. God Bless Kurt Vonnegut...

Good luck with the issue...

Anonymous, p.marked Manchester.

PATHOLOGICAL SOCIALISING

Hey John

I just received GA 71-72 Spring '04 on Friday, thanks. I couldn't tell when it was sent because the mail room put a sticker over the post mark which tore the back page when I tried to remove it. I did notice all the pigs that came into the unit reading it, maybe they learned something.

While I enjoy reading almost everything in GA (with the exception of some of the idiotic letters that y'all occasionally throw in with the good ones), I particularly liked Ransu's

'Pathological Socialising' article. The problem with most of these so-called activists is they see our 'movement' (for lack of a better word) as a scene and then criticize and insult us with comments using terms such as our 'protestant' work ethic just because we get out of bed before noon and don't party all night. There isn't enough time in each day to strike against Civilization in all the ways we need to, we can't afford to focus on anything except tearing the fucker down. Don't get me wrong, on January 6th of 2005 (my current projected parole date) I plan on tipping back a few pints in celebration, but my existence will not revolve around partying as it does for many. The main focus of my life is to liberate all life from the confines Civilization imposes upon us. Yes I am looking forward to having good times, but mostly I am looking forward to having another chance to effectively attack the system that has been holding me hostage and destroying all life (which admittedly is good times). Thanks again for printing the article.

One last thing, on your PoW page, you have the North American ELP listed. I'm not sure NA-ELP even still exists, but if they do I am positive that they are no longer using the Anti-Authoritarians Anonymous PO box which you listed.

In total resistance,

Critter (Craig Marshall), #73797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Boulevard, Ontario, OR 97914, USA

IDEAS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY *

GA,

[...] your publication has been especially useful in helping me de-bunk for myself the myth of 'Ever-Increasing Happiness through Technology'. You wouldn't believe how many fellows have approached me, filled with a false confidence in all of the 'Alternative Technology', only to walk away with a strong doubt of technology's future answers after reading the 'FUCK Alternative Technology', 'Fusion is no SOLUTION' and especially the 'Hydrogen Fuel Cells' articles [Issue No. 70, pp. 8-9] [...]

IDEAS?!...

~1. Bio-diesel: A small chain of 'Bio-Diesel' distribution companies is popping up in the Mendocino County / Berkeley / Ukiah region of northern California (a very 'alternative technology' involved area, very liberal and 'green'). Vegetable oil diesel may be taking hold over here in the western US as well as it has in certain Western-European regions. Proponents of this long existing combustible are using a vilification stance against the petrol-diesel folks (with good measure) as a means of marketing to those who allow their eco-guilt to be assuaged by the 'lesser evil' approach. Somehow the misleading key words 'Renewable Resource' surround the arrival of our news & improved vegetable oil mate.

Perhaps it would be a good thing to once again expose bio-diesel for what it truly is — a means to pacify the 'greenies'; a promise of clear skies and healthy forests and smiling babies and a reduced glob-

al warming wrapped in a package labelled "Renewable Vegetable Source w/ a Significant Reduction in Harmful Emissions". Never mind the gazillions of acres of old-growth / any-growth that would be 'forfeited' to the err-expanding genetically modified soy and corn crops used to satiate the thirsts of those millions of newly manufactured diesel machines — machines that only guarantee a prolonged planetary death.

#2. Certain Electronic Gizmos are our FRIENDS: Without specifying what they should be used for, certain gadgets should be field tested and rated by you guys. Light-weight, comfortable and effective 'Night Vision' masks should be at least investigated, and the overall winner should get a 'thumbs up' for those who might be taking late-night walks. Same thing goes for hands-free communication devices (think operator 'head-sets'). It sure would be handy to hear what your buddy down the street from that car & SUV dealership might have to say ASAP! Rating such handy devices would sure save your direct-action buddies a lot of time! [...]

