

The voice of the Pacific

In 1979, Belau became the first nation in the world to write into its constitution the provision that it should be nuclear-free. The US has consistently tried to overturn this by forcing the islanders to vote on a 'Compact of Free Association'. This would give the US rights to use Belau for nuclear and military purposes; in return, they would receive US economic aid. There have now been *eight* attempts by the US to get the vote up over the 75% needed to overturn the anti-nuclear policy. Political bribery and con-tricks (switching off electricity



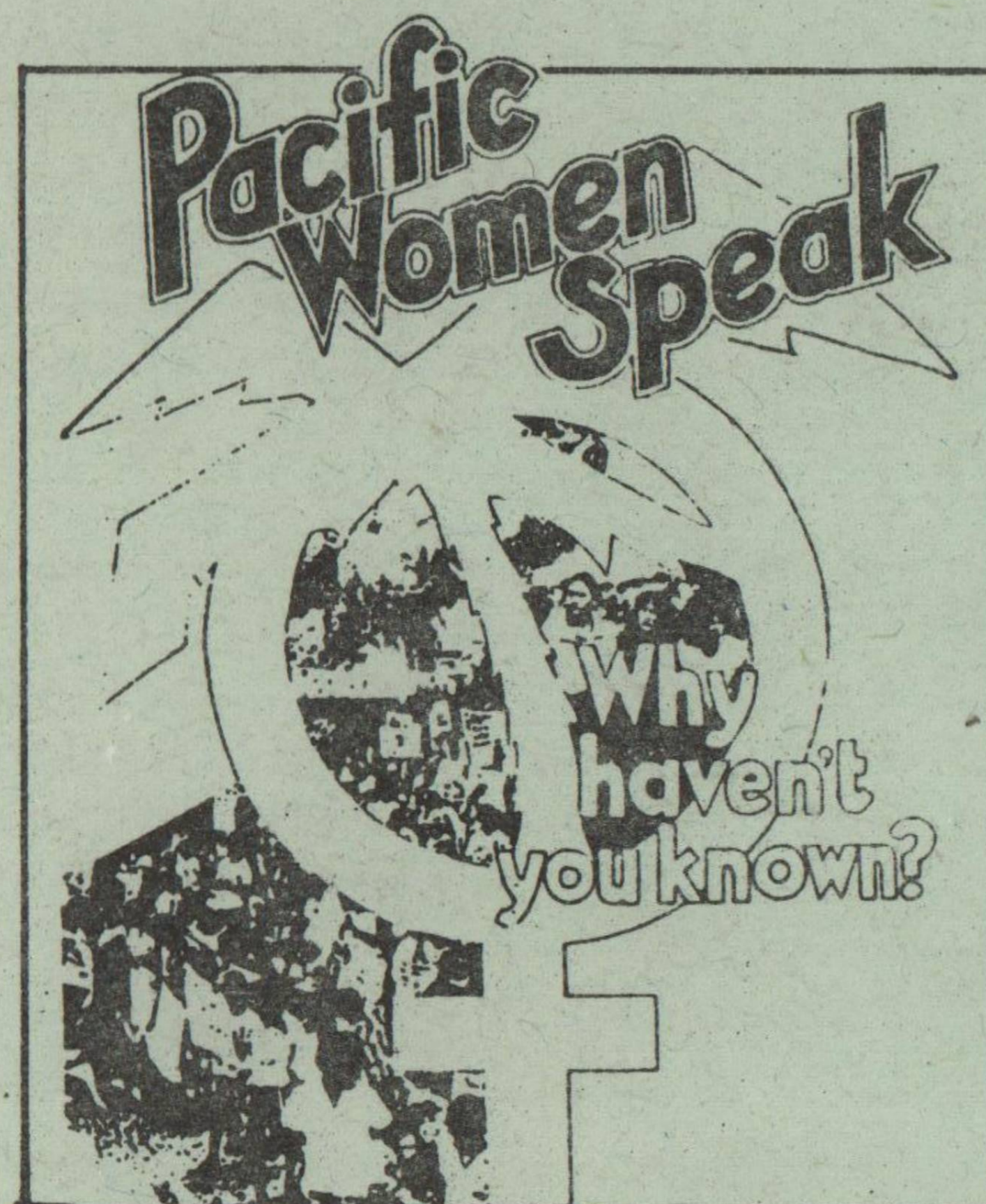
and water supplies to convince people of the need for aid) have only succeeded in raising the vote to 68% so far.

