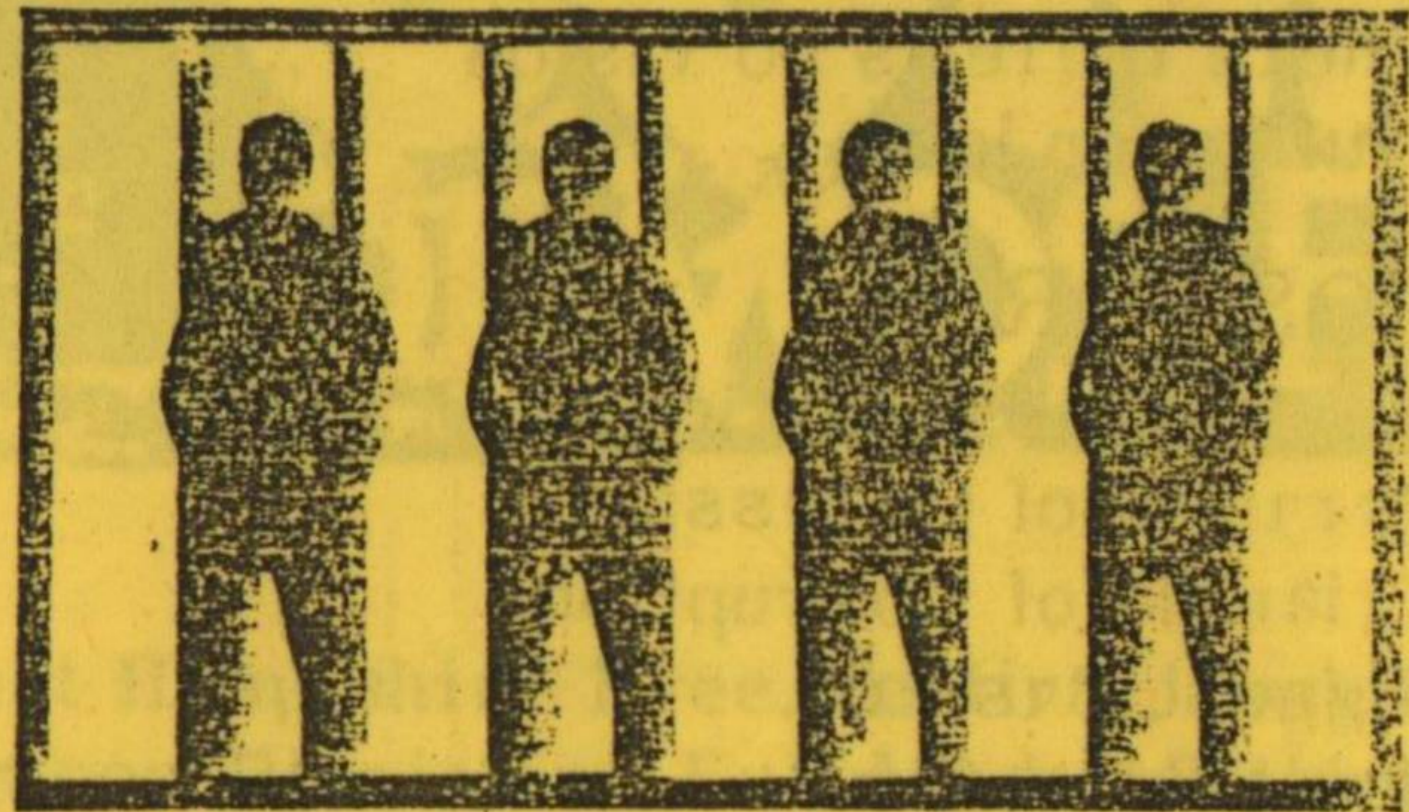


# THE JAILFULL



## DON'T PAY

### PRISONERS SET. A GOOD EXAMPLE

When a prisoner seized the microphone from Strangeways chaplain Noel Proctor on April Fools Day it was no joke for Home Secretary David Waddington and screws everywhere. Prison Officers Association Chair John Bartell said "They were completely outnumbered and lost total control" as over 1,000 inmates drove screws back to the

prison walls, injuring 12, and stopped multi squad/riot police attempts to retake Strangeways with slates, barricades, and makeshift weapons including explosives made of sugar and boot polish. Fire engulfed the gym and chapel as prisoners attempted to put Strangeways out of commission once and for all. It will take three years and £6million to refurbish the Manchester nick as a result of what Stephen Shaw of the Prison Reform Trust called "the worst prison riot since the war". It was also the longest prison siege, cons holding out for almost a month on the roof, despite food poisoning, police psychological warfare using helicopters and sirens to deny protestors sleep, and the Fire Brigade collaborating with the screws by hosing the roofs.

British prisons are amongst the most overcrowded and run-down in Europe; the screws most overpaid and undertrained. Prison complaints procedures are so biased 99.9% of complaints (according to David Waddington himself!) against screws get nowhere. The only way cons can regain power over their own lives is to riot. At Strangeways one con called from the roof "We are not animals, we are human beings". Until the Home Office recognise this, more riots are inevitable.

(Source: Guardian)

## BRITISH 'JUSTICE'

Inside Story demonstrated Winston Silcott, Mark Braithwaite and Engin Raghip were sent down for killing PC Keith 'Who makes the best bacon?' Blakelock during the 1985 Broadwater Farm uprising on uncorroborated statements and that cops used undue pressure getting those statements. Detective Superintendent Graham Melmin, responsible for their convictions, has 'left the force'...

Winchester 3 Finbar Cullen, John McCann and Martina Shanahan temporarily had the charge of conspiring to kill Northern Ireland Minister Tom King dropped due to lack of evidence and the fuss King made in the media before their trial, and now have leave to appeal against their convictions.

Who Bombed Birmingham? showed that Special Branch have known the answer for fifteen years

but still kept the innocent Birmingham 6 inside. Detective Inspector Paul Matthews - one of those responsible for framing Martin Foran as well as the 6 - resigned in November 1986. Hassan Khan - convicted of armed robbery despite having two toes amputated six weeks before his alleged high speed escape on foot - has also been freed. It is understood Rough Justice are to do a programme on Martin Foran. He now has a broken leg as a result of an unsuccessful roof occupation attempt and has lost much weight due to repeated hunger strikes.

Although the Met escaped prosecution for the mass assaults they committed at Wapping, some 40 private prosecutions are still pending against the Chief Constable of Wiltshire for the 1985 Battle of the Beanfield. Let's hope they succeed and remind the coppers people will no longer tolerate them acting as a law unto themselves!

(Sources: Free Martin Foran newsletter/Troops Out)

Going to a demo, gig, festival or just bored on Saturdays?

