



PORTSMOUTH ARMS FAIR

THE ROYAL NAVY Equipment Exhibition on Whale Island was the third arms fair targeted by ARROW (Active Resistance to the Roots Of War).

A womens peace camp was set up on the shore side of the causeway leading to Whale Island and the night before the arms fair six bridges on the A3 and A33 were painted with slogans including "Arm The People, Not The Tyrants!" and "Really Smart, Bombs Kill Arms Dealers Not Children".

At dawn, 2nd September, a hundred peaceniks and anarchists marched to Causeway Road carrying coffins representing wars currently going on. One dickhead attempted to plonk his in front of a fire engine and was duly nicked, but the rest settled down nicely behind a wall of coffins fronting the causeway.

It was third time unlucky for ARROW activists. Unlike at Birmingham and Fairfield arms fairs (see GA28), Hampshire Constabulary nicked as many activists as possible. As the

UPPER HEYFORD

STEPHEN HANCOCK returned to USAF Upper Heyford on 23rd October eighteen months after he and Mike Hutchinson did £300,000+ damage to a nuclear bomber there in Britain's first Ploughshares disarmament action (see GA24).

He and a dozen supporters had walked for four days from High Wycombe and were joined by a hundred others from the Nonviolent Direct Action Network (NVDAN) at Upper Heyford Peace Camp to protest against the building of new nuke bunkers at the base.

A four hour blockade ensued with all five gates into the bases Admin Area closed after an hour. Women covered Gate 6, with streamers that the squaddies had to cut down before the cops could get out and arrest six of them. One then chained herself to Gate 7. Towards the end of the blockade at 4pm, six others were nicked, including two men for pruning Gate 12/13.

CONTACT Stop the War Machine, 155 Admitt Road, Northampton NN1 4NH to support those arrested.

causeway was the only way onto Whale Island, besuited arms dealers had to abandon their cars and walk through blockaders singing "We are witness to your war crimes, we will remember your names".

Things got exciting when local National Front numbskull, 'Gazza' McGwyn tried getting through us without getting out of his car.

Blockaders stood on the ground and he was quickly nicked.

The cops were slower nicking blockaders - they only had three Transits to haul everyone away in and those they'd dragged onto the pavement earlier rapidly returned to the road. It took them over three hours to clear it - only to find that there was no room to hold the 117 arrestees.

The delay humiliated Defence Secretary Tom King. He had to use a helicopter to get onto Whale Island - which meant he looked like shit in front of the overseas arms buyers.

GREENHAM

HUNDREDS OF WOMEN gathered to celebrate Greenham Common peace camps tenth year this September. A weekend of actions followed, including mass walk-ons and a bonfire party on top of the now-empty Cruise silos.

CONTACT Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, Blue Gate, Bury's Bank Road, Berkshire

FREE VIC

On 16th JULY, Vic Williams was sentenced to fourteen months for deserting rather than fighting in the Gulf War and two counts of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline for explaining why to a CND rally and Everyman (see GA27).

LETTERS OF SUPPORT to Vic Williams, HMP Chelmsford, 200 Springfield Road, Essex CN2 6LQ.

RAINFOREST ACTION NOW!

B&Q SAY they'll stop stocking rainforest timber by 1995. The London Rainforest Action Group say that if they can stop then, they can stop now. Persuade them by sticking over the bar codes of tropical hardwoods on display. One person can easily do a whole superstore and the timber usually has to be skipped as a result...

CONTACT London Rainforest Action Group, 9 Cazenove Road, London N16.

SOLIDARITY WITH SARAWAK



EARTH FIRST! activists were the first in UK to be arrested in protests against rainforest destruction on 3rd June. During the G7 Summit, five scaled trees opposite the Japanese Embassy with a 'Ban Japan From Rainforest' banner whilst others chained themselves outside.

Also involved were London Rainforest Action Group, the Singaporean & Malaysian British Association, David Bellamy and Bruno Manser, a Swiss activist who lived with the Penan for five years and protested against Summit inertia by chaining himself to the top of a lamp post opposite the conference venue.

Four months later, eight EF! activists protested against the trial of 31 Penan blockaders on 7th October by locking themselves inside the Malaysian Tourist Board in London and dumping sawdust. They were all arrested but released without charge, despite £75 of damage being done to a computer when ex-tree got in its disc drives.

RING the Malaysian Tourist Board free on 0800-444848 to let them know your views on the destruction of Sarawak.

McDONALDS PLANTED

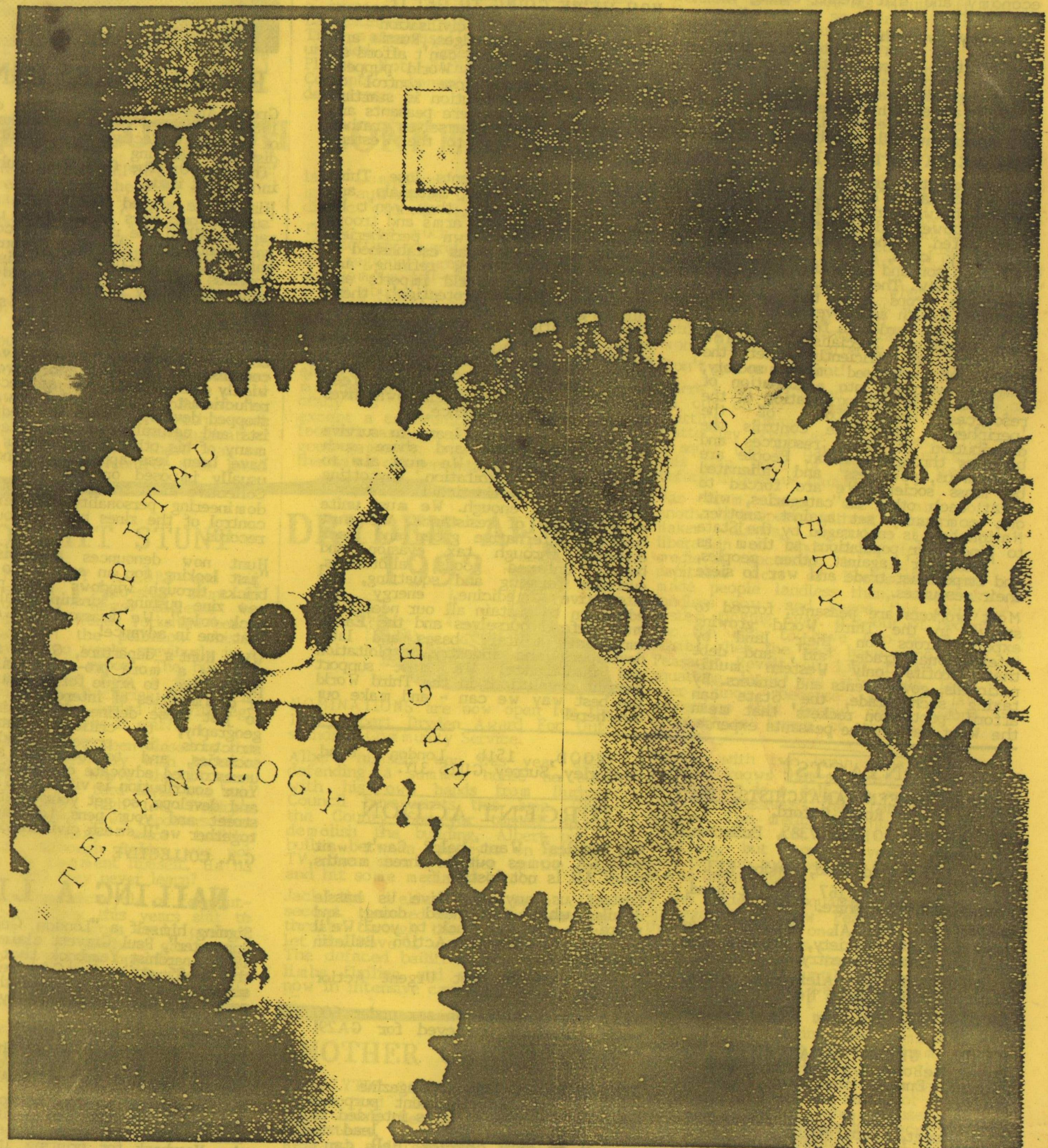
JUDGE PICKLES call to legalise dope may have already been taken to heart by West Midlands drugs squad. DC Crump refused to prosecute a Stourbridge McDonalds when five pot plants were found growing in its window boxes. He said they'd been "planted".

[Source: Guardian]

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OXFORD GREEN ANARCHISTS

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.

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 rulers.

WHY WE HAVEN'T GOT IT

As communities grew larger, the first division of labour occurred. Society was divided between rulers that exercised formal power and workers that kept them fed. The rulers 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. Everyone had to work harder to feed the ruling class parasites. Specialisation became necessary to efficiently meet the needs of urbanised mass society, turning everyone into a situation of dependence on the exploitation of the resources and labour of the periphery. The state controls the distribution of these resources and benefits through taxation. People are anonymous, powerless and alienated by mass society. We are forced to treat each other as categories, with one community set against another. Nationalism is encouraged by the State to bind their populations to them as a protector against other peoples, and imperialist trade and war to seize their resources.

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.

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MALTA GREEN ANARCHISTS c/o James DeBono, Lourdes Bld, Block S, Flat 3, Enrico Mizzi Str, Ta Xbiex Malta.

PRISCILLA SCERRI, 4th September, Kent Street, Fgura, Malta.

WARFARE c/o Box 1, Gaia, 22 High Street, Leamington CV31 1LW.

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. This civilisation is crumbling 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 is starting in the Third World where peasants are fighting to feed themselves rather than exporting crops to the Western 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 established in Britain. Without work refining and distributing Third World imports and diminishing State protection, there will 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 learn to survive without the State and share such practical knowledge. We must aim to live free of exploitation, boycotting banks and multinationals. Personal change is not enough. We must unite as a culture of resistance. We must build an alternative green and black economy through tax evasion and buying untaxed goods, allotments, guerrilla farming and squatting, and alternative medicine, energy and education to sustain all our needs. We must defend ourselves and the Earth, targeting 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!

S WOOD, 151b London Road, Camberley, Surrey GU15 3JY.

URGENT ACTION

Got hassles? Want help? Can't wait until GA comes out in three months time? All is not lost!

Contact us anyway. Give us hassle details, what you need doing, and where we can get back to you. We'll put out an Urgent Action Bulletin immediately.

If you want to get Urgent Action Bulletins, let us know.

Next GA: Articles on sex under 600 words gratefully recieved for GA29! Send 'em us now!

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NEWS



RICHARD RESIGNS

Green Anarchist's sole editor during 1986-88, Richard Hunt, has walked out of the GA Collective as a result of a dispute centring on his article 'Thoughts On The Gulf War' published in our last issue.

His article argued that people should 'support our boys' and cover up for rapists. When the rest of the collective pointed out this was inconsistent both with anarchism and his own previous position, Hunt demanded we print an apology in this issue. As we had no intention of doing so, he resigned.

Richard's artwork and radical economic analysis were valuable contributions to GA, and have been widely plagiarised. As an economic reductionist whose social awareness stopped developing with the reductionists and naturalists of the late-1950s, many of his other contributions to GA have been less appreciated and were usually imposed on the rest of the Collective as a result of his stubborn, domineering personality and exclusive control of the zines bank account and records.

Hunt now denounces anarchists as "just looking for an excuse to throw bricks through windows" and plans a new zine pushing "kinship loyalty and peck order". We disassociate GA from that one in advance!

With Hunt's departure, GA is free to promote a more pro-situ, primitivist perspective, to argue for the autonomy of communities of interest as opposed to just those defined by accident of geography, to criticise patriarchal structures in present and past societies, and to become a more unrestrained advocate of direct action. Your contribution is vital as GA grows and develops, so get your feet on the street and your pens to paper and together we'll smash civilisation yet!

G.A. COLLECTIVE

NAILING A LIE

Signing himself a "London Greenpeace Supporter", Paul Gravett claims in the 1992 Anarchist Yearbook that "During the 84-85 strike it [GA] refused to support the miners because they were part of the industrial system it deplored".

Bullshit! Our lead article in GA3, Police V. Miners, said the exact opposite - we will supply copies to anyone sending us an SSAE.

GA awaits a written apology from 'comrade' Gravett for writing this disinformation and from the editors of the Yearbook for printing it without checking facts.

THE PARTIES OVER BAKER'S

THE ECO-YUPPIES of Green 2000 were well desperate to keep Green Anarchists out of their Wolverhampton Conference this September.

Exclusion attempts included threats of physical violence, circulating covert photos of us to Conference Committee, and losing membership records.

The reasoning behind these elaborate precautions was that the Green Party was at its crossroads. Green 2000's motion at Wolverhampton was intended to turn the Party an straight power and vote grubbing machine, totally selling out on the radical decentralist founding principles of Green pioneers of the 1970's like Edward Goldsmith.

Careerists like Old Etonian Jonathan Porritt and Sara 'The Mouth' Parkin tightened their dead grip on the Party since the Greens peaked in the 1989 Euro-elections. Using gross personal wealth to fund a slick ad campaign,

the eco-bores accumulated enough proxy votes from green consumer-types to steamroller through their motion regardless of reason.

Confined to the steps of the conference venue by Carousel security goons, we GA's didn't get much chance to participate in the debate. We had to limit ourselves to ruining Porritt's photo-opportunities and informing him he was a wanker every time he tried to give a recorded interview outside (hi Sky!). The guy looked like he was due a lynching, but then his faction was out-gunned ten to one inside.

Cruddy diversionary tactics did Green 2000 no good. As the debate reached a crescendo of undemocratic tedium, Lancaster Kev and green veteran Jim Tidy maternapsed by the podium and unfurled a Green 2000 Sell Out. Planet Not Parliament. All Power Corrupts' banner before cheering delegates.

THE SCOTTISH CONFERENCE

JOHN ROGERSON REPORTS: The Scottish Greens are in the same shambolic state as the English.

The land tax session was most revealing. A land tax was proposed as a source of local government revenue and as a tool to redistribute land. When I asked how they would stop people with money getting the best land, a progressive tax was proposed coupled with a ceiling on how much land could be owned by one person. How this would apply to business was not made clear. The talk of common ground which could not be sold sounded fine but was followed by acceptance of foreign ownership and absentee landlordism! Nationalization was a dirty word and there was no talk of community control over local

land. Compulsory purchase powers for local authorities were agreed, making district councils very powerful.

There was much mealy-mouthed talk of Scottish sovereignty and a new deal in a regional Europe. When I suggested autonomous self-sufficient communities I was abused by a Frank Zappa look-alike. A brief exchange ended with me calling him a fascist.

I won't renew my membership. It's the same old routine, electors and elected, 3 tier bureaucracy and money making the whole system work. Democracy is impossible on any scale except a community level. To use the football analogy, the Greens talk a good game but once on the pitch it's the same old percentage politics.

PRO-SHIT STUNT

TORY MP TONY BALDRY and his family staged a 'pro-shit' stunt in front of TV news cameras by swimming at a North Yorkshire beach that had had the pollution whistle blown on it two weeks previously in a Which? magazine report. The bungling Baldry got more than a suntan to brown him off. Declaring the article 'alarmist', Baldry ended up with egg on his face - or was it shit?

The beach has now been closed by the local Health Authority with bacteria levels 200 times above the EC permitted level. The turd level was said to be stinkingly high too. Baldry's secretary assured news reporters that the MP's family were healthy afterwards, although Baldry was not available for comment himself. Ha ha ha ha ha. Will they never learn?

The natural organic cycle of fermenting or composting this years shit to grow next years crops could produce vast amounts of methane gas energy at no cost to the organic nutrient level of the resultant fertilizer. The amount of shit an average family dumps could produce enough biogas from a garden fermenter (costing £200) for them to be self-sufficient in cooking and lighting energy. The fermented sludge ends up as a safe and easy to manage high grade fertilizer - completing the organic cycle and cutting out the profits of chemical and energy companies. Mr Baldry doesn't us to learn either.