This remarkable struggle is documented in a useful publication from CND, 'Pacific Paradise, Nuclear Nightmare'. Another highly-recommended pamphlet is 'Pacific Women Speak', a compilation of speeches from Pacific women on recent tours of Europe. The strength of this publication lies in the directness and depth of feeling in these first-hand accounts of their struggle for survival.

"Why haven't you known?" challenges one woman. Another demands that we think of the convenience of nuclear-generated electricity "in relation to the Aboriginal lives it is going to cost for you to be able to do that."

'Pacific Paradise': available from CND, 22 Underwood Street, London N1 £2.25.

'Pacific Women Speak': available from Greenline, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford £1.95.



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THE AEROSOL CONNECTION

Pollution is threatening to destroy mankind's main barrier against dangerous radiation from the sun: the ozone layer.

The culprit? - chlorofluorocarbons, normally known as CFCs, a group of chemicals used mainly in aerosols, polystyrene and fridges.

Every year, nearly 700 million aerosol cans are produced in Britain. That is around a dozen for each man, woman and child. Approximately 2/3 of cans use CFCs as propellants. Outside the USA, aerosols provide the biggest single use for CFCs, and more than half of all the CFCs used in Europe are thought to be in aerosols. It is for this reason that it would be a great step towards environmental protection if CFC's were to be banned from all but the most essential (medical) types of aerosols.

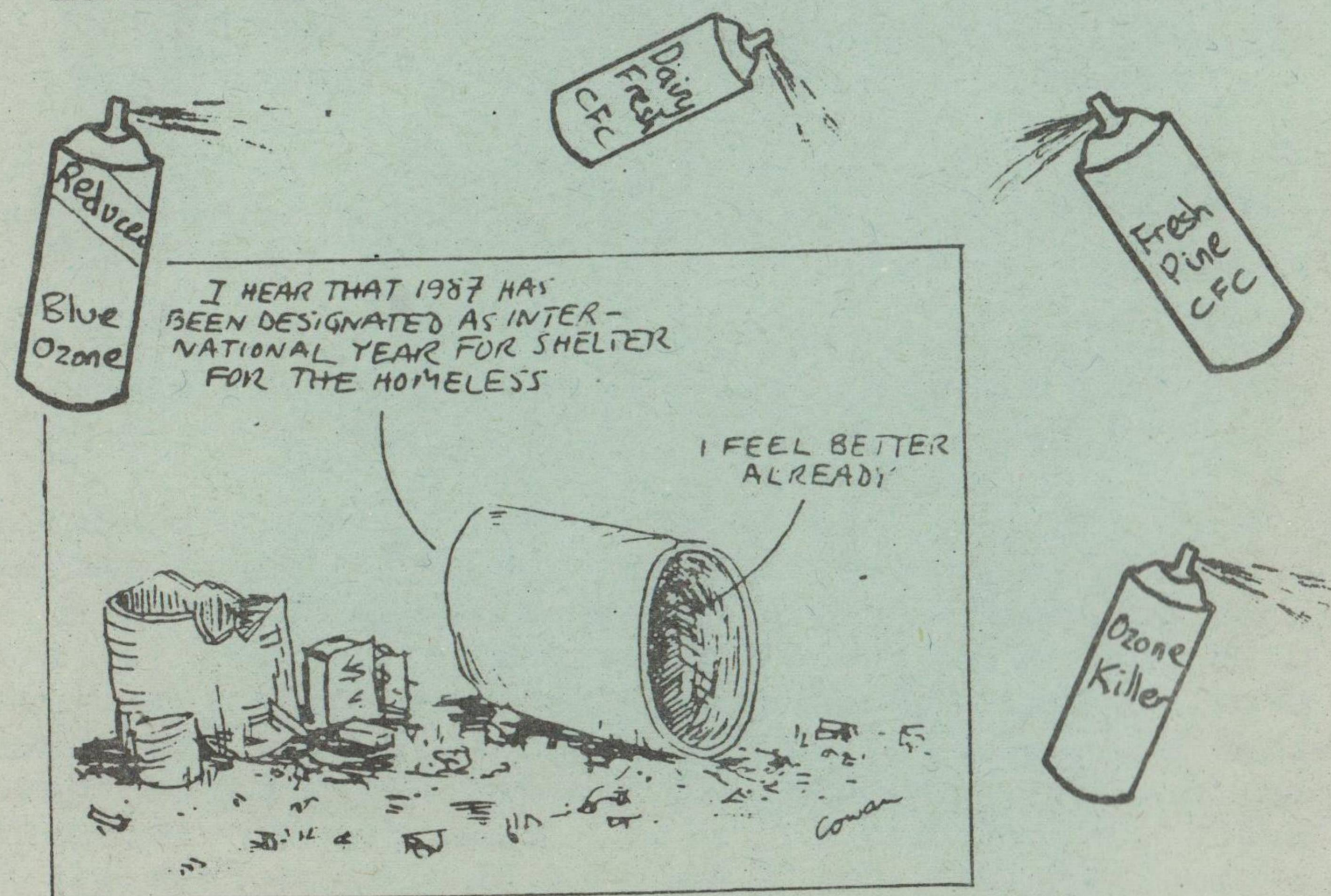
Apart from aerosols, the next biggest market for CFCs is as 'foam-blowing agents' for polystyrene and similar products. The next step will be to ensure that packaging like hamburger cartons and egg boxes is not manufactured using CFCs.

