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GRABARCHIST

The enemies of the people are those who know what people need

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GORMLESS GREENS

GREEN ANARCHISM

WHAT WE WANT

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

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



WHY WE HAVEN'T GOT IT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET IT

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

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

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





BEANFIELD JUDGMENT: TRIUMPH OR TRAVESTY?

AFTER ONE OF THE LONGEST civil cases in British legal history, twelve travellers from the Stonehenge Defence Campaign won £12,307 damages between them. They privately prosecuted Chief Constable Walter Girven for false arrest, false imprisonment and criminal damage during the 1985 Battle of the Beanfield (see GA7/26). The case lasted over four months, cost cops £4 million, with 138 witnesses called.

The witnesses told the jury how the cops "had got utterly out of control. They were throwing helmets, truncheons, fire extinguishers" through vehicles windcreens. Traveller Lin Lorien said her babies face "was covered with blood. I had to pick the glass out of his hair". 420 were arrested and 116 vehicles trashed during the 1985 police riot.

The Defence Campaign's lawyer John Felton said: "The awards include exemplary damages ... to punish police for acting in an oppressive, arbitrary and unconstitutional manner" and "riding roughshod over the rights of ordinary people".

However in a statement issued to the Free Information Network, Campaign organiser Kristof denounced the Beanfield Trial as "a travesty of justice". He notes that its presiding "78 year old retired judge was pro-police from the outset" allowing the cops to change their plea in mid-trial, refusing to put Campaign accusations of malicious prosecution to the jury, and directing them to a pro-police result that left plaintiffs with only just enough compensation to cover their court costs.

Cops stand accused of pre-planning "a mass pogrom", of falsifying custody records, and of tampering with vital video evidence. Yet the judge ignored such 'inconsistencies' and ruled that "police actions in detaining and arresting people in the field on that day were correct and justified"....

(Sources: Guardian/Salisbury Journal)

MURDERER MURPHY FINED

SIMON MURPHY OF Over Wallop was fined only £250 for driving into three festival-goers - killing Miranda Wood - last Summer Solstice (see GA25). He was driving drunk, disqualified and uninsured and said he was going to "get some hippies" on the night of the 'accident'.

REVOLUTION

IS THE FESTIVAL OF THE OPPRESSED

G.A. SPECULATES Heritage is a house divided. If its liberals were prepared to turn a blind eye to celebrations at the Stones last Autumn Equinox, false accusations of damage to them mean hard-liners now hold sway (see GA26). Sticking to their story, Heritage spent £10,000's on searchlights and security last Winter and Spring. A few hardy souls have played tag with the hundreds of guards, but festival-goers have largely been kept off Heritage's land. The Legalise Stonehenge Campaign (LSC) are still asking for access under terms floated last Summer, but the bad faith Heritage showed in its sell-out only three months later at the Autumn Equinox is surely proof they're now deaf to compromise.

TOURIST TRAP

LSC also oppose the State-controlled quango's next plan to cash in on Stonehenge is a £6 million tourist centre at Durrington Down Farm near Larkhill Camp. A mock 'Iron Age' bank will be laid all along the A303 so only people that pay get to see the Stones. Locals in Amesbury know it's "just for English Heritage's cash register" and are all against a scheme that could dump a million more day-trippers a year on their doorsteps.

GA reckons Stonehenge campaigners should get out of fairyland and into the local community. We're in the middle of a vicious land struggle and unless you know who pulls whose strings locally and how to hit the rich puppet-master landowners where it hurts, begging for access to Henge is a waste of breath.

If you're pointing the finger at Heritage, don't ask them to quit - hit them in the pocket, so they'll be forced to! Why aren't we fighting their tacky tourist trap alongside locals using planning law? If nothing else, it wins sympathy. Why aren't we linking up with Cruisewatch vets, so

the MoD know there'll be costs if they sell Larkhill land on to Heritage? The Stonehenge Liberation Front threatened direct action against development around the Stones in 1990. If Heritage know their centre can't be built without local consent, it won't be!

LAND STRUGGLE

But Heritage are secretly Little League in the land/power game in Wiltshire (see GA24). They don't want to host a festival unless they get done for unlicensed entertainment. It's the District Council that grant licenses, and the County Council that close the tracks. The Country Landowners Association pull their strings: they don't want a festival in case 'hippy hordes' park up on their land.

The only way we're going to get them to hear our demands is to swamp the county and do exactly what they don't want, squatting their land over the summer and suchlike until they're sick of us. They'd sooner lump us all together on Heritage's land than have us scattered all over their own.

GO FOR IT!

As Glastonbury's off, there's no excuse not to join the Stonehenge land struggle this summer. Eavis is sick of playing patsy for Wiltshire Constabulary after last year. The last trashing was five years ago - and the cops don't want another Beanfield Trial. We The People have put the Brew Crew out of commission (see GA26). If enough of us are in Wiltshire, Heritage will have to open the Stones or it means chaos for the county. Just remember: stay cool and straight off-site, act alone inside the Exclusion Zone, and fight charges for breaching it. Cops haven't had one contested charge stick since they started abusing s.13 of the Public Order Act in '89.

(Source: OxFin)

GULF WAR LATE SCORE

DESERT STORM is over, but the dying goes on. US troops are still in the Gulf guarding an invasion of arms peddlers and economic imperialists. The Gulf Peace Team in Jordan are aiding 3/4 million refugees facing starvation and disease and a huge convoy of volunteers has headed out to Kurdistan as a medical relief column for Kurds fighting for freedom from Iraq.

FIRST NIGHT

When bombing began on 16th January, activists shut the Severn Bridge by occupying toll booths; GA's reopened a road at USAF Upper Heyford by stopping military traffic, downing road blocks and strolling into the base; peaceniks trespassed at USAF Fairford accusing the US of war crimes; and two yanks scaled the US Embassy with an anti-War banner.

VIGILS AND DEMOES

The Embassy action created a permanent picket that lasted out the War. Others included Women Against War's at the Foreign Office (breaking off

whilst the IRA bombarded the PM's back garden!) and the RCG's at South Africa House.

CND's 26th January London march came took flak when it ended at Trafalgar Square to stop the Bloody Sunday march joining in. Next Saturday, anarchist marchers blockaded Hyde Park Corner and cops later attacked the march as it halted when some Spartacist was arrested. The Spartacists later disgraced themselves at the rally, one waving a 'Victory To Iraq' banner from the platform, earning him a smack in the mouth from a GA before being dragged away.

At the Fairford rally on 19th February, people shouted "No flowers for murderers!" when CND tried giving bouquets to the base, and rocked the gate as B-52's took off to bomb Iraq. A GA was busted for fence-cutting, and others siezed as peaceniks blockaded the pig mobile. Watertowers on the base were also occupied.

SIT-DOWNS AND SABOTAGE

The NVDA Network's 17th February

Peoples Parliament led to arrests and assault from the Met. Paul from GA incited folk to trash B-52s at Fairford instead of sitting outside an "empty building". Next day he was busted on a sit-down in Oxford intended to bring the city to a stand-still.

IRA bombs at a Birmingham blood bank and rail stations led to hoax calls that paralysed London, closed the M40 and put 'Question Time' off-air. Recruiting centres, Tory clubs and patriots houses were all paint-bombed, bricked or - in the case of Hanley recruiting office - torched.

CONFLICT CONTINUES

Peaceniks were faced with the Official Secrets Act for a 21st February walk-on at Fairford. Activists intend to see these charges dropped as with the Upper Heyford 8½ Trespassers.

This Third World War continues economically - so what are you doing about Britain's new shock troops, arms companies and other capitalists who fight on in the name of profit???

WE ALL BEAT THE POLL TAX!

MAJOR'S SCUTTLED Thatcher's flagship but Heseltine's new tax is worse! This head tax further centralises State power and takes £50 a year extra off us, if you count VAT. The only way to dodge that regressive 'tax on food' is through the green and black economy (see GA22)! And we'll be bailiff-busting for two years yet...

Anarchists on the Fed's Victory Parade on 23rd March expected more than some sight-seeing tour of London. Just past Piccadilly we got what we wanted when Wpc Wonder Woman wandered into the Class War block to nick someone. Cops got run without any arrests - twice if you include a replay at a gunshop round the corner.

Refused a place on the platform, Class War then rallied elsewhere in Hyde Park with tribal chanting of "We're really mental" to the drumbeat of "We won't pay the poll tax". Shouting "Police informer!", anarchists then tried to storm the platform as Militant's Tony Sheridan accused us of being "police agents" and two dozen stewards intervened. Cat-calls continued as Mili McNally spoke, and TSDC's speaker put Sheridan in his place. The rally ended with the feel of festival as folks gathered round a bonfire of Trot placards.

ROLL OF HONOUR

ONE YEAR ON, the Poll Tax is gone. We must not forget those that lost their liberty at Brixton and Trafalgar:

Paul Jacob (RA0711) in HMP Brixton, Jebb Avenue, London SW2 5XF.

Dan Atwood (KT1303), James Atwood (MW0834), Brian Tavares (MV3239), Tim Donaghy (MW0105) and Darren Healey (RA2183) in HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, London SW18 3HS.

Neil Armour (MV3338) in HMP Stamford Hill, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent ME12 4AA.

Michael Neal (MV3973) and Alan Clarke (MV2254) in HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road, London N7 8TT.

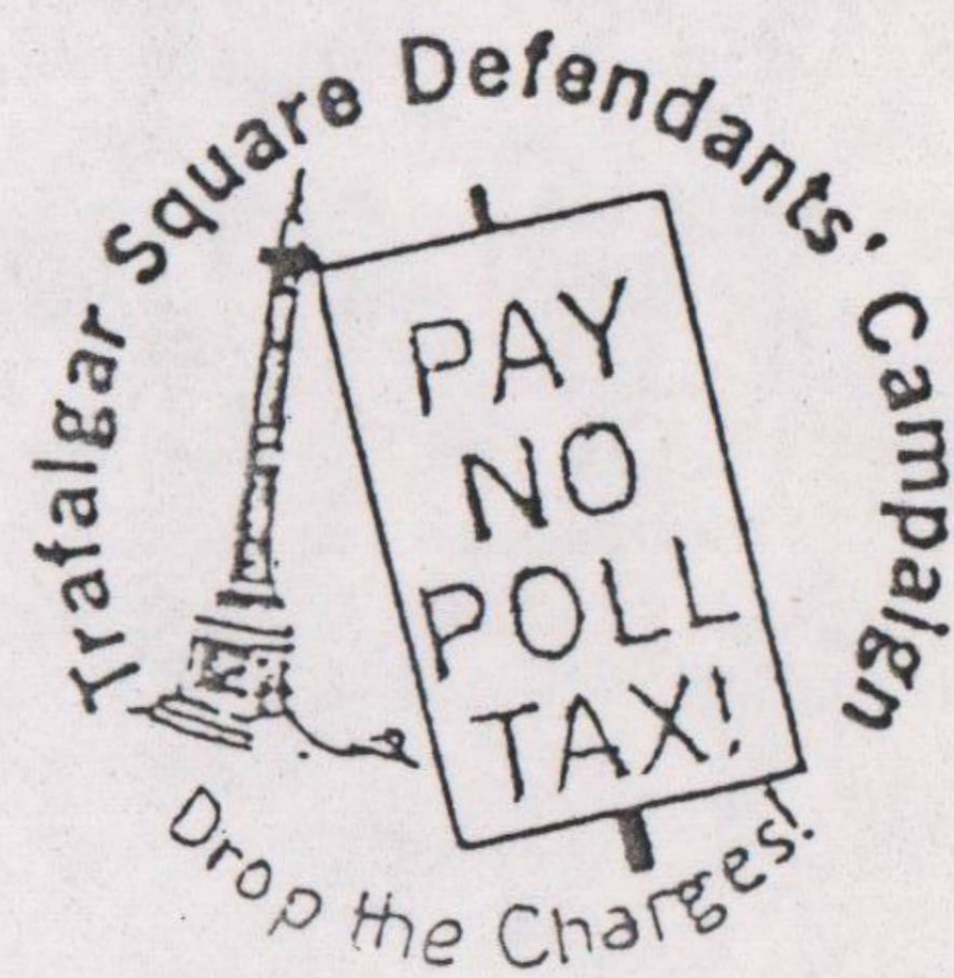
Tim Paine (MW0231) and Robert Robinson (RA0741) in HMP High Point, Stradshall, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 9YG.

Wayne Calder (NT0082) in HMYOI Huntercombe, Huntercombe Place, Nuffield, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

Zachary Osbourne (MW0245) in HMP Ford, nr. Arundel, West Sussex BN18 0BX.