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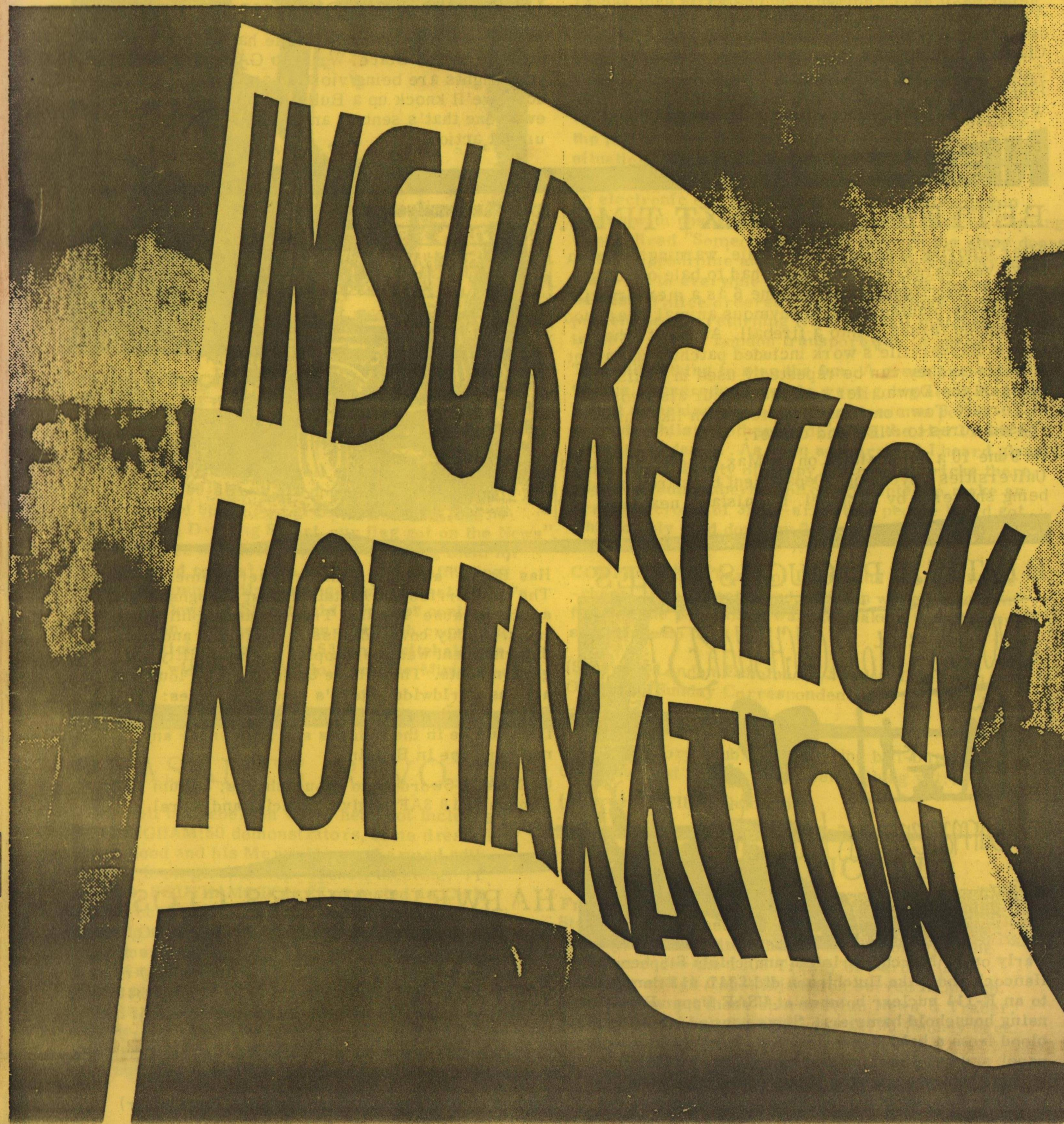
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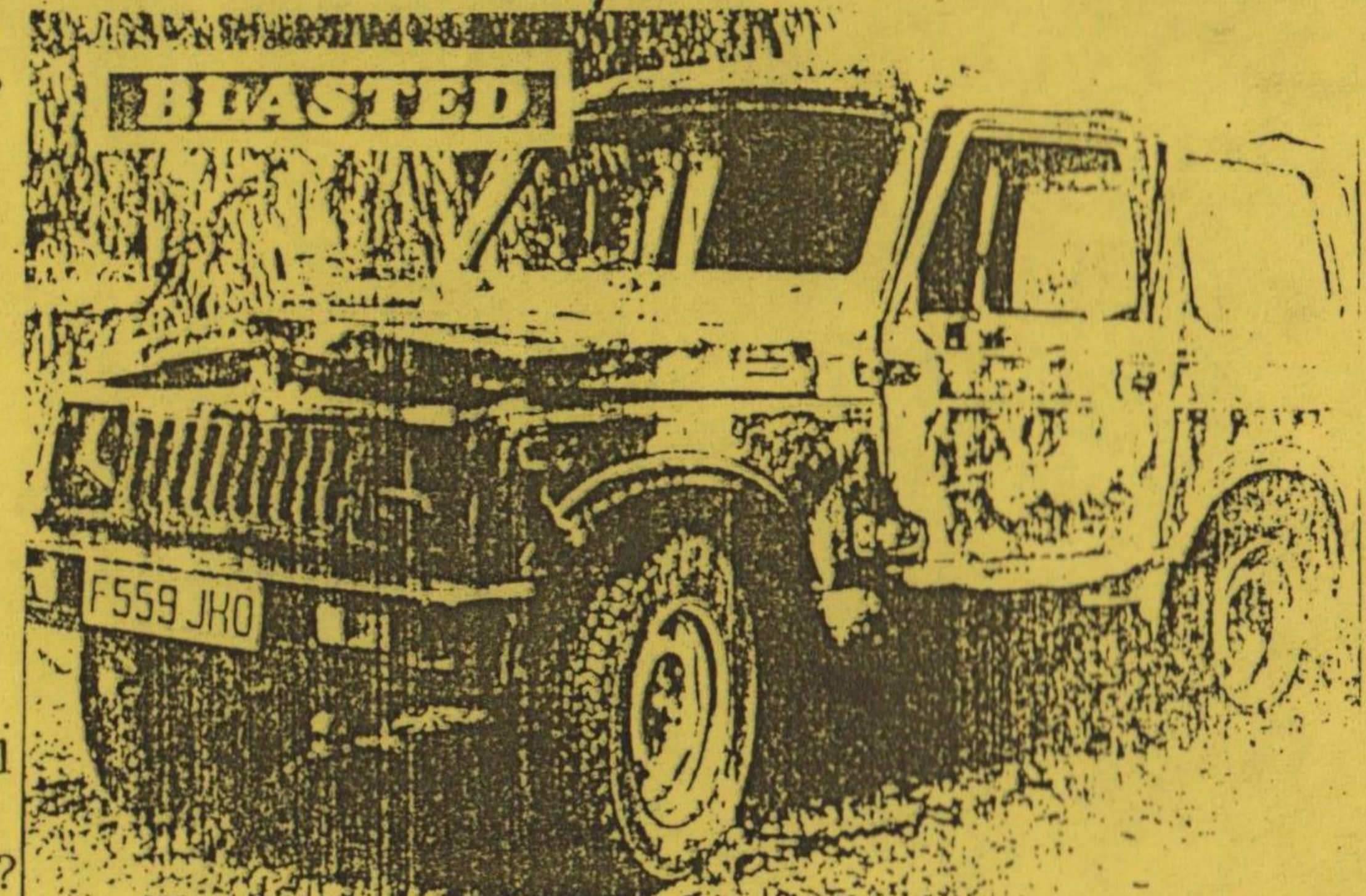
1000's of Albion's tribal people have their rights violated by the State. Write to GA saying which of your rights are being violated and what you want done, we'll knock up a Bulletin and send it out to everyone that's sent us an SAE marked 'UAB' for urgent action.

## NEWS

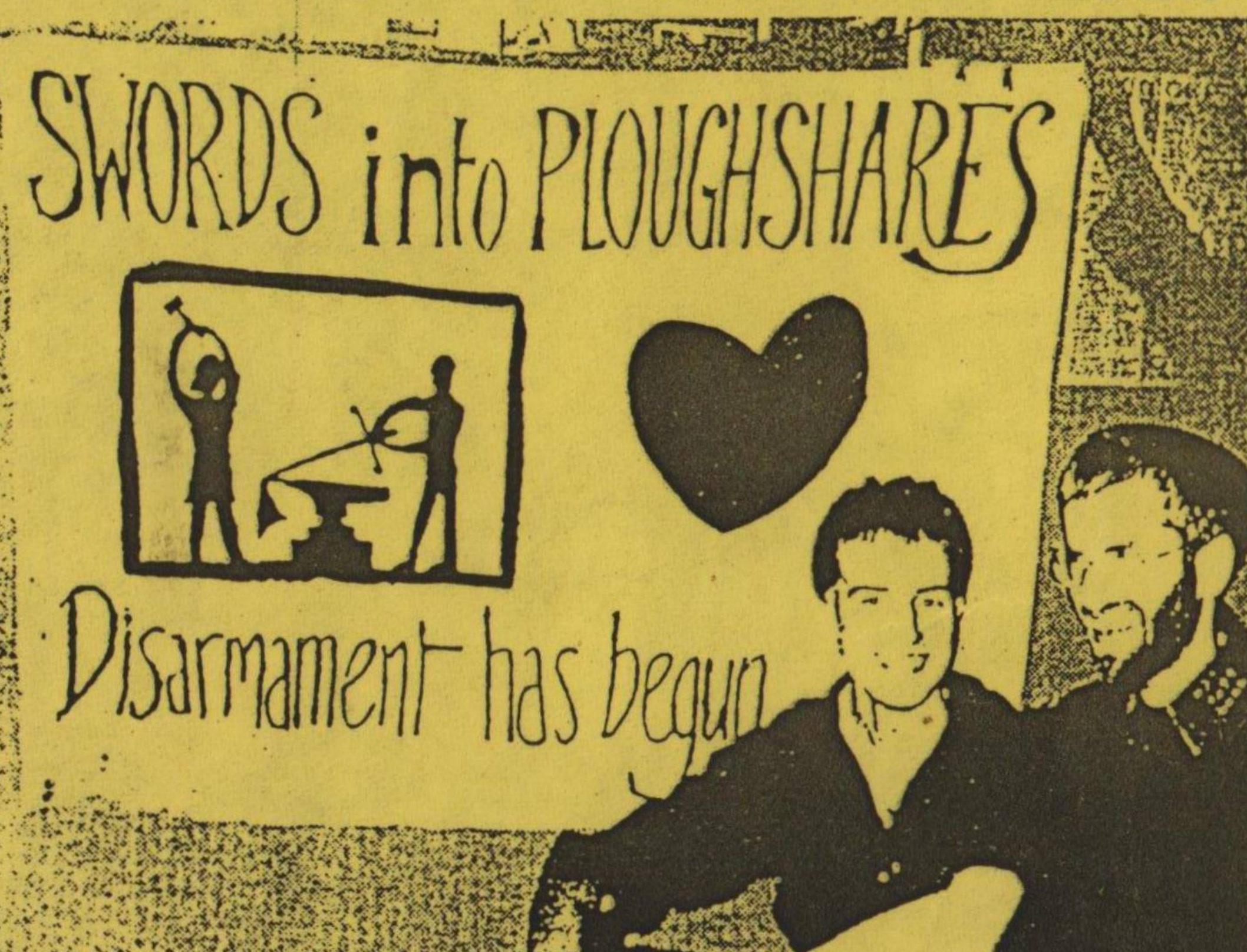
### BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

After ignoring repeated 'quit or die' warnings, Porton Down vet Margaret Baskerville had to bale out of her yuppy F-Reg Suzuki jeep on June 6 as a mercury-tilt incendiary planted by an anonymous animal liberation commando turned it into a fireball. Amongst other things, Baskerville's work included patching up target animals so they can be repeatedly used in ballistics tests on the Down. Her husband Arthur also works at Torture Town on fraudulent research like animal-based cures to AIDS and cancer.

On June 10 a bomb attack on Dr Max Headley of Bristol Universities Psychology Department backfired, a kid being showered by shrapnel. No mistake next time, eh?



## BRITISH PLOUGHSHARES



Early on 21 March, Christian anarchists Stephen Hancock and Mike Hutchinson did £347, 413 damage to an F-111 nuclear bomber at USAF Upper Heyford using household hammers. Steve poured his own blood from a baby bottle onto the bombs and control panel and put statements of conscience into the cockpit before occupying it and unfurling a banner reading 'Swords Into Ploughshares - Disarmament

Has Begun" as angry American servicemen arrived. The two carried out Britain's first Ploughshares action because "The INF Treaty was a confidence trick. It only covered missile casings" and felt disarmament was the Peoples responsibility not governments. There have been over 20 Ploughshares actions worldwide. Steve's statement notes: "In Berlin the shops kept running out of hammers. So it should be in the villages and towns near any nuclear base in Britain."