Locally, Hilary Betts of Shrewsbury Friends of the Earth is lobbying shops throughout Telford to hold a copy of the national FOE leaflet listing aerosols which do not use CFC. This will enable shoppers to ask about an aerosol before buying it. If enough people stop buying aerosols that use CFCs the companies involved will soon change to alternative propellants.

What action is needed?

In the UK:-

1. A ban on CFCs in personal care and household cleaning aerosols by the end of 1988.
2. A ban on CFCs in all other non-essential uses by the end of 1989.
3. The introduction of a system of labelling for aerosol cans.



Internationally:-

1. An immediate freeze (at 1986 levels) of CFC production.
2. A 50% reduction in CFC use within five years of international agreement.
3. A 90% reduction in CFC use within ten to fifteen years.

What can you do?

1. Don't buy aerosols that contain CFCs.
2. Write to the British Aerosol Manufacturers Association, tell them what you think, and ask them to promote the idea of labelling non-CFC cans.
3. Write to the Marketing Directors of companies producing aerosols and ask them to stop using CFCs and to label their cans.
4. Write to your MP at the House of Commons and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and tell them your views. Ask them if they will support the campaign for a ban on using CFCs in aerosols.

Useful addresses:

The Director, British Aerosol Manufacturers Assoc.
93 Albert Embankment
London SE1

The House of Commons
Westminster
London SW1A 0AA

Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
Department of Trade
1 Victoria Street
London SW1H 0ET

In the next issue of 'One for Justice & Peace' we hope to report in greater detail on the Shrewsbury FOE campaign.



EL SALVADOR & GUATEMALA Committees for Human Rights



Telford Central America Group invite you to
SEND A NEW YEAR MESSAGE OF HOPE

We invite you to begin the New Year by sending a message of hope, support and solidarity to political prisoners in El Salvador and to the families of some of Guatemala's 40,000 'disappeared'. Contact such as this from abroad can bring comfort to the victims, and provide a measure of protection. Help us to show the victims that they are not alone, and to tell the authorities that there are people abroad who make it their business to know what is happening.

There are two lists - one of the political prisoners currently being held in El Salvador's jails, and another (incomplete, but still depressingly long) of the families of some of the 'disappeared' in Guatemala. We include some of the people here.

Choose one or more names at random - write your own message in Spanish, or use one of those given below. Express your greetings, sympathy or support, but please avoid directly political messages, which could cause problems for the prisoner or family. Likewise, please don't use political or campaigning cards. Include your name and address. Seal your cards and send airmail to:

for male prisoners: Centro Penitenciario 'La Esperanza', Calle A, Canton Mariona, Mejicanos, San Salvador, El Salvador, CA.

for female prisoners: Centro de Readaptacion de Mujeres, Ilopango, San Salvador, El Salvador, CA.

for relatives of Guatemalans: Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo, 5a Avenida 9-11, Zona 12, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, CA.

Phrases you may wish to choose from:
Mis/nuestros deseos de su/sus amigos en Gran Bretana. Rogamos siempre por que se llegue el dia en que se acaben las penas.
Greeting from your friend/s in Britain. I/we are sure that one day your sorrow will be over.

No pierdas las esperanzas, pues no te hemos olvidado, Hay muchas personas como yo que te estan pensado en estas Navidades y ano nuevo.
Take heart from knowing that you are not forgotten. Do not lose hope, there are many of us who are thinking of you.

For details of Telford Central America Group's activities, contact Chris Tyler, Telford 617768.