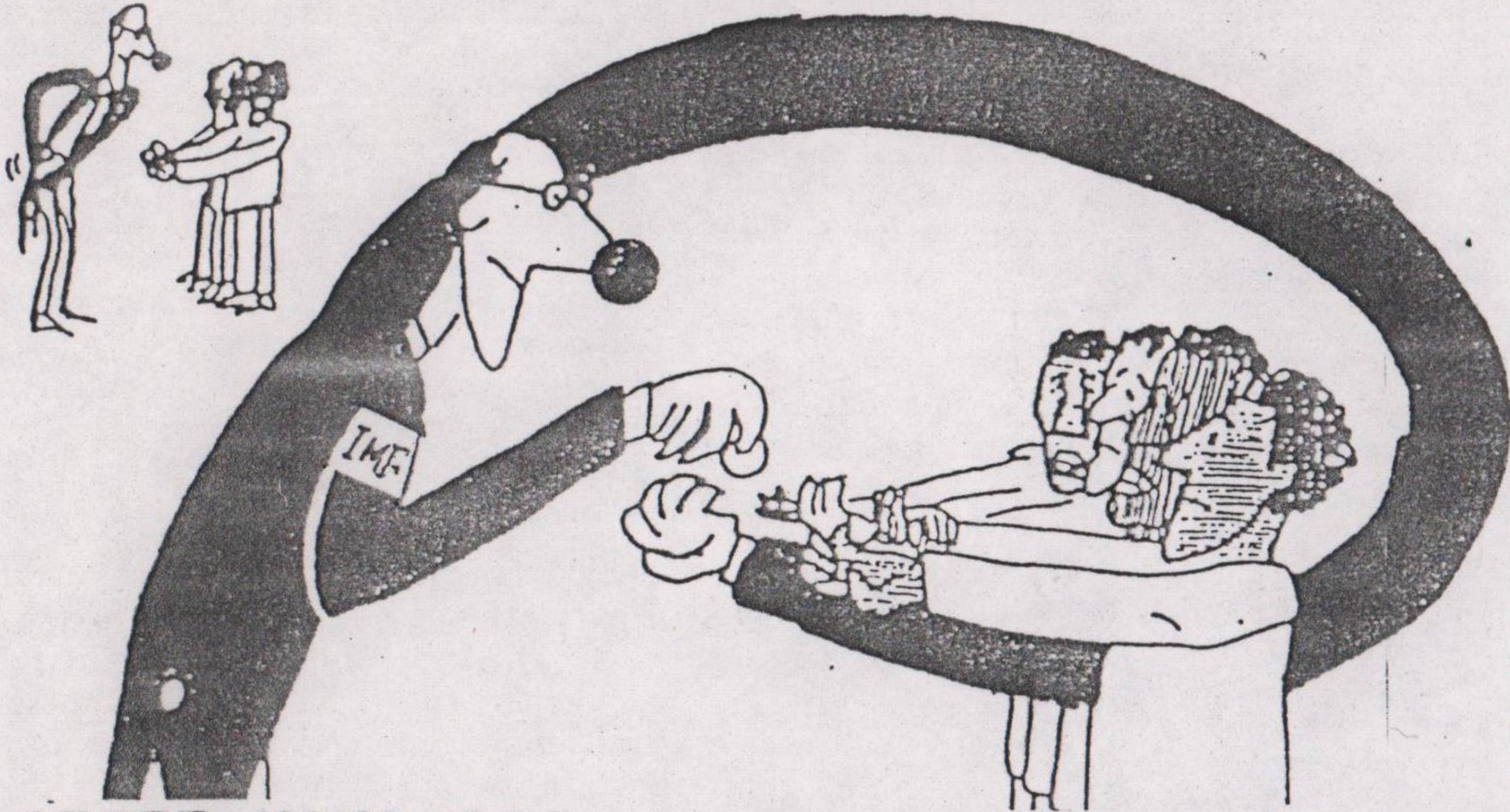
They all need practical support: letters, visits and limited spending money inside. Traveller Paul Jacob

- sent down for 4 years for violent disorder and handling stolen goods after Trafalgar - lost his live-in vehicle on arrest and a fund has been set up via Box S, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford to buy him another.



CONTACT the Poll Tax Prisoner Group c/o Room 205, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X (tel: 071 833-8958) for further details or if you know of anybody who is facing charges or is imprisoned for demonstrating against the poll tax, in any way, who is not on the list. The Prisoners Group is a section of the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign who have supported well over 100 individual prisoners since October 1990.

FOR EVERY POUND YOU GIVE THE THIRD WORLD IN CHARITY, THE BANKS TAKE BACK FOURTEEN



STUFF YOUR RED NOSES AND GET SERIOUS!
SMASH INTERNATIONAL DEBT! BURN DOWN A BANK!

PARIS 1968 -
ATHENS 1991

GREEK STUDENTS FED UP with their crumbling education system occupied Athens Polytechnic on 6th December 1990. Police used lethal tear gas in an attempt to break through barricades around the Poly and have been beaten back by mollies and slingshots. This sparked off a nationwide wave of sympathy actions and clashes with police, fascists, and ONNED (New Democracy, the ruling parties reactionary youth wing). On 8th January, a teacher in Patras, Nikos Temponeras, was murdered by three cronies of Prime Minister Mitsotakis. Teachers across Greece went on strike and thousands marched against austerity measures bought in by Mitsotakis ready for European union in 1992.

Athens ABC, 8 Aristidou Street, 10559 Athens, Greece need gas masks and Black Window catapults - be subtle!

GATT
ATTACK

LAND, PEACE
AND BREAD?
NIET!

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY On Tariffs And Trade (GATT) couldn't agree on how to carve up the world economy in the wake of the Gulf War, so it looks like recession will deepen and trade wars are looming.

RADIO 4 reported a Russian student claiming "Goby and the Commies are losing popularity because ordinary poor folk want to be farmers but the local state officials won't give them land". It seems Boris Yeltsin is exploiting this dissatisfaction for his own personal ambition though the BBC is unclear as to whether he should re-distribute the land. Of course he would, only the ordinary poor folk would still be excluded, and it would be their own faults for not having the cash to pay for it...

LAND ACT FALLS

SOUTH AFRICA: Land redistribution is key to Azanian liberation (see GA24). This February, President DeKlerk abolished the Land Act, which didn't allow non-Whites to own land.

With all the land they need to live on, post-apartheid Azanians won't need to fight each other over who gets to run the industrial infrastructure left over from White minority rule or to accept 'strings-attached' foreign loans to 'keep up their standard of living'.

No doubt Afrikan bosses-in-waiting like Mandela and Buthelezi will use just such excuses to nationalise the land, keep their people down the gold mines, and yoke them to a world trading system that profits Western bankers and puppets in their pay at the expense of the People.

But they did agree on a new way to screw the Third World - genetic imperialism, aka 'Intellectual Property'. The EEC still say you can't patent life forms, but GATT think otherwise.

Pharmacologists are now descending on the Third World patenting every plant and animal in sight. GA understands that tribal people in the Philippines who've used local plants for millenia now face theft charges because their crops are under patent!

MAD SCIENTISTS

A CALIFORNIAN BOFFIN, Dr John Martin, plans to reverse the Greenhouse Effect by dumping billions of dollars-worth of iron nuggets into the sea. This is supposed to help CO2-eating ocean algae to grow. The influential National Research Council are taking this techno-fix seriously. Anthony Michaels of Bermuda Biological Station for Research warns that "the whole food web could be altered" by such ecological Russian roulette.

Meanwhile other US scientists plan to bounce sonar around the world's oceans - disorientating whales, who use it to communicate - to see if the Greenhouse Effect even exists!

(Source: World Rainforest Review)

(Source: BBC)

SWEET
LEVELLING!



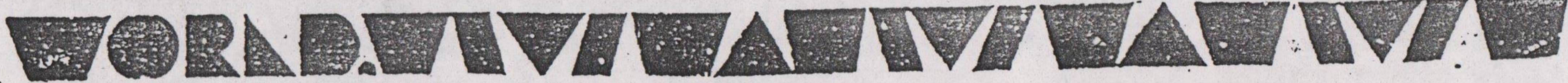
OS CANGACEIROS

IN FRANCE the clandestine Os Cangaceiros has been sabotaging State plans to build 13,000 extra head-fucking maximum security prison places.

Since April 1989 sugar has been mixed with cement in kilo per ton ratios - preventing it drying - at Aix-les-Milles, Tarascon, Villeneuve-les-Maguelonne, Pontoise, Maubeuge and Bapaume sites.

Os Cangaceiros also siezed prison plans from contractors Brugeaud and GTM in May, torched SCBTP subcontractor's trucks on 11th February, gave architect Christian Demonchy a good kicking on his way to work on 23rd February, and attacked other premises with tear gas or acid.

(Sources: Mordicus, BP11, 75622 Paris, cedex 13 and Le Monde Libertaire, 145 rue Amelot, 75011 Paris, France.)



DON'T SMOKE MARLBORO

RAMPANT REPUBLICAN GAY-HATER, Senator Jesse Helms, claims a boycott of Philip Morris products including Marlboro and Miller Lite organised by AIDS activists ACT-UP damaged his chances of re-election in the North Carolina Bible Belt backwoods. Philip Morris was funding the Committee To Re-Elect Jesse Helms. Federal law prohibits undeclared election campaign funding and Helms claims the ACT-UP boycott counted as such campaigning and has set the Federal Election Commission on them.

Crystal Mason of San Francisco ACT-UP responded "It's clearly ridiculous. None of us vote in North Carolina, and we spent no money in North Carolina" and Michael Petralis of Washington ACT-UP has said "This is the long arm of Helms reaching out through the FEC to silence gay and AIDS activists".

TOMKINS SQUARE HOGWASH

NEW YORK CITY: Last year, anarchists breaking cop curfews in an attempt to make Tompkin Square a 'free park' were brutally attacked by police. Only six convictions and no convictions resulted from this police riot, despite 121 complaints and video evidence against them. In Chicago, where there were 2500 complaints filed last year (20% alleging brutality), a police official claimed that "The system is working already and a Federal review is not necessary".

TAXES FUND TORTURE

IN EL SALVADOR, 73,000 people have been murdered by State-run death squads and the military, including six Jesuit priests and two women on 16th November 1989. Half the goons responsible for this massacre were graduates of the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the Salvadorean junta has been its biggest customer since 1983.

They are trained in such "American values" as low intensity warfare and - under the terms of the International Military Education and Training programme - taught at the US taxpayers expense.

This school for sadists has been the target of anti-imperialist protest since it opened. On the first anniversary of the Jesuit massacre, three US veterans were arrested for Ploughshares-style civil disobedience after they poured human blood over the floor and walls of the SOA HQ building. All face the prospect of ten years inside and a \$10,000 fine.

DECADE OF EVANGELISM

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS plan world domination by the Year 2000. In May 1986, 400 of their leaders met in California to plot evangelising the whole planet in three decades. In July 1987, 40,000 fundamentalists met in New Orleans for the Congress On The Holy Spirit And World Evangelism. This congress announced the Decade of Evangelism, beginning 1990 and naively supported by established churches in the name of ecumenicalism.

The evangelicals don't care for religious toleration. One group is putting \$13 million into European 'God on the box' broadcasting as part of their campaign to win 20 million converts by 2000. The fundamentalists are using 'interfaith' centres as fronts to target Jews, Moslems, Sikhs and Shintoists. No culture is safe.

New money and members will be used to turn the Christian Democratic Movement into a political party. The evangelicals are infiltrating Christian unions and associations ready-placed to

influence the trade unions, professions, Synod and education. If you won't convert, they're planning laws to make you conform. The rantings of Baptist MP, Geoffrey Dickens, and the anti-pagan Clause 10 of the Criminal Justice Bill (see GA26) are foretastes of what may come. Lesbians and gays, pro-choice groups, single parents, liberal educationalists, alternative healers, New Agers, rock music, fantasy games and horror videos are all on the fanatics hit list.

Behind the facade of front organisations, evangelical extremists work with the CIA - training Honduran converts to take up professional positions in Arab countries to destabilise Islam from within - the Ku Klux Klan and racist 'identity churches' like the Covenant, Sword And Arm Of The Lord (CSA). Some of these have already been tried for subversion with arms stockpiles and assassination lists uncovered. If our culture is to survive, fundamentalist theocracy must be fought now.



RAIN FOREST MURDERS

On 2nd February another rural activist in Brazil was killed by hired gunmen: Expedito Ribeiro, an active campaigner against the destruction of the forests and the extreme poverty imposed on the peasants, was eliminated by the landowners that profit from this exploitation. Rent-a-killer agencies charge \$600 for a peasant, \$2000 for a priest, \$4000 for an elected official. Since 1980, no assassin has ever been tried despite the 173 killings of activists in Ribeiros province.

BOYCOTT IS WORKING!

BRAZILIAN EXPORTS of rainforest timber are down 15%. A spokesman said it was because "importers do not want to participate in the destruction

of the Amazon". And Peruvian guerrillas, Sendero Luminoso, have blocked export routes through the Andes.

(Source: Green Line)

MOUNT PELE UPDATE

NORTH AMERICA'S last rainforest, Wao Kele O Puna on Hawaii, is still under threat from plans to turn volcanic Mount Pele into a geothermal energy scheme (see GA23). The Rainforest Action Network have denounced the True/Mid-Pacific Geothermal Companies plans to run 500MW power lines through it whilst a public inquiry is still on as "irresponsible and illegal".

CONTACT: Pele Defense Fund, PO Box 404 Volcano, HI 96785, USA.

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THE GREEN PARTY - A WASTE OF TIME?

I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE Ecology Party, and then the Green Party, for many years, and over this time the negative characteristics of the organisation have become more pronounced: First, its membership is predominantly middle-class, students or ex-students, and economically privileged. As a consequence, class issues have tended to be ignored or treated in a condescending way, and there has been a fascination with the creation of an elaborate internal bureaucracy of committees. Although there is much talk of 'getting in touch with the local community', the range of contacts of the people involved is restricted to their own social milieu, which excludes non-professional people.

Secondly, the activity of fighting elections takes up most of the time and money of the local parties, so that, even if you view these as pure publicity exercises, this means that the organisation spends more on media presence than on actually building ecological living alternatives in the present world. The need for a centralised organisation and for recognisable media figures leads to the other problems of the party - the undemocratic concentration of power in the hands of a few individuals 'on the inside' of the party, the political infighting between various factions all seeking control over this political centre, and the financial problems that are now threatening to wreck the party. These are an inevitable product of the conflict between the decentralising ideals of the party, and the compromises needed to compete with other parties in the conventional political system. There is a tendency also to value all activity in terms of money, when the party constitution speaks of more human-orientated and broader measures of value.

Nonetheless, I hope that the party can survive its crisis, and become more of an organisation for the encouragement and implementation of 'green' social ideas and forms, rather than simply an electioneering machine. Of the existing parties, its membership is the most closely linked to anarchist ideas, and many people prefer the Green party simply because anarchist groups are often even more internally pre-occupied and inactive than the local party. If the Green party is to become more relevant, it must take up issues that are at the centre of peoples lives - quality of life, including housing, transport, development: local campaigns on these issues have often been missed by the Green party because of its minimal connection with ordinary people. Issues of sexual politics and the organisation of childcare are also central aspects of peoples lives that the party often ignores in favour of macro-economic planning and 'what we would do if we were in government' type speculation.

KEVIN

GREEN PARTY POLICIES

THE GREEN PARTY'S BIG IDEA is the decentralisation of power, from an anarchist's point of view very persuasive. But it's only lip service. The power of the centre depends on its taxation. The more taxation it has, the more power it has. The Green Party plans to increase taxation by an extra £8.4 billion to increase

the power of the centre.

