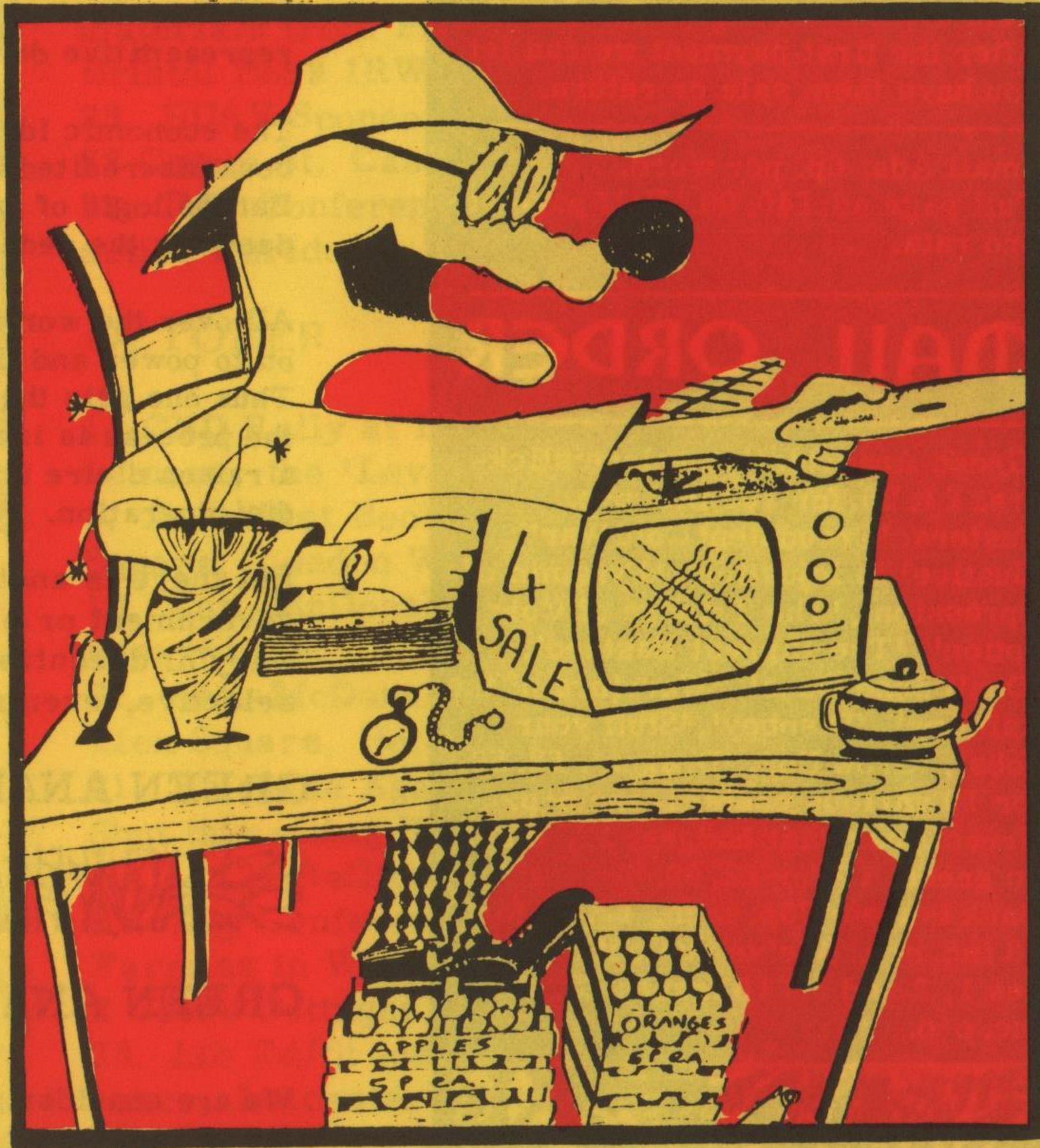
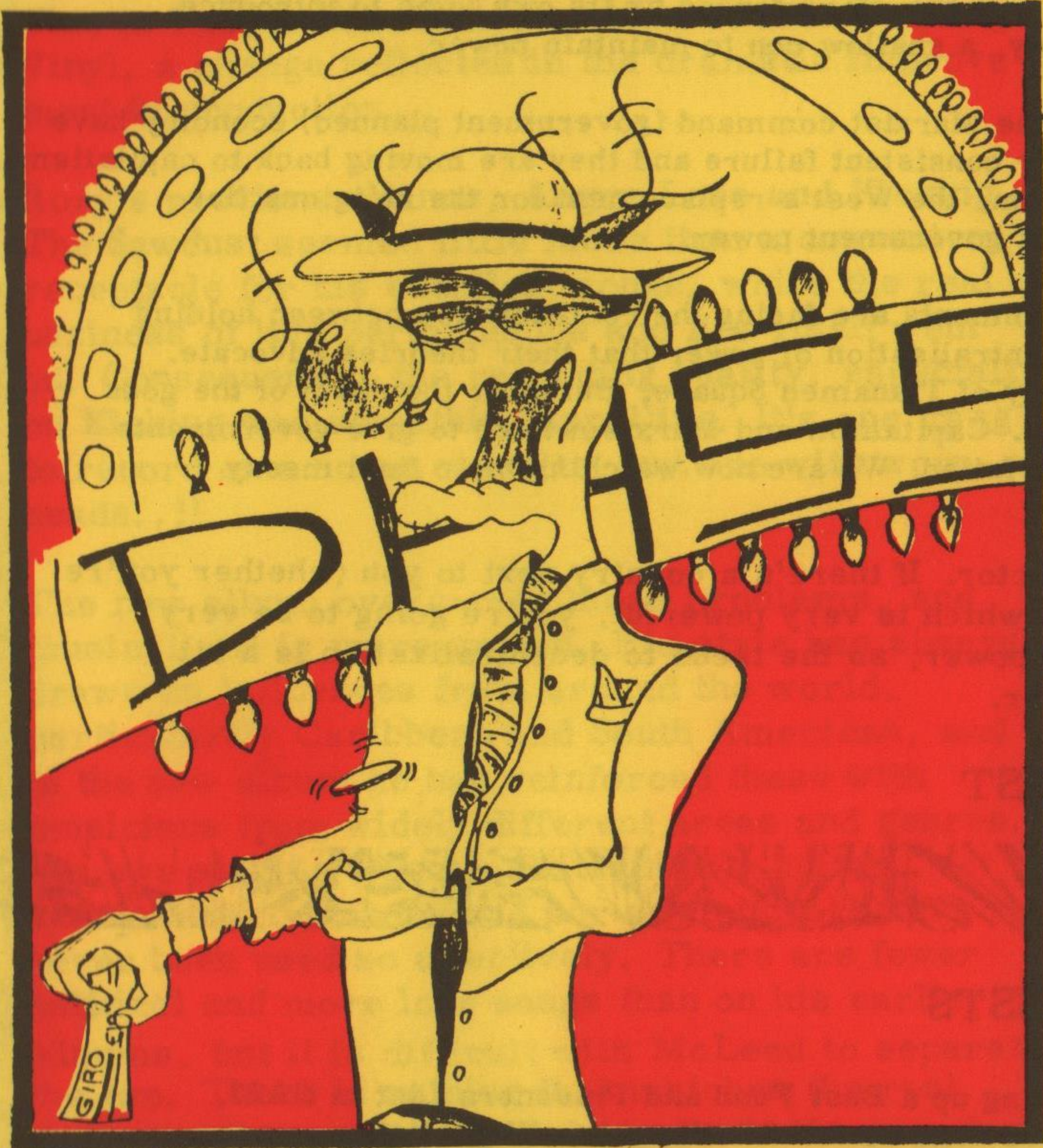


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## THE POLITICAL WORLD IN FERMENT.

CHINA, RUSSIA, POLAND, HUNGARY are only the largest and most dramatic of the countries that are trying to decentralise power and hold on to power at the same time.

Until the French Revolution the excuse for government had been as Gods representative on Earth. After the Age of Reason, without that excuse governments clung to power by claiming to act not on behalf of God but on behalf of the People. It was therefore forced by its own logic to introduce representative democracy, a shallow con to maintain power.

The economic ideas of the Marxist command (government planned) economy have been discredited by their consistent failure and they are moving back to capitalism. But the logic of capitalism, the West's replacement for the religious fiat demands the reduction of government power.

All over the world governments are facing the contradiction between holding on to power and the decentralisation of power that their theories advocate. Thus one gets the tragedy of Tianamen Square. But after the death of the gods the process is inevitable. Capitalism and Marxism tried to give governments a raison d'etre and have failed. We are now watching their final messy disintegration.

But there is another factor. If there's a country next to you (whether you're government or people) which is very powerful, you're going to be very wary of decentralising power, so the trend to decentralization is a bit selective, even messier.

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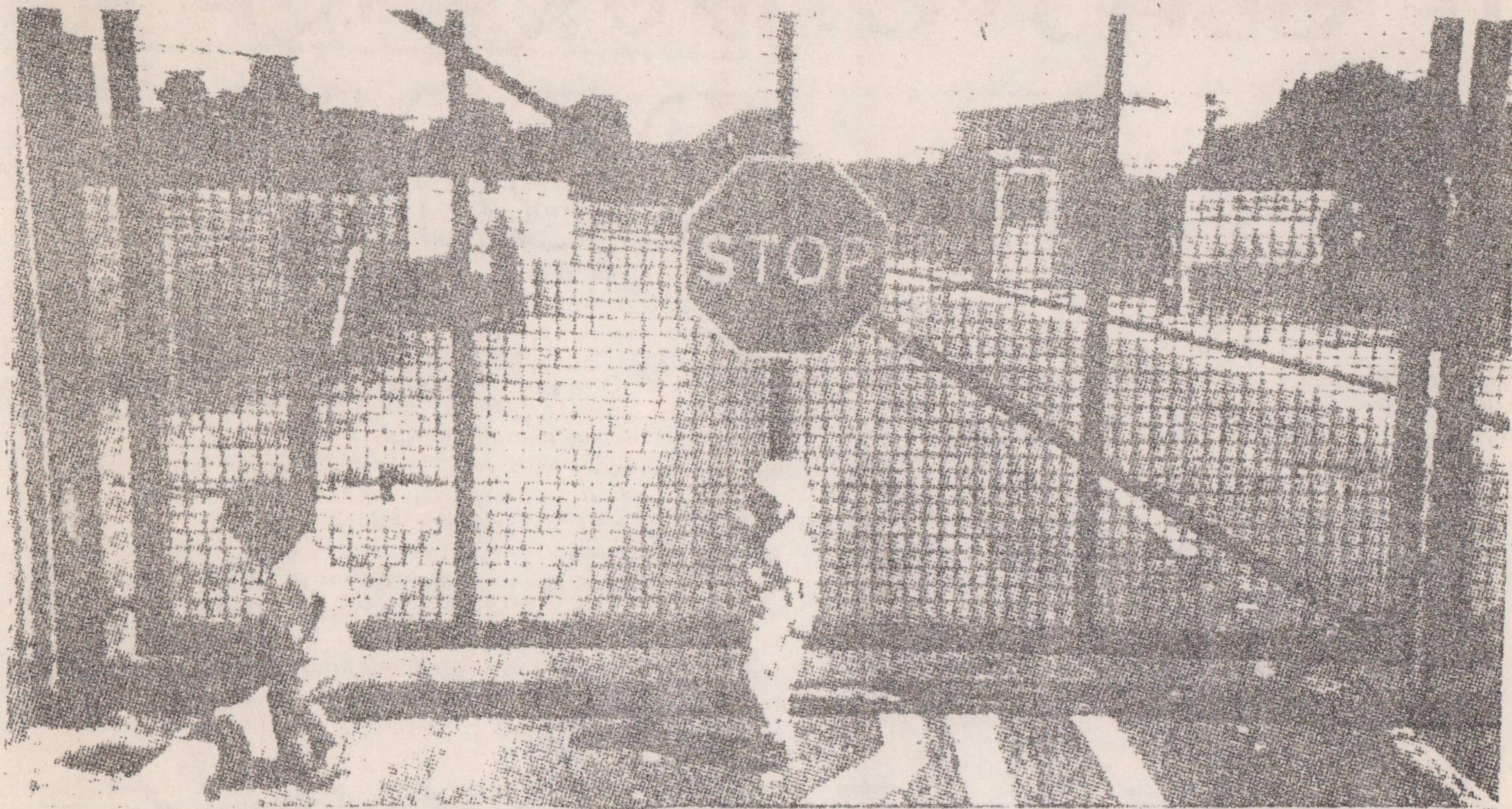
We are considering setting up a Bust Fund and Prisoners List in GA23. If you know anyone busted send us the details and we'll publicise names, postal address for donations and letters of support, and their case.

**NEXT GA:** 'Anarchy and Culture'. The Right say culture is born into us. Are they right or is culture what we make ourselves? Is the anarchist movement split between working class and counterculture? Is the counterculture self-indulgent ghetto or useful contribution to revolution? Why? Articles under 500 words gratefully recieved for GA23!

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## HINKLEY HIDES ITS FACE



Blockade Against Hinkley reports back: "A blockade was held at the main gate leading to Hinkley A and B nukiller power stations on Saturday 24th June. The blockade was organised by a group called BLAH, a loose coalition of anti-nukiller power groups, and attracted 80 activists".

Despite the massive police presence, BLAH forced the CEGB to lock Hinkley's gates and traffic trying to get in and out was stopped until blockaders were dragged out of the road. BLAH also succeeded in closing the public (dis)information centre outside Hinkley for the whole Saturday. There were no arrests.

The day before the blockade, activists disrupted the Hinkley C inquiry at Cannington wearing radiation

suits, and gasmasks by chanting and displaying banners. The enquiry will not be binding on the CEGB and the energy the mainstream Stop Hinkley Expansion (SHE) group has put into it has prevented them organizing for direct action.

With the inquiry now over and BLAH having shown the way towards a more effective alternative, SHE should not hold back from organizing direct action now themselves.

**STOP PRESS:** Another blockade is planned for Dungeness in Kent at 12 noon, 21 October. The blockaders call for the closure of Dungeness A and B, and the Dissolution Plant, and no new PWR. Details from Box BAD, 121 Rallton Road, Brixton, London.

## DAY OF ANGER

Agreed that Third World problems start here, Oxford Anarchists called a Day of Anger on 29 April to take action against it.

Thirty cars in the student quarter and a yuppie estate were hit the night before as protest against the wasteful lifestyle of current and future rulers, maintained at the expense of the planet and Third World resources. ET recruiters NACRO had their door kicked in in protest against slave labour, and a house trashing party was held by tenants due to be evicted by their land-lord on the Day.

The University was targetted as its the biggest land lord in the city and third biggest landowner in the country. Its lecturers preach the technocracy, vivisection and authoritarianism that keeps the

current rulers in power and trains a new generation to take their place. It attracts tourists and students who inflate rent and food prices for townfolk. On police advice, college gates were closed to tourists on the Day of Anger and students advised not to go out on or before it.

On the Day, the windows of two butchers, a yuppie restaurant and another yuppie shop were smashed, and every cashpoint and twenty other premises including banks, estate agents, surveyors and the Sullivan-owned sex shop were glued.