GUATEMALA'S DISAPPEARED AND THEIR RELATIVES

NAME	DATE/ DIS'PD	NAME OF RELATIVE
Buena Ventura Sajbochol (M)	1,10,82	Marcelina Chutú Djeda
Calixto Cutzal (M)	28,1,83	Leona Apen
Camilo Lopez Tubuc (M)	14,4,84	Gregorio Lopez Cutzal
Candido Flores Hernandez (M)	8,12,81	Marcaria Hernandez Ramirez
Carlos Alfredo Lopez Chamalé (M)	28,1,82	Familia de C A Chamalé
Carlos Bocel Sapon Aju (M)	31,3,84	Luciano Bocel Aju
Carlos Enrique Juarez (M)	15,8,83	Felipa Lopez Izunun
Carlos Enrique Sisimit (M)	2,11,82	Enrique Sisimit
Carlos G Ramirez Galvez (M)	14,2,84	Carlos A Ramirez Pereira
Mauricio Ordon Oreno (M)	29,7,85	Juan Ordon Ordon
Mauro Morales Morataya (M)	6,2,85	Juan de Jesus Morales Veliz
Maximina Valdez (F)	9,9,82	Carmen E. Batsche Valdez
Maximo Ajsitij (M)	27,3,84	Maxima Tubac
Maximo Tiffo (M)	22,2,85	Marto Tiffo
Maynor Roberto Morales (M)	4,10,84	Cecilia Garrido
Meregildo Lopez Estupe (M)	13,8,82	Surui Vasilia Estupe
Miguel Angel Cos Alvajan (M)	8,4,84	Damian Coc Aiquinajay
Miguel Angel Graaajo y Graaajo (M)	13,4,83	Benedicto Gonzalo Graaajo
Miguel Angel Marroquin Pacheco (M)	21,3,85	Arinia Jeanes Cruz
Miguel Chox Taabriz (M)	14,12,81	Francisco Ixquiactap
Miguel Macario Batzin (M)	6,2,83	Juliana Batzin
Miguel Tal Morales (M)	27,2,82	Tomasa Macario Morales
Miguel Xon Calel (M)		

More names after the diary.....

HELP KARATE AID STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST WORLD POVERTY

VSO IN SUDAN

VSO has been working in Sudan for over 25 years. Much of this has been concentrated in education and technical work. Over the last few years the emphasis has changed and health work is now assuming a higher priority in our programme.

Karate Aid, 69, Chester Street,
Wolverhampton, WV6 0PX.
Telephone: 0902 43406 (daytime) 0902
744184 or 0902 334317 (evening).

**You're invited to
"Karate Aid for VSO"
Championships at the
Wolverhampton Civic Hall
21st February, 1988.**



By kind permission of Wolverhampton Borough Council Leisure Services.

Diary for Jan/Feb/March 88

Wed 13 Jan 'Four Seasons around the Wrekin'. An illustrated talk by Vic Hardley, 7.30 pm at the Belmont Hall, Wellington. A Shropshire Trust for Nature Conservation event.

Sun 17 Jan 'The Woodlands of Central Telford'. Guided walk through the Town Park, Randlay and Dark Lane, starting at Stirchley Grange, 2 pm (3 m. walk)

Wed 20 Jan 'Power and the environment'. An illustrated talk by Graham Peers, Production Manager at Ironbridge Power Station; Stirchley Grange, 7.30 pm admission 75p incl. refreshments.

Wed 3 Feb Telford Anti Nuclear Group, general meeting, 7.30 at 16 Linley Drive, Stirchley, Tel 598452.

Wed 17 Feb 'Is there a place for mink in Britain?'. A talk by naturalist Dr John Birks, 7.30 pm at Stirchley Grange; admission 75p incl. refreshments.

Wed 2 March Telford Anti Nuclear Group general meeting, as 3 Feb

16-24 March CENTRAL AMERICA WEEK

The broad theme of the week in 1988 is PEACE. Many special church services & events will be held.

Wed 13 April Illustrated talk on the badger by George Pearce, 7.30 pm at the Belmont Hall, Wellington. A Shropshire Trust for Nature Conservation event.

For further details of Shropshire Trust for Nature Conservation events, contact the Telford Office on Ironbridge 2545.