The Green Party would say that the taxation goes to the district and not to the centre, but that's meaningless if there are national policies which the districts have to observe. If there is a national budget, presumably the districts have to obey it, so the centre is taking the decision, not the districts. The Green Party says there will be a Basic Income of £35 per week. (It was originally called, more honestly, a national income). That decision is taken at the centre, not by the district. When they publish a national policy, decentralisation of power becomes meaningless. By publishing a national policy and budget their Big idea is blown before they can even start. They've increased the power of the centre.

At the top of their economic policies is a commitment to the 'Informal Economy', the cashless, untaxed, unpaid-labour, self-sufficient economy. Great! But all the detailed policies go in exactly the opposite direction, of solutions spending more money, not less, subsidies, paid-labour solutions.

The redistribution of wealth for instance. It could give the land back to the people. It does not. Instead it has a bureaucratic, monetarist, centralist, socialist, paternalist Basic Income Scheme. The idea is that everyone, working or not, gets a basic income of £35 a week. Lovely! The trouble is that this little wheeze was dreamed up by middle class intellectuals who don't know that most jobs are boring, dirty, tiring and unpleasant. And if you give everyone £35 a week, those jobs won't be done. The whole system will grind to a halt in about three weeks. Instead of giving people back their land, letting them be self-sufficient, the informal economy solution, the Green Party chooses to pay them basic wages making them dependent on a centralist nanny state.

The Green Party would say that it redistributes land through the Community Rent Scheme. In fact it would conveniently redistribute it from the rich to the middle class. The idea is that all profit from the land is removed by taxation so that the land has no value and can be acquired by anyone. But that land still has value as self-sufficiency and also as space, so it would always have a price, which the middle classes could pay and the poor couldn't.

The Green Party's tax policies are another way of filling the middle classes' pockets. It is proposed to CUT income tax, but increase rates for the rich, and increase indirect taxes. Indirect taxes are the classic way of screwing the poor, used since the invention of money. So the rich are screwed, the poor are screwed and the middle classes do very nicely thank you. It's as bad as the poll tax.

The effect of increasing government expenditure financed by indirect taxation is to increase the cost of living. This means that wages have to go up, labour costs go up. Labour-saving machinery has to be introduced, and labour-intensive activities become uneconomic. Recycling and repairing become more unprofitable, small businesses go bankrupt, organic farming becomes impossible, nursing by tender loving care is replaced by drugs. The whole thing is a nightmare.

If the Green Party wants to encourage organic farming, for instance, it must CUT taxes (and the indirect taxes

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on the poor first). this would reduce the cost of living and mean that the farmer would need to produce less to make a living, so he wouldn't need to spend money on chemical fertilizers and biocides to increase his yields.

The Green Party instead does just the opposite. it increases indirect taxes to subsidise organic farming. But if you subsidise organic farming the price of everything else is increased to pay for it. Labour costs are increased and recycling, repairing, caring become even less economic. Once again, in spite of its commitment to the Informal Economy, the Green Party chooses the cash solution. They act like the communists, aiming at 'the withering away of the state', who instead build an ever stronger state. To repeat, the Green Party plans to increase government expenditure by £8.4 billion, building an even stronger state.

RICHARD HUNT

INFILTRATE THE GREEN PARTY!

IN MY OPINION the average Green Party activist is a middle class wanker. On rare occasions I have written articles for Green type publications, suffering disappointment at the hands of squeamish editors who pointedly refuse to print my 'controversial' opinions. One super posh Green periodical refused to print allegations of illegal harassment and misuse of legal powers against travellers by a Council Authority for which I had documents issued by the very same Council proving my claims. They made me re-write the piece telling me the angle they wanted. Reluctantly I agreed to go along with their idea. When the article eventually got published I was most suprised to find my name at the bottom. Somebody else had re-written and re-arranged it beyond recognition. So much so, I couldn't see one sentence that had come from my hand. Unfortunately for my cred, the overall tone of the published article was such middle class and mild mannered crap that people reading it may have gotten the impression I was a liberally moderate moderate prat.

The thing with Greens that winds me up most is their smug refusal to recognise the root cause of all the ecological and economic problems in the world, namely the monopolisation of land resources by elite groups. For example, in the UK, one per cent of the population own (or the law enables them to think they own) fifty two per cent of the land. The Government owns 20%, Oxbridge, The Church and Monarchy taking up much of the remainder. Ecologically sound soap powder is about the mark for these pedellers of highly scientific analyses of ecological doom in the absence of any radical recipe for the safe disposal of leeching landlords.

Newspaper opinion polls have proved the link between the middle class and excessive dishonesty, though not necessarily criminality (middle class folk know the legal loopholes). We all know of the predominance of people from this class best educated in the subtle arts of deception within the Green Movement. I wouldn't trust most of these people as far as I could puke.

Have you noticed how the top positions of the Green Party and their friends are occupied by the progeny of Aristocrats and other such scum floating on the cess pool of high society? History is repeating itself. As so at the end of the Second World War when phoney Socialists like Dennis Healey jumped out of the Aristocratic frying pan into the working class fire (putting it out), again too, the elite class whose families have very successfully held onto land and power for over 900 years, are making sure the things that really matter stay the same in all but name.

Is the Green Party worth getting involved in at all? Everybody will have their own ideas on this issue. I believe we should infiltrate it at all possible levels (though I have sympathy for all those disillusioned folk we've washed their hands of the party). In this way, membership address lists can be obtained, widening our scope for distribution of radical information. Also, infiltration would give access to Party meetings for GA's with an eye to toppling the mega-respectable leadership. Jonathan Porritt's secret briefings at 10 Downing Street could be a source of great embarrassment to FoE if we applied the right kind of abrasive pressure to his squeaky clean image. If hassled hard enough we could make people like him burn like faggots. There are few things I enjoy more than seeing public speakers crack under rigorous heckling. The job is made easier if you distribute relevant radical freesheets at the start of meetings. It doesn't take long to get whole gatherings yelling at the lectern if the method is followed diligently.

Ultimately, if we are successful, the Green Party could be for us what the Supporters Group is for the ALF.

ROBERT CAMPBELL

WHY WE NEED A GREEN PARTY

PURE CAPITALISM does not work. You only have to look back at the last fifty years to see that it only goes through endless cycles of boom and bust.

You can read the 'Ragged Trousered Philanthropists' to get a very simple explanation of why this is so: or you can read Marx's theory of surplus value, they both say the same thing.

Capitalism works in an expanding economy and since we have now turned the whole into one market the only way to make it work is to find a way of expanding that market?

War is one way, but a very destructive way and eventually it must bankrupt everybody.

Neither of the two conservative parties on the British political scene have an answer. The Tory party try higher and higher interest rates which merely create an underclass who take out their resentment on the environment, the Labour party tries demand led capitalism by social payments which merely highlight the problem of shortage of natural resources.

There are five other parties on the UK scene which nobody seems to take very seriously.

There are the Liberal-democrats who are a sort of second team for the Tories and believe in paternalistic

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capitalism.

There are the nationalist parties, one in Scotland, one in Wales, two different ones in Ireland and a small fascist one in England.

There is the Commonwealth one which merely believes in Peace at any price.

There is a fast growing SWP which wants to try a mixture of cooperative and state capitalism and which would probably collapse on the rocks of bureaucracy like the communists.

And the four countries each of course has their own Green Party.

The Green Parties set their first sights on safeguarding the environment both natural and man-made because the very existence of the human race as it is today depends on this earth. There is at the present time nowhere else to go if this earth becomes uninhabitable.

However this does not mean they do not have an economic policy and their presentation of it as "No Growth" is much too simplistic.

If they are to replace polluting industries with non-polluting ones they need growth in the latter to say the least.

They need a cycle industry as big as the present car industry and a network of cycle paths for them to use. They need to build better insulated houses not necessarily on the same architectural pattern as in the past.

They have to take VAT off all the repairing industries to encourage both the building of repairable things and the encouraging of second-hand fashions.

The idea that we need a new fashion every month or so to encourage consumption only leads to waste.

Advertising should be to give information and help people decide which is the best thing to buy to satisfy their specific need, not encourage unnecessary consumption.

They also have a policy known as National Income Scheme which gives to each person as they are born the right to a share in the Gross National Product and would cover roughly the price of everybodys basic needs.

This is a way of rationing work so there is enough to go round now that the machines are producing the wealth of this country. Otherwise people think up ways of making money and creating demands which are not strictly necessary and the party has a policy of "Tread lightly on the Earth".

JIM TIDY

BORED INTO ACTION

(This article was written on a 30 year old low-technology typewriter in a secret Anarchist bunker somewhere in Lancaster. The SB are investigating!)

HAVING BEEN BORED TO TEARS at a local Green Party meeting on alternative energy we were starting to wonder whether anything interesting would ever

happen again in Lancaster. Fate dictated that bailiffs from Rossendale GB (employed by Lancaster City Council to get goods in lieu of poll tax payments) should make the mistake of crossing our paths. It just so happens that one of the most rabid anarchists around here is also the contact for the Anti-Poll Tax Campaign (not controlled by Milis or Soc. Wankers).

Yes, the bailiffs arrived in the Marsh Estate in Lancaster three weeks ago to a very warm reception including bricks and bottles and whilst the bailiff scum have been able to furtively poke distress warrants through peoples doors at night they have not taken goods from anybodys house in Lancaster. We have been able to destroy the credibility of the Council and make the estates no-go areas for bailiffs and councillors. These estates can organise themselves and do not need the Council or its corrupt representatives. We speak for ourselves!

It has been a pretty liberating experience for us GA's in the last few weeks. We have been able to organise up to 200 people to fight the bailiffs. At a demo at the Town Hall this week over 70 turned up to demonstrate against the presence of a bailiff at a Council meeting. The score is now Lancaster 4 Bailiffs 0 with their vehicles taking a right pounding.

Why is this important I hear you asking. Well, it's obvious really - we want autonomy and self-sufficiency and people have realised that they don't need the Council, they don't need leaders and that with mutual aid and voluntary cooperation they can make a better future.

Sales of the GA mag are going well up here and it is clear that although the Green Party has a few active local groups it has nothing to offer us. Each time we meet someone from the GP we hear all kinds of clap-trap; "Well, in order to decentralize we must get central power" or "We must force the government to clean up its act" or (a favourite, this one) [The only way to win power is respectably through the ballot box". What a load of cobblers all this is. They fail to realize the fact that voting changes nothing and that democracy is just another convenient way of controlling the peasants. They condemn all acts of ecotage. They condemn people for using force to defend themselves, for instance, against the police or huntsmen or bailiffs but are quite happy to condone murder through the UN as exemplified by the Gulf crisis. The Green Party is a joke but we know that there are good people in it who will come over to us to fight the system and more importantly ecological destruction when the Green Party splits soon.

Let us move completely away from bourgeois methods of saving the planet. All this crap talk about NVDA, holding hands and singing songs, 'empathising with the oppressors', trying to find 'common ground' between the Green movement and industry. We must build a nucleus over the coming months which takes more notice of groups like EARTH FIRST! and writers like Bradford of Fifth Estate. Let us also work in our local communities to put forward on every occasion ideas about autonomy and self-sufficiency, local control of resources and so on.

LANCASTER GREEN ANARCHISTS

AN ANARCHIST CLASSIC BY:

BOOKCHIN

Anarchist Green, veteran environment-
alist, and founder of Social Ecology

Over the past two decades increasing concern has been expressed over the state of the planet. Ecologists like Eckholm and Commoner have written studies detailing the nature and scope of the 'environmental crisis' - widespread deforestation, pollution, global poverty and ecological degradation. Coupled with this, many books have been written criticising the Promethean, 'man against nature' ethic that is dominant in Western culture, and have called for an alternative eco-philosophy. With the rise of the counter-culture movement in the 1960's, this new ecological vision has all too often and erroneously been equated with religious mysticism. But what emerged was an ecological movement that has had an important impact on contemporary politics. The gurus of this new concern are often alleged to be Schumacher, Roszak and Capra. And its inception is said to be marked by the publication of Rachel Carson's 'Silent Spring' in 1962. What is ignored in all these discussions is the important contribution to the development of ecological thought that was made by the anarchist writer Murray Bookchin. Under the pseudonym of Lewis Herber, Bookchin was reporting in detail on the environmental and health costs of pesticides, food additives, chemicalised agriculture, pollution, urbanisation and nuclear energy in the early 1960's. His study 'Our Synthetic Environment' in fact appeared in the same year as Carson's book and has far more substance.

Murray Bookchin in his early life was a Marxist but coming under the influence of the German libertarian thinker Josef Weber in the 1940's he became a libertarian socialist. He was involved with various anarchist groups in New York, and began teaching courses in social ecology at the newly-established Alternative University. He later moved to Burlington, Vermont where he still continues to teach social ecology as well as being the director of the Institute for Social Ecology. Over the past two decades Bookchin has produced a stream of pioneering studies, and several trenchant and stimulating essays on ecology and anarchism. These have been published in two important collections, 'Post-Scarcity Anarchism' (1971) and 'Towards an Ecological Society' (1980). From these essays a number of important themes emerge:

1/ Bookchin presents a refreshing and cogent re-affirmation of the anarchist critique of Marxism, particularly the Neo-Marxism of writers like Gorz. He argues that an ethic of domination and a stress on authority and hierarchy are inherent in Marxism. Marx, he writes, was pre-occupied with the preconditions of freedom (technological development, material abundance) not with conditions of freedom (decentralisation, the formation of communities, the human scale, direct democracy). Thus he sees a congruence between Marxism - with its stress on economic rationalism, planned production, and a 'proletarian state' - and the inherent development of capitalism itself towards monopoly and political control.

Marxism, he writes, may well be the ideology of capitalism par excellence. He also criticises its continuing stress on the proletariat as the sole agency of revolutionary change and the eclecticism and intellectual obscurantism of current Marxist theorists.

2/ Bookchin in several of his essays argues for the need to integrate the social philosophy offered by anarchism with its stress on freedom and consciousness with an ecological natural philosophy. The social and the natural must be grasped in a new unity. This means that we must decentralise, restore bioregional forms of food production, diversify our technology and scale them down to human needs, and establish face-to-face forms of democracy. This does not involve, Bookchin argues, either renunciation or a mindless depreciation of technology as such. Anarchy, a decentralised society, far from being a utopian ideal is, he feels, a precondition for the practice of ecological principles. Needless to say, Bookchin makes a sharp distinction between ecology and mere environmentalism.

