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GANDALF DEFENDANTS AT PORTSMOUTH CROWN COURT FROM 26TH AUGUST, 10AM

Four of GA's editors and the ALF press officer Robin Webb in the dock, Supporters Group Newsletter's ex- Robin won't be on trial with the other . Affiliate to the Gandalf Defendants editor could be imprisoned for 10 years five defendants. The December 1996 just for reporting animal lib news or commital hearing found Robin had no knowing others that did.

prosecution undermines rights of free trial. speech, association and conscience Branch, UK's secret police, will determine what news gets reported and what political associations, opinions criminalising direct action as a whole, as the raids on those involved in Direct Action Direct and Shoreham-2 showed possessing GA!

October to the Oklahoma bomb! DI actions have been few. Desmond Thomas, running Operation Angry Brigade.

Despite his saying the case would fail

initiated a judicial review but this The Gandalf ('GA-aND-ALF') won't be heard until after the Gandalf

guaranteed by the UN Charter. Special Despite being described as "the most important conspiracy trial since Persons Unknown '79" by prominent barrister

Censorship have renaged on promises predicated on direct action, anarchism and done nothing to support the won't be). It's the thin end of the defendants. As this prosecution shows how the mainstream press collaborate with the Thought Police in supressing news, the only coverage the Gandalf prosecution has had there was one line -- one person was arrested just for in Red Pepper. 'Alternative' zines like SQUALL have refused to cover the case, nominally because of GA's

Washington, is the latest in a long line As the CJA campaign showed, the only when they are used.

without 'chief conspirator' and ALF . Picket Portsmouth Crown Court,

first day of the trial Campaign, PO Box 66, Stevenage

SG1 (groups:£10) case to answer. Vindictively the Branch . Spread the word locally to show you won't be silenced -- publicity materials and speakers available from the GDC address

· Take exactly the action the defendants are accused of inciting if they're convicted -- so the verdict will have incited it, not this

DIRTY

European drug companies are law and order [and] business". The Fun 'n' games outside Downing Street offloa ding defective medicene in the election was for wavering Tories - the led to papers being chucked out of the Third World. One of the wirst examples rest of us didn't count. Many didn't Foreign Office and police charges. The that has come to light is in Haiti. Dutch vote either, particular-ly the sound system had to break through This is the first case of this type where "violence" (though the BRA's is OKI) phaomaceutical company Voss exported marginalised - the poll was down 11% police lines to reach Trafalgar Square. public interest immunity certificates but really because they're just an cough syrup contaminated with on last election. Soon voting will just Party-goers were matched one-to-one have been used to suppress evidence extension of the Guardian. diethylene glycol. At least 85 children be a middle class ritual, as in the US. by riot cops, most fluffy chemical due to MI5's involvement. The Disgracefully and as a clear indication are known to have gone through a slow, evidence disclosed so far has been batty of continuing political immaturity, not lingering death, but the real figure will The crapness of the anarcho- When pigs pulled the plug, they did the enough - attempts to link the one EFI group has affiliated to the be much higher than this. Thisd is the establishment meant the Anti-Election sound system crew for attempted defendants to everything from Orange defence campaign and solidarity sixth similar incident in Haiti in recent Alliance consisted of GA, London murder - charges later dropped. 20 years. 385 children died in Bangladeh, Class War and the ACF only. other arrests, only four cops well with other countries like India also beng "Politicians are all two-faced bastards" injured. iffected. Most of thece are covered up, stickers got everywhere but AEA of loonies given free reign by the State effective deterrent to broader use of but they are like the Bhopal disaster or meetings rarely attracted over 50. going back at least to the monarchist repressive police powers like the contaminated coking oil deaths in Anarchos on the London May Day DSI Habershon's campaign against the conspiracy / incitement-laws is to exact Spain - the consequences of tghis lingert march didn't number 300. a heavy political and economic cost on for years. Here in the West there is an obvious need for a campaign to stop giant pharmaceutical companies Winston Churchill Plaza on the drugs. exporting death through sub-standard the

THE VOTE CHANGES NOTHING



NEVER MIND THE BALLOTS: Cops splattered during 17th April Downing Street riot

Blair's victory on 1st May changes Justice on 17th April. 1,000s came, but nothing. Blair was installed by few were Trots. Murdoch. New Labour's "the party of

As the AEA asked it, Reclaim The Streets held their 'Never Mind the Ballots' street party in conjunction with the Liverpool dockers March for Social

castratos who didn't defend the area.

Other action included 20,000 copies of RTS's Evading Standards siezed, politicians boshed, Jack Straw baited over the Gandalf case in his own constituency, and Referendum Party videos swapped for anarcho ones in Chichester and Brighton.

20: GANDALF defendants enter 'not guilty' pleas, Portsmouth. 21: FULL SUTTON - Prison riot on B and C wings. Eleven fire engines called

22: SEAFORTH, MERSEYSIDE -Twelve arrested after 24 hour crane

23: REPTON - Belated admission of serial arsonist attacks of 11 farms, outhouses and bams. Covered up for three months.

25: PLUUGHSHARES - Stephen Hancock and Claron O' Reilly get suspended sentences over Warton

25: LUSHNJE, ALBANIA - Town Hell and road / rail links attacked in riots over pyramid selling scam.

25: GLASGOW - 15,000 march again- education cuts. 26: 1IRANA, ALBANIA - Cops stoned, shots fired, official buildings

stormed and torched. 27: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA -Students' protest march after week-long police blockad e

28: ROCHESTER, KENT - Thirteen asylum seekers on no-fluids prison hunger strike.

28: WOLVERHAMPTON - Violence flares at Molyneux Stadium as ANL and trade unionists picket Bemard Manning.

FEBRUARY

1: HOME OFFICE, LONDON - Demo in support of HMP Rochester hunger strike asylum seekers. Also demo at

2: COPENHAGEN, DENMARK -Rocket grenade fired into police cell 16: HALLERSDORF, BERLIN - 25: ARAUQUITA, COLUMBIA - 9: PERMETI, ALBANIA - Revolt injures member of Hells Angels gang in ongoing biker war.

3: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA - 60 injured in riots. 3: BKUSWICK, MANCHESTER

Mothers poster campaign against child 4: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA -

Protestors win. Milosevic backs down strike. and reinstates election result.

5: DENSOLE, FOLKESTONE Woman stabs rapist to death.

5: PORTLAND - Protests outside council meeting against prison hulk proposal.

6: MOSCOW, RUSSIA - Blocks of flats bombed in attempt to demolish building over government officials. Earlier car bomb of senior finance minister outside Kremlin.

6: JCHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA - Mixed race township ricts over discrimination in water supply cut-

celebrations as president ousted for corruption after four weeks of protest 7: WILLENHALL - Junction 10, M5,

8: ROATH, CARDIFF - Foyer of cop

- Police mutiny

10: VLORA, ALBANIA - More riots. Protestors surround cop HQ, strip cops and burn their uniforms. At least three dea d, 80 injured.

10: TARTARSTAN - Police station bomb blast. Two police killed, 11 council cuts

10: CHEMIST SHOP SCAM Pharmacists bin prescriptions and pocket sado-masochists lose court appeal.

screwing the State for millions. 11: VLORA, ALBANIA - Party HQ negligible impact" says OFFSMEG more riots at university

sealed off after riot. 10 dead, 180 of Tianamen Square, dies amidst joy, from prison. Guns siezed.

MP. shot dead.

12: LAGOS, NIGERIA - Eight injured fabricated evidence

in fourth bombing since December. 12: W H SMITHS - Smut store stops selling pom after protests.

iobs lost and plant closure. 14: COLUMBIA - Airport bomb activist murdered by the state narrowly misses President Emesto 24: NEW YORK CITY - Tourists shot

torched. Two arrests

between fascists and anti-fascists.