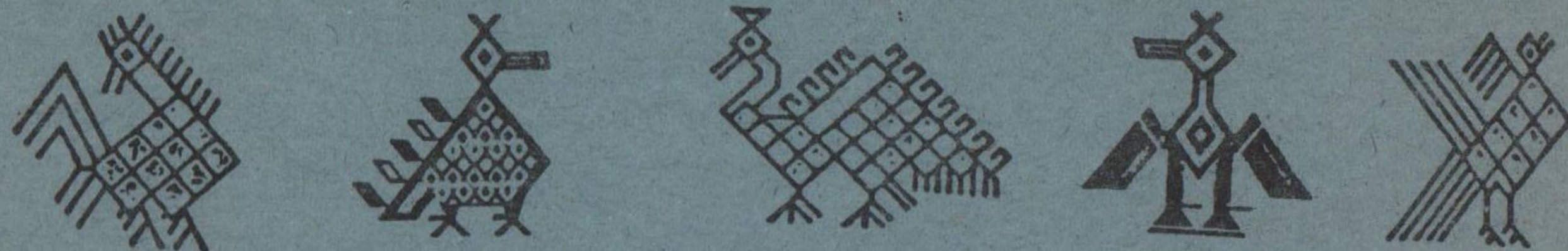
For further details on Stirchley Grange events, Tel.590936.



SEND A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF HOPE

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EL SALVADOR

CANPOS Campos, Isabel	M	02/07/84	*
CANPOS Chile, Eduardo Serafin	M	03/08/83	
CANPOS, Jose Fidel	M	23/12/83	
CANPOS Hernandez, Alicia	F	27/04/87	
CANPOS Mendosa, Antonio	M	03/04/86	
CANPOS, Raul Enrique	M	21/05/86	
CANPOS Segovia, Dora Angelica	F	29/05/86	
CAVALES Conde, Arnoldo	M	05/11/83	*
CHAVEZ Cordova, Francisco	M	16/08/81	*
CARIAS Aguilar, Juan Pablo	M	09/07/84	*
CASERES Abrego, Jose Ricardo	M	04/08/84	*
CASTILLO, Manuel	M	end of 85	
CASTRO Navas, Maximiliano	M	02/04/86	
CASTRO Nunez, Jose Roberto	M	00/02/86	
CASTRO Olivarez, Jacinto Salv	M	18/10/82	*
CASTRO Perez, Jose Antonio	M	03/03/85	*
CASTRO Rivas, Domingo Barrera	M	02/12/84	*
CASTRO Rugamas, Rafael Ernesto	M	00/02/86	*
CASTRO Turcios, German Eduardo	M	25/03/83	*
CBA Martinez, Mauricio	M	12/04/85	*
CHENTEHO, Jaime Ernesto	M	08/11/85	



TRAIIDCRAFT

Traidcraft in Telford - Latest news!

Sue Hawthorn has recently left Telford after sterling service on Traidcraft's behalf.

The new sales rep is Hazel Miller of The Old Rectory, Stirchley Village, Tel. 596308. She is able to supply a variety of wholefoods, tea and coffee, craft goods and more.

For recycled paper products contact Robert Saunders, 23 Saxon Court, Leegomery Telford, tel. 53705.

C H A N G E M A K E R S

Christian Aid 
PO Box No 1, London SW9 8BH
The churches in action with the world's poor

"I gave them food
and they called me a Saint
I asked why they had no food,
They called me a Communist".

For many years societies such as USPG., CAFOD and Christian Aid, have endeavoured to provide a form of relief for 3rd World Countries. Whether this constitutes food, grain, shelter or water, it still leaves us with the problem, what next? We can build a grain bank, we can fill a grain bank, but can we guarantee to keep it stocked for eternity?

"Give a man a fish, and you can feed him for a day,
teach a man how to fish and you can feed him for a lifetime".

Changemakers is, (if you like), a Youth division of Christian Aid. A network of young people who are comitted to ACTION, to try and bring about changes for the better.

The figures speak for themselves, of the 4.5 billion people in the world today: 3 billion suffer from malnutrition,