3/ In seeking to present a mode of thought that is 'ecological in its natural outlook, libertarian in its social perspectives, and utopian in its ideals', Bookchin has been concerned that the new radical movements should retain their integrity. We need to discover, he writes, the implications of the issues which feminism, ecology, and community control raise. In this way we can struggle to achieve a society in which all forms of domination are abolished; of nature by man, and of the community by the state.

In 1982 Bookchin published his magnum opus 'The Ecology of Freedom'. It is, as suggested on the cover, a provocative vision of a free society in harmony with nature. It is, as Roszak writes, one of the most important contributions to ecological thought we will see in our generation. It is a summation of Bookchin's thoughts on social ecology. Radical, perceptive, scholarly and thought-provoking - it is however written in a dense, academic style that makes difficult reading. It attempts to re-capture the authentic utopian tradition of Fourier and William Morris, and it takes a process-orientated dialectical approach. Nicolas Walter described Bookchin's work rather well when he said that the style was Hegelian, the spirit Bakuninist, the vision Kropotkinian, but its flavour thoroughly modern. The richness of Bookchin's thought is something to savour.

BRIAN MORRIS

READINGS

Bookchin's main writings are:

- 'Our Synthetic Environment' New York, Harper 1962)
- 'Post-Scarcity Anarchism' London, Wildwood 1971)
- 'The Limits of the City' New York, Harper 1974)
- 'Towards An Ecological Society' Black Rose Books, Montreal 1980)
- 'The Ecology of Freedom' Palo Alto Ca Cheshire Books 1982)
- 'Remaking Society' Black Rose Books, Montreal 1989)

There is a useful review of Bookchin's social ecology in John Clark's 'The Anarchist Movement' Montreal, Black Rose Books 1984).

ANIMAL LIBERATION

BUT NOT TOO MUCH?

....TOO OFTEN ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNERS, heavily involved in their constant battle against vivisection, factory farming, the fur trade etc., ignore the extent to which animals are persecuted by the destruction of the environment. Vivisection labs and factory farms may well be the concentration camps of the human reich, but they are, in a sense, only the tip of the iceberg of animal persecution and getting rid of them would only go part of the way to giving the animals back their freedom. More animal suffering and oppression probably arises from environmental destruction than from any other single cause.

It would do well for us to speak of human imperialism. Not content with just having its fair share of the planet, the human species has everywhere invaded and despoiled territories which rightfully belong to other creatures. Perhaps the worst words ever spoken (if, indeed they were) were "Go forth and multiply". A call for a human occupation of the world similar to the nazis for "Lebensraum". Thus the end of vivisection labs, of factory farms, will never be enough because it still leaves behind the injustice and oppression of the original "enemy" occupation. True animal liberation will not come merely through the destruction of the Dachaus and Buchenwalds that the occupiers have built for their victims, but demands nothing less than the driving back of the human species to pre-invasion boundaries.

So, in practical terms, what does this mean? It means the end of environmental pollution and the industrial society which causes it. The end of such things as the private car. The end of methods of agriculture relying

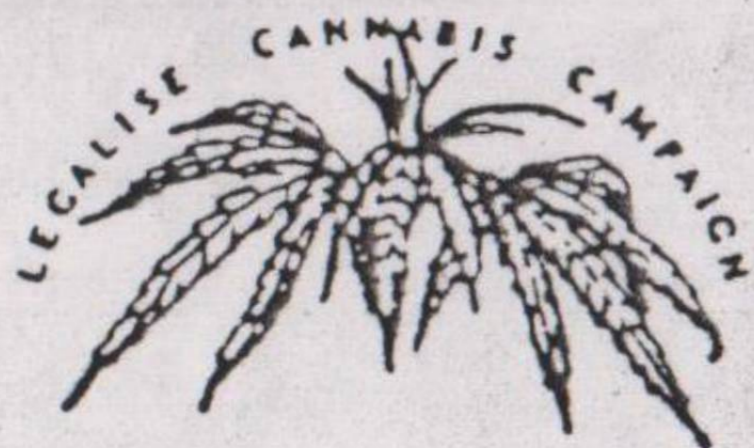
on pesticides, artificial fertilizers and other poisons. The end of cities and vast urban conurbations, which are like deserts to most wild animal species. The end of large-scale farming which provides little habitat for them either. And perhaps above all, a drastic cut in the number of the human species. The radical American environmental group Earth First! has estimated that the right level of human population worldwide should be about 50 million. Today more than that number live just in Britain!

Thus true animal liberation doesn't just require a tinkering with the worst excesses of human oppression but widespread and radical changes in the way we live. The only form of human society conducive to the just treatment of other creatures is one which is decentralized, with people living in small communities rather than towns and cities, de-industrialized, employing small-scale organic (veganic) methods of farming and with vast reduction in human numbers (by humane methods of course).

Sadly this may be all too much for many "animal protectionists" who still want to keep their jobs, their cars, their umpteen kids, their many domestic appliances. But half a liberation is no liberation. Animal rights campaigning need to extend itself into other areas it has hardly touched on. To fighting against pollution, industrialization, habitat destruction and for the intensive and extensive control of human overbreeding....

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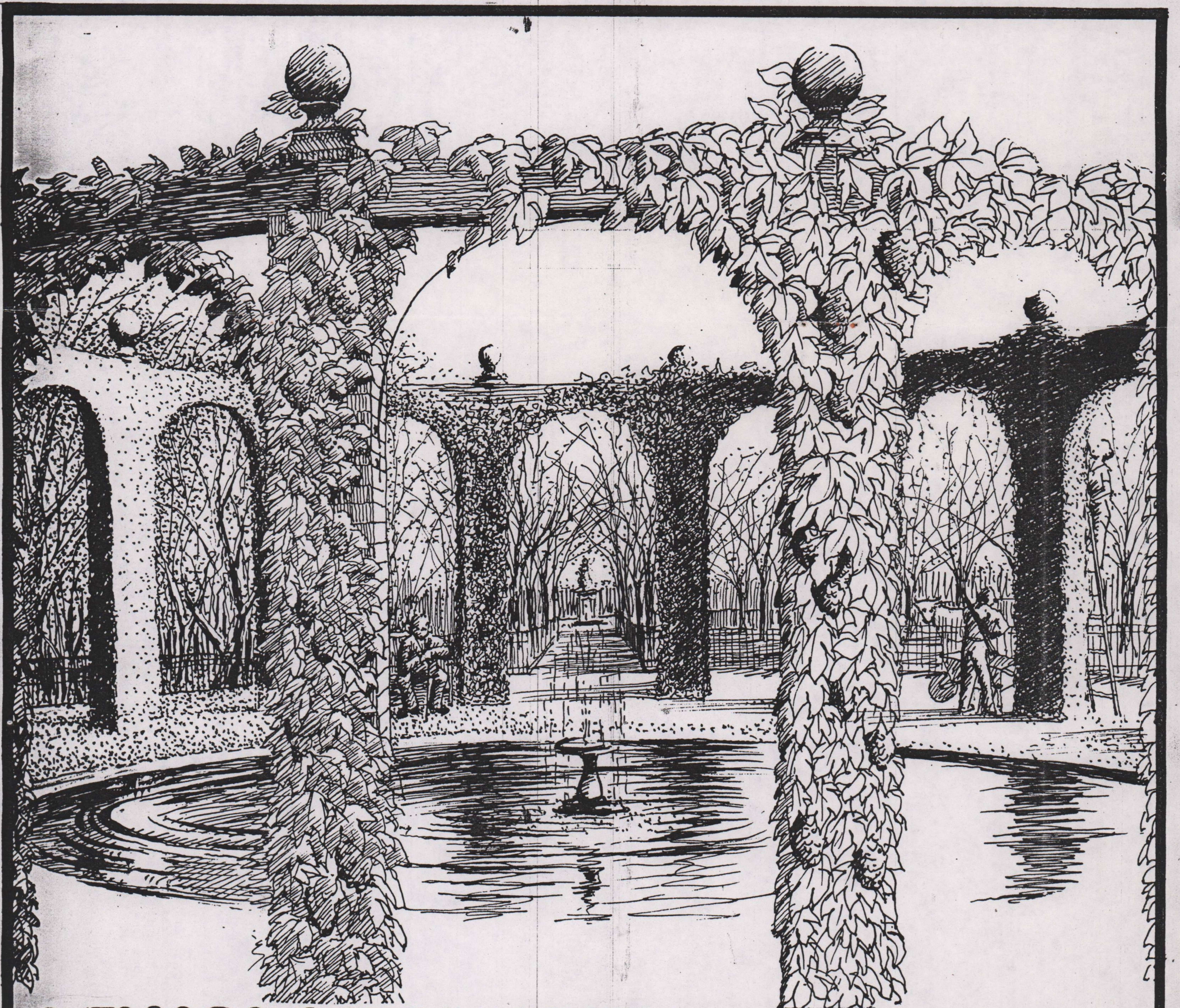
The LCC lobbies political and medical groups, MP's, Peers, the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and official 'Drugs Experts'; informs the public and the mass media with facts to counter reefer madness myths; encourages and publicises protests against the cannabis laws; opposes and publicises the effects of that prohibition.

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LETTERS

* We will ruthlessly edit all letters over 300 words long. So keep 'em short and let everyone have their say. Letters we've cut are marked with a () with the original number of words inside the bracket.

FESTIVAL VIOLENCE

Dear Green Anarchist,

I recently bought your Autumn '90 issue, after a long spell of not having read the magazine. I was disappointed (though not entirely suprised) at how you are still going on about the free festival 'scene' as if it has anything to do with anarchism.

I gave up going to festivals a few years ago, having found only aggression, intimidation and barely suppressed widespread violence. The writer(s) of Green Anarchist still seem to have a romanticised view of festivals and travellers as somehow innately anarchistic; They are certainly not. Festivals these days are dominated by 'Brew Crew' fascists, the only anarchy present being the 'anarchy' of Adam Smith's market place. That's what festivals are - entrepreneurial markets (particularly as witnessed at the grossly capitalist Glastonbury (Pilton) CND rip-off), veunes for scum to make a quick profit. You can buy anything - God, you can even buy the 'Traveller/Brew Crew' look! And when you're not getting ripped off by market forces, it's straight stealing, or perhaps the wonderful sales line - "give me that can of drink of I'll hit you over the head with a baseball bat".

You probably won't be suprised to learn one of the last festies I went to was Torpedo Town '87 (Brandean Common). Anyone who was there will know what 'love and peace' (sic) 'went down' there! And from what I hear it's getting worse not better. Nobody seems willing to stand up to the bully-boy Brew Crew fascists but, especially the younger kids, prefer to copy them instead. With obligatory Special Brew can and boots 'half done-up for extra hardness'; ask any of these new age nazis about green anarchism - they won't have a clue!

I think however sad it may be, if you see the reality of what festivals are, rather than what we'd wish them to be, it

becomes clear that an article on free festivals really has no place in an anarchist magazine.

Yours in anarchy,
David Stump of Coventry.

BLASPHEMOUS MARX

Dear GA,

Bakunin versus Marx? - A false choice...

"If this new Marx catches on..." Some hope. We need to read Marx himself without being drawn into the ad hominem arguments 'Vain, perfidious and sly...' and all the other points in his disfavour.

Marx views humanity not as an individual, but in terms of class or mass. (man, man man always man...) While this division between exploiter and exploited is sometimes useful as an explanatory tool, it is a gross mistake to assume that this class has a unity.

Marx believes that 'the mode of material life determines the social, political and intellectual life process in general' (Preface to A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy). that everything depends upon production is a blasphemy against the human spirit. It is a shock to think that half the world has been in this prison for 50 years, but it is no less shocking to think that the Conservative government with its similar surrender to impersonal, amoral 'Market Forces' to see that neither ideology can ever bring about human freedom.

Can we ever believe that culture, morality, ideas, language, and art are hammered into shape in the factory, and that we are all passive prisoners of the process of wheels grinding on with 'the Iron Law of Inevitability'? But some people don't want to be free, so put back the shackles...

This progression towards communism is inevitable, but Marx declares the task of Communism is to 'shorten and lessen the birth-pangs'. This indicates that the actions of individuals can have some effect on the outcome of that process. But not even marx himself believes this stuff about the mode of production determining culture &c... If he did, he would have been out there designing factories and new types of machinery for his chum Engels instead of inside the British Museum writing Das Kapital.

Yours against the state,
Stephen Booth of Lancaster.

BLAME THE ESTABLISHMENT

Dear GA,

Your 'Follies of Science' article (GA26) highlighted some problems with science. However, as anarchists you should recognise the dangers of sweeping generalisations.

You confused 'science' with 'the scientific establish-ment'. Please don't call for the rejection of science in general - it's just curiosity; we ignored stones until some primitive 'scientist' picked one up and developed a tool.

It's our system that's wrong: with division of labour 'scientists' are given money/power to do what they want - or as the multi-nationals or military want since they give out the money. What some people want is power.

Four of Kevin's examples were military - we all know the military fucks up with or without computers.

I agree that spending millions on particle accalerators or Space Shuttles IS a folly while people are starving and homeless. The scientific establishment is a reflection of The Establishment. With a change in attitudes and thus society, we'll see what science can do to help us.

Craig of Witney, Oxfordshire

ARROGANT TWATS

Dear GA,

Spring '91 issue - good one! Exposure of the mindless (or worse, intentional) abuse of science by "those that know what the people need" is essential - and the myth of naivety must be seen as the synthetic fertiliser (ie. worse than bullshit) that it is.

But science will exist as long as inquisitive minds, and I for one would rather be in the know than controlled by those who are.

Historically, as the Industrial Revolution progressed and the rulers realised the population control possibilities of technocracy, "boffinization" of scientists has become fashionable. Could it be that the Establishment has a vested interest in keeping the "knowledge elite" it created alienated from society? Would this make it easier for scientists to be isolated from reality and allowed to think themselves "purists"? I think it could! By attacking "scientists" generally

rather than the arrogant twats who let it go to their head, you're playing into "their" hands, and encouraging bigotted farts in their "You're an @? But you're a bright lad!?" attitude. (It won't stop me reading GA, though).

Josh Leighton (neurophysiologist) of Portswood, Southampton.

