


DEFEND THE  43



SIX BEAGLES were liberated by the ALF from Boots labs at Thurgarton near Nottingham on 3rd November "on behalf of all the other ones". Despite claims to be 'cruelty-free', Boots are one of the main customers from infamous breeder, Interfauna (see GA24), using dogs, cats, rats, mice, rabbits and guinea pigs in useless LD50 and year-old chronic toxicity tests. They also turn animals into cocaine and morphine addicts, cripple monkeys, and give mice electro-convulsive shock 'to treat depression'. ALF calls for a country-wide campaign of economic sabotage and a boycott of Boots and its subsidiaries, Halfords, Payless, Crookes Health Care, Optrex, Strepsils and Farleys.

On 12th November, the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit followed up the raid with a daylight hit, opening beagle pens in the Holding Unit, chaining themselves to the roof, locking themselves in rooms and siezing documents. 43 were arrested for conspiracy to breach the peace, to burgle, and to cause criminal damage. Cops dropped charges to breach of peace in court, and the case is continuing.

ALIU carried out the raid "to prove you can get away with it". Like the Leagues of the mid-1980s, ALIU works on mass daylight inspections with no damage or animals freed - but borrowing documents to find evidence of abuse. As they are copied and returned, documents are not stolen according to the letter of the law. More raids are planned.

SUPPORT The Boots 43 c/o ALIU, PO Box 87, Rochdale, Lancashire OL16

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, the ALF glued Liverpool Universities Psychology Department, Watsons of Bootle and another butchers on Myrtle Parade, egg merchant Farmer Arthurs of Toxteth, and a meat delivery van in Anfield which also had tyres slashed.

.....AND ON NEW YEARS EVE

OVER SIXTY CATS were liberated from Oxford Universities breeding centre. Dr. Colin Blakemore of the Psychology Department, well-known for surgically and chemically crippling cats brains 'to see how they work', told the Guardian he was not going to use them and that they would die of cold anyway. We understand the cats have actually gone to nice, warm homes and Blakemore meant "yet". At New Year last year, the ALF liberated 43 beagles from the universities Park Farm (see GA23). An activist told GA: "It's something of a tradition".

BRISTOL CANCER CURE QUESTIONED

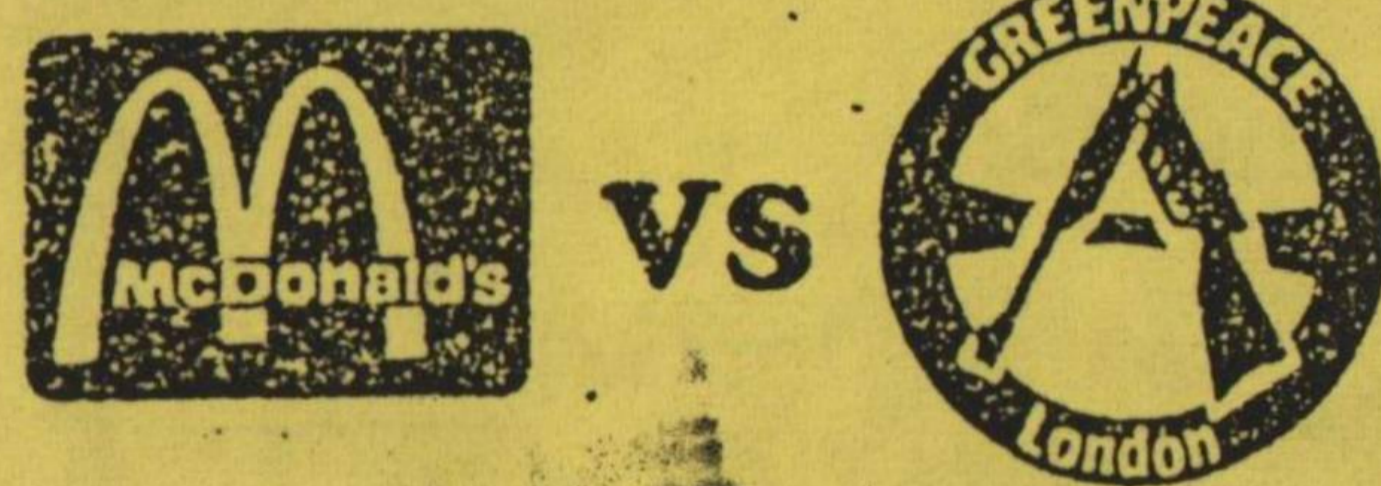
THE BRISTOL CANCER HELP CENTRE has been rocked by results which show that women taking this alternative cure are nearly three times as likely to die as those who don't. The research, initiated by the clinic itself, does not pinpoint the cause but the use of the raw vegetable vegan diet is considered a possible factor. The regime also includes healing by relaxation, meditation and counselling.

The research was done by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research campaign.

(Source: Guardian)

McLIBEL FIVE:

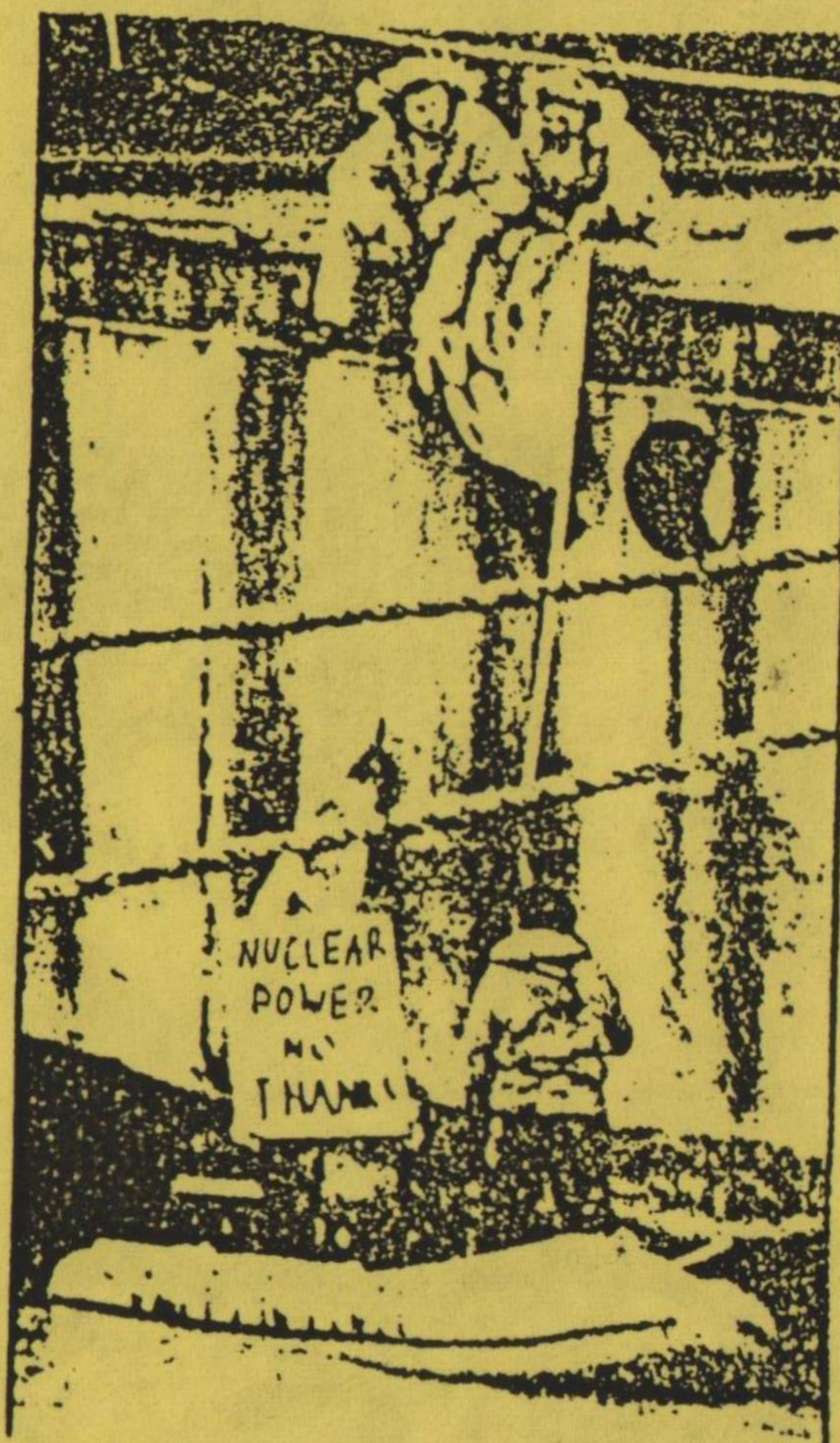
SIZEWELL STRUGGLE



ANTI McDONALDS DAY is needling the multinational wreckers. They had private dicks follow five London Greenpeace activists home from a public meeting to serve summonses on them saying they libelled the corporation. None wrote the What's Wrong With McDonalds? leaflets handed out worldwide every 16th October, but all stand by their contents. Veggies of Nottingham have already been legally harassed about this leaflet, but if the Five lose their case, they'll be bankrupted and spend their lives paying compensation.

SUPPORT the McLibel Five c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road, or buy the benefit cassette, Chumbawamba: Live In Leicester 1986, from G. Burnett, 126a North Road, Westcliff On Sea, Essex. Only £2 and all money goes to the defence fund.

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GREEN ANARCHISM

WHAT WE WANT

We want anarchy. A society of small communities where people care for each other and where everyone controls their own lives. If people don't govern themselves, the State will govern them instead and put its own interests before the communities.

Anarchy must be green. We must decentralise and deindustrialise to save the planet. Communities must be self-sufficient to be self-governing. Society cannot be free when dependant on the State. So we'll have a sustainable land economy and that means caring for the earth.

WHY WE HAVEN'T GOT IT

Humanity lived the way we want for almost all its existence. Early communities were "the original affluent societies" with plenty to share and all treated as equals. They were small enough for decisions to be made face-to-face by all, with people of respect and influence but no leaders and no 'obedience'.

'Heroes' and their companions formed the first ruling class holding power by the sword and disarming the peasants. The heroes become hereditary kings, passing power from father to son and demanding obedience to divine law. The rulers, by this law, took the crops from the peasants, creating wealth and poverty. These crops provided jobs for landless artisans so cities grew. The more crops they took, the bigger grew the cities. The artisans made products for the rich, never for the peasants who proudly made their own. Artisans depended on a strong ruling class for their food.

The landless artisans are forced by poverty into specialisation. Division of labour only benefits the management. The wages of the workers are determined not by the success of the firm but by hungrier unemployed outside.

Threatened kings succeed if they can tax their people heavily enough to buy soldiers and arms to defeat neighbours who can extract less taxation. Given religious obedience, the growth of the nation state is inevitable.

With the imposition of money, governments demanded taxes to be paid in cash, which peasants could only pay by growing more crops to exchange, not for products from the city, but for cash to hand over to the government as taxes. That's how the cities are fed, even now. Peasants never grow a surplus voluntarily - the Law of Least Effort.

Governments doubled their income by a hidden tax on trade - market dues and excise duties. Therefore they encouraged and enforced trade, building roads, bridges and ports. People don't naturally trade: they share. In primitive societies, if they kill an animal to eat, they

all share it. They do not exchange bits with those who already have. Exchange is anti-social. They only trade with their enemies.

Most workers are peasants, forced to starve in the Third World growing export crops on their land by international trade, 'aid', and debt that profits only Western multinationals, governments and bankers. By taxing such trade, the State can afford 'protection rackets' that mean the West eats at the peasants expense. The State is so keen to 'protect' us that it organises every aspect of our lives, making sure we can't live without bureaucratic interference. Dependency on the State gets proles used as cannon fodder in imperialist wars and factory fodder making techno-crap to dump on Third World markets and keep the unequal cycle of international trade turning. In exchange for dodgy loans and arms in the name of 'progress and development', Third World puppets assist and keep the peasants feeding Western industry.

HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET IT

STRATEGY. Like the Roman Empire this civilisation will crumble from the edges. Russia and America are broke and can't afford so many arms for Third World puppets who will therefore lose control of their land. The revolution will start in the hills of the Third World where the peasants will feed themselves rather than exporting crops to the Developed World.

As Western governments lose Third World markets, raw materials and therefore tax income, they won't be able to afford enough arms and troops to control their own peripheries. There'll be no-go areas in the hills of Britain. Without work refining and distributing Third World imports and diminishing State 'protection', there'll be growing disorder in the cities. When the cities can no longer provide jobs and food gets increasingly expensive, the cities will dwindle to nothing. People will leave for rural no-go areas where they can feed themselves and run their own lives without State interference.

TACTICS. We must deny the State its tax income by building an alternative green and black economy through tax evasion and buying untaxed goods, allotments, guerrilla farming and squatting, and alternative medicine, education and energy to sustain all our needs. We must learn to survive without the State and share such practical knowledge. We must live free of exploitation, boycotting banks and multinationals. Personal change is not enough. We must welcome all wanting liberty and unite as a culture of resistance through festivals and magazines. We must defend ourselves and the Earth, targetting military bases and labs, developers and industry, exploitation and intolerance. We must support peasant revolutions in the Third World the best way we can - and make our own here!

NEWS GREEN CONFERENCE

THIS YEARS Conference at Wolverhampton in late-September was supposed to be something of a show down between Green 2000 centralisers and others that felt centralisation is selling out Green principles.

Foremost amongst eco-bores seeking respectable careers and the Parliamentary power to stuff greenery down our throats is Sara Parkin. Conference flared when she called opponents like Derek Wall of the Association of Socialist Greens "parasites on the Party" and also had a word for Green Anarchist, warning the Daily Mail of "destructive forces". Derek responded that he was a bit of an anarch himself and presented a joke replacement for the Green Parties sunflower symbol to Conference at Parkin's expense: a pretty little green

maggot! We understand Derek shared the same carriage home from Wolverhampton as Parkin - from her sheepish expression, it looks like he got the better of her.

We at GA were just along to peddle papers and didn't need telling Green 2000 were about disempowerment, insisting on obedience to 'Green laws' that will rob people of the means to right environmental wrongs themselves through the direct action we were plugging at Conference that so upset the Mail. With 52% of Britains land owned by 1% of the population, a Conference without land redistribution on the agenda was a dead duck for us anyway. To dramatise land issues, we squatted rather than pay £6 a night to sleep on some dismal colleges floor.

On average, the Green Party has the richest members of any in UK: they can afford Party bureaucrats playing land lord, but need reminding others can't and shouldn't have to.

Middle class attitudes were also exposed when the British National Party turned up in town, attracted by the media covering Conference. Party functionaries mouthing dumb pacifist 'ignore them and they'll go away' comments failed to distribute leaflets calling for counter-demonstrations. Only GA's editor, P N Rogers, turned up from Conference to support Wolves sabs and local lefties in putting the six man BNP 'national demonstration' to flight.

And we'll be back next year, too, if they'll let us....!

NEXT GA: We're going to look at the Green Party, its reformism, its intellectual contradictions, its daft economic policy, its respectability, its fuzzy goal, its political naivete, its total childishness, and whether its worth getting involved in it at all. If you've anything to say on the matter let us have your contribution by yesterday - and under 500 words if possible!



Ramblers reclaim Snailsden Moor in the Yorkshire Peak Park on Forbidden Britain Day - after five years of being excluded by grouse shooters.

RAMPANT RAMBLERS

"A MILITANT and abusive minority" - that's what the Country Landowners Association called, leading figures in the Ramblers Association for organising Forbidden Britain Day last September. Fired with the spirit of the Kinder Scout mass trespass in the 1930s, ramblers walked land denied them including grouse moor near Holme in the Peak Park owned by Yorkshire Water and Lord Montagu's Beaulieu estate in Hampshire, finishing with a rally on his doorstep.

Why were the Country Landowners

Association so upset? Because they are sitting on 13 million acres of land - a quarter of all agricultural land in Britain - stolen from our ancestors by the heinous Acts of Enclosure and worth a staggering £26 billion!