800 million live in absolute poverty in the 3rd World,

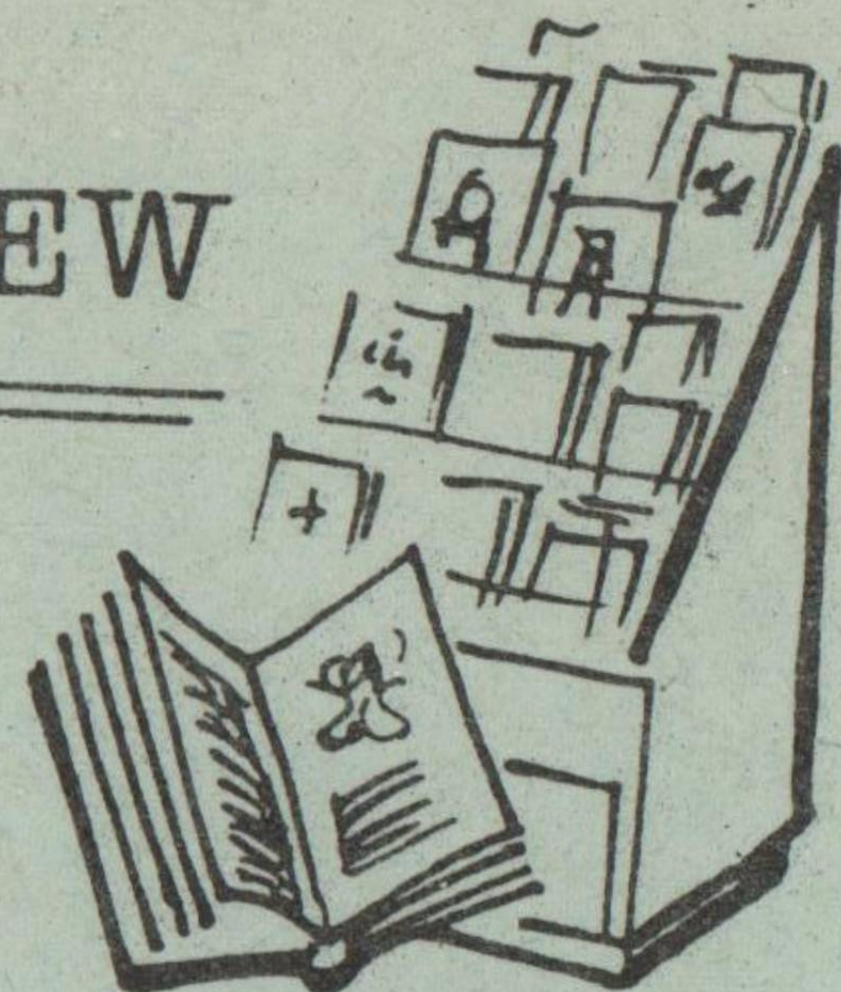
15 million children die of hunger each year.

We could all go on quoting figures for a long time to come
BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Changemakers, was launched in the Telford/Shropshire region on the 22nd November at All Saints, Stirchley, the programme included a faith lunch, poverty workshops, slides and a talk on "Smokey Mountain" in the Phillipines and a piece about Changemakers from Mr M. Leach (Christian Aid Youth Officer), the day finished with a half hour worship slot with Footprints - a Christian Rock Band. That is by no means to say you need to be a Christian to become a Changemaker. Just ready to take up the Changemakers challenge - to find out the truth about world poverty, to share your knowledge with others, and take action for world development.

For further details contact
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68 Furnace Lane
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Telford Tel. 604009