In the evening thirty anarchists boarded buses to abuse sloanes going to the exclusive May Ball at Pembroke College, and later gatecrashed it under a green anarchist banner. This led to three arrests for threatening behaviour and another for criminal damage as a result of six cars - including the Pembroke Event organizers - getting done over.

# NEWS

## IF GLASTONBURY WAS

P N Rogers reports: I arrived at Glastonbury on the afternoon of Friday 16th June, walking two miles along the line of traffic waiting to get in. The police had a stop and search station set up in a layby and depending on who you believe between 170 (Michael Eavis) and 220 (Guardian) people were busted by it on the way in, mainly for possession.

Because of difficulties in obtaining site insurance, Glastonbury had changed a lot this year: the Pyramid Stage was still pumping it out day and night, but smaller stages, the Green Field and other spaces had been established this year to make sure it wasn't the only focus. The Green Field worked: good, strong alternative atmosphere up there with workshops and stalls galore - including excellent ones like Rainbow Fields that didn't double its prices just because it was onsite.

Regretably a majority of the ordinary lads down in Babylon didn't feel the Green Field was 'their place' and had to camp amongst the plastic litter flooding down Hamburger Hill or even the exhaust fumes of the Car Park. A lot of energy was put into

finding ways to break down the Green Field/Babylon divide at the end-of-festival meeting on Monday the 19th: mainly breaking up spaces even more next year. Traffic, it seems, will be banned from the site altogether next year so people will be ferried in from two miles distant (it was rumoured a child was run over in the Car Park this year). Litter will be biodegradable and a contract may be put out to Friends of the Earth next year to handle it. As it was, three Fraud Squadsters were in on the litter picking this year....

Thanks to the insurance set-up, they weren't the only cops on site this year. Glastonbury got its first taste of community policing (apparently the cops had to sit through three hours of Woodstock before being put on the Glastonbury beat, and seemed rather more nervous about festival goers than we were about them). There were only around thirty arrests onsite: drunk and disorderlies and one guy that tripped out in the Beer Tent who Welfare couldn't handle. As the private security Eavis had hired in were the real cops onsite, arrests were

## ...THEN STONEHENGE

P N Rogers reports: Festival goers to Stonehenge '89 faced determined opposition from Chief Constable Walter Girven and Wiltshire Constabulary this year. Despite Girven's assurances there would be "no ring of steel around Wiltshire" vehicles were stopped and searched by police at virtually every main road in, and harassed when trying to park up. This was only their first ring: behind that was a six-mile exclusion zone around the Stones made under the Public Order Act. Roadblocks and police from ten forces patrolled on foot, by vehicle and by helicopter based at Devizes, arresting those found in the exclusion zone. The last ring was wire, dogs, horses and cops forming a reserve at the Stones. The Times reported 1,000 on duty at cost of £1 million.

Walkers gathered at Shepton Bellinger a week before Solstice. After eviction they were herded off to Quarley site OKed by Hampshire Constabulary or

faced repeated evictions at Cholderton Woods and Grateley. Despite police attempts to bottle up Glastonbury, 1,000 festival goers were at the three Hampshire sites by Solstice Eve.

By nightfall action overtook talk. As suggested in GA21, people set out in small, scattered groups from all sites. Police intercepted a convoy at Figsbury Ring sending it on to Salisbury. Some returned to hold a mini-festival there, even though it was National Trust land inside the exclusion zone! Despite police jamming, Willie X of the Stonehenge '89 Campaign called out the media and I found myself in the lead vehicle of his convoy from Grateley. After dismantling a turf and timber barricade, the convoy used a trackway to enter the exclusion zone above Amesbury Roundabout.

As there was a police roadblock there, vehicles were parked up and we headed along the hedgerow

## TREORGEY TREE FAIR

Chris reports: This event, held just off Bodmin Moor in Cornwall, although billed only to last a weekend turned into quite a lengthy free festival lasting almost a month.

Perhaps due to a sparse patch of festivals over recent years the organization showed much inexperience and ineptitude with major disasters always possible but narrowly averted in most cases with one death (by drowning) and a handful of serious hospital cases. There were times when at least 20,000 people had no toilets, firewood or water. Major bands and

others were offered money by the organizers prior to the weekend for the work and time, but come Sunday no money could be found to pay them as it came to light that overnight groups from the hired security firms had made serious violent attempts to storm the farmhouse where the cash from ticket sales was being held.

The authorities didn't stop the festival but an undercover police operation worked well with over a hundred arrests, mostly drug offences and indiscrete begging in the nearby town of Lisheard.

# NEWS

## PEACE.....

only made if he OKed them. The police therefore had to stand and watch as people dealt and smoked under their noses. The private security were criticised for their heavy-handedness and allegations against them range from fascist connections (Searchlight) to rape and damn-near extortion from festival goers (Peace News). Private security is a real burden on the festival scene these days....

Despite the security, Convoy elements were able to park up by the Green Field. Most preferred the Travellers Field outside 'Eavis's Wall' and held their own Glastonbury Free Festival come the Solstice complete with Hawkwind playing through the night and a model of Henge! Apart from cops doing a quick tour warning them off Henge, the Travellers Field was a safe site and hung on long after the official festival ended on the 19th. Maybe next year too....

Michael Eavis estimates 55,000 paid at the gates this year and another 15,000 got over the fence (I'd guess more....). Glastonbury '89 was pronounced "best yet". Roll on Glastonbury '90!

## WAS WAR

to avoid the helicopters sunbeam lamp in an attempt to catch up with 200 walkers who headed out from Cholderton earlier. Police called up reserves who arrested large numbers of people attempting to bypass them across the fields behind Amesbury. There were more arrests in the town amid chants of "This is not Tianamen Square".

Small groups did make it to the Stones by dawn: I spoke to fifty personally, and there were more than that. One lot took the bus from Salisbury and walked across Larkhill Range. A group of seven students actually just walked down the A303. A few hours after dawn four lads even vaulted the wire and touched the Stones before the police busted them. The police tactics had failed.

218 people were arrested trying to reach the Stones: one for nicking an engine, one for possession and the rest for busting the exclusion zone.



THEY MAY JUST BE PIXIES..... BUT!!!  
THEY'RE BLOODY MAD AT 20<sup>th</sup> Century Society!

## LONDON @ CONFERENCE

Eighty London anarchists met at the Polytechnic of East London on Saturday, 27 May for the London Anarchist Conference\* organized by the anarchist greensthere.

PEL anarchists laid on excellent vegan food and a creche. After lunch there were workshops on the Poll Tax, personal growth, the causes of poverty, and non/violence. The AWG-organized workshop on Marxism stressed its non-Leninism with others stressing the non-Marxist traditions of the anarchist movement. The Womens workshop split when men joined in, provoking general discussion on seperatism. Original ideas were in short supply.

Because of timetabling problems the general session was cut short. Numbers were down at the end as many had gone to Hyde Park, successfully wrecking an international NF get-together there. Those remaining concluded the conference at PEL's gig, which featured Culture Shock

## STUDENT @ CONFERENCE

On 1 July twenty student anarchists - including the editors of Anarchist Student, Bete Noire, a London Greenpeace rep and many from Leeds and Oxford Uni's - held their first conference in Oxford. It was free from sectarianism, attention focusing on practicalities: organizing on and between campuses and whether ASN should first target students or anarchists.

The next Anarchist Student Network meeting is at the Leicester Lib Ed conference on October 28. If you want to come or join the Network, contact Bete Noire, Box A, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford or Anarchist Student News, Christchurch Cbllege, Canterbury - and bring a friend!

## SCHOOLS @ NETWORK

A schools network has been formed in the Oxford area, which also has some contacts in other parts of the country. The basic idea of the Network is to make available to schoolstudents throughout the area problems that are occurring in the other schools around Oxford; and then organise appropriate action to rectify the situation. 'Problems' which might occur are, for example, a Biology department overstressing dissection of animals or a clampdown by school authorities on the freedoms of pupils. The network is forming a newsletter for this purpose and any contributions from the Oxford area are welcome: we will try and expand outwards later on by producing more newsletters which will concentrate on other anarchist hot-spots in the country.

The Oxford Network is going to organise a gig for next October so watch out for that. The first issue of the Network News for schools will be from September 13th.

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# RAMONA AFRICA

In 1972 John Africa founded MOVE "to stop man's system imposing on life... to stop industry from poisoning the air, the water, the soil... to put an end to the enslavement of life - people, animals, any form of life (and) to show how corrupt, rotten, criminally enslaving this system is". In 1978 Philadelphia police besieged a MOVE house in Powelton Village for almost a year despite thousands of locals supporting those inside. A cop, James Ramp, was shot by a colleague in the back when the place was stormed: nine move members were accused of his murder and got 30 - 100 year sentences. A second siege in May 1985 led to Philadelphia's lackey Black mayor Goode giving police permission to drop an aerial bomb the MOVE house: the resulting fire gutted 62 neighbouring houses and killed all men, women and children besieged except Ramona Africa and her kid Birdie. She is now serving seven years for conspiracy and riot.

The Ramona Africa Support Group can be contacted at 20 Parkholme Road, London E8.

(Source: Spare Rib)

# BOYCOTT NESTLES

The Nestles Corporation have got marketing gimmicks even nastier than the Gold Blend saga. Despite World Health Organization bans, they are pushing baby milk in the Third World, causing bottlefed infants to die from infections that breast feeding would prevent. Baby Milk Action is calling for a boycott of Nestles big earner, Nescafe coffee, until the multinational mends its ways.

Readers will note Nestles also produces Gold Blend, Decaff, Milkmaid, Milky Bar, Dairy Crunch, Mix-o-Choc, Maggi, Carnation, Coffee Mate, Go-Dog, Chambourcy, Crosse and Blackwell, Branston, Cook-in-Pot, Pasta Choice, Findus, Eskimo, Lean Cuisine, Libbys, Um Bongo, Kit Kat, Yorkie, Breakaway, Foxs Glacier, Polo, After Eights, Black Magic, Quality Street, Sun-Pat and Smarties.....

They also have an arrangement to sell charity chocolate bars through (can you believe it???) Save The Children outlets. Talk about exactly the wrong way to do it!

Baby Milk Action (BMAC) can be contacted at 34 Blinco Grove, Cambridge CB1 4TS.



# FRAN TRUTT

An agente provocateur using the name Mary Lou Sapone (21 Pine Mountain Road, Ridgefield, CT 06877, USA) employed by the 'counter terrorism' agency Perceptions egged animal rights activist Fran Trutt to carry a bomb to the US Surgical Corporation building, leading to her arrest for attempted murder. As well as this frame-up, Sapone has been feeding misinformation into activist magazines throughout the US and Canada. Watch out for her!

CONTACT: Toronto Ecomedia, PO Box 915, Stn F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2N9, Canada for the full expose.

CONTACT: Fran Trutt Legal Defense Fund, 266-B Main Street, Suite 120, Munroe, CT, 06468 USA for the latest on the Trutt case.



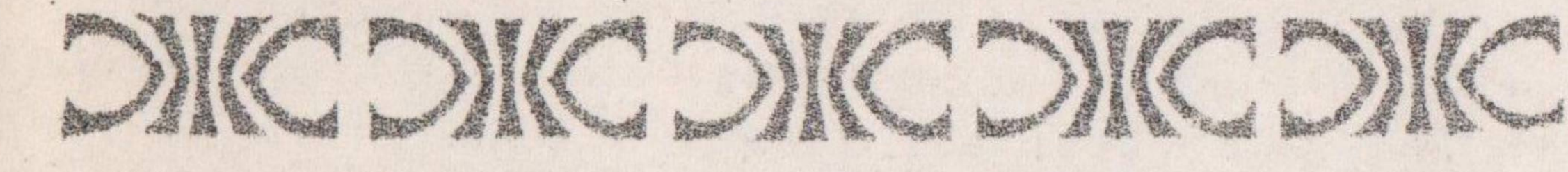
# DAVE FOREMAN

Earth First. founder Dave Foreman and three other eco-defence activists were arrested on May 31 for trying to take out a powerline serving the Central Arizona Project.

The FBI have accused them of plotting to sabotage the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant in Colorado, and waging a three year war on commercial nukes.

CONTACT the Legal Defence Fund c/o Dan Connor, 559 Boundary Drive, Salem, Oregon 97306, USA.

(Source: Echomedia Toronto)



# BRAND REPORTS

In GA21 we reported Roger Hallhag had been booted out of the Swedish Isolate South Africa Committee (ISAK) for threatening to grass up anarcho-zine Brand and the anti-Shell militants it reports on. Brand are "sorry to say that Roger Hallhag... has been re-elected as chairman of ISAK". That hasn't stopped them reporting on continuing attacks on Shell stations at the rate of over one a week, bomb threats that forced Shell Headquarters to be twice evacuated, and confrontations between protestors and police picketting Shell.

They also report Chai Linn Commando did over the Chinese Embassy on June 4, one of many such attacks worldwide in reaction against the Tianamen Square massacre.



# THE GREEN AND

## HOW SOUND IS YOUR CRUST?

HOW SHOULD WE be getting our food, warmth and shelter in ways which protect the environment and reduce the power of the State, i. e. some green and black economy? Is it ideologically sound to go and work for Friends of the Earth? Can we make and spend money in ways which forward the revolution? What are the options? Living self-sufficiently and sustainably on your own farm; growing your own on allotments; living off refuse in skips; working for an employer and spending the money on ideologically sound products; stealing; living on the dole; working for an ideologically sound group like FoE; working in a co-op; self employment....

The main criteria are: does the way you live reduce taxation to the State or cost it money? Does the way you live avoid exploiting other people or animals? Is the way you live environmentally friendly? Are you reducing the cash economy? Does the way you live reduce the power of the State?

### DOES THE WAY YOU LIVE REDUCE THE POWER OF THE STATE?

The State's power comes totally from the taxation it can screw out of its people. Without taxes it cannot buy guns or employ policemen. Without taxes it can make no laws or enforce them. Without taxes there can be no State. So the more taxes you can avoid the less powerful is the State. The more you can cost the State, with the dole for instance, the less powerful is the State.

### DOES THE WAY YOU LIVE AVOID EXPLOITING OTHER PEOPLE OR ANIMALS?

If you have no land on which to grow your own crops you are using someone else to grow them for you. And they're not doing it voluntarily, They have been driven off their land with our guns in order to grow crops for us, cotton in Sudan for example. Or their governments force them to pay taxes in cash, and they can only get that cash by selling off their crops. So they starve and we eat. Avoiding eating meat is difficult since that meat is usually replaced by beans from the Third World. Brazil is losing 12 million acres to grow soya beans for us. Lamb grown on the grass of Welsh hills - which will grow little else - is more ideologically sound than soya beans. If we have no land we must exploit someone or something. Exploiting the animals is no better or worse than exploiting the Third World.