CONTACT The Ramblers Association at 1/5 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2XX to support their Forbidden Forests campaign against the sell-off of 250,000 acres of woodland by the Forestry Commission

ENGLISH EARTH

DESCRIBED AS "A means not only to escape the rat race but also a chance to strike a blow against it", English Earth own fifty acres of land at Callington, south-east Cornwall, including 12,000 feet of redundant farm buildings. They intend to create a craft workshop/garden centre with 25-50 self-employed small businesses, organic foods, landscape conservation, the arts, philosophy and natural healing.

RING Liskead * 83830 for more information about this promising project.

ACTION GREEN

Ring 0898 600369 for advice from Robert Symes and Mary-Jean Hasler for advice on "doing your bit" for the environment.

UNLEADED CON

GREEN CONSUMERS can take no pride in using 'clean, green' unleaded petrol. Leaded petrol damages kids brains but the replacement anti-knock agent in unleaded is benzene, a carcinogen with no safe minimum dose that can even be absorbed through the skin! With benzene concentrations so high in town centres that they'd be shut down if they were chemical plants, thousands more deaths from lung cancer are expected annually.

(Source: Poison Pen)

STONE HERESY

Arthur picketing
with Excalibur



IF YOU BELIEVE what English Heritage had printed in the Telegraph, at Autumn Equinox "250 hippies stormed Stonehenge to the sound of hunting horns" forcing Heresy's guards "to abandon the site to avoid a bloody battle" as "hippies took chisels to one of the ancient stones and daubed wierd signs on the others". They say lines a quarter inch deep and a foot and a half long were chiselled into one trilithon.

Lies, of course. Heresy closed the Stones because Chief Executive Rawlinson of Salisbury District Council wouldn't grant the festival an entertainment license - in case they got busted under the Acid House Act, presumably! When GA editor, P N Rogers, told Heresy's Steve Andrews that free festivals don't need licenses as non-paying events, he admitted 'Brew Crew paranoia' was also reason for the ban. Amongst those "storming" the Stones were several babies - one only five days old - and a guy with a leg in plaster. When they hopped the razor wire surrounding the Stones the two guards on duty turned a blind eye and the sole copper on duty saw no reason to radio for riot cops! One guy was chalking runes until told to stop. Otherwise no trouble, no arrests.

What of Heresy's 'chiselling hippy' that 250 festival-goers failed to notice? If he existed Heresy's security were negligent, but Paul Aitkin and Eugene of Oxford Free Information Network have proved he didn't. As

leader of the Arthurian Warband, Arthur Pendragon quit his building job to warn tourists off the Stones dressed in full knightly regalia, shouting "don't pay, go away" at them to stop them lining Heresy's coffers. They went up to support his solo picket and got to look at the scratches themselves as armed police pounced on a blue Sierra in Stonehenge Car Park allegedly owned by the IRA. The dynamic duo found the scratches were not chisel marks, were only five inches long and a millimetre deep, and were so old lichen was growing in them. The Stonehenge Campaign then demanded photographic proof of 'chiselling' off Heresy and a right to reply off the Torygraph via the Press Council. They have recieved neither.

This did not stop Heresy using 'chiselling' as an excuse to spend £20,000 hiring 200 security to close the Stones on Winter Solstice. Festival-goers see Heresy's current stance as a sell-out on publicised promises to discuss organised celebrations at Stonehenge made last summer. They have retaliated by calling for celebrations eight times a year, not only on equinoxes and solstices but on Imbolc (2nd February), Beltane (1st May), Lammas (1st August) and Samhain (31st October) - and even full moons too! With over £308,000 spent policing Stonehenge last year and half of it local poll tax, will Heresy continue to stand in their way? Will they fuck!

TIME CALLED ON THE BREW CREW

THE FESTIVAL MOVEMENT is finally fighting back against Brew Crew violence (see GA25). We, the People have "compiled a large dossier of photographs, film, name and registration/address details of the people involved, gathered covertly over a ten-month period ... lodged ... with over sixty parties with directions to publish independantly if the troubles continue" according to an open letter to the Brew Crew in Greenleaf. The zine says the Arthurian Warband - 150 bikers who offered to do Stonehenge security this summer, believing themselves reincarnated knights of the Round Table - "could get involved".

COPS ON TRIAL

THE TRIAL of Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Walter Girven, began at the High Court in Winchester on 7th October. He's facing private prosecution by 26 members of the Stonehenge Defendants Campaign who survived the 1985 Battle of the Beanfield for false arrest and detention. Girven was behind the 1st June trashing of 166 vehicles on their way to Henge, when 826 riot cops penned them in a field and violently arrested over 400 travellers. Police over-reacted as superiors had circulated a memo calling the travellers: "anarchists who would use violence to maintain their way of life". GA has been told those bringing the prosecutions consider themselves 'Defendants' because their culture is under attack - and even the law accepts everyone has the right to use force in self-defence. The trial will run for four months.

(Source: Guardian)

TRAVELLERS OWN WORKSHOP

TOW AIMS to help travellers help themselves. They do the repairs and find the parts to keep people on the road, do conversions, and help the victims of viggies and drongoes that trash vehicles.

TIN SNAILS TOASTED

THE 2CV was the cheap car for French farmers after World War Two. Now middle class trendies collect them as Citroen don't make them anymore. Between October and November, 11 2CVs have been torched or trashed in Edinburgh. Police are baffled. We're not.....

(Source: Guardian)



THE CORRUPTION OF JUSTICE

THE REPERCUSSIONS of the injustice against the Guildford Four are building up towards a scandal. The BBC has virtually accused the prosecuting barrister Michael Havers and his three juniors of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. It looks as though they all knew about Gerry Conlan's alibi and deliberately withheld the facts from the defence. The judges to protect their own position that they rejected the Four's appeal will be forced to blame the prosecuting barristers for withholding the truth. The barristers would like to blame the police for not telling them, but there's evidence that they did. The Home Secretary will want to blame the barristers too to save his own skin. It looks like they're for the chop.

It's now clear that at every level there was suppression of the truth, Surrey police, the forensics department, Sir Peter Imbert, now Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Prosecuting Counsel, Havers, later Attorney General, and

his three eminent barrister juniors. And each is now working out how to ditch the others to save his own skin.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

MORE LAWS, MORE STATE INTERFERENCE

DESIGNED TO MAKE the 'justice' system more 'efficient', ie: oppressive, this bill plans to introduce 'community punishments' for many (middle-class) crimes, whilst lengthening sentences for violent crime. Crimes for which longer sentences are to be given are 'sexual offences' which are usually victimless and consensual and are used almost exclusively against gay men, imprisoning over 3000 per year: 'indecently between men' (1956 Act), 'solicitation of a man' (1956 Act) and other legal restrictions left untouched by the 1967 liberalisation of moral laws. A law is also proposed for 'knowingly passing on HIV' (10 year sentence), and debates on SM and the age of consent are likely.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The British Legion excluded the Peace Pledge Union from the 11 o'clock march past ("Bad for our boys in the Gulf") so they did their own later, placing a wreath of white poppies on the Cenotaph at 2.30 to commemorate civilian victims of war.

Cops tried to hassle anti-fascists out of Whitehall but myself and others were still opposite the Cenotaph half an hour later when the National Front and British Nazi Party arrived from Bressinger Place. They had shipped in supporters from South Africa and Ireland and cancelled other events in

an attempt to get a thousand-strong turn out. They mustered only 120. Outnumbered two to one by anti-fascists, they couldn't retaliate against heckling: "NF child abusers!", "Fascist desecrators!" and "The Master Race is dying out!".

We then moved up Whitehall to defend the City Group anti-apartheid picket of the South African Embassy. BNP boneheads out to disrupt it were seen off and chased back into Victoria by Anti-Fascist Action. With half last years turn-out, it was a dismal day for racists worldwide. By 1996, they'll be rallying in telephone boxes.

BRIXTON POLICE RIOT

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE again attacked poll tax protestors and their right to demonstrate in Brixton on October 13th.

Weeks before, the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign arranged for a march from Brockwell Park - where the larger All-Britain Federation of Anti-Poll Tax Unions march was to end - to Jebbs Avenue outside HMP Brixton, where four thousand defendants were held. At 3.30 four thousand marched off, expecting a two hour prison picket.

The cops provocatively changed the route at the last minute, laying barriers down across Brixton Hill Road as we arrived, denying us access to Jebbs Avenue with cops five-deep. A few empty brew cans and crisp packets got thrown and cops stopped a push at the barriers with flashing cameras.

This 'violence' was exploited by police who told us to disperse at 4.30 - an hour early. At 4.50 they surrounded the head of the march and used a thirty-strong wedge to sieze a steward's megaphone. They meant to force us down Brixton Hill but crushed between cops with contradictory orders, we couldn't move and scuffles broke out as they beat people indiscriminately.

They unleashed 600 short shield riot cops at 5pm. Trapped marchers were arrested for 'obstruction'. At the back of the march, some managed to break away down Brixton Hill tishing windows and chucking bangers and trash at pursuing riot cops. The press said they torched a skip and cop bike and used a market stall as a barricade. Nice one, if true!

The Met controlled the situation - herding people and dragging them out of shops - and picked up over 120, some without being arrested and half released without charge. TSDC had lots of 'legal observers' recording arrests. They say police response to the march was pre-planned and provocative, and are calls for an inquiry and the resignation of those that gave the orders.

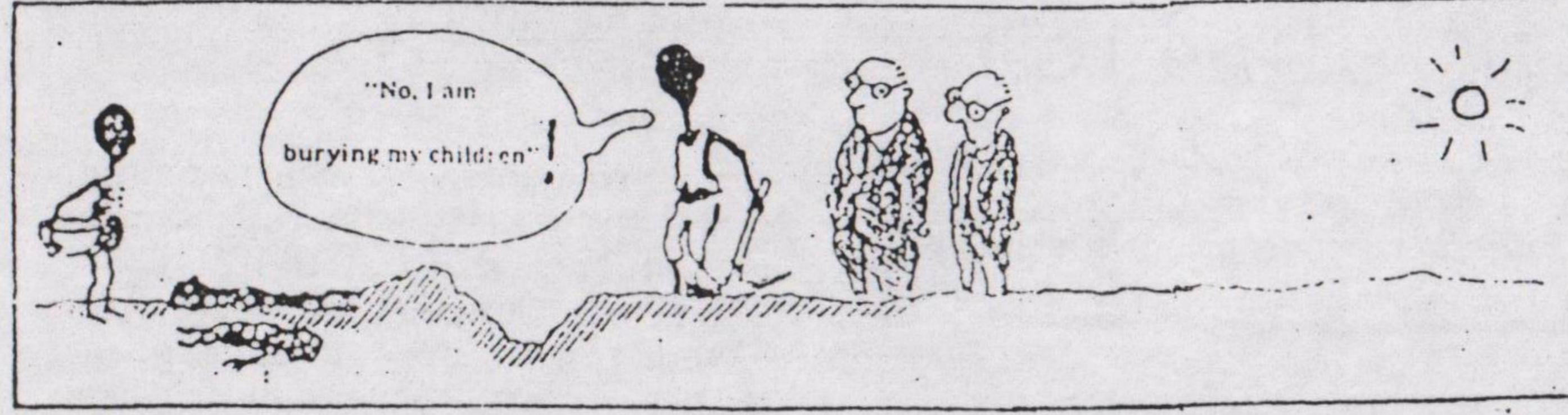
CONTACT Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign c/o Haldane Society Lawyers, Room 205, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP and buy their benefit pamphlet, From Tienamen To Trafalgar, for £1.

WORLD WAR III GULF WAR

AMERICANS GAMBLE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER



THIRD WORLD WAR is being fought now....



....GENOCIDE as a billion dollars of bombs fall on 4 million people in Baghdad each day....



....ECOCIDE as famine threatens starvation for 20 million people in Africa.

The US hopes to end the Gulf war within three weeks; it has to: they will run out of ammunition after this. Much of the technology which supposedly constitutes their superiority has not been tested in combat before, and problems are also expected in managing the very different forces in the 'allied' side in the conflict. Some of these, such as the Syrians, are not in NATO, and mostly use Soviet equipment.

A war could mean environmental disaster on a large scale: even the most cautious estimate is that 300 - 400 oil wells would be burning uncontrollably for 6 months if a war broke out in the middle of Kuwait's 850 oil wells. The worst case scenario is uncontrolled fires raging for 5 years, triggering a nuclear winter situation, and causing widespread starvation. Even a minor conflagration

DRIFTNET WAR

SEA SHEPHERD 2 suffered \$40,000 damage from sabotage this summer to stop it sailing from Seattle to oppose driftnet fishing. After only two months repairs, the ship was able to sail into the North Pacific against the Japanese tuna fleet.

Driftnetting means trailing narrow-

would cause a major increase in acid rain, and hence damage to the Middle East's agriculture, in addition to the problems caused by an uncontrolled release of 10 - 100 million barrels of oil. The West seems oblivious of such problems in its war plans: for it the only aims are elimination of the dangerous aspirant to the big power game, and the manipulation of public opinion at home: any environmental disaster is of little concern for them, as in most cases, it will happen to people far away from them.

CONTACT the Gulf Peace Team via Freepost 7 Cazenove Road, London N16 6PA if you want to join or fund their international multi-cultural peace camp on the Saudi-Kuwaiti front line; or At Ease c/o 1 Secker Street, London SE1 8UF (071-633 0852) if you wish to refuse military service.

meshed 'walls of death' for miles behind fishing vessels, snaring everything in the sea - including the dolphins that feed on tuna.

South of the Equator, Australia has banned driftnetting in its territorial waters and enforces the ban with Royal Australian Air Force patrols. Aussie protesters have shrouded the Japanese Embassy in nets and even torched fishing boats.

WE ALL NEED ANOTHER HERO

CLASSIFIED USAF RESEARCH - the Joint Electromagnetic Interference Study (JEMI) - has found military radio signals can accidentally launch rockets, crash planes, or cause them to bomb friendly embassies. According to Colonel Charles Quisenberry, this HERO (Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordnance) Effect has already caused a series of UH-60 Black Hawk Army helicopter crashes. The Kapton wiring blamed is fitted to 50 other types of aircraft. Charles Cormack of the US Navy says the Pentagon's electroexplosive device (EED) fitted to everything from artillery to nuclear missiles is HERO-vulnerable, and responsible for 25 weapons accidents already. EMP from nuclear explosions could cause a chain reaction of HERO-triggered blasts.

HACKERS JAILED

THREE COMPUTER HACKERS from the Legion of Doom, Robert Riggs (Prophet), Frank Darden, Jr. (Leftist), and Adam Grant (Urville), were sent down for a total of 49 months between them in Atlanta, Georgia on November 16th. They had hacked into the Southern Bell Data Network and sent a document worth \$13 for publication. As well as jailing them, sloppy ol' SouthBell expect the Atlanta Three to pay \$233,000 compensation to upgrade their security!