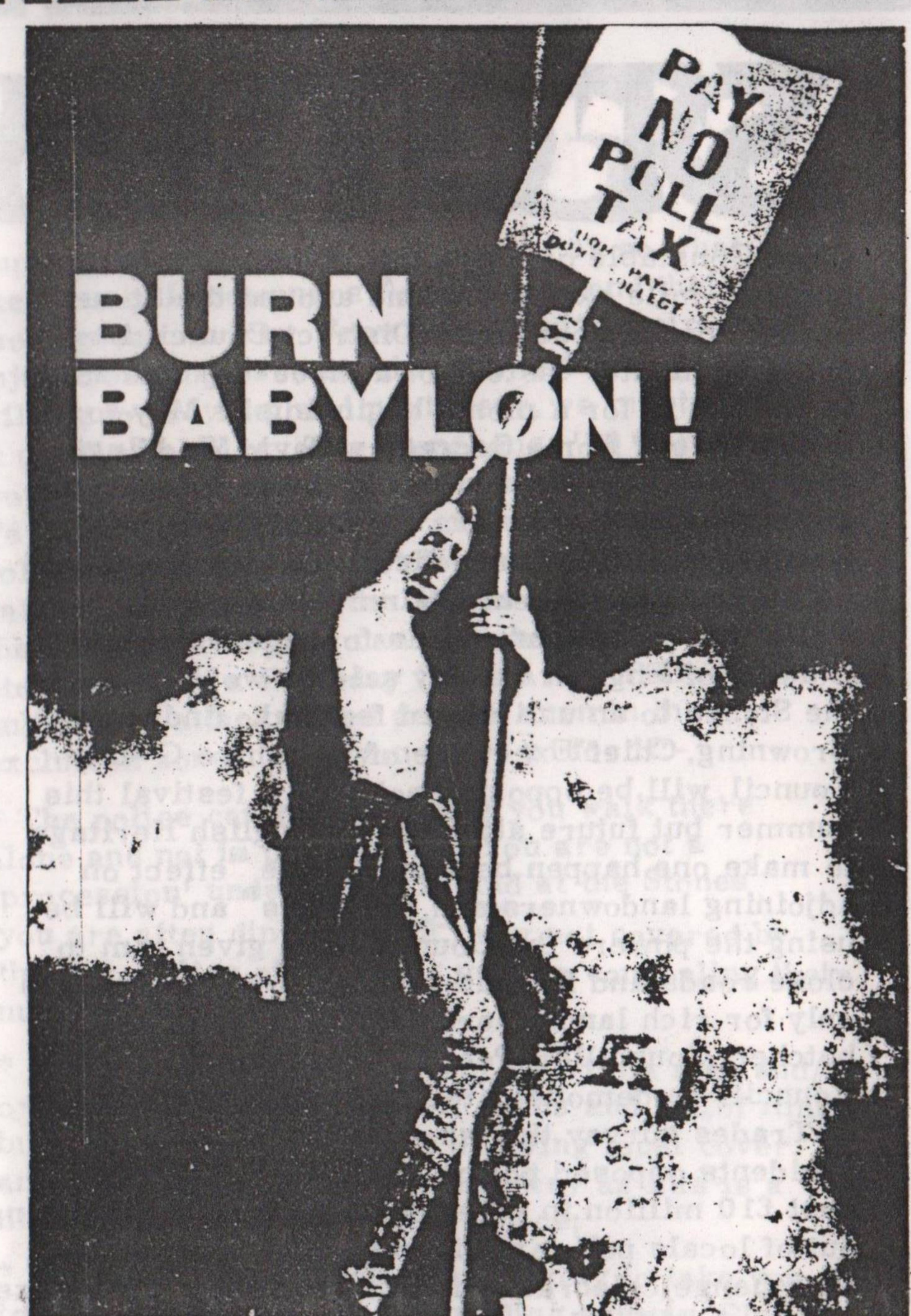
**CONTACT** Swords Into Ploughshares, 7 Plum Lane, London SE18 3AF to give financial and moral support.

## HARWELL NUKES CLOSED

Harwell's two aging reactors PLUTO and DIDO have now closed "for economic reasons" after defected scientist Dr Dawson exposed the threat of meltdown they posed (GA21). After BNFL's statement in February that those working at Sellafield should not have children if they were worried about passing leukemia on to their kids through mutated sperm, all GA has to say is "Thank gaia people don't have to work at Harwell anymore!"

(Source: Oxfin/Anti-Nuclear Network Newsletter)

## NEWS



On March 31, Central London burned as thousands of anti-poll tax protestors fought police in "the worst riot this century". £10million damage was caused, over 43 coppers were injured, and 340 were arrested.

The riot started in Whitehall as cop cavalry tried moving on a 50-strong sit-down outside Downing Street around 5pm. Two green anarchists told us "We were at Downing Street, our flag got on the News". People turned on shocked police, charging them for hand-to-hand combat with banner and scaffolding poles and temporarily making them retreat. A WPC on duty at Downing Street said "We lost control of the situation. I've never seen a British crowd act with such viciousness". By 530pm, Whitehall was a battlefield, with an attempt to torch the Ministry of Defence.

## PEASANTS REVOLT

Other poll tax rebellion we've heard of includes: NOTTINGHAM: 50 demonstrators, some dressed as Robin Hood and his Merry Men and armed with shaving foam pies, disrupt council meeting. 11 arrests. SOUTHAMPTON: 27 arrested as Civic Centre besieged. LEEDS: 7 arrested as Council building stormed. NORWICH: 2000 demonstrated outside and stoned City Hall. HACKNEY: 30 cops needed medical treatment after cop shop and cars pelted and smokebombed. 30 shops trashed. 57 arrests. BRIXTON: 10 cops injured in battles outside Town Hall. 37 arrests. ISLINGTON: Cop van overturned. HARINGEY: Traffic and Council meeting stopped by 700-strong crowd. 13 arrests.

When cops forced people back into crowded Trafalgar Square, anger erupted: "Police drove vans into... crowds. This incited the crowd a great deal. Police sealed off the Square making people feel trapped". Cops outside South Africa House were surrounded. When they sent the cavalry in, people took to nearby scaffolding. A sab told us "I was up the scaffolding bunting things down at the police". It was set on fire and an attempt to arson the Embassy followed to chants of "Burn it down".

Fighting spread to St Martins Lane, where 20 in balaclavas torched a Jaguar and St Martins PO locked its doors. Police then charged the barricade. A green anarchist told us: "Pigs knocked me unconscious... When I woke up, everyone was gone". People then streamed up Charing Cross Road, using burning cars as barricades, smashing yuppy shops and showroom, Midlands Bank and a crowd of 50 kicking in McDonalds. One said: "I was going up Charing Cross Road wondering who else was a rioter. Then the cry of 'No Poll Tax' would go up and I realised we all were". Another said: "Don't believe the police when they say they were in control of the situation. We were". In Leicester Square demonstrators danced on bus roofs halting traffic whilst an electronic display their beamed out 'Revolution begins with changes in the individual'. Back on Charing Cross Road "Someone put a bin through the glass doors of the Hippodrome and threw tickets to Tuesday nights disco out to everyone outside" according to one eyewitness. Police ordered four tube stations closed to prevent people returning from football matches joining in, so by 630pm London transport was in chaos.

This did nothing to stop the fun. A green anarchist told us "Hundreds of people were going along Regents Street smashing windows, There were no police around" whilst another said "After the riot I went to Covent Garden... As soon as I arrived I heard glass smashing. Plenty of yuppy bistros bit bricks there and when outnumbered police attempted to make an arrest, a crowd of 30 de-arrested' people theyd got. Things only died down by 2am

**CONTACT** Poll Tax Riot Bust Fund c/o 84b White-chapel High Street, London if you were busted for fighting the poll tax or want to make a donation to someone who has.

(Sources: London Echomedia/Sunday Telegraph/Observer/Sunday Correspondent).

OXFORD: Tory Club stoned during bill-burning. One 'dearrest'. They ain't seen nothing yet....!

(Source: OxFIN/Echomedia)

## TINNERS INJUNCTED

Fred Trull and two other members of the Cornish Stannery Parliament have been prevented from issuing shares giving tinnners exemption from the Poll Tax under the 1508 Treaty of Pardon (see GA23) by a High Court injunction served in March. You can now get these shares from News & Trader, Newquay, Cornwall TR7 2NG for £2.25 (money back if not convinced).

(Source: Greenline/OxFIN)

# DEFEND THE INTERFAUNA. 6

On 16 March the ALF liberated 82 beagle puppies (the largest number of dogs taken in one raid) and 26 rabbits from Interfauna breeders at Abbots Ripton near the appalling Huntingdon Research Centre. Interfauna breed 600,000 mice, 300,000 rats, 80,000 guinea pigs, 17,000 rabbits and 2,800 dogs annually for vivisectionists like HRC, Boots, ICI, Toxicol, Glaxo, Unilever, Beechams, Cambridge University and ETAL. Four different police forces made 13 arrests and recaptured two of the beagles. Four people were charged with burglary and two with handling 'stolen goods'.

John Curtin of Northampton has been arrested for liberating 43 beagles from Oxford University Farm on New Years Eve (see GA23).

DONATIONS towards legal costs and animal rescue to Interfauna Are Guilty, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

CONTACT Huntingdon Animal Concern, 92 Thrapston Road, Brampton, Huntingdon PE18 8TD for more info on Interfauna and HRC.

## ANTI-HUNT ATTACK

Liverpool ALF declared war on the foxhunting set by paintstripping two Jaguar XJS's, two Mercedes, a BMW and an Audi on the forecourt of Georgeson's Car Sales in May. They caused £5,000 damage. The garage is owned by the son of Peter Georgeson, ex-Holcombe Huntmaster. Police believe the ALF cell also tried torching Aintree grandstand after the Grand National.

CONTACT ALFSG, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX to support the Animal Liberation Front.

## W.A.R. ON VIVISECTION

Mark reports that on April 24th, World Day For Laboratory Animals, Warwick Animal Rights occupied the roof of Warwick University animal house to expose the fact that the 'scientific' research that goes on there is vivisection. When the University paper ignored WAR's communiques, they had Trevor Hall from NAVS in to speak at the University and published their own magazine: "to Security we say: when we strike, if we strike, we strike and that day will be a day of celebration. To the Police we say: ... those who fight for freedom will win. ... victory to the ALF."

CONTACT W.A.R. via University of Warwick Students Union, Animal Rights Society, Coventry CV5 7AL.

## MAD MACS

If McDonalds burgers are made from British beef as they claim, and not from the rainforests, are they infected with BSE?