DRYDEN AWARD 1992



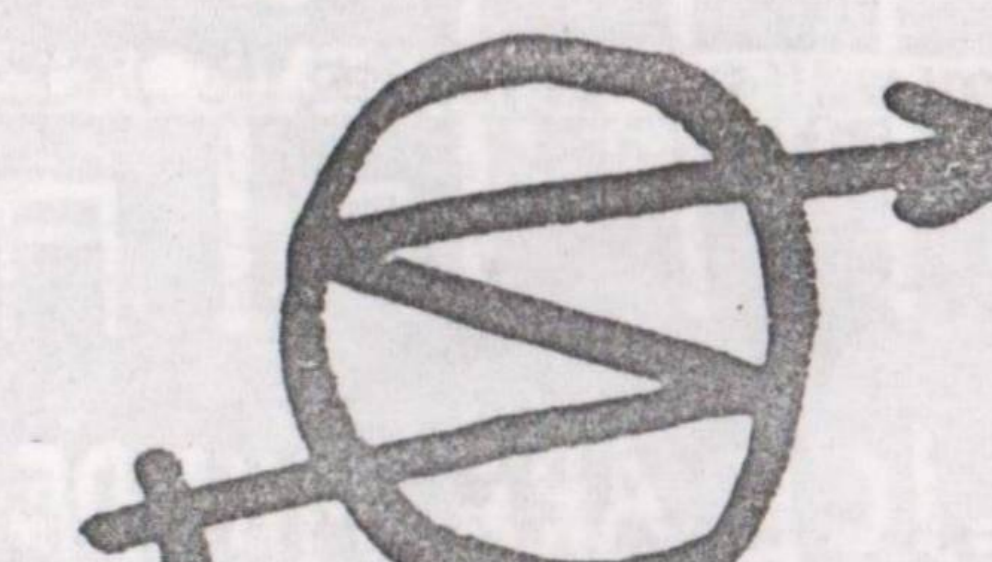
NOMINATIONS are now open for the 1992 Albert Dryden Award For Outstanding Community Service.

Albert himself won this year after defending a summer house he built with his own hands from Durham Council bureaucrats this June. When the County Surveyor turned up to demolish the building, Albert put a bullet between his eyes on national TV, then shot a copper up the arse and hit some media hack too.

Jack the Welder came in a close second. Menaced by a bailiff shouting threats through the letter box, s/he let him have it with a welding torch. The defaced bailiff topped backwards, limbs flailing and suit ablaze. He's now in intensive care with 50% burns!

ANOTHER GREEN CON

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS cause lung cancer and platinum pollution that may wreck the food chain and local ecosystems, according to the Bonn Research and Technology Ministry.



BULLSHIT

On OCTOBER 15th, Home Secretary Kenneth Baker shot his mouth off to the media about squatting. His kept press hyped this up to sound like the end of all squatting is nigh.

GA says: Don't believe the hype!

The story started rolling last year when arse-licking Simon Burns, Tory MP for Chelmsford, asked Thatcher what she was going to do about squatting private homes (see GA25) - illegal since 1977 anyway.

In a post-Party Conference brainstorm, Burns and twenty other Tory back-benchers got together a crappy little consultation paper saying second homes and maybe some shops could also be protected by the 1977 Act. It hardly mentions property owned by Councils, landlords or institutions where most squatting goes on anyway. At worst, an extra few lines could be slipped into the Criminal Justice Bill, but that won't be law until after March 1992.

Don't get complacent!

There's no guarantee the Tories will be out on the arses by then and Spitting Image 'socialist' Roy Hattersley oozed as much support for a squat ban as Baker. We must stop this thin edge of the Tory wedge before it does us damage.

Far from being "the seizure of another's property without consent" as Baker claims, squatting is the liberation of land stolen from our medieval ancestors by the proto-capitalist Acts of Enclosure. Rent made people landless then, keeps us landless now, and keeps this shitty system ticking over. It's out of order for the rich to have two or more homes when the poor have none. The Peasants Revolt of 1381 first made squatting legal and it's been legal ever since because English law recognises that people come before property in terms of the right to shelter.

Anyone with two brain cells to rub together knows that squatting is not a problem. It is a self-help solution to the homelessness the Tories have created. The media thought the 1986 Public Order Act would stop land squatting, but more travellers than ever park up together now because the law is unworkable.

If the Tories ban squatting, they'll be up against a new Peasants Revolt that'll make the one over poll tax look like a chimp's tea party. If they think squatting is a threat to law and order now, wait until the cops try storming organised German-style mass squats. Tories won't be whining about the £400 it costs to evict squatters when they're paying the same per squatter per week housing them in already overcrowded jails.

If you can get nicked for squatting anywhere, why not the homes of Burns and his cronies, the Houses of Parliament or Buckingham Palace? GA will be happy to publish a full list of likely addresses come the time....!

BABYLON'S BURNING



POLICE ARE MURDERS. DALE & COLIN WE WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.

MEADOWELL MESSAGE: "Dale & Colin, we won't let them get away with it."

BRITAIN'S CITIES were hit by rioting throughout August and September. In Telford, 60 lads tried torching a cop shop and then stoned police in three nights of clashes following the shooting of Ian Gordon on 12th August. Police marksmen murdered him behind the Duke pub, knowing all he had to defend himself with was an unloaded air pistol. Community worker Laurens Otter told cops to get out of the area, warning "if the police want to recreate the riots of 1981, they are going the right way about it".

A fortnight later in Ely, a Bristol suburb, bread rioting broke out. Up to 500 besieged to Abdul Waheed's corner shop for two days, venting months of rage at his violent treatment of shop-lifters. When cops intervened, they were stoned from the rooftops.

Also on 2nd September, Thames Valley Police attempts to take over Blackbird Leys on the outskirts of Oxford led to three nights of resistance and 85 arrests. The cops were using displays by hotters to divide a close-knit anti-cop community between young and old. Young people on the estate can't afford facilities there and have been subjected to months of cars coming up behind them late at night and those inside calling them "Black

THE BATTLE OF BERMONDSEY

PNR REPORTS: A march on Bermondsey planned for eighteen months by National Black Caucus against AFA and Searchlight advice led to a dramatic reverse for anti-fascists on 25th August.

Billed as a march against police racism, three hundred gathered off Peckham High Street including local Black people arrested or attacked for nothing by the Met and squatters from the Hell-Bank Campaign angered over illegal evictions from the Hellhouse and another mass squat by the cops earlier in the month.

Bored silly by hours of pointless parading around backstreet Southwark, marchers ran into thirty piss-heads outside the Tropics pub on the corner of Rotherhithe New Street and Galleywall Road. After police pushed the bottle-throwers back into the pub and stewards ran around grabbing everyone's banner poles, half the marchers headed home.

The rest were trailed by fascists with hordes more flag-waving half-wits up ahead at the junction of Hawkstone Road and the New Road. The Home Secretary had reversed his decision earlier in the week banning the BNP demo and the Nazis exploited Black Caucus's failure to pre-leaflet local estates by putting out their own crude propaganda claiming "Black Power militants were coming to attack Bermondsey".

The situation wasn't helped by half a dozen nutty Maoists torching a Union Jack they'd bought with them. One old

cunts". Tabloid heroine Alison van Dyke was attacked because she'd knifed another woman earlier that evening and is a known racist whose ex is believed to have been an NF organiser during the early-1980s.

The riot of the season erupted on Meadow Well estate, Newcastle, a week later. Local lads monitoring police radio say Northumbrian pigs rode hotters Dale Robson and Nigel Stocks to death in a 125-mph car chase on 10th September. Their car hit a lamp post and exploded. They could only be identified afterwards by a gold chain and set of keys. Fucked off with Third World conditions on the estate, 85% unemployment and years of harassment by "Fatty Squad" CID, 200 set fires in shops to lure cops onto the estate and cut down power lines to trap them there. Knowing the rioters were out for blood, the cops didn't take the bait and two hours of looting and arson followed until power was restored. The community is still solid and rioting spread to other parts of Newcastle the next night.

There were also riots in Handsworth, Chapeltown and elsewhere. People now know that when they stick together they can take on the cops and win.

bastard then tried to wade into the anti-fascist march single-handed and predictably got stomped.

The Nazis evened the score as the march entered Southwark Park, attacking an SWP paper-seller. Stewards then realised they'd got us surrounded - locals on the street behind and some three to four hundred BNP boneheads and Millwall fans drawn up like some ancient army ahead. Between them and us was a "thin blue line" of under a dozen cops.

A march against the police found it needed riot cops to get out of the park in one piece. The retreat was ignominious with stewards hussling us out of the park warning "Your lives are in danger". Feeble attempts to speak before leaving were drowned out by mindless Maoist chanting. The BNP then held their own rally, featuring rants about "all Blacks have AIDS" and suchlike shit.

Once out of the Park, the cops had to charge sixty fascists blocking the road home out of the way and arrested half of them. With anti-fascists out of the area, the Nazis went on the rampage, attacking Black motorists and smashing Asian shop windows through the night.

Black Caucus plans for another march in October have not materialised, brave attempts by Southwark Solidarity Group to repair damage with public meetings in the area have attracted boring trots at the expense of local people, and the BNP now sell hundreds of papers on Saturdays in Bermondsey

POLICE P.R.

THE MINISTRY OF LOVE is embarking on a major PR offensive. The Chief Inspector of Police, Sir John Woodcock, based at the Home Office said recently "The SS in the Third Reich were a sort of police who were incredibly efficient, but so far as their acceptability among the public was concerned, they were pretty awful, and I think we've got to learn this lesson ... We've got to do everything we can to colour the judgement of the people. Is this an own goal at the first kick of the ball?"

(Source: Guardian, 7th August)

GREEN FRAMED

WITH THE FREEING of the Guildford 4, Birmingham 6 and the Maguires on the grounds that statements were forged or beaten out of them, Loyalists are getting in on the act.

In 1987, Thomas Green was given a life sentence for murdering a Catholic, John O'Neil. Green says he was with his mother at the time of the murder. The only evidence against him was a "confession" written by cops at Castlereagh interrogation centre. He signed it only after being so badly abused that he had to be taken to Dundonald Hospital where doctors said he'd been drugged. Despite this, he was convicted by a Diplock (judge-only) court.



BEANFIELD TRIAL

KRISTOFF GLINKA, organ of the Stonehenge Defendants Campaign that privately prosecuted Chief Constable Walter Givren last year for the 1985 Battle of the Beanfield (see GA27) has placed an affidavit alleging police perjury before Horseferry Magistrates Court.

During the trial, geriatric judge Sir Gervase Sheldon suppressed charges of malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, allowed the police to change their plea in mid-trial and submit tampered video evidence, and awarded only derisory damages against the Beanfield Butchers.

DONATIONS towards legal expenses urgently needed at Stonehenge Union Appeal c/o Fairshares Co-op, 56 Crampton Street, London SE17 3AE.

1991 FESTIES

RIBBLEHEAD didn't come together due to injunctions against every likely site in miles, but just about every other festie this year did - and a lot more ravers and local people got into them than in previous years. Thanks to the Free Information Network's decision not to publicise festival sites, months in advance and We The People's documentation of the Brew Crew (see GA26), the violence that marred the 1990 season didn't happen....

Unless you give credence to rumours that outsiders "involved [in] hard drugs" were run off-site at Moreton Free Festival, bowling folk over with their vehicle in the process. On leaving site, cops gave chase and the car involved crashed and burned. GA would appreciate it if readers could let us know whether the rumours are true or not.

[Source: Monolith]

NO TEDDYBEARS PICNIC



RAMBLERS IN ACTION: Trespass in the Prime Minister's backyard

LET THEM EAT SEMTEX

BELFAST ALFers have declared war on Northern Ireland's hunting set and told a local paper "we intend to use Semtex if our current campaign is not taken seriously by the establishment".

The four activists were photographed in the Sunday World armed with a crossbow and clubs and said they'd received arms and explosives training

from the ALF cell that bombed Bristol University (see GA21).

Three hunt pubs, a bloodsports shop, a fur shop and ten boats moored at Bangor, County Down, have been torched. Butchers, leather stores and hunt kennels have also been attacked.

[Source: Guardian]

THE RAIDS OF AUGUST

THIS AUGUST, the ALF hit Oxford University again (see GA27). Their 20 year old research facility at the Churchill Hospital was raided. The uni had been irradiating pigs with lasers for the Cancer Research Campaign and the Central Electricity Generating Board. The unit was filmed, trashed and

papers siezed.

In the same month, the ALF raided another NHS hospital, the Royal London in Whitechapel, liberating a thousand mice and eight beagles. The Royal London Hospital is one of twenty in London alone which squander taxpayers money on vivisection.

A POX ON THE FOX!

THE WORD IS that there are over twenty active ALF cells operating in Greater Manchester - and local meat traders are feeling the pinch. Cops have retaliated with Operation Fox - and it's clearly getting out of hand.

On 21st August, Fox fanatics ambushed Richard Anderson, Denise

Booth, Daryl Cavanagh and Gavin Robinson in a Holmfirth slaughterhouse. They must have felt like they'd walked into "Apocalypse Now" as cops in camo gear pointed guns at their heads and helicopters flew overhead. One of the four was hospitalised after being savaged by a police dog.

SABS WIN COMPENSATION

A WEEK-LONG TRIAL in Oxford ended on 16th October, local hunt saboteurs won £12,000, compensation from Thames Valley's Chief Constable.

In November 1989, the sabs went out against the Old Berks Superintendent

Bill Hughes ordered some 46 coppers to arrest anyone and everyone identified as sabs". Police dogs and a helicopter flying only five feet from the ground were involved in the arrest.

INTERFAUNA ARE GUILTY

AFTER FIFTEEN MONTHS on bail, the Interfauna Defendants were tried at Leicester Crown Court on 8th July. John Curtin, Jim O'Donnell and Dan Attwood were accused of liberating 82 beagle puppies and 26 rabbits from the Huntingdon breeders (see GA24) and seven others of relieving them.

Five handlers got conditional discharges after pleaded guilty at the start of the trial. When the trial ended nine days later, James Attwood got off on the same charge because

Interfauna didn't want the beagles back, they were legally abandoned".

His brother Dan also admitted to burglary at the start of the trial due to forensic evidence. He got nine months and John Curtin got eighteen after making an impassioned plea against vivisection.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO John Curtin (JC 0305), HMP Mousehold, Knox Road, Norwich and Dan Attwood (JC 0306), HMP Sudbury, Derbyshire DE6 5HW.

CONSPIRACY TO FART

IN LATE-JULY, Wolverhampton's Boots and cancer research charity shop were allegedly firebombed. ARNI (the Animal Rights National Index) had West Midlands Constabulary arrest a

teenaged holiday-maker from the Outer Hebrides and a local man for suspicion of conspiring to cause Explosions.

INSTEAD OF RISING UP in arms over the recent disclosure of secret Forestry Commission land privatisation, the Ramblers Association and the Forestry Unions Action Group were knocked flat on their faces under the weight of title deed documents. As usual, the Ramblers in their green anoraks and yellow wellies recognised the authority of Her Majesties Government, the centuries of offensive legislation that make the Statute books what they are today, and sadly, the farce of political debate. As usual too, the beneficiaries of this latest land redistribution are the Aristocratic set - the Queen, the Earl of Portsmouth, Lord Strathclyde, the Scottish government minister, etc. Meanwhile, GAs are still going to the woods as usual, and it's not for a teddybear's ramble. Happy tree spiking!

WAR ON THE DEVELOPERS

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S Institute of Environmental Assessment reported two-thirds of the 700 major UK development projects were below EC standards on 18th October. John Major treated their call for a development freeze as an attack on British sovereignty by Brussels bureaucrats.

GA agrees - it's local people that are screwed by developers and they're in a better position to fight back than toothless European paper-pushers.

Top of the hit list is the £1.1 billion Channel Tunnel rail link (see GA25). A week before the EC report, "Environment" Minister Michael Heseltine favoured the Ove Arup plan with the rail link going through Stratford rather than the Tory heartlands of Kent. £100 million a British Rail spent buying blighted houses has gone down the tubes and the project's completion date has been pushed back to AD 2007! The bad news is that Rainham Marshes is now threatened and working class residents of Barking and Stratford are in line for the same "economic development". Docklands suffered during the 1980s. GA notes the Ove Arup plan wants to support line passing through the Ford Dagenham Factory on concrete piers...