BOOK REVIEW



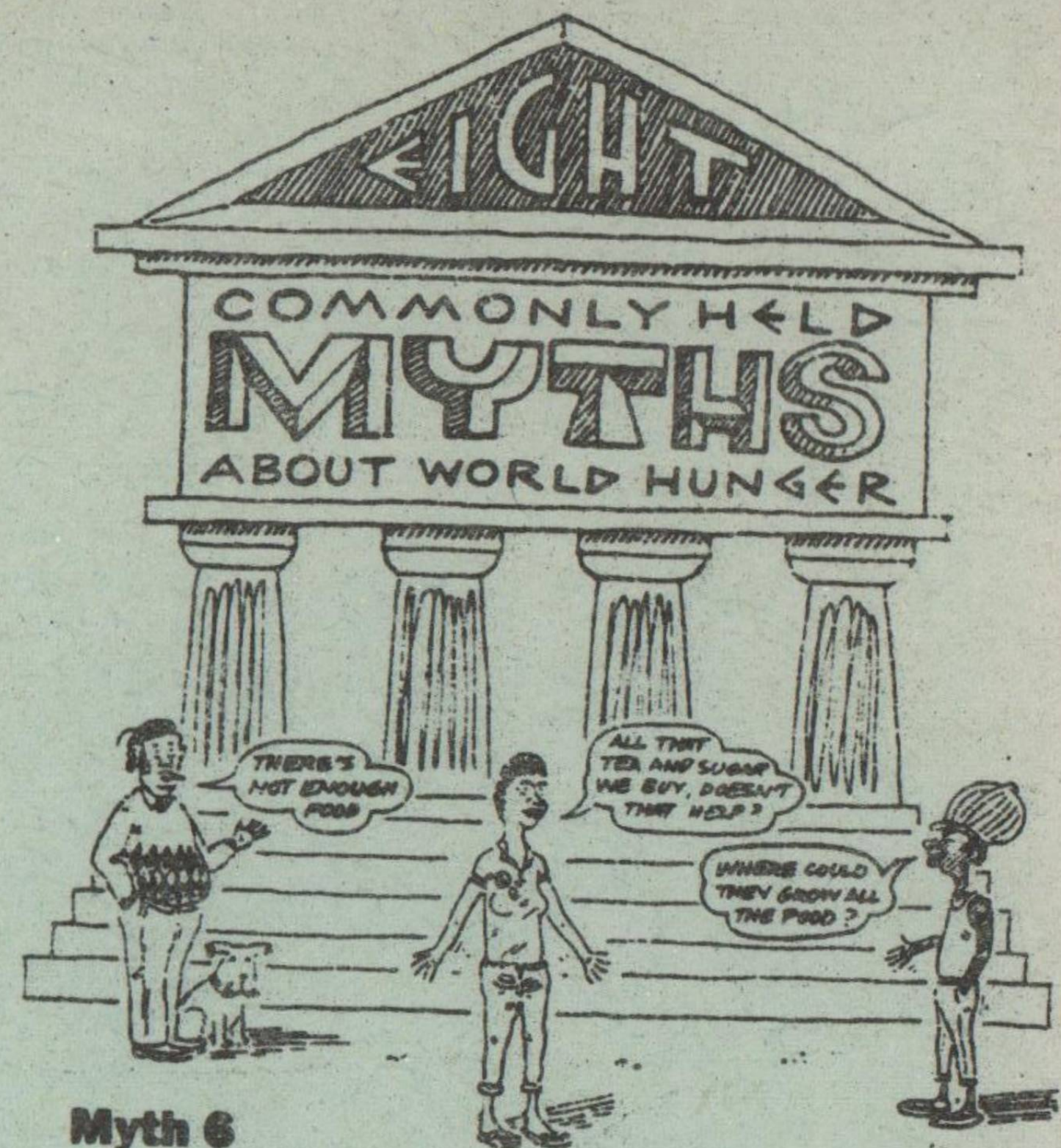
Turning the Tide – Exploring Options for Life on Earth by David Bellamy and Brendan Quayle. Collins, £14.95.

“Turning the Tide” is a thoughtful and beautifully presented book accompanying the inspiring TV programme. The central theme is the need to turn “the tide of destruction into a tide of hope that cleanses and renews”.

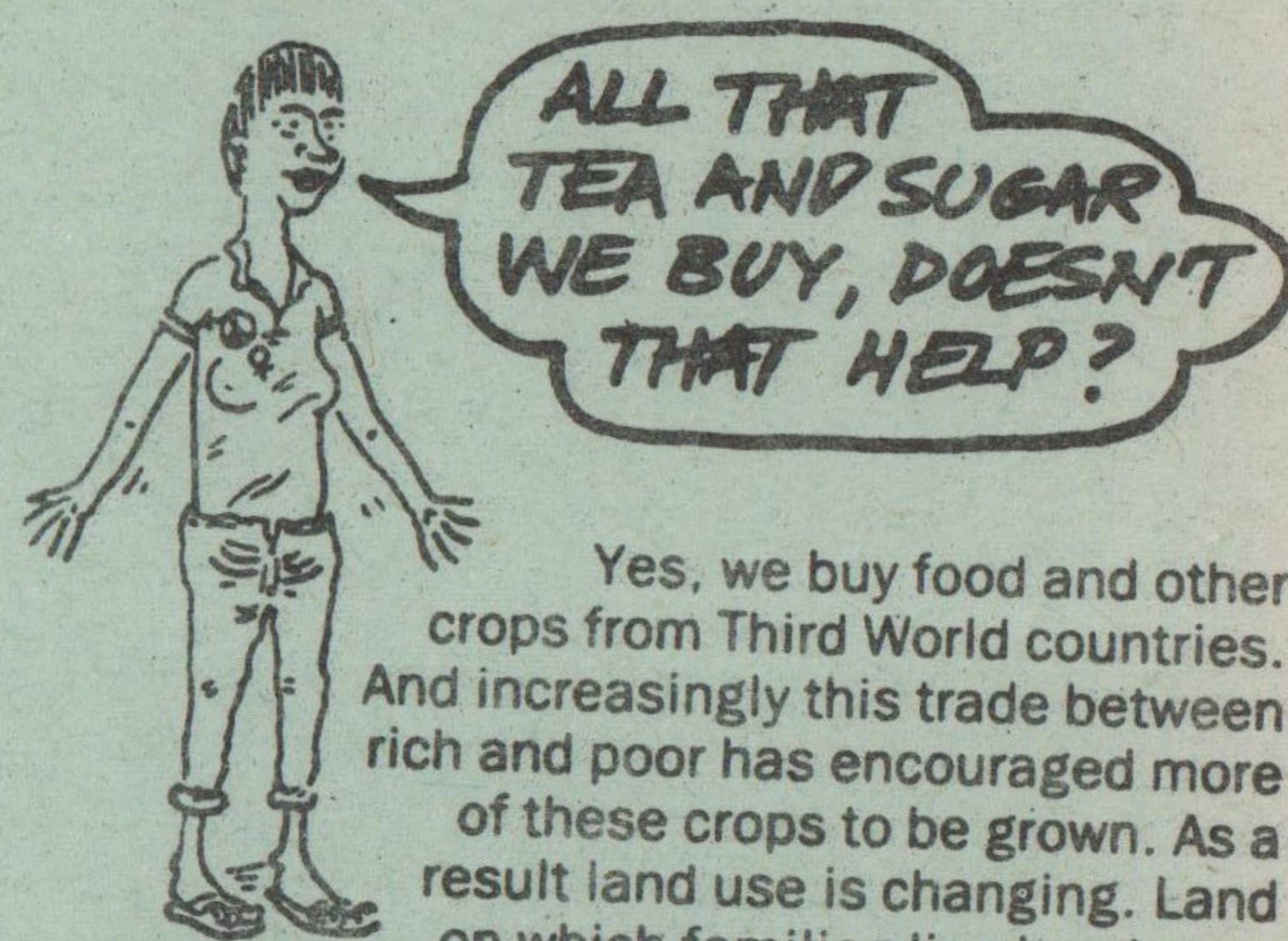
The authors examine how and why things have got out-of-hand, and look forward to a new “greenprint” for survival. Using the theme of personal responsibility for the environment in which we live, the book takes the reader on a journey across “Spaceship Earth”. Accompanied by some very striking photos, the subjects encompass food and energy resources, the increasingly polluted waters of the world, the poisoned air and the great gene banks such as tropical rain forests.