### IS THE WAY YOU LIVE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?

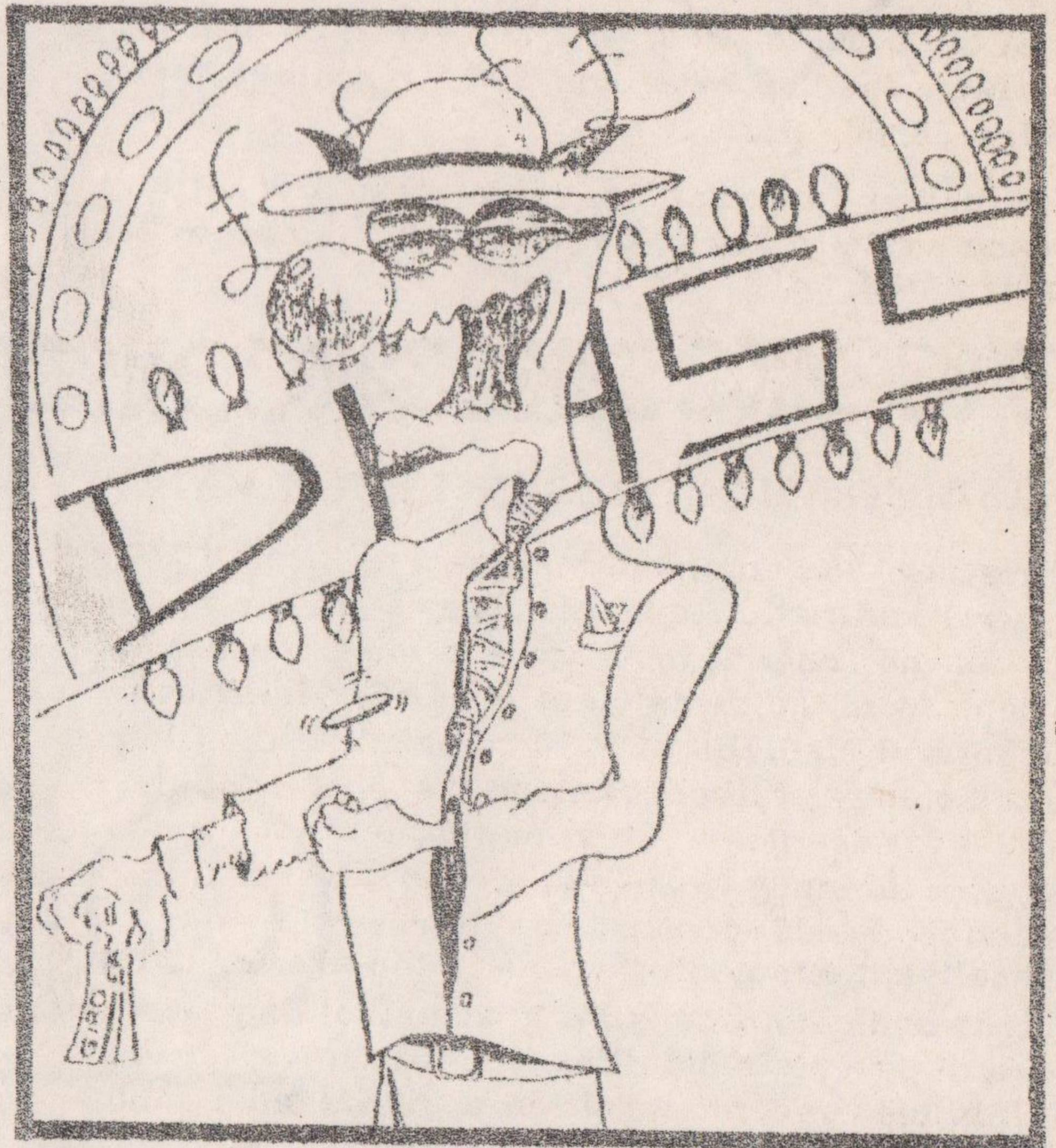
Being environmentally friendly is the most difficult of the lot. Motorised transport is probably the most unfriendly thing there is, causing a good deal of the

greenhouse effect. And nearly everything we buy comes on lorries. The only thing we can do is buy products made as locally as possible.

### ARE YOU REDUCING THE CASH ECONOMY?

Kings minted gold into coins so that they could con the peasants into parting with their wheat. You can't eat gold coins. They have no intrinsic value. The king makes the gold coin so that he can get hold of the wheat and feed people to make his life pleasant or secure. The wheat is the desirable object, not the gold coin. When the king exchanges the coin for the wheat, the king has the desired object. The peasant, until he can swap his coin for another desired object, is the sucker. So governments use money to extract the real wealth from the people. The more government money in circulation, the more real wealth the government has and the less the people have. So retiring from the cash economy reduces the power and wealth of government.

So how do the lifestyle options live up to the criteria? The soundest would be living self-sufficiently on a



farm and claiming the dole. Growing your own on an allotment would rank high and so would scavenging. Stealing has a high cost in self-respect. They all reduce taxes to government, reduce the cash economy and are environmentally sound.

As for jobs the best would be self-employment. That doesn't mean being a capitalist, you're not employing anyone else, you're not demeaning yourself by being employed, and you can dodge income tax. Taking the dole is OK. That costs the State money. Working in co-ops sounds OK theoretically but is usually disguised employment with the one who does the 'worrying' 'employing' the hangers on.



# BLACK ECONOMY

What is not OK is working for an ideologically sound group. You can't avoid income tax. You're not avoiding indirect taxes and you're just trying to make the present monstrous system work. But certainly you won't work for the government. Worse is having a straight job and buying ideologically sound products - 'green consumerism' - as though you can go on having all the products of the destructive industrialised society and pretending that they're doing something about it. It is industry and transport which is destroying the planet. They're not an option.

RICHARD HUNT

## GETTING THAT CRUST

FOR MOST PEOPLE in the world, campaigning for what they regard as good or bad is a luxury. Scraping a living - or more precisely, ensuring there is food and shelter at the end of the day - is a full-time occupation. And yet this is not an excuse for not doing something realistic to solve local and global problems, since there is choice in how one earns ones crust.

Claiming some kind of State handout is an excellent start, of course, as most people know. Income Support and Housing Benefit forms are surprisingly straightforward especially with Citizens Advice Bureau or Claimants Union advice. If you don't like signing on regularly and you find you have a back injury one morning, a doctors sick note can provide Income Support with no ties. Some people continue to claim Housing Benefit at a friends house whilst living in a nearby squat. Some people have opened up fresh DHSS claims in a friends name in a different area when friends have gone abroad and accidentally left their employment records. But don't forget all benefits are taxable and will appear on the P45 tax form eventually so best to ensure the annual taxable income does not go above the lower taxable limit. Also all Income Support claimants will be called up for Restart interviews now and then but don't forget all their schemes are voluntary, don't say yes or no to anything, you are always officially available for work, and try to take an experienced friend to the interview.

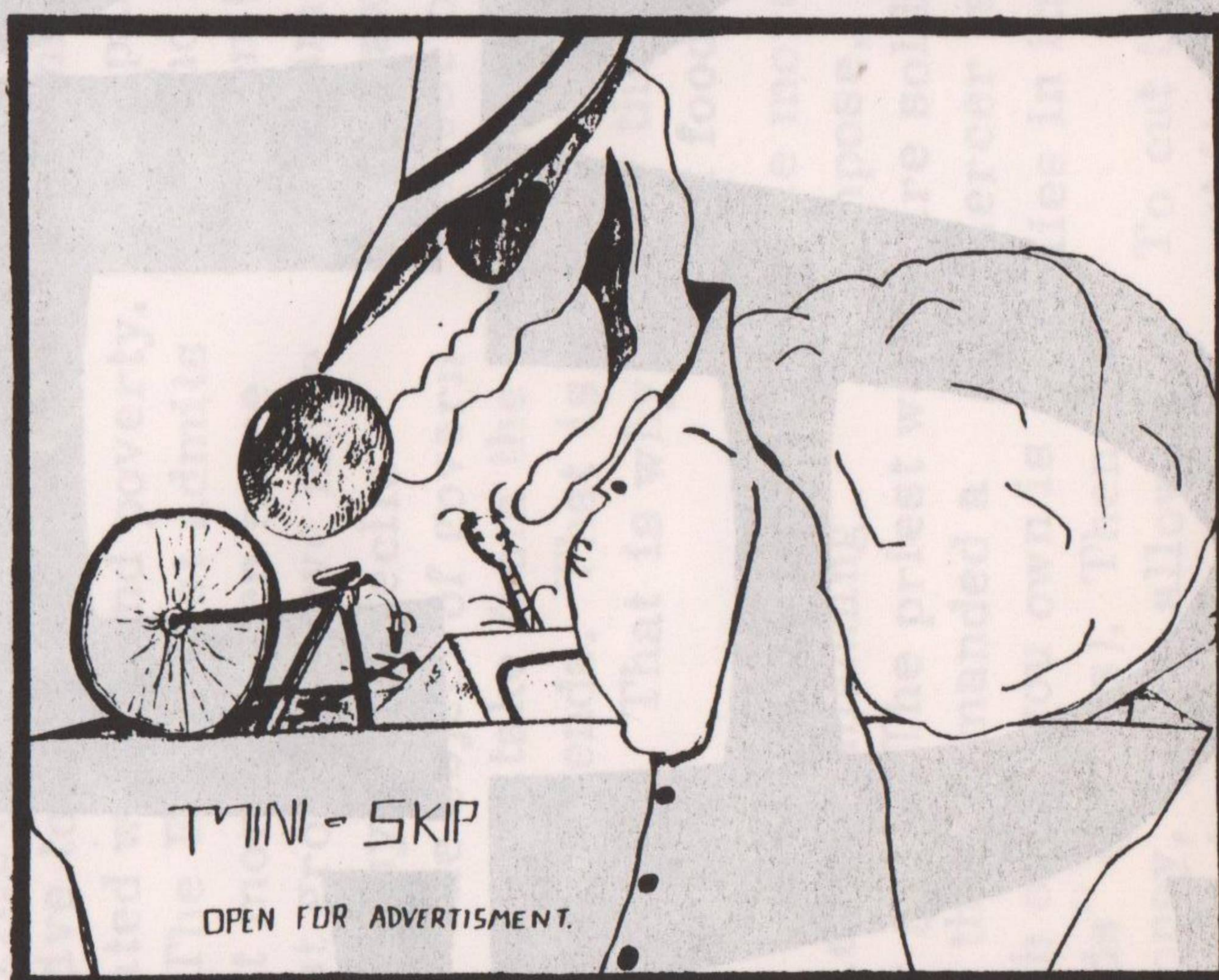
Any form of work that is on the side, off the books (not taxed) is much better than that which is taxed. People do this often whilst claiming benefits at the same time but it is perfectly feasible to work a lifetime without claiming benefit or paying income tax as long as you stick to cash transactions and don't issue or receive invoices and receipts in your name. Avoid working for other people (above all the government) if possible. However employers always have expense accounts/cash floats

available for temporary unskilled work but invariably you need contacts for this. Ideally you will start to trade exclusively with other people on the black market but generally avoid giving out your full name to other traders. The desire not to pay tax is very widespread but in essence you will be in competition with someone who is a taxpayer and they only need to make one phonecall to the Inland Revenue to make life tricky.

If possible self-employment is the better route than being employed by someone else and for many the current Enterprise Allowance Scheme is helpful - but watch out for the cut in Housing Benefit and again some people have altered their books to ensure they pay no tax. The banks can arrange the required £1000 overdraft facility for a few days to qualify for the scheme. The Princes Trust also provide cheap loans and even grants to young people starting in business and sometimes for schemes not intended to make money. Of course we're not suggesting you go off to become a multinational, merely hints on how to best claim what's yours anyway. Once you have achieved your basic daily requirements we hope you will put time into other green anarchist activities.

If you wish to work with others then the best route is a co-operative where there is less chance of a boss creaming off the profit and everyone has a turn at doing the nasty jobs and the conditions are less demeaning, although a large scale co-op starts to behave in a similar fashion to a large corporation and large turnovers mean more tax.

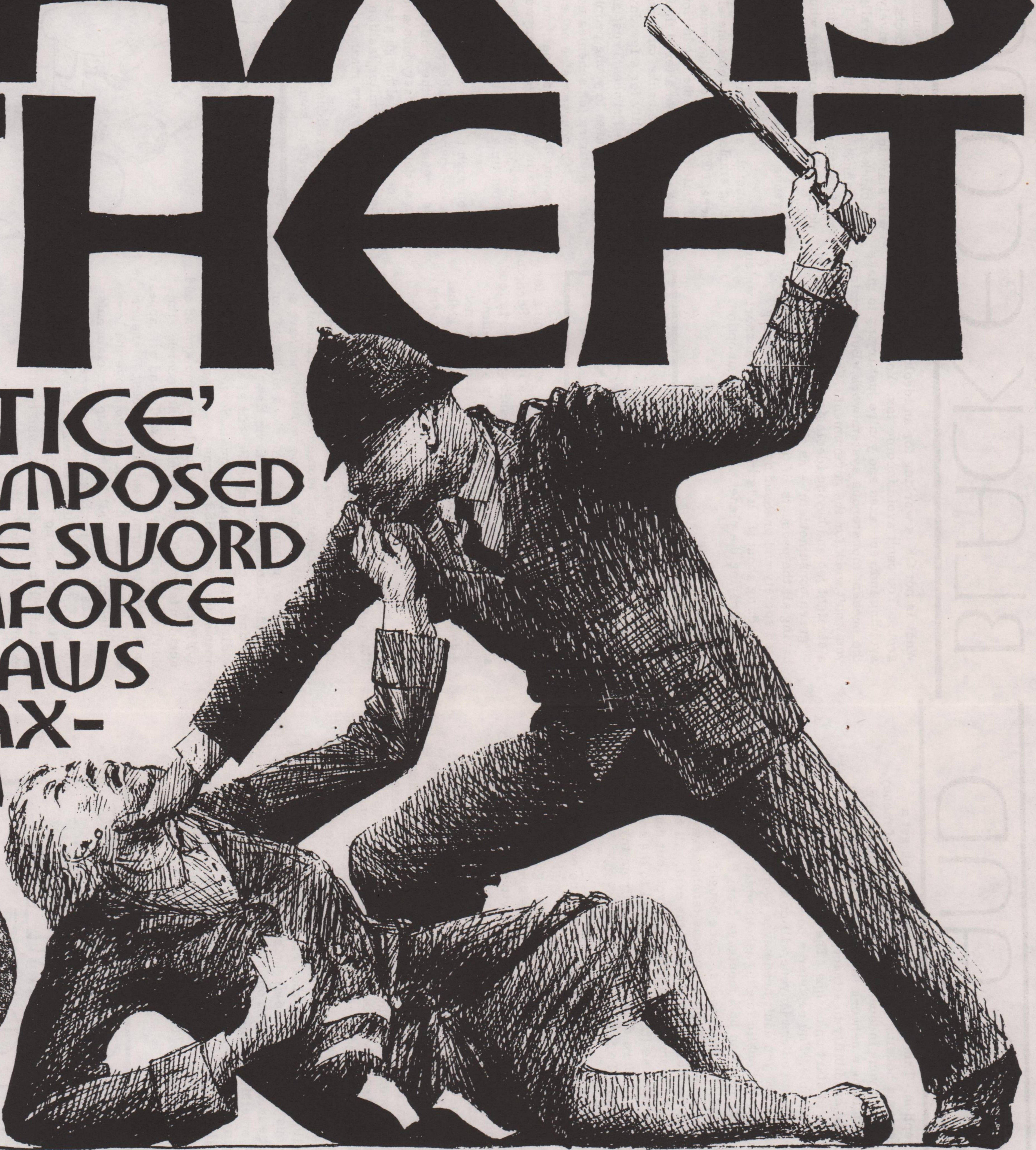
The considerations whilst trading include tax, locality and ecological soundness. Corner shops selling



local produce, markets and jumble sales are all much better than High Street shops and the more trade that uses the barter system rather than cash the better. Market stalls are usually a few pounds for a day although you need to get up early and transport and a friend are fairly essential. Aim for items that either you have produced or recycled or perhaps a friends and avoid items made abroad.