Daniel Marseilles DuBois, SRCI

LETTER FROM TURKEY

This is a call for insurrection against civilization and our "Back To The Wild Project" to all anarchists and anti-authoritarians in Turkey. You can use and publish in your magazines to inform peoples about turkish anti-civ movement.

We are all a part of the mortal machine. As a student or a worker-employee-farmer. All of us reproduce the system, which kills the planet, on our daily lives. We use, sell and buy lots of necessary or unnecessary products and service that we don't know who, how or where produced. Estrangement is at every small part of our daily life and we couldn't get it. Or we don't want to understand it. Because of the speed of our daily life we prefer to accept and not to investigate.

Techno-industrial Capitalist civilization attacks everyday to the mother earth and her creatures. And that mortal way of life more and more accepted everyday by humanity. We, as a part of the anarchist movement that call a war against Techno-industrial Capitalist civilization for a total liberation, we started fight for a way of life in harmony of nature and away from hierarchy.

The fight aims collapse of civilization and to create a new way of life. Instead of dealing with articial paradoxes such as Lifestyle or Social we should struggle to realize an unestranged and unfragmented life. And our way of struggling should be comprised of unestranged-unfragmented





and direct relationship styles and methods. For this reason we deny all types of formal organization (organization, party, syndicate, federation, platform, etc) and we prefer getting together multiplying and socializing in direct, organic and sincere relationship styles. Because we believe that in the struggle for social revolution, no membership, belonging or representation could realize the TOTAL LIBERALIZATION.

Temporary and sincere relationship styles are the perfect tools to create an unestranged and unfragmented alternative lifestyle. Collective activities and direct actions performed along the desire of like-thinking people, without any group pressure, are among our foremost aims.

Techno-industrial Capitalist civilization increases its attacks day by day, and we believe in the urgency and importance of spreading our ideas and direct actions towards its demolition.

This system which makes life impossible over this planet, which drives humanity to craze, which converts everything over the planet into things to be bought and sold, and which does not hesitate to eradicate, to plunder for this purpose, must be demolished. System, while preparing its own end, seems to bring around the end of humanity as well as other endangered species.

Humanity is held up with its own voluntary will and it is believed that its

vanishment is improbable. We must abolish such beliefs, such superstitions. Otherwise the human species is heading towards big disasters in not so far future. We have two choices in front of us.

We will either let the system reign and it will collapse eradicating a great scale of the human species together with itself; or social upheavals and revolts will stamp out this deadly system to create a world of peace in harmony with the nature, a world free of states, authorities, a world free of wars, oppression, exploitation, tyranny.

We prefer to struggle towards the demolition of this system and we want to carry on and spread an upheaval and rebellion cry against it. To attack and to damage from all of its weak points, is among our foremost aims. For this purpose we support all activities agitative, non-propaganditative, and violent or non-violent.

We believe in the necessity of acquiring skills to create an alternative life style, in parallel to the efforts towards bringing the last deadly blow to the system. Because the person who surrenders her/his life to the specialists and experts, who submits to become a part of the machine, who accepts division of labor and specialization, can not be a free soul.

The mega-machine created a life style, which weakened the person by not letting it to develop the ability to survive by itself and to take its own

decisions, the system made the person dependent on the experts and representatives. The civilization of the daily life carries the society towards an unsolvable division of labour and thus towards a weakening. With every passing day our dependency to the system increases.

Genetics Engineering, Food Industry, Medical Industry, Criminological Industry, IT Technology and Energy Industry are in fact the exact being of Industrial Society itself, and it has to non-stoppingly renew itself and has to make people believe in their dependency

Now there is another fact that the system can not go on unless we let it. If we can not show the probability of an alternative life style, this system will continue to be indispensable. That is why we started to demolish the system from our lives cell by cell

Back to the Wild Project

The idea of returning to the wild is a daily life activity and a step for Rewilding of our lives. We are all a part of the deadliest machine. As a student or a worker-employee-farmer..