# STONE

Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Walter Girven, got his four-mile exclusion zone around the Stones passed through Salisbury District Council in under a minute. Instead of a three-day ban as in 1989, it is for a month beginning 24 May (or would have if Home Secretary David Waddington hadn't been too preoccupied with the prisons to approve it by that date. ...). Chief Executive Rawlinson of Salisbury District Council has said he will not license entertainments at the Stones whilst the police ban was in force and Francis Golding of English Heresy said he would not open the Stones to an unlicensed festival. Andrew Browning, Chief Executive of Wiltshire County Council, will be opposing not only a festival this summer but future attempts by English Heritage to make one happen because of the "effect on adjoining landowners and residents" and will be using the powers the Council have given him to close roads and footpaths. That Browning speaks only for rich landowners and the likes of the butcher, Councillor Peach of Amesbury Parish Council, is demonstrated by Amesbury Chamber of Trades survey that showed 85% of local residents opposed police operations that have cost £10 million in rates so far, and will be coming out of locals poll tax this year. They appreciate Stonehenge celebrations not attended by the Devizes police chopper blaring "YOU HAVE NO ESCAPE" over their rooftops at 2am pass off peacefully and profitably for local businesses.

The good news is that Heritage seem keen to

## SPRING EQUINOX '90

Euge reports: I met over 100 people in the Stones for a bizarre nighttime party at the moment of the Equinox on the evening of the 20th. Four stones had been 'bandaged' by English Heritage after some unknown person had graffitied LIVE on them. Nice word, lousy place. Like "Pompey kick to kill" a few years back, not necessarily attributable to Hippies, who love the Stones.

There was another gathering in the Stones for dawn after an overnight park-up on the Stonehenge road near the A303. Despite a trouble-free knees-up, police wasted no time in instructing folk to piss off.

## LISTEN TO THE EARTH

S: reports: On 21 April Oxfordshire pagans planning an Earth Spirit party at Waylands Smithy followed by one at Dragon Hill on the 22nd, found all access sealed off by police fearing a hippy invasion. Police paranoia came from last years Beltane Free Festival, moved on from Barbury Castle to the White Horse. That weekend cost police £10,000 although 15 people made it to both sites on foot and had a good time. A week later two Oxford pagans had injunctions served on them on the grounds that they were responsible for organising Beltane festivals they had no connection

# HENGE

support a legit festival in Summer '91 so what the County Landowners Association and their mouthpiece Andrew Browning do with their injunctions then are irrelevant. If Heritage are willing to provide land next year, we mustn't fuck it up this solstice. The Stonehenge '90 Campaign would prefer festival-goers to attend their Wedding Party at a site outside the exclusion zone on Solstice Eve and have got loadsa bands lined up, rather than going for the Stones then. At noon on the Solstice everyone can march naked to the Stones to hold a Birthday Suit Party. Police are unlikely to attack naked people, even in the exclusion zone. ... If you must go for it:-

\* The police can't touch you if you walk there alone and not in possession. You are not a 'procession' under the POA and at the Stones you are attending a static rally not covered by the Act. Police obstructing you or concealing their numbers can be prosecuted;

\* If you want to go in a group, go with a map and/or local knowledge, keep off roads and out of Amesbury, have a route planned utilising local cover, and don't talk or smoke on the way as this is a dead giveaway to patrolling police;

\* If you are caught, police are likely to take you to Stonehenge carpark for holding anyway. Plead 'not guilty' in court the next day and let TAT know you have been arrested and want a lawyer. This will clog courts and maybe set a test case to prove the exclusion zone unlawful.

with. The Dragon Day was being celebrated for the second year running on the Sunday nearest St Georges Day to celebrate the spirit of the Land against the oppression of the State and Christianity. Next weekend the Beltane Free Festival was held on Hungerford Common. Being pagan must involve taking back the land from those who siezed it from our ancestors.

## TIPI VALLEY SAVED

Tipi Valley community have cheated attempts by Dinefwr Borough Council to evict them from their own land (see GA23) by upping sticks and moving to adjacent field not covered by the eviction order.

(Source: OxFIN)

## PEOPLES LAND GROUP

Founded in 1985, the Waterside group now has twenty members focussing on Lillith, the Green Deserts narrow-boat. They are appealing for £1 million by 1995 to buy land by navigable waterways as peoples land and an alternative to pollutant land-destroying motorways. All land acquired will never be sold and will be secure against developers.

CONTACT: Peoples Land Group (Waterside), 58 Clarence Street, Burnley, LANCS if you have land or money to offer, either as straight donation or as an ongoing 2% of your income.

# JESUS ARMY

LOVE. POWER & SACRIFICE

## EXPOSED

In the early-1970s, a high-ranking mason with interests in the Northamptonshire construction trade was so impressed by American TV evangelism that he decided to go into a new line of business. He was the self-proclaimed Reverend Staunton and what he founded was the Jesus Army.

He has done well for himself, now sitting on top of an empire worth £10 million in assets and including a string of communal houses, the New Creation (factory) farm near Daventry, the Goodness Wholefoods chain, and sundry small businesses including a builders merchants in Towcester, Oxfordshire. Meanwhile his worshippers are expected to sign over all they own in a pledge of covenant to the cult on joining and work for no pay on Jesus Army enterprises thereafter. If they have no skills its slave labour on the Farm.

As an evangelical group so fanatical even the Baptists have denounced it, the Jesus Army expects its members to give up smoking, drinking (tea, coffee and booze), sugared foods, reading anything except Scripture or listening to any music except the Jesus Army's, make-up, pets and even their own clothes. Those allowed to marry sleep in separate beds (Staughton taking a dim view of the "sex-crazed") and their children are not permitted make-believe when playing and are told Christmas and Easter are "demonic rituals".

Those 'backsliders' who quit the cult do so without friends money or support. Some commit suicide, one was hassled even when he fled to Sweden. A 14-year old was siezed by the Army and driven 100 miles in the boot of a car to the communal house he had fled from. In May two Jesus Zombies invaded a travellers park-up in Braunston (location of one of their wholefood outlets) to 'reclaim lost souls' armed with bricks and a bowsaw. Shouting "These are our true colours" they assaulted a crew-member of Lillith, the Green Deserts narrowboat, before completing their kidnapping.

CONTACT: BM Box Cultists Anonymous, London WC1N 3XX if you want to leave the cult or find out more about their activities.

## SKELETON ARMY REFORMS



A secret society, the Skeleton Army, has been formed to combat the growing influence of the Jesus Zombies. They recommend anonymous leafletting and tip-offs to the press, masked pickets and sabotage of Jesus Army vehicles when they appear on the streets. Green Anarchist understands this has happened in Portsmouth and Oxford already. We will gladly report all Skeleton Army actions we receive anonymously in future issues.

(Source: Autonomie/SkA leaflet)



# Society Makes Us Sick

THE STATE MAKES ME SICK

DOESN'T THE STATE make you sick? Yeah, me too. And all the people in the country, regardless of their political leanings.

Working in a job that you hate creates nervous tension, and illnesses contracted because of our 'advanced' industrialised society lead us into the easy trap of further dependence on the State, both physically and mentally.

When we get sick we go to a doctor. He prescribes a drug whose effects we are not fully aware of, whose production is harmful to the environment, and whose side effects are repeatedly tested on animals. Our psychological environment is also harmed by encouraging the notion that they are watching for our benefit and that they can cure everything, resulting in increased dependency on the chemicals we are coned into consuming and increased psychological dependency on the State to solve our problems.

Mental illness is no different. Have a nervous breakdown, spend a week in a psychiatric unit, get thrown out and you may (if you're lucky) get to see a State shrink once or twice and get prescribed a drug that makes you a passive member of the society that probably caused your breakdown.

The idea that the State can keep us healthy is a dangerous fallacy. Literature on natural remedies for minor ailments are widely available and provide good reference, and first aid is easily learned.

Many of the pharmaceuticals Dr Jeckyll prescribes have natural equivalents that are easily grown and are useful for a lot of ailments that make their cultivation worthwhile.

As for mental illness, we all have the capability to cure ourselves, but sometimes need outside help to identify the problem and remedy it. Bored shrinks in suits who don't or can't take a real interest don't help. Friends and loved ones provide a greater degree of support and advice necessary to nurture someone back to health.

Real health care means taking care of ourselves and each other, and relying on ourselves and each other for knowledge, caring and kindness that no nurse, no matter how well-meaning, can give.

ALEX CLELLAND

## SOCIETY MAKES US SICK

Their Institutions Make Us Ill

Medical Power Is A Protection Racket

ANARCHISTS know a protection racket when they see one. Politicians, judges, cops and social workers are there to control us not help us. The only people they protect are the rich by denying the poor power to control their own lives and make society better by their own actions. They abuse their privileged positions and knowledge to make their lives better at our expense whenever they can get away with it. They get away with it because modern mass industrial society needs a centralised, unaccountable and bureaucratic elite to run it. It's just too complex to run itself.

Medical power works the same way as all State power. Specialists have monopolised medical knowledge by branding the competition quacks and using the law to stamp them out, and then exploiting the peoples ignorance by saying only they can make us live long and healthy lives. Medicine is a power structure like all others: rich, white men playing doctor at the top whilst working class black women end up holding the bedpan as nurses at the bottom. The medicrats run health like any bureaucracy in mass society: patients being run through wards as fast as possible, being butchered or drugged according to latest treatment fads and generally being made to feel like slabs of meat. Attempts by patients at self-treatment or diagnosis, or to improve the environments that make them sick in the first place are usually discouraged or ignored by the medical profession. That would mean people would be less inclined to let doctors use their bodies anyway they see fit, and would make drugs multi-nationals less money.

Too many anarchists regurgitate Statist apologies for medical power. They think capitalism is the only problem, and that a few committees and rotating chairs can change a bureaucratized power structure. "Someone has to patch up the proles so they can keep slogging along on the nearest neighbourhood 'peoples production line'" they say. Next they'll be

telling us about 'democratic policing' and 'Peoples Parliaments' no doubt. Green anarchists say this is bullshit. We don't need these institutions and they don't work anyway. More people are addicted to medically prescribed drugs than any other except booze and tobacco, 7% of all patients suffer compensatable injuries in hospital and 2% of children suffer accidents requiring specific treatment. No wonder Ivan Illich concludes "the medical establishment has become a major threat to health" and French Revolutionaries called for the closure of all hospitals. We are riddled with diseases caused by urban/industrial living - stress, cancer, heart disease - and spend an average of £10 a week curing disease. Meanwhile the anthropologist Richard Lee found the Bushmen of the Kalahari Desert live longer and better lives than us without the trappings of 'progress' and modern medical science: "10% were determined to be over sixty years of age, a proportion which compares favourably to the percentage of elderly in industrial populations".