SCIENCE

AND VIOLENCE (570)

Hello, Green Anarchist!

Only guns give us rights??? No thanks, mate. I lived 5 years in Detroit and I don't want to live in a world where everyone has a gun. Over there it takes more courage not to have a gun than to use one. It's a case of means and ends. I've no time for paranoid, psychotic, macho gun-toting pinheads. Ghandi (sic) never needed a gun and he took on the British Imperium and won!

Computers fuck you up? Maybe so when used by assholes hiding behind the screens provided by the system. But they're also useful and powerful tools. I use one for music composition. Computers were used to create your clothes and in other aspects of your lives you take for granted.

Is science and technology so bad? How come you produce your magazine with the technology of mammon? Luddism gets nowhere except the stone age. If that's what you want, count me out.

There is dubious practice in science, but why throw the baby out with the bathwater? Use knowledge to create the world you want. I hope it's what I want. A livable, friendly, dynamically balanced ecosystem that is home to all.

If one went back to a "Garden of Eden", we'd only start over again. I'm into the here & now and, in the words of the Beatles, "Take a sad song and make it better...". I try to unravel the mess in my own, probably insignificant, way. I don't need a gang of holier-than-thous and "purist" pronouncements upon my work or attempting to use me as a remote-control robot.

Take a joke? Is Green Anarchist just an elaborate pisstake? If so, what sort of prats are you? Just get out of the way and let something genuine and sincere get through.

Peas 'n' Loaf!

R. Cargill of Balham, London SW17.

PACIFIST ABUSE

You stupid Bastard,

You claim to be an anarchist - all you're saying is exactly what the self-centred, short-sighted cold-hearted capitalists say, the "strong" will survive, your lack of vision disgusts me.

Oh lets all get a gun so we can fucking do what we like, as long as we can kill we won't be defeated; what is victor in that situation is the darkest + most depraved side of people,

You say all power corrupts + anyone - yes anyone, a soldier is a person - with a gun has power, then what the fuck do you want other than power? You're hijacking a wonderful dream for your own selfish, bestial aims, you want food in your belly (don't we all) but you're prepared to kill for it + you think that makes you stronger + therefore right. "We will never get our land back without fighting for it". grow up man! not age-wise but on any kind of evolutionary scale, what did Ghandi (sic) do. Go eat children you Lord of the Flies.

Postmarked 'Sussex Coast'

KILL THE BASTARDS

Dear BROTHERS & SISTERS,

The time is fast approaching when we are all going to go up in smoke. Either by Nuclear War enviromental collapse, etc. The time is now for real direct action. We need trained and armed cadres of us. Ready to kill if need be, to change this fucking system. Anarchists all over are beginning to realise that desperate situations need desperate solutions.

This is not an attack of Marxist vanguardism we're suffering from, but merely a rational answer to an insane world. Kill the bastards, they fuck us up, we fuck them up. Every day they attack us, whether enviromentally, economically, psychologically, spiritually, physically, emotionally and so on. They continue this evil system, and we are the victims. Every day and in every way they attack us. How long will it be until we realise that you will change nothing until WE set the agenda, victims remain victims until they strike back. How long will it be BROTHERS AND SISTERS before WE strike back?

Jake prescot of 666 brigade lane, Semtexshire, pra k47.

MACHO BULLSHIT

Dear GA,

In the Anarchist movement at the moment there is strong support for using violence, and pacifists are portrayed as just sitting around doing nothing. There is a lot you can do nonviolently. For instance, I would not call the Boots 43 violent, but disruptive, and they are much more positive publicity because of this. Sometimes I would see violence as a fair response (like, if a bailiff is getting you really riled, hit the bastid). The Poll Tax riot was commendable resistance to police bullying, but I would condemn someone aiming to start a riot without provocation.

Sometimes advocates of violence can sound like 'I'm a Big Man with a right to defend myself' types; your article Other Uses For Guns was just like this, and sounded very similar to something the Gun Lobby in America might say, which is dominated by the far Right. Dead giveaways were comments like "rub all exposed flesh with rabbit fat..it certainly helps the image". In Only (Guns) Give Us Rights you say "If a soldier has a gun he has power over me..I want one to equalize that power". BULLSHIT. If you start playing the army at their own game they'll shoot you to fuck. And anyway, unless we find new answers based on love and corruption, instead of hate and violence, we'll just come up against the same old problems. (You might call me an old hippy if you like, but I might just hit you.)

Cheers,

Tat of Nottingham.

WATER CHALLENGE

Dear Green Anarchist,

I abhor all violence and no violence ought to be rationalised or glorified. As a dissident I have always recognised the power of the state and have always been prepared to suffer in silence. However, if there is anyone out there rich enough to mount a legal challenge I can supply details of how the privatised water companies are acting illegally. Please publish your name and address in GA and I will mail you the details. there might be somebody less affected and more willing to use politicians than I am.

CA, postmarked Nottingham

LETTERS

"RAPIST" REPLIES

Dear GA,

Replying to my letter in the autumn issue of Green Anarchist, CA of Nottingham ejaculates: "I pay tax, therefore I am a rapist". With a brain like yours, darling, you'd make a wonderful tin of Whiskas.

Alison Neilans, Manchester

OTHER USES FOR GUNS...

Dear GA,

Well, what can I say? As a response to KCL's letter printed Other Uses For Guns in GA26 I feel I have to write if only to stop my blood boiling. I will assume that KCL is a man, he certainly has very macho ideas about himself. Why does KCL think he has the right to take life, in a revolution we may need to fight - but only to save our lives - no-one need maim, injure and kill animals for 'practice'. Eating animals is a very stupid way of getting protein but a great way of getting salmonella etc. What makes KCL think I want people like him protecting ME? I don't! If the Convoy had had guns as the media first said then the consequences of the 'polices' actions would have been publically justified and peaceful travellers would have no defence. Get off your podium KCL. You don't help anarchists with your shortsighted macho views - I've a suggestion of my own for 'other uses for guns' - stick them up your arse.

HK Caventry, postmarked
Wolverhampton.

READER "APPALLED"

Dear GA,

I was appalled at the centre article on guns, especially involving the shooting of rabbits. If that is what a future anarchist society is like for the person who wrote that article then I'd like to stay well clear of them.

Put it clearly - any society based on that persons attitude would soon break down and cause repression of all living things worse than what happens now. Sorry I couldn't stomach that article!

Yours for anarchy

Sam Taylor of Ilford, Essex.

BUNCH OF ANARCHISTS

Dear Sir,

I recently bought my copy of the paper for Spring and was appalled at your feature on Other Uses For Guns! I thought you would be against all violence but it would seem that you are just against the establishment and are obviously still very immature!

I, for one will not be buying any more copies of this out of date paper - I was once an avid reader but you certainly have spoilt yourselves. You are just a bunch of Anarchists and not at all compassionate towards the real issues that confront us today.

Yours faithfully,

TA Yates (Mrs) of Warley, West Midlands.

DON'T SHOOT RABBITS

Dear GA,

What on earth was 'Other uses for Guns' doing in Green Anarchist? Enough to make me vomit. What crap to say "Rabbits could breed to pest proportions". In my opinion it's humans that have done that. No doubt 'KCL' would suggest we go and shoot each other. As an organic gardener that used to dig a massive allotment next to open fields I can honestly say I never had a problem with rabbits. They may have had a problem with me, but luckily animals have more creative ways of problem solving than just killing each other, most of them learn to coexist. The picture of the bloke in the flat cap with the gun just reminded me of a hunt terrier man, it's his head that needs blowing off.

Stacey (vegan), postmarked
'Bath'.

PS: 'Bristol cancer cure questioned'. The Cancer Research Campaign test on animals and has vested financial interests. If cancer did not exist neither would the Campaign. Cancer can be caused by enviromental factors. Animal tested drugs just make money for drug companies. They don't cure cancer. I had cancer myself six years ago. I used the Bristol diet and went from feeling ill/very tired and depressed to fit and full of energy. My energy levels shot up on their vegan diet as the toxins were removed from my blood. The survey you mention was not well planned and didn't take into

account the fact that the women it quoted may have gone there as a 'last resort' literally when they were nearly already dead + had already been the 'victims' of allopathic ('straight') medicene.

WRITE TO J.P.

Greetings,

I am writing to you from a prison in the US due to being an anti-nuclear activist (and) would like to correspond with anyone who is involved with the green movement in the UK. If you know of anyone who would be willing to write, please pass my name and address on to them. I will be coming to the UK this fall and would like to network with people involved in trying to save the Earth between now and coming over.

In closing may I say thank you in advance for any time and concern you may give me on this request. I will await your reply.

Sincerely I am,

JP Riplie of PO Box 511- 212185
Columbus, Ohio USA 43216-511.

MANX LAND WAR

Hello GA,

I was given ish 25 of GA by a friend and was very taken with your ideas/tips for development sabotage. You may or may not have heard about the FSFO movement (Financial Sector Fuck Off) which we have over here. They are mainly nationalists but apart from that they have some good ideas.

The Isle of Man, like the Channel Islands, is a tax haven and as a result over the past few years the population has rocketted with the influx of yuppies etc, and with this unscrupulous property developers are carving up agricultural and scenic land to build expensive and tasteless mansions for the nouveaux rich while the indigenous population live in overpriced flats and council shoeboxes.

Two of said mansions were burned to a crisp by 3 men some time ago. They were caught and sent down as martyrs. Their act was mainly to publicise the situation. It worked very well and the situation isn't as bad now but that may be due to the recession as much as anything....

Ta,

P. BATTERY of Douglas, Isle of Man

COMING UP

DEMOS, FESTIVALS, MEETINGS

APRIL

- 11-14. Green Party Policy Conference at Bridlington.
- 14. Conflict at Moseley Dance Centre, 572 Moseley Road, Moseley, Birmingham B12, 8pm. Tickets: £4 from Mortarhate, PO Box 448, Eltham, London-851 5430. Details: Craig 021-565 4217.
- 17. Nik Turners Fantastic All Stars at the Tache, Blackpool, £2.50.
- 18. International Day of Solidarity with the McLibel Five. Details: London Greenpeace c/o 5 Caledonian Road, London.
- 19. Conflict at Marcus Garvey Centre, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham NG3, 8pm. Tickets: £4 from Mortarhate. Details: Alex 0602- 602878.
- 19. Anarchist Forum discussion: 'Anarchism and the National Curriculum' at 42 Queens Square, London WC1.
- 21. Picket of McDonalds UK HQ in Finchley in solidarity with the McLibel Five. Details: London Greenpeace c/o 5 Caledonian Road, London.
- 22. Earth Night. Worldwide direct action against Earth-rapers as alternative to commercialised wank of Earth Day.
- 24. World Day for Laboratory Animals. So liberate some!
- 25. Conflict at International One, 47 Anson Street, Manchester M14, 8pm. Tickets: £4 from Mortarhate.
- 26. Anarchist Forum general discussion at 42 Queens Square, London WC1.
- 26. Chernobyl Day.
- 27. SERA Conference 'Energy and the Trades Unions' at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, 10.30am. Details: Dave Toke 021-472 8095.
- 27. Education Now conference at Dame Catherine's School,

ticknell, S. Derbyshire, £20.

27. World Day For Laboratory Animals March starts at Hyde Park, London.

30. TAD at Powerhaus, Islington, London.

MAY

1. Poisoned Electric Head at the Tache, Blackpool, £2.50.

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

1. Beltane.

2. Anti-Nuclear Network meeting at Red Rose Club, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N7.

3. Gogo Maison/Special Guests at Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, London EC1, 7-11pm. £7.

3. Anarchist Forum discussion: 'Race; The Problem For Libertarians' at 42 Queens Square, London WC1.

3-5. Beltane Gathering. Details: 0903-214705.

5. Sponsored Bike Ride for Nicaragua. Details: Nicaragua Solidarity Campaign 071-253 2464.

10. Conflict at Shoreditch Town Hall, 8pm. Tickets: £4 from Mortarhate.

10. Anarchist Forum general discussion at 42 Queens Square, London WC1.

11. Anti-bloodsports demo outside Surrey Fox Hunt Point to Point at Peper Harrow near Milford, 11am.

14. Dodleston 29 Trial at Chester Magistrates Court, 10am.

24-27. Avon Free Festival.

JUNE

2. Fleadh '91: Irish Music Festival in Finsbury Park.

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

6. Anti-Nuclear Network meeting at Red Rose Club, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N7.

14-23. Summer Solstice Free Festival - 'site to be arranged'.

15-16. Ninth National Street Music Festival at the Chestnuts Community and Arts Center, London N15. Details: 081-806 0420.

21. Summer Solstice at Stonehenge (21-19 GMT) - Pilton is off this year, so go for it!


28-30. Wish You Were Here Picnic near Ringwood, Hants.

JULY

26-29. Happy Days Free Festival in Powys, Wales.

AUGUST

Paper Pushing People



Curiouser and Curiouser...