# TAXES THEFT

**'JUSTICE'  
WAS IMPOSED  
BY THE SWORD  
TO ENFORCE  
THE LAWS  
OF TAX-  
ATION**



THE OBJECT OF TAXATION was to take from the many to give to the few. It was taxation which created wealth and poverty. It still does! Even The Economist admits that the rich benefit more. "Even more wierdly, the richest group recieve more benefits in kind than any other decile (tenth)." (20. 2. 82) The object of govern-ment has always been to take from the many to give to its few friends. That is why people want to govern. That is why people want power.

It started by the priests demanding 'sacrifices' to their gods. The priest was also the king. Then they demanded a percentage. "A tenth of all you own is holy and is the Lords" (Moses). Then the king invented money, which allowed him to impose a hidden taxation on trade,

'indirect taxes'. Bingo! More than half government income comes from tax on trade paid, ultimately, by the consumer, you and I, which is why governments are so keen to increase trade! Leftwing governments say that big business has to be taxed. But their taxes which they impose on big business are passed straight on to us, by a corresponding increase in the price of the goods. We pay the taxes on trade. That's how they tax food.

The more taxes a government could impose, the stronger it became. It could hire soldiers, buy guns and impose even fiercer laws. The power of government lies in its taxation..

To cut the power of government we must cut its lifeblood, its taxes, and thus

redistribute wealth to the poorest by making food cheaper. First the Poll Tax, which taxes everyone indiscriminately. Then the hidden indirect taxes whi ch force the tramp to pay as much tax on his cup of tea as the millionaire. Finally income tax. Then, when there are no taxes, there can be no government.

And as the government recieves fewer taxes it must cut its spending on arms and police and prisons. But also on hospitals and schools and social services.

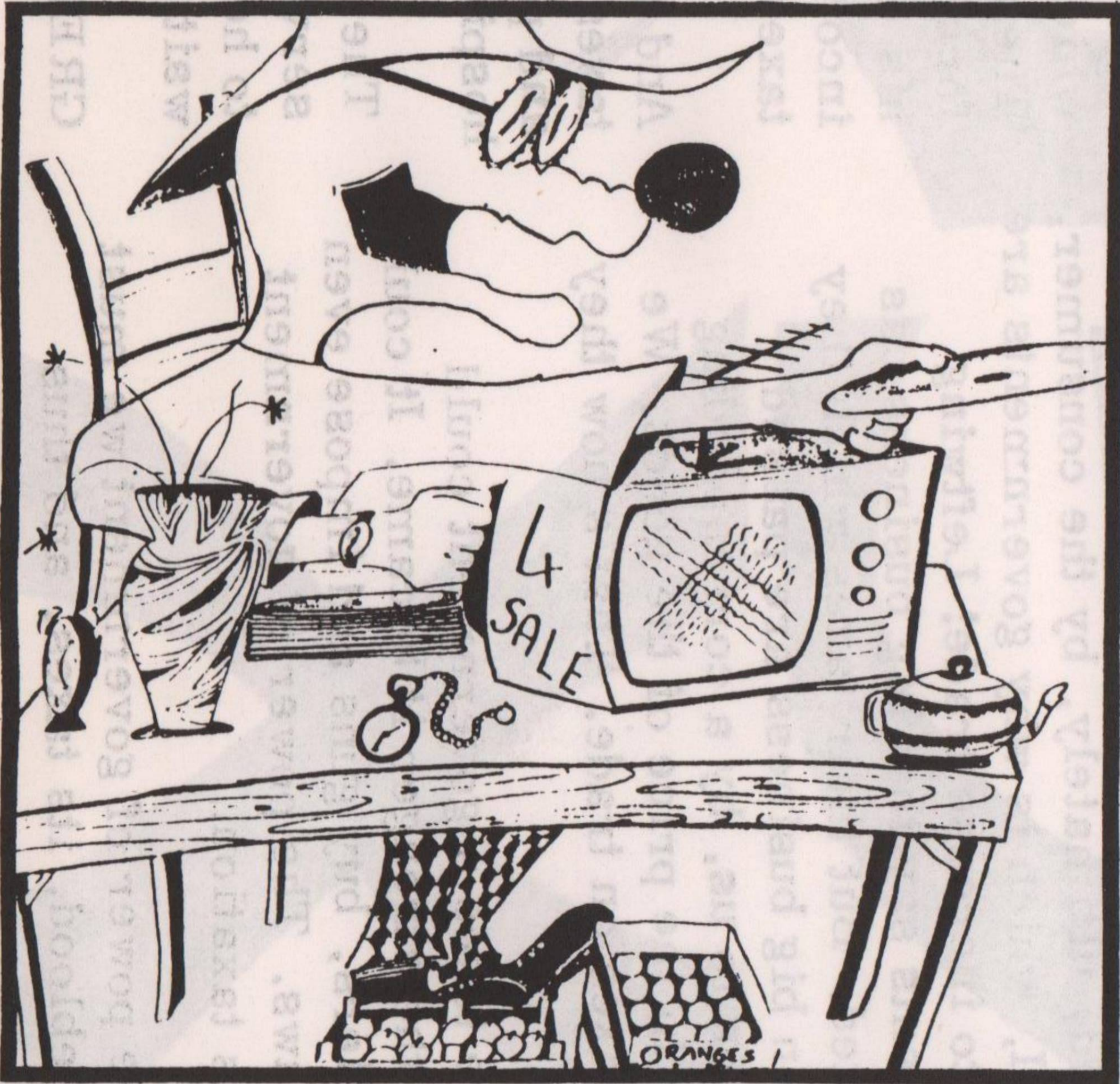
These we must replace with our own services, unpaid. We will learn to teach, to heal, to care for each other, not waiting for government to do it for us.

GREEN ANARCHIST

# THE GREEN AND

Guerilla farming is always easy and possible, just take some old potatoes or even buy seeds and plant them on someone else's land where they will not notice. Perhaps a derelict building site. Give them occasional attention and accept that most will not grow. Technically it probably isn't illegal to guerrilla farm until you try to remove the crops you've grown. Incidentally if you can show possession of unused land for continuous 11 years you can claim it as yours.

Finally scavenging is a very worthwhile hobby. Although direct food scavenging can be unhealthy if



you're not careful, anything of use which is thrown out is an excellent find. Skips at the rear of shops or office blocks or restaurants can produce wonderful finds. There is no reason why you can't furnish a home from a skip, with the help of a few tools.

Learning basic DIY principles is accelerated when the end result is of great personal need. Library books or perhaps a local OAP could offer advice. Once learned these skills, including car/bike maintenance, will not only save you expense but be of use to others. Most people earn money at a job mainly to pay someone else to do the dirty work which they can't do because they're at work! By doing it yourself, the less you need a job and the less you are part of a pointless merry-go-round which only the government benefits from.

SPEED

## CO-OPS

THERE ARE NO short-cuts to taking control of the economy - effectiveness requires a willingness to engage with the system and housing co-ops are no

exception. There are three ways you can get a house as a housing co-op. By having lots of money, by selling your independence to get public money, or by joining a network like Radical Routes which has the credibility to attract 'ethical investments' to loan to start up co-ops. The technical side is fairly simple. You register a co-op with seven technical members (anyone will do as they can be changed and you don't need seven people to be housed), get public funding (about which I know little) or raise an 85% mortgage from the Co-op Bank and 15% from loans. Once bought, 'members' become tenants. Any low income tenants are eligible for housing benefit for the rent. All tenants have to be members and thus control (but don't own) their own house (from the rent level to the colour of the walls). More details can be got from my booklet How To Set Up A Housing Co-op.

So you're in control (no landlords - no evictions) and you can use the place for what you want (eg. meetings, events etc.). The problem is you've got to be together, willing to engage with the system, and work hard. It's no use getting together with a group of 'chaotic' lets-sit-around-til-the-system-collapses 'anarchists', it won't work and that's why most co-ops never happen. The other comparatively minor problem is the money. All the Radical Routes co-ops have been set up by and house unwaged people, most of whom have no savings. Money is raised by loans from supporters of the projects the places house. In two years we've raised £100,000 and now control £500,000 of property which house two resource centres, a vegan/veggie cafe, an alternative school, and a radical education centre, and an organic smallholding. This is what can be done with a bit of serious mutual aid and organization. Any set up co-op can be loaned money from the network if its going to do 'something' from its house and is committed to helping other co-ops once its established. For details about this and everything else write to Radical Routes c/o 24 South Road, Hockley, Birmingham B18 (Tel: 021-551 1679).

ROGER

## ALLOTMENTS & GUERRILLA FARMING

ALONG WITH LEARNING to build for ourselves, heal ourselves and create energy for ourselves, learning to produce our own food is both essential if we are ever to truly take control of our own lives, and is implicitly a threat to Capitalism as it makes a start towards breaking free of the cycle of supply and demand, liberating us from the role of passive Consumers alienated from a real understanding of the

# BLACK ECONOMY

nature of the world around us and the most important aspects of our day to day survival.

Of course the first prerequisite for growing food is land, the acquisition of which is financially beyond the means of most of us, something even the ruling class have had sewn up for centuries, long before the Enclosure Acts of the 1600s. But there are always holes, spaces in which we can move - call it the black economy, call it the green economy.

Allotments are more easily available than you might think, there are huge discrepancies between lengthy



council waiting lists and the wilderness of disused plots overgrown with couch-grass and dock. Applying to the Town Hall for an allotment is probably a waste of time, your letter will pass into the convoluted pipelines of bureaucracy, ignored by councillors too busy exchanging masonic handshakes with their property speculator friends. A more positive step would be to get in touch directly with the local Allotment Society, or better still, take yourself on a tour round the allotment site. Get chatting to the plot-holders and find out which are vacant. On some sites this can be up to three quarters or more of the total. If you are young and have a green mohican, the 'old boys' will no doubt treat you with suspicion, but politeness and enthusiasm will win them over, and after all it is in their interests that as many plots as possible are kept cultivated. Take over the plot and get to work straight away, and pay the annual rent (usually about £10 for 1/16 of an acre) when it becomes due. There are plenty of books about how to grow food successfully (I would particularly recommend 'Organic Gardening' by Laurence D Hills and 'The Holistic Garden' by Julia Langley and Margaret Elphinston) or look at

past issues of GA. One golden rule to remember however is don't try and do too much at once, you'll exhaust yourself and your enthusiasm.

'Guerrilla' farming is another option, especially if you resent renting land or vacant allotments are hard to come by in your area. Apply a little vision to the land around you; railway embankments, back gardens, golf courses, car parks, overgrown bits of land at your workplace and so on. Then give a little thought to clandestine cultivation - the only limits are your imagination; herbs that thrive on poor soils could be grown amongst thistles, budlia and rosebay willow herb on 'desolate' bomb-sites; a little known hole in a fence remembered from childhood explorations could give access to your local rich bastards' grounds - sew your seeds here amongst the undergrowth or venture further and indulge in some scrumping from his orchard. Even if squatting empty property in your area is not an option (hello, Neighbourhood Watch...) maybe the back gardens can be put to use with a little stealth and cunning, or maybe seldom visited corners of local parks and gardens - or even church yards? How about the flower beds that adorn your town centre if they're not too well looked after - you could be growing your crops right in the heart of the consumerist landscape of the burger bars, chain stores and supermarkets - imagine the irony!

Such secret gardens could be maintained with the minimum of effort - small amounts of compost could be carried in bags and weeds could be largely left alone except where they threaten to engulf your crop - they provide camouflage for your activities. Nor would you have to bother with orderly, tidy rows. A mornings cycle tour of a few favourite spots could provide you with a weeks supplies, especially if you take advantage of all the free food that grows wild - nettles, ramsons, dandelions, chick-weed, nuts and berries, some mushrooms and fungi (make sure you know exactly what you can and can't eat safely, however!)

A couple that used to live in Southend grew food on a local railway sidings for years and were never discovered or interfered with. Clandestine farmers are out there now - Why not join them in digging for revolution?

G BURNETT

Graham writes for the excellent down-to-earth zine, Peace of Mind, available from John and Raveheart c/o 14 Medway, Fulwood, Preston, LANCs PR2 4UY for 20p + SAE.

Anthony Wigen's 'The Clandestine Farmer' is recommended for all guerrilla farmers. Copies available from the Country College, 10 Hamilton Road, Alford LINCs LN13 9HD.

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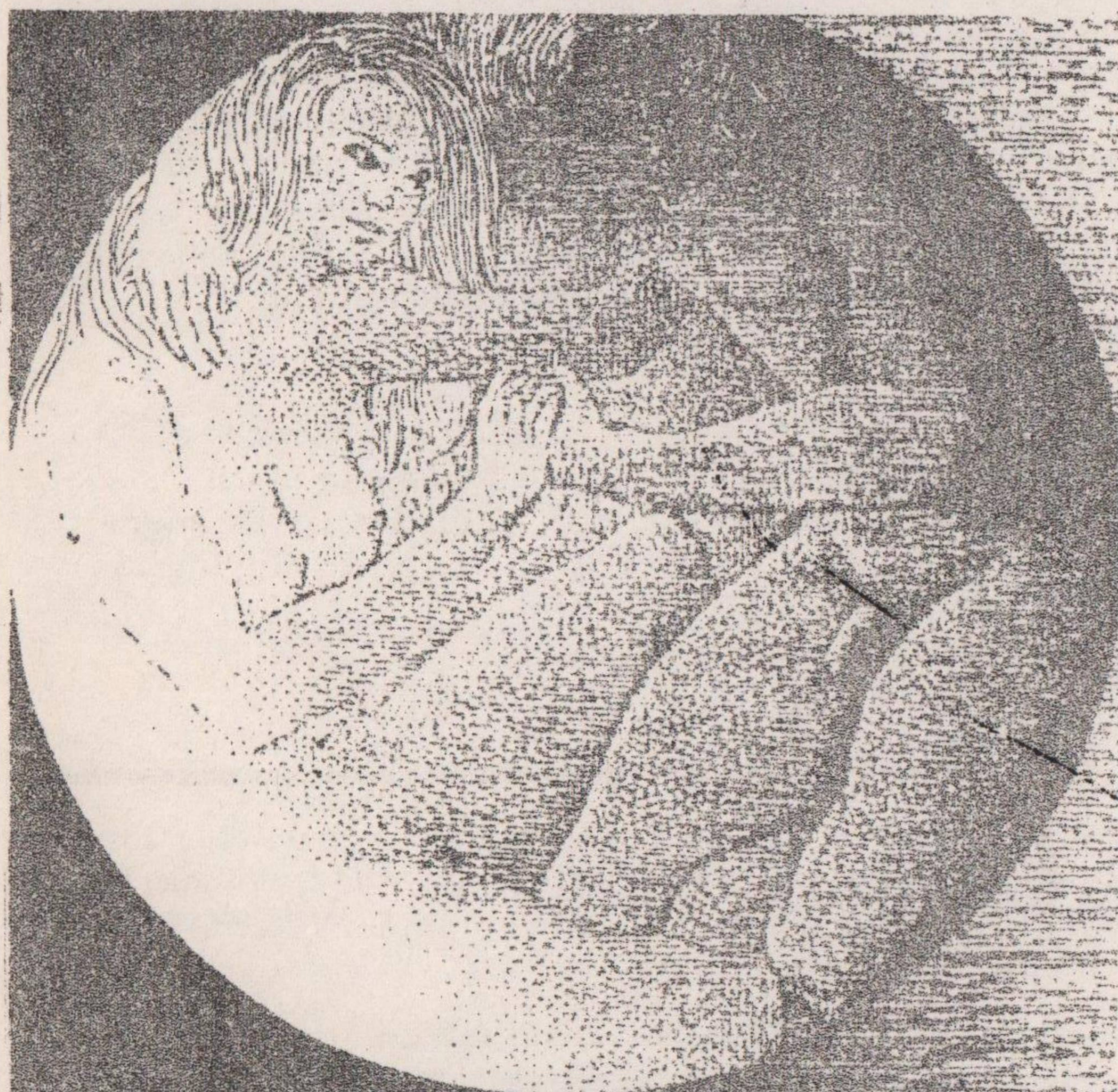
## Anarchist collectives in the Spanish Revolution.