(Source: Emmanuel Goldstein, editor of 2600 Magazine)

COMPUTER MADNESS

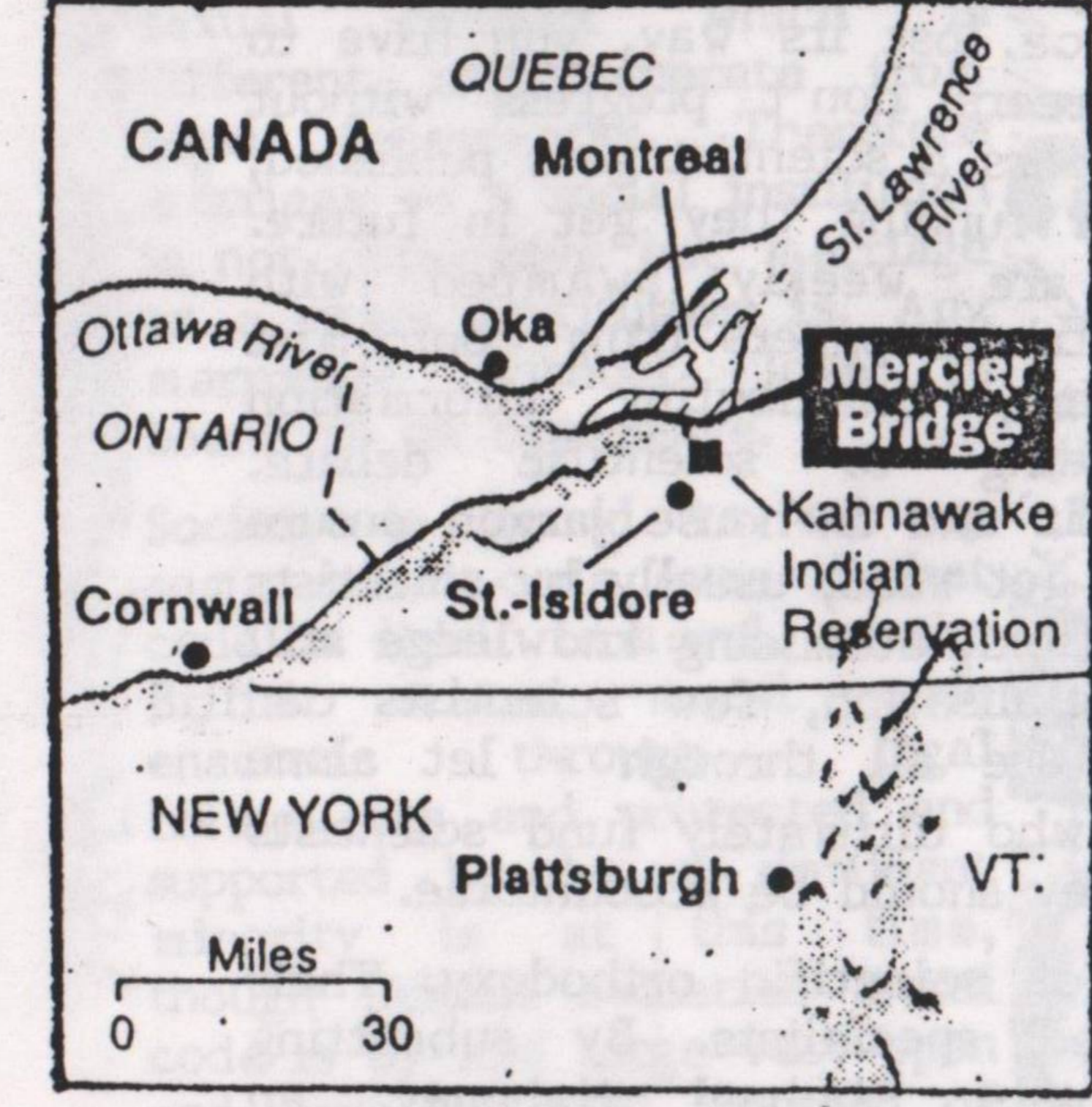
M.W. REPORTS: A state-of-the-art Stars computer system which was specifically designed for the New York City Parking Violations Bureau has chummed out \$19 million worth of unwarranted tickets in the last year. Saying that his office had received hundreds of phone calls from people who were improperly ticketed, a City official stated that the system was "supposed to ensure greater efficiency and accuracy", but "in fact, the opposite has happened. Stars has become a rogue computer recklessly terrorizing innocent people".

At a news conference, Luis Hernandez, who received \$4187.00 worth of tickets, said "I don't have a car or a license and I don't know how to drive". Perry Rosenweig, whose license plates had been stolen, received 64 tickets. "They told me the only way to stop this was to find the car with the license plate", he said.

The Parking Violations Bureau is presently debating whether to renew the \$5.5 million annual contract with the consulting firm which designed the computer.



WORLD WAR III MOHAWK SIEGE ENDS



Ojibwas blocked the Trans-Canadian Highway. In northern Ontario two railways were halted for a week as three wooden bridges burned and tracks were shorted out by being connected together with jump leads, cutting Canada in half. And Chippewas did \$75,000 damage, toppling five power pylons.

When Kahnawake Mohawks dismantled their barricade on 23rd September, they faced a racist mob from neighbouring Chateauguy, incited by the Ku Klux Klan. They stoned the Mohawks 75-vehicle convoy, killing 71-year old Joe Armstrong by heart attack. Public outcry forced cops to arrest just nine stone-throwers a month later.

Meanwhile at Kanesatake 50 Warriors, women and kids held out against the Army at the Treatment Centre while police provoked other Mohawks with beatings, arms plants and a raid on the Longhouse. The media were kept out of Kanesatake and a peace camp set up in Oka when the Army went in was broken up with six arrests. Three days later the Mothers Council had Warriors walk out to troops to avoid bloodbath, 150 being arrested on hundreds of charges including obstruction of justice, rioting, illegal weapons and assault.

At cost of \$60 million and two lives, the Mayor of Oka has won 9 more holes for his golf course. The First

Nations of Canada have won the same will to take back the land stolen from their ancestors, as the American Indian Movement did in the US after the 71-day siege of the Oglala Sioux at Wounded Knee in 1973 (see GA20).



DONATIONS to the Liberation of the Mohawk Nation Defense Fund, POB 1987, Kahnawake, Canada PQJOL 2B0 to meet the legal costs of the defendants.

THE 78-DAY SIEGE of Mohawk Kanesatake and Kahnawake near Montreal (see GA25) ended on 26th September. Kanesatake Mohawk blocked roads since March to protest development of Oka Golf Course on sacred land, but the siege itself began when a cop died as 100 Surete du Quebec stormtroopers sent to end the blockade were repulsed on 11th July. Mohawks at Kahnawake went under siege themselves, threatening to dynamite Mercier Bridge if those at Kanesatake were harmed.

Denied their rightful 75% of Canadian land, First Nation peoples followed Mohawk example, threatening the countries infrastructure in solidarity.

BUT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

WHEN CANADIAN logging companies, Buchanan Lumber and Brewster Construction refused to get operating permits from the Lubicon Lake Cree Nation (see GA25), it was the last straw. They have endured 95% unemployment for ten years whilst their land claim remains unsettled by Canadian courts and the oil company,

Norcen Energy Resources, have destroyed their hunting grounds. The Diashowa-owned companies threatened to cut logging roads through Lubicon traplines and destroy their forests, so they responded to this fresh invasion by firebombing and tyre-slashing Buchanan's logging equipment and trailers on the night of 24th

November. On 12th December the Royal Canadian Mounted Police responded with raids and the arrest of thirteen Lubicons on charges of arson, mischief, possession of explosives and disguise with intent.

(Source: Ecomedia Toronto)

NO TO 1992!

THE 'UNITED EUROPE' of 1992 is European businesses dream. But for Berlin squatters, the nightmare began last November. Following TREVI (Terrorism, Radicalism, Extremism, Violence International) Commission guidelines that call for the closing of all squats in Western Europe by 1992, 4,000 cops and 'anti-terror' units evicted Mainzerstrasse with armoured cars, CS gas, water cannon, shock grenades, rubber and live bullets on the 14th. In solidarity with over 400 arrested, 15,000 demonstrated in East Berlin; the Green Party withdrew from the cities coalition government; banks, stores and cop shops were hit across Germany; and German embassies in other European countries were occupied or firebombed.

(Source: Ecomedia)

PEASANTS REVOLT

WE'VE ALL SEEN the pictures of empty Russian food shops. But no-ones explained why. It seems possible the peasants are simply not sending the food to the cities until they get what they were promised. Stalin initiated the collective farms in order to feed the cities by taxing the farms extortionately. Now the peasants are revolting: "There are many signs of nervousness around the country that contracts will not be honoured, with rural areas threatening to hold up food deliveries until they are sure they will get the industrial products due to them" (Observer). With the paratroops already in Vilnius, it's only a matter of time before they send the Army into the grain and cotton-growing Soviet southern periphery again, as they did after the Revolution to force the peasants to feed the cities this winter.

DIAMONDS ARE FOR DEATH

BOTSWANA: South African corporation De Beers have struck a secret deal with the Botswana government and South African developers, LTA, to divert water to the town of Maun and their Orapa diamond mine. This will mean the dredging of the Boro river and the destruction of 22,000 square kilometres of the Okavango Delta, one of the most magnificent wildlife spots in the world. Local environmentalists say storage dams would make the dredging unnecessary.

Greenpeace International have called De Beers plan "appalling" and have called for an anti-diamond campaign. A boycott of De Beer's gold and diamonds would be strongly supported by Black miners within South Africa, who called on the artisans of the world to stop using these minerals for decorative purposes in a recent issue of 'Congress Militant'.

THE FOLLIES OF SCIENCE

The Folly Of Science

THE SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENT

To understand how science lost its way, you have to appreciate scientific careers don't progress without publication. The more papers a scientist gets published, the more credibility and funding they get in future. Consequently, journals are weekly swamped with thousands of bland and trivial papers from conformist and careerist researchers, contributing information rather than understanding to scientific debate. Constraints of time, habit and in-house jargon ensure only a fraction of these get read, usually by scientists in the same specialised field, atomising knowledge still further. Because of specialisation, few scientists can read a journal like Nature all through - let alone members of the public who ultimately fund scientists research and to whom they should be accountable.

Journals are watchdogs of scientific orthodoxy. Their reviewers are established specialists. By submitting bogus papers to journals, Michael Mahoney, an American psychology professor, showed they gave more sympathetic reviews to papers from established contributors or conforming to the reviewers own theories. Without the backing of journals, rogue scientists lose credibility, future funding for challenging hypotheses, and access to the facilities to test them. The myth of solitariness scientists knocking out 'the key to the Universe' out of their own pocket in a garden shed is largely fiction. Things don't just 'get invented': they need the infrastructure of the scientific establishment.

What does orthodoxy guard so jealously? Superficially, its their income. They made Hans Reusche an unperson when his Slaughter Of The Innocent exposed animal testing and vivisection as scientific fraud. Establishment assumptions originated by Claude Bernard in the 1830s were disrupted, orthodox scientific training and prestigious careers were undermined, and profits of animal breeders and drug companies were threatened. Conversely Fleishmann and Pons 1989 'discovery' of cold fusion was confirmed by seventeen labs worldwide, all chasing the funds and career advancement this hi-tech field would open up. Now disproved, Utah University can still claim \$30 million for cold fusion research on a 'jobs for the boys' basis!

A WORLD IN THEIR IMAGE?

The scientific establishment think that because they own the means of innovation and invention, they can control society. They needed cold fusion because their techno-fix for world energy problems, hot fusion, isn't working. Plasma can't be contained, energy generated can't be used, and it produces radiation and waste like fission reactors it's supposed to replace. Scientists think they've got the answer to everything, that world problems can be solved rather like fixing that tap - without thought of politics. Their 1960s 'Green Revolution' increased Third World dependancy and famine as their super-crop monocultures couldn't grow without fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides that destroyed and poisoned the soil and had to be imported with political strings attached.

Science is so arrogant because it's replaced religion in monopolising Truth. Sociology, politics, economics, even history claim to be 'scientific' without using scientific method. They are in fact different but equally valid means of understanding. Hamaker's Survival Of Civilisation was suppressed not because it lacked scientific rigour but because it said political answers were needed to his scientific questions. Hamaker said carbon dioxide caused Ice Ages, and land reform was needed to stop them. The scientific establishment backed AAAS's global warming model and found Greens like Lovelock to voice self-serving techno-fixes like

nuclear power. Far from politics being a science, Hamaker exposed science as political, setting the agenda for future development of civilisation.

What is science's politics beyond self-preservation? For once, the scientific method has the answer. The scientific method is materialist, reductionist and objectivistic. Because science claims to be objective Truth, all other understanding is held inferior to it. Because that Truth is 'objective' only inasmuch as it treats everything and everyone as material objects to be manipulated, it is a recipe for tyranny by a technocratic elite 'knowing better than us'. And because it's reductionist, the individual is seen as a cog to be tinkered with to ensure the system runs smoothly.

At the turn of the century, Frederick Taylors 'scientific management' used time-and-motion studies to turn line workers into automatons, rationalising and restricting their movements so they always worked in sync with the machines. The functionalist Talcott Parsons advanced social 'science' theories in the 1920s effectively saying society was perfect and it's us folks that fuck it up. And in 1971 the behaviourist B F Skinner published Beyond Freedom And Dignity saying if people were a barrier to the systems efficiency, we should be behaviourally modified to conform.

Something stinks about the scientific mentality when it threatens to turn this world into an exploitative ant hill. We don't want a power elite - rational or religious - lording it over us, hoarding secret knowledge, and exploiting common ignorance 'for our own good'. The anthill their 'progress' has wrought, civilisation, must be kicked over and a sense of community that will keep science on the level of practical and responsible problem-solving by all reinstated.

P N ROGERS

How Computers Fuck You Up

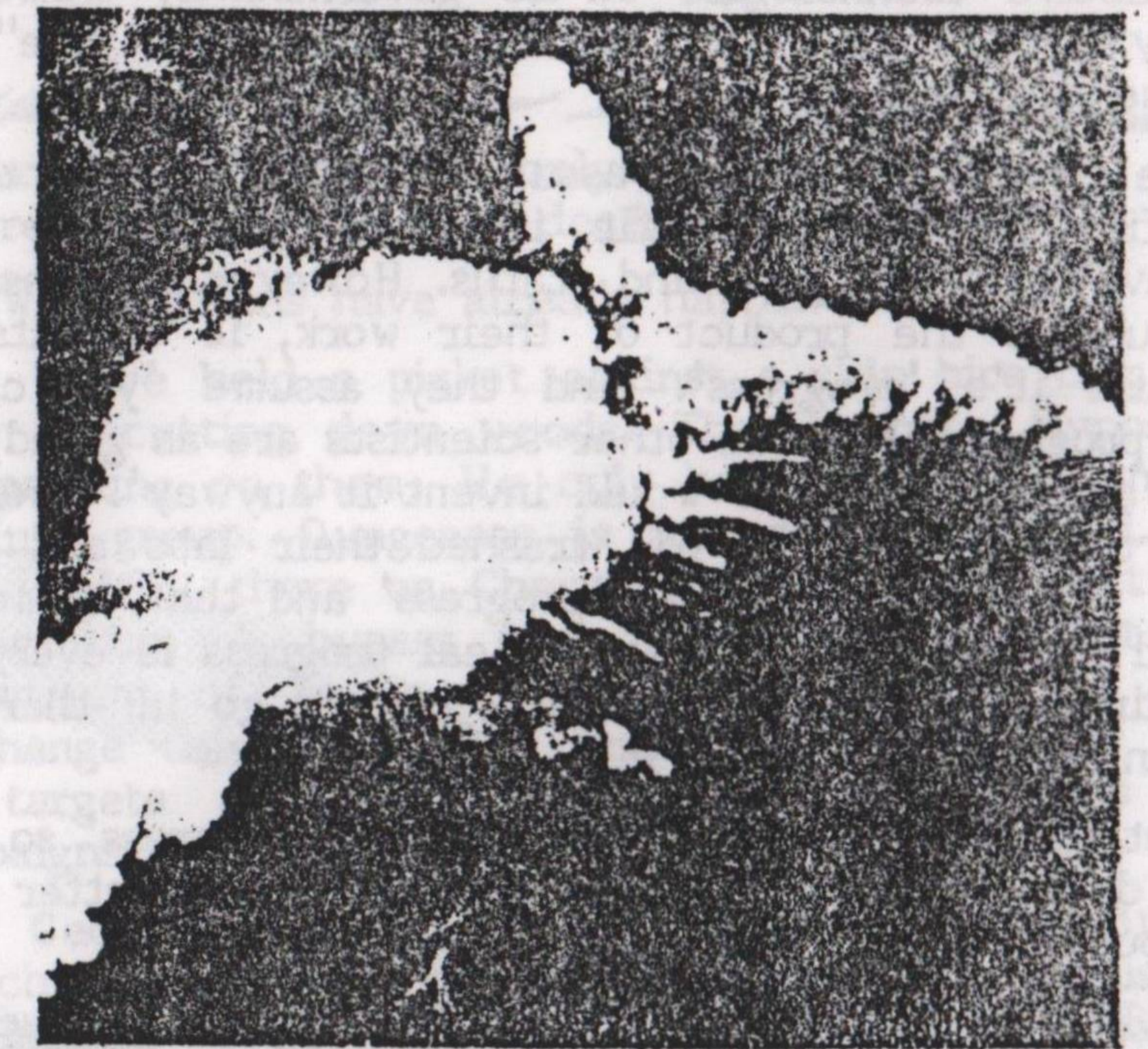
IN THE WEST, computerisation of work and the organisation of society has gained an irreversible momentum, as the convenience and power these tools give to employers and bureaucracy mean that decades old working practices are discarded as "uneconomic". The newspaper and car industries being the prime examples, with skills built up over a lifetime suddenly devalued. But how real are the benefits of software, and how sustainable is a society based on information technology?