All of us reproduce the system, which kills the planet, on our daily lives. We use, sell and buy lots of necessary or unnecessary products and service that we don't know who, how where produced. Estrangement is at every small part of our daily life and we couldn't get it. Or we don't want to understand it. Because of the speed of our daily life we prefer to accept and not to investigate.

The estrangement takes place momentarily in every cell of our lives and still are not aware of it. In other wordsi we do not want to be aware. Because the speed of daily life keeps us from questioning these points, we submit voluntarily. Because questioning the estrangement in our daily life forces us to do something to demolish it and afterwards forces us to take responsibilities about our own lives.

Why should we struggle to provide for our needs when everything is available in the markets with one push of button. That is true it looks nonsense at the moment. But at the same time, do we stop to think what this comfort and readiness costs us? Where do we think the oppression is?

Revolutionist activities today which struggle for the demolition of the capitalist system and oppression believe that the oppression is limited by the governing machine.

But what do they think of expertise, division of labor, estrangement from the nature, technology, development, modernism, urbanism, in short about all of civilization? How can they really believe that these ideas can be matched with the freedom?

We do not believe in this impossible utopia? A life style which deems itself civil and above the nature, can never create freedom. Because a soci-

ety in which experts of all kinds walk around, which is fragmented and estranged, which tries to rule over the nature and other species and try to reduce them to sources only, has to recreate oppression.

We believe in the existence of a new alternative lifestyle and the possibility of others as well. The humanity has experienced an estranged-fragmented and oppressive life style in the 90% of its history only.

The life style of the humans before discovering the civilisation and thus breaking away from the nature, proves the existence of a more humanistic and non-governing way than today. This proves us that it is possible to lead a wild life deprived of the states, governments, authorities, experts and civilization.

Due to our belief in the Green Anarchist way of living, we feel ourselves responsible to take responsibility and to struggle towards this goal. Otherwise nobody will bring us our demands in our name. That is why we bring up the idea of Return to the Wild to acquire back the primitive skills which the civil society made us forget.

We invite everybody who believes in the possibility of freedom and anarchy situation, and those who believe that the freedom comes not from an irresponsible and reluctant but from a revolting and wild character, to join in this project

warmest greetings and solidarity.

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ANARCHO-DESIGNS

I am a final year design degree student in the UK and after being inspired by the many essays of John Zerzan and others I have decided to base my year's work on anarcho-primitivist ideas. I am looking to design a range of products that in their own way rebel against modern society.

I want my designs to raise awareness of how civilisation is going wrong and allow people to take some sort of action against the powers that are instigating so many evils in our world.

For example I was thinking about having products that could covertly sabotage certain multinationals (e.g. a credit card that only allows the user to purchase things from morally upstanding companies).

Essentially they could be devices that help people boycott the companies that need boycotting. Alternatively they could be products that help people in some way escape from the continual cycles in modern society, products that promote self-sufficiency and independence (e.g. a guerrilla gardening kit).

I am emailing you to ask if you know of any existing products that seek to

achieve the same goal and if there are any organisations that are seeking something similar to what I am proposing? Or failing that, do you of companies that are especially ethical in their actions?

I will be putting a whole load of work into this cause and will be exhibiting my work at the end of the academic year at a big design show in London. I would greatly appreciate any feedback.

Thanking you in anticipation, Jon P.

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IDEA

I have an idea. Why don't you start taking action against those horrible tree farmers by boycotting wiping your ass?

I save trees by wiping my ass with your crappy little publications and fliers. True, it's a little rough on the old arse, but we all have to do our little part.

Lots of Love

PS It wouldn't make you all smell worse, all you asses I have regretably come in contact with smell like shit anyhow.

You obviously have taken it upon yourselves to stop the terrible injustices committed by the Soap industry.

BRAIN DEAD

The US presidential elections: What a larf... The stupid 'left wing' tosspots who think George Cunt(sorry, I mean Bush) is the Devil in human form, should be shocked out of their 'rosentinted' little world.