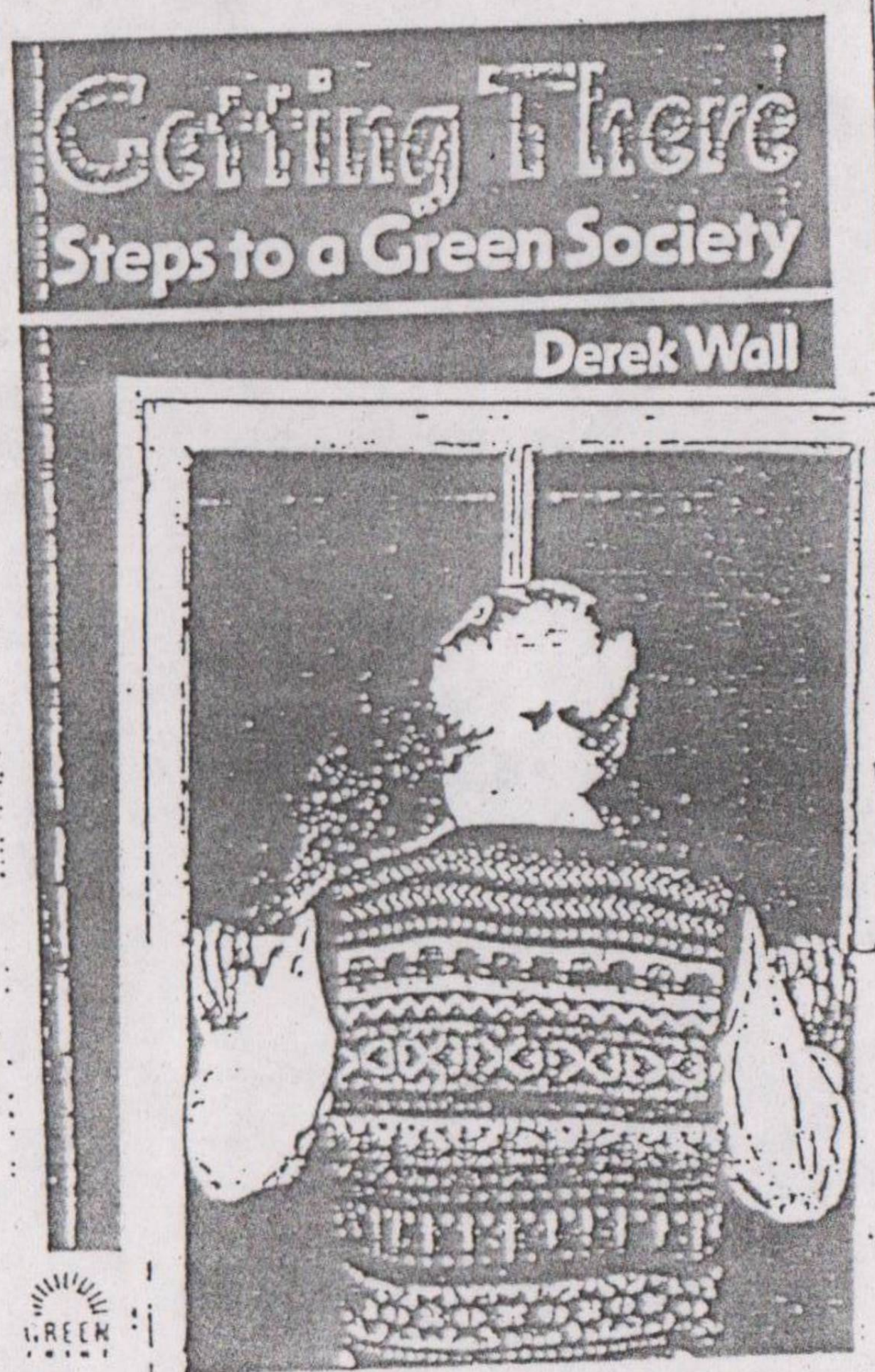
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BOOK REVIEWS



'GETTING THERE'. DEREK WALL. GREEN PRINT. £4.99.

SUBTITLED 'STEPS TO A GREEN Society', this book by the Green Party's "enfant terrible" has a rude word for everyone including GA ("pro-Stonehenge and anti-technological"). Noting "Green politics is possible, green economics will be very much more difficult", Derek rejects the Green Party's anti-pollution taxes and Basic Income Scheme as regressive or unworkable. Instead he suggests a shift from growth to local economy using an analysis lifted from GA, but with moderate glosses like local currency instead of local tariffs and land reform for "fair trade" not self-sufficiency. This moderation is to keep the infrastructure inappropriate technology, 'green' cities and even "old-fashioned factories" need to survive and leads to un-anarchistic references to "global legislatures" funded off the rates!

A well-worthy work, with contributions from Mary Mellor and Ted Trainer (Peter Tatchell contributing only boring electoral stuff!) at the back.

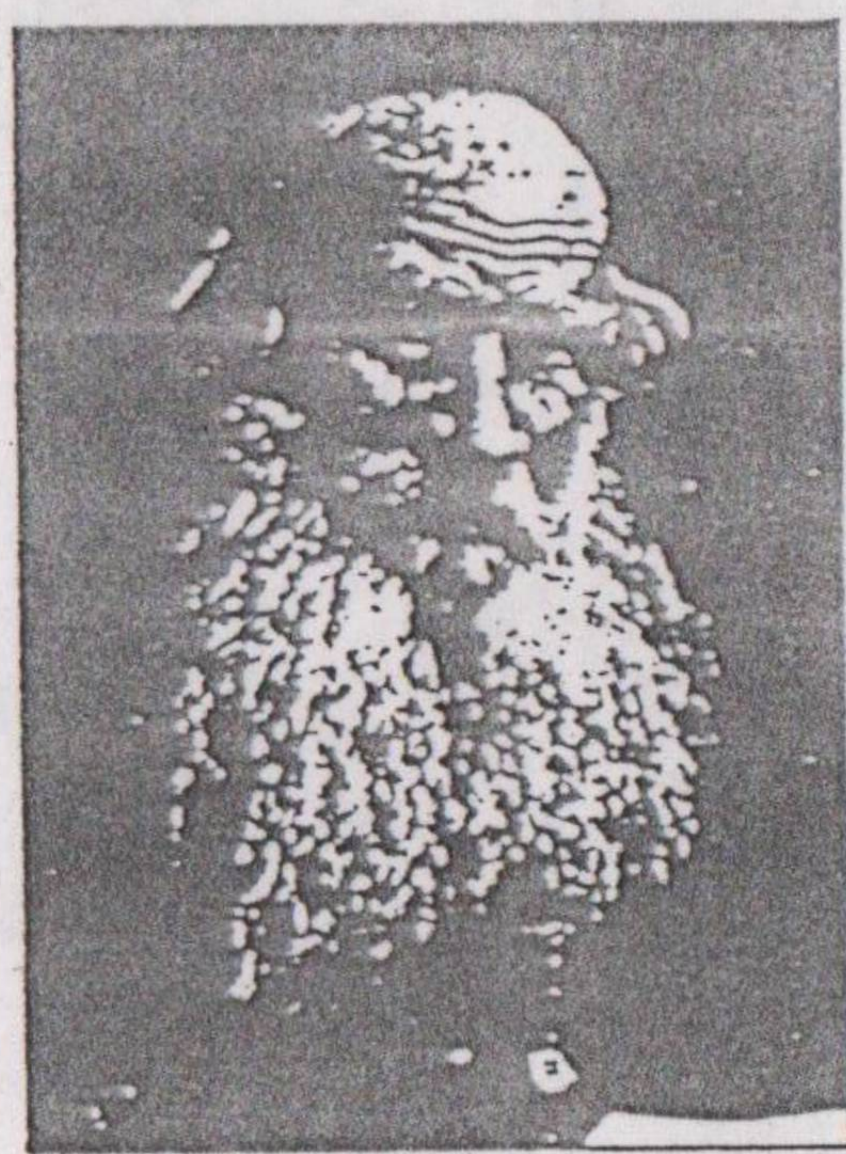
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'WHAT THEN MUST WE DO?' LEO TOLSTOY. GREEN BOOKS. £8.95.

THIS WAS WRITTEN IN 1886, translated from the Russian in 1925 and now republished in the Green Classic series, deservedly. Green anarchists would go along with most of it. Tolstoy, a landowner, went to

LEO TOLSTOY

What Then Must We Do?



with an introduction by
RONALD SAMPSON

GREEN CLASSIC

Moscow where he found great poverty and started handing out his roubles as charity until he realised he was taking from his own peasants to hand out grandly to the urban poor. So he went back to his land and tried to live as simply as possible tilling his own soil. And although he still seems to have had servants, it was a strong thing to do.

He rejects Division of Labour; he shows how all technology and culture depends on the exploitation of the peasants who produce the wealth. Of the doctor he writes: "He needs an endless number of expensive appliances, instruments, medicaments and hygienically arranged rooms, food and water closets to enable him to act scientifically; besides his own salary he needs such expenses that to cure one patient he has to starve hundreds of others who bear these expenses".

He shows how the peasants have been conned into obedience by the Church, the philosophers, the scientists and the artists. But he is wrong in thinking that well-meaning intellectuals can persuade others of his class to improve the lot of the peasant rather than suggesting the peasants should take up arms and fight for autonomy.

It's not a challenging book because we're already there. But it should challenge a few greens who think they can still keep their microwave ovens.

RICHARD HUNT

GREEN BUSINESS HOPE OR HOAX?



Edited by
CHRISTOPHER PLANT &
JUDITH PLANT



'GREEN BUSINESS: HOPE OR HOAX?' EDITED BY CHRISTOPHER & JUDITH PLANT. GREEN BOOKS, 1991. 136pp, £6.95.

THIS BOOK PUTS THE BOOT IN on Green consumerism - Part 1 doesn't just blow the whistle on green cons like so-called 'biodegradable' bags, 'dolphin-friendly' canned tuna and McDonald's 'CFC-free' packaging, but also on 'sound' groups like the Sierra Club in the pockets of corporate eco-rapists like Coca Cola, Dow and Exxon. The eco-yuppy 'Green Consumer Guide', the 'miracle of Earth Day, and green imperialism all get a trashing.

But 'Green Business' doesn't just tell you what not to do. Part 2 gives examples of how individuals can make a difference beyond shopping on regardless. '50 Difficult Things You Can Do To Save The Earth' gets a well-deserved reprint, Susan Witt advocates local currency as a subversive addition to the green economy, and there are four articles on sustainable agriculture. Yes, at last! A Green book tuned into the land issue: "Alienation from the land and from our source of food are key characteristics of the modern malaise we call western civilisation".

Buying this book is the one, worthwhile bit of Green business we can recommend!

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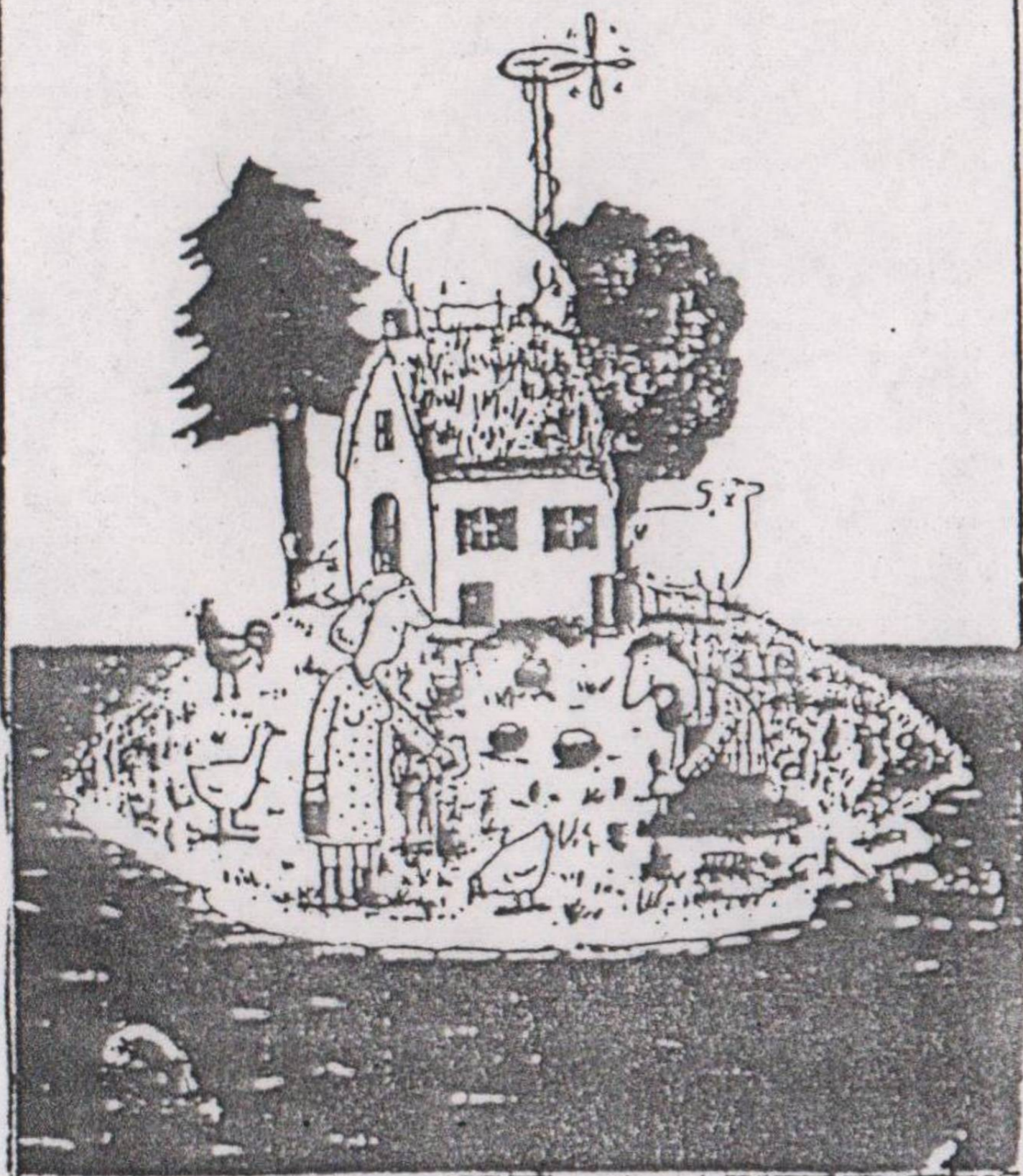
'LIVING GREEN' - CHARLES HOULT. GREEN BOOKS. £5.95.