Hands Off Our Bodies!

The State uses medical power as a way of intervening in and controlling peoples lives, particularly oppressed groups, 'for their own good'. The sheath was used as a form of contraception back in Ancient Egypt yet because of feeble male sensibilities, the pharmaceutical industry has devised an arsenal of means of chemically controlling womens fertility. None are safe: warnings are out of Norlestrin, Ovral and Demulen; DES was withdrawn from sale as a means of easing pregnancy once shown to be carcinogenic and unbelievably is now being marketed again as a morning-after pill. Depro-Provera is being dumped on Third World markets and the forced sterilization programmes by US 'health' workers in Puerto Rica are well-documented.

The current debate about abortion (both in UK and the US) are examples of how women are coned by medical power into surrendering control over their own fertility in to State hands. Women are prepared to be passed around between and pawed by male doctors because many believe State abortion is the only safe abortion. This isn't true: orthodox abortion methods increase chances of future miscarriage and plenty of less harmful alternatives exist. Live Wild Or Die and Fifth Estate have both published comprehensive details offering women genuine control as a matter of personal choice, something the law forbids us to do in UK and likely to get us labelled 'backstreet abortion advocates' by Statist apologists. How did Third World women manage before the WHO arrived telling them anything except unhealthy monthly contraceptive injections were "dangerous", or our ancestors in Europe before the (religious, not medical) inquisition put them to the stake? Women have fought long and hard for the right to natural childbirth, knowing chances of complications are increased in hospital and having birth 'done to them' by doctors makes bonding with their children more difficult, and have chosen to accept the risks if complications do arise. Why the same argument doesn't apply to abortion, we don't know....

The intrusion of medical power into our lives goes a stage further with AIDS. The HIV's are forced to place their hopes, fears and lives in the hands of a man who probably originated the disease during work contracted out from US ex-germwar lab Fort Detrick wasting time covering his tracks with useless primate experiments in a futile attempt to cover his tracks with his 'African Origin' thesis (the only Green monkeys with SIV are in Western labs) and wrangling over legal rights to palliatives and 'miracle half-cures around the corner'. Given that not much can or will be done to find a cure for AIDS whilst the pharmaceutical industry use it as a blank cheque for any work they fancy funding, there is also intrusions from preventative measures. Already State propaganda is being used to make us totally paranoid about our sex lives (previously a 'private matter' not for State control) and sexual activity. Already law suits are going on in the US for 'unsafe sex' - laws are bound to follow both sides of the Atlantic and no doubt State monitoring and regulation of those infected. As usual the medical establishment is laying down what is and is not 'safe'. The fact this is a way of controlling our sex lives is demonstrated by oral sex being defined as 'unsafe' although there is little risk of HIV infection if semen is not swallowed. How long before blow jobs are banned in the name of 'health'? Thus the medical protection racket works.

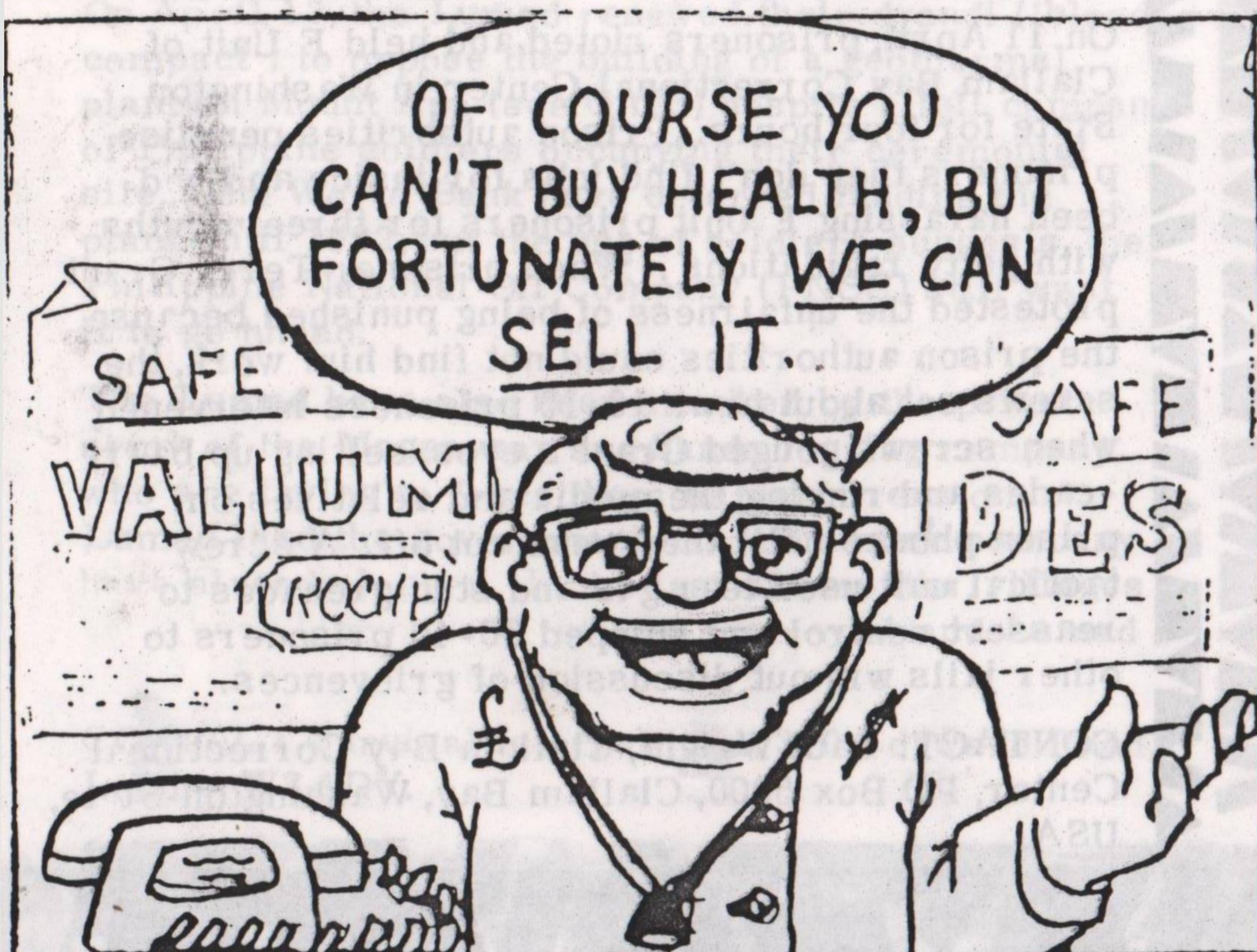
**While you're calming her down with a tranquilizer...**

treat what may be her real problem with **PREMARIN**

The New Thought Police

Nineteenth century alienists first diagnosed hysteria as a medical condition and excised womens wombs to pacify them. Gruesome techniques were also used to stop children wanking. By the 1920s 'homosexual panic' was invented and gay and lesbian identity medicalised with an eye to psychiatric treatment. Kids are now dosed with ritalin to stop 'hyperactivity' and people everywhere can get zombifying mood-control drugs like Ativan on prescription, even though they are more addictive than heroin and make users five times more susceptible to accidents. Medical power wants to control not just what we do with our bodies, but with our minds too.

Undoubtedly many behave unconventionally, self-destructively or anti-socially, but psychiatrists are unable to consistently label such 'mental illness'. Depressives in the UK are labelled schiz zophrenic in the US and are given different treatment. Psychiatrists are unable to consistently distinguish between the two and use schitzophrenia as a 'catch all' category for everything they can't otherwise label. Black people end up being labelled 'manic' or 'hypertense' more often than Whites because white professional psychiatrists have no understanding of the culture and social pressures of Blacks living in a racist society. Even mental disorders that have known physical causes are 'misdiagnosed' - many a bolshie pensioner driving carsers to wits end has been labelled senile/demented only to give no evidence of this when their brains are examined at autopsy.



As well as having the broadest definitions of mental illness, psychiatrists have the widest powers to treat it. It only takes two doctors signatures to section who they like, and once inside a closed institution they can administer what drugs or treatment they please, discharging patients only when they judge them 'cured'. Complaints and resistance from internees get seen as 'interfering with cure' and effectively mean that unless you knuckle under, you're there to stay. Although certified sane, the sociologist Erwin Goffman was told both by staff and patients to 'cooperate with treatment' and 'you wouldn't be here if there wasn't something wrong with you' when he was posing as a patient to see how US psychiatric hospitals operated. The threat of such State sanctions within and beyond the wall when you are only sane when an expert tells you so make a mockery of so-called freedoms in this society.

For too long psychiatrists have been able to hide behind the white coats and textbook jargon and their crimes against the mind concealed by walls and locked doors. Now the Victorian asylums are being pulled down and the institutionalised dumped on the streets without support in the name of cost cutting and 'care in the community'. If there was a real sense of community they would never have ended up in psychiatric institutions in the first place. Instead of being made outcasts by labels like 'mentally ill' and fit only for 'the care of experts', people with problems would be tolerated and supported by the community just like the deaf, blind and chronically ill now are. It is mass society that destroys community, making people feel anonymous, stressed, powerless and lost in the tide of humanity. No wonder 80% of people who see their GPs in inner city areas are only after someone to talk to. Urban/Industrial environments are bad for psychological as well as physical health.

## Taking Control Of Our Health

HEALTH HAS BEEN DEFINED by the World Health Authority as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity".