In the first place, there are very few programs that are actually "correct" in a complete sense, the process "software engineering" of designing and writing correct programs is still, after 40 years, remarkably casual. The effect of this is seen in the numerous "bugs" that emerge in software after it has gone out into the world, and the amount of money that is spent on correcting these bugs, an activity called "maintenance" and which costs the USA alone about 2% of its GNP each year.

The most dramatic examples of bugs are in "safety critical" software, systems such as aircraft control devices where life would be directly endangered by a failure, and where software is most rigorously tested before release. Nonetheless since 1977 there have been at least 200 serious incidents involving possible loss of life, prime examples being: i): The USS Vincennes shooting down of an Iran Air 655 airbus, partially due to flaws in the weapon control system. ii): The sinking of the Sheffield in the Falklands war, a call to London hindered anti-missile defences on the same frequency. iii): The detection of incoming space junk.

field fires as the full moon as attacks by nuclear alert systems in Thule and NORAD. iv): Numerous problems with F-16s and F-18s, the supposedly unkillable plane was stalled by a novice pilot discovering an unprotected manoeuvre. In simulation the flight control would flip the plane over each time it crossed the equator. v): Many examples from the Space Shuttle program.

A more insidious danger for the future is the uncritical reliance of social planners and governments on the results of computer analysis of social models, when these models are just human-created simplification of real-world situations. Since computers need hard numbers when evaluating people or situations, this encourages the increasing reduction of life to numbers and arbitrary abstractions.



The space shuttle Challenger exploded on Jan. 28, 1986, 73 seconds after its launch.

For individual workers in computer dominated jobs the mental stress and pressure caused by idiosyncratic user interfaces, by the capabilities for employers to measure and impose "performance" by criteria such as the number of keystrokes per hour, increases the alienation of work rather than decreasing it. It is claimed that computer jobs require greater communication and co-operation between people, but this is all in terms of abstractions, computers encourage a concentration on symbols and cold emotionless abstractions, there is a disconnection from lived experience. There are also health problems such as carpal tunnel syndrome, which causes people to lose all feeling in their hands.

Behind all these issues is the most significant one: can a computer-using society avoid becoming a computer dominated one, and can such a society survive in a world in which the cost of the raw materials and power needed to create and sustain such an infrastructure will be much greater than today. If, in 30 years time, the reality of the world's interdependence finally is forced upon us through our own imminent poverty, we must be in a position to live and work again without the web of communication and machine mediated activity that surrounds us.

KEVIN



Injury experiments, University of Pennsylvania.

FOR TOO LONG people have swallowed the scientific establishments line that they are selfless seekers after Truth, using the facts they find for the betterment of all. It's time to nail that self-serving lie and expose them for what they are - a privileged elite distorting our understanding of the world to aid and abet global exploitation.

THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD

At a Green Futures discussion at Glastonbury last year, a woman scientist defended her profession by saying how she fixed a tap onsite: "I looked at what was wrong and did what needed doing to put it right: that's the scientific method". Green Anarchist encourages practical problem solving, but the scientific method and such common sense are poles apart. To understand physical phenomena, the scientist will make guesses about how they work, test out these hypotheses to see which works best, and then as a result of this analysis put forward the best guess as a scientific theory. Other scientists will then repeat the tests and throw in a few of their own in an attempt to disprove the theory and if they can't, it becomes a scientific law. Scientific laws are then used as the basis for future hypotheses about other physical phenomena. Although fine in theory, critics of the scientific method like Thomas Kuhn feel it doesn't really explain much in practice.

In his Theory Of Scientific Revolutions, Kuhn points out that scientists pick and choose the facts that suit themselves and ignore all others. Scientific laws accepted like holy writ for centuries - like Newtons 1664 Law of Gravity, 'replaced' by general relativity only in 1916 - have been overturned simply because others have focused on different facts. The old facts are not necessarily disproved - just ignored or different assumptions made about them. Kuhn called such shifting assumptions 'scientific revolutions'. He might as well have said 'fads' or 'fashions'. If all the scientific method adds up to in practice is a bunch of pick 'n' mix assumptions, it fails in its own terms and is little better at proving Truth than the religious dogma it set out to improve on during the Enlightenment.

Science keeps the workers in chains



The Follies Of Science

THERE HAS BEEN a countercurrent warning where scientists are taking us throughout history, portraying them as Simon Magus, Faust, Frankenstein and Dr Strangelove. In The Fate Of The Earth, Jonathan Schell notes that science bought back eschatology (the study of endings) into human experience because it has given humanity the power to destroy the world. If you gave a child a loaded gun to play with, you'd have shown greater responsibility than scientists that pass destructive technologies on to governments, mumbling "They'd have only got it from somewhere else" to excuse themselves.

These moral imbeciles assume what benefits them benefits us. They benefit in terms of income and achievement, company and status. However senseless or destructive the product of their work, it benefits us because it's 'progress'. And they assume 'you can't stop progress' because other scientists are as greedy as they are so 'someone would invent it anyway'. Imagine how they'd react if you trashed their labs and told them you considered that 'progress' and that 'someone would have done it anyway'! Real progress is everyone deciding which direction society should go in: there is nothing inevitable about it.

So let's have a look at some of their 'progress' so you can decide whether the world would be better off without it.

ELECTROMAGNETIC POLLUTION: The destructive potential of nuclear power is well-documented in Rosalee Bertells No Immediate Danger, but however you generate electricity, it needs high tension power lines to transmit it. The modern transport and communication infrastructure probably wouldn't work without radio, radar and microwave communication links. All produce non-ionizing radiation. In The Mind Fields, Kathleen McAuliffe writes: "If we continue to fill the airways with endless new frequency broadcast channels, we can look forward to increased incidence of cancer, birth defects, central nervous system defects and, maybe the extinction of life." According to Kim Besley, the CIA have already investigated non-ionizing radiation as a behaviour modification weapon and the USAF have used it to 'zap' Greenham women.

BIO-ENGINEERING: ICL, Unilever and the big pharmaceutical companies are not the only ones using gene-splicing to create tailor-made organisms. The 1983 Federal Register reported "a proposal to transform the harmless bacterium Escherichia coli into a strain capable of producing diphtheria toxin", a potent germ warfare agent. A third of the world died in the Black Death: some would argue that carelessness by genetic engineers lies behind the current AIDS pandemic. A 1976 American Association for the Advancement of Science report revealed "Man-animal mixtures ... now exist as very small living creatures in many laboratories", Babraham Institute of Animal

Two-headed Alsatian, Soviet Union.



Physiology ('Frankenstein Farm') produced a goat-sheep chimera in the mid-1980s, and rumours are rife that the Chinese have gone the whole hog and produced human-ape chimeras to serve as slave labour and living organ banks in best Brave New World fashion.

VIVISECTION: Millions of animals die senselessly each year in drug tests: human beings are the first real 'guinea pigs'. In Naked Empress, Hans Reusche writes: "Since 1961, the number total of medical preparations marketed world-wide has risen to some 205,000 and the new maladies have increased in the same proportion.... The number of people killed in the USA by the intake of drugs has been estimated at some 140,000 each year." The diarrhoea cure Clioquinol paralysed, blinded or poisoned 30,000 people in Japan alone in 1978. Dr Robert White, director of Cleveland Clinic, has been transplanting apes heads - brains still conscious within - since the mid-1970s, and not to be outdone the Soviets Vladimir Demikhov created a two-headed dog. Bernard Agranoff of Michigan Universities Mental Health Research Unit has found biochemical means to destroy short-term memory - and if that can't totally control human personality, there's always lobotomy and other psychosurgery. The trade in living organs - and, according to Nimbin News, even infants - between Third World and Western scientists is established fact. How long before humans are used in such sick experiments? Embryologist Robert Francoeur of the American Medical Association is already asking: "How is the fetus likely to respond ... if his incubator is of a bovine or simian species?"

SPACE EXPLORATION: The Space Race was a Defense Department dominated con: NASA rockets carrying the astronauts were designed to carry nuclear warheads and spy satellites. National Reconnaissance Office satellites were used to target nuclear attacks and plot weather and resources so the US knows where to profit at the worlds expense. The Apollo 11 photo of the Earth from orbit - a Green icon - was taken with cameras developed for spy sats. The Space Shuttle was designed to maintain spy sats, has launched most of the NRO's Keyhole series, and is responsible for 2% depletion of the ozone layer according to SIPRI. Hype about the Mars probe is shown up for what it is when Dr John Nielhof of Science Applications International Corporation suggested it start from VISIT, an orbiting space station. For years the US military have been after a Manned Orbital Lab spybase-in-space and 'Star Wars' weapons platform to rain down death from 'the ultimate high ground'. A forlorn hope: there's junk in orbit that can rip a hole in a space station. Rex and Eichler of the Technical University of Braunschweig note: "Only 2 to 3 times the present population of 70,000 fragments of 1 centimetre across or larger, and ... spaceflight will be impossible within 20 to 50 years".

A friend told me he'd sooner kill his children than have them live in the hell the technocrats want to create. Others are choosing more positive resistance. Jeremy Rifkin - titled "scourge of biotechnologists" by New Scientist - is using American law to block research on humans. Others have gone further, using direct action. The ALF raided Babraham after their geep hit the headlines and an American group, Mindless Thugs Against Genetic Engineering, struck against open air testing of a tailored bacteria Frostban by sterilising the test beds with salt in Brentwood, California. Compensation cases against electronic injury are now being won in the States, although no-one has taken to crippling microwave dishes yet. Computer sabotage is now so widespread that viruses are illegal and Pentagon security is involved. In UK vivisectioners have been bombed and in Germany the RAF assassinated a 'Star Wars' researcher in 1988. It has been proposed that January 28th be Luddites Day, celebrating the fifth anniversary of the 'best bang of all', the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle, and taking action for the kind of progress we want....

NED LUDD

OTHER USES FOR GUNS



LEARNING TO SHOOT, whether with an air-rifle or a genuine gun, is a skill that I'd recommend as useful for and after 'the revolution'. In a situation where food has to be grown for yourself, rather than collected from shops, there needs to be a way of protecting these crops. And unless we re-introduce wolves (!), rabbits are just going to breed to pest proportions. For those without moral objections to meat-eating, its also a useful way of obtaining protein. Guns are, from the individual viewpoint, an effective method of self-defence, and do deter attacks. Even airguns can cause fatal injuries at close range, and are certainly useful for disabling enemy equipment (and satellite dishes).

New regulations, in the wake of Hungerford, have meant that obtaining a FAC (fire arms certificate) is a long process, requiring at least 6 months of training and vetting by a recognised gun club. An image of respectability and absence of psychosis is essential. Without an FAC you cannot legally own an authentic gun. However, to own an air-rifle or air-pistol you need only be over 17, and no expensive equipment beyond the rifle and perhaps a telescopic sight are needed. I've been using a BSA Supersport for several months now (bought, with sights, for £120), and have reached the level of accuracy required for shooting 'game': it's irresponsible to shoot living things until you can hit accurately and kill cleanly instead of leaving them wounded. This rifle is manually loaded and cocked, using a spring mechanism, and for practical use is better than pre-charged pneumatic rifles, which need to be recharged by compressed gas canisters after 100 or so shots. These are not very portable! Feasible alternatives are the 'pump-up' rifles, but these are rare now. The legal limit on the power of these rifles is 11.6 ft pounds, but these rifles can be modified to exceed this, legally if you possess an FAC.

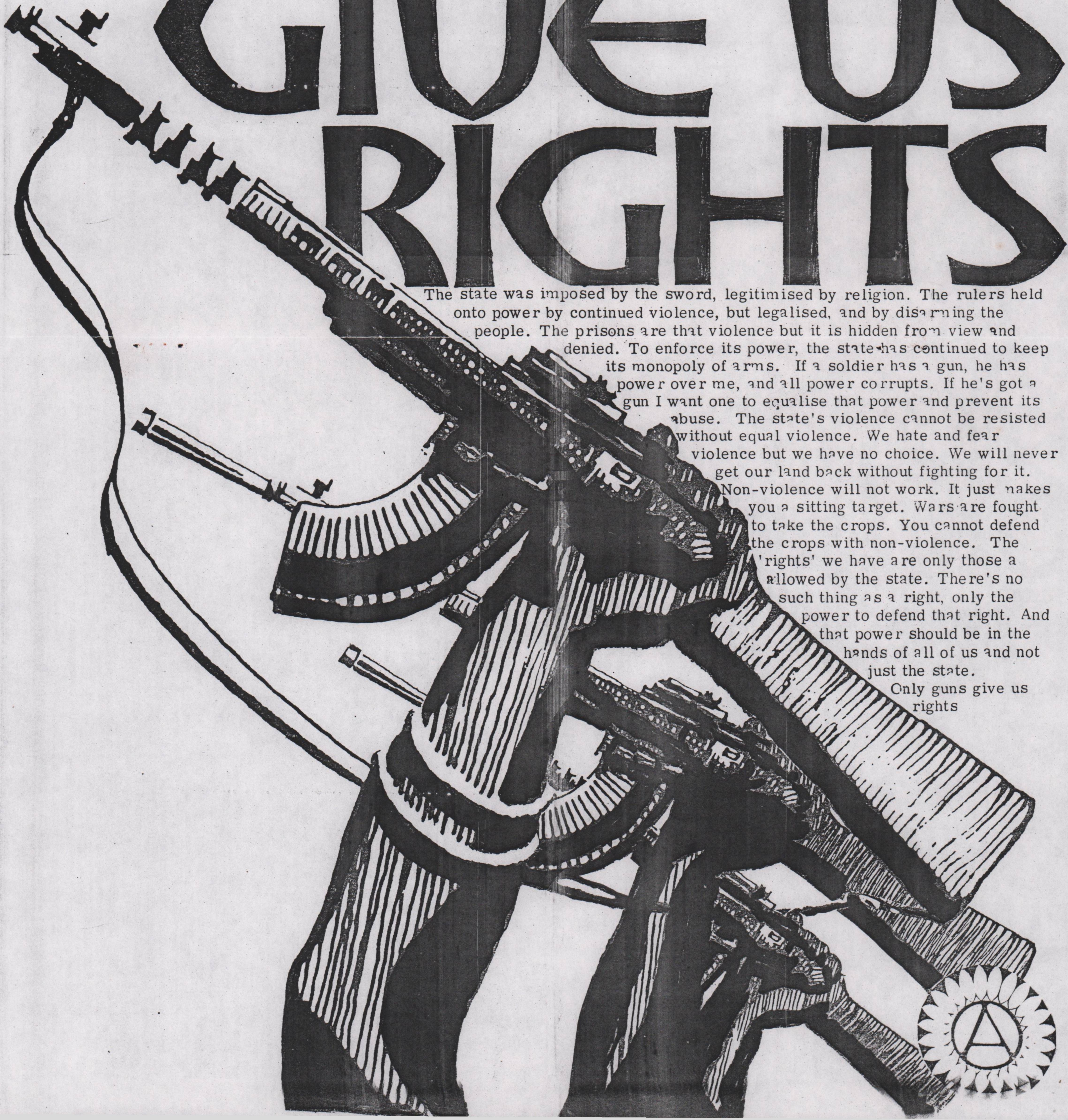
Guns are popular with the survivalist movement, and the gun culture itself (over a million people in Britain own a gun of some kind) is based to an extent on self-help and volunteer organisation, with people collaborating in order to obtain permission to go 'vermin shooting' on farms. Not all of these people are upper-class bastards by any means. Hunting tips: remain downwind of the quarry, alternatively rub all exposed flesh with rabbit fat, its uncertain whether this actually does much good but it certainly helps the image. Good shooting!