The East London River Crossing is an obscene £300 million London Docklands Development Corporation scheme that will destroy Oxleas Wood and make way for four times as many cars choking the city. A runway extension to London City Airport is also planned (see GA25). Desk-jockey Paul Gee has now quit Friends of the Earth, but Jonathan Porritt thinks all it will take to stop the bulldozers is thirteen folks with no experience of direct action! Earth First UK are calling for a proper blockade to save Oxleas Wood and not just a photo-opportunity. GA agrees - now is the time to declare open season on current contractors, Mowlem, and all other tendering for contract. The airport's BA 146 jets won't get off the ground if locals stop faffing around with public enquiries, revive the spirit of the Blitz and put up barrage balloons against yuppie aerial invasion.

EF!UK also plan to blockade Twyford Down, a sacred site Heseltine plans to destroy with a 100'-wide cut-and-fill tunnel for the M3. Other objectionable developments include a £300 million oil/gas plant at Kinnell, a £100 million coke factory at Northampton and a £800,000 incinerator in South Warwickshire that will puke deadly dioxins.

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DINOSAUR DIES

THE SOVIET UNION survived only one winter without its East European grain basket before realising it was dead and collapsing.

Without an Eastern empire to exploit, Gorbachev was forced to come to London with his begging bowl on July 16 and accept humiliating terms like the surrender of 50% of its nuclear arsenal to the West and the Kurile Islands to Japan in order to receive a few pathetic scraps from G7's table.

Without Eastern European booty to bribe its client states, Moscow's grip on them slipped as they looked to the old empire's new overlords in the West. The coup of 19 August was a direct reaction to growing nationalism - to Gorbachev's intention to give the nationalists free rein before the Chamber of Deputies the next week. The Black Colonels said the threat of the Soviet Union balkanising - as in Yugoslavia - justified the coup. What they really feared was losing the privileges due them at the core of COMECON. The coup failed two days later because upwardly-mobile Muscovites realised they had more to gain from living in a Coca-colony than in

the belly of some bureaucratic Stalinist brontosaurus of a country.

Ordinary people - particularly the miners and farmers Yeltsin looked to to stop the coup - were less than enthusiastic about the USSR's entry into the New World order because they knew that People Power would be betrayed. As Yeltsin 'streamlines' the Russian economy with Thatcherite zeal and Gorbachev sells his countries future to the IMF, the East is being primed for Western exploitation. All promises of 'freedom', EEC and NATO membership have meant to Eastern Europe is mass unemployment, galloping inflation and rising racism.

The death of Stalinism won't mean consumerist manna raining down from heaven - Germany's economy is over-extended and the Mid-West grain belt is near exhaustion. Soviet peoples are right to reject central planning and bureaucratic control - but must do so East and West. The only way they can secure their futures is through People Power, and People Power just won't work without local control of the natural resources that form the basis of the ailing international economy.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CIA

We have been closely watching events in Canada. Over the years, our countries have come to develop a special relationship characterized by an ongoing convergence of interests, clockwork predictability, and deep friendship and trust. It is in light of this past that we find your country's current climate of instability disturbing.

In today's world, national liberation movements are an anachronism. Now the Soviets have stopped exporting subversion, these movements are no longer needed to overthrow Russian-client regimes. What the New World Order requires is stability, consensus, and responsible global citizenship, not new or loose-cannon states.

Our government prefers a united Canada. In the past, our agency has engineered numerous coups or made life miserable for those who oppose our will. We expect our neighbours to the north to avoid Iraqi blunders or Yugoslav excesses. In fact, we find it unlikely that our agency will be reaching into our little bag of dirty tricks. We appreciate nationalist passions are presently running high, and that the secession of Quebec is a distinct possibility. If it occurs, what must be avoided is civil war breaking out (a Croatian-type fiasco) or any activity that impedes the normal flow of commodities and business as usual. We are confident that such will not be the case. In supporting free trade, Quebec leaders have demonstrated the kind of maturity that we have become accustomed to. The eagerness of Quebec politicians and labour bureaucrats to see your country as a source of energy and natural resources for our empire (James Bay II) reassures us that they possess the vision and responsibility that the New World Order requires. What we fear are people who are unwilling to knuckle under to any leaders, politicians and

bureaucrats.

So have your fling. We have dealt with nationalist movements in the past, and yours we expect to be a piece of cake. The left-nationalist milieu is irrelevant anyway, as their "Octobre Chaud" flop about the 20th anniversary of the October crisis demonstrated, but they are welcome to continue their role as a loyal opposition. Even if they won more support, they would soon come around to our way of thinking, as the last 60 years demonstrates. After all, they're not as unlike us as they think!

Yes, go right ahead. We are convinced that whatever happens, everything is going to work out just fine.

[Source: Demolition Derby]

JAMES BAY II

QUEBEC: Cree and Inuits blockaded James Bay airfield to prevent government officials making a fraudulent environmental impact study this July.

The study would have backed dam development by Hydro-Quebec (HQ) that will flood Cree traplines, decimate migratory Caribou, and wreck local ecology by mercury poisoning. The hydroelectric scheme is of no benefit to local people - it's for export to the US and aluminium smelters in St Lawrence, described as "one of the most environmentally disgusting industries in the world".

Despite threats of tanks and 200 HQ police, young Cree activists have already sabotaged construction sites, stopped helicopters flying over hunting grounds, and had towers and pylons removed from their land, by threatening to burn them down.

[Source: Ecomedia Bulletin]

RAIL LINK HINT

FRANCE: Mme. Chantal Cotte makes works of art with explosives - blowing up bits of metal.

TGB (French high speed rail) plan to lay a new track through her explosion area in woodland she owns.

TGB are giving Mme. Cotte the VIP treatment in offering unprecedented favours to relocate her elsewhere, well away from their rail network, rather than letting her continue her work so near their bits of metal!

[Source: Radio 4, 21 July]

ANTI-TOXIC ACTION

GREENPEACE blockaded rail shipments of chlorine to Dupont, Niachlor and Olin in Niagara Falls (Cancer City, USA) on 26th July. Eight activists were arrested for trespass. They called for a global phase-out of chlorine production, as it's a chemical building block for infamous ecocides like dioxins, furans, PCBs, DDT and CFCs.

Two days earlier, four activists were arrested in Victoria, Canada, after painting radiation signs on the USS Leftwich, a nuclear warship violating a nuclear-free zone. Greenpeace has also criticized the Soviets, demanding to know how they will safely dispose of up to 41 nuclear-powered submarines scrapped by the recently signed Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

[Source: Peace Net]

BCCIA

THE CRASH OF THE Bank of Credit and Commerce International on 9 July may have exposed a missing link in the Irangate Scandal that still threatens to explode under ex-CIA supremo, George Bush.

Key player in the scandal, Saudi arms dealer Adnan Kashoggi, deposited \$17 million in BCCI's Monte Carlo branch in 1987. The CIA used the money to fund arms sales to Iran and to bank-roll guerrillas fighting the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Time also claims Oliver North also routed illegal payments to the Contras through Kashoggi's BCCI accounts.

BCCI branches on Cromwell and Edgware Roads, London, were used to pay 500 British CIA contacts and by US-backed Panamanian dictator, General Noriega, to launder drug money.

[Source: Guardian]

U.S. BASES BASHED

THE PHILIPPINES: In August, the US failed to renew their leases for Subic Bay and Clark Airforce Base as part of a post-Cold War shut-down of a third of American bases globally.

In July, Mount Pinatubo lent a helping hand when it erupted and buried Clark Airforce Bases runway in volcanic ash. GA hears that personnel fled oncoming lava in such a hurry that they left their nukes behind!



BUSHFIRE: Greek anarchists riot against Bushes Athens visit

ATHENS: On 25 October, riot police stormed an Athens polytechnic (see GA27). 38 were arrested, Thanassis Halpounis collapsed in court from head injuries received in the attack and another arrestee, Psylarkas, is also in hospital with a leg injury after being

hit by a CS gas canister. Action in solidarity is being called for by the Anarchist Black Cross.

INFO: Preston ABC, PO Box 172, Preston 1.

WAR ON DRUGS WITCHHUNT

USA: Pittsburgh Press say the biggest racketeers in America are the Drug Enforcement Administration. Federal seizure laws allowed them to sell \$2 billion of suspect's property to fund further investigations last year. 80% of those forfeiting their property were never charged. The only 'crime' of the vast majority was that they were Black, Hispanic or flashily dressed. As forfeiture applies only to property, Constitutional safeguards don't apply. Louisville lawyer Donald Heavrin says the result is that "jury trials can be refused; illegal searches condoned; rules of evidence ignored. The frenzied search for cash is destroying the judicial system".

TOMPKINS SQUARE

NEW YORK: The USA's only solid squatscene ended on 3 June when cops stormed Tompkins Square Park during a rally celebrating its liberation in 1988 (see GA25). Rioting and arrests ensued but by the next morning, the city authorities had already set about boarding off and gutting the park.

The cops illegal occupation of Tompkins Square sparked off international protest, including a picket of the New York State Department of Commerce by London squatting groups on 14 August.

Those evicted from Tompkins Square are now camping at Dinkinsville, opposite the home of the Mayor of New York, who they blame for the police operation.

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DJURENS BEFRIELSE FRONT

SWEDEN: The DBF (Animal Liberation Front) of Box 2051, S-265 02 Astorp got together in 1985 and now has three active cells. They have targeted universities, breeders and cruel owners, liberating animals, hitting fur shops, and spraying fur farm foxes and mink with red henna. Their latest action on 4th October was glueing and daubing 18 Stockholm fur shops.

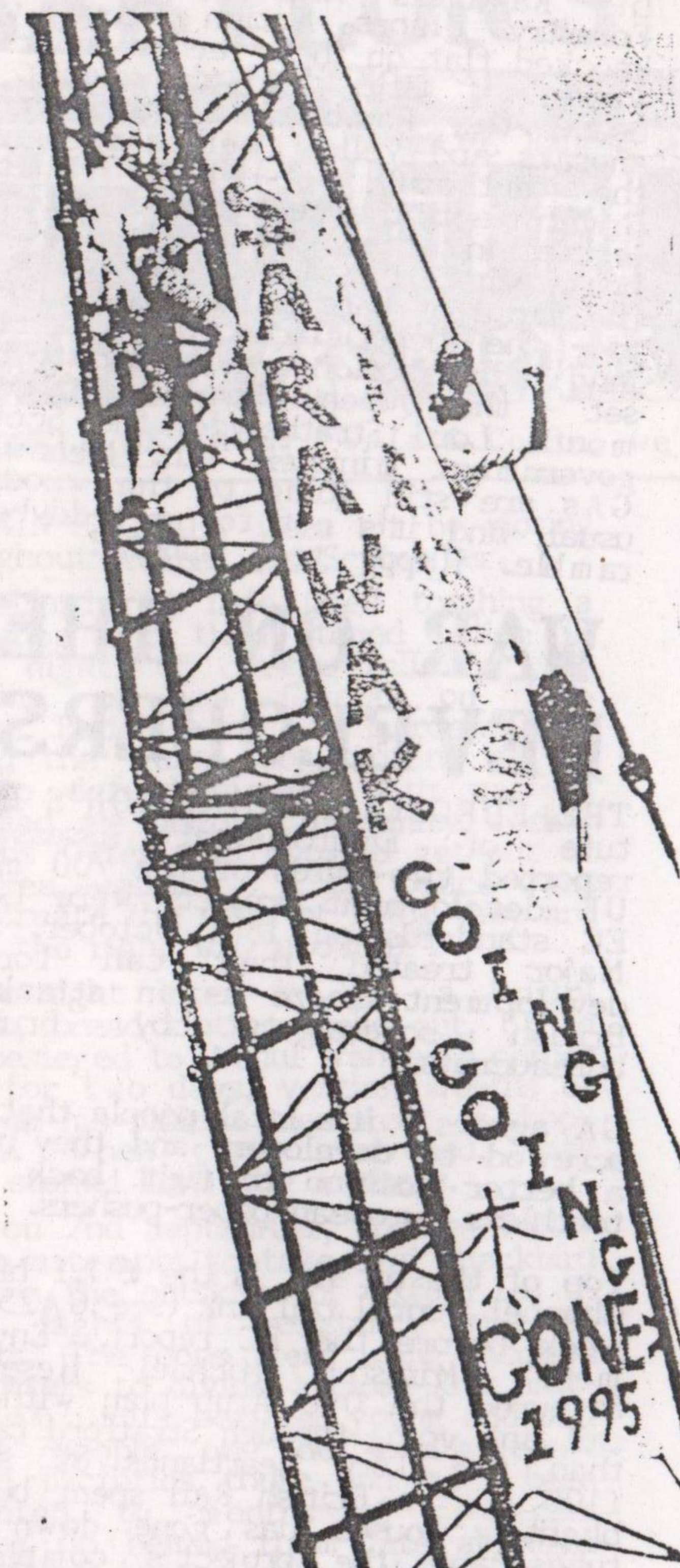


SEND £3 for their benefit tape Civilisationens Bakgard (Civilisation's Backyard) to Elderberry Records c/o Makeskog, Polstjärneväg 2-4trp, S-554 64 Jonkoping, Sweden.

HOT FROGS

KNOXVILLE, USA: Frank Kornegay of the US Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory has warned Tennessee against a swarm of radioactive frogs hatched from a pond it contaminated this spring.

[Source: Peace Net]



ACT FOR SARAWAK

MALAYSIA: On 5th July, eight activists from Earth First!, Robin Wood and the Swiss Society For Threatened Peoples occupied cranes on three barges loaded with timber looted from Sarawak. All then spent the next two months in Miri Prison before being deported to Singapore.

In an embarrassing attempt to appease corrupt Malaysian Prime Minister Mohammad Mahathir, Friends of the Earth claim the action would make the situation worse. Having shared a cell with Penan blockaders, Jake Burbridge of EF!UK responds: "Things cannot get much worse - the Penan and Dayaks face total destruction of their forests by 1995 (see GA27)".

The Malaysian regime claim indigenous resistance is all down to 'agents provocateurs' - in fact thousands have joined blockades at Long Ajeng and Sungai since 1989 and some have turned saboteur, drowning thirty bulldozers earlier this year. Many see independence from the Malaysian government, which doles out their land to cronies by way of political favours, as their only hope of survival.

DONATIONS TO Earth First! UK, 9 Cazenove Road, London N16 will be used to send copies of Ed Abbey's sabotage manual, Ecodefense, to the people of Sarawak.

TECHNOCRACY IS TYRANNY

Against Technocracy

A PREVAILING MYTH in the British anarchist movement is that technology is politically neutral, to be used for good or bad depending on who controls it.

This naive faith in technology quickly collapses when believers are asked what specific technologies they would find appropriate.

Nukes and other military/industrial hardware are usually first for the chop, but the faithful start getting into difficulties when it comes to more ambiguous artifacts of this techno-terminal civilisation. Are computers a tool of liberation or domination? Does television encourage communication or destroy it? Can the Earth bear the weight of several billion more cars or fridges? Are agro-chemicals feeding the world or starving it? Does modern medicine kill or cure?

One can go through the case against each of the technologies we take for granted living our lives in the belly of this Machine State in turn until there are none left found appropriate. The point is that when you start talking about technologies this way, their impact on our lives becomes obvious.

So if technology shapes society, what do we do about it? If we think we can change the social relations of this society, we can certainly change the technical ones. Progress is what we make it, not some unstoppable 'historical force' that always means more of the same old shit!

The enlightened primitivists of Fifth Estate say we should oppose all technologies that destroys community - the sort of techno-trash that that has everyone living in their own little boxes spectating on the world outside through some electronic medium or other rather than getting out there and doing it with their neighbours. They say "The more surrounded we are by machines, the more we are diminished as human beings".