An alternative travel book - Houlton cycled around the famous 'Green' sites of the UK, starting at last year's Glastonbury Festival, and visiting CAT, and people such as Brig Oubridge and the Lauienston Hall community. Houlton doesn't seem to believe in very much himself, regularly nipping off for guilty trips to a burger stand, so avoids thrusting any party line down the readers throat. He characterises Janet Alty, archetypal

LIVING GREEN

A Summer's Cycle around Green Britain

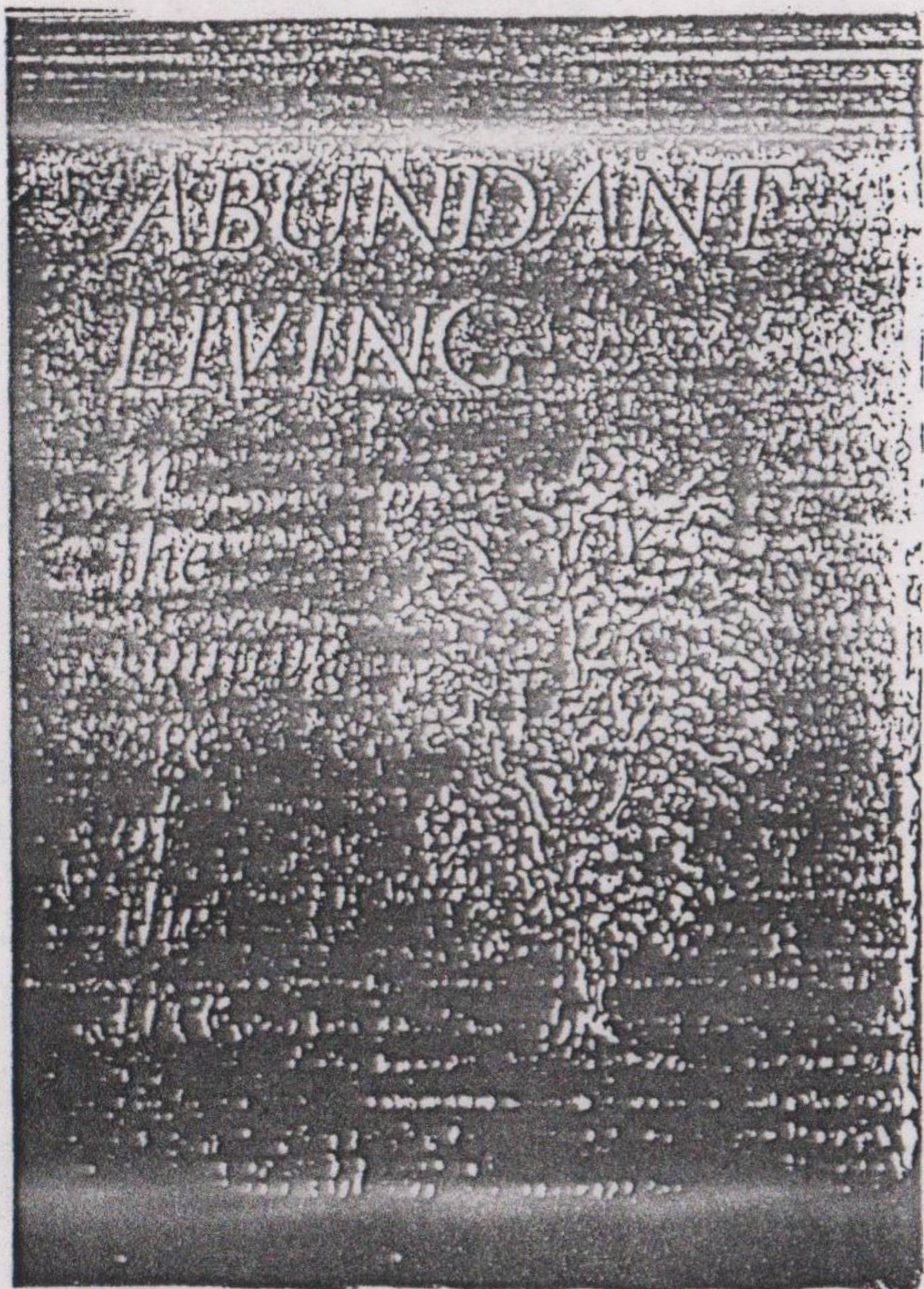
CHARLES HOULT



Green bureaucrat, as "A hockey coach", and is also cynical about the anarcho-hippies "expressing their individuality by army surplus conformity" and the violence at Glastonbury. A wide diversity of people, from ultra-respectable to teepee dwellers, are covered. He comments on the yuppie image of many aspiring Greens, but also gives interesting background on groups like CAT and Intermediate technology. If you can spare 6 quid on a book like this then you are probably in the target audience. Its not as cringe-making as the cover. Well worth £2.50 second hand.

KEVIN

PAMPHLETS



'ABUNDANT LIVING'. KATH JANNAWAY. 47 HIGHLANDS RD., LEATHERHEAD, SURREY KT22. 75p.

WRITTEN BY the ex-President of the Vegan Society and founder of the

Movement For Compassionate Living, this 24-page pamphlet argues trees can meet all our basic needs.

It makes a good ethical and ecological case for replacing pastureland with food-bearing forests. The nutrition adds up in abstract, but the amount of land available for a self-sufficient UK doesn't. 20 million acres of ex-pasture could sustainably support only two million people! Using wood for "railways (and) rayon" (what's wrong with bark cloth 'n' clogs?) clashed a bit with the writers Gandhian commitment to small, self-sufficient communities too....

Still 'Abundant Living' is strong on condemnation of cash cropping, scientism and other civilized vices, and provides a vision of what future vegan green anarchist communities could be like.

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'ABOVE THE LAW - A GUIDE TO OBTAINING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY'. GRF PRESS 2050 IDLE HOUR CENTRE #108, LEXINGTON KY 40502, USA.

A detailed guide to the meaning of diplomatic immunity, a protection from the law of a country that can extend to freedom from prosecution for murder, and to obtaining this valuable condition. It is possible to buy immunity in some degree, by offering to become the representative of some obscure Third World or European nation in your home state or city. Price ranges from \$5000 upwards.



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So we prop up unknowingly all sorts of animal misery.
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When all it amounts to is for the shopowners wealth.
Capitalist scum who love the sound of the till,
Selling our morality short when they give us the bill.
I read in the Vegan mag, something that made me feel ill,
that a popular vegan toothpaste contained cochineal.
Sarakan is the name of this disgusting right-on firm,
What other lies are we to learn?
Granose own a medical centre where they experiment on babboon's hearts,
They don't tell you that on their date and walnut tarts (*).
Jordans have a recipe for making organic homemade bread,
But not with vegetable oil, you see you have to use lard instead.
Then there's caring old Lever Bros who own most vegetable margarine companies,
And don't forget those that 'make honey' who exploit bees.
The list is quite endless and we have to pay their price,
Whether for soya milk, sosmix or for organic rice.
So nekt time you go to the good old health food store,
Remember that they're not catering for us working class poor.
There's one little tactic they will really hate,
Instead of paying their fancy prices - why not liberate?

GARI ALLEN

* = It's a cake mix but cake mix doesn't rhyme with 'hearts'.

despite abuses by people like us, diplomatic immunity is still a respected institution, and serves a very significant role in protecting the secret agents of one country in their host nation. In Saudi Arabia it also protects Westerners from the death penalty for adultery or drunk driving.

Write to the above address for the book, price \$1.50.

KEVIN



'SMUT: SMILE 5'. BOX 3502, MADISON WI 53704.

A "JOURNAL OF ILLICIT SEX" and situationist ramblings, but with some insightful stuff about the oppression of children and about the harmfulness of sex. Other articles cover the prison situation in the US, and the gulag-like conditions of its high-security jails, and the research of Mae Brussel, recent killed by an alleged CIA assassination using chemically induced, who for 25 years investigated and exposed the secret government of the US composed of CIA and military insiders.

SMILE supports the GA ideas to an extent, encouraging people to live

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outside the state system, and to not exploit the third world, but there is no overall consistency. Its sexual politics veers from the sensible (a demystifying article on child abuse) to the highly dubious (an article on transvesticism that perpetuates the attitude that women are just a receptacle for sperm and male fantasy). SMILE costs \$2 from the above address.

KEVIN

MORE WAR

MORE WAR. WARWICK ANIMAL RIGHTS c/o ANIMAL RIGHT SOCIETY, UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, COVENTRY CV4 7AL. UNPRICED.

FROM THE SAME FOLKS that produced 'War', this A5 24-page zine is firmly "against the Spectacle and Industrial Capitalism". Content has broadened out from veganism to include informed discussion of the June '90 bombing of vivisectionists, situationist sundries, and reprints from CIVIS abolitionists and GA's 'Grow Up!' poster.

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Bolton Evening Noose

ISSUE 2

BOLTON EVENING NOOSE NO.2. P O BOX 47, BOLTON CPO., LANCASHIRE. 20p + SAE.

SIXTEEN ACTION-PACKED PAGES of non-sectarian news - everything from anti-development and animal lib to CND slag-offs and complaints about Council cuts. We'd love to see more zines plugging GA and Class War as contacts...!

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sect7

SECT7 - ISSUE 1, SPRING 1992. 350 YEN, SEVERIN HEAD, KIMI INFO CENTER, KS7 BUILDING 6F, 2-54-3 IKEBUKURO, JAPAN.

THE SECOND ISSUE of this Japanese anarchist mag, with articles on the mystique of the credit card, on the inevitable corruption of government, on 'virtual reality' - the direct human/computer interface predicted in SF such as Neuromancer - and on the Gulf War. Also with book and music reviews, it's well-produced and intelligent, although with very little about anarchism in Japan. Like much of Japanese culture today, it leans heavily towards the US. Nonetheless, varied and provocative and worth 50p

at present exchange rates.

KEVIN

Reality SANDWICH

REALITY SANDWICH. PO BOX 2092, BALTIMORE, MD 21203-2092, USA.

PROMISING "TRUE LIES" on the front cover, 'Reality Sandwich' includes such scurrilous disinformation as fetuses sold as Domino's pizza topping; car seats causing bowel cancer; and The Frequency, a cult of Dan Rather, US TV presenter. Fun Gulf stuff, too.

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VIDEO



LUCY PARSONS MEETS WILLIAM MORRIS. METRO PICTURES LTD, 79 WARDOUR STREET, LONDON W1V 3TH. 30 MIN, 1990. £26.45/£15 HIRE.

DIRECTED BY HELENA STEVENS, this video dramatises the dialogue between the militant American ex-slave Lucy Parsons and William Morris at Kelmscott House, his Hammersmith residence, in November 1888. Both Parsons, widow of one of Chicago's Haymarket Martyrs, and the utopian Morris had much to say in their time and we can all still learn much from them today.

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PROJECTS

GREEN BIKES

A GROUP OF PEOPLE in Bristol are organising a Green Bikes scheme for July, based on the white bikes scheme put into practice in Amsterdam during the 1960s.

They told GA: "We are going to put free bikes on the street for people to use whenever they want. The point of this is not only to raise consciousness about cycling, but to create situations

which shock people out of their usual ways of seeing things. We think that free bikes will help show that ownership is a choice and not a necessity."

Contact Karen 427031 or Alison 522131 (code 0272) if you can offer them skills, money, bikes or storage space.

Artists for Animals

ARTISTS FOR ANIMALS c/o 38/40 FRANK STREET, BRADFORD BD7 3BT. TEL: 0274-502260.

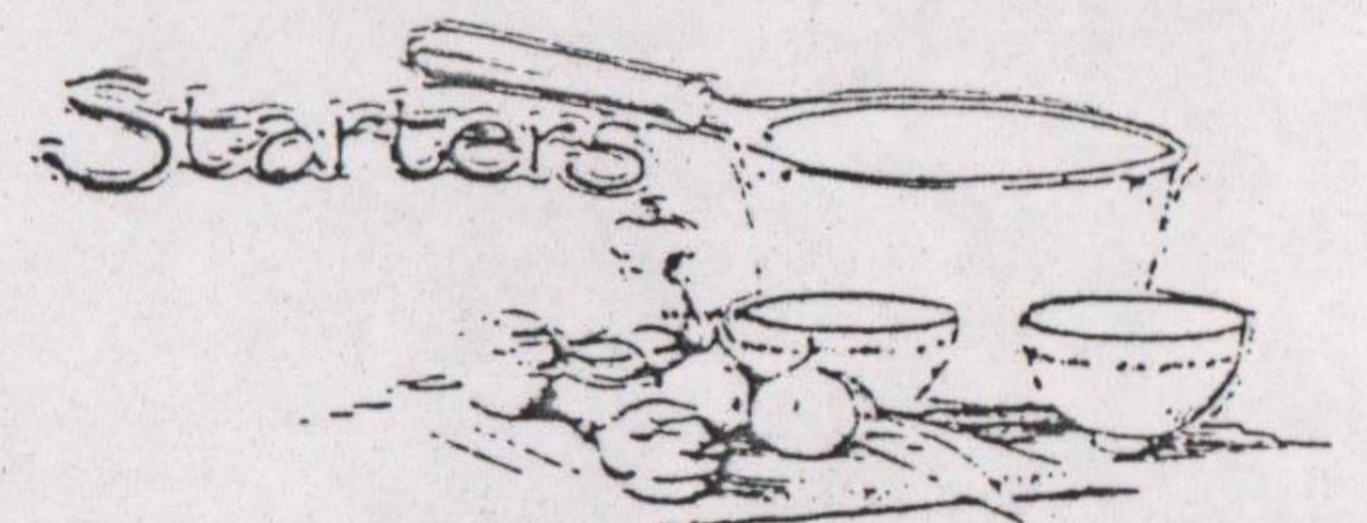
AN ANIMAL RIGHTS organisation supporting the Hunt Saboteurs Association. They are appealing for artists, actors, musicians, writers and poets to perform benefits and auctions of autographed books and records. Get in touch!

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

ABC ANTHOLOGY, LEEDS ABC c/o BOX JAG, 52 CALL LANE, LEEDS LS3.

The Anarchist Black Cross are getting together a second 'Poetry Of Class War' - prose, poetry, pictures, all welcome!

RECIPES



CRIMSON BEETROOT SOUP

- "1 large onion, chopped
- 2 or more medium beetroots, cooked & chopped
- 4 oz red lentils
- 1 tspn tomato puree
- 2 pts water of vegetable stock
- 2 tbsps tamari or soya sauce
- A little vegetable oil

Saute the onion for 5 min in the oil and then add the rest of the ingredients. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 30 minutes until cooked. Liquidise until smooth and then return to the saucepan for a final heating before serving. A swirl of soya milk or soya yoggi gives it that finishing touch."

Just one of Julie and Steve Campbell's 'Favourite Recipes from Inverdene'. Get your free vegan cook book from Inverdene, Bridge Square, Ballater AB35 5QJ - or why not visit their non-smoking vegan guest house at the same address. It promises "good food, good company, good vibes" at under £16 a night.