KCL

ONLY GUNS GIVE US RIGHTS

The state was imposed by the sword, legitimised by religion. The rulers held onto power by continued violence, but legalised, and by disarming the people. The prisons are that violence but it is hidden from view and denied. To enforce its power, the state has continued to keep its monopoly of arms. If a soldier has a gun, he has power over me, and all power corrupts. If he's got a gun I want one to equalise that power and prevent its abuse. The state's violence cannot be resisted without equal violence. We hate and fear violence but we have no choice. We will never get our land back without fighting for it. Non-violence will not work. It just makes you a sitting target. Wars are fought to take the crops. You cannot defend the crops with non-violence. The 'rights' we have are only those allowed by the state. There's no such thing as a right, only the power to defend that right. And that power should be in the hands of all of us and not just the state.

Only guns give us rights



DIRECT ACTION

We need Propaganda by Deed

"I am now convinced that the time for grand theoretical discourses, written or spoken, is over. ...more than enough ideas for the salvation of the world have been developed... This is the time not for ideas but for action, for deeds." (1)

THE BLOODY DEFEAT of the Paris Commune left the French workers at the mercy of the ruling classes. Existing industry was rapidly transformed by the development of production-line factories. Workers were powerless. Long hours, low wages and rigid discipline meant greater poverty: any attempt to organise a union meant the sack and starvation...(2). Doesn't this sound ever so familiar? Look no further than the Oil-Rig workers attempts at forming a Union.

Soon after the events in Paris in 1871 Bakunin wrote to the Jura Federation encouraging "Propaganda by (the) Deed" (see first paragraph). The thought lying behind this idea is that the masses are generally impervious to ordinary forms of written or verbal propaganda but can be aroused by forms of direct action against the State and against capitalist property that take place before their eyes.

The nearest thing in recent history which could be called "Propaganda by Deed" was the anti-poll tax riot. This was "blamed on" the "extremist minority" - an example of the State using the media to isolate any particular sector of society according to their whim. Public opinion was then turned against anarchist ideas - so does "propaganda by deed" work or will it always backfire?

The IRA always headline - but does it encourage greater support? I doubt it because of the way the news is brought into the home via TV (at meal times) and because most people haven't a clue what the fighting is about (because it doesn't affect them) and couldn't care less anyway (which is why the State doesn't have to worry about much). People only care

GREENPEACE FROM THE INSIDE

The Impressions of a Green Anarchist

THE SUN RISES above the horizon firing glowing rays across the sky, forming rainbows in the spray from three speeding Zodiacs, skating across the water on an errand of mercy...their task, to save the planet from imminent doom.

Greenpeace? Well, maybe but only very, very occasionally. Although people still perceive us as a bunch of crazies doing dangerous things in fast boats in defence of the seas the truth behind Greenpeace is a little removed from this. Greenpeace is now an International organisation with offices in twenty-three countries, almost a thousand staff, more than three and a half million supporters raising approximately two hundred million pounds world-wide a year. Only a relatively small portion of this money goes to the Marine Division which is responsible for the crewing and co-ordination of the seven ships Greenpeace operates on the Seas of the World.

I sail as a deckhand on one of these ships...the Sirius, which works in the Mediterranean Sea. I have a very easy lifestyle, no hassles about a roof over my head

about things that affect them - eg. poll tax; which is why so many "ordinary and respectable" members of society turned out to protest.

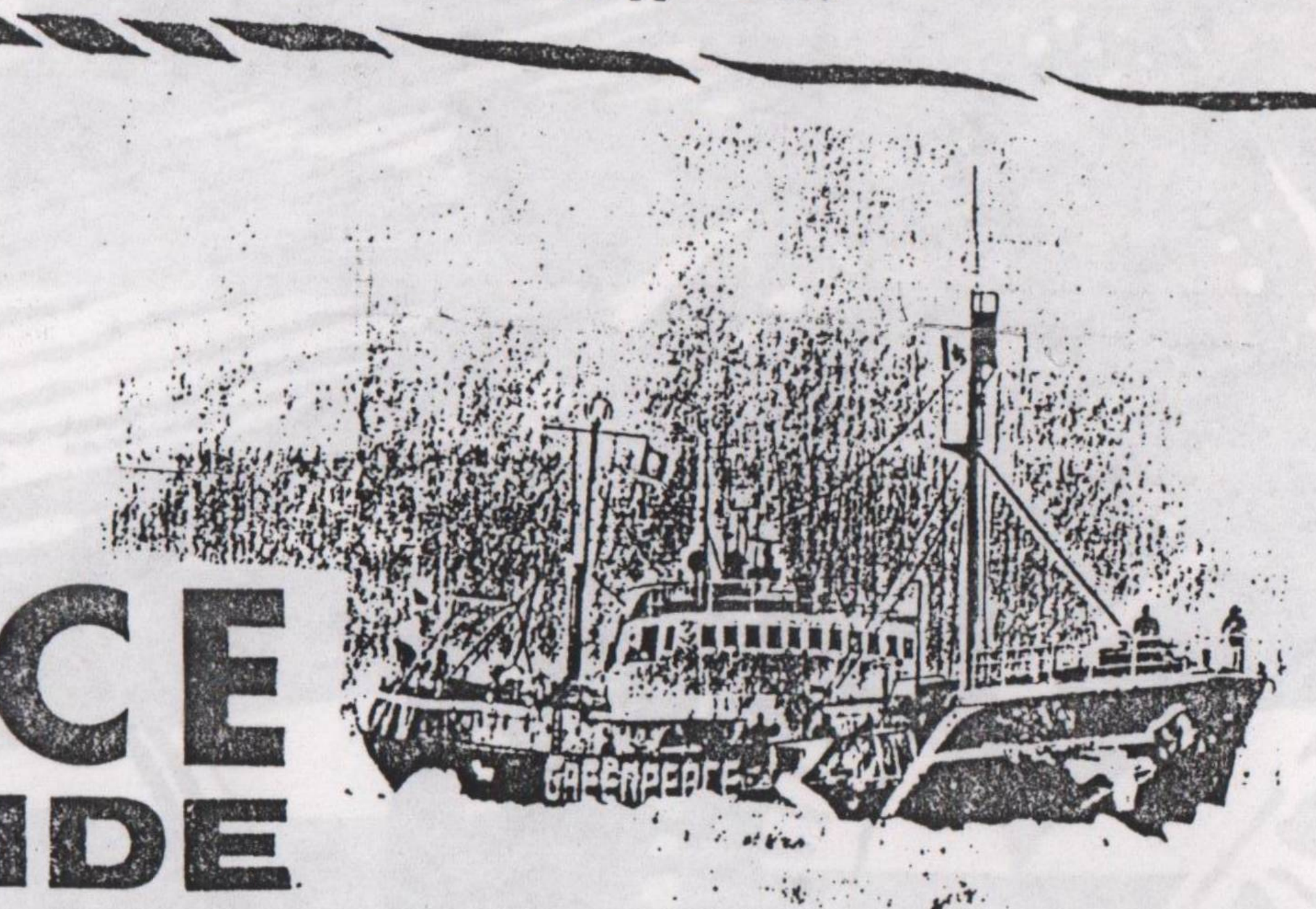
What I'm trying to say is - if "propaganda by deed" is to work in the favour of anarchists then the "deeds" must be to stop the actions of the State that directly affect the "average person". The most obvious target being the poll tax - how about if poll tax computers or filing cabinets accidentally spontaneously combusted? or if bailiffs cars mysteriously disappeared? or if magistrates convicting nonpayers lost personal items worth exactly the fines they charged?

Violence against people always turns public opinion against the "do-ers". But violence against buildings never seems to matter - graffiti is always read, especially well-written snappy messages like: OOOHHH!! MISSUS! @ (Bath). What about pollution - its invisible (most of the time) but it grabs the public by the very fact that it could kill them or at least give them horrible diseases. Surely your friendly anarchist could step in...

Anyway it's up to us all to decide what to do and what history will be.

BONES

1. Bakunin's 'Letter to the Comrades of the Jura Federation in Dolgoff's Bakunin On Anarchy, p.352.
2. Cliff Harper's Anarchy, pp.62-68.



etc. Unfortunately I think, at the moment, I am the only Green Anarchist in Greenpeace. Sometimes I feel kind of isolated....you know the feeling!! Sometimes also I get a little disillusioned because Greenpeace is, essentially, a white, northern, dare I say it....middle-class organisation and, as such it will never be too "radical". It works within very specific campaign areas and does not directly challenge the root cause of the blight planet Earth is under...the dangerous psychosis of the human race.

For myself, when I return to the UK at the beginning of the New Year, I intend to take a break from Greenpeace and become active within the grass roots movement...probably Earth First! The people I have met and work with are good people but somehow the organisation has lost their spirit...it has forgotten the essential axiom of environmentalism....small is beautiful. If you have the twelve pounds or so it costs to become a Greenpeace supporter spare perhaps you could use it to buy an adjustable spanner and go out and do some Monkey-wrenching!

Simon Owen

EARTH FIRST! U.K.

EARTH FIRST! is the militant environmentalist group in the US, as big and controversial as the ALF is on the animal liberation scene in UK. Founded in 1970, they have made effective use of direct action to halt logging of old growth forests, disrupting hunting of wolves and other threatened species, and generally made big corporations and other Earth-rapers lives a misery. Recently the 'old guard' libertarian rednecks of EF! like Dave Foreman and Ed Abbey have stood down, and a new generation of anarcho-activists like Live Wild Or Die! are taking the eco-defense movement forward in new directions. GA editor P N Rogers spoke to Jake, who has founded the first active EF! cell in UK.

GA: When did you first hear about Earth First!?

Jake: Two years ago I read Deep Ecology, and thought it would be a good idea over here. Six months ago, we started a group in Hastings.

GA: Why did you decide to get Earth First! going in the UK?

Jake: We consider all Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and groups like are a good idea but inadequate for creating a just and sustainable society. We should be replanting the forests and reintroducing lost species as well as changing the failings of this society. Deep ecology is a social philosophy as well as an environmental one.

GA: Why did you decide to set up a new group when there are national societies already covering the same ground?

Jake: We need a direct action group, and we didn't have one in Hastings. The ideas of Earth First! are better as a 'deep green' philosophy. Maybe we can change other groups towards that.

GA: You mention direct action. What sort of a role do you see it having?

Jake: It must be nonviolent. Two reasons I can see for direct action are to publicise an example of environmental abuse to get boycotts and other actions going, and less importantly to get people off their backs and to publicise deep ecology.

GA: Greenpeace International already do that kind of work. Do you see direct action by Earth First! as something more?

Jake: Greenpeace has a monopoly as the only organised and experienced group doing it. Everyone can do it across the country. Greenpeace are highly political but it needs more. There's a forest at the bottom of everyone's garden. Greenpeace only tackled the trees and issues they're concentrating on. In terms of monkeywrenching, we shouldn't do it as a matter of policy, but some do it I do it myself.

GA: What sort of tactics do you see as appropriate?

Jake: People must be imaginative. Blockading bulldozers, blocking discharge pipes, tree hugging, tree wrapping. Direct action can change things with enough imagination. Suspension from bridges and blocking roads. Earth First! is an idea not an organisation. However, there should be no violence whatsoever.

GA: Earth First! grew out of a concern to protect wilderness in the US, particularly forests. We haven't got any wilderness in UK, so what targets do you see as appropriate in this country?

Jake: Targets have to be developed. Ideas of wilderness have to be developed. Earth First!ers must decide targets for themselves. I'd rip out all the concrete in the country and plant trees in its place. Compromise is needed and there must be discussion. Cooperation is needed with major organisations as Earth First!ers haven't got power themselves. We need State

cooperation. These are only my ideas, others may disagree. Earth First! is a decentralised movement.

GA: What actions have already happened?

Jake: We've held a picket against a skip hire company which is cutting down woods. There's been flyposting and painting on them. We only have ten people in the Hastings group. Dungeness is just down the road. We want a rally there on Chernobyl Day, and expect 400 to turn up. A bypass was planned locally, but the Department of Transport have postponed it. We want to change things on local issues. We continually look for targets and want results of local groups and campaigns to have effects nationally.

GA: George Bradford of Fifth Estate and Murray Bookchin have been criticising deep ecology because of its attitude to population, particularly Miss Anthropy's comments on AIDS. What are your views on this debate?

Jake: I'm not that familiar with the people you mention. Biologically speaking, Miss Anthropy is correct, but it's a sick view. Population must be decreased, but it's not practical to cut Third World populations. It's a knee jerk reaction, the issue is much more complex, people won't take you seriously. The amount of human suffering must be taken into account. It sounds pro-planet but anti-human otherwise. People are part of this planet too.

GA: What do you think should be done about industrialisation and the damage it's doing to the planet?

Jake: Obviously it must be stopped by negotiation. If not, it will collapse anyway if the resources run out, which is more likely. I'm not such on my opinion on (the desirability of) that.

GA: How far do you think deindustrialisation should go? What level of technology is appropriate? Would you, for example, agree with Earth First!'s slogan 'Forward To The Caves'?

Jake: Just the green idea of decentralised communities with technology to fulfill people's needs. There would probably be electricity. There should be enough for clothes, shelter, food and other basic needs. I wouldn't agree with the slogan 'Forward To The Caves'. We don't want a U-turn - that's romantic - but a change of direction. There is a place for appropriate technology. Our goals must be attainable.

GA: What should people do if they want to take action to defend the Earth?

Jake: Work through Friends of the Earth and other groups. Get a group of friends together to form Earth First! or other groups and take nonviolent direct action. We must use the media, it's important to stage publicity stunts.

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LETTERS

SELF-CENTRED MATERIALISTIC CRAP

Dear GA,

I completely disagree with your 'Raving Loony Green Anarchist Monster' reply in GA25. I am seeking the liberation of animals because I care about the animals and because I am not a speciesist - NOT BECAUSE I AM ACTING OUT OF SELF INTEREST. I can't believe that I'm reading such self-centred materialistic crap from someone who professes to be a Green Anarchist. When watching the recent 'Critical Eye' programme about factory farming, my gut reaction was distress and anger about the treatment of the animals and how they must feel, not "Oh, that's a threat to me, I must protect myself and destroy it". I don't feel guilty for having empathy for the lives of others or for having a very firm belief in what is good. There is a great difference between the misguided morality of middle class bigots and the ability to realise that bombing children with Napalm is wrong - whether it is against our interest or not. If anarchism is going to be a viable alternative to the present mess we live in, it must address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of human beings. This cannot be done when we crucify our consciences so we can justify every atrocity committed in the name of freedom. Human beings are 'just another animal' BUT with the ability to think about ourselves and the universe. Living in human society, we have to make moral decisions about our lives and actions all the time. Just because we want to move towards small scale communities doesn't mean we have to have our minds removed.

I certainly don't want to live in the society you promote if people are going to be reduced simply to a collection of political propositions with no value in themselves. Our enemies are institutions and values - not human beings with the same vulnerability to

bias, social conditioning, emotions and feelings we all share. Even anarchists aren't above reproach, or untainted by the inherent values of the State. I hope that GA magazine is not seen from the outside as representing the views of all Green Anarchists, as it certainly does not. Holding human life in contempt is neither useful nor justifiable under any standards, so please cut out this bullshit philosophy.

Yours faithfully,

Mark R Lowe of Derbyshire.