GA takes the argument a stage further. We argue all technologies that can't be made and used by everyone in the local community are intrinsically alienating. If non-local skills or resources are needed, or if the skills needed are too specialised to be shared by all in the community, a division of labour is created. However beneficial the technology may appear, the specialisation - ie. technocrat - responsible will abuse it and use it to dominate and control the rest of the community. We don't need specialists looking after us when we can look after each other!

It should be obvious to anyone reading this that GA is not against all technology and we're not into stamping out termites because they use tools! We are against hi-tech and mass production because people don't think like termites and shouldn't be expected to live like them. Both imply a mass society gearing their lives around the needs of production - rather than visa versa - and a global infrastructure to supply the resources it needs to keep running. Mass organisations don't work without organisational power delegated to a managerial caste and hi-tech doesn't work without a technocratic caste either. Powerful elites unaccountable to the community obviously have no place in an anarchist society.

Taking off your slave-collar doesn't mean your head'll drop off! If pro-tech deadheads want to call us Luddites for stating the obvious, it's a label we wear with pride - the original Luddites know all about what the mass production of weaving meant to them and their communities and took direct action against it. If they had been more successful, this country would have had a social revolution two centuries ago - not the Industrial Revolution - and the planet wouldn't have been in the mess it is today.

PNR

Regression of Technology, no Industry

THIS STATEMENT, in the goal of GA, is surely simplistic in the extreme as a goal of a movement or individual. It fails to differentiate between 'constructive' and 'destructive' technology and industry. It smacks of a fear of the unknown which results in all technology being seen as undesirable. No account is taken of the complex interconnections involved in the production of goods. To take the production of even the most basic of tools calls for the back-up of countless industrial complexes, the background of the object is a never-ending system of relationships. People who seem to call for a Year Zero-type solution to the world's problems don't seem to realise how dependant they themselves are upon industry and technology. Try for a minute following back all the lines and connections that enables the creation, and even use, of items such as guitars, records, pens, wheels, even the staples in this magazine.

A society without industry or technology of any kind would no longer be a society, tools are human's distinctive feature in the animal kingdom. A distinction has to be made between 'constructive' and 'destructive' tools. Napalm, tear gas, nuclear weapons (most modern weapons) and countless others show the use of knowledge and industry by humans to create obscenities. The abuse of knowledge surely cannot be used to call for the end of all knowledge. Knowledge and industry enables the production of chainsaws, time and energy saving tools, the use people put them to in the rainforests does not make them or the knowledge or industry to blame, people are to blame.

Constructive technology is that which improves, in real terms, peoples lives. The use of technology to replace hip joints in old people, which enables the observation of unborn babies helps people to live more fully or just to live. There are extremes some would say, perhaps I am guilty of appealing on an emotional level, but they are also extremes of technology. Hi-tech medical machinery shows what good people are capable of through the correctly motivated development knowledge and the support of technology and industry.

Our everyday lives are constantly linked and I would say indebted to technology and industry. None of us can take ourselves everything we need and use. The running of industry, if goals and effect on the planet can be tackled without recourse to living in caves. The production of what is junk, such as packaging, consumer shit and fancies is a creation of the consumer society, the disregard for individuals the the planets health is due to the greed of the people in power. Blaming industry and technology for the problems of the world is ignoring the fact that they are the creations of the people, they are not endowed with a life of their own.

For everyone to survive young and old, well and unwell in a decent manner industry and technology of some description is needed, to call for a blanket destruction is dangerous and selfish. But it shows perhaps most of all a lack of understanding of the positive benefits used and available due to technology and industry. The responsible use of technology is called for not its regression which few of us could imagine and still fewer would enjoy. The use of a scapegoat obscures the real problem and is dangerous because it allows it to escape. It is not technology and industry that is fucking the world, it is people who are fucking the world.

FLETT.

TECHNOCRACY IS TYRANNY

Technocracy is Tyranny

We need to learn the techniques of low-technology survival

TECHNOCRACY, THE CONTROL OF SOCIETY by either a power elite or government, founded upon scientific and technical dictatorship, as exemplified by Aldous Huxley's Brave New World, is the philosophical main plank of the Labour Party, Real Labour, SWP, RCP, anarcho-syndicalists and oddly, the Green Party. The spattering of democracy (government of the People by elected dictators) serves only to promote differing scientific opinion amongst the technocrats - be it Social Acology, Social Science or Perestroika.

In a Green Anarchist society there will be no democracy. Instead, isocracy (government by the People - all of them equally). There will be no authority above each village and therefore no national or international planned economy. Without the planned economy there will be no plundering of Third World resources, no heavy industry, no coal, no oil, no new steel, no national grid, no exploitation, no pollution, but the petty technocrat will survive. Technocracy will lose the meaning it has now, as the petty technocrat will have no authoritarian power (unless the village is stupid enough to work as a co-operative commune as in George Orwell's Animal Farm) and will fill the role of librarian/educator. It is important in such communal projects as building a village windmill that the petty technocrats only have the power to advise over the design and not the building and subsequent running of it. Even trusting technocrats in their judgements that a large harness of wind-power is necessary is dangerous. What if existing diesel engines running on rape seed oil are more efficient but outside the technocrats field of understanding? The only safe technology is that which can be controlled by the individual. Everybody needs to be educated in the arts of small scale low technology survival techniques. Dependence upon technology and in particular technology you fail to understand and which is controlled by the community is the road to tyranny. A community owned wind-powered log cutter may be a useful labour saving device, but it is akin to putting all of one's eggs in the same basket. If every household knew how to sharpen and temper their own saw blade (simple when you know how) then you could borrow your neighbours saw if yours broke. If everyone were dependant upon the community log cutter, then the chances are that they would collectively abdicate responsibility for keeping individual hand saws sharp and then the poor person delegated responsible for maintenance of the community saw would be under terrible pressure to "keep the wheels turning" - if they didn't use their position to hold everyone to ransom (as is done by National Power and the Soviet Five Year Plan), as usually happens when someone is elevated to 'specialist'. We need to be Jack o' all trades, and slaves to none.

The knowledge and skills of low technology need to be practiced now, in order to be effectively used and communicated after the downfall of Capitalism. Otherwise, the door to State Socialism is wide open, with the forces of the Green bourgeoisie, the looney Left proletariat and the nationalist right wing proletariat, all struggling to realise control over the means of production to feed the ignorant and hungry masses. We all know what that means. Division of Labour. Taxation. Dictatorship. Etc. If we act now to inform people about how to grow food, make tools and harness free energy on an individual scale, then when that fine day comes and we are free to take back the land to feed ourselves, we can carry forth and survive alongside and independent of the inevitable European Socialist State. We'll need the technology of small arms production. Also road, rail and bridge demolition, or the Socialist State would

pretty soon be trying to tax and bind us to feeding those that remained in the cities. this scenario would be the one most likely if the Green Party won widespread support. If, on the other hand, the looney Left or nationalist right had most influence in the State, then we'd need NBC suit technology too, to avoid extermination by their beloved pesticide and ex-agri business technology. Look at Eastern Europe and you can see a similar battle between self-sufficient organic communities and State technocracy being fought right now. The earthworm population on Hungary's State cooperative farms is 90% below par. This is serious. The earthworms are major contributors to soil fertility. City anarchists be warned, there is no short cut. No techno-fix, only hard work, if our life support system is to be sustainable. The State cannot feed you forever and I won't either, so you'll need an axe, a saw, chisels, grind stone, spade...

ROB

Skills and Knowledge Sharing

Green Anarchism means alternative technology, not technocracy

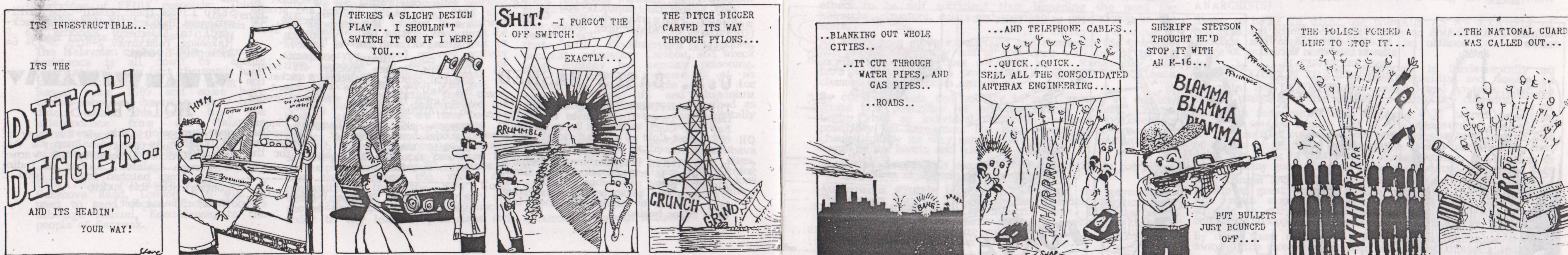
TECHNOCRACY IS THE ULTIMATE result of the over-application of technology and division of labour in both capitalist and socialist societies. Capital interests (banks, rich people etc.) try to respond to the challenge of workers' power by replacing them with machines. The money that used to pay workers' wages now goes to the bank as interest on the loan for the machines, making the bank richer. Looking after the machines requires a smaller number of people in specialised jobs. Each of these specialised workers is essential to the running of the machine - just a few can shut down a whole factory by going on strike, or falling ill. Thus the lives of these employees are monitored in '1984' fashion: eg. in USA (land of the free) people are sacked for smoking even at home; psychological tests try to identify possible subversives etc. Replacing capitalism with socialism makes no difference to the skilled workforces power to shut down a factory resulting in the Stasi etc. being needed to control workers. Therefore:

Capitalism + Technology = Socialism + Technology = Technofascism.

Green anarchists stand for regression of technology: both to stop banks getting richer at our expense, and to stop the technological elites holding us to ransom. This analysis holds for large-scale industry no matter how much it is 'greened'. We must take back control over our own lives from the technologists, and their banker and Stasi bedfellows.

This doesn't mean we need to reject all technology. As we reject the cult of the expert, we can share skills and knowledge of alternative, human-scale technologies. Organic growing, cooking, building, maintenance, childcare, clothes-making skills are empowering and enjoyable in themselves. To these we can add cultural and spiritual knowledge, arts, music and crafts. As we share these skills and knowledge, we must be careful to avoid the teacher-pupil relationships, and ideally do it for free (perhaps sometimes paying reasonable expenses).

Neither does it mean the end to technological developments. Some technologies, often suppressed by capitalism and state socialism, are worth developing further, for example, Fukouka's method of 'natural farming' as described in The One-Straw Revolution. This method achieves yields higher than chemical agriculture with no machines, no digging, no weeding, no prepared fertilizer or chemicals. Only a few days work per person per year is required to be self-sufficient in rice, wheat and barley in a Japanese climate using Fukouka's methods.



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Conventional agriculture has so far ignored Fukouka's methods, in spite of the high yield, as his 'do-nothing' philosophy is anathema to them. Skills and knowledge sharing can propagate these ideas, and perhaps develop similar methods for other climates. Again, though, there is a danger of an elite developing, who only offer to share their skills for high prices. This is true in many 'alternative' or 'green' technologies; fees of over £100 for courses lasting a few days.

Skills and knowledge sharing networks can be used to avoid this. These can be general, covering any skills people express an interest in sharing, or specific to certain skills. The principle of not paying to share skills or knowledge is important, and organisations working on this principle should be supported. Radical Routes and the Free Information Network are examples of green/anarchist organisations with this philosophy, which is shared by hundreds of non-political clubs, societies and voluntary organisations. Local community or workplace skills sharing networks are worth supporting, and the importance of personal empowerment and free skill exchange should be stressed by them.

STUART

A Word About Technology

Towards a low-technology society

I FEEL THAT SOME TECHNOLOGY IS NECESSARY. I realize that many technological developments have been made because of military funding and experiments to find new ways of mass slaughter. What bothers me more than anything else is the way that governments use technology to enforce social control. They collate information on everybody particularly activists like me. The use of technology is restricted to an elite few and this is unacceptable.

To a great extent we are all techno-junkies, reliant on even the simplest technology. I want to write this article on a word processor rather than this old typewriter because what I produce will look a whole lot better and I will be able to correct my many typing errors. Below is a list borrowed from a book called 'Alternative Technology: the Politics of Technical Change' by David Dickson which we should all read.

SOME UTOPIAN CHARACTERISTICS OF SOFT TECHNOLOGY (Robin Clarke)

'Hard' technology	'Soft' technology
1 ecologically unsound	ecologically sound
2 large energy input	small energy input
3 high pollution rate	low or no pollution rate
4 non-reversible use of materials and energy sources	reversible materials and energy sources only
5 functional for a limited time only	functional for all time
6 mass production	craft production
7 high specialization	low specialization
8 nuclear family	communal units
9 city emphasis	village emphasis
10 alienation from nature	integration with nature

11 consensus politics	democratic politics
12 technical boundaries set by wealth	technical boundaries set by nature
13 world-wide trade	local bartering
14 destructive of local culture	compatible with local culture
15 technology liable to misuse	safeguards against misuse
16 highly destructive of other species	dependant on well-being of other species
17 innovation regulated by profit and war	innovation regulated by need
18 growth-orientated economy	steady-state economy
19 capital intensive	labour intensive
20 alienates young and old	integrates young and old
21 centralist	decentralist
22 general efficiency increases with size	general efficiency increases with smallness
23 operating modes too complicated for general comprehension	operating modes understandable by all
24 technological accidents frequent and disasterous	technological accidents few and unimportant
25 singular solutions to technical and social problems	diverse solutions to technical and social problems
26 agricultural emphasis on monoculture	agricultural emphasis on diversity
27 quantity of a highly valued	quality criteria highly valued
28 food production specialized industry	food production shared by all
29 work undertaken primarily for income	work undertaken primarily for satisfaction
30 small units totally dependant on others	small units self-sufficient
31 science and technology alienated from culture	science and technology integrated with culture
32 science and technology performed by specialist elites	science and technology performed by all
33 strong work/leisure distinction	weak or non-existent work/leisure distinction
34 high unemployment	(concept not valid)

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35 technical goals valid for only a small proportion of the globe for a finite time	technical goals valid 'for all men at all time'
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Yes I want to see a low-technology society with windmills for each village, canals for freight transport, barter instead of money but we could use technology for ourselves. What about a computer Free Information Network? Why not use computers to communicate rather than let the SB read our letters? It's just a thought!

Stephen

Vaccinations: A Deadly Con

The ignorance of the medical hierarchy

IMMUNIZATION HAS BEEN so artfully and aggressively marketed that most parents believe them to be the 'miracle' that has eliminated many once-feared diseases. However historical evidence, current research and the bitter experience of vaccine damaged children have shown that this is not the case. The evidence that infectious diseases declined because of improved diet, hygiene, clean water supplies, housing etc is overwhelming. The fact that many of the infectious diseases maintain their position in the 'Third World' is a clear indication that it is an improvement in living conditions that is required above costly medical treatment.

During the 1953 diphtheria epidemics in Britain diphtheria incidence was higher in the best vaccinated areas. By 1958 Ministry of Health figures showed 38,000 cases amongst vaccinated children, with nearly 300 deaths. The practice of compulsory vaccination by the Nazis during the war caused massive increases in diphtheria in occupied countries. Diphtheria vaccination can also trigger paralytic polio and most cases in Britain today are either imported or caused by vaccinations.

An article in the New Scientist (Nov 15, '79) entitled 'TB Vaccine Fails Indian Trial' stated 'The world's biggest trial (conducted in southern India) to assess the value of BCG Tuberculosis vaccine made the startling revelation that the

vaccine does not give any protection against bacillary forms of tuberculosis' and 'The incidence of new cases amongst the BCG vaccinated group was slightly higher than in the control group; a finding that led to the conclusion that BCG's protective effect was zero'. BCG vaccination is still routine in Britain.