17: SPAIN - Taxi-drivers join truckers'

17: CALAIS, FRANCE - Fouyrce

18: AUSTRALIA - Pedophile book

listing names, addresses and photos of

Ouvriere union blockade P&O ferries.

refugee crisis in Thailand.

child abuser scum publoshed

driver shot in face.

motorists against tolls

22-23: PARIS - Protests against French 6: SARANDA, ALBANIA - Secret protest 13: BURGOS, SPAIN - Picket killed immigration bill as 400+ Chinese policeman burned alive as revolt 15: HMP CORNTON VALE during truckers blockades. Scab lorries immigrants are cleared out of Belville St spreads

SIDE - Steel workers march over 200 esc ape from HMP the Verne 24: NIAROBI - Students riot after pedophile.

on 84th floor of Empire State Building 14: PORT TALBOT, WALES - in suicide shootout by Palestinian Sandfield Comp computer block 24: CANTON, CARDIFF - Third Cardiff library torched 15: BILBAO, SPAIN - Lorry strikers 24: WORKFARE - Introduced in 28

COMMUNITY

RESISTANCE

We think that prior to general revolution, resentment increases, expressing itself in aimless and

apparently random acts of destruction. Because of this, acts of commuity breakdown are also listed as

25: LIVERPOOL - MDHC profits factories. 5 dead.

26: URUMCHI, SHIN JYANG, occupied for 19 hours over 1,500 job

well as clear acts of community resistance; both are harbingers of the coming collapse of authority and

17: BURMA - Karen insurgents cause CHINA - Three bus bombs detonated losses, £80m cuts and 22% council tax

blocks as farmers protest tax increases

26: WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE - Fringe

by Muslim seperatists. Two dead, hike.

Send your cuttings to Lancaster Bomber c/o BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

Several injured in violent confrontations NLA guerrillas blow up oil pipeline.

16: SPAIN - Lorry drivers talks break down £2m due to strike

shoot at blockade runners. Belguin more areas in last throw of Tory scorched earth policy

22: SKYE - Bridge blockade by 6: PARIS - Riots, violent clashes with 14: AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND police over mass sackings.

bricked on motorways. Fuel runs out in Jean Baptiste church sanctuary by racist 8: ANGERS, NANTES, FRANCE - Louise Clarke.

Scientologist bombed. 13: ELLESMERE PORT, MERSEY- 23: PORTLAND - Two prisoners 8: BRUSSELS - 16,000 people attend leisure complex torched

> 8: SOUTHERN TURKEY - 28 Kurds building escape prison through 50m tunnel. 8: GJIROKASTRA, ALBANIA -Rebels sieze tanks and weapons. besieged in Japanese embassy.

9: TRAFFORD PARK - Hundreds of 17: STRASBURG - Alison Halford in phone lines cut off when BT junction Eurocourt over phone tapping box is torched.

spreads towards arms dumps and ammo

10: GLASGOW - Council chamber

11: BONN, GERMANY - Miners

besiege government over job losses.

Americas Cup smashed in Moari

Womens' groups prtotest for release of

funeral of Louisa Benaissa, murdered by 15: BERLIN, GERMANY -Construction workers attack Reichstag

> 16: LIMA, PERU - Tupac Amaru burn wool factory in solidarity with comrades

Grammar School arson attack

over Warton Hawk factory fence cutting 20: PAPUA NEW GUINEA - Rioting after mercenaries hired to invade Bougainsville, Colonel Tim Spicer and others taken hostage.

Amess pehed with rotten eggs.

23: RATS FALL OYT - Sir John Mill, ex-director of government nuke committee says Nirex directors should resign over Sellafield deep waste repository fiasco.

24: NIGER DELTA - 127 Shell oli workers held hostage at flow stations. 25: EASTWOIOD - Allan Stewart,

25: STOKE ON TRENT - Council refuses workfare placements

workers block streets over job cuts. 25: PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINBA - Parliament under siege. 25: BOGOTA, PERU - Inmates take

Anti-JSA protest at job centre. Contact 27: RUSSIA - 20 million strike over

government wages breakdown 27: SCILLY ISLES - Locals liberate supplies washed ashore from cargo ship

28: LEVAN, ALBANIA - Village gun candidates call for police investigation of mainstream parties' election expenses ROCHESTER - Two prisons suffer of 16 wiped out. battle - one village leader killed, gang

> protest cuts. 28: BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - Car and steel workers use bulldozers to block

29: STRASBOURG - French NF conference draws mass protest from Left. Riots and violent clashes with

29: JAMMU, KASHMIR - Bus bomb hits tourists. 14 dead. 50 injured.

APRIL

1: WALLSEND - AMEC shipyard strike over pay.

terminal occupation in dock dispute. Claim of damage to ferry. COLUMBIA - Convicts take over

4: BRISTOL - Speech therapist Pamela Enderby wins legal victory that could open floodgates to 1,500 sex

5: DROYLESDEN - Manchester Road primary school arson attack.

9: URBANA, ILLINOIS - Judge birthday. Anti-fascists attack them.

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21: HONG KONG - Ising Ma bridge charged with human rights abuses over George Miller injured by bomb. electric cables sabotaged just one week 12p/hour wages. 9: HARLOW - Tory MP Gerry Hayes before state opening by Thatcher. punched in faxce and hospitalised.

16. THAMES VALLEY - Chief 21: RUNCORN - 150 strong mob at Hawk jet protests. 8 arrested including Cherry Tree pub riot, hospitalising ten Catholic priest. Constable attacks zero tolerance policy for inciting riots. 22: WHITE COLLAR WORKERS -12: FRANCE - Airliner pilots strike,

doctors still on strike over cuts.

morale crashes, costing state £12b 12: LONDON - Trafalgar Square rally in support of Liverpool Dockers. RTS 22: FRANCE - Calais, Dunkirk and rally for sacked dockers. clasheas with riot police. Downing Street gates stormed, Foreign Office disrupting ferries. Dover M2 and M20 Alert over anarchist threat of May Day broken into and papers scattered. 21,000 traffic jams and lorries backed up. march, smoke grenades thrown. 29 22: LIMA, PERO - Empassy stormed 1: WESTMINSTER - British arrests, 6 injured.

12: CHEADLE - Prefab classroom You can never negotiate with the State. protesters. Kingsway Secondary School, Highgrove 23: NIGERIA - Oil strike blocks 2: ESSEX - Firefighters strike Road, badly damaged in arson attack. 12: LINCOLN - Tory chair Robin exports. 23: ULSTER - 5,000 teachers in Meads taped handing plain brown dosh styrike over school cuts. envelopes over to the Green Party in 23: ESSEX - Another firefighters' election dirty tricks sleaze.

outside parliament.

payments for Sea Empress disaster.

attack on Tory Party HQ after Stewart

Andrew, Tory candidate, pereviously

deal with Tories in Wrexham.

20: DUNKESWELL - Four church

arson attacks, two similar unreported on

DRYDEN PRIZE NOMINATION.

break up BNP election rally

pupils questioned.

workers on strike.

14: KINSHASA, ZAIRE - General 23: St PAULS CATHEDRAL, LONDON - Drops sponsorship from 4: TEXAS, USA -- Militia siege ends Strike cripples city.

Lockheed arms manufacturer after peacefully, though one arrestee MERSEYSIDE - Robertsons steel protests. 23: BRASILIA, BRAZIL - Landless 4: FRANCE -- Truck driver port works sit-in against closure.