TRIBALISM IN AZANIA?

Green Anarchist

Your article 'Amandla not Mandela' in issue 24 cites the Guardian as a source of information. Having read the piece I'm beginning to wonder whether the Daily Telegraph wouldn't be nearer the mark. "Vicious in-fighting between Zulus and other tribes..." This is the sort of rhetoric used by the right-wing press to dismiss the real political differences that underlie the current conflict in South Africa and attribute the fighting to the innate inability of "tribal" people to co-exist peacefully - raw racism that I wouldn't expect from GA. For one thing, tribal consciousness was to a large extent born out of the divide-and-rule efforts of early colonists - for another, even if you do accept the concept of a Zulu nation as valid, it's members are found on both sides of the present conflict, one side comprising Inkatha, a Zulu nationalist movement, the other side aligned with the ANC, being non-nationalistic in its aims and composition.

Less dangerous is your misguided use of the term Azania which while it was widely used fifteen years ago has since lost currency among all but followers of the nationalistic and authoritarian Pan Africanist (sic) Congress.

Yours,

Justin of Oxford.

SEXUAL POLITICS?

Dear Green Anarchist,

In reply to Alison Ntilans letter about male supremacy and in particular regarding Paul Taylor the self-styled leader of the Strangeways insurrection (GA Autumn 90).

As I remember Taylor whilst on the roof of Strangeways denied all rape allegations made by the authorities stating that they were a 'scam' to discredit the motives of the insurrection. However, even if they had been true one would need to fully understand the social circumstances in which any of the sexual offences took place. For instance, would Taylor like most British prisoners have himself suffered forms of sexual abuse i.e. the strip search and prison toilet arrangements before the actual offence was committed in the first place. Was the sexual offence of the criminal committed before or after an initial period in prison for some other more minor offence and something more socially acceptable such as for instance theft or drugs charges? Doe Alison Ntilans work and does she pay PAYE taxes? If so she contributes and sanctions state sexual abuse such as the 'strip search' and 'prison toilet arrangements' both utterly unnecessary in an age of toilets, metal detectors and trained drug sniffer dogs? Whilst bodies such as 'Rape Whist' and others funded by individuals who support Government sexual abuse through the PAYE system may indicate links between rape and pornography and rape and prisoners case notes Anarchists ought to be concerned with indicating the 'factual' correlation between rising levels of men imprisoned and increasing incidents of rapes. If Alison Ntilans uses the PAYE system of taxation who is she to call a 'rapist' a fascist bastard. However, let's not forget Paul Taylor denied the media allegation.

In reply to Christine Lydon's article Anarchy and Marriage (GA Autumn 90). She states "...This means that any attempt by society to set up a moral or legal framework of sexual behaviour is bound to cause guilt and dishonesty as people fail to live up to society's demands". This assertion underpins her argument that marriage as a social and legal institution is an instrument of oppression by which the State can interfere with the process of relationships for the sake of its own stability.

Lydon makes the mistake of mixing society, societies demands, and social, up with terminology such as legal frameworks and the state.

Lydon assumes that the two separate groups are in unison and harmony when in fact they are antagonistic and in conflict. Society has a code of sexual conduct which is different and separate from legal frameworks. Therefore marriage as a social institution is not oppressive but marriage as a state institution is. Any marriage without love is bound to be oppressive.

Society is bound to set up some moral code even if that code is itself immoral, as the British states moral code enacted through legal frameworks and protected and supported by a dominant minority is at this time, though British societies moral code is by and large very open and free but still in need of inter-personal improvements. Society cannot exist in a vacuum so must 'use' if not 'provide' a moral code of conduct.

The only way to liberate sex is to support and strengthen marriage on the social and inter-personal levels and to separate state activities away from a propagandised version of what they really are.

CA of Nottingham.

SERIOUS NONVIOLENCE

Dear GA,

Regards Mark Newn's letter (GA25). I feel the points he raised on violence are very pertinent... we have to appreciate the problems associated with the use of direct violence to further the aims of any revolutionary struggle. It is by the use of violence the state/society suppresses and oppresses our freedom to express our spirit and to live freely. This expression of freedom is one of the central aims of any Anarchist revolution... obviously... but I feel very strongly that we should respect the "means & ends" argument. Non-violent direct action is a tool which I feel deserves a lot more respect than it holds within the wider anarchist movement. I think, as Mark seems to be saying, it is very important for our movement to adapt itself to the changing situations around us and not claim our philosophy to outdated ideals of the last century. Violence oppresses and therefore, the the "champions" of true freedom (spiritual, mental and physical) we must

logically be opposed to it. We are well aware of the historic facts of violent revolution (eg Russia 1917 - a much over-used example I know!) where the tools of oppression - secret police etc - merely changed hands.

Anyway... I only wanted to be brief. Take care of yourselves and stay free.

Yours,

Simon Owen of the Sirius.

ANARCHY AND MARRIAGE: A REPLY

Dear GA,

After reading "Sex is...the driving force behind the natural evolutionary process", in Anarchy & Marriage (GA25), I found most of the rest of the article by Christine Lydon, especially the remarks about its role in love relationships, either maudlin or mistaken. For example, the statement "All of nature is progressing towards greater love and greater union, and mankind is part of this movement" appears to be devoid of any supporting facts: indeed, in the case of "greater love", (neither the self-digesting/renewing whole nor the species of which it is formed - including mankind - could survive, were this to prevent the 'foul deeds' essential to the functioning of Nature's food chains; and the only possible "greater union" to which the predator/prey relationships of the latter were "progressing" i.e. a grander and an expanded profusion of interdependent life-forms) has been greatly damaged by the 'civilized' self-love of the most favoured species.

Hunger, sex, and the automatic caring other than acquired ("love"), that contribute as drives originating "outside ourselves" to a species' continuity, are the three dimensions that essentially describe within a beginning and ending called birth and death the self digestion/renewal forces of the body of evolutionary diversity giving physical expression to what frequently described the 'life force'; and the unhealthy treatment of the second of these dimensions, sex, through strange taboos, tamperings and temptations (including trade in it and tying it to "love"), is typical of abuse by the human conscious of the organs of

such intercourse and inbuilt forces which it can exploit and manipulate, but over which has no absolute control - unlike its enslavement of sensing facilities provided as aids to survival other than for the 'WORK AND PLAY' situations of human artificiality, often involving heavy, unnatural strains and saturations. That absolute control of the sex drive is missing can be seen in the fact that, apart from the bedroom-antics of so-called celebrities which fill pages of brain-addling print, it is capable of making a fool of the most famous of those formally in charge of the things that create a system of society: a fact not unconnected with the further one that since the role of individual physical prowess in Nature's survival strategy for certain species became largely displaced amongst the mass-groupings of mentally-equipped humans (when often badly so) by the prerogatives of class and powers of consent or choice, whether plainly authoritarian or having limited public approval through 'popularity' tests called voting, the resulting VIP's and their various grades of underlings generally represent a substitution of lording it, lackey-duties, and lip service, for the leadership purpose intended by Nature for 'top dogs'.

An evolution deficient/defiant departure from the species-preserving role which Nature intended, propped-up by patten-merchants as well as those selling the pleasing products of 'progress', that is consigning mankind to a dustbin of its own making: a dustbin of too many bodies and dissipated resources - a half-way home for both the Heaven-bound and the Hell-deserving, according to some diverse teachings espoused by tax-collecting champions of mankind's religious 'rights and freedoms' to breed inordinately and 'subdue the Earth' (all in the name of 'brotherly love'). A message leading to multitudinous crowds, mono-cultures, and mass consumerism: and the diabolical decision-making of presumptuous ruling-classes, political careerists and professional hustlers - suggesting that Nature may have given up its great gamble on the 'genetic shift' of conscious-control capability in a programmed creature previously contributing to the

balance of its biochemical whole. For the risks involved in conferring an ability to re-define and corrupt the role of the senses and instincts, together with that of being able to devise things, have revealed themselves to be horrific; the present vogue in the living expression of Nature's verities being in the process of relieving a violent shock to its integrity, other than "progressing towards greater...union": "greater love" being a non-starter in the survival stakes of a balanced ecology and, when coupled with sex, seems only a hindrance to mankind's search for better understanding.

Yours sincerely,
John R Jeffrey of Keighley

SUPPORT PADDY

Dear Green Anarchist,

I wonder if you would print something about Padraig Murphy? He has just been sentenced to 5 yrs on bullshit charges of possession of explosives by a one judge no jury diplock court. He was on remand for 18 months in the Crumlin Rd Jail, Belfast and now has been moved to Derry just to make life hard for his friends and relatives who visit him.

The conditions in the Crumlin Rd and British prisons in general are infamous and Paddy has become ill, suffering bouts of dizziness and nausea. His move to Derry has not helped and he is currently on punishment and has lost 4 weeks remission.

Paddy is a sound @ and before his arrest was working with the WARZONE collective in Belfast. 5 years is a long time so perhaps comrades could put pen to paper and write him letters, send cards. Books and magazines can't be sent in but if they're sent to me I'll forward them to Belfast ABC who will arrange for them to be taken in.

Paddy's address is P Murphy - 2837, H Block 2, C Wing, HMP Magilligan, County Derry, Ireland.

Thanks

Love + @

Jim T c/o 47 Dursbery Street, Hull HU5 3QE.

GREEN ANARCHY IN MALTA

Dear Friends,

In Malta we are trying to build a green anarchist group. Our main targets will be the building industry, chicken batteries, the local church and the local political mafias. An Italian firm Real Finanz is going to build a tourist complex on To'Ceric, a very beautiful piece of land. This would also mean more quarries, more concrete mixing plants and more roads in the sister island of Gozo. The local church is selling its lands for tourism and to speculate. An example: They sold a piece of arable land to a brewery (Lowenbrau) for £M 35,000.

Malta is ruled by the mafias of the traditional parties. The opposition Labour party when in government did not tolerate opposition and even used to organise mobs to beat up environmentalists and human rights activists. The Nationalists now in government could open the way for Thatcherite policies. They are servile to our great moral oppressor, the Church. Malta is the only country in Europe where divorce is not available and birth control is a taboo. The police are only there to terrorize youth consuming drugs.

We are planning to organise a youth festival at Hagan Qim (a megalithic temple). We're still active within other groups ranging from the environmentalist movement, the alternative (green) party and the underground youths, a group campaigning presently against censorship. Still we have many protests in mind.

Hope you found our letter interesting. We hope to establish a contact with the Oxford Green Anarchists. We share with you the same idealism about abolishing the state, establish village based self sufficient communities and the regression of technology. We want our roads full of grass and without cars which are causing thousands of accidents and polluting the air, our lungs and our blood with lead. We're still beginning, we are all young (I am 16 years old) and we like to learn from your experience. Write to us. We'll be very happy to hear from you!

Best wishes

James Debono of Ta'Xbrex, Malta.

IRA AIN'T OK

Dear GA,

Once again thanks for sending me the last copy of your paper GA 25. As always it was full of good thoughtful literature and even educational. However I must take this opportunity to stress my disappointment about one of the articles present (The IRA Are Doing OK). Although as an anarchist myself I deplore class structures of any form in our society and like numerous other people. I've a pet hate for the Tories, I found this article a little distressing to say the least. It's certainly true that the IRA have hit a few relevant targets of late and I'd say that these targets tie in conclusively with our key objectives but we mustn't run before we can walk. Let's not forget that these people kill scores of innocent men, women and children every year. I think the utmost care should be taken when even publishing this item and I don't think anarchists and normal clean living people should be glorifying these people!

Freedom to the masses,
Frank Dearn of HMP Long Lartin.

YOUR LETTERS

Green Anarchist wants your letters, but remember:-

* We print all letters recieved. If you don't want your letter, your name, or your address printed, make sure we know.

* We will ruthlessly edit all letters over 200 words long. So keep 'em short and let everyone have their say.

* We don't respond to letters in print unless asked, even those we don't agree with. Anarchy is about thinking for yourself, not expecting us to come up with twee answers. So your letters are your responsibility, not ours.

MUSIC

SANITY PLEXUS - 'DEVIL DECEPTION'

This is a strange record, not so much in the music, which is an agreeable rough mix of 4AD and New Order on amphetamines, but in the subjects of their songs "The Male Mask", "Service With A Smile", "A Boy Can Get Scared", etc, which attack sexism and the masculine image. This they do in a positive way, without the whinging guilt-pitying viewpoint of Morrissey.

Formed in '86, the band,

essentially Paul Southern and David Savage, obtained a government grant on the Enterprise Allowance scheme, and produced and pressed their own ep 'Sin Machine/What's Your Poison?', and an lp 'Devils Deception', distributed by The Cartel. Their money has now run out, although the lp has been relatively successful. Not explicitly an 'anarchist band', they have been determined to remain independant and to stay with their own record label 'Phoenix Tree Records'.

The lp is diverse lyrically and musically, with attacks on business, education "Stains", and war "Shake". Its viewpoint is unique as far as other groups are concerned; only Throbbing Gristle and early Smiths were as antagonistic in their attitude to sexual roles

and sexism. it will certainly provoke thought.

The only criticisms I have with this band are:

- i) The singer needs a stronger Mancunian accent;
- ii) They need a more memorable name something along the lines of 'We Are Sick' perhaps).

More information can be obtained from:

Misinformation Service, Castle Plexus c/o Phoenix Tree Records, 57 Viscount Street, Rusholme, MANCHESTER M14 5UJ.

Sanity Plexus have just released a 12" single called 'Tough Guy Shell', distributed by APT, Catalogue No TTWIG2.

COMING UP

DEMOS, FESTIVALS, MEETINGS

JANUARY

2. Picket of the Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1 for the release of Martin Foran, noon-2pm.

6. Comic Book Market Place at the Camden Centre, Bidborough Street, London WC1.

11. Magic Mushroom Band at the Wilde Theatre, Bracknell.

12. 'We Remember' March torchlit procession to Hackney Police Station to commemorate those that have suffered and died in custody. Starts Lower Clapton Road, 4pm.

13-15 February. The Health of Gaia: Study of the Earth as a Living System. Course at Schumacher College with James Lovelock. A rip-off at £1080. Details 0803 865934.

15. Swindon Rainforest Group video 'Lost in the Garden of Eden' at the Health Hydro, Milton Road, Swindon, 7.30-10pm. Anne Redston 0793 420473.

20. Pop Will Eat Itself at the Brixton Academy, London.

24. The Revolting Cocks at the Astoria, Charing Cross Road, London.

25. GBH at Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, London EC1.

28. Luddites Day. Parties celebrating the death of the Space Shuttle in 1986, direct action against techno-crap everywhere!

31. Killing Joke at the Astoria, Charing Cross Road, London.

FEBRUARY

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6. Picket of the Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1 for release of Martin Foran, noon-2pm.

8. RDF/ Magic Mushroom Band/ Ullalators/ Back To The Planet at Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, London EC1, 7pm-midnight. £5.