The full extent of adverse reactions to vaccinations are barely understood and rarely reported. Research into just one vaccine, DPT, showed adverse reactions including fever, unconsolable crying and convulsions, through to mental retardation and death. Vaccine related deaths are usually disguised by medical authorities and may be labelled as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Two American studies of SIDS deaths indicated that at least 12% were related to the vaccine. Research into the long term dangers of vaccinations strongly suggests a link with degenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis, AIDS and leukemia. The immunization con is a result of the domination of healthcare by the petro-chemical giants who run the pharmaceutical industry. The immense financial, and hence political, resources of these concerns ensure that therapies requiring their products are central to orthodox medicine. This is achieved by financing medical schools, supporting or employing politicians, wiring and dining doctors, sponsoring only financially profitable research etc. Most forms of media, but especially medical journals, rely on advertising revenue from a vast array of petro-chemical products and are unlikely to bite the hand that feeds them. In the US, parents in some states have reported that pediatricians have refused to treat any child not vaccinated. The state of Arkansas has even attempted to take possession of children and forcibly vaccinate them. In the UK (since April '90) doctors are given financial incentives to vaccinate and not surprisingly the number of children being vaccinated has increased.

For the authorities to continue the vaccination con the public must remain ignorant of it's dangers and ineffectiveness. We have to ensure this deadly con is exposed.

Read: 'Vaccination and immunization: dangers, delusions and alternatives' by Leon Chaitow (ISBN 0 85207 191 4) and 'Naked Empress' by Hans Ruesch (ISBN 3 905280 02 9).

G P HOLDSWORTH

AUTONOMY NOW!

AUTONOMOUS STRUGGLE links in closely with the Green Anarchist desire for revolution on the periphery. It means a small activist group organizing on a local basis. Such a group will be independent of all others.

"Small groups multiply the strength of each member. By working collectively in small numbers, the small group utilizes the various contributions of each person to their fullest, nurturing and developing individual input, instead of dissipating it in the competitive, survival-of-the-fittest spirit of the large organisation."

(Money will normally be raised internally and locally our group has a motto: 'Spend more than a quid and you have wasted your money!')

It is important for the autonomous group to link in (network) with local community groups and wider liberation struggles. The primary aim of the group is to encourage others to be self sufficient thus lessening the need for hierarchy, structure, rulers and inevitably, dependence on the state.

An autonomous group experiences and shares in the everyday life of the community and is therefore well placed to act locally. However it does not take on a Vanguardist role from which to dictate new paths but rather to act as a channel for disaffection against the system.

By our propaganda and activity in such groups we demonstrate the possibility of an alternative society. Change begins when an individual or group realizes the need or possibility for Revolution. The autonomous group encourages change and by its very nature shows that the revolution has begun in the hearts and minds of a few.

A constant presence is required because people do not reject the structures of oppression overnight.

Autonomous struggle is a weapon against the government. The powers that be love centralised political parties. It is easier to monitor them and control them. It is far more difficult to oppress autonomous groups which link together voluntarily, or which adhere only perhaps to a 'Statement of Principles', or agree on certain vital issues.

Alienation and strife can be limited in a small group. Arguments are resolved through debate and understanding and are importantly carried through with each participant as an equal. This is the same as in an Autonomous village where the whole community acts as a support structure for each of its inhabitants. The success of a group depends on mutual support and the growth of close personal relationships.

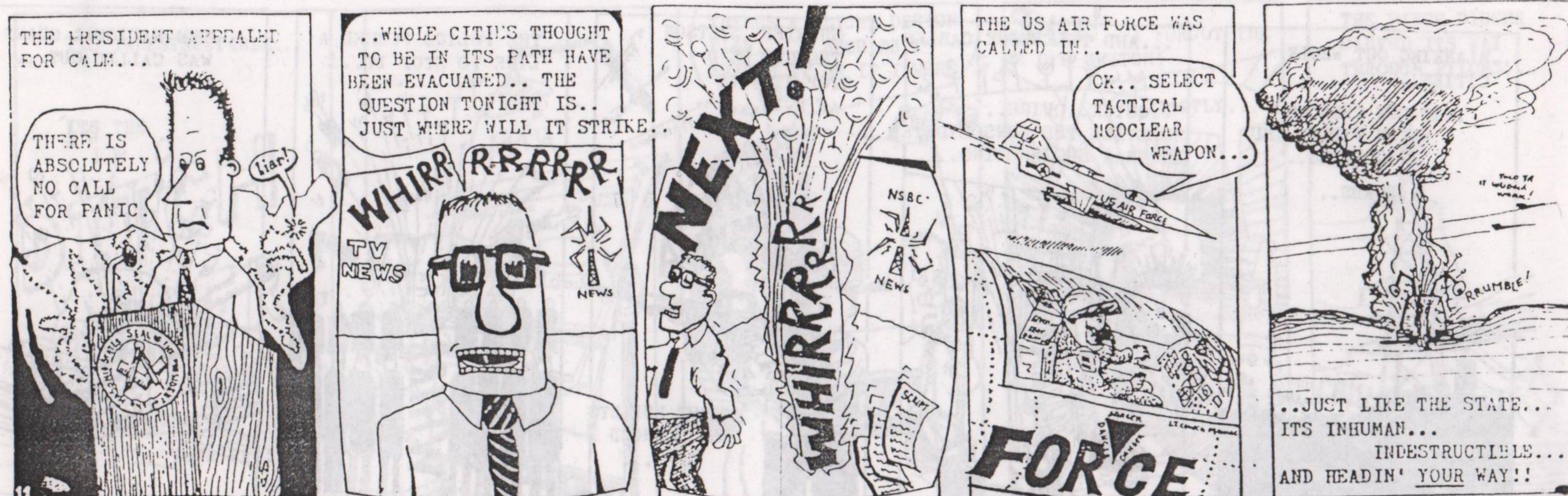
"To be autonomous is not only to be on the political margin and against the institutions and organizations of the state, but it is to CONFRONT the false ideologies that lead to legitimising it and creating exploitation. It is to realise a PRACTICAL AUTONOMY - not to be manipulated or mediated by any power or its representative. It is rather to analyse which direction the movement needs to go in and assume spontaneous practice of resistance. An example to the people is required" (SABOTAGE mag from SPANISH ANARCHISTS)

Closer to home we might use the ALF AS AN EXAMPLE of practical and spontaneous opposition to animal abuse. Similar methods and organisation should be utilised for a wider range of activities here and now!

We must remember that autonomy is fundamentally an attempt to break down political sterility and dogma (a principled line to our Marxist friends) and to take what we find as useful from the various revolutionary currents.

The state fears autonomous struggle - it cannot detect us easily if we act locally and in the community. Methods of struggle such as outlined above are not easy and involve lots of hard work. It is far easier to be fooled into thinking that doing something is better than doing nothing. Maybe that is why so many good activists have disappeared off to the left wing fringes and have spent lots of time travelling around Britain at great expense at the behest of the 'leadership'. How much more useful if we all stick to fighting the struggle in our own communities and in our own minds before we disappear off for a far away march or rally.

By using these methods we advance the revolution and eat away at the already crumbling edifices of this sick state.



AS YOU WERE, I WAS. AS I AM -
YOU WILL BE. (H. HIMMLER)



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Eco-Fascism

Fascism in the Green Movement



Klax Klan members participating in 1990 Earth Day activities by picking up trash along a New Jersey highway. Hey, it's the Environmental Decade.

IT IS AN IRONY OF HISTORY that Herbert Gruhl, the first Green deputy in the West German Bundestag, invented the slogan that the Greens "are neither Left nor Right but ahead". Gruhl eventually split from the Greens to found his own Ecological Democratic Party. The ODP far from being "neither left nor right" is firmly on the far Right, has been infiltrated by neo-Nazis and has been described as 'eco-fascist' in orientation.

Others claim the whole ecology movement is fascist. Arguments justifying this claim include measures to reduce environmental damage demanding authoritarian controls; the Greens' absolutist and draconian critique; the movement as literally reactionary, looking back the past; its critique of reason leaving it undefended against irrational ideas; population concerns linked to racism and genocide; the use of nature to justify political decisions leading to conservative assumptions about society. Revisionist authors like ex-Monday Club supporter, Bramwell, even argue that while liberals and socialists support the modern Green Movement, this is an aberration in the history of an ideology with a deep-rooted right wing 'Blood and Soil' tradition.

Neo-Nazis have shown a keen interest in ecological values. Hindu fascist Satrivi Devi inspired British National Socialist Colin Jordan with her mystical ecological doctrine by speculating that humanity had entered a period of time, the Kali Yuga, when the corruption that had been gathering for millennium would be burnt away by a cleansing fire of total destruction. Devi praised Hitler for his respect for animals and belief in 'natural' laws. In 1965, George Thayer wrote "Their deep love for Nature, for the Sun, the Soil, and the purity of their blood, acts as a philosophical cement that binds together all their attitudes on democracy, communism, the Jews, finance, and race into a logical whole. The Fascists and neo-Nazis take their feelings to the point where the love of these items becomes a religion" (The British Political Fringe, p.104). The Britons Society, a far Right book club, stocked Whyte & Jacks 'The Rape of the Earth' and Lady Balfour's 'The Living Soil'.

In 1984 the British National Front supported animal rights, deforestation, destruction of the countryside and other 'green' issues. Edited by ex-NF organiser Michael Walker, 'Scorpion' made links between National Socialists and the fringe of the Green movement. Joe Pearce in 1986 claimed "Racial preservation is Green" and argued "The soil of a Nation is ... the Nation's life-blood. From the Nation's soil must be grown the food upon which the Nation depends ... anything which poisons the soil poisons the Nation itself."

While the NF remained pro-nuclear, 'Nationalism Today' claimed "If the present programme of nuclear power expansion continues the British race may not be recognisably human, let alone racially pure" ('Nationalism Today' 4). A previous issue contained the headline 'Alien Bankers Destroying British Countryside' in an attempt to link conservation and virulent anti-semitism.

In 1989, 'Nationalism Today' outlined the Front's 'green' strategy with remarkable frankness. Greens were praised for transcending "outmoded creeds of materialism, in favour of a new form of politics". In escaping from "the right/left, capitalist/socialist axis, and putting forward their ideas the Front stated simply "Green politics is the key". Green values were praised and defined as "A politics where administrative and economic decentralisation are the norm, where man lives in harmony with his environment, where local communities are empowered to make the decisions that directly affect them, where the healthy values of co-operation and participation are encouraged, and selfishness and apathy condemned". Greens were urged to "extend their enthusiasm for the preservation of life forms to include man himself or at least European man!".

Infiltration was advocated with 'Nationalism Today' arguing that "the wide range of issues raised by the environmental crisis bring before us many organisations worthy of the assistance of activists. Nationalists everywhere should ensure that they are in the vanguard of these groups, even to the extent of establishing them where none presently exists".

The Front and other neo-fascist splinter groups claimed the mantle of Distributism advocated by anti-semitic Social Credit cranks in the 1930s: "It emphasised particular policies that NF leaders were increasingly drawn to - most importantly decentralisation, in which the future New Order would be based on a large number of nation states, much of whose power would devolve to localities and ruralism, a 'back-to-the-land' philosophy in which mass production and cities would be displaced by small workshops and multitudes of small farms. Chesterton's enthusiasm for the 'traditional' family with the man at the head of the household was also attractive to the NF patriarchs." ('Searchlight' 174).

So is the Green Movement fascist in orientation? Is the real Green heritage to be found in the deeds of Hitler and Darre, his Minister of Agriculture? Does a critique of technology and a fear of scientific rationality inevitably lead to hysterical, genocidal extremism? All of these questions depend for their answer on how one defines fascism and green beliefs.

Bramwell separates fascism from National Socialism and 'Ecologism' from Green politics. By 'Ecologism', she means ecology, a respect for peasants, anti-mechanism and a strong sense of the importance of place. 'Ecologism' is 'a box' that can contain Left and Right wing versions of this ideology. She makes no claim that Italian fascism had anything to do with 'Ecologism'.

Mussolini was no friend of the peasant but believed in progress, mechanisation and advance. The Futurists that celebrated speed, power, domination and the motor car influenced him. Italian fascists sought to transform their nation in a way that was aggressive to both the environment and humanity. But Mussolini's draining of the Pontine marshes compares with Hitler's construction of huge ceremonial buildings and autobahns. Despite perverse rhetorical justification of National Socialism by reference to 'natural laws', the Nazis dominated and degraded the environment even more than their Italian co-thinkers.

Fascism and National Socialism were opportunistic movements. Bramwell's analysis is just the latest attempt to identify these movements with other ideologies at variance with key far Right values. Greens are not environmentalists, having a wider agenda. Authoritarian solutions to global problems are specifically rejected, non-violence is important and commitments to social justice accepted. National Socialism and fascism share common features of authoritarian leadership, militarism and social division by race, diametrically opposed to Green values.

The right wing heritage of Green politics is an illusion created by the simplest of logical fallacies. Because some fascists and Nazis were interested in ecology does not mean that everyone interested in ecology is a fascist or a Nazi.

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Squatting in Germany

SQUATTERS ARE NEVER FAR FROM THE NEWS in Germany; from regular press hysteria about the Hafen Strasse, a decade long squatted street in the St Pauli area of Hamburg, to the eviction of the Mainzer Strasse, a row of 13 houses in the former eastern part of Berlin by the ruling so-called red green coalition (SPD + Greens). It took 3,500 nice men in green uniforms tooled up with full riot gear - including CS gas, plastic bullets, stun grenades, water cannon and live ammo - two days to clear everyone. It's a miracle that no-one was killed at one point when the police drove an armoured car at some scaffolding from which the squatters were watching the proceedings, then there were a couple of unexplained fires in the basement of one of the houses which coincided with a temporary fault in the last working phone. Faced with these tactics it's understandable that the occupants resorted to throwing stones and molllies, they were ready to talk though any mediatory efforts were almost impossible as the police were blasting anything that moved with CS gas and water cannon. The general frustration was not helped by the fact that the squat that the squatters had been granted an extended period of grace and promised four weeks notification of any imminent eviction. People had given their all towards creating an alternative community free from the racism, sexism, violence and restrictions that pervade life in a 'civilized' society. Seeing the community kitchen (£1 for a hot meal), kids playground, info cafe and bookstore, cinema and various pubs that they'd worked hard at setting up getting trashed was just too much. During the course of the two days 417 people were arrested and badly beaten up, their possessions were thrown out into the rain and the police celebrated their victory by busting out the pubs beer supplies and all this at a cost of several million DM to the German tax payer (it pays not to pay, eh!). In the following days banks all across Germany had their windows bricked in protest.

Then in Cologne the 'Aut. men Zentrum' Weisshaus Strasse (I still haven't been able to establish the exact differences between autonome and anarchist - from what I've gathered autonome is a catch-net for a variety of libertarian egalitarian movements), a four year long squatted industrial site was also evicted by devious means. Since September '86 this autonomous alternative cultural centre had boasted a bar/cafe, a wimmis/lesbian cafe, an info store, folkskitchen, meeting rooms, a gig hall, demo rooms, a free open air cinema and organised the so-called Cologne culture shocks which consisted of theatre, art, cabaret and music. In November '90 following heightened tension due to increased police activity an eviction seemed imminent, though this was publicly denied by both the mayor and Haring, the city police chief, in TV interviews. However some days later a crane demolishing a neighbouring factory accidentally smashed an exterior wall which was in the guest crash area of the building. There could have been someone sleeping there and the furious occupants started stoning the workmen. The police were called, they cleared the houses and carried out an ID control (in Germany driving licenses - sorry ID cards - have to be carried at all times as failure to do so can result in arrest and a fine). Then while the occupants were locked in a police van, the buildings were demolished in front of their eyes. That night following a demo, banks all over Cologne had their windows smashed and the graffiti 'Haring Drecksau' ('Haring you filthy swine')

Anarchism and Martial Arts

THE MARTIAL ARTS in Japan arose from the very ancient concern of a people for self-defence once the carrying of weapons (swords and knives) were forbidden by their government. Thus forms of fighting grew that were based around the use of farm implements, like the rice flail (two heavy handles connected by a chain), and staves. Similar motivations were behind the rise of martial arts in China, as in the 'boxer rebellion' against the English colonisers, when the Chinese learnt to their cost that their Kung Fu skills were no proof against bullets.