ON THE HISTORY of the Spanish Civil War there is a vast amount of literature. It was one of the most important social upheavals of the present century, and as Burnett Bolloten remarked, in some respects its social significance was even more profound than that of the Russian revolution. For like the English Civil War there was in fact two revolutions: a civil war within the civil war, as Murray Bookchin puts it. On the one hand there was the civil war itself as described by conventional historians. This involved a conflict between the nationalists, the fascist forces led by Franco, (which, supported by the fascist powers in Italy and Germany, eventually won the war) and the forces of democracy, the Republic or Popular Front. This was supported by volunteers from many countries, including George Orwell, who formed the International Brigades.

On the other hand there was a more far-reaching social revolution. It was a revolution whose existence was ignored or denied by reporters and historians. It was a revolution that was 'hidden' from the world, particularly by the Communists. Hence the title of Bolloten's study 'The Grand Camouflage'. This involved a widespread and spontaneous revolution by millions of workers and peasants who were not concerned to rescue the treacherous Spanish republic which had come into power in 1931. They were concerned rather with

reconstructing society along revolutionary libertarian socialist lines.

Ever since the foundation of the Republic the situation in Spain had been one of great tension and instability. For years there had been widespread poverty and repression, and great social inequalities. Large landowners monopolised vast tracts of land. The people were hungry for bread and land. Many people had voted for the Republic expecting an end to the poverty and social injustice, and a new era of freedom and equality. Although some reforms were made, nothing like this happened. Instead there were widespread strikes and insurrections, all put down savagely by the government. In January 1933 there was an uprising in the small Andalusian town of Casas Viejas. The workers had paraded the streets, and libertarian communism was declared. The uprising was put down with great ferocity, the Civil Guards exacting terrible vengeance on the villagers. The incident deeply stirred the Spanish people, and the Republican government lost all credibility. The next two years were described as *bienio negro* - the black years - by the people. Then in July 1936, a group of reactionary military officers, led by General Francisco Franco, launched a struggle against the Republic and the civil war began. It lasted three years, and claimed it is said about a million lives.



WOMEN AND MEN

**A Woman's  
Reply**

To address the statements on the main poster, the State doesn't on the whole look after the old and sick, WOMEN do. They do so in the home, with little or no financial and practical support. They look after chronically ill and handicapped children, ill and elderly parents, husbands and relatives, and because this is considered a natural part of their existence they are ineligible for many State benefits. I am not suggesting that the answer is to increase State financial aid to these women, though in the short term this might decrease their drudgery a little, but to make the point that as individuals and groups we should all give support to these people who cannot live independantly, to give them and their carers a little more freedom and dignity. And in case you hadn't noticed, the government is promoting this 'Care in the Community' as a better way to look after people than in institutions. I'm sure it is, but it's also a hell of a lot cheaper, especially if you can get women to work 24 hours a day for free in the name of 'family feeling'. It seems to me that anarchists have failed to address the question of how we can ensure people who are physically or mentally unable to totally care for their own daily needs to have the freedom and autonomy that we demand for ourselves. What about those who can't grow their own food? Are there any people out there in that position who can give us some ideas?

The other way in which women look after the sick and elderly is of course as (badly) paid nurses and care

But that same year a social revolution also occurred. Quite spontaneously, millions of workers and peasants seized most of the land and factories in the republican-held regions - that is, Aragon, Catalonia and sections of the Levant. They took over the economy, formed rural collectives, placed factories under the control of worker's committees, even abolished money and lived by communistic principles of work and distribution - all, as Bookchin writes, in the midst of a terrible civil war. One of the most important and insightful accounts of this social revolution is Gaston Leval's 'Collectives in the Spanish Revolution', first published in 1971.

Gaston Leval is the pseudonym of a man who was born in the 1890s. To avoid being drafted into the French Army during the First World War he left France, and has spent most of his life in exile. In Spain he joined the Syndicalist Movement and although a Frenchman, he was a Spanish delegate to an International Trade Union Congress in Moscow in 1921. Disillusioned about what was happening in Russia, he lived from 1923 until 1936 in Argentine, before returning to Spain. During the years of the civil war he resolved to record for posterity the nature of the social revolution in Spain. To record in detail what happened when ordinary people took over the management of their own lives.

'Collectives in the Spanish Revolution' is a record of this revolution; an event that is unique in recent history. Leval notes how this revolution, though appearing to be spontaneous, was in fact the culmination of more than 60 years of anarchist propaganda and revolutionary activity and struggle. The spreading of anarchist ideas by Guiseppe Fanelli, the formation of the two revolutionary organizations, the National Confederation of Labour (CNT) and the Anarchist Federation of Iberia (FAI)

assistants, again, the 'naturalness' of our nurturing instinct means that we are undervalued in the only respect which really counts in this society: financial.

The Womens Movement is quite right to be concerned with issues of hierarchy, pornography and the upbringing of children, these are issues which should be central to all anarchists. Surely we are all opposed to hierarchies? Pornography is a poison, in that it not only turns people into commodities, but also propagates the real physical degradation and torture of women, by desensitising the men who consume pornography, and encouraging them to greater acts of violence. Videos showing sexual acts between women and animals such as dogs and horses (some of which apparently caused internal physical damage to the women, and all presumably without the consent of the animals) are very widely viewed in this country. 20 years ago, pictures of naked women were the 'height' of pornography. The 'authorities' who have stated time after time at various enquiries that pornography does not lead to rape and violence towards women are at last being discredited. The authorities are usually men, and academic men at that.

And finally to the question of childcare. This may be seen as a side issue, but in reality it is the central issue in the oppression of women. GA is very concerned with the division of labour, but has shied away from the most basic example.

is ably summarised by Leval in giving the background to the revolution. But the bulk of the study contains a detailed descriptive account of various collectives, both rural and urban, in Aragon, Catalonia and the Levant. It demonstrates both the achievements and possibilities offered by this great social experiment, and the tragic dilemma Spanish anarchists faced, of either collaborating with its anti-fascist enemies, the Republic and its communist supporters, or being held historically responsible for the fascist victory. But as Sam Dolgoff notes: "The lessons to be learned from the mistakes and the triumphs of the Spanish revolution are of permanent value to new generations seeking new ways to rejuvenate society."

Leval's study, therefore, as Vernon Richards stressed in his introduction to the work, is of more than academic interest.

## BRIAN MORRIS

### READINGS

The following books deal more specifically with the role of the anarchists in the Spanish Civil War and revolution.

Murray Bookchin 'The Spanish Anarchists: The Heroic Years 1868 - 1936' New York, Harper 1977

Sam Dolgoff 'The Anarchist Collectives' New York, Free Life 1977

Burnett Bolloten 'The Spanish Revolution' University of North Carolina Press, 1979 (revised edition of 'The Grand Camouflage' 1961)

Gaston Leval 'Collectives in the Spanish Revolution' London, Freedom Press, 1975

In the earliest social groups, the hunter gatherer societies it made sense to breast-feed children for 3 or 4 years, not only was it a source of safe and nutritious food, but it also has a fairly good contraceptive effect, ensuring that families constantly on the move stayed fairly small. Given the need to keep women and their children together, it must have made sense for women to do the gathering, rather than the hunting - less frenetic and more home based work, though in terms of calories and regular food, probably more important overall than the occasional meat which hunting provided.

This is presumably the source of the basic division of labour in all societies. Studies of remaining hunter gatherer groups in the 1960s showed that food collection actually took up rather less time than those brought up in agricultural societies had assumed; often only 3 or 4 hours a day. For women this labour was fairly evenly distributed on a daily basis, while for men it involved more occasional but longer periods. The rest of the time they had nothing much to do, so they invented gambling and politics!

In small-scale societies childcare is done much more on a co-operative way than in Western capitalist society. Women often work in groups, so that the division between social life and work is not

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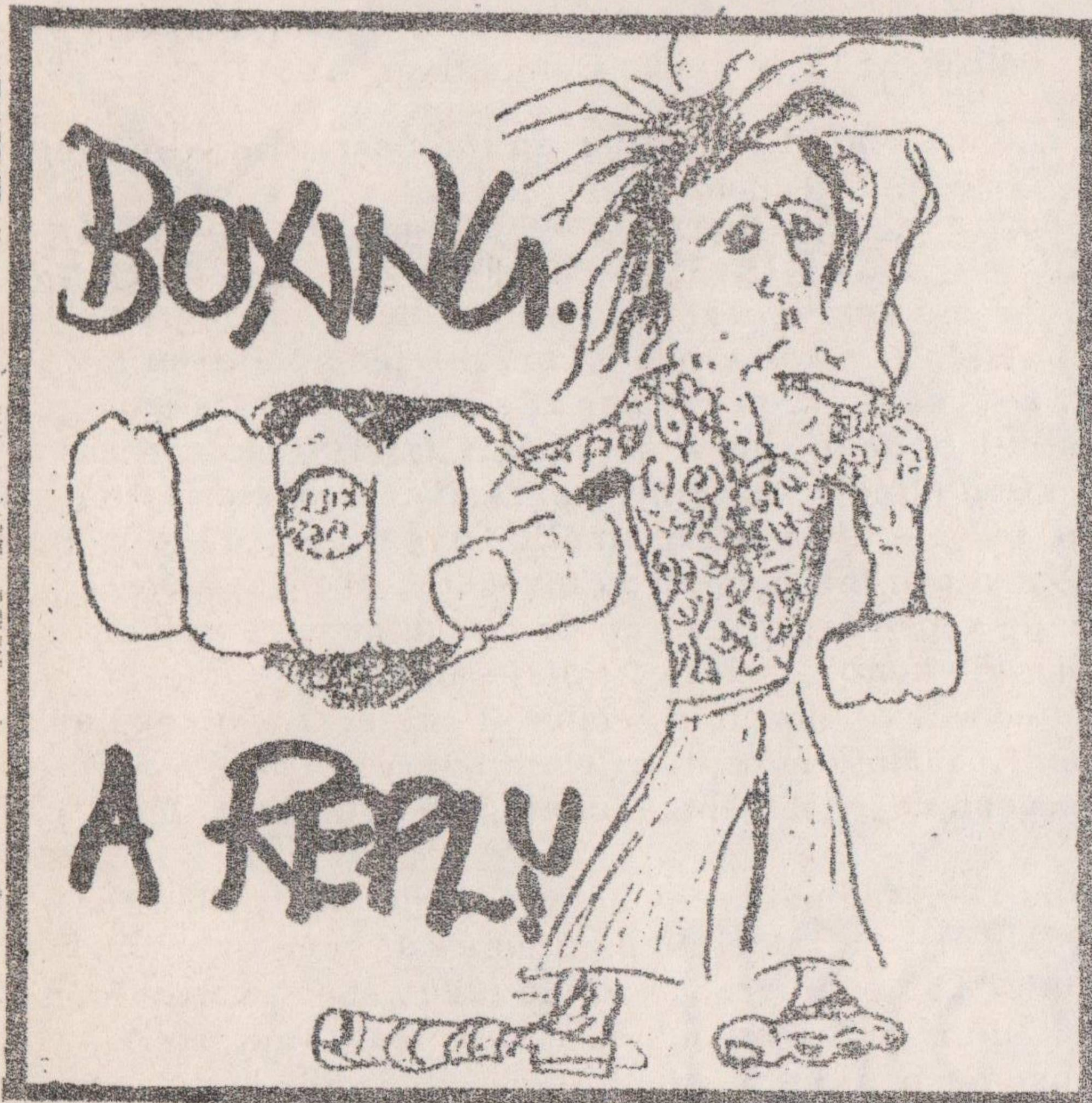
always clear. Children are not marginalised into playgroups, nurseries or schools, but involved in everything, learning by doing. Men are often far more involved in childcare than in our society, in fact childcare as a concept has no reality in a society where children are everywhere, and everyone looks out for them.

There are still remnants of this co-operative child care in the way in which women look after neighbours children while they 'pop down to the shops' and women with children find it difficult to get by without the help and support of other women.

Because women often have responsibilities in the home, they are unable to take up outside work that needs responsibility or a great deal of overtime. It is not always the case that women aren't assertive or even competitive. Forced into jobs which are way below their capabilities can have the effect of making them bitter and alienated. Henpecked husbands are the result of frustrated wives!

Women are still sold the whole package of Love, Romance and Marriage, for which read Love, Delusion and Slavery. To be unattached is still to be pitied and scorned, even if the alternative stinks. Often by the time we find out what a bad deal it is, it's too late.

What future is there for us? It can be helpful for



I agree with Samson that confidence in your own self is necessary to be able to 'fight back'. I disagree with pretty much everything else he said though.

My viewpoint is that of an ex-karate student. I trained in karate for about 16 months altogether before jacking it in. During that time I developed a lot of physical confidence (maybe overconfidence?) which I had previously lacked. I enjoyed being fit enough and supple enough to actually feel good about my own physical capabilities.

women to withdraw from men; for the walking wounded to start to heal themselves and find their own strength, but it is not a long-term solution. Women and men should talk to each other and listen to each other, form honest relationships of all kinds, not based on unrealistic notions of men as 'Protectors' and women as 'Nurturers'. We should all protect ourselves and our friends, and nurture each other. Men should be equally responsible for children and then perhaps children will have some decent role models to follow. When children are allowed to follow their own inclinations, perhaps we will be able to see whether there are any real differences between men and women. And I don't think we need worry about some child nicking all the ice-creams, since humans need society. Surely cooperation is our natural state, not a nicety with no survival value.

Finally, Women's Issues have been marginalised in every political movement. We are always being told 'After the Revolution everything will be Hunkydory, but meanwhile could you just do this typing/make the tea'. Anarchists should make these issues central to our argument and our action. They are issues for all of us. The oppression of women and children within the family was the first oppression, upon which all others are modelled. If we cannot work that one out then all the others will soon reproduce themselves. If one person can justify control of another on grounds that they need 'protection' it opens the gate for all the other justifications. I don't want protective custody.