14: PARIS - Doctors and police clash peasants set up tent encampment just blockade yards from congress building 15: SAUNDERSFORD HARBOUR - 24: CRAIrORD - Five arrested for cops, 18 arrests, police car overturned

Fishermen protest lack of compensation illegal manufacture of unlicensed and torched. 6 cops injured. machine guns. 467 parts, 90 barrels 5: HAMBLE, HAMPSHIRE - Glove-1. OLDHAM - Tory candidate siexed. Webb arms plant attacked by Timor Jonathan Lord thumped and poster · 25: CLITHEROE -- School students protesters in Ploughshares-style action.

Absenteeism / sickness increases as

ripped up during Tory Blair election sign thumb-print petition over Armoured cars and water cannons treatmentnof Brazilian street children. manufactured here daubed. 9 arrests. 17: LONDON - Anti-fascists (ANL!) 25: STROUD / CIRENCESTER - 48 5: SPEKE, MERSEYSIDE -- Gemini bus drivers sacked in anti-union taxis torched in ongoing taxi war 18: PLYMOUTH, DEVON - coercion brings protests. 5: LONDON - TUC Labour sell-out

Fishermen protest EU quotas by 25: HOLLAND - Conference / talking rally scattering two tons of fish across road. shop against one million Eastern 19: BURY St EDMUNDS - King European women being sold into Edward VI school arson attack. Two prostitution.

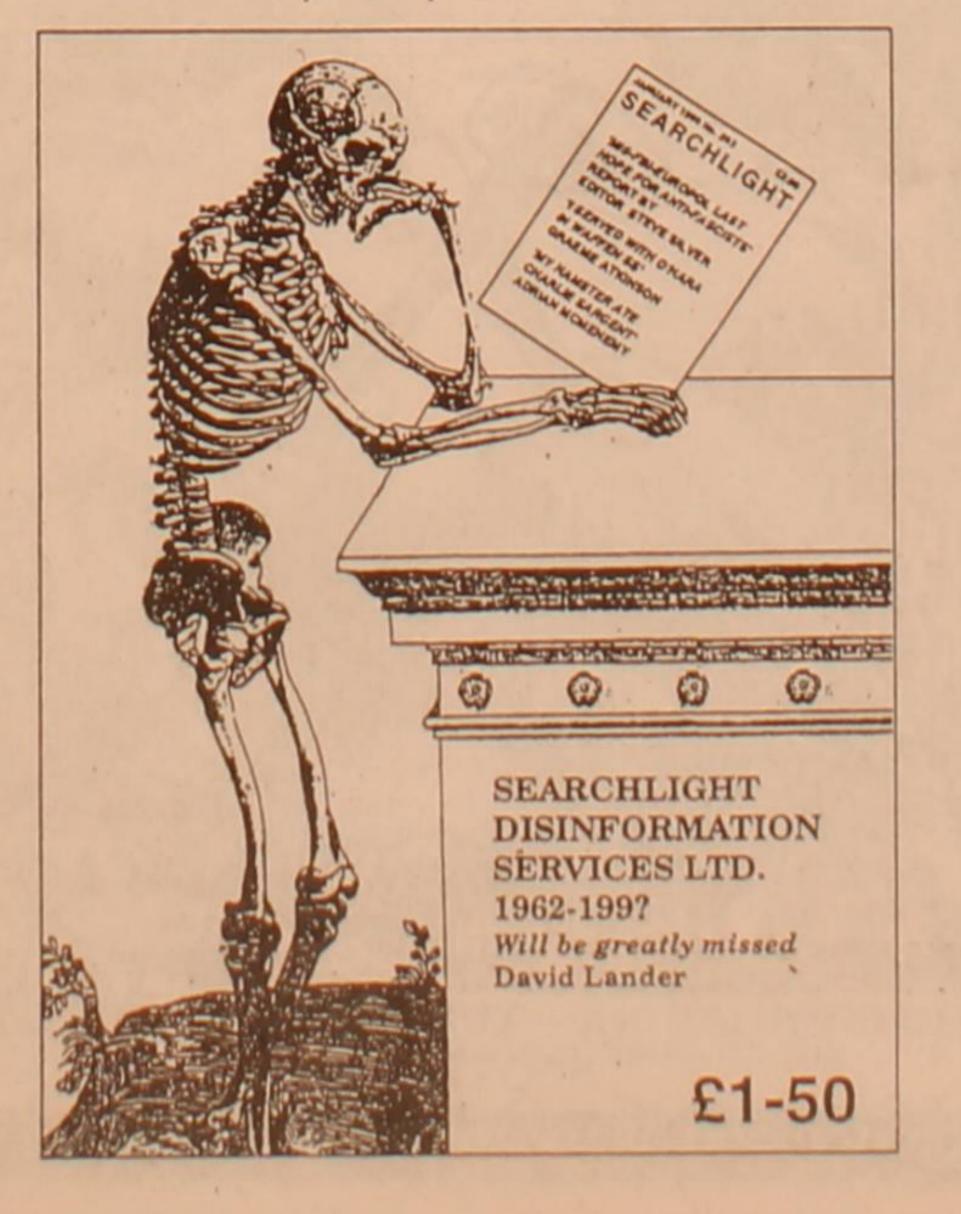
26: ONE LESS BASTARD - Sir 19: ESSEX - Fire strike goes ahead Nicolas Baker, retired Tory, dies of Senior cop assassinated after being condemned by Labour / TUC cancer after long and painful illness. Metro tram hit by just one unlicensed 27: WHILEMOUK PRISON - Guard 19: WREXHAM - £1,000's damage in taken hostage. 28: SAIN ANTUNIU, IEXAS - MILITIA

compound surrounded by FBI in siege. beaten unconscious. They know how to 30: AKEQUIPA, PERU - rooipaii ground bomb, possible retaliation for embassy siege massacre. 30: GRENOBLE - Delors hit with

shaving foam pie by anti-Maastricht Treaty protestors. 20: USA - 13,000 Goodyear tyre 30: WESTMINSTER - British 8: LAGOS, NIGERIA -- More bombs. 21: ESSEX - Second firefighters strike.

21: GERMANY - 200 neo-Nazis arrested for celebrating Hitler's 30: STRASBOURG, FRANCE - Antifascist concert tums into not.

By Larry O'Hara



FLYPOSTING IN WALES

YOUR TREACHEROUS ACTION OF TRYING TO ALIENATE THE PEOPLE OF ABERYSTWYTH FROM EVEN CONSIDERING A MATURE RATIONAL POINT OF VEIW IS DESPICABLE, WE HAVE INFORMED FREEDOM PRESS WHO WILL MAKE YOUR TREACHERY KNOWN TO CLASS WAR AND

IT IS WORTH THE LOSS OF £12 TO BE RID OF SUCH PSYCHOPATHS AS YOU, WHO WE SUGGEST WOULD BE MORE AT HOME IN THE NATIONAL FRONT OR OTHER FASCIST GROUPS THAN ANY ANARCHIST MOVEMENT WHOSE AIM IS TO BRING IN A MORE ETHICAL SOCIETY.

THREAT LETTER: By anarchists, to anarchists

Class Struggle The area's official so-called anarchists', after five month siege. Rebels killed, Aerospace AGM disrupted by Hawk jet Anarchists' report: The Welsh led by aging syndicalists, unfortunately 3: NORTH WALES -- Firefighters 3: ANFIELD -- Footie supporters

Hundreds of flyposters, including classics by Class War, Homocult and Green Anarchist, together with new designs attacking local anti-abortionist And yet in spite of this, the action queer-bashing evangelicals, saturated the town.