By this criteria few of us enjoy health, here or in the Third World. Manual workers in prosperous Britain have two and a half times greater chance of dying before retirement than professionals. In the Third World prospects for a healthy life are even worse - dysentery, measles, smallpox, TB, malaria, leprosy, cholera, typhoid all take their toll, as does malnutrition. Among the poor of many third world countries one child in four doesn't reach the age of five. Around 2000 million of the worlds people are reckoned to be undernourished - and thus susceptible to any disease around.

The WHO's "Health for all by the year 2000" aims to provide primary health care to all the world's peoples. This strategy assumes that our health and well-being is due to medicine: that people in Europe no longer die of typhus or measles, is due to medical science. But health has very little to do with hospitals and doctors and medical therapy. Medicine is concerned with curing illness, not with health. The NHS is a kind of repair shop for when things go wrong.

### Heal Ourselves, Heal The World

If medical power causes illness rather than promoting health, if it's an enemy of freedom rather than its agent, what can we do about it?

- \* On a personal level, live healthily, avoid stressful environments and all unnecessary medical treatment, and make sure you are as informed as possible if forced to expose yourself to it.
- \* On an activist level, do all in your power to expose the medical establishments abuses, encourage boycotts of unnecessary treatments and medication, boycott and expose fraudulent medical charities; take action against unhealthy environments, products and institutions.
- \* On an economic level, organize alternative treatments or information on where they can be found, and learn and teach healing skills; organize the supply of alternative (eg. organic) products.

P N ROGERS

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Picture of two women with their infants who had come to attend the trials with the injectable NEW-ONE at the Rural Health Centre, Patancheru, Hyderabad on April 1st, 1985. Photo by K. Vijaya

The decline of infectious diseases which troubled us in the past had it seems very little to do with the orthodox medical profession, who dosed people with harmful drugs like calomel and practised blood-letting. What led to the improvement in health was better sanitation, better housing and a more adequate diet. Most infectious diseases had disappeared before doctors even knew what caused them.

So how can health of people in the third world be improved? Not by doctors and primary health clinics, but by giving people adequate housing, tolerable working conditions, and an adequate diet. Susan George has shown that poverty and world hunger have very little to do with over-population, or because there is not enough food around, or because we don't give enough aid, or because the peasants are ignorant: it has everything to do with an economic and political system that denies people basic human rights, and generates the inequalities and poverty in the first place. The children who die of measles are usually those who are starving. In one South Indian village, two scholars found people disliked the elitist bias of the doctors and thought the clinic wasn't as good as the local indigenous medicine. They also concluded that only a radical transformation of the economic structure of the village through land reforms could solve the health care problems of the village.

Many of the progressive ideas advocated by the W. H. O. - the importance of primary health care and the need to integrate traditional and modern medicine, were derived from the Chinese experience. In 1950 four principles had been worked out by Mao Zedong:

- (i) Health care was to be directed primarily towards the rural areas where the majority of working people lived.
- (ii) Preventative medicine should be given top priority: such as vaccination and the purification of water and sanitation.
- (iii) Traditional medicine was integrated with Western medicine.
- (iv) Mass campaigns, involving the participation at a communal level of all people - both health workers and peasants. Such campaigns were not specifically medical but social - improving the status of women, to encourage literacy and family planning, and to increase and provide a more equitable distribution of food.

In a period of little more than a decade many diseases, such as smallpox, cholera and typhus - were eliminated, and there were vast improvements in the nutrition and in the health of the majority of the Chinese people.

The attempt by W. H. O. to introduce some of the Chinese guidelines without altering inequality and injustice are doomed to failure. Third World people are pragmatic in deciding whether to see a practitioner of homeopathy, Unani, Ayurveda or Chinese medicine, or a local herbalist, diviner or spirit healer. In Africa or India a patient, guided by his or her family, may go to any number of healers during treatment, with acute diseases taken to biomedical practitioners while chronic ailments are dealt with by traditional healers. In Central Africa people feel that modern doctors are useless when it comes to arthritis, mental illness, asthma and infertility, or any illness which may be due to spirits or witches. The relationship between the folk healer and the patient is often very different from that between modern doctor and patient. The healer may not even see the patient but be consulted by a group of kin on behalf of the sick person. Disease is often seen not as an individual problem but as a social phenomena, and the domains of illness and social life are not rigidly demarcated.

During the last two decades we have seen the emergence of two important trends in modern medicine.

One has been the resurgence of interest in alternative medicine which has coincided with a growing dissatisfaction with modern medicine. A growing recognition that modern drugs often do more harm than good and that drug companies are often motivated more by a search for big profits than by a desire to help those in need: A critical concern that the medical profession has become a self-perpetuating oligarchy whose power and influence is due more to state power and the support of big business than to its medical success: and a growing awareness that there are profound limitations in treating someone as if they were a biological machine rather than a whole person - all of these themes have come together in the notion, vividly expressed by Ivan Illich, that the medical establishment has "become a serious threat to health".

The other trend involves a growing attempt by the present government to undermine the NHS, both by supporting private medicine and the deliberate neglect of public health and medical provision. Medicine is gradually being privatised. We are told that there is a crisis in capitalism, and so what we are seeing is a deliberate if devious restructuring of medicine to give more opportunities to the rich - particularly to insurance and drug companies - to make even more profits from our misfortunes. Health and medicine is big business, with big profits. The bureaucratic and highly undemocratic administration of the present health service is hardly ideal or responsive to peoples needs - what is needed is a real community-based health care system. But the move towards a privatised system of medicine is hardly in the interests of the majority of people, particularly the poor and the chronically disabled.

So how do we remain healthy? Paradoxically by being both critical of the limitations of modern medicine and at the same time supporting its social provision, and by realising that health is largely determined by the social and economic conditions in which we live. The conservative stress on healthy personal life-styles is a deliberate ploy to blame the victims for their ill health. Eating brown bread and jogging might be commendable, but they don't help much when you spend most of your life working in authoritarian, stressful and generally unhealthy conditions - which is the lot of the majority of working people.

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GREEN ANARCHY

# ANARCHY AND CELIBACY

THE REAL REASONS for adopting celibacy are not old-fashioned morality, concern for health or inability to form relationships disguised as puritanical righteousness, but a genuine recognition that how we conduct our relationships affects and perpetuates antisocial and isolating aspects of this society.

Sex isn't the problem; what I mean by celibacy is avoiding relationships of clinging dependence and exclusion. The problem is the associations and codes of sexual relationships and of other exclusive and possessive relationships like parenting, not sex itself.

The convention is that two people expect to find 'fulfilment' or a satisfaction of their emotional and physical needs in each other, somehow affirmed through sex. These are illusions and unreasonable assumptions. We may have needs for security and 'happiness' but to a large degree we are the ones who determine their fulfilment, and they cannot be solved by any single other person. It is unhealthy for ourselves and society to expect this as it maintains images of our self and our partners that are not true. A 'loving relationship' is built on mutual delusion and an actual restriction of our lives to fit the images and maintain the pairing. This includes reducing other relationships in importance and depth, a reduced involvement in outside concerns, a selection of friends which will not threaten the pairing. Much of society is organised for such closed couples or nuclear families, and so excludes and isolates those that are single. Society has become an atomised collection of family units, with little in the way of 'community'. This means that feelings of loneliness and lack of security are real, not paranoic, and these lead in their turn to a desperate search for a "real relationship" to take away the burden of being an independent adult.



As anarchists we should seek to act as far as possible to eliminate power. To an unhealthy degree differences in power between two people are seen as erotic and are accentuated in sexual relationships, sex becoming commodity exchange with the man as purchaser and determiner of decisions.

We must aim to replace the futile pursuit of security and satisfaction in exclusive relationships with relationships closer to friendships, non-possessive partnerships between independent adults, with reduced emphasis on sex.

Beyond a minimal requirement for reproduction (which could theoretically be satisfied by artificial insemination) there is no purpose to sex, it is not a bodily need. Nobody ever died from lack of sex, indeed abstinence may prolong life and health. It is addictive not only as a physical experience, but as a symbol of acceptance and general worth. Sex has no power in itself to create success, it is merely a spurious meaning attributed to a human function that has lost much of its original purpose.

I'm not advocating total abstinence, as it would be just as artificial as the present obsession with sex. It would lead to a society of isolated individuals rather than isolated couples or families. All I say is our effort and emotions would be better spent building realistic and non-possessive relationships, giving a wider commitment to people, and solving problems we now ignore in preference to the temporary pleasure of a good fuck.

Buddhists say true freedom and awareness cannot be gained clinging to material objects or possessive relationships. Anarchism also calls for spiritual renewal and transformation of values away from commensal exchange to a society in which mutual aid and trust and giving without thought of receiving is the norm, not monetary calculation and mutual aggression.

We must question sex as most central aspect of life and its social conventions, as well as more simple economic and institutional oppressions, because it has just as much significance in the long term and is an area we can act immediately and change our lives for the better.

"The only way to liberate sex is to abolish it."

KEVIN

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# ANARCHISM CAN'T WORK IN CITIES

For anarchism to work in cities everyone agrees that it requires a miraculous change in human nature. Suddenly everyone has got to be pure and beautiful. All thoughts of greed, materialism, competition, and criminal thoughts must vanish. In their urban utopia there will be no police to enforce acceptable behaviour and no priests to blackmail people with a Day of Judgement. Rape, theft and violence will end because we've all turned into beautiful people with never a dark thought to disturb the anarchist tranquillity. We'll be able to walk into any shop and take whatever we want without having to pay any money or anything inconvenient like that. Overnight skinheads will be solicitously helping flocks of old ladies across roads. They'll never take anything from the shops but what they absolutely need, and conscientiously they'll go back to their co-operatives and beaver away making goods to give away.

The whole thing is totally daft, a complete disregard for the reality of human nature. We are not competitive because we've been educated into it but because, like every other animal, it's in our genes. It's part of our survival kit. In primitive societies such competitiveness is moderated by the need to co-operate. Without money, private ownership of land and the welfare state you need to co-operate to get a share of land and in case of illness or hunger or old age. In small groups where everyone knows everyone else competitiveness is moderated by shame and ridicule. But that can't work in groups of more than about 500 people, the most that one person can know. It certainly can't work in anonymous towns and cities. They are left with no sanctions for good behaviour. Cities would turn into terrifying wastelands of violence, squalor and misery.