## Grace

I quit for two main reasons. Firstly, the karate ethos. To 'develop character', traditional karate demands that the students bow to their instructor a lot, respect him/her, and, while training, do exactly as they're told. That irritated me.

The other reason was that I grew tired of the 'macho' environment that karate training produced: being able to accept pain and appear tough was valued by the instructor but not by me. I don't need to be hard. I don't have anything to prove. I don't have any drive to win competitions. What's the point? So what if I can beat you up - is this supposed to prove that I'm somehow a better person?

There are instructors out there who are more interested in the cooperative aspects of self defence. Those who teach women's groups are a good example. Most boxing and martial arts instructors seem to have a different view of their activities however.

One other point: whilst not wanting to argue about the relative validities of boxing and other martial arts I would point out that I think boxing is a poor means of self-defence. It is basically about hitting people above the belt, and stopping others doing the same. Other martial arts (eg. aikido, karate, kung-fu, NOT judo which is a very limited sport) cover the whole variety of fighting techniques including a much better understanding of how to block kicks, punches, clubs, knives etc., how to dodge blows, how to stop an opponent without always having to assault them. Sure, they take longer to learn, but they are concerned with total self-defence, rather than just being a 'sport' activity.

BRIAN DUGUID

# LETTERS

## Women and Men: SEXIST SHIT

Dear Green Anarchists,

I've just read the article on Women And Men in the Spring 89 issue. I think perhaps I expected too much - but no I'm just being typically 'feminine' not questioning, thinking its improper to divide the 'cause' (that's what most lefty men think if you criticise them anyway).

On the page after Women and Men there was an article called Entropy full of facts and figures and long words; Women and Men was more like a Sun editorial with a 'right on' slant. What Can We Do To Control Our Competitiveness - I can't fucking believe how crap this came out - "... the point is that competitiveness is in our genes and males especially have lots of it". Who says? Why haven't you bothered reading any fucking research to back up this claim (excuse for shit behaviour more like by the revolutionary blokes who get their mam's - any female - to wash/cook/praise). Obvious research has been put into other articles, why not Womyn and Men? Are you saying men are naturally more aggressive? Do you belong to the National Front?

'The nice guy finishes last', but where do wimmin come? And if men do think wimmin are being anti-male wanting 'isolation' from them then that's their fucking problem. Change yourselves, change your shit attitudes. Why should women be respon(d?)sible (sic) yet again just because men feel their power slipping? You're ISOLATING WIMMIN ALL THE FUCKING TIME. YOU DON'T EVEN NOTICE THE SEXIST SHIT LANGUAGE YOU USE.

Julie of Rotherham.

## Woolly thinking

Dear GA,

Hi, thank for GA21, nice mag, and especially beautiful centerfold artwork - shame about the woolly thinking below it. Some notes about page 10:- there is no such thing as "the feminist analysis" - there are more varieties of "feminism" than there are of anarchism (which is saying something!) and to reduce all their ideas and theory to the pat line "exploitation of women is caused by competitive behaviour" is a gross simplification.

On the line "Competitiveness is in our genes", see Not In Our Genes: Biology Ideology And Human Nature by Steven Rose, L. Kamin and R. Lerrantin (330pp. Penguin 1984) for a complete demolition of the biological determinist theory.

If you claim that "competitiveness is in our genes" then you can also (perhaps) locate genetic 'reasons' for gays, racial 'superiority', intelligence, mental fitness, even genetic reasons for people being anarchist subversives - all of which sends you tumbling down the slippery road towards Green Fascism, where deviance/competitive-ness/whatever can be 'cured' by 'selective breeding'.

You only have to compare this dangerously woolly style of article with the theoretical precision of articles in, say, Here And Now to understand why many I speak to claim that they don't really see the relevance of such a half-thought out approach.

All the best,

Dave of Stratford-Upon-Avon

"TURN WASTE INTO GOLD" (Mao Ze Dong on recycling)

## Aotearoan punk writes

Dear GA,

Thanks very much for sending me your Spring 89 issue. In my opinion you are along the right tracks with your dogma. However I do disagree with some points.

Basically I think what is needed today is a change in the way we look at the world. Instead of looking for opposition let's look for common ground.

Lets think globally and not just about ourselves. I have a hunch that all life on Earth resulted from the same primeval cell and that we are all related to each other. 'We share the same biology regardless of ideology' - Sting.

Seperateness is in fact an illusion created by 'civilization'. When one realises one is interlinked with every thing else one's attitude changes naturally.

We need action/cooperation but it is wrong to see something/body as wring and want to destroy it because in that destruction you destroy much that is good and useful.

Also when you destroy something you must have something to put in its place to affect change.

We must work within the structures available ie. 'the State/System' to bring about real change.

Real Revolution is a revolution in a way of thinking. Our rights stop at the other /next persons rights. Everything and Everyone has a purpose and difference should be a source of strength not a weakness as they allow flexibility.

Healthy competition is necessary but it must not get out of hand as it is at present - it must be tempered with cooperation.

Things at present are out of balance. However this is not necessarily bad as it is necessary for change to occur and things to find a new equilibrium. This is how we progress.

Did I leave anything out? Probably.

Anyway hope you don't just chuck this in the bin as rubbish. Remember 'Free Speech is a Right'.

Lets try talking to the politicos and authorities before blowing them to bits - Lets make them see reason. Lets not opt out - without even trying hard.

There is only one constant - change.

Yours in GA,

Matthew Hodgetts, 37 Juliet Avenue, Howick, Auckland, New Zealand.

PS: Civilization is a very thin veil under which lies the primitive man where we get our drives/urges. Recognising this, we realise that the primitive way is not necessarily wrong but if we can be both civilized and primitive at the same time we are whole.

## Letters "unfair"

Fellow Peace 'Mongerers' of Green Anarchist,

Just flicking through a few of your magazines and am impressed by your unbiased views and ability to publish letters slagging you off etc.

I believe this is all part of @ and we have to learn to compromise. As long as no-one steps on each other and value peoples comments it can work, but if we impose our beliefs on other people and animals surely we are just as fucked. I say this because I feel a few of the letters in Green @ist are unfair ... More divisions!

As you aren't afraid to publish them we can see the pettiness compared to mor





# LETTERS

## Care for people, not cars!

Dear GA People,

Your spring issue just arrived in my local bookshop so I thought I'd write a brief letter.

To Jim Levine: I'm sure most of us agree that 'classism' has fucked up Britain pretty badly. Working-class, middle-class, upper-class: why impose these artificial labels upon ourselves? Generalising people in this way is an attempt to fit a wide variety of people into nice simple boxes... and we just don't fit. (In the same way, people are described as hetero/homo/bisexual as if such a simple label could ever hope to define an individual's complex sexuality).

The political parties exploit these labels. The Tories are an odd exception: by appealing to nationalist, reactionary instincts they grab a fair share of 'working class' voters too. Labour, having spent most of its life as the 'working class' party is now trying (unsuccessfully) to create an image for itself that cuts across class boundaries.

And surely Jim, you can't really believe that just because the producers of GA are from a 'middle class' background, they must inevitably be classists too? By the same logic, that makes me a racist, sexist, ageist - you name it! People don't get a hell of a lot of choice about the background they are born into: it's what they do to free themselves of their heritage that counts.

One other brief comment on Jim's letter. If the place he bought GA made him feel unwelcome then I think that's surprising. Most radical/alternative outlets go out of their way to be friendly (especially to new visitors), chat to customers, swap news etc, but of course it's up to the customer to be friendly too, to initiate a conversation.

Transport: John Morley is right about the government's plans for huge investments in road improvements being a waste of time. It's like the recent moves towards cutting down on toxic pollution from cars by installing catalytic converters (which of course produce CO<sub>2</sub>, which adds to the Green-house effect). The answer to our traffic problems is not just to tinker with the current status quo but to get all the bloody cars off the road by

promoting cycling and use of 'public' transport. There are one or two people in the transportation 'lobby' who are thinking along these lines, but most are trapped in the same old ways of thinking, unable to solve the problem because their very way of working is the problem...

Thanks for a good issue, especially the news section and the bit about Israel

Love and @narchy,

Brian Duguid of Aberdeenshire.

## Burn out the rich...

Dear GA

I agree with J. Morley about direct action. The government say they care about the countryside but all they do is destroy it. We are more 'patriotic' about the land than they are. The ALF have shown that direct action works with their campaigns against fur stores.

We should take action against the developers who are building homes for the rich in the countryside. What I suggest is that we burn down the luxury homes they are building for the rich before they even get the chance to move into them.

Yours,

@ngry Fanatic

ALL VOTING IS A SORT OF GAMING, LIKE CHECKERS OR BACKGAMMON, A PLAYING WITH RIGHT AND WRONG" (Henry Thoreau)

## ... And go lead-free, too!

Dear GA,

In a recent report Fire Brigade spokesmen have said that unleaded petrol burns much fiercer and is much more difficult to extinguish than normal 4 star. So next time you feel that molotov moment coming on, put a little extra sting in your petrol bomb with some lead-free petrol and help protect the environment while you're protecting your community!

Yours,

Class War, PO Box 499, Bristol BS99.

"I THOUGHT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CIVIL WAR." (Ken Dodd on why he didn't pay income tax)

## Meibion Glyndwr "misrepresented"

Dear Green Anarchist,

As an Englishman living in Wales, I can understand John Andrew's hostility to Meibion Glyndwr. That does not justify misrepresenting them in his letter to your Spring 89 issue.

Calling them "right-wing nationalists and racists" suggests he gets his information on them not from "the people of Wales" but Searchlight magazine. It's editor, Gerry Gable, has a long history of putting about the smears his masters in the Special Branch want him to, including against Class War and the anarchist squatters in Hackney last year. Searchlight's From Ballots To Bombs tries to link Meibion Glyndwr in with a National Front strategy of tension - along with the ALF for their anti-fur campaign and the Barling Magna bomber who blew up a new housing development in Essex using instructions from The Anarchist Cookbook (Searchlight thinks the village was called Bayling - if they get that small detail wrong, how can we take the rest seriously?). I trust, unlike Mr Gable, that John can distinguish between necessary direct action by anarchists and fictional fascist 'strategy of tension'.

The NF have tried to curry favour with Meibion Glyndwr, but more recent copies of National Front News suggest they've failed. Instead they condemn Meibion's firebombing of rich holiday homes and refer English settlers to a group they are more likely to exert influence over, Huw Thomas's right-wing Welsh Language Society. They are at odds with Plaid Cymru (who are seen as left-wingers placing insufficient emphasis on 'Welsh culture') and are believed linked with the Welsh Covenanters, who also firebomb second homes and have for the last ten years.

Meibion are nationalists - in the sense the IRA, the Basques and Palestinians (all which they support) and Plaid are. Their concern is with self-determination, equal rights and social justice not 'cultural identity'. What's John's problem? Anti-imperialism OK for anarchists to support in the Occupied Territories, but no closer to home?

Yours in solidarity,

Helen Mayall of Hereford.



oppressive arguments. Keep it going.  
Communication doesn't fuck people:  
people fuck communications!

Utopia...

Spk Dispensable of Laxative c/o the  
Anarchist Alliance of Aotearoa, PO Box  
78, 10a Grey Lynn, Auckland,  
Aotearoa (New Zealand).

"ARSEHOLISM IS  
THINKING YOU'RE  
THE ONLY ONE WHOS  
RIGHT" (from a poem  
by John Perotti)

## AWG right to reply

To 'Green Anarchist'

We read with interest your 'news'  
entitled Workerists Go Whacko, that  
DAM has split from the Anarchist  
Workers Group.... The AWG is a  
split from DAM - not the other way  
round!

.... According to GA, the DAM have  
"denounced (our) vanguardism".... The  
AWG reject 'vanguardism' as substi-  
tutionalist and would "defend the fullest  
democracy and plurality of revolutionary  
political currents" (AWG Founding  
Statement).... We argue the economic  
struggle can and must be politicised. It  
is syndicalism that rejects the need for  
political intervention in the class  
struggle.... Instead of "seeking to  
replace official trade unions.... with  
their own" as DAM do, we argue for  
rank and file organization within the  
existing trade unions but with organi-  
zational and ideological independence,  
in order to bypass the bureaucratic  
leaderships in times of intensified  
struggle....

You suggest that our strategy "consists  
of getting the already rich to demand  
even greater wages until capitalism is  
bankrupted".... We argue for such  
things as higher wages and better  
health services because firstly, they are  
material gains for workers and, second  
if they're not met we can argue for the  
replacement of capitalism with a society  
where production is for use not  
profit.... In periods of economic  
crisis, capitalism cannot ensure the  
affluence of both workers and bosses.  
Capitalism has always attempted to  
solve its crisis by paying lower wages  
cutting social services and by attacking  
working class organisation.

The struggle for better wages and  
conditions, proper healthcare and the

defence of political gains necessarily  
opposes the very rationale of  
capitalism itself. To abstain from  
these struggles is to aid capitalism  
and its requirements.

Yours etc.,

London Anarchist Workers Group,  
EM Box 6548, London WC1N 3XX.

(GA: This right to reply started out as  
a 3-page response to a 100-word piece  
on the AWG in GA20. As this was too  
long for the Letters Page, we asked  
them to edit it down in person and by  
post. Getting no reply, we had to be  
as fair as possible editing it ourselves.  
The full text is available from GA and  
the AWG if you write for it with SAE).

## Hope

Dear Green Anarchist,

I was reading your Spring 89 (no. 21)  
issue and noticed you had a review of  
my magazine, Hope 2, which is great  
- thanks a lot for reviewing it. But I am  
afraid to say that Common Ground in  
Newcastle had to unfortunately close  
down due to lack of money. I am not  
sure of all the new addresses of groups  
people who used to use Common Ground  
are now, but I can now be contacted at  
40 Bishops Road, Benwell, Newcastle  
Upon Tyne NE15 6RY. My address is in  
no way permanent, and I won't be using  
it much longer but a few of us are getting  
the money together to get a PO Box.

Thanks - Love + Hope,

Tommy from Newcastle upon Tyne.

## Paganism: A Reply

Dear GA,

Is there anything that requires magic or  
a god by way of explanation? Are these  
things adequate to explain anything?  
Neither goes any further than to place  
an artificial damper on the enquiring  
mind, a nebulous source of pessimism  
to dissuade those seeking to under-  
stand how things really are. In his  
refreshing article Against Paganism  
(GA Issue 18), Simon Jones said much  
that needed saying, while from his  
reply printed in GA issue 21, it is  
clear that Rob Tripp is suffering from  
some misconceptions.

It is now some time since Uri Geller's  
fraud was exposed by a conjurer using  
the stage name Ali Bongo, whose open  
reproduction of Geller's tricks  
exposed him to considerable emulity from  
his professional colleagues (many of

whom consider it to be their right,  
since it is the source of their liveli-  
hood, to mislead the public). In cases  
such as this, of course, the deluded  
must share the blame with their  
deluders: Geller did only what is  
encouraged in the capitalist predator.

If plants do grow faster when spoken  
to (and has anyone performed  
adequately controlled experiments to  
determine whether this is the case?),  
why should anyone insist on seeking a  
supernatural explanation for what could  
be considered a natural phenomenon?