The windows of the rabid Christian reported to be humiliated and angry. bookshop were plastered, and the evangelical mural near the town's centre Contact: augmented with a huge "DOES DIM DUW" ('There is no God').

university town of Aberystwyth awoke failed to see the value of the action and on Monday, 3rd March, to the biggrst attempted to play the media game of display of anarchist flyposters ever seen respectability. These cloud cuckoo clowns also sent hate mail to the poster run organisers and attempted to attack the action through the pages of Freedom.

proved a great success ... many people were spotted removing posters for their own use, and local evangelicals are-

Ben Dover c/o 8 Cambrian Place, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, Cymru SY23

CHEMICAL WARFARE

Chemical weapons are now an everyday part of the armoury used by the state against unamed civilians.

Especially trigger-happy are the Merseyside Police, who used CS against a coach outing on the Wirral almost immediately after the gas was introduced. Merseyside pigs have reportedly had at least 24 similar complaints made against them since November 1996.

CS was recently used against a sacked Liverpool docker, Michael Killcullen, 8: LILLE, FRANCE -- Anti-fascist when he managed w con his way past pigs at the Strand Dock gate on the 18th protest smashes government offices, 10

It is quite obvious that chemical

damage the more worthwhile examples

do can often be painful, debilitating and

permanent, if not plain fatal. It is also

obvious that buildings like a police

headquarters and such have vulnerable

ventilation systems. We see no

NORTH WEST

JSA PROTESTS

dole office, but the focus shifted to

these slave-labour schemes.

In another chemical warfare attack a Aerospace AGM disruptied by Hawk 8: MANCHESTER -- Arson attack on day later, Sharon Kinney had stopped Fitzearraldo, touring theatre ship used her car on a double yellow line in in spectacular Fasbinder film that killed Church Road, Tranmere, when her Amazonian extras daughter cut her lip. A cop came up and. VENICE, ITALY -- Armed instead of helping sort her problem out verbally abused Mrs Kinney, sprayed

separatists occupy St Marks Tower after hijacking ferry. her with CS, put her in a headlock and 9: HMP WINSON GREEN, threw her against a wall. BIRMINGHAM -- 10 asylum seekers on hunger strike. weapons are easily made and the

31: VIETNAM - US company Nike

31: WARTON, LANCASHIRE -

MAY

1: LIVERPOOL -- March and support

protest calling for another Hillsborough

5: SCUNTHORPE -- Riot. 200 attack

6: MEXICO CITY -- Street protests

6: TIMPERLEY, MANCHESTER

: GUJRANWALA, PUNJAB --

BOURNEVILLE -- Chocolate

8: PEMBROKE -- Disabled childrens

nursery nurses protest at 20% pay cut

against Clinton visit

brick. £1,200 damage.

factory strike over wages cut

8: ESSEX -- Firefighters strike

"shot while trying to escape".

Boulogne blockaded with fishing boats, 1: GERMANY -- Cops put on Red

CANTERBURY, KENT Montgomery School pupils run riot in protest after seven teachers sacked. 10: PLYMOUTH, DEVON -- Bomb scare when bag of old clothes causes Citadel area top be evacuated

alternative when faced with chemical 10: VIRUS INSIDE! Yet more glitches warfare agents - the only real answer is discovered in Pentium processor chip... to return them with added interest. 10: BARDEN -- High School complex and offices torched

11: LUTON, BEDFORDSHIRE Man dies in kebab house street fight 1.: NEWTON HEATH -- BSE incinerator plan scrapped after protests and petitions. Breathe in those prions, Protests against the Job Seekers' Allowance have been held at Bury job

11: RATS FALL OUT -- Anne 'BSE Brain' Widdicombe attempt to pull rug centre and in Burnley. Earlier this year, on Michael Howard's bid for Tory convict-suited protestors invaded Bury 12: SHETLANDS -- Sullom Voe oil Burnley after Owen Stott, a 21 year old terminal blockade by fishing boats man, hung himself on 27th February at

protesting lack of Braer oil spill his home in Parliament Street after being taken off benefits. compensation 13: CHORLEY -- Locals protest at A processor-pnotgrapher contronted the Burnley job centre manageress, DF council meeting against proposed Duffy (Dole Face Duffy), forcing the

Rivington theme park WEST centre to hire security guards. Regular BRADFORD, and irregular protestsd are being held

outside, with leaflets being handed out. Wetherby forensic lab torching 14: CRIMEWATCH UK -- Organised More importantly, foundations are being gangs disguised as council workers laid for future agitation against stealing aluminium road signs cost workfare. After trial schemes in three areas, 28 more places are introducing councils £1m's as road network crumbles.

Uproar over obscene posters

OBSCENE and perverse posters plastered on walls in Laura Place, Aberystwyth, have been denounced by two local groups whose logos were displayed on the material.

Aberystwyth police are investigating the source of the degrading posters, after receiving complaints from members of the public on Monday morning. Officers took possesion of about 12 posters - none of which can be reproduced in the pages of The Cambrian News for fear of causing considerable offence - but it is believed many other posters were ripped up by members of the public, disgusted by their content, including perverted sexual acts with children.

At least two posters included logos of Aberystwyth organisations. A "circle A" logo was clear reference to the Anarchist Group, and the name and telephone number of Aber Life Group was on one poster. Both groups have denounced the obscenities and condemned the culprits.

Bob Mander, of Aberystwyth's Anarchist Group, said: "We condemn these obscene and perverse posters. We do not condone psychopathic anti-social behaviour." And Aber Life Group's chairman Dr John Ling said: "Aber Life Group also wants to totally disassociate itself from the obscenities and perverse

nature of this material." DC Alun Samuel, at Aberystwyth police station, said: We want to hear from anyone who can identify the persons responsible for producing and displaying this offensive material.

offs. Four dead, ten injured. 7: QUITO, ECUADOR - Street disruption.

closed due to suspicious van bomb. 280 residents evacuated, rush hour

shiop bombed. Two teenagers later 9: LESOTHO, SOUTHERN AFRICA -

MERSEYSIDE: Stagecoach buses torched without apology or explanation.

Court judge shot dead outside apartment flooded and vandalised, forcing closure trounced in yet another byelection after car bomb.

£5.50 a throw in excellent scam

11: SRI LANKA - Nalland Ellawala, 21: HIGH COURT - Bridgewater strike over council cuts after 22% 13: WATFORD - Residents' anger 9: KINSHASA, ZAIRE - Mas demo Three freed, 18 years after cops council tax increase.

18: WREXHAM - Protestors defeat after widespread and total fiddling. 27: DEHLI, INDIA - Airliner hijack 11: MARSAILLES, FRANCE - Anti-

18: SPEKE, MERSEYSIDE - cover-up

19: SPANNER CASE - Dismissed in Euro Reich Court, Strasbourg, Gay 19: CSA - Fails to increase level of payments to lone parents. "Has 1: VLORA, ALBANIA - 10 dead in 15 year old boys cause security alert by

10: MADRID, SPAIN - Supreme Millwood county primary school 28: WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE - Tories 12: HONG KONG - Legislature

2: SARANDA, ALBANIA - More 13: SKODRA, ALBANIA - Four dead 11: VINING, CHINA - Muslim town 20: CHINA - Deng Xiao Ping, Butcher riots. State of Emergency. 300 freed in arms dump siezure. Constant shooting in Tirana suburbs, depot looted. Airport 6: SCOTLAND - Local govern-ment closes

> 6: VILVOORDE, BELGIIIM Renault plant occupied.

arson attacks.

NF protests. Ten arrested. 12: NIGERIA - Wole Solynka, exiled

reason for Lagos bomb attacks. 3: MANCHESTER AIRPORT - Two running across runway.

- contamionation alert as new water bills 9: JAPAN - Rage over nuclear accident

15: CONNAH'S QUAY - Decside

Government helicopters turned back by 16: MAIDSTONE, KENT - Girls

18: MANCHESTER - Protestor jailed

22: SOUTHEND - Tory MP David

Mad Axe Tory, resigns.