The anarchist organisation of cities doesn't bear thinking about. Who's going to cope with the removal of sewage, commuter transport, the food supply and fire services. These are all highly specialised functions needing great knowledge and experience. They can't be done by the occasional volunteers. Specialisation is inevitable. So who's going to specialise in cleaning the sewers, a dangerous and noxious job? And with specialisation inevitably you get hierarchy because with such numbers of specialists in organisation and liaison will be unavoidable. With a hierarchy of specialists you're back with inequality, corruption and government.

And where are the cities supposed to get their food from? Up to the present it has always been forced out of the countryside by taxation or straight force. Do they think their urban utopia is going to be financed by the peasants' food? Unless you're rich, cities are fairly unpleasant places. Their only consolation is that a lot of the jobs are white collar, clean and sometimes interesting. Well, the countryside is not going to spend its time growing food to feed white collar workers

doing their 'creative' thing.

The blue collars will have got out into the countryside themselves, to be their own bosses on their own land instead of doing their present dirty and boring jobs in the cities. Growing food is dirty and boring too. But to feed you and your family you only need to spend a quarter of the time doing it. And there's no boss over your shoulder.

Like food cities can't exist without timber. Have the villages got to send their timber to the towns as well? They refused after the Russian Revolution. They had to send the army in. Will the urban anarchists send in their army to expropriate the timber?

Given the global warming, it's difficult to quite see where the energy for all their industry and transport is coming from. They don't know either. They've been ignoring the problem for twenty years. It's only since even Thatcher has recognised it that they're beginning to make ecological grunts, but no answers.

Consumer society is expected to wither away. Production will only be 'for need'. I had a landlady with a passion for plastic flowers. She didn't want real ones. She wanted plastic ones. They last longer. Is that 'production for need'? Does she get her plastic flowers? Who decides? Do we have Committees of Public Concern who will tell us what is ecologically sound? The thought is obviously horrendous. But how else could it be done?

There's only a certain amount of plastic. Who decides whether it should be used for videos or plastic flowers or plastic toys. Or don't they get the plastic toys either? How are the decisions made? In capitalist societies the allocation of resources is decided by who's got the money, the free market. In socialist societies they are allocated by central planning. There are no other options. It's either a free market economy or a planned economy, or some combination of the two, a social democratic mixed economy. Some right wing anarchists advocate a totally free market, which at least is facing the problem, but most anarchists reject capitalism and money, so they're left with the planned economy, which means specialists, committees, hierarchy, obedience and government.

(Green Anarchism is free-market. The peasants will be free not to send their crops and timber to be sold in towns and cities. Resources will not need to be allocated because everyone will have their own.)

Anarchist cities can't work: because they have no sanction for good behaviour: a hierarchy of specialisation is bound to evolve; they will have no food and raw materials; there is not enough energy; and there are no criteria for the allocation of resources.

Richard Hunt.





# GOODMAN

WHERE AND HOW does one begin to understand a figure as complex as Paul Goodman? So Theodore Roszak begins his essay on this kind, irascible, eccentric anarchist. Goodman has been described as terrifying, as a utopian, as an anarchist sage, as someone who played footsie with the status quo, and as an alienated intellectual who projected his own sense of absurdity on American youth. He described himself more accurately than any of these labels when he suggested that he was a humanist, a 'kind of Renaissance free-lance'. For three decades he wrote a continuous stream of readable and penetrating essays on a wide range of subjects: poetry and fiction, city planning, literary and social criticism, psychological theory, education economics, and libertarian politics. These essays are full of passionate commitment and indicate wide learning: he was indeed very much like the 18th century philosopher in the scope of his interests. This polymanphous attitude, as George Woodcock remarked, gives a special colour to his anarchism, and suffused everything he wrote with a searching mentality which restlessly cruised the world of ideas.

Paul Goodman was born in 1911 - 'a poor Jewish kid, fatherless, bisexual, growing up more or less unsupervised on the streets of New York City. Like many such boys not handy with their fists, he learned eloquence early' (Stoehr). After graduating from City College, he received a doctorate in the humanities from the University of Chicago. Thereafter he taught and lectured in various schools, and began writing essays. These were published in Politics, Commentary, and various anarchist journals. In 1945 he wrote an important critique of the Neo-Freudians Erich Fromm and Karen Harney. He accused them of down-playing the role of the instincts and thus denying the radical impulse that was inherent in the writings of Freud and Wilhelm Reich. A decade later Marcuse was to say the same thing. The essay caused a furor among sociologists and orthodox psychiatrists. Goodman was accused of advocating a 'gonal theory of revolution'. Revolution, his critics chided, was for Goodman, to take place in the bedroom not on the barricades.

Goodman's response to this is important, for it clearly indicated his theoretical sophistication and his commitment to anarchism. The liberation of instinct, he responded, will not of itself produce a 'heaven on earth' but the repression of the instincts makes good institutions unattainable. Like Chomsky, he believed that human beings had natural needs and proclivities, and were not

just tabula rasa ('blank states') on which culture was stamped. Goodman was always against what he called 'social engineering'.

For two decades Goodman continued to produce critical essays. With his brother Percival he wrote an embarrassing and pioneering book on community planning *Communitas* (1947) and with Fritz Perls a stimulating work on Gestalt Therapy (1951). Goodman wrote most of the theory. It combined ideas that Goodman drew from many sources, particularly from Freud and Reich. It has been called both a Taoist and an anarchist psychotherapy, for its viewpoint was holistic. Goodman was critical of the mind-body dualism, believing that this viewpoint was itself a neurotic one.

But Goodman continued to be a relatively unknown writer. He was dismissed from several teaching posts for his open homosexual activities. Then in 1960 Goodman published his classic study *Growing Up Absurd* - a book that had apparently been rejected by 13 publishers. Addressed to current social issues in America, the book made Goodman famous. Two years later he published another important work *Compulsory Miseducation*. Together with the essays on decentralisation and anarchism which Goodman wrote in the last decade of his life, these two books established Goodman as a truly seminal libertarian thinker.

In the present era of state socialism, corporate feudalism, regimental schooling, brainwashing, mass communications, and urban anomie, Goodman felt that there was a need to combine the two basic forms of anarchism - the peasant critique of urban life with its stress on self-reliance (Lao-Tze, Tolstoy) and the critique of centralised bureaucracy and power, with its stress on guilds and workers councils (Proudhon, Kropotkin). Anarchism, for Goodman, was the claim that in most human affairs more harm than good comes from coercion, top-down direction, central authority, jails, conscription, states, standardisation and excessive planning. Thus there is a need to increase intrinsic functioning and diminish extrinsic power. But Goodman saw anarchism as an emergent process, as a matter of extending the freedoms we have and encouraging those elements of voluntary co-operation that are possible. This should not involve a power struggle, the aim is to open up areas of freedom and defend them. *Compulsory Miseducation* presents in a succinct way Goodman's views on education. Goodman is not against education: this is a natural community function. Nor is he against formal or specialist

teaching as such, or the need to test someone with respect to their special skills. But he is against the present educational system: this 'mass superstition' he calls it; and for various reasons.

1/By insisting that a child spends more than 10 years of his or her life, sitting for the better part of the day in an overcrowded room, facing front, doing lessons that have no direct relation to child needs or interests is a waste of both resources and youthful vitality.

2/Schools have thus ceased to be institutions where human knowledge and skills are creatively explored. Subjects are rarely presented for their truth and beauty, as part of a universal culture.

3/There is consequently a stress on programmed learning, on docility, on compulsion, on regimentation and administration - all of which are positively harmful to real education. Compulsory education, Goodman feels, is a contradiction in terms. More and more schools have adopted a policing function.

4/Institutions of higher education have ceased to be institutions of free enquiry, research and testing, by an independent guild of scholars, but instead have become systems of social engineering geared to the needs of the economy and politics.

As an alternative to this, Goodman suggests a return to the kind of progressive education advocated by John Dewey. This should involve: practical learning of science and technology, democratic community, spontaneous feelings liberated by artistic appreciation; and freedom - freedom on the part of the child whether or not to attend school, Goodman commending the ideas of Neill. He also suggests decentralising the whole school system.

Goodman, as Taylor Stoehr remarked, struggled




## SMALL ADS

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING WEEK  
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AT WHEATSTONE, AN AGRICULTURAL  
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with the anarchist dilemmas personally. Like  
Thoreau he was not fundamentally political. 'I  
do not have the character for politics' he wrote  
shortly before he died in 1972. But his ideas still  
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## DISPROOF OF THE THEORY OF 'DIVISION OF LABOUR'

The theory states that if each member of  
a firm concentrates on what he is best at  
the firm together will do better. Correct.  
It then says that because the firm does  
better, all the members of that firm  
benefit. Nonsense! The management  
benefits. But the wages of the workers do  
not depend on the success of the firm. It  
is in the interests of the management to  
keep wages low to make the product  
cheaper. The wages are determined by  
the unemployed outside the factory who  
would be prepared to work for less.  
Therefore the theory is disproved.

The Theory of 'Comparative Advantage',  
the theoretical justification for  
international trade, is falsified for the  
same reason. It is an extension of the  
theory of 'Division of Labour'.

Richard Hunt



# LETTERS

Dear Green Anarchist,  
 I assume that you were taking the piss Richard when you claimed you were "proud of being English" and hinted at respect for imperialism? (G.A. 23, 'Anarchy and Culture'). If not then maybe you should re-read Rudolf Rocker's "Nationalism and Culture" which you recently reviewed in G.A. As Rocker notes, "All nationalism is reactionary". Also Eric Hobsbawm's book "The Invention of Tradition" which shows how "Traditional British Culture" was actually invented in the last quarter of the C19th and has been constantly reproduced until the vast majority believe it to be everyone's cultural heritage.  
 This is shit of course, our true cultural heritage is that of struggle and resistance, and as I know you'll agree always will be whilst society is based on greed.  
 "The nation is always the result and not the cause of the state"  
 Love and peace, Nick Morgan.