I find it most disturbing that credence  
can be given to such probability games  
as the I Ching or the Tarot by people  
who profess to be anarchists. (For  
those who take these matters seriously  
I would suggest, as a first step at  
least, reading John Sladek's The New  
Apocrypha). Anarchists cannot afford  
to invite deception. The truth is hard  
enough to uncover as it is, requiring  
a mind both open and critical. The  
comfort that magic and religion can  
give to some people (perhaps by  
convincing them that universal ignor-  
ance is the ultimate equaliser and that  
after all, those physicists, biologists,  
etc., who appear to understand more  
about the world are themselves guilty  
self-deception and therefore at no  
advantage) comes at too high a price.  
What motivations do we have to look  
beyond the blade of Occam's razor?

The ability to fantasise is important  
in many ways, enabling us to  
envisage our world as we would like  
to be able to make it for ourselves and  
enabling us to overcome those concept-  
ual barriers that impede our progress  
in understanding how things are. What  
would Einstein have achieved without  
his adventurous imagination? It can  
also make it easier to accept the dull  
sameness of our lives, but here lies  
the great danger. The imagination can  
generate things the existence of which  
is accepted on faith alone, without  
convincing evidence. Faith turns aside  
enquiry and poisons curiosity, and  
how can we survive without those?  
There are necessary limits to know-  
ledge, both in terms of the amount an  
individual can learn and in terms of what  
the human mind can grasp, and  
consequently there is no danger of hav-  
ing any reason to lose our sense of wonder  
at the world: this can only increase as  
we come to accept more and more the  
limits on our understanding. No-one can  
ever really know very much and, in  
any case, most of what we do know  
cannot be considered useful knowledge  
but ignorance, while sometimes bringing  
great comfort, is our most powerful  
enemy and we cannot afford to welcome  
it. Any system of thought that is based  
on faith, whether Paganism, Christ-  
ianity, Islam, Shinto or whatever, is  
not only conservative: it is also  
reactionary and every bit as crippling  
as Tory or Marxist dogma.

John Waters of Hampshire.

London THE RICH

# SUBCULTURE

## ALLOTMENTS

HOME MADE COMPOST is a very important part of the organic allotment. It is also a very good way of recycling garden and kitchen waste and follows the natural progression of nature.

Your heap can be just free standing and will work quite well if covered with old carpets, this keeps the heap warm, which gets the bacteria working.

A neater way is to build a compost bin out of pallets or scrap wood. A 3' cube is quite a good size, with a lid on to keep out the rain.

Any vegetable matter can be put into the compost bin, but try to avoid hedge clippings and brassica stems (unless crushed with a hammer) as these will take a long time to decompose. Also avoid putting in any diseased material.

Kitchen waste is excellent as are comfrey leaves, nettles and grass cuttings, all of which act as a compost 'activator'.

Seaweed can also be used in the compost, but check the pollution levels from the area you collect it from.

Greengrocers might be able to give you vegetable rubbish if you have difficulty finding ingredients.

When building your heap, it is a good idea to put woody material at the base (eg. runner beans, crushed brassica stems) as this aids drainage and aeration, both of which are needed by the bacteria.

Try to build the heap up in layers eg. a layer of kitchen waste, then a layer of grass cuttings, and so on until all your raw materials are used up.

It is not a good idea to put in a great thick layer of grass cuttings, as these tend to turn into sludge and make the heap too acidic.

Bacteria like warm, moist conditions to work in, so if the heap is too dry, water it down; if too wet, add some dry matter.

When the heap is built cover with old carpet for insulation.

As the materials decompose they become compressed so it is a good idea to turn it over with a fork every once-in-a-while as this aerates the heap and brings undecomposed matter into the middle of the heap where it can be broken down.

The compost will be ready when it has lost its heat, and has a sweet 'earthy' smell.

CHRIS

## BOOK REVIEWS

'THE ECO'WARS: A LAYMANS GUIDE TO THE ECOLOGY MOVEMENT'. DAVID DAY. HARRAP. 360pp. £12.95.

David Day, the author, is fed up with the "muesli and pandas" angle on green issues. This is a militant book, covering everything from Earth First! and the ALF to Sea Shepherds sinking of rogue whalers and the virtual guerrilla war surrounding the ivory/rhino horn trade in Central Africa. The book starts by listing the martyrs of the environmentalist movement and goes on theme by theme. I couldn't put it down and doubt you will either. My only beef is that as Day is coming from a conservationist perspective this gets undue weight in the book against - for example - the current struggles of the landless and dispossessed in the Third World. Still, if you buy one green book this year, make sure this is the one.

'BREAKING FREE'. ATTACK INTERNATIONAL. 176pp. £2.00.



Subheaded 'The Adventures of Tintin', Attack International have transformed the unloved childhood Belgian goosestepper into an anarcho-syndicalist. Having first shocked the powers-that-be at Wapping, Tintin now returns in this epic, book-length cartoon of strike and insurrection. The usual syndicalist blind spots are inevitably present, but Tintin is far from a dour soul. We got a thumbs up to shoplifting, fraud, rioting and sabotage and sharp one-liners on anti-racism and sexual politics. Now Tintin has broken free, roll on further adventures with perhaps less of an urban and Euro-centric focus.

The Conquest of Violence, a seminar pacifist text by Bart de Ligt has been republished by Libertarian Critique.

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'DEVELOPED TO DEATH' TED TRAINER. GREEN PRINT. 230pp. £6.99

Ted Trainer also wrote the excellent 'Abandon

Affluence'. Readers of Green Anarchist will be familiar with the broad argument of his new book that the Third World starves because its land is growing cash crops for us instead of food for itself, and that our governments supply the guns to Third World puppets to make sure it stays that way.

His core thesis is that 'market forces' ie. the people with money to buy, determine what is grown on the land of the Third World. The need of the local people for food can never be reflected by market forces if they have no money.

His solution is local self-sufficiency both here and in the Third World. We'll go along with that enthusiastically. But right at the last fence, like the Green Party, he balks. In order to have local self-sufficiency, you have to protect local production with local customs barriers. And local customs barriers mean the end of the nation state. He makes no mention of local customs barriers.

Also, it is money alone which creates 'market forces'. You cannot get rid of 'market forces' which he correctly identifies as the key problem, without getting rid of money. Again, like the Green Party, he doesn't take this step. As long as there is money that money at the core (town, city or developed world) will determine what is grown on its periphery. And its always the core which prints the money,

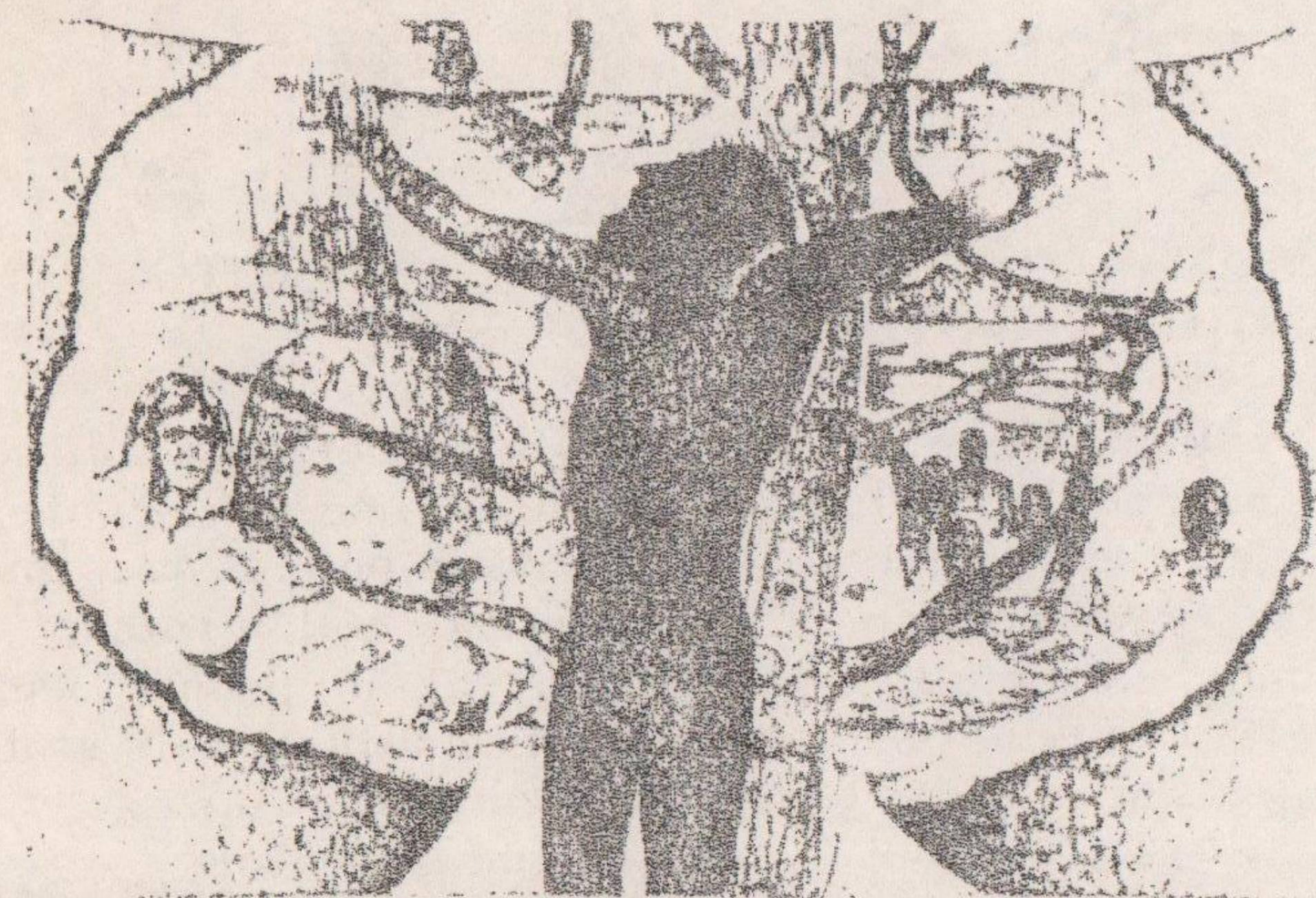
I hope this is constructively critical because its a very good book indeed. It's concise, clear, an excellent introduction to the Third World problem.

(A note to Green Print, the publisher: People skip quotes if they're indented or boxed).

RICHARD HUNT

## PAMPHLETS

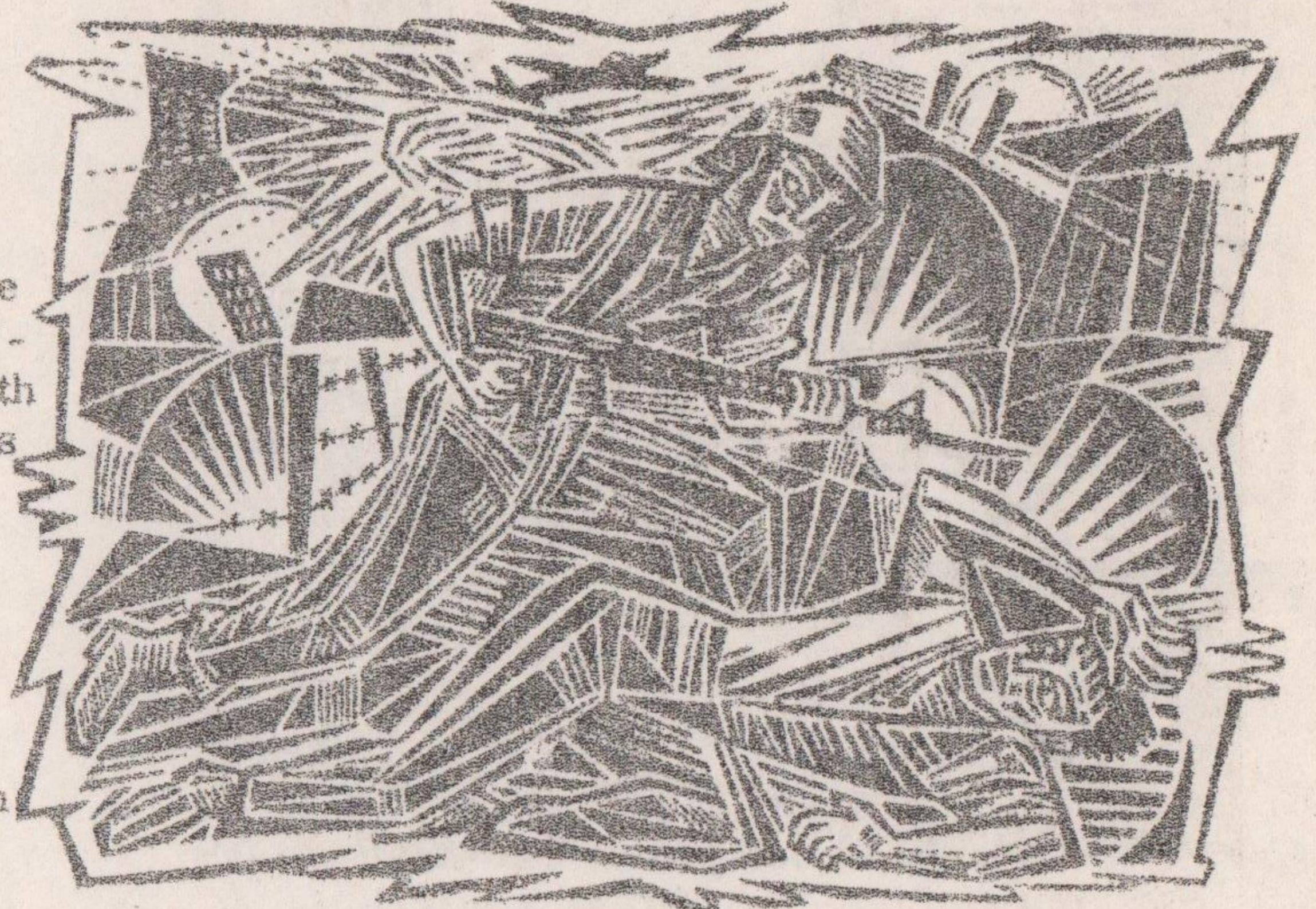
'LIBERATION FROM MONEY AND THE CROSS',  
BOUDEWIJN WEGERIF, 44pp. FREE.



Millionaires, according to this pamphlet produced by the Swedish Christian group Friends, are "anarchists" for their rebellion against the natural order of things. Wegerif argues that by ignoring

Church rulings against usury, the world banking system has no firm foundation: only its paper money and baseless credit. Unusual combination of vision and useful statistics. Available through Box IOU, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford.

'THE CONTINUING APPEAL OF NATIONALISM',  
FREDY PERLMAN. DARK STAR/PHOENIX  
PRESS, 31pp. 99p.



Nationalists are, according to Perlman, just frustrated imperialists. They are suckered into calling themselves 'One Nation' as a matter of custom and busily set out into the world to treat others so badly they are forced to think likewise. This pamphlet charts the 'progress' of the nationalist mentality from the imperialism of the Chinese Ming dynasty to the 'anti imperialism' of Mao, the Red Emperor. 'Progress' meaning, of course, the plunder of land, labour and resources by science and industry so the proletariat can happily labour at home blissfully confusing their 'rational' exploitation with patriotic duty. Perlman is an ingenious thinker and writes a powerful pamphlet. Check it out.