It is made clear that the roots of the current problems lie with ourselves – in our attitudes and actions towards the environment. As well as developing new and sustainable technologies, we must also develop “people power”. As the authors point out “helping people to help themselves” is an old slogan, but it still has very practical and relevant applications as regards the state of the environment.

We cannot carry on as we are, they argue. “To do that would be to embrace our own extinction”. The choice is ours.



Myth 6



Yes, we buy food and other crops from Third World countries. And increasingly this trade between rich and poor has encouraged more of these crops to be grown. As a result land use is changing. Land on which families lived and grew food is now growing these crops — for export. And production of them is rising. Africa's tea production has quadrupled over the last 20 years, and sugar production has more than doubled. Latin American soya bean production has increased by 10%, and coffee production by 25% in the last year. Now poor countries compete with each other in selling the same crops to the highest bidder. Prices are forced down. And it's the poor who lose out. In the late 1960s, Tanzania had to sell 66 bags of coffee to buy a 16 ton truck. Over 10 years later 123 bags had to be sold to buy that same truck. Again the problem rests more with *economics* than *farming*. There's nothing wrong with growing crops for exports as long as *the food needs of the poor are catered for*.

SO... Trade may help 'balance' the books and fill up our tea and coffee cups. But increasing dependency on export crops doesn't help feed the poor.

ONE WORLD CONCERN Things to pray about.

Pray that the Indian government will honour Article 23 of its constitution which prohibits bonded labour as repayment for debt. It is estimated that some five million bonded labourers remain trapped in virtual serfdom by unscrupulous landlords with the connivance of corrupt government officials.

Pray for the people of Ethiopia and pray that the great famine of 1984 may be the means of better managing, both by governments and by the international community, of such emergencies in the future.

Pray for the members of minority religions, for example the Ba'hai and the Jehovah's Witnesses, who are persecuted for their beliefs in many parts of the world.

Pray for the success of government initiatives in Britain to assist unemployed people, particularly those whose need is for appropriate work experience.

Pray for the people of Zambia who, under the leadership of Dr Kaunda, are seeking to renegotiate their position with regard to the International Monetary Fund. Harsh austerities imposed by the Fund caused food riots in Zambia when prices of basic foods doubled over-night. Kaunda's New Economic Recovery Plan hopes for more favourable terms of debt repayment from the IMF, but has so far met with hardening attitudes from the UK and other Western countries.



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