In this century the number of different branches of martial arts have multiplied, with a major division between those schools that are concerned with 'spiritual development' and that have some religious component, such as Aikido, Tai Chi, Kendo ('way of the sword'), and those that purely emphasise technical skill, such as Jujitsu. Western versions of these arts may add their own versions and pseudo-traditions to the Eastern ones. Some lip-service to religious forms may be needed however, like bowing to the picture of the founder of the school. Martial arts also are divided between 'hard' and 'soft' forms, which designate the

started appearing everywhere. Following the eviction a benefit gig took place at the Mauritiuswall (another big squat which holds weekly punky gigs) - something that struck me as wierd was that the flyer advertising the gig had a phone number printed on it for advance reservations. At the gig itself it became apparent that the given number was a misprint and it was suggested that everyone who had phoned Haring to reserve a ticket now phoned to apologise, preferably that very night after the gig.

In Germany there is nothing equivalent to squatters rights, by law squatting comes under the trespass category.

Technically it's up to the building's owners to take up a court case against the squatters, only then can the police be called in to evict the building which must be immediately picked up or demolished. There is however an easily abused 'loophole in the law whereby if there are suspicions that the inhabitants activities might be a threat to society' then all the normal channels can be bypassed and an eviction pursued regardless. This was the case with Hafen Strasse, the police used press reports (and vice versa) that the street was a hotbed of RAF (Rote Armeee Faction - an extreme left-wing terrorist organisation) activity as an excuse to justify police raids, house searches and attempted evictions. Squatting here tends to be more politicised than in the good ol' US of K, with squatters hanging out brightly decorated banners declaring the property squatted and decorating the facades with colourful graffiti and slogans. The Germans are also more actively involved with squatters support groups based around telephone trees - within an hour of imminent eviction a cordon of sympathisers will have gathered between the squat and the police. The more active and overt politicisation of many younger Germans may well be a direct consequence of what can only be described as a reactionary and overbearing police force as typified by the SEK - Sondereinsatzkommando, roughly translates as fascist bully boy stormtrooper thugs - who as well as being kitted out with the usual para boots, body armour, shields, helmets, truncheons, guns etc, also hide behind gas and ski masks. Ski masks are illegal but this doesn't seem to stop them. Facing a riot cop you have the feeling that you're facing a machine, which is pretty unnerving. Demonstrators reply to this tactic by wearing crash helmets and identical balaclavas and arab scarves - a necessity due to the amount of police cameras in use at demos.

One area which the Germans don't seem to have got into much is the animal rights side of things. Even in the large punk scene, I've come across very few vegetarians - I did hear about a McScum's toilets being filled with quick setting cement, but this was more of an anti-Gulf War/imperialistic act though. Anti-fascist action is however very widespread form, flyposting and propaganda activities such as many German towns having info shops/antifascist cafes where ideas are swapped etc - to organising groups who are prepared to go out and actively counter rising Nazi violence. I'm not necessarily condoning aggro, but have you ever met a fascist you can reason with nuff said.

Think, communicate, act!

G P LAMMY

such as Karate and TKD, and those that emphasise using the attackers force against them, like Aikido and Tai Chi.

My experience is only of the 'soft' arts, and these tend to require a longer period to gain technical proficiency (3-5 years to a black belt) than the hard arts. However they are more enduring, and can still be used at the age of 80, as opposed to flying scissor kicks, etc. A mixture of the two forms would be useful, so that you have a variety of possible responses; either to control someone and render them harmless without injuring them, or graduations of force up to lethal. Some schools will give training in practical techniques for use against knives or guns but, as is said in Aikido, perhaps the best technique in these cases is to run away. Note that the police train in a variety of martial arts, but generally not to black belt standard.

Coursest in Karate and Aikido are often available from University sports centres at lower prices than commercial clubs - Bristol Class War and DAM trained in Aikido this way for example - but the best alternative is to get some sympathetic black belt to give free lessons. Particularly in the US, there is a lot of anti-state feeling amongst some martial artists because of the hostility of the state towards people becoming capable of their own defence. Our situation is rather like that of the Japanese civilians in the 1700's: no weapons are allowed to be carried, not even rice flails and staves are also regarded with suspicion. So we need to use our imagination!

KEVIN

TUCKER

Radical and Champion of Liberty

Benjamin Tucker's 'Instead of a Book' was published by Tucker himself in 1893. It carries the phrase "By a Man too Busy to Write One" and is glossed as a fragmentary exposition of philosophical anarchism. It consists of extracts from Tucker's radical periodical 'Liberty'. Founded in 1881 Tucker was its proprietor, publisher, translator and main contributor. Published in Boston it attracted many famous writers and amazingly survived until 1908 when Tucker's bookshop was destroyed by fire, and Tucker himself left for France. Tucker was not an original thinker, but he was one of the most eloquent of the American individualist anarchists, and was a great synthesizer of other people's thought. A friend of both Warren and Spooner - although they were much older men - he absorbed also the ideas of Spencer, Proudhon, Stirner and Bakunin. At the age of twenty-one he translated Proudhon's 'What is Property' - all 500 pages. He thus had extraordinary talent as a writer and publisher, and was reckoned to be an all-round radical - atheist, egoist, free lover, feminist, as well as an anarchist.

Benjamin Ricketson Tucker was born in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts in 1854. His father was a Quaker, his mother a radical unitarian, and being of a merchant family Tucker was brought up in relatively prosperous circumstances. Because of an inheritance and through his journalism Tucker never had to worry too much about his subsistence. After studying engineering at the MIT Tucker quickly became involved in a variety of radical causes. At the age of 27 he published the first issue of 'Liberty', and in the next two decades Tucker established himself as one of the leading anarchists in America. At this period no differentiation was made between the European and American exponents of anarchism. Tucker translated Bakunin's 'God and the State', and he defended the causes of Reclus, Kropotkin and the Russian populists who had assassinated Czar Alexander II. But shortly after the death of Karl Marx in 1883 - Tucker applauded his critique of capital but bewailed Marx's authoritarian tendencies - distinctions began to be drawn more clearly between the "two socialisms" - Marxism and anarchism. In 1886 the Haymarket bombing had occurred. A wave of sensational and inaccurate journalism on anarchism swept through America. The editor of the prestigious 'North American Review' asked Tucker to furnish him with a paper on anarchism. Tucker's classic essay 'State Socialism and Anarchism' was the outcome, though the Review never published it. It appeared in 'Liberty' in 1888 and is the leading article of Tucker's 'Instead of a Book'. Reprinted in pamphlet form many times it gives a succinct statement of Tucker's philosophical anarchism.

Modern Socialism, Tucker argued, was essentially derived from the writings of Adam Smith, and the early chapters of 'The Wealth of Nations'. In essence Socialism claimed that labour "should be put in possession of its own". The natural wage of labour is its product, and income from any other source - interest, rent or profit - is abstracted from the just wage of labour. This "trinity of usury" is only possible, Tucker suggests, because it is backed by legal privilege and monopoly. There were three founders of socialism - Warren, Proudhon and Marx. But Marx's idea of socialism was quite different from that of the other two men. It was based on the idea of authority; that government, on behalf of society, should centralize and control all capital and wealth.

In response to competition it advocated one capitalist - the state. State Socialism, Tucker viewed with extreme disquiet. It would ultimately lead, he felt, to despotism, to the absolute control of all individual conduct. Against this Tucker set the other form of Socialism, that advocated by Proudhon and Warren - anarchism. This was the doctrine that the affairs of people should be managed by individuals in voluntary associations, and the state should be abolished. They believed in liberty and competition in the fullest sense. This, Tucker argued, did not involve the abolition of private property, but it did mean an end to monopoly and privilege, the monopoly of money, land, tariffs and patents. This would free capital, and allow the wage of labour to rise to that of its product. Such anarchism implied both atheism and gender equality. When existing society had been overcome, there would still remain, Tucker wrote, the ultimate conflict between the two schools of socialism - State Socialism and Anarchism.

The remaining sections of 'Instead of a Book' elaborate Tucker's essential ideas. Two further notions are important to note. One is that, like Proudhon, Tucker was critical of communism, and defended private property though not capitalist exploitation. This came through forcefully in his debates with Johann Most. The other was that he repudiated

the use of force. The idea that anarchy can be inaugurated by force is as fallacious, he wrote, as the idea that it can be sustained by force. "If the revolution comes by violence...the old struggle will have to be begun anew".

For more than twenty years Tucker, in the pages of 'Liberty', rallied against Marxism, capitalism, nationalism, the single tax theories of Henry George and Communism. But when he left America in 1908 he went into thirty years of silence. He published little else and died in Monaco, France in 1939 virtually forgotten.

Brian Morris.

Tucker's 'Instead of a Book' was reissued in 1972 by Arno Press, New York.

There are two useful biographical sketches of Tucker:

James J. Martin 'Man Against the State' Colorado Springs, Myles 1970) pp 202-278.

David De Leon 'The American as Anarchist' Baltimore, John Hopkins University Press, 1978) pp 65-82.

See also the Section on Tucker in Paul Eltzbacher's 'Anarchism: Exponents of the Anarchist Philosophy' 1908 recently reissued 1958 by Chip's Bookshop, New York) and the Centenary Anthology by Michael E. Coughlin et al Benjamin R. Tucker and the Champions of Liberty' 1986, St Pauls, Minnesota)

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Future of the Green Party

We have to live a green lifestyle, instead of being passive members of a party

THE CONFERENCE AT WOLVERHAMPTON could be the last. There are so few of us that every member is important and the first weapon we have is to stick together. For far too long the ruling class in this country has used the tactics of divide and rule.

The present state of the Labour Party with Militant and the respectable at one another's throats while a defeated Tory Party get re-elected is just one proof of how successfully this tactic has been used over the years. Bleasdales 'GBH' may be fiction but there's a kernel of truth in it for all that.

It would be very easy to split up into Socialist Greens and Christian Greens and all the other groups that are spread throughout the Party but they would all be so tiny that we would be wasting our time. If unions have proved anything it is that unity is strength.

You could make a case for federation since if parties split into their geographical locations you could still have the strength of a national party as well. However it is a waste of precious time to consider passing anything but the most basic amendments to the constitution since we need all our energy to persuade the people at large of the urgency of the present world situation.

There are members of the Green Party who think that if we get rid of all the controversial topics and eccentric people we might become considered respectable.

If becoming respectable is all we need to make people vote for us then Labour is bigger so it can make a better appeal to people than us. If pointing out the futility of all the candidates is what we are about, Screaming Lord Sutch does it better. We need to put our emphasis on the things that people know we stand for like clean air and clean water even if the other parties try to steal our clothes.

And of course the market which is not even scratched these days is the dream market. For years people and especially youth dreamed that socialism was the key to a magic utopia, whereas events have proved that it breeds bureaucracy heavier than it can bear.

So let us give the youth of this world a dream to aim for, a dream of a cleaner, greener, peaceful world where love and tolerance for others hold sway.

And we can't do it through books or newspapers, these things don't matter that much to the two generations under thirty, their media is music and we have to reach them through videos and pop concerts.

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Then slowly we can talk about other things that matter like housing and disarmament and not be ashamed of them since at the time of the Gulf War, we were the only party that stood for peace. And this gained us as much credit as it lost us.

You cannot please all of the people all of the time and it is time to try. In this country it is illegal to smoke cannabis and yet well over half the population purchase it weekly. All the money spent on policing cannot stop it. It would be money better spent on persuading through tele adverts that all drugs are harmful to your body and even if you don't suffer when you are young, it catches up with you in old age if you last that long.

If a Judge can come out in favour of legalising cannabis, why not the Green Party? It is working quite well in Holland.

Of course you still risk cancer if you smoke it since our lungs were not evolved to handle hot air but as an additive in cooking it is better than an 'E' number.

And even more important than knowing what is wrong with the world, we need to try and lead a green lifestyle. Many of us are workaholics who have a full time job all week and just pay lip service to the Green Party at the end of the working week.

Once you can convince your neighbour who sees how you live and quite often copies it because it seems to be comfortable or fashionable or even successful then you are halfway there.

So I hope all members attended Wolverhampton 3 in a spirit of co-operation. Don't jump down people's throats because they are supporting a different corner to you, don't run round collecting membership cards like some old union 'baron'. Just do the next thing first, one action at a time and the world changes very slowly in response.

After Wolverhampton go back to your locality and campaign locally. There is always something to do locally, new roads to oppose, streams to clean up, air pollution in bus stations and outside schools by level crossings.

The two main battles are a long way from being won. First we need a cheap clean reliable and frequent public transport system so we don't need to earn the money to run a car.

And we need to ensure that the distribution industries re-use all the containers so that local councils don't have to go to the expense of burying them in the ground.

Two campaigns which can be run both locally and nationally to give us a high profile and which most people would identify with.

Lets make sure that a bigger better united Green Party has a future.

JIM TIDY

LETTERS

DISGUSTED #27

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 300 words long. So keep em short and let everyone have their say. Letters we've cut are marked with a () with the original number of words inside the bracket.

* 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.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT

Dear Green Anarchists,

We all have different solutions to make the same hope/dream come to reality, but when are we going to all realize that time is running out? Our planet, our home, our future is dying fast and we just haven't got the time to sit around arguing whether violence is justified or not to achieve our aims. There isn't enough time left for indirect means to stop and reverse the damage that is happening NOW!! It's time to get up off our arses and do something more than boycott the bastards!!

Most of us realize that we're not going to get control of our lives without having to snatch it back from 'THE AUTHORITIES'. They're not going to give us ANYTHING - we will have to take it from them, and this means that eventually the Powers That Be and the People will meet in a showdown. Is anyone out there still naive enough to think that they won't use any (and all) of their weapons to keep their power? (If so then remember Tianamen Square!) Are we supposed to take on the armed forces of the world with sticks and stones? I love peoplekind too much to even consider the consequences if we did!! We will need to use weapons to finish the whole fucking mess soon and then we can get on with our own lives. I want my children and your children to have a world to grow up in and unless we act soon, there'll be no point in doing anything. Our time is fast approaching so get yourselves ready to take some responsibility!!

See you on the other side, Zimmerframe, postmarked Southampton.

ANTI-FASCIST ACTION #2

Dear GA,

Whilst Ad Shagnasty's response to fascist provocation was obviously the correct one, individual actions against isolated fascists can only go so far. He/she is therefore right in suggesting "its about time anarchists took direct action against these fascists" but surely this is already the case? After all, anarchists have always been involved in the Anti Fascist Action organisation, and groups such as the Direct Action Movement + Class War are invariably present whenever fascists attempt a march or rally. I suppose the danger is that anarchists who are not members of, or in touch with, any organised anarchist or anti fascist activity. But with the current Europe wide resurgence in fascism and the BNP (British National Party) currently targeting East London with "rights for white" marches its all the more important to get organised and active against fascism. Get in touch with Anti Fascist Action / BM Box 1734 / London WC1N 3XX for more info + for literature + stickers etc...

Love + solidarity,
John, Norwich DAM-IWA.

PS: One more point, we should avoid using the term "skinheads" interchangeably with the term "fascist", not all skinheads are fascists and vice versa.

BAN HEROIN (2)

Dear GA,

Judge Pickles says legalise cannabis today and then, if this doesn't lead to a massive increase in heroin use, then legalise H.

Yes, legalise the cannabis trade, tax it for hospitals and the UN and the poor and producers, Palestirians, Ethiopians, Pakis etcetera.

He says each adult should be free to do as they will with their bodies, provided they don't harm others. Too many people I knew tried it, declined, became junkys, hid, stole, died. It's like walking between the Underground rails. Mad. Therefore anyone choosing skag is insane. Thus banning smack does not disobeey freedom for adults. This means adulthood is not an age but an attitude, a headstate, an understanding (of the moral law?) (more or less)...

Years ago I wrote you should grass on people who use heroin - for their own sakes. I was soaring on rhetoric, outrageous propaganda to make you think - I never have. When needles or skag come out I go yeurgh and disgusted walk out.

I'm an 'Ippy - no H. (smoke ash)

That's H the drug. Needles is another issue. So many people used to jack up speed - which is a softer drug and makes them think they're clever but after days without sleep they're terrible arseholes (which is an insult to arseholes).