Dear Friend,  
 much of your magazine makes good sense, but I am disappointed to read on page 3 of issue 23 that John Duke was Walter Givens predecessor as Chief Constable of Wiltshire, in a news item that implied that he had died as a result of a "curse of the stones".  
 John Duke was never Chief Constable

of Wiltshire. He was Chief Constable of Hampshire before he retired and subsequently died. He had been in ill health for a long time before he retired. Have you ever seen a policeman walking with a stick? Well I have - it was him. His death had nothing to do with any stones.

Reports like this, got wrong presumably because someone failed to check a second-hand report with the police H.C. concerned, ruins the credibility of G.A., and spoil it for readers like me. Lies and inaccuracies are commonly spread by the police to promote their cause. Please G.A. don't copy them!

Yours truly,  
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Dear GA,  
 Barnaby McEwan is mistaken in interpreting my letter (GA22) as an attack on paganism. He is also mistaken in assuming that I have neither read about paganism nor spoken to pagans; I have done both, and have found much that I can value in their professed ethos. The letter was, however, an attack against groundless belief. Just as gods and magic are neither necessary nor able to explain anything that can be observed about our world (leaving us with no reason to believe that these things might have any reality), so at the same time there is no fundamental reason to assume that money, market forces, greed, authority, fear and conflict are necessary components in the organisation of a human society.

(While it may become demonstrable that these were necessary in the particular course adopted in the development of extant human societies, the one is not implicit in the other). We cannot avoid the necessity of making decisions that affect others, but we should base such decisions upon what we can observe, test or validly infer about the world. To do otherwise is irresponsible and selfish.

John Waters

Dear G.A.  
 Can I just say that (as I'm sure you're fully aware) that, basically, contrary to the media shits accusations of anarchists, lefties and militants starting the recent anti-poll tax riots (especially the Trafalgar Sq. riot) they did not - the Government brought in the Poll Tax - people disagreed with it and demonstrated - and bang - a riot started. There was a large plod presence as well, which fuelled the anger people felt. The plod, according to the media shits, were there to stop demonstrators storming.  
 No. 10. But Thatcher wasn't ever in her little hiding-hole. At the time anyway. So explain that one?  
 That 'she' was probably hiding her ill-gotten 'supremacy' in the houses of shits gabbling on about how to take ever more of our money through higher mortgage rates and taxation no doubt.

So, cheery bye & smiles, Eil.

## Legalise Cannabis Campaign

10,000 people each year needlessly face conviction for cannabis offences.  
 More than 800 people receive custodial sentences each year for simple possession of cannabis.  
 The Campaign exists to fight the cannabis laws - laws that should never have been made in the first place and will never be changed without concerted action.  
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# MUSIC

## INTERVIEW WITH CHUMBAWAMBA

After their brilliant benefit for ambulancefolk at Oxford Live in February, I managed to corner Boff and Alice of Chumbawamba for a few words about Art, Life and Anarchism.....

GA: How long has the band been going, and what was the aim?  
 A: About 8 years.  
 B: The original idea was just to be punky and political.  
 GA: Where did all the melodic stuff come from then?  
 B: All the other bands we thought we wanted to be like never had any melodies. We thought this was a bit desperate so it was just a matter of finding out whether we could sing or not.  
 GA: Did you think that concentrating on vocals would mean your lyrics would get across more?  
 B: We realise that the way we work best vocally is by not singing or shouting when there's loads of guitars and everything going on, so what we try to do is keep the music a bit more subtle when we're singing.  
 GA: How did English Rebel Songs come about?  
 A: People think protest songs started with the 60s or with Woody Guthrie, but they ignore history. It's nice to dig stuff up and bring it back. I mean, I didn't have any idea what Luddites were, I associated the name with heavy feet, and then found out they're a major piece of English history.  
 GA: So what else's in the pipeline?  
 B: We've just recorded an LP, and we're doing a 12" single for a change!  
 A: We're getting funkier, like a cross between Queen's White Funk, 'Another one bites the dust' and....  
 B: And the 70s Jackson 5 sound - that's what we're aspiring to.  
 GA: Do the band define themselves as anarchists?  
 B: I do, but it's a bit hard to say for everyone.  
 A: And I do, but peoples ideas of what they say about themselves changes from year to year. We're not anarchists without contradictions.  
 GA: Do you think the way anarchism has fragmented is a weakness or a strength?  
 B: It's a weakness in that there has to be organisation at times when people need to get

together but its a strength not being like the SWP and all these male-dominated hierarchies.

A: In the past its weakness has been that it centred on music and as such its just been fashionable, so even though it seemed like a movement in the early 80s, it was just a musical movement. It raised some political consciousness but it was too easy to think you were part of something big just because everyone liked the same bands.  
 GA: There seems to be a vanguardist tendency in parts of the anarchist movement at the moment?  
 B: The whole Anarchist Communist thing - its really dangerous flirting with the idea, even just using the word, because to me communism means oppression of an individual or nation state.  
 A: Some words you can't use, like saying 'I'm an Anarchist Capitalist', you'd laugh your head off just at the word.  
 B: If you say 'I'm a Green Anarchist', you're not saying 'I'm green and an anarchist', you're saying 'I'm a Green Anarchist because I think certain things the magazine has said in the past', which is dodgy because people label you. When it started everyone thought, yeah, that's a really good idea, to link anarchism and ecology, but that 'Don't support the Printworkers' bit put a lot of people off.

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# COMING UP

## DEMOS·FESTIVALS·MEETINGS

### JUNE

- 7-9. West Hampshire Free Festival, Andover area
- 8. Afternoon Picnic and Full Moon Lunch party for Oxford to Stonehenge Pilgrimage on Ridgeway.
- 9. Bristol to Stonehenge Pilgrimage Party at Castle Green Bandstand, noon.
- 9. National Convention for Human Survival, Friends House, Euston Road, London 071-729 2523.
- 9. Nottingham Punk Picnic, Forest Fields, 2pm.
- 10. Gathering of Women for a Nuclear-Free Pacific, Anne 242-1521.
- 10. Bristol to Stonehenge Pilgrimage Party in Rainbow Woods.
- 11. Lilith at the Globe, Warwick.
- 12. London to Stonehenge pushbikes.
- 13. Boston T-Party, Boston Arms, Tufnel Park, Ozrics, £5.
- 14-16. Good Food Fair, Jersey.
- 15. Day of Action against Employment Training.
- 16. Living Without Cruelty Exhibition, Kensington Town Hall, Horton Street, London. Details from Animal Aid, 0732-364 546.
- 16-17. Leamington Peace Festival.
- 16. Musicians Network benefit for Advisory Service for Squatters, George Robey.
- 16. Harrogate Green Fair 0423-871616.
- 16. Charity Bike Run, London to Stonehenge. Proceeds to Southwark Homeless Information Project, 071-27777639.
- 17. Start of NATO blockade against military occupation of Salisbury Plain.
- 18. Sevenoaks Summer Festival.
- 19. General Strike starts.
- 21. Stonehenge Summer Solstice Free Festival, Wedding Party and Birthday Suit Party (part of National Nude Day), Stonehenge and everywhere.
- 21. International Pickets of British embassies against the repression of civil and religious liberties.
- 21. Yellowstone Park USA Solstice Party.
- 22-24. Glastonbury Unfree Festival, 0890-400888 for tickets (but its cheaper over the fence).
- 24. Lesbian & Gay Anti-Clockwise Direction Tube Party, Tower Hill Circleline, 8pm.
- 27. Cycling and Healthy City Conference, 071-490 1555.
- 28. Eco Fair, Parkshot Adult Education Centre, Richmond.
- 29. Winchester All-Day Festival.
- 30. Lesbian & Gay Pride March and festival, to Kennington Park at 4pm for bands and stalls.

### JULY

- 1-18. Headcorn, 4m from Maidstone, Kent. Free.
- 1. Pagan Cycle Ride past Stonehenge starts. Waterloo, 830pm. 071-9287220.
- 2. Boston T-Party, Boston Arms, Tufnel Park, £5/

£4.50.

- 4. Demonstration against introduction of Tactical Air-to-Surface Missiles as Cruise replacements, US Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London, 1-6pm.
- 6-8. Operation Daybreak Picnic, Stoney Cross, New Forest, Hampshire.
- 6-15. Lilith at Lichfield Art Centre.
- 7. Peace Picnic outside Ministry of Defence, Victoria Embankment, noon.
- 7-9. Wirral Green Fair, Roydon Park, Frankby.
- 14. Stirling Free Festival.
- 20. WOMAD at Rivermead.
- 20. Musicians Network Free Festival Benefit, 730pm.
- 20-23. Rollright Free Festival?
- 27-29. Rutland Festival, benefit for Skool Bus, £2/£3.
- 28. Euro Bikes Demo London. Contact Motorbike Action Group.
- 28. Magna Car a Bike.
- 28. Greenpeace Free Festival, Clapham Common.

### AUGUST

- 3. Torpedotown Free Festival, SE Hampshire.
- 3. Cantlin Stone Free Festival, Clun on the Welsh border.
- 3-5. Anti-Fascist Action Festival all over London.
- 4. Musicians Network Benefit for AFA, George Robey, all day.
- 5. AFA Benefit, Vennue, New Cross, London.
- 10-12 Treecastle Free Festival, Wales: OS 160, ref. 830 310.
- 10-12. Cisbury Ring Free Festival nr. Worthing, Sussex.
- 17-18. Cropedy Festival.
- 17-19. Village Idiots Gathering nr. Worthing, Sussex.
- 24-27. Ribblehead Free Festival nr Settle, Cumbria.
- 25-26. Pullens Festival, Kennington.
- 31. Rough Tor Free Festival, Camelford, Kernow.

### SEPTEMBER

- 2. Camelford Festival, Kernow.
- 8. Skool Bus/Musicians Network Benefit, George Robey, all day, £2/3, £3/4.
- 17. Start of 40 civil actions in Winchester against Chief Constable of Wiltshire for 1985 Beanfield Ambush.
- 23. Autumn Equinox 06.55 GMT.
- 27. Day of Action against IMF and World Bank.

### OCTOBER

- 2. World Farm Animals Day.
- 5-7. Magic Mushroom Festival, Wales.
- 13. Musicians Network, George Robey, all day
- 16. World Food Day.
- 16. Worldwide Day of Action against McDonalds, London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1, 071-837 7557.
- 20. Anarchist Bookfair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

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