25: FRANKFURT, GERMANY - Steel

26: BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE -

holiday traffic on Euro E19 motorway. Violent clashes with police.

Network transport protest. 4: VALLEDUPAR - Five prison guards

cover-up.

control of jail

Bumley Benefits Action 01282 705771 26: HENDON - Computerised bank overloaded with 40 million transactions. Wage bills not paid, causing problems over Easter holiday.

Lock-on blockade of Free Democratic Cita.

28: PARIS, FRANCE - Junior doctor

1: LYTHAM - Four protestors from East Timor refuse to give names in court as gesture of contempt for Britishbacked genocide. 2: LIVERPOOL - North Irish ferry

3: LETTERKENNY - Vasectomy clinic closes after religious protests.

Nobel prize winner, charged with discrimination pay cases. 4: LONDON -- Disabled @ction

> 1: KINSHASA, ZAIRE - Mob surrounds parliament building

SEARCHLIGHT FICTION PULPED

NOVEMBER

1: PILSON GREEN, NORFOLK - DEVON - Earth Liberation Front press ELF suspected of torching JCB and release: diesel cans at construction site in newly cleared woodland, £25,000 damage. Cops offer reward.

10: JARROW, TYNE & WEAR - Five activists close down Shell oil depot for three hours to remember Ken Saro-Wiwa and the rest of the MOSOP 9. Anti-Shell demos across UK.

10: POLAND- Eco-punkls trash Shell billboards nationwide.

10: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC - ELF trash Shell billboards. Zeleneho Anarchizmu (Slovakian Green Anarchists) distro leaflets on Shell, MOSOP &c.

DECEMBER

18: BOOTLE, LIVERPOOL - Cargill feedstuffs hit with bio-sabs poison contamination claim against genetic

23: AUSTRIA -- Bans genetic maize. 27: ALLACOMBE, DEVON - A30 bypass protest camp evicted.

JANUARY

THIALAND - Thia elves ask UK elves for treespiking advice. 6: WASH / GOLDCLIFFE, CARDIFF - Protest against land-flooding plan 9: HEYSHAM, LANCASHIRE - Nuke

FEBRUARY

In Sunday the 23rd of February the Westcountry Wildlife Cell of the not exist solely for the profit or station. Earth Liberation Front finished a

Our action stassted on the 16th of February and involved spiking trees in Hore Wood owned by the Forestry Commission.

week long action in Devon.

afternoon. Woodland areas must budget. be respected for their own sake as 15: MILFORD HAVEN - Sea Empress

By spiking the trees we hope to ensure that the Foresry Commission and their ilk will soon discover there is no profit in chainsaw massacres.

pleasure of the human animal

commodities, or somewhere nice to 14: EXTER - Cops admit £750,000 walk the dog on a Sunday A30 bill has adversely affected their

vibrant ecological habitats, full of protest refinery blockade turns into open life. Woodland areas, like all other cast mine lock-on, wrongfooting cops. natural habitat, have the right to 19: LONDON - ELF squirt ink ionto exist for their own sake. They do hunting ines in WH Smiths, Victoria

> 20: DEVON - Arsonists torch sandblasting works: £50,000 damage. 23: COTE DU RHONE, FRANCE -Nuke waste dump opposed by wine growers after 1995 nuke test wine boycott damaged sales.

24: BINGLEY - Road protestor Stephen Anderson's tree house thought convoy gets through with 200 arrests. The end of nuke waste dumping in

17: MANCHESTER AIRPORT -Swampy and others arrested over fence

18: SELLAFIELD - Cumbrians Oppsed to Nuclear Environment celebrate scrapping of nuke waste dump. 20: STYAL, MANCHESTER - Airport protestiors up trees as security and destruction workers move in.

24: STYLE, MANCHESTER - Violent auirport protests. Three cops hurt in 'ambush'. "Outside extremists" blamed. 27: MANCHESTER - Court attempt to evict airport tree protestors adjourned.

FINLAND: LEMPAALA - ELF sloganise Esso station

FINLAND: VALEASOSKI - ELF. sloganise HQ of forestry company, UPM-Kymmene; sloganise UPM trucks; sloganise UPM billboards. FINLAND: TURKU -- ELF lcave incendiaries in \$hell station

APRIL

19: MANCHESTER - Hotel Piccadilly VIP Luncheon disrupted by womens' eco-protest against Runway-2. 21: MANCHESTER - Sham 69 play benefit gig at Night & Day case for Runway-2 protest.

MAY

9: MANCHESTER -- Runway 2 international commission to police 15: DEVON -- West Country Wildlife Hannicombe Wood to protest logging 27-28: GORLEBEN, GERMANY - and destruction of natural habitat.

asgribusiness and its damage to the FINLAND: HELSINKI -- ELF remove environment. Tescos was chosen as its out-of-town stores encourage car use and urban expansion.

18: DEVON -- ELF West Country Wildlife Cell spike trees in Fernworthy Forest and Hore Wood. Access gate padlock glued.

19: MANCHESTER -- Eviction against 1-5: GORLEBEN, GERMANY - all Runway 2 camps begin Despite 5,000-strong blockade, tunnels, simultaneously. 12 removed first day burning barricades and whose ares of POLAND: BIALYSTOCK - ELF German countryside becoming no-go paintbomb MuckDonalds, billboard

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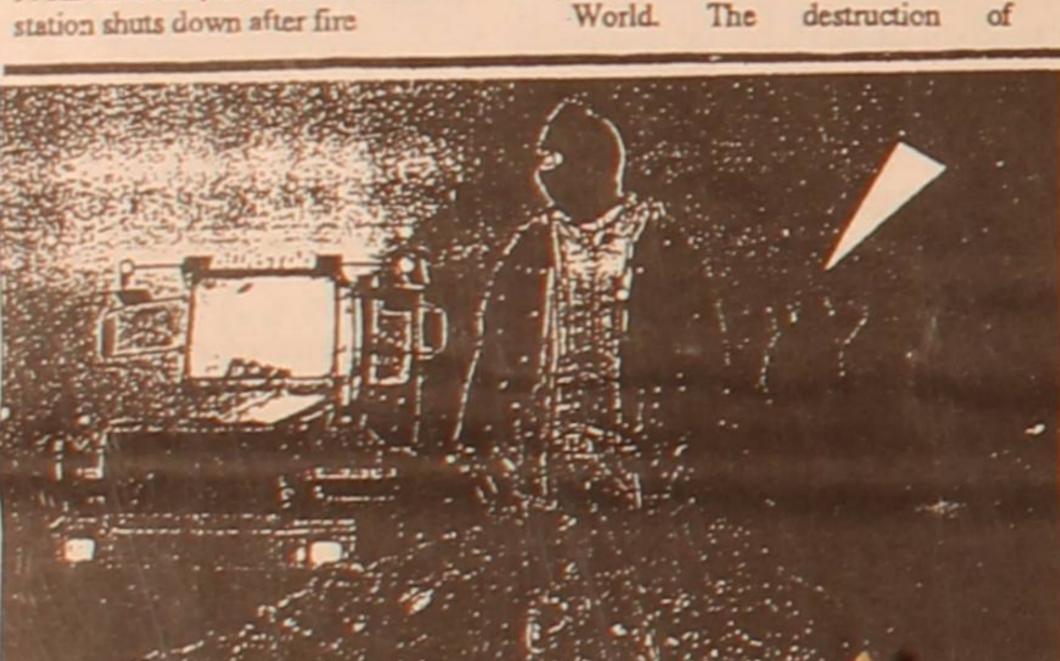
For more information: Earth First! Action Update, PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY; Do Or Die c/o Priory House, Brighton BN2 2GY; and Direct Action Direct, Box A, Public House Books, 21 Little Preston Street, Brighton BN1 2HQ.