Needles: now for all that junkys claim they're clean, I reckon once you getin the habit the drunk one might you're gonna be offered twos up and feel it rude to refuse your mate, paranoid to think rationally of Aids and Hep, live for today. In five years half of them will be dead of Aids and their girlfriends and their boyfriends' girlfriends' boyfriends... its a bastard vicious virus how it mushrooms dormant for five years then bursts out exponentially - if you assume each carrier infects one friend per month then in five months it mushrooms to two raised to the power sixty which is zillions.

So in ten years there'll be loads more oldsters than youngsters.

I haven't had an HIV test because I don't need to know - if I ever again have casual sex I'd wear a duxex because that's 90's manners (I couldn't make love worrying if she's worrying if I'm worrying if... (chance'd be a fine thing (and in the 90's wanker is not an insult (and black clothes is very '80s (and so's stupid drum machines - they aint got soul.))))

Your cousin,
(dice) george (rainbow worrier assassin) of Karelia Bus behind Axcton Park.

CREATING A COMMUNITY

Dear Editor,

The recent article by Ray Hill entitled 'Creating A Community' was indeed food for thought. I think that there is little doubt that he has got something worth investigating.

The plan presented by Ray is, however, typical of the man. It is thought provoking, exciting and straight from the shoulder with no frills. It is also wildly optimistic.

there are, though, certain modifications which could be made that would give the plan a fighting chance. It could, for instance, be implemented in stages. The original Fabians knew the value of this approach. We could, just a few of us, quite easily pool our resources to form an organic farming co-operative and purchase sufficient agricultural land for our needs.

Having done that, then much of Ray's plan becomes viable. We would all be employed by the co-operative. It is almost impossible for planning authorities to remove employees from agricultural land. Subsidies would pour in if we had someone clever enough to exploit the system and it wouldn't be our fault if the 'farm' constantly made a loss and had to be repeatedly bailed out by the state.

The beauty of such a 'first step' is obvious. It offers flexibility. Any member of the co-operative can make it his/her home or, for the elderly, the infirm or those with very young children who want to 'ease' themselves into self sufficiency, it can be a 'summer home' or even an occasional home. We can all decide on our own level of commitment. And we can all decide collectively when - and if - we advance a stage further with Ray's plan.

Whatever else, I certainly believe that it is worth further investigation and I invite anyone who wants to take the matter a little further to write to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully,
AH PO Box 29, Lancaster LA2 9RR.

COMMUNARDS WANTED

Dear Green Anarchist,

Me and my wife and small child are really into setting up a housing co-operative in Bristol. We are experienced in communal living and really believe its the way forward, in terms of ecology (sharing resources and land), economics (cheap) and social life (living with friends and having the freedom to be alone). As communities and co-ops increase, as they certainly will, the basis for the new anarchistic society will be laid, leading to small-scale production, bartering, organic farming and all other exciting possibilities.

Anyway, back to our efforts. We'd want to share allotments, childcare, cooking, cleaning and ideas. Although buying a house is a major hassle and principle-basher, the end product (the beginnings of an anarchist community) justifies the means. So why not go for it. Anyone interested in making it happen

(no passengers please) write to S Carter, Parsonage Farm, 128 Low Road, Burwell, Cambridge CB5 0EJ or ring Sebastian (06380 741392).

Cheers,
S Carter.

PART OF THE PROBLEM

Dear GA,

It was interesting to read the different reactions of Richard Hunt and P N Rogers + Kevin to the issues raised by the Gulf War. However, I was disturbed by Richard Hunt's example of the rapist brother. Blood may be thicker than water (to sand) but rape is not a crime to be met with the response "You total bastard". Whatever your views on the causes of rape, or the justice system which claims to deal with it, the rapist violates his victim for his own gratification. To satisfy your own needs at such extreme cost to another goes way beyond ordinary human selfishness. Loyalty is tied up with many emotions but when it goes beyond basic human rights, it must be questioned. Exactly what 'crime' would the brother have to commit before Richard felt moved to act rather than chastise. I hope this was an ill thought out example as opposed to a genuinely held viewpoint. By refusing to react in a positive way, Richard would be tacitly condoning his brothers actions and that would make him part of a problem that haunts the lives of women the world over. That, to me, would be truly dishonourable.

Yours,
Alison.

MESSAGE TO RICHARD

Dear GA,

Could you please tell Richard Hunt rapists are scum. He may want to protect them out of some misguided sense of loyalty. I personally think they should all be killed. If my brother raped a girl the police would probably have to arrest me, because I know by the time I finished, my brother would not be able to do anything like that ever again.

Yourr faithfully,
Rabbix of Green Awareness, c/o Students Union, PSW(P), Drake Circus, Plymouth, Devon PL4.

AGAINST ALIENATION

Dear GA,

'Patriotism' Almost as stupid as religion. Right on! Sectarianism of any kind, be it wimmin

seperatists or Christian fundamentalists is a psychological/spiritual bolster against alienation in an elitist world. The only true remedy to alienation and spiritual emptiness is acknowledgement of the Universal spirit. Then every person in the world is your brother or sister - "Yes officer, it was my brother who raped our sister". A soldier is a soldier is a soldier. British or Iraqi.

Robert Campbell

SPYING PSYCHOLOGISTS? (455)

Dear Green Anarchist,

I'd like to warn GA readers not to participate in psychological experiments at universities. A tape of an interview which I did for one student went missing from the Psychology Department. This student insisted she give me a lift to an animal rights meeting on the same night as the interview, and asked many pressing questions on the way. There had also been a DAM leaflet under her windshield wiper as we got into the car - "Oh, Direct Action Movement? What do they do? Will they be at the meeting?"

At an anti-poll tax meeting, I went to a TSDC workshop. Another psychology student explained she was going to tape the discussion for her thesis on group interaction. I protested and told her she should stop observing and start participating. To my annoyance, she also turned up to the afternoon workshop on direct action. Unfortunately, many male members of the group seemed to be thinking with their penises and were perfectly happy to be analysed and objectified by a young female, whereas I'm sure they'd have been less happy to have a six-foot man taking down their particulars.

The student changed her story about her thesis it was no longer about group interaction but about crowd control - hence her interest in Trafalgar Square. She claimed to be an ardent poll tax opponent, yet no one had seen her before at meetings. Indeed, some obscure academic had to arrange the appointment for her!

We can all take precautions to reduce the possibility of police infiltration. Psychology is the ideal vehicle for surveillance. It enables the interviewer to tape voices, make notes, ask personal questions, and lull the interviewee into a false sense of security. It even flatters the interviewee.

I don't want to deprive psychology students of material, but political activists should steer clear of this area and let accountancy students and others suffering from brain death be the unfortunate guinea pigs.

Yours,
H.

ON MURRAY BOOKCHIN (455)

Dear Editor,
I respond to John Rogerson's banal letter about Murray Bookchin. As John obviously believes the world is simple and unproblematic; as he proclaims himself a simpleton; and as he feels any engagement with the written word implies idolatry and a denial of freedom to think for himself, nothing I can say will disturb his self-satisfaction. There's more to anarchism than just doing your own thing and mouthing homilies about respect for the earth and for people. I wrote the piece on Bookchin to introduce readers to the writings of someone who does have something to say - about the history of anarchism, the current ecological crisis, the capitalist system, and who - besides offering critiques of Marxism and Deep Ecology - makes important suggestions about how we can change things for the better. All this is lost on simple-Simon John, who it seems terrified of the written word. If he's not interested in Bookchin he doesn't have to read him or me, but please we don't need John to dictate the content of GA to us. Some anarchist he is, advocating censorship. To suggest that Bookchin's writings have little to do with the 'real world' is a stupid thing to say. Bookchin has experienced more of the real world than John has had hot dinners. And to imply that reading and writing about him constitutes 'idolatry' indicates crass ignorance. Bookchin has already responded to ecologists like John who content themselves with platitudes, who belittle serious thought, and make a song-and-dance about the virtues of being a simpleton in touch with nature or the 'real world'.

At the end of his piece, John then has the gall to ask "What is social ecology?". I suggest he reads:

Murray Bookchin's Remaking Society; George Bradford's How Deep is Deep Ecology?; John Clark's The Anarchist Moment and his essay 'What is Social Ecology?' in Renewing The Earth.

John can rest assured that in reading these books he can still think for himself, shouldn't succumb to 'idolatry', and will not imply that Bookchin, Bradford or Clark are 'leaders'. 'Ology' is just Latin for knowledge; there's nothing mystical or dangerous about words ending in it. They are only words! They only lead you up 'shit creek' if you're completely devoid of critical faculties.

All good wishes.
Brian Morris of Lewes, Sussex.

ENTER THE S.U.M.A.G.E.

Dear Editors,
What is the epicentre of green politics?

It is not the nation-state/party politics, it is not hierarchical

organisation of any kind, it is not class, it is not money or the market. What is left?

It has to lie in the structuring and self-governing character of authentic human relationships in which, by definition, all the above are eliminated.

That means single-figure groups of all kinds, people face-to-face, directly accountable to each other, turning out new ideas and providing backing for each other. There will always be a pecking order that changes with every change of focus. Such groups can take on single issues without delimiting themselves. They can, if they please, take on the universe!

Growth then is a matter of quality and multiplication but not of scale. What is then called for is feedback. With good communications, small groups can move millions.

the arts and sciences are based on quartets, quintets and sextets. It is about time politics caught up and we are already well based in the voluntary sector.

We have failed to date because five hundred years of the nation-state, including two hundred years of the industrial revolution, have conditioned us to centralism and big-is-beautiful.

Our brakes are between our own ears. It is about time we released them. Start where you are with a handful of friends. The world will then be yours and yours and yours....

I give you SUMAGE - Small, Unstructured, Multi-purpose, Autonomous Groups of Equals!

Yours convivially,
Peter Cadogen of Greville Road, London NW6.

THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN!

Dear GA,

On page 2 of Autumn '91 GA (No.28) you say that humanity began living in an ideal state of anarchy. Then you say that some big bad Baron types came along & stole freedom from the people through intimidation & violence. Then you say that you want a revolution to reinstate the ancient status quo of natural anarchy. So tell me please: what's to stop some of those big bad Baron types from coming along & stealing everyone's freedom again? If the bastards can do it once they'll do it again!

David from Doncaster.

[GA replies: If you're conned once you're wise. If you're conned twice you're a fool. The People have been conned into civilisation once and now they're wising up enough to want no more of it. With the benefit of hindsight, they'll make sure that they won't be fooled again by the patriarchy, population growth and priestcraft that conned the

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Green Anarchist,

I am from Essex Anarchist Black Cross which has only recently been formed. We are desperately looking for new members as numbers are low at the moment. Anyone who is interested is welcome. If you live in the Essex area and want to join or simply find out more, please write to:

Essex ABC c/o Grapevine Bookshop, Unit 6 Dales Brewery, Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

Thanks,
Sarah.

COMING UP

NOVEMBER

2. Anti-Bloodsports leafletting outside National Trust meeting, Central Halls, Westminster, London.

3. Passion, an afternoon of events organised by the Lesbian & Gay Freedom Movement including performance of 'Grand Passion', Eric Garland's play about sexual jealousy, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, noon-5pm.

6. Lydia Lunch at the Town & Country Club 2, London.

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

9. National Demonstration Against McDonalds and to Defend Free Speech. Assemble at Euston Station at noon for march to Victoria McDonalds for rally.

10. Remembrance Day. National Demonstration Against Racist Attacks, assemble at Aldgate East tube, London, 1pm. Info: Anti-Fascist Action, BM 1734, London WC1N 3XX.

28. London Greenpeace anti-car campaign meeting at 6 Endsleigh Street, London WC1, 7.30pm. Speaker for Save Oxleas Wood Campaign will be attending.

28. Radical Dance Faction and support at the Bierkeller in Bristol.

30. International Peace Forest Launch, noon. Info: PO Box 7, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

DECEMBER

1. Meat Out Demo at Smithfield Show, Earls Court Exhibition Hall, London SW5. Info: Vegetarian Society 061-928 0793.

4. Picket of the Home Office, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1 calling for the full pardon of Martin Foran, noon-2pm.

8. Gong Maison/Here And Now at The Fridge, Brixton, London. £6.

22. Winter Solstice 08.51.

26. Boxing Day. Sabs hassle hunt meets everywhere.

MUSIC

MORE WAFFLE FROM THE PERIPHERY

I'M AFRAID you'll have to start every issue now with my record reviews. If you don't like what I say, fair enough. It takes all sorts (Liquorice Allsorts). If you have any reviews, gig info or promo tapes, send 'em in NOW.

The most brilliant offering this time around has to be "STRANGETUDE" by the Ozric Tentacles. 6 tracks but great value for money (to coin a capitalist phrase) - loads of rhythmic variety as well - many folk, Middle Eastern, dance influences - the lot! nothing I say can do the album justice. A massive improvement on Erpland which sounded too much like "Pungent Effluent". It's liberating music this, and if music is in tune with our vision of a free society in harmony with Nature, it's the Ozs.

NOCTURNUS - 'THE KEY'

Lots of us dislike organized religion - it was used as an excuse to enforce taxation and brutalise the peasants - but the anti-Christian reactionary interest in Satanism goes too far sometimes. OK I'm mildly interested in the Dark Forces (the Light Ones too!) but "NOCTURNUS" album 'The Key' is unbelievable. Musically fairly brutal with synthesizers used to good effect (adding atmosphere to the hellish noises). I depart during the song 'Destroying the Manger' (SIDE 2). The story is that the Devil uses time travel to return to 0 BC and kill Joseph, Mary and Jesus. Bollocks! Satanism and Black magic is a dangerous road to tread, friends. This "Christianity is crap/Satan is good" stuff is shite. Nobody likes a bit of death and destruction more than me but if you think you're "possessed" and on the way to the "7 gates of hell" please join your fellow ideologues the FREEMASONS!

ABOMINATION REVENANT

Next - Ah Yes - "From Beyond" by Massacre. A really heavy, thrashy, gaudy release this. Probably the best of its kind around at the moment. Nice changes in speed and texture. Best tracks are "Cryptic Realms" and "Succubus". Prepare to suffer if you listen to it!!



WOW17
'OMNICIDE' EP
OI POLLOI
£1.50-UK, \$4-EU

NUCLEAR BLAST

Two from "Nuclear Blast" records now. The first, "Tragedy Strikes" by Abomination, is brilliant. For a three piece band they really hit your ears hard. Really tight playing and the lyrics are excellent. Anti-Gulf War - warning us about environmental destruction ("Industrial Sickness Side II). If you've got 17 go and buy it. Death Dealers "Reverant" have been around a long time and "Prophecies Of a Dying World" is a well thought out release. Very heavy in places, cuts your mind in half in fact. Best track - "Asphyxiation Time". Watch out for their up and coming tour in GB.



WOWLP14
'FEUDAL GRIND' LP
FOUR SONS
£4-UK, \$10-EUROPE

BELIEVER - "SANITY OBSCURE"

If you are totally lost standing in your local record shop looking at all the corpses on the back of the album covers and just can't make your mind up then I promise you that "Sanity Obscure" by BELIEVER is the best thrash album I've heard. It

verges on the "Christian Death Metal" side of things but Kure Bachmann the groups Guitarist/Vocalist is quick to deny accusations of "crusading" against very dark bands like DEICIDE. Nevertheless, Biblical guidelines included! We're obviously gonna hear a lot more so-called "Christian" metal but this stuff is fuckin' ace. Just listen to "Stop The Madness" and "Dies Irae" on Side 2. What an atmosphere on "Dies Irae", and how about the use of soprano voice and a no string orchestra on this track? BUY IT PEOPLE or forever hold your peace....



WOWLP15
'FUCK KILL DESTROY' LP
PLEASANT VALLEY CHILDREN

Most overrated band at the moment "BIOHAZARD" - full of extreme Right lyrics, macho posturing, awful vocals and not together.

WORDS OF WARNING

FOR MORE SPECIFICALLY ANARCHIST PUNK NOISE then there's a relatively new label for you all - WORDS OF WARNING. PO BOX 119, NEWPORT, GWENT. The records available are all classics. 3 Oi Polloi albums for a start, with punk, industrial and indie available as well. Most albums only a snip at £4.50. Many have a booklet enclosed just to make things even better. T-shirts and stickers too!!