The sort of brain dead zombie fuckwit who actually believes in the farce of 'Democracy', thinks that by voting for John Kerry they're doing the nice, eco-friendly, left wing, socially responsible thing.

Wrong mutha fuckers. Democrat Candidate for US President - John Kerry is not quite as fluffy,touchy feely and lovey dovey as some retards would like to imagine. John Kerry is the 11th cousin of George Bush(cunt). That in itself is fairly interesting, but it gets even better...

John Kerry is a member of exactly the same secret society as George Bush: THE SKULL AND BONES. Yes, it's true folks: Bush and Kerry are both 'Bonesmen'. The skull and bones is a club for the elite of Yale University.

Former members have included such notables as Prescott Bush(Dubya's granddaddy and major financial back of Adolf Hitler, IG Farben etc etc) and various other infamous brokers of power who pull strings behind the scenes. Yeh, go and vote after all, it's your 'democratic' right.

Bush and Kerry might as well be standing in a revolving door:Vote Republican - get evil bastard A vote Democrat - get evil bastard B.

Happy voting...

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SYNGENTA TO JOIN UK GM FIRM EXODUS

Syngenta, the last big company developing genetically modified (GM) crops in Britain, are closing its GM research laboratories. This is yet another victory for campaigners, having seen off the other two big GM players, Monsanto, who have quit Britain, and Bayer, who suffered from sustained campaigning, reducing both their GM operations.

Syngenta, who've been developing GM crops at Jealott's Hill, Berkshire, have clearly had enough of having work destroyed—as despite infra red cameras, barbed wire fences and security patrols, potato and wheat GM trials have been destroyed in the last few years. Syngenta are now set to move their GM research efforts to the USA.

But GM crops from the USA and elsewhere continue to pour into Europe, mostly as animal feed. Unlike humans, farm animals don't get much choice what they eat, so the GM industry has been offloading unwanted products on them. But resistance is growing. Many supermarkets will no longer sell meat or dairy products fed on GM produce, but Sainsbury's continue to sell milk from GM fed cows.

Last week its five biggest distribution centers were blockaded with a variety of tactics: setting up scaffold tripods, chaining people together through steel tubes or locking on with D-locks to gates. At the blockade in Birmingham, "The police inspector praised the protesters for the speed at which they deployed the tripods and lock-on tubes." It's rare that you get complements from the police for the quality of your actions!

TERROR WEAPON MANUFACTURER OCCUPIED

A protest was held at EDO MBM in Moulsecomb, Brighton. Amongst other instruments of terror, EDO manufacture bomb release mechanisms for F16s, Hawks and Tornados. As part of an ongoing campaign, a number of activists saw out the summer with a week-long protest camp, thrice-daily noise demos and a number of banner drops, building up to a 25-hour rooftop occupation of the factory.

This was the second time this tactic had been employed against the same building. Not only did the action attract the attention of the media workers, local community and (of course) police, it was also a productive exercise in communication and networking and demonstrated both mutual aid and co-operation on a small scale very effectively.

The three rooftop activists (two sufferers of slight vertigo) faced arrest upon descending from the roof. The charge of aggravated trespass has since been lessened to "failure to leave a specific area when asked to do so by a senior police officer". See sussex action for peace website (www.safp.org.uk)

AMERICANS TO TEST SUPER-GUN IN SCOTLAND

The USA is to test a new secret supergun at a defence base in Scotland. The electromagnetic gun (EM gun) will be tested at an experimental weapons range in Dumfriesshire. One rather thick politician said: "It is not as if America has a shortage of areas in its own country where they could test their latest weapons. I find it bizarre they need to do it here." The MoD

has faced complaints over its use of the range to fire thousands of shells coated with depleted uranium into the Solway Firth.

The EM gun is seen as a halfway measure before the US can perfect laser weapons. Powerful magnetised coils create an electric pulse which can fire a shell at 7500mph - around two miles a second - and kill a target more than five miles away.

It's more than double the speed of shells fired so far by British and American tanks at Arabs, whose shells travel at around 3000mph.