13. Commemoration of the bombing of Dresden.

13. ENT at the Amersham Arms, New Cross, London.

MARCH

6. Picket of the Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1 for release of Martin Foran, noon-2pm.

8. International Womens Day.

16. Halabja Day, commemorating genocidal attack on Iraqi Kurds using nerve gas in 1988.

21. Spring Equinox 03.01 GMT

30. National Anti-Poll Tax demo in London to mark anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

APRIL

1. CND Easter March and National Rally at Barrow-in-Furness.

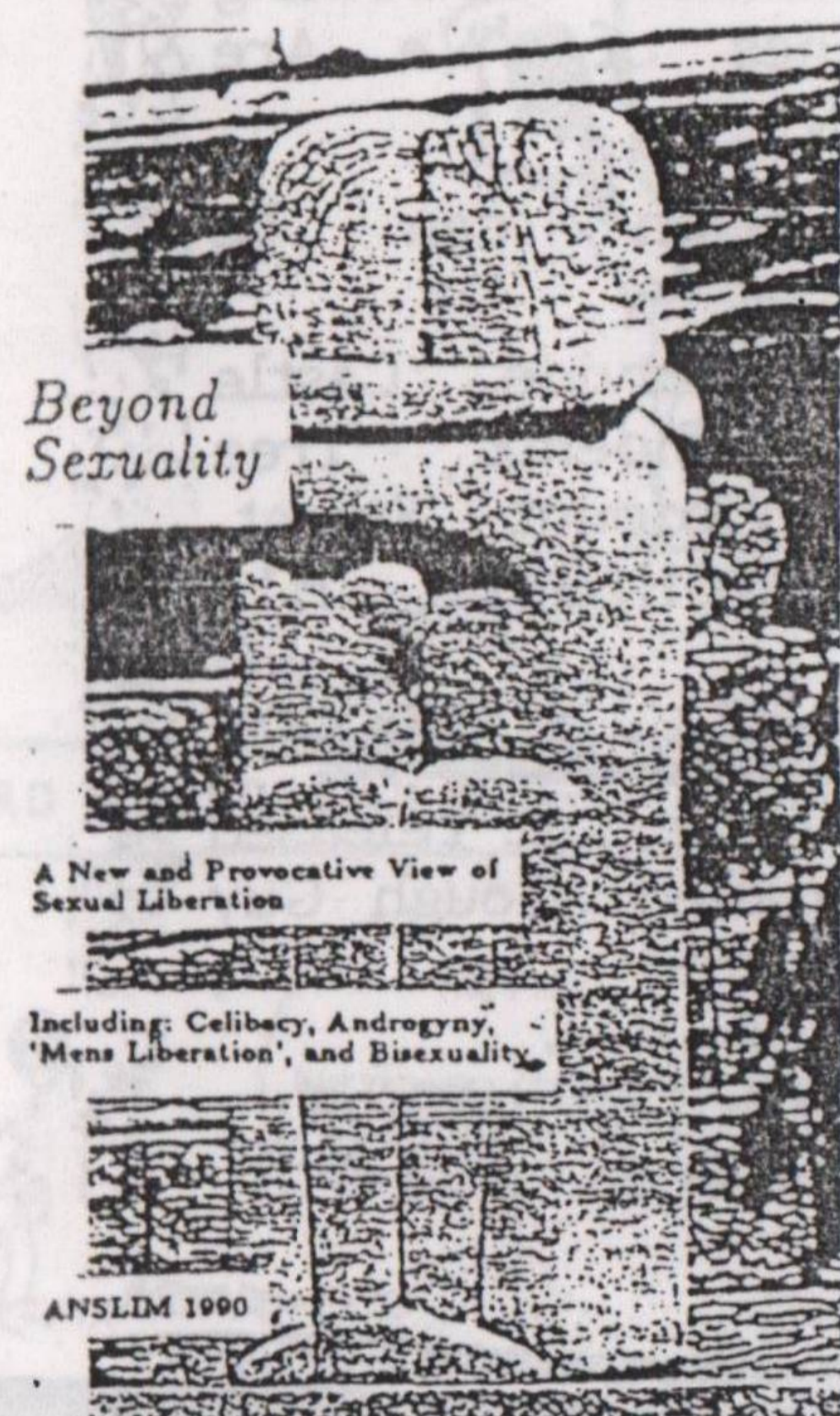
3. Picket of Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1 for release of Martin Foran, noon-2pm.

22. Earth Night. Worldwide direct action against Earth-rapers as alternative to commercialised wank of Earth Day.

26. Chernobyl Day.

SUBCULTURE

PAMPHLETS



BEYOND SEXUALITY. 50p. ANSLIM, BOX A, 34 COWLEY ROAD, OXFORD

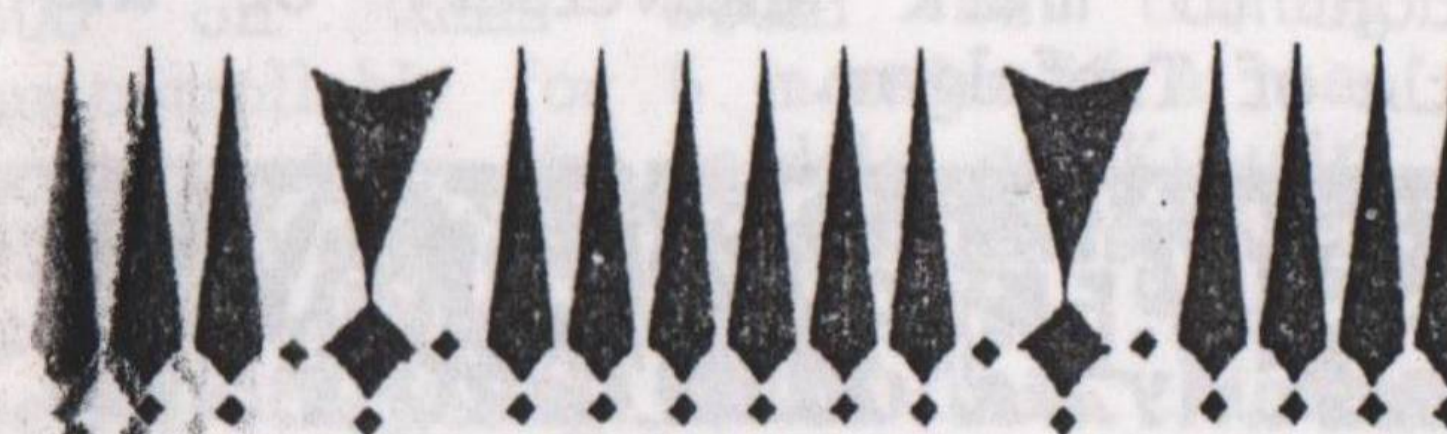
"A new and provocative view of sexual liberation".

A 40 page booklet that explores libel, androgyny, necrophilia and sexuality, this aims to establish the relevance of anarchist theories for sexual liberation. 'Liberation' not only in the 1960s sense of 'fucking on the streets', but an egalitarian and non-possessive sexuality, without exploitation or hostility between men and women.

Free pictures, and attacks on 'Mens liberation' and the hypocrisy of the left but more on the historically significant and advanced views of Goldman and Kropotkin would have been useful. They include a list of other relevant organisations and contacts.

"Dead men don't rape; dead women don't care"

RYPTIK



100 ESSAYS IN RADICAL GEOLOGY. BY PETER LUMSDEN.

This entertaining and informative pamphlet says that God became man, and stayed that way, so there is no God. It's based on the false premise that God ever existed in the first place, but is a good destabilising read for Christians.

Available from 23D South Villas, London NW1 GRT.

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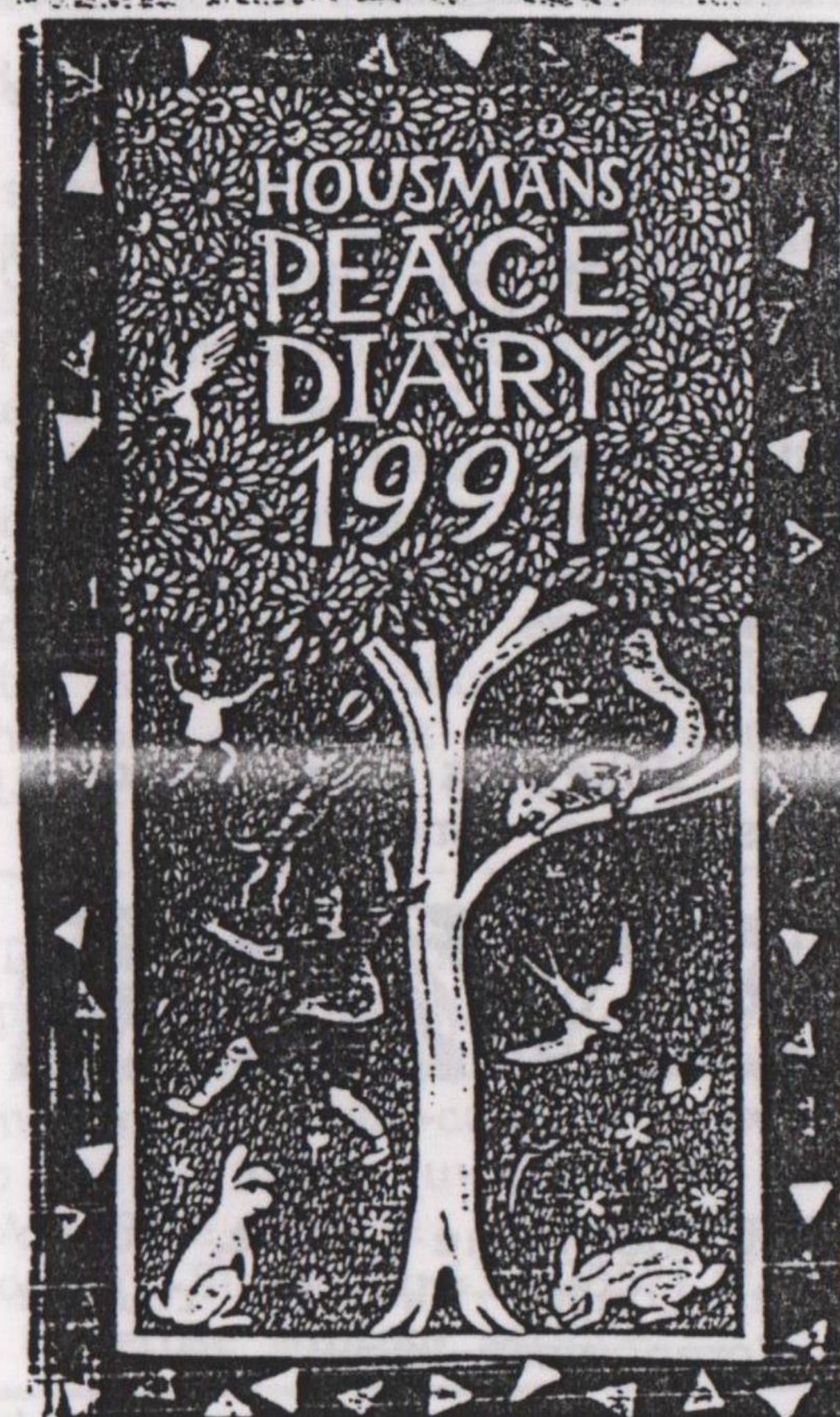
BOOK REVIEWS

HOUSEMAN'S PEACE DIARY 1991

For £4.95 you get illustrations by Cliff Harper, articles on movements, such as Chico Mendes' campaign in Brazil that are resisting ecological destruction, and pages of listings of various activist groups over the world. The emphasis is strongly on pacifism (Class War doesn't appear in the listing), and clearly its aimed at the respectable but well-meaning people that joined together and made CND so boring for so many years. The sort of people who want the world to change just enough to get rid of the visible injustice that would sting their consciences, but not enough to upset their comfortable lives and the need for (and money to pay for) diaries like this.

On the positive side, both Green Anarchist and the Poison Girls get a mention in the listing, as AL EO (anarchist ecological) and AL PO (anarchist positive action) respectively. With recycled paper and unrecyclable cover, its available from Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX.

KEVIN

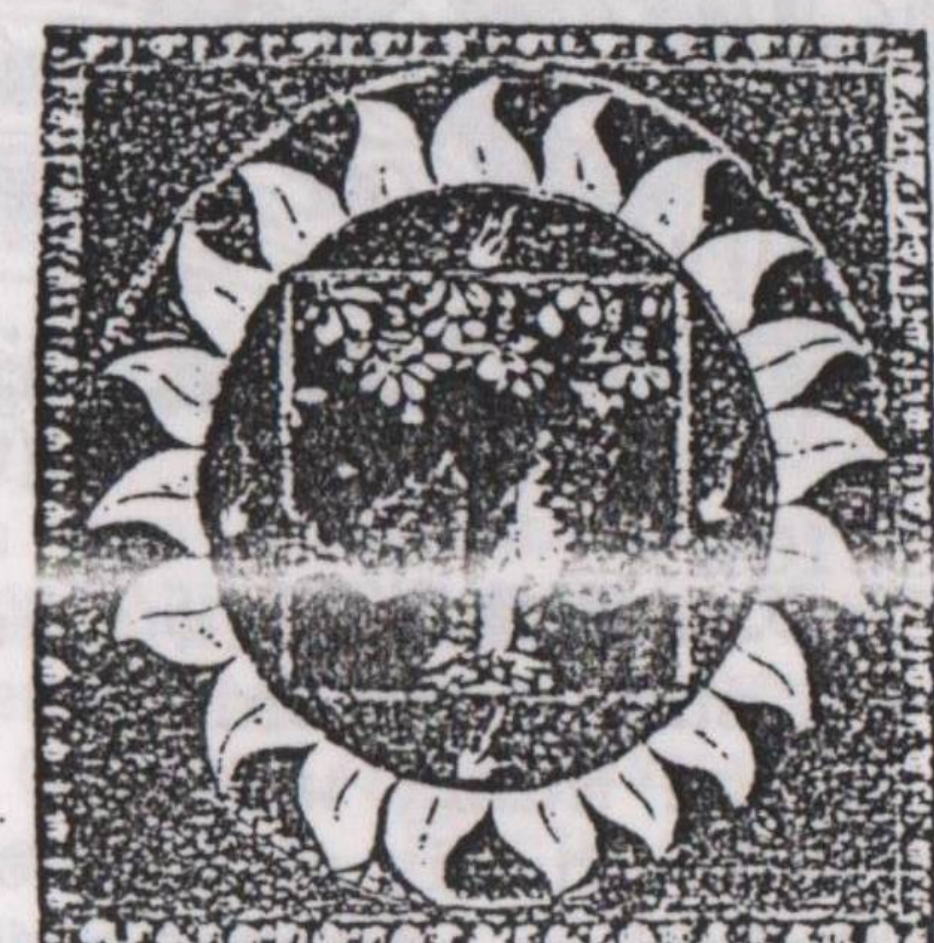


EARTHDREAM - ROBERT HAMILTON. GREEN BOOKS £7.95.

Robert Hamilton sees the planet's problem as our loss of spirituality: "Our defilement of the Earth is a direct consequence of the defilement of our human spirit". Nonsense the defilement is caused by the cash economy. This is a fairly typical

EARTHDREAM

THE MARRIAGE OF REASON AND INTUITION



ROBERT HAMILTON

product of the Green movement. He starts by discussing the shortcomings of particle physics and the duality of Cartesianism (self and the outside world) both a bit difficult but interesting. He then tries to show how we lost our mythic beliefs and spirituality. He'd lost me by this time and I had to slog through Tao, an existential rainbow and enchantment. His solution is to find a new sort of intuition, a super-rationality, but enforced by a bit of heavy government. "Our super-rationality will have to be encouraged by means of a programme of centrally planned fiscal (tax) persuasion, or where appropriate even a little fiscal bullying." He'd better join the green party.

Mankind (sic) is fine. It is forced by government to look on helplessly while traders and industrialists destroy this world. But not for too long now.