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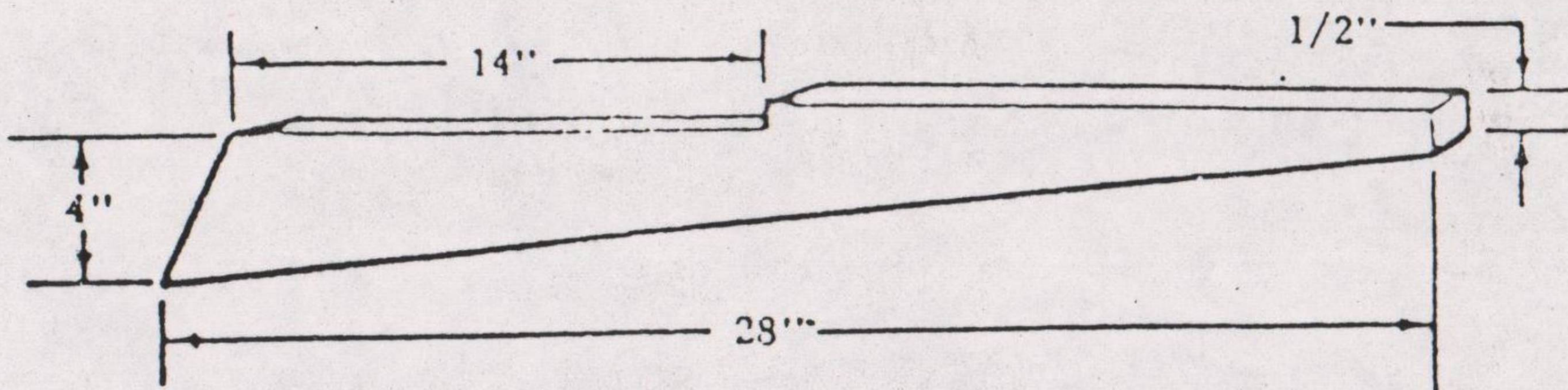
SURVIVAL

MAKE YOUR OWN SHOTGUN

THERE ARE TIMES when a gunshop just isn't available - and DIY always works out cheaper anyway. This design is a for a single shot breech-loading weapon - but don't trust the finished article an inch or it could blow up in your face. Don't even think about aimed fire until you've test-fired it half a dozen times with a wall between you and it using string to pull the trigger! **You have been warned!**

Start with a 20-30" long pipe with a screw thread at one end. It's got to be wide enough on the inside to take a shotgun shell (but not its rim) and at least 1" thick on the outside. Make sure the pipe's not cracked - it's going to be your shotgun barrel.

Once you've got the pipe, carve the stock (see plan), then cut a 3/8" groove along the top. Fix the barrel



to it by coating it in lacquer and binding it on with twine whilst that lacquer's still wet.

Next get the plug that screws onto the pipe. Drill a small hole through the middle of the plug and file the 'inside' end flat. Push a nail through the hole so 1/32" sticks out the flat side and screw plug to pipe.

Then get your trigger organised. Bend a 4" metal strap into an 'L' shape 1-1 1/2" along. Drill a hole at the bottom of the long end, and cut a notch 1-2" from the bend. Screw strap to stock through the hole, so the short

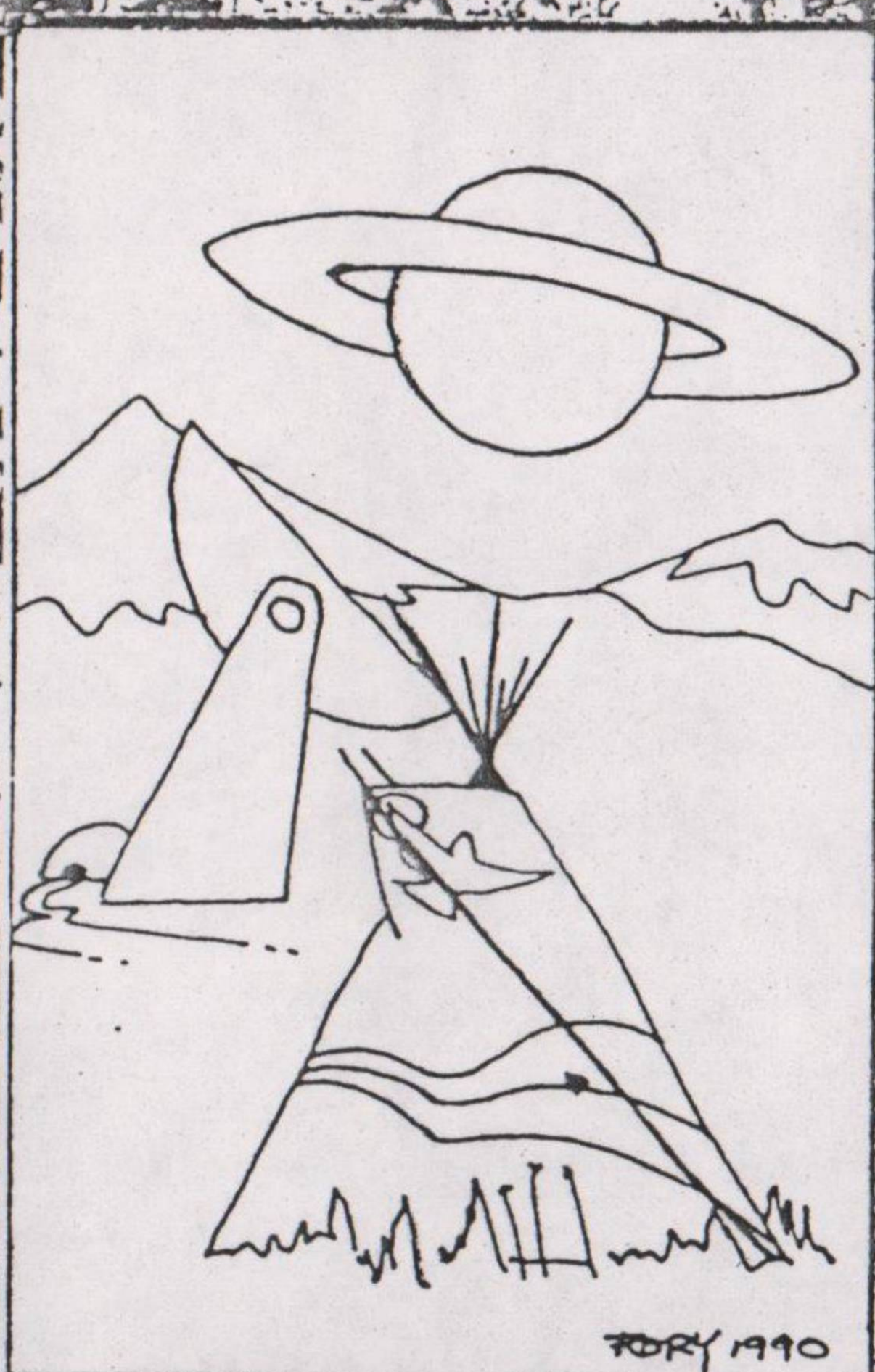
end lines up with the nail in the gun's breech. Bang a couple of nails into the stock 4" in front of the strap and thread elastic bands between them and the notch.

To load, put the cartridge into the pipe and screw the plug closed behind it. To fire, pull back the strap with your thumb, aim down the barrel, and let it go. If nothing happens, you want a shorter elastic band - or more of them. To reload, just unscrew the plug and shake the cartridge out. Easy!

BRIGADIER BLACKHEAD

MUSIC

THE INVISIBLE BAND - "Tales of Distant Worlds" Ethereal Music, 28b Carminia Rd, Balham, London SW17 8AH.



A GENTLER, more cliched version of Ring, Chrome or Hawkwind, this is music for getting stoned and being nostalgic about the festies of the 60's and

70's. The titles 'My heads Exploded!', 'Life On Earth' and 'Galactican' pretty much say it all.

It is professionally produced, mostly guitar based, with synth giving a mock 'futurism' that was dated in 1970. About as alternative and disturbing as Robert Plant, but enjoyable enough in its own limited way.

KEVIN

CONFLICT

1990 WAS NOT A GOOD year for Conflict - Colin, Paco and Steve spent eight months fighting affray and ABH charges and are now suing the Met in retaliation. Their benefit album This Is The ALF got banned because of the Porton and Bristol bombings. And just as they were about to go on tour in February after months rehearsing, the Gulf Crisis started and venues didn't want an anti-State band playing in wartime.

All par for the course for a band that grew out of Stop the City and 1980's protest culture. But

now all 1990's hassles are behind them and Conflict are on tour (see Events). Go for it - it should be a riot!

Sounds, videos, flyers all available from Mortarhate Records, PO Box 448, Eltham, London SE9.



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NOT FROM G.A. - although we'd appreciate more contributions from readers!

The San Diego Reader is starting a new 'Zine Envy' column seeking "200 word-or-less pieces on new releases; concerts; trends; books on music; scene reports; any and all obscure and/or disturbing aspects of music culture" and will pay \$25 for each submission used.

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WARWICK ANIMAL RIGHTS c/o Animal Rights Society, Warwick Uni Students Union, Coventry.

SIMON SCOTT, 4 Southport Terrace, Berridge Road West, Bobbers Mill, Nottingham NG7.

I HOUSTON, 11 Alexandra Grove, Finsbury Park, London N4.

LANCASTER GREEN ANARCHISTS, 58 Artlebeck Road, Caton, Lancaster LA2.

JAMES DEBONO, Lourdes Bld, Block S, Flat 3, Enrico Mizzi Stn, Ta'Xbiex, Malta.

NEXT GA: 'Population And Development'. What links economic development and population growth? Is either a problem? If so, how do we sort such problems out as anarchist? All articles on this and more for GA28 gratefully recieved, under 600 words if possible!

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AVENGE MIKE HILL!

BIRMINGHAM SIX FREE



HUNT SAB MIKE HILL from Merseyside was killed when he fell from the trailer of Alan Summersgill of the Cheshire Beagle Hunt on Saturday 9th February. Despite previously assaulting sabs with an iron bar and drunk-driving at 80 mph whilst terrified sabs clung to the roof of his vehicle, the cops have taken no action against Summersgill.

Despite Mike's death, the hunt carried on regardless on the following Monday.

Over 100 sabs protested at the Cheshire Hunt's kennels. Summersgill's pick-up was provocatively parked outside, so it and the kennels were trashed. Police arrested over twenty, seventeen from Wolverhampton, Liverpool and Stockport being remanded on riot charges. They will be before Chester Magistrates Court on 14th May.

Summersgill has gone into hiding, his bungalow has burned down and he could face private prosecution. A sab was arrested protesting outside the Southdown Hunt Ball in Lewes on 22nd February and 14 more during the Horse and Hound Hunt Ball at Grosvenor House Hotel on London's swanky Park Lane on 7th March. 100 sabs - and as many cops - are out with the Chester everytime they take the field. Merseyside sabs have said "Chester Beagles will not be hunting again next year". Let's see to it!

CHEQUES TO WPSU, Wolves HSA, Box H c/o Student Union, Wolverhampton Polytechnic, Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton to meet travelling and legal costs.

DONATIONS TO the Mike Hill Memorial Fund to Fresh Fields Animal Sanctuary, East Lane, Ince Blundell L29 3EA.

FINALLY they've been forced to release the Birmingham Six, and the British judicial system is revealed in its full corruption. The police beat confessions out of innocent people. The DPP withholds crucial evidence from the defence. The Forensic system produces whatever evidence its masters demand. The judges suppress inconvenient evidence, forbid investigation into police brutality and rubbish defence witnesses. It's now embarrassingly clear to the whole British population that the whole system, every department is rotten with corruption.

They're still trying to pretend that these cases are exceptions. But pressure will build up to review the cases of the Bridgewater 3 and the Tottenham 3 and Judith Ward and the others and the others.

The effect of the release was immediate. the next day a jury found an Irishman not guilty of gun-running. Juries will no longer be brow-beaten and conned. It will be increasingly difficult to get convictions. But it's not all bad news for the government. It should solve their prison overpopulation problem.



URGENT ACTION FOR THE BRAMPTON 3

GARI ALLEN, Mike Shanahan and Barry Horne were arrested between 28-29th October 1990 for possessing explosives. Sugar/sodium incendiaries - not bombs! - were found when the vehicle one was driving was stopped on suspicion of involvement in ALF activities.

DONATIONS to Defend Allen, Shanahan and Horne. (DASH) c/o 11a Abingdon Avenue, Northampton NN1 4NY to pay crippling legal costs.

EGG-STERMINATORS

FIVE ACTIVISTS WHO DID £2,000-£8,000 to Thames Valley Eggs lorries (see GA25) were each ordered to do 120-240 hours community service this December. Thames Valley Fiver, John Harstein, told GA they were "very lucky to receive £86 costs each (and community service".

ANIMALS LIBERATED

ON 2nd FEBRUARY, ALF activists drilled through doors and walls to free over 200 cats, rabbits and guinea pigs from Oxford Universities Witney breeding centre.

On 23rd-24th March, Sussex ALFers drilled their way into Harlan Porcellus Biological Supplies breeder near Waldron, Heathfield, to free 100 guinea pigs and raided Carpenters Barn factory farm outside Hastings to free 50 battery hens in bad shape.

STICK WITH IT

THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY, animal libbers in Liverpool glued seven meat wholesalers and butchers and L'Alouette restaurant on Lark Lane, which serves frog legs and veal. A Rentokill van was paintstripped in Wavertree on 10th February and a meat van on Boaler Street just over a fortnight later.



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NO CONSPIRACY

BIZARRE CONSPIRACY CHARGES against ALIU activists that inspected Boots Thurgarton labs last November

(see GA26) have been dropped. But the 43 still face trial for supposedly breaching the peace.

Lancaster GA's joined in a 30 strong anti-Boots picket in Lancaster town centre where ALIU propaganda was dished out. The public, particularly young people, responded well and since then Boots has been regularly graffitied, vandalised and, in one attack, burned causing £1,000 damage. "Boots mutilate beagles so we mutilate Boots!"



GA UNDERSTANDS three members of Anti-Fascist Action were helping Nicci Crane (National Front and British Movement organiser) across the road last September when the poor fellow slipped and fell in front of a bus. What a shame!

Clumsiness, it seems, is no excuse in law so the public-spirited anti-fascists got eleven years between them for GBH.

LETTERS OF PRAISE to Tony David (NT1338) and David Phelan (NT1337) at HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road, London N1 OXF and Mark Malin (NT1335) at HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset DT5 1EQ.