The new superweapon relies on its incredible power for destruction. Because of the tungsten shell's speed—it moves five times quicker than Concorde—it can tear through armour and buildings, even though it is only about a foot long and as narrow as a broom stick. Because of its small size, scientists believe tanks will be able to carry three times as many shells.

Details of the supergun are top secret (unsurprisingly...) although it is thought the US military favours a design by American arms giant Lockheed Martin. Under the George Bush presidency, funding for new super weapons was increased and Lockheed has been given research funding until 2007.

Development started under Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative - nicknamed Star Wars - in which the US military and scientists proposed using EM guns on satellites to shoot down enemy missiles.

Although 'shelved' by Bill Clinton, research continued and the Dundrennan tests will mark the final phase of the weapon's development.

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EARTH DEFENDER MURDERED IN PHILIPPINES

Isabelo dela Pena, a forest defender who is a key figure in derailing massive logging by big corporations in Southern Mindanao was shot dead by unidentified gunmen.

According to reports, two unidentified motorcycle-riding men gunned down the forester while he was in a car. The slain forester is now one among hundreds of earth defenders in the country who are consequently been murdered by hired goons, only to allow big corporations in continuing the vicious business of forest exploitation.

Davao forest is one among the big forest reserve in the country that has a rich diversity of plants and species that supports the life system of all inhabitants including indigenous people. But the massive abuse of cutting down trees and mining by local and multi-national companies, causes the deterioration of the forest, leading to landslides, flashfloods, species extinction and disruption of the natural habitat.

In 2003 Solidarity South Pacific activists visited imprisoned environmental official Raul Zapatos, jailed for killing (in self defence) a mayor involved in illegal logging who at the time was attacking him with a sub-machine gun.

These are the kind of extreme situations faced by environmentalists in much of the world—even when simply enforcing conservation laws! Thankfully Raul is now free (see our prisoner section at www.eco-action.org/ssp), but the situations he faced remain.



POWER LINES SABOTAGED

OAK CREEK, Wisconsin Oct 11: Someone removed bolts from the base of a high-voltage electrical transmission tower, causing it to fall on a second tower and knock out power to 17,000 customers.

The incident caused a four-hour outage Saturday for 17,000 customers, including General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

Downed wires from the towers lay across railroad tracks much of Sunday, delaying passenger and freight trains from Amtrak and Canadian Pacific Railroad.

ECOLOGICAL STRESSES TAKING THEIR TOLL WORLDWIDE

Amphibians are experiencing a precipitous decline across the globe, according to the first comprehensive world survey of the creatures, which include frogs, toads and salamanders. The rapid drop is the equivalent of tens of thousands of years' worth of extinctions in just a century. Amphibians are often considered "canaries in the coal mine" because their permeable skin makes them especially sensitive to environmental changes.

"This is the first group being affected by a death by a thousand cuts in the way that we as humans have been affecting the biosphere in the past 50 or hundred years," said Claude Gascon, a scientific adviser to the study.

Surveys showed the amphibian population of Costa Rica's Monteverde Cloud Forest, for example, was stable until 1987. The next year it began to crash, and by 1989, 40 percent of its amphibian species had gone extinct.

Tanzanian wildlife authorities are investigating the deaths of some 10,000 flamingos over September at the Lake Manyara National Park.

Preliminary tests have shown the birds might have died from toxins in algae, the park's chief warden Betty Loibooki told AFP news agency. Samples have been sent to Germany for further analysis. Lake Manyara in north-eastern Tanzania is home to over 300 bird species with more than three million flamingos.

It would seem that many animals in the Wildlife Kingdom are experiencing the 'ill-effects' of something unseen and unexplained. Whale and dolphin carcasses are beaching in various coastal areas when they shouldn't be, leaving marine biologists stumped, and Linda Moulton Howe of 'www.earthfiles.com' has reported on many strange happenings with Deer and Elk in the Midwest of U.S.A.