RICHARD HUNT

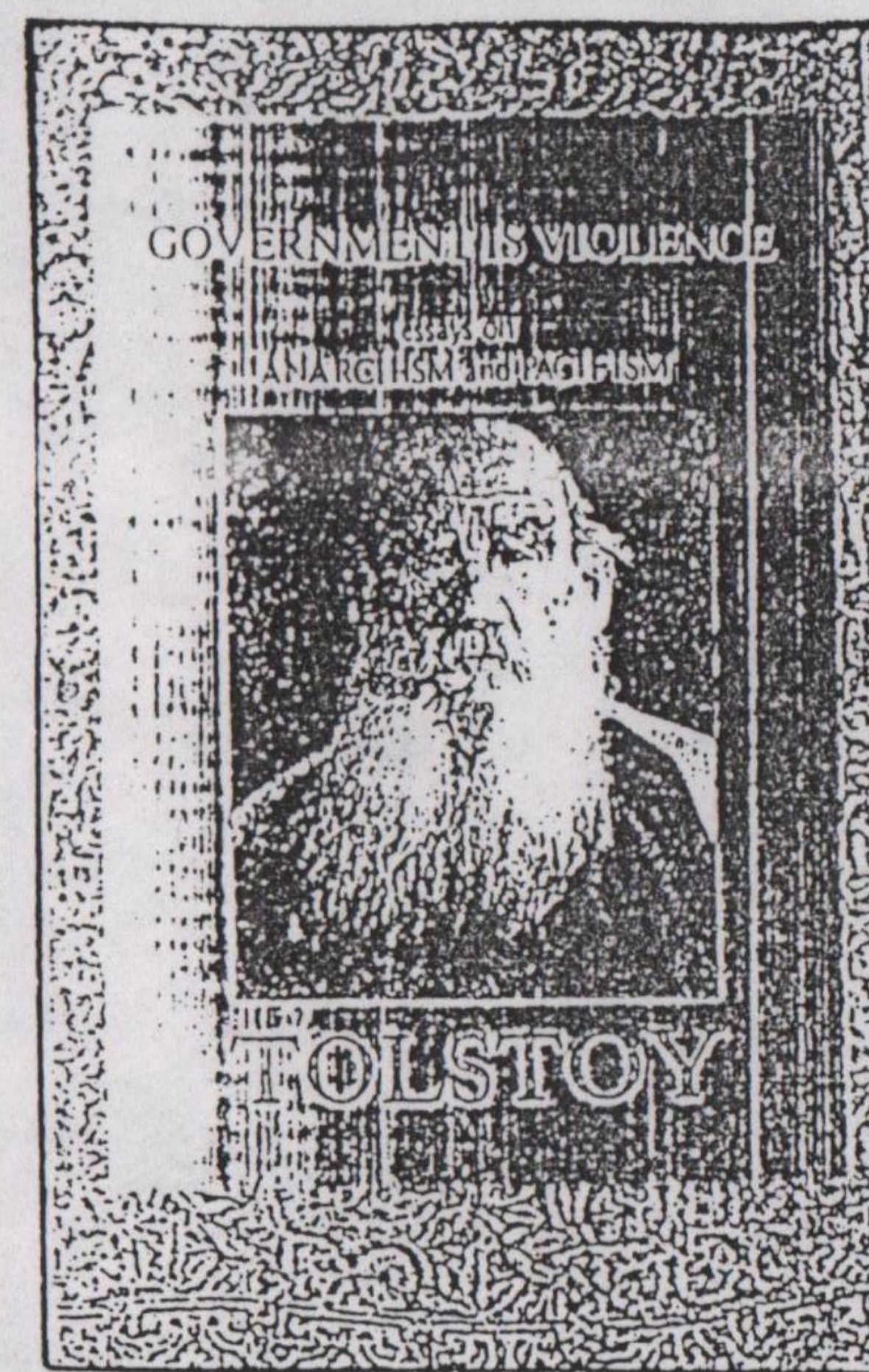


GOVERNMENT IS VIOLENCE - TOLSTOY. PHOENIX PRESS £5.

This book collects together some of the best of Tolstoy's anarchist writings, including 'The Kingdom of God is Within You'. Tolstoy is shown to be clearly anti-clerical in his Christianity, condemning the Church and calling for a return to the basic value of Christ's life and the code "Do Unto Others as you would be done to". His anti-violence is very idealistic, but in place of violent resistance he does not advocate 'passive resistance' but instead an active disobedience of the orders of authority. Many of his statements, on the avoidance of military service, and against terrorism, are among the strongest of any anarchist. The book also gives a historical background, showing the links and influences between Tolstoy and Proudhon, Kropotkin, and Gandhi.

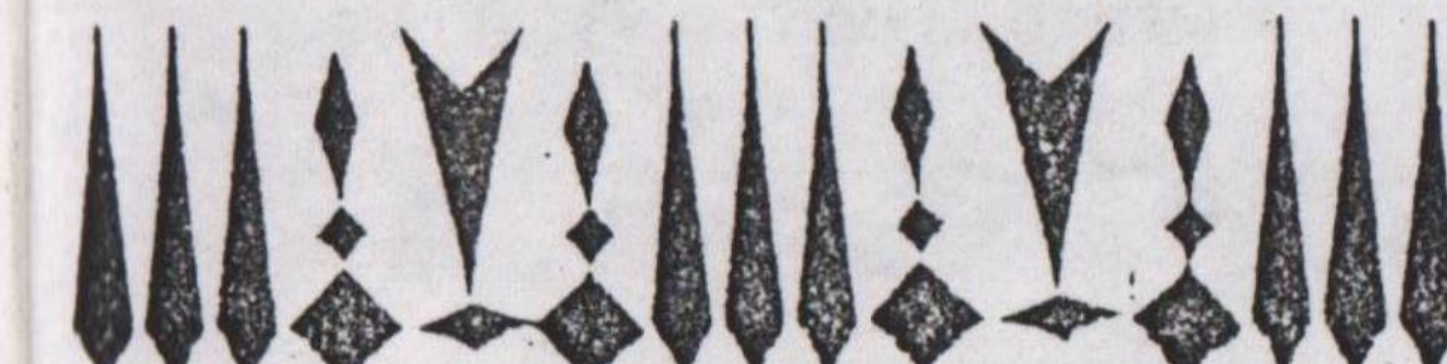
He recognised the coming problems of environmental destruction, and criticised the socialist emphasis on increasing production as futile and

bound to increase the inequalities in society. He saw the solution as a transcendence of materialism, in a life that was worthwhile without the trappings of wealth and industry. This



isn't unique to Christianity but is a philosophy found in many Eastern religions, and is clearly relevant today: no technology can be perfect, we can be perfect, we have to learn to live independently of these artificial supports, and only anarchism is fully consistent with this ideal.

KEVIN



MAGS



SPARK. AVAILABLE FROM BOX A, 34 COWLEY ROAD, OXFORD. 20pp, 50p.

A new zine blaming the Division of Labour for "lack of social and economic mobility, lack of opportunity and genuine choice, violence, deprivation and crime" and calling for its abolition by economic, educational and technological change. The media is blamed for perpetuating Division of Labour, and there are well-informed articles on squatting and the Gulf situation. Spark looks like an acceptable forum for ideological debate, although it's not explicitly anarchist.

GA has long agreed with all this and welcome Spark onto the scene, although we found the bits about "utilising the resources of outer space, colonising it to bring an age of plenty" suspect to say the least!

P N ROGERS

REVENGE ~ NO 2. SEPT '90.

REVENGE No.2. FREE FROM P.O. BOX 235, OAKENGATES, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE TF2 6UH.

Fun little newsheet with anti-Nazi and anti-poll tax news from a punk perspective. Doesn't pull punches when naming drongoes on the scene. Seeks news and swaps - is this the start of a punx version of FIN?

A NEW SQUEAKY-CLEAN KARL MARX?

Be careful about quoting Bakunin on Marx. We may have got it wrong.

'FLUX', a new 'libertarian' socialist paper from Nottingham has reprinted a Canadian article by Ulli Diemer which argues very persuasively that Bakunin deliberately misrepresented Marx. Bakunin sounds much more authoritarian than Marx.

It's not Green Anarchist's battle but we can watch with interest as the socialists bury Marxist-Leninism and try to disinter a different Marx. And the workerist anarchist movement is in danger of being sidetracked by this rediscovered Marx.

Battle lines are being drawn up between Marxist libertarian socialists and Bakuninist anarchists over who is the more authoritarian and then a wider battle with Trot groups who advocate Party leadership of the masses (vanguardism) for the leadership of the socialist movement.

All socialists need Marx for his analysis of the causes of poverty. What they are fighting about now is how workers get a bigger share of the cake from the bosses. Marxist-Leninism advocated the redistribution of wealth by the nationalisation of the means of production. That's now defunct. So they're all desperately looking for new ways to redistribute wealth. This article by Diemer seems the first shot in the battle to resurrect Marx in order to retain his economic analysis but to abolish the state, marry Marxism to anarchism, producing libertarian socialism.

To do that Bakunin has to be buried. Diemer shows that Bakunin advocated the control of the revolutionary movement by a secret international group of about 300 cadres. He advocated "a form of post-revolutionary state complete with elections of delegates, a Parliament, an executive committee and an army". He falsified Marx's ideas and glorified violence.

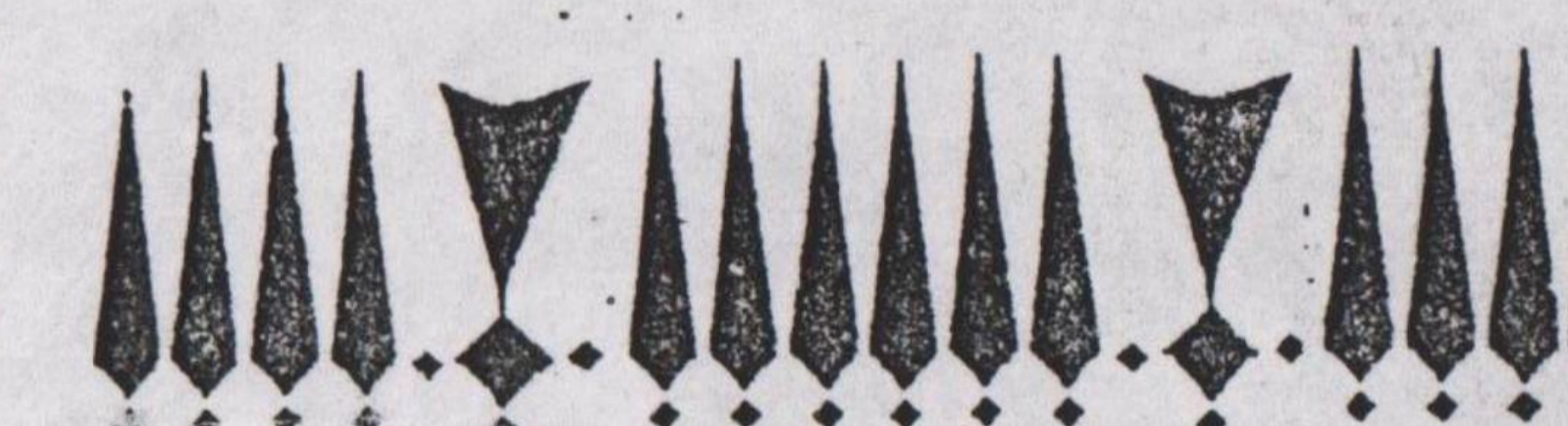
The workerist anarchists are going to have to do a lot of homework, going back to the original sources.

Presumably Freedom and Class War will happily bury their heads in the sand. Direct Action and Black Flag will shout and scream that Bakunin is being vilified but produce little evidence. Our only hope of any intelligent response is from the Anarchist Communist Federation's Organise. They are in a difficult position, having stated they're not Marxist. But a new Marx who is not authoritarian and not in favour of the State might suit them very well.

If this new Karl Marx catches on, anarchists high and dry with a discredited Bakunin and no analysis of poverty. We look forward to watching the battle with great pleasure.

This important article is published in flux, available from Box A, The Rainbow Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham at 50p + SAE.

RICHARD HUNT



SURVIVAL

MAKE YOUR OWN FILTER MASK

Scientists say breathing is bad for you. Whether it's tear gas, traffic fumes or you're just an ardent non-smoker, there's no need to breathe poison. Buy activated charcoal as used in Odor Eaters, aquariums and gas masks) or Fullers earth (a grey powder occasionally marketed as cat litter) and wrap it in light cloth tied over your mouth and nose. It absorbs most contaminants, but should be changed every six hours or so. Don't be inhibited about wearing your filter mask on the streets: if others can't take the hint, it'll be them that'll die laughing....

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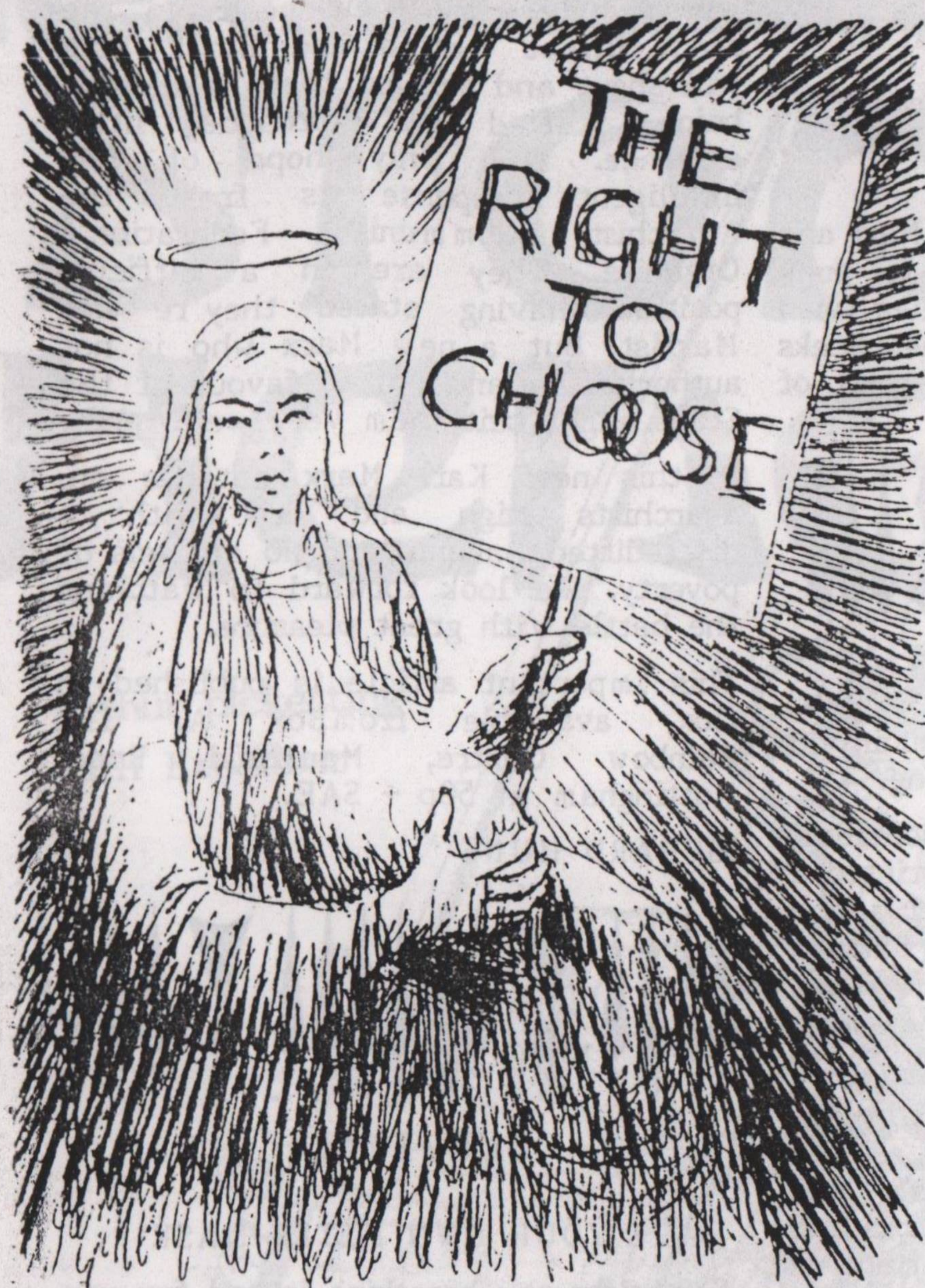
SURVIVING THE COLD

If you've found somewhere sheltered on a wintery night, but haven't got any camping kit with you, you can improvise.

Find as many plastic bags as possible. Bin liners are best. Cut the bottom off one and stick it over the mouth of the other with Scotch tape to form a sleeping bag. A few layers of those should keep out the cold. Use cardboard for a groundsheet - with an open cardboard box to shelter your head if you're out in the open.

Bin liners pack up a lot smaller than sleeping bags - and they're free.

P N ROGERS



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GREEN ANARCHIST SUPPORT

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