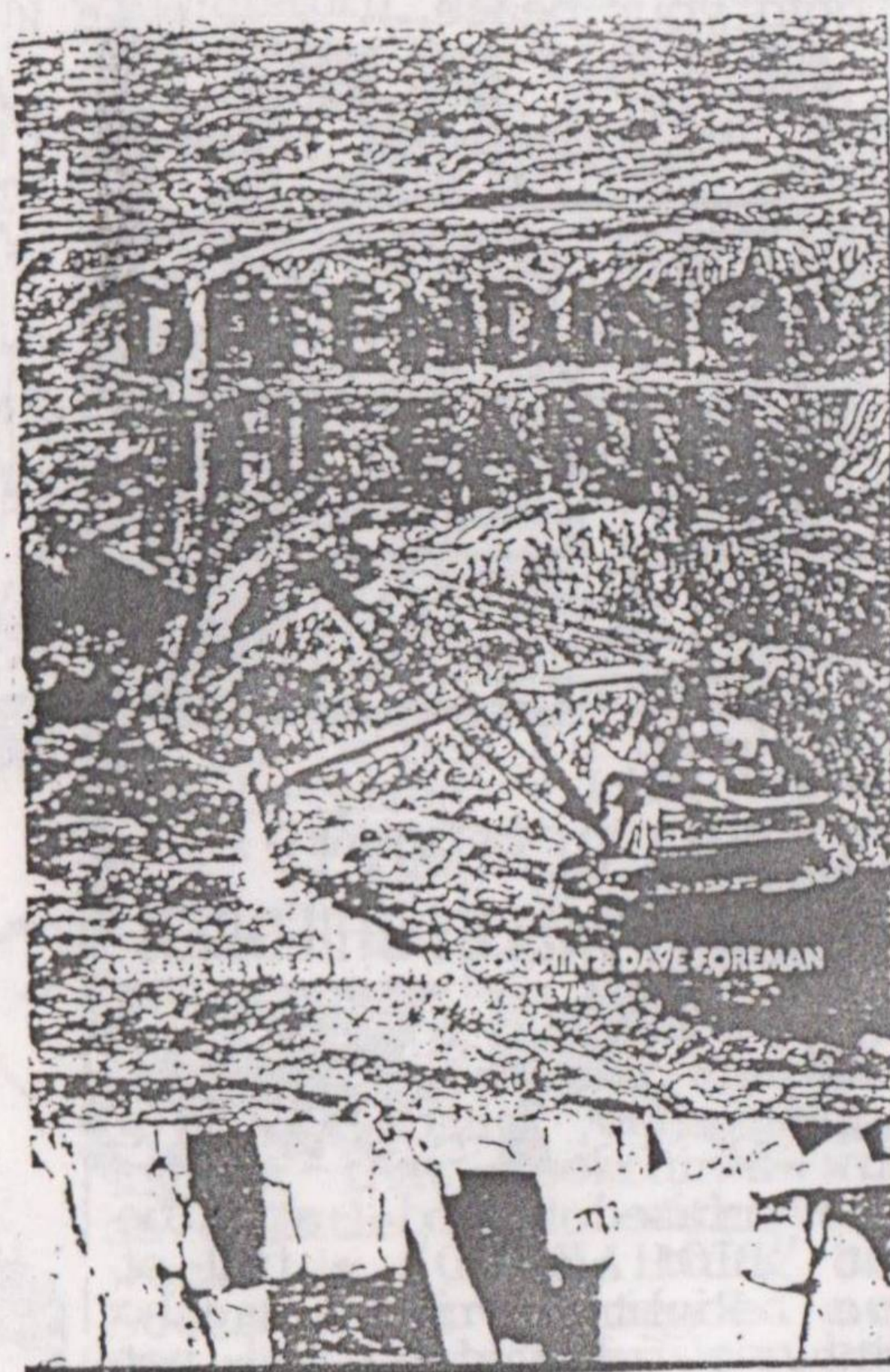
Here at GA we'd really like to see "WORDS OF WARNING" take off. We need labels like this. Small, independent, anarchist, and good value products. By the way, Hi Karl! Write to the above address for free info sheet. Circulate to your friends.



"REVOLUTION IS THE ONLY SOLUTION" by RESIST is the latest WOW release. Fast, thrilling, hardedged punk from Oregon, USA. Songs about Womens Lib, Animal Rights, Ecological Resistance, Racism. Fuckin' marvellous - only £4.50. When are they coming to GB?

SUBCULTURE

BOOK REVIEWS



DEFENDING THE EARTH: DEBATE BETWEEN MURRAY BOOKCHIN AND DAVE FOREMAN. BLACK ROSE BOOKS. £7.95.

Called 'the great debate' by environmental activists when Bookchin and Foreman met in debate for the first time. The book is divided into two halves. The first section covers common ground where both men criticise capitalism and support for the American wilderness. In Ecology And The Left, surprisingly both men agree again with Foreman saying Earth First! was set up using the organising ideas of the Wobblies but critical of the Left's holier-than-thou attitudes, and Bookchin (an anarchist communist) pointing out that we can learn from people like Kropotkin, Goodman, Goldman et al. Radical Visions And Strategies is a very good criticism of the reformism of pressure group Greens being bought off with nothing gained and much lost and a clear call for direct action not just against earth rapers but in order to build up our own communities. Racism And The Future Of The Movement is Foreman explaining a change of heart in his ideas of Third World aid and AIDS with Bookchin talking of building across racial barriers, citing the work of social ecologists with the Hispanic community in the East Eleventh Street movement in creating an ecological view in a city ghetto.

The second part is an essay each by Foreman and Bookchin a year later. Foreman points out he has learned from Bookchin and Bookchin's is on the Greens not turning their backs on anarchism for "the very notion of dominating nature has its roots in the domination of human by human".

This book is very worthwhile and Greens and anarchists can learn from this and my own hope is we do. Bookchin in this is very readable and Foreman makes good criticism of reformism. A must for everyone.

S WOOD



BENEATH THE WIDE WIDE HEAVEN. VIRAGO 1991. £7.99.

A collection of poems about our relationship to the environment, in the broadest sense. Poems by people like Walt Whitman, Robert Bly, Byron, Charlotte Bronte, Alice Walker and Shelley, together with Eskimo poetry and sections of the Old Testament. There is rather too much religious content for my own comfort, as well as the inevitable misogynistic implications of poets personifying Nature as feminine and hence, as mysterious, threatening and pitiable. The poems are fairly evenly divided between men and women. The anger section is the best, featuring more recent poetry dealing with responses to the destruction of the environment: "pale monoculture sweating off rivers of filth" (Helen Dumore). The book is an interesting guide to the way our viewpoint of the environment has changed over the centuries. As the editors say, though, changing ones attitudes to the environment is not enough to improve the situation.

KEVIN

NEW MAGS

GREEN REVOLUTION

GREEN REVOLUTION. £5/10 ISSUES FROM T BISHOP, PO BOX 845, BRISTOL, BS99 5HQ.

We've only seen the double-sided A3 pilot issue that was handed out free at the Green Party Conference, but it looks like a zine eight times bigger is due by the end of 1991.

Produced by dissenting ex/members of the Green Party, Green Revolution says that "consumer capitalism is destroying the Earth" and that "the exploitation of the natural world is

intrinsically connected to the patriarchal abuse of human relationships". Mutual aid and grassroots activism are seen as more appropriate green revolutionary strategy than vanguards and Parliamentarianism.

The mag includes articles defending eco-defence and the revolution on the periphery going on in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea and about a quarter of it consists of lists of activist contacts and resources.

GA welcomes Green Revolution as a valuable forum and urges readers not only to subscribe but to get the full-length version off the ground and into print!

PNR

WARFARE 1

WARFARE. SAE FROM LEAMINGTON SPA ANARCHIST COLLECTIVE, BOX 1, GAIA, 22 HIGH STREET CV31 1LW.

A short (6 page + enclosed leaflet) but regular newsletter produced by We Are Radical Fanatical Animal Rights Extremists. As well as attacking reformism and arguing forcefully for animal liberation by all means necessary, it includes comment on the Intifada, an appeal for the Saltwell Animal Sanctuary, and lists GA as a contact. Well worth circulating.

PNR

OPEN EYE

OPEN EYE. £1.20 FROM BOOKMARKS, 265 SEVEN SISTERS ROAD, FINSBURY PARK, LONDON N4 2DE. 40pp.

Readers of Lobster will find this glossy new publication a must - it's packed with exposes of covert operations from CIA drug running to the unwritten history of the Falklands War.

It's also good news for greens with articles on permaculture and the cancer business, and its editors are less sanguine about their anarchist/pro-situ sympathies than Lobster's Steve Donnell and Robin Ramsey.

The sword is that it won't be published that frequently, but keep an eye out for it when it is - well, we'll worth having.

PNR

BRITISH PRIDE

BRITISH PRIDE. £1.75 FROM P.O. BOX 126, KIDLINGTON OX5 2ET.

A 'gay' magazine that says "people who cottage and are attacked, abused or murdered have only themselves to blame", that calls cottaging "a putrid thorn in the decent community's side" and says of prostitution "wealthy youngsters and filthy youngsters all crowd the railings at Piccadilly Circus... These are the people whom if they catch a sinful disease can only truly blame themselves". The magazine is a strange mixture of articles on Cambridge AIDS Helpline, articles attacking any deviation from straight respectability, and adverts for phone sex and masseurs. They claim to be a magazine for the ordinary gay person - but only masochists would find much entertainment in its pages. Is it a piss-take or something more sinister?

KCL

SURVIVAL

FOOD FOR SURVIVAL SITUATIONS

WARMTH AND WATER outstrip food as priorities in short-term survival situations, but if you're living off the land you need to know what you can eat and what can poison you.

Don't eat plants that look like cucumbers, melons, parsnip, dill, parsley or tomatoes; don't eat fungi, bulbs - unless they look and smell like onions or garlic - beans or peas; don't eat plants with milky sap - except dandelions - white, yellow or red berries, fruit which has five sections, umbrella-shaped blossoms, which irritate when touched or generally look wierd.

Test other plants by putting a drop of sap on your tongue. If bitter or you feel numb or nauseous after ten minutes, reject the plant. If not, eat a small piece and wait two hours. If no reaction, eat more and wait an hour. If still no reaction, try again and wait 1/2 an hour. If still OK, you can eat the plant.

Those that'd sooner starve than eat fellow animals, read no further. If not, you can eat:

Fresh insects except hairy caterpillars, small snails and pupae from the soil;

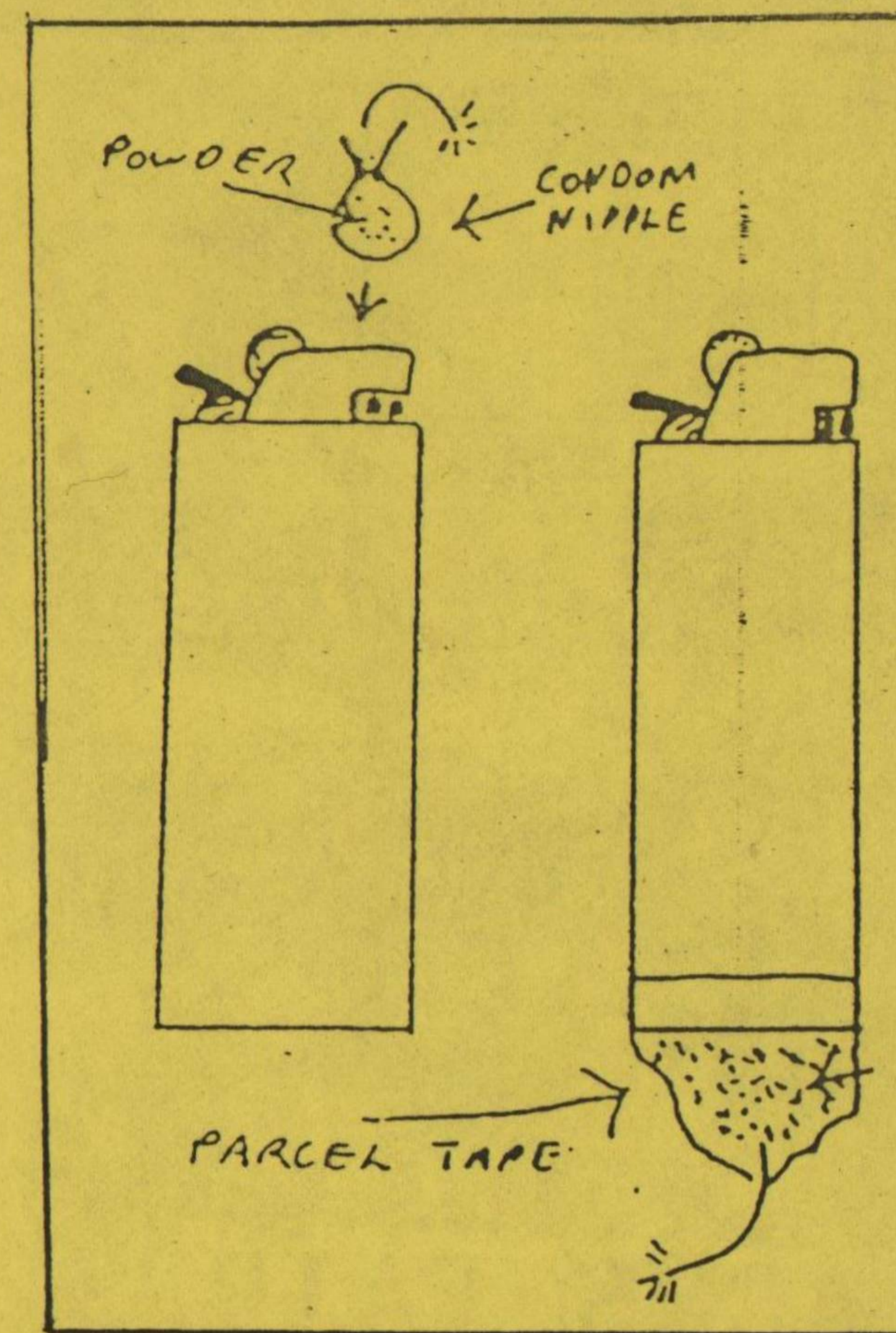
Freshwater fish as long as they're not off, they look 'fish shaped', and you don't eat their guts;

Lizards, snakes, frogs and salamanders - but skin them. Don't eat toads;

Birds and their eggs;

Mammals flesh and offal if fresh - except seal or polar bear livers!

TRY THIS BANGER FOR SIZE!



SCRAPE THE HEADS off red matches into the nipple of a condom. Tie it off, chuck away the rest of the condom, and insert a firework fuse left over from the last November 5th. Stick what's left in the top of a disposable lighter. If lit, the match heads should melt the lighter's plastic, detonating the gas inside with enough force to blow every window out of a room!

(Source: 'Smoke And Whispers')

PROJECTS

PLATFORM FILMS

THIS GROUP OF ACTT video/film technicians are appealing for donations and video and film material reflecting all forms of opposition to the Gulf War for a video on the prospects of peace in the region, Bush's New World Order and reaction to the war in the labour movement.

CONTACT the Stop the War Video Project, 13 Tankerton House, Tankerton Street, London WC1H 8HP. Tel: 071-278 8394/071-250 3359.

HELP WANTED/ACCOMADATION:

Housing Co-op, Wales/Shrops borders. Large house + outbuildings in need of total renovation. 7 acres, 3 veg gardens, orchard, greenhouse. Part of Radical Routes network of housing and workers co-ops. Aims/influences: Organic/Veganic farming, permaculture, workers co-ops, alternative sanitation and technology, vegan wholefoods, self-sufficiency, international and skill sharing events. Accomadation available for use by groups/courses etc. WWOOF host farm.

Visitors welcome and new members needed particularly women and children. Investment sought but not essential for membership.

Contact: EARTHWORM CO-OP, WHEATSTONE, LEINTWARDINE, CRAVEN ARMS, SALOP SY7 0LH. SAE PLEASE.