Four days after our first tree

spiking session our Cell returbned

to the woods. This time with the

The tree spiking was carried out to protest the destruction of woodland both in Britain and across the



REUNION RAMPAGE: GA's eco-editor arrowed

£100,000 damage as lorry, crane and contractor's cabin torched. Seven

as A30 roadcamp, Fort Trollheim, evicted at weekend 15: KENDAL, LAKE DISTRICT -

Nirex report on Sellafield nuke waste dump leaked. Could halt development 17: RINGWAY AIRPORT, GREATER MANCHESTER - Guards move in at 2nd runway site to pre-empt potential protest occupation.

22: LONDON - House of Commons road block and rally in support of LibDem / FoE Traffic Reduction Bill. 23: FAIRMILE, DEVON - A30 road camp eviction starts

26: FAIRMILE, DEVON - A30 tunnel protestors' demands rejected by sheriff 26: MOBBERLEY / STYAL, MANCHESTER - Coalition Against Runway Two (CART) protest march and tree camps set up against Manchester Airport enlargement.

27: USK - Environmentalists complain about Celtic Energy plan to re-open power station using open cast mined

28: FAIRMILE, DEVON - A30 becomes longest eviction in UK, costing developers £10,000's a day, with three still underground and two brought out and arrested.

29: FAIRMILE, DEVON - Ian, Swampy and Muppet Dave descend 18' shaft into yet more tunnelsd while overhead cop flatfoots collapse tunnel. 30: FAIRMILE, DEVON - Last tunnel eviction as Swampy clocks up £1/2m Sheriff's bill.

woodland is an attack on nature, ecological sites and deprives animals of their natural habitat. 12: HONITON, DEVON - 17 arrests Both animal and plant species are becopming endangered because their woodland is one of the more overt forms of ecological

> The Earth Liberation Front has targeted woodland owned by the Forestry Commission as we are particularly aggrieved at the Forestry Commission because, once it has chainsawed a woodland area, it plants a monocrop of pine. Pine which pollutes the soil with its acidic sap leading to the death of all other plants.

The Westcountry Wildlife Cell of the Earth Liberation Front have a policy of randomly spiking any tree we feel needs to e spiked regardless of whether the tree is currently under threat or not. By doing so we will ensure that by the time a woodland area is under threat some of the trees in the threatened area will of been spiked.

Unlike some other so-called radical green direct action groups, Elves do not believe in just saving trees that are under threat from road develop-ments. We believe in saving all the trees, regardless of their reasopn for destruction. Gaia needs trees. Nature needs

Woodland areas should not be

that secure the gates that lead to so many of the Forestry Commission woodland we do not know the name of and three in Hore Wood. The next day, the 21st of February, we spiked trees in Hannicombe Wood. We also hear that elsewhere in Devon arsionists struck at a

sand-blasting works, causing

£50,000 damage. But that wasn't

anything to do with our cell.

On the 22nd of February we decided to leave the woods alone and instead headed for Fernworthy Reservoir. At fernworthy Reservoir we glued the locks of a self-service fishing license building. The earth angling to be a blood-sport and like all blood-sports, angling is an attack on wildlife. For a more detailed explanation on why the Earth Liberation Front opposes angling read 'Angling Toward

Extinction' in the letters page of the Barin First! Jouniai, occumber 21, 1996 (page 33).

On the 23rd of February, knowing it was our last day in our current servies of actions, we pulled out all the stops. We visited the Forestry Commission woodland at Bellever Tor with the full intention of spiking trees. However due to a large number of people in the woods that day we had to change plan, so instead we sloganised the toilet wall in the visitors car pasrk in the woods at Bellever Tor.

Having failed to spike any trees at Bellever we moved onto Charles Wood and spiked a number of already felleed trees that were waiting to be taken to the saw mill. Next we moved onto Hannicombe Wood where we knew the 'gate' leading to the woodland was in fact a century style barrier (one where you push down on one end and the other end lifts up). Having located our target we used a treespike to secure it in a permenantly closed position. Our cell then moved in and glued the padlocks securing the gates to both the Willingstone Plantation and Hitchcombe Wood.

Our cell would of liked to of done more. We intend to do more. Stay tuned. We will do more...

9: THAILAND - Trees ordained as Buddhist monks to protect environment.

to be torched by security scum 25: SALISBURY, WITSHIRE - Fluffy groups form alliance to 'oppose' bypass

intention of gluing the padlocks 25: RATS FALL OUT - Joseph Rottblat, Nobel Peace Laureate, calls for protesters in court against eviction genetics after adult sheep cloned at Cell of ELF spiked trees in Roslin Institute, Edinburgh.

> 30,000 police mobilised against 10,000 17: HELSTONE, CORNWALL -- ELF anti-nuclear dumoping blockaders. Rail Farm Animal Revenge Militia (ELFline sabotaged, bombed at Hanau and FARM) damage inside pages of locked on to. 300+ arrests during Farmers Weekly in Tescos to protest rioting. £45m policing costs.

survey stakes, paint slogans and smash windows and lights of several machines at Keha I road construction

MARCH

areas for the pigs, the nuke waste and \$hell station

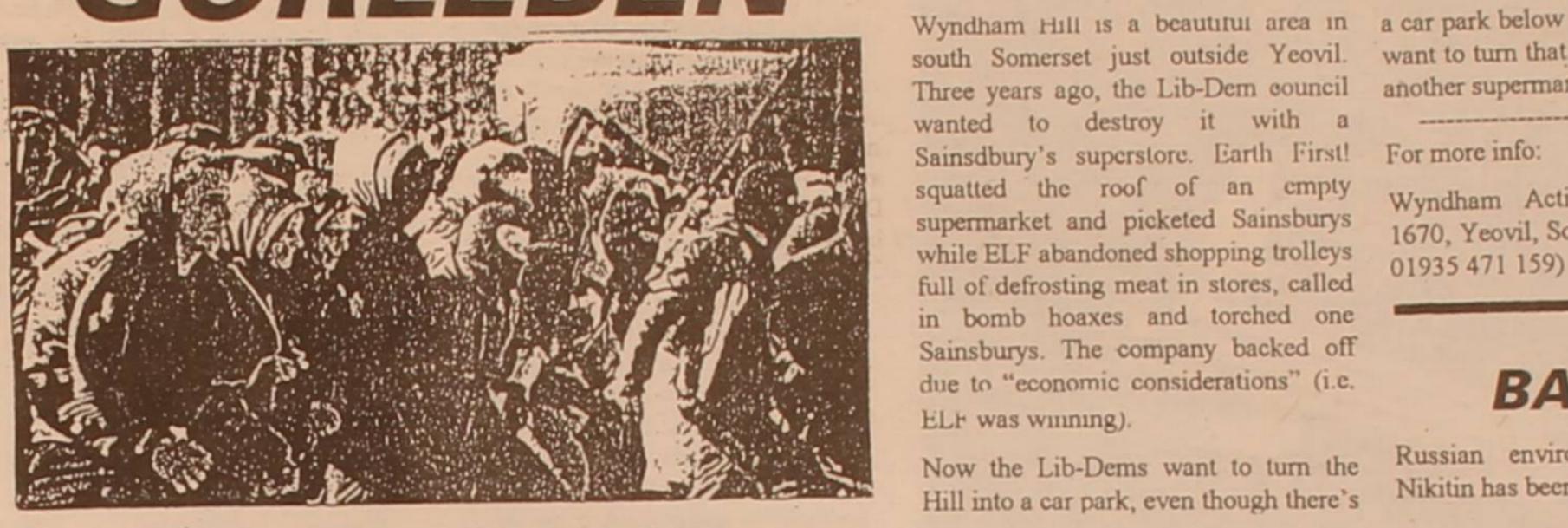
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WYNDHAM THREATENED GORLEBEN