BENEFITS FOR TRAVELLERS! £2.00 FROM  
TRAVELLERS AND BENEFITS WORKING PARTY,  
c/o ILBERTON SCHOOL, VARCOE ROAD, LONDON  
SE16 3LA.

Published to meet growing demand for information on how changes in the social security set-up will affect Travellers, Irish claimants and the homeless. Very comprehensive advice.

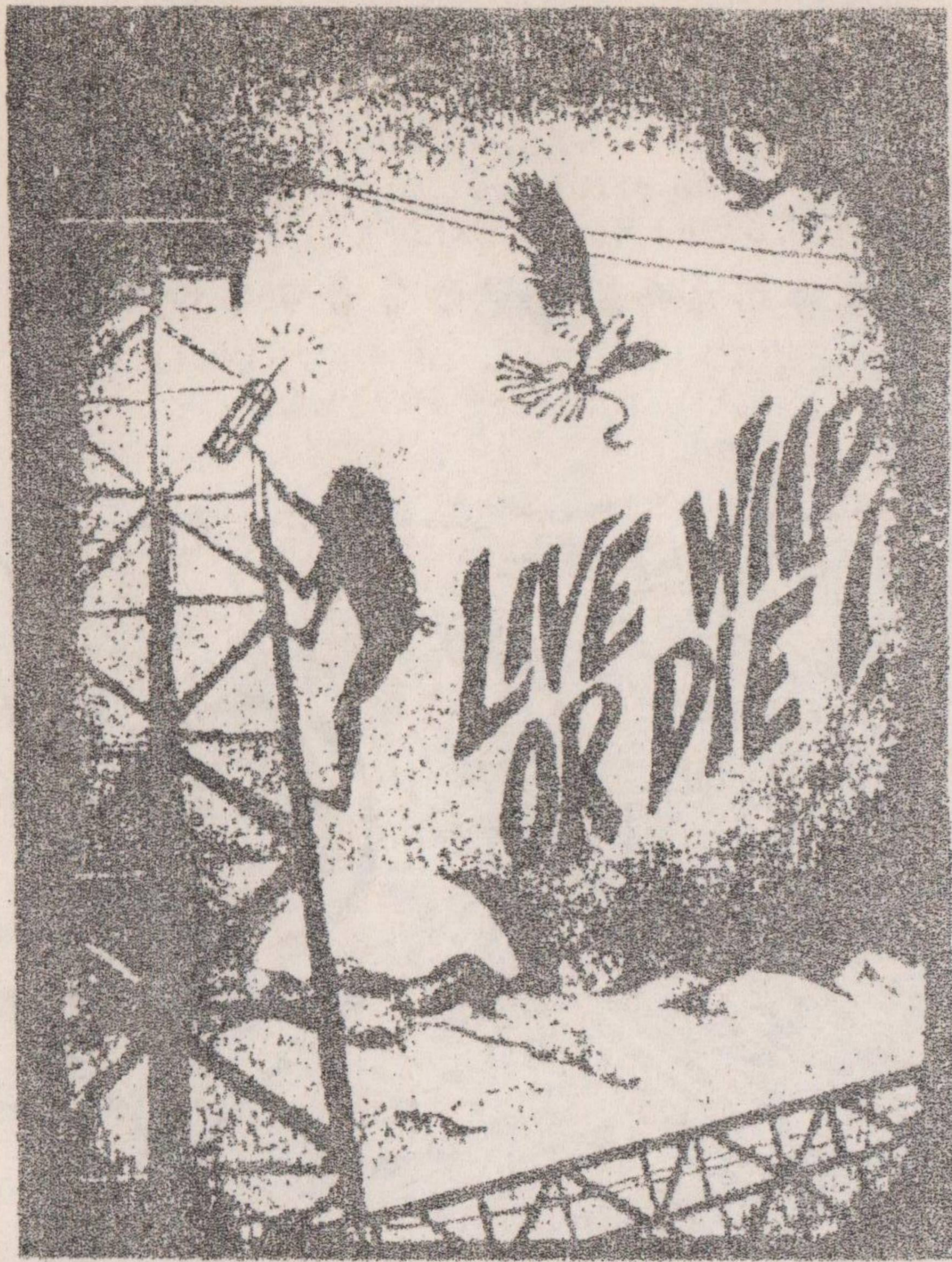
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## NEW MAGS

LIVE WILD OR DIE! PO Box 411233, San Francisco  
CA 94141, USA.

The one issue we had of this American publication was lost in the post and as yet we have not tracked down another. However it is well worth contacting the publishers direct since it was a valuable read.

Some of the contributors are from the Earth First!



movement and the editorial and general tone represented some dissent from the old-style Earth First! which Fifth Estate spent many words criticizing.

Live Wild Or Die has a strong eco-action stance with a good sprinkling of practical advice including how to cut down electricity pylons with hacksaws and an appreciated lack of wordy reports on endangered species I've never heard of.

We know there's a problem; we just want to know how to stop them killing our planet.

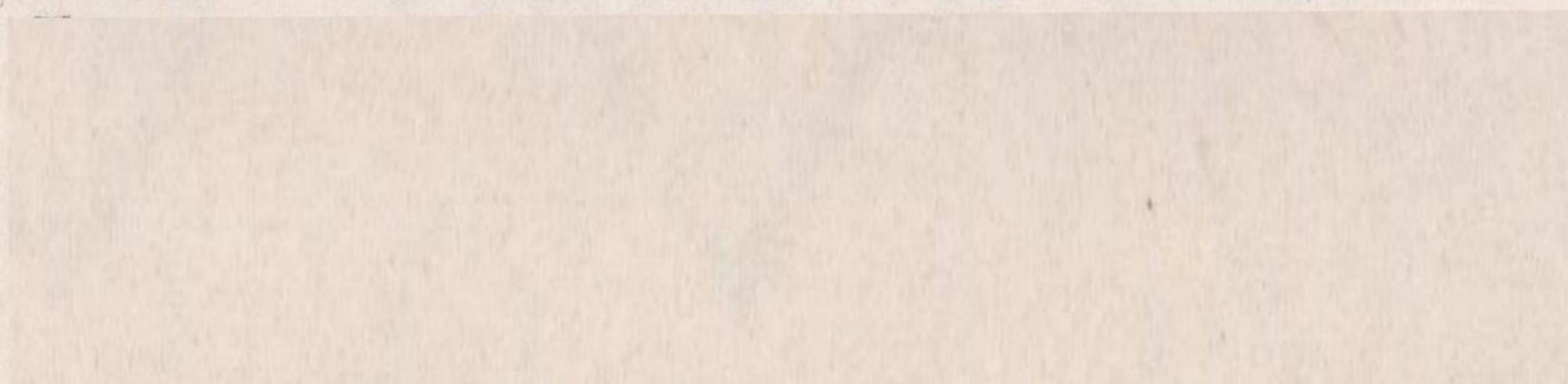


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**ANARCHY** a journal of  
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Issue #19      DISARM AUTHORITY! ARM YOUR DESIRES!      May-July 1989

'ANARCHY: A JOURNAL OF DESIRE ARMED' \$1.50  
FROM C. A. L., POB 1446, COLUMBIA, MO.  
65205-1446, USA.



**DEMOLITION  
DERBY**

DEMOLITION DERBY, FREE FROM CP 1554,  
SUCC. B, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA.

You can't miss this mag: its the one with the wrecking

ball and demands to "Abolish Montreal" on the cover, and calls to abolish the rest of civilization inside. Pages are devoted to slagging off libertarian municipalism in general and Bookchin in particular, as well as synicalism, francophiles, anglophiles, liberal ecologists, you name it. At last we have found situationists with no sympathy for the city. There's even a bit by Guy Debord slagging off Nicaragua's President Noriega in case they have failed to offend absolutely everyone. We thought it was great - and it'll only cost you the airmail...!

# Possessed

POSSESSED! SAE/POSTAGE FROM POB 20545,  
SEATTLE, WA 98402, USA.

Innovative use of graphic and text guarantees Possessed will be a psychic shock to the System. Amazing facts, quotes, dreams centring on the crapness of modern everyday living and the imagination to change. UK fanzines could learn a lot from it.

# ISSUES

'ON THE ISSUES' \$2.95 FROM 97 - 77 QUEENS  
BLVD., FOREST HILLS, NY 11374, USA.

Strong line on reproductive rights "Abortion regardless of the law" and good coverage of US womens resistance to the Bush administrations attacks on their liberties. Also articles on the trials and tribulations of antisexist men, bad press, Palestine and lesbians over 60.

# EAT \* \* IT!

'EAT \* \* IT', 25p FROM BOX 8, 82 COLSTON  
STREET, BRISTOL BS1 5BB.

Punk fanzine with interviews with Deviated Instinct, Concrete Sox, stuff from Conflict and much more. It's trying to get back to the roots both of punk and Class War, urging readers to take action rather than "stagnate in a ghetto of 'right-on' people" and with plenty of good, strong anti-multinationals stuff as a for why. Do get it: any money it raises goes to anti-Poll Tax and anti-MacDonalds leaflets.



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# MUSIC

'FOOTSTEPS AND HEARTBEATS' RORY Mc LEOD  
(COOKING VINYL COOK 018)

This is Rory's 3rd album, and his 1st for Cooking Vinyl, a change reflected in the dramatic improvement in production.

Rory's previous albums, Angry Love and Kicking The Sawdust seemed little more than a convenient receptacle for his excellent songs, while the real business of live performance and life itself went on. Consequently, the recording quality, especially on Kicking was something appalling. It's one thing to record on a home cassette, but one with worn-out heads...!!

The new album overcomes these problems, and musically it is more varied. His style has always drawn on influences from around the world, particularly Caribbean and South American, and in the new album he has reinforced these with musicians from widely different areas and genres. His own singing (often multitracked), guitar, harmonica, trombone and percussion work have never been used so effectively. There are fewer political and more love songs than on his earlier albums, but it is difficult with McLeod to separate the two. There is nothing that matches the real anger and power of, say Criminals Of Hunger, but the songs are all well up to standard. The interplay of Hassan Erraji's Oud playing, John Murphy's uilleann pipes and McLeods tortured vocals on Wandering Fool creates a wonderful sense of melancholy, while the Bottleneck Blues hummer Collector Man has a feeling of blues authenticity which goes far beyond copyism. The comic pathos of Singing Copper is familia McLeod territory, with what starts off apparently as an apology for the Boys in Blue turning into an indictment of the Ruling Classes who pull the police strings. The Mariachi's Love Song, a strange ballad, makes particularly effective use of the other musicians in a rambling atmospheric Mexican arrangement, with Neti Vaandrager's fiddle playing standing out.

At last Rory McLeod has produced an album that matches up to his live performances, although the two are quite different. Go and see him live if you can. It's not often that you get to see a solo performer who makes you think, laugh and cry, and that you can dance to!

GRACE

# COMING UP

ARE YOU GOING? Then take a bundle of GA's to sell and send us a report back!

## SEPTEMBER

2 to Oct. 4. Poultry Month of Action. Action against poultry abuse everywhere! Publicity materials from Poultry Action, PO Box 589, Bristol BS99 1RW.

23. BUAV Sponsored Walk. Details from Russ, 73 Camm St, Castleford, W Yorks WY10 4NA.

29. IMF Conference in Washington. Anti-bank action worldwide.

## OCTOBER

1. CND Rally at Labour Party Conference. Starts 12 noon, the 'Levels', Lewes Road, Brighton.

7. Anarchist Bookfair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1, 10am - 8pm. The big one!

16. Anti-McDonalds Day. Anti-Mc action everywhere.

21. Anti-McDonalds Fair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, 11am - 11pm.

21. Blockade Against Dungeness, 12 noon. Shut this ailing Kentish nuke! Details c/o Box BAD, 121 Railton Road, London SE24.

21. Day Conference and Exhibition on Organic Farming in Whitchurch. Contact Jan MacManus, 2 Glebe Cottages, Ashe, Overton, HANTS.

28. Lib Ed/Student Anarchist Network Conference, Leicester. Details from Bete Noire, Box A, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford.

## NOVEMBER

4. Foxhunting season opens. Take direct action and save lives with your local sabs.

17-19. CND National Conference. At City University, Northampton Square, London N1.

## DECEMBER

21. Winter Solstice. Henge. Go for it!

28. Upper Heyford Snowball. Civil disobedience against new nukes. Details from Upper Heyford Peace Camp, Portway, nr. Upper Heyford, Oxon.

## SMALL ADS.

COUNTER PRODUCTIONS: 20 page catalog of strange books and magazines. SAE to: PO Box 556, London SE5 0RL.

T SHIRTS available S M L XL \$12.00. PO Box 6864, Arlington, VA. 22206-0864. Dealers: Discounts for bulk quantities.



## MAC ATTACK!

After the success of the anti-fur campaign, the ALF are introducing McDonalds customers to a new type of Mac attack: at the end of April traditional ALF timed incendiaries were deposited in their fast food outlet in Leicester followed by two more hits in Birmingham on Mayday. Customers were cleared out after the Animal Rights Militia telephoned warning to the local press. On June 10th, the Milton Keynes McDonalds was also hit: despite telephoned warnings the incendiary went off, unsurprisingly causing no injuries worth speaking of. The tabloid press were predictably outraged when Pretenders singer Chrissie Hynde expressed solidarity with the action at a Green-peace fundraising launch the following day,

informing the assembled media: " My dream is to put McDonalds out of business. McDonalds is murder".

Faced with the new-model 'tight' ALF the police have had predictably little success arrestwise. This has not prevented them from flooding the straight media with hype about the Animal Rights National Index (ARNI) listing 50 activists as potential terrorists and ritual denouncements from the national societies clinging on to respectability at all costs. In their search for clues, the police have siezed Granada TV's World In Action report, Playing With Fire, preventing an interview with the destroyers of fur store Dingles being broadcast. At time of writing, the journalists who made the programme are refusing to hand their notes over to the cops.

How much truth lies behind the police hype? One of the activists interviewed by Granada told them "If you believe in animal liberation, then you believe in human liberation too". There is talk of a Green Front or Economic Sabotage League in formation to follow such clear reasoning through to its logical conclusion. Anti-McDonalds Day this year on October 16th promises to be most entertaining. . . .

(Sources: Observer, BAU)

As promised by Vivian Smith in GA21's letters page, the ALF Supporters Group's 'SG' magazine is now back in production. Available from BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX to all paid-up supporters.

'Business As Usual' covers the ground 'SG' can't because of legal advice, with diary and accounts of hits. Please send them your news and subscribe via BCM Box BAU, London WC1N 3XX.

## TAX ATTACKS

Poll tax registration has run straight into legal problems in England and Wales. It breaks the Data Protection Act by asking for unnecessary personal details, and as the registration forms aren't addressed to named individuals they are not statutory documents and can be ignored. It

seems at least 25% of people are doing just that, passing the forms on to recyclers or burning them. Flames have apparently spread to the local Poll Tax office in Islington, and understand someone in Scotland has gone one better by putting a computer virus into their computer that wipes out ten registered names every few minutes!

(Source: Black Flag/Class War)

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