AUTONOMEN charge police roadblock

Early March saw some of the biggest. This was met with water cannon and action yet at the nuclear waste container truncheons. Once the blockaders had site at Gorleben. 30,000 police clashed been removed, thousands of others with thousands of protestors, making the camped nearby took their place, with journey to the site almost impossible. battle ensuing between police and Tactics included everything from autonome units in a field nearby. physical blockades to bombing the rail Armoured cars, helicopters and water

couldn't pass overhead. farmers' tractors and a tunnel under the Such tactics and defiasnce are certainly security too. road. The other was lined with cops and nededed over here. Lune EF! has the within 50m of the road coul;d be firstlers' over to Germany to spread the jumping on the nuke waste containers. activists to tour over here instead!

under the roasds so the 80 ton trucks

Wyndham Hill is a beautiful area in a car park below it already. The council

south Somerset just outside Yeovil. want to turn that into a sports centre or

Three years ago, the Lib-Dem council another supermarket.

Sainsdbury's superstore. Earth First! For more info:

squatted the roof of an empty

supermarket and picketed Sainsburys

while ELF abandoned shopping trolleys

full of defrosting meat in stores, called

in bomb hoaxes and torched one

Sainsburys. The company backed off

Now the Lib-Dems want to turn the

Hill into a car park, even though there's

due to "economic considerations" (i.e.

ELF was winning).

tracks. Many activists locked onto the cannons finally displaced the activists. On 15th February, the fierst anniversary of the Sea Empress oil spill, people lines while others dug huge tunnels

The State's mobilisation cost £53m, gathered to close the port of Milford with politicians of all parties Haven. Nearly 300 cops, many in riot condemning the action. 60% of gear, blocked the gates, welded down It was a slow journey for the containers - Germans now oppose nuclear power, so manhole covers, ereinforced fences &c - their first rourte being blocked by 50 it's looking more doomed than ever. and they were backed up by port

blockaded. Some confrontations cutting, leading to a few arrests.

between protestors and mad workers, with six arrests, and a lot of damage.

Wyndham Action Group, PO Box

1670, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1FX (S

BAILED!

Russian environmentalist Alexandra

Nikitin has been bailed.

industries - with two more ou souls, actions will only intensify.

MANCHESTER **AIRPORT**

At threat are 1,000 acres of greenbelt land, including ponds, hedgerows and forest. There are now seven camps onsite with a call for more activists to a law was passed meaning anyone idea of taking a bunch of fluffy 'essay Activist bought forward their quarry oppose imminent evictions. Whilst action and invaded Brynhennilys, taking campers have been tunneling, Tarmnac arrested. Near the dump, police met message of actions there, but I think contractors and police by surprise. and Amec have been compounding the 4,000 protestors sitting by the gates, most would agree we need German Machines were occupuied and routes area off. This has meant much fence-

JUDI BARI Judi Bari, long-time US environmental

activist, feminist and labour activist died aged 48 of cancer on 3rd March. Judi is more known over here for the bombing of her and felow activist Daryl Chemey in 1990 which left Judi permenantly crippled and in severe pain. While in hospital recovering from her injuries, she was arrested by the FBI and charged with blowing up her own car. Though thecharges were eventually dropped, it transpired the FBI knew far more about the bombing then they dared reveal, ansd that iinfamous Richard Held was in charge of the investigation. Held once ran COINTELPRO, thwe FBI counterintelligence programme that set out to destroy the Black Panthers and American Indian Movement in the 1970s. Undeterred by the Feds' power, Judi and Daryl took them to court and made legal history by forcing them to Attention was focused on oil and ourry disclose their cover-up - if not their involvement - and Held's resignation. The case continues with Daryl now holding the reins, more committed than



SEND SHELL 10 HELL 2 INTERNATIONAL NIGHTS OF ACTION AUGUST 1 -7th, 1997

CHIDDINGFOLD TARGETED SWEDISH



PANIC! Cops realise the sabs outnumbered them

*Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray stupid or wot! hunt win the title of 'most sabbed hunt' with an almost constant sab presence. believe the hunt to have only killed on a Saboteurs Association. few occassioins, due largely to saboteurs using a whole range of tactics to causemaximum disruption. This is especially pleasing on a hunt well known for its confrontational astyle and heavy policing. Hunt numbers have dropped considerabl;y in recent weeks extensively because of sheer weight of turkey farm. In Northwich again, they painted, similar treatmwent was dealt to Pagham. West Sussex. numbers whilst avoiding arrest by the 80 trashed a pigeon shooters' hide and another butchers who also lost their odd police presence. The local BFSS legged it with their cartridges. In windows. reps were so taken aback by this Tattonhall, a hunter was beaten by a [Source: Slovakian ALF] militancy that thery put thestory out in masked mob and whipped. the national press (front page heasdline 60 were arested, four were detained and Independent on Sunday, 16th March),

saving the sabs having to do it! officers found themselves in a ditch Outside agitators, eh?

In Sundsvall, Sweden, both a furrier and of Animal Rightsts Activists Support

a meat factory suffered spraypaint Group, which supports all non-violent attacks. The meat factory also had two direct action and civil disobedience. expensive billboards destroyed. The meat factory's insurance company is For more info: refusing to pay for the damage, placed at Oyrenes Frigjorings Fronts Stotte abuser had previous convictions for

SLOVAKIA

All this proves that militant direct action Zvolen, 31 ads for Kludsky circus were vivisection experiments. On several occassions, near-on 100 sabs can bring about desired results, in this destroyed. In Topolcany, a butchers and from the siuth-east have hit the case saving otherwise doomed wild its ads were sloganised, a poultry shop Send them to: Chiddingfold, managing to pack them animals and bringing about a hunt's had its locks glued and slogans painted up early and cause considerable damage decline - the Chiddingfold looks like it and a dairy was sloganised. In Zilina, PO Box 129, 15-662 Bialystok 26, to vehicles. The terrieman got a could be onit's way out - mainly due to thirteen butchers and three furriers had Poland. particular shock when two fenceposts an impressive performance by sabs and their windows smashed. In Presov, a went through his window! Saboteurs support from the ever-militant Hunt hunting platform was torched. In

HUNT SABS GO APE

later 26 others were also arrested. Sabs used CB's to co-ordinate their actions

[Source: Djurens Hamnare]

and two hunting platforms destroyed. In this they need photos and videos of very small, non-electrical incendiary. A Prievidza, a Kludsky circus advert was destroyed, a butchers sloganised, four nore butchers and a furrier had their ocks glued. A blood junky ad was Seriously Ill for Medical Research year of animal lib harassment, he's had lestroyed. Eighteen hunting platforms promotes vivisection, scientific fraud enough and won't now be turning his aut down and a meat van sloganised. In

Modra, meat and pet shops had their seriously ill. Every week Tom Bromley into an ostrich farm. ocks glued and slogans painted. writes to vartious newspapers promoting. 100+ activists went to Cheshire last Inother pet shop was sloganised ("trade SIMR and defending animal torture. . [Source: OxFiend] due to a professional and militant Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February with 'life''). In Banska Bystrica, a approach by sabs. The end of season to commemorate the death of hunt sab McDonalds was sloganised and their For more info: hunt ball attracted over 150 protestors, Mike Hill six years ago. In Northwich, toilets blocked. Abutchers and a dairy enabling may people to trash vehicles they hit a kennels. In Chester, they hit a had their locks glued and slogans Thomas Bromley, 6 Barons Mead,

NOT SO DUMB

pro-hunting stance this season but were coming - advance warning of the attack because of ulcerated feet, so was fed by rabbits. taught a lesson when evidence gathering was posted on Ceefax on Friday. fellow rats who brought food to his comer of the cage.

A Norwegian ALF supporters group has been set up to counter the lies of animal abusers and cops. The SG isv a project

Gruppe c/o Dyrerettighets Aktivistenes cruelty to animals. Stotte Gruppe, PR Torshov, Sandakerv.

24, 0401 Oslo, Norway

POLISH ALF

Chichester Hunts Sabs report: This without uses causes and saled marks in Stadled marks in education campaign. However, to do had been left inside the hotel. It was a

GOT A PEST

As usual, Chichester police have taken a but cops must have known they were A former lab rat wasunable to walk 869 212. They specialise in moles and branches are cleared away, the elephants

[Source: West Sussex Gazette]

PROVISIONAL

A group calling itself the 'Provisional RSPCA' has claimed responsibility for rescuing a 12-week old puppy from a house in Dartford, Kent. The pup was permanently tied up with no shelter. Its

The Provisional RSPCA went on to disrupt a hunt ball held at Highrocks Inn, Tonbridge Wells, Kent. The activists used anti-mate and citronella to spray all around the toilets (including loo paper!) and then all around the rest of the hotel. The guerrillas only left when the smell because unbearable. In Svidnik, several Arles Circus posters The Polish Animal Liberation Front is Having left the hotel, the activists match to be precise.

[Source: Arkangel]

WOT NO **OSTRICHES?**

Andrew Lloyd Webber has stopped

ELEPHANT LIBERATION FRONT

In Africa, elephants have been breaking branches off trees and placing therm across a park service road used by If so, call Sutton Pest Control on 01798 humans hunting elephants. When the simply out them back again.

[Source: Liberate]

painted by ALF.

On June 16th we celebrated our

12 years anniversary, almost 50

actions has success-fully carried

out and no activist, knock on

We send our love and respect to

An old animal welfare

organisation, Djurens Vanner

(Friends of the Animals) has been

reported to the police for unlawful

killing of cats by gas. It seems

they have been doing this for

years and their chairperson Mrs

Britt Lindstrom more or less

confessed to the killings in news

SWEDEN: UMEA -- New

A vivisection lab was going to

open in Uppsala, but after a

newspaper went public on its

location, the company will now

not build one because of the fear

of animal libbers (... and they say

direct action doesn't work, huh?)

MARCH

Laural battery farm and frees 111 hens:

During the early hours of March

9th (Mothers day), activisted of the

nimal Libertion Front (ALF) broke

into batterty units belonging to Mr

Welsh Egg, Laural Farm, Yatton,

Somerset. Access to the units was

made by using boltcroppers on the

Once inside, cages were opened

and 111 hens were placed into

sacks and boxes and then loaded

into an awaiting vehicles - to be

taken to their new, more caring

homes. They will all now be able

to stretch their wings, scratch the,

scratch the earth, experience fresh

air and daylight for the first time in

heir lives - liberated from the

battery cage that was to be their

prison night and day; every night

padlocked door.

and every day.

were rescued.

show on the 19th February.

SWEDEN: DH press release:

wood, in prison.

all the POWs

FEBRUARY

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF hit same butcher twice.

MARCH

ITALY: PISA - Pisan ALF torch two vivs cars. ITALY: PISA - Anonymous death

threat phoned to viv ITALY: VENICE - ALF frees ten thrushes from shooters' cages before trashing them. Two furriers and butchers

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF sloganiswe two furriers and butchers trashed. Hyko (turkey farmer) billboard destroyed.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: ZILINA - ALF brick seven butchers and a furrier.

APRIL

ITALY: BOLOGNA - ALF free pig and two dormice from medical viv lab before trashing it.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF cut down hunting plantform. Hyko billboard paintbombed. Two butchers sloganised, two Aquarium Terarium ads destroyed and 46 Arles circus ads destroyed, 'cancelled' or

MAY

ITALY: REGGIOEMILA - ALF free 2,300 mink from fur farm ITALY: VENICE - ALF free 35 hens

from battery farm, open 1,000 cages and trash a lorry, conveyor belt and 3,000 eggs. 10m lire damage.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BKATISLAVA - ALF trash 14 Arles circus ads and sloganise a butchers and MuckDonalds. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: MODRA ALF sloganise and daub pet shops and butchers: "trade with life"

JUNE

and torch two furriers

Berlino circus posters. Only 25 turn up they couldn't rescue, saying "we

- ALF destroy hunting platform and sloganise butchers and furriers. three MuckDonalds ads. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: ZILINA - ALF

brick six butchers and two furriers

JULY

ITALY: VENICE - ALF flood and trash abattoir, sieze documents. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF sloganise two MuckDonalds billboards, a furriers and a butchers. Kmart UK: THE SOUTH - ALF bomb-hoax meat stickered.

AUGUST

ITALY: PORDENONE - ALF 'cancel' Byrds Fair posters. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF glue and sloganise furriers,

destroying its billboard and that of two MuckDonalds and Hyko SLOVAK REPUBLIC: ZVOLEN -

ALF destroy 31 Kludsky circus ads

SEPTEMBER

ITALY: VENELIA - 150 cows freed from farm. 10 quart milk tank ruined. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF free dog from poor conditions in trade. What makes EPi different daylight raid. ALF destroy 250+ Alex from other animal rights / welfare circus ads and 90 Grant-Berousek circus groups in Sweden is that we will posters. Five hunting platforms felled, use civil disobedience in the



TIMBER! Slovakian ALF Fell hunting platforms

torched or otherwise trasned. Hunting cabin trashed and meat 2d destroyed.

struggle against fur. EPi will not carry out illegal direct actic in but

from some few activists, therefore all donations, great or small, are very much appreciated.

EPi's first actions will be on Fur

We don't want that, we just want action and see an end of the fur

The fight against Sweden's fur industry has just begun and with your help and support, we can eliminare it once and for all!

EPi, Box 605, S-114 79 Stockholm, Sweden

DIARY OF AMINAAI BERATION

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For further information: ALF Supporters Group, BM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX; Arkangel, BM Box 9240, London WC1N 3XX; and Liberator, PO Box 80, Chichester, W Sussex PO 19 4GH.

OCTOBER

FINLAND: KUOPIO - On Earth As we are only just started, we ITALY: UDINE - ALF 'cancel' Activists dedicate action to the animals and other things comes directly animals alone" couldn't put this one's life in risk". SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA ITALY: FOGGIA - ALF glue and

> ITALY: MILAN - ALF etch two furrier's windows

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA ALF paintbomb more Hyko billooards. Anti-zoo stickering and slogans. Twenty meat ads, poultry and MuckDonalds billboards trashed.

NOVEMBER

six WH Smiths branches for selling blood-junky zines.

NEW ZEALAND - Rosalie successfully tries to liberate three horses from abattoir. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA

- ALF trash MuckDonalds billboard

NEW ANTI-FUR GROUP IN SWEDEN

and use others to advertise themselves.

A new animal rights organisation / group has been formed in Sweden. The name of that group is ELIMINERA PALSINDUSTRIN, EPI (Eliminate the Fur Industry).

EPi is Sweden's first group only working against the blood fur

fully understands and supports individuals / groups that carry out illegal direct action.

DECEMBER

FINLAND: HELSINKI - EVR brick Night, Elainten Vapauts Rintama (EVR need your help and support... As 15 furriers and some MuckDonalds. On ITALY: MESTRE - ALF spraypaint = ALF) rescue 'Brave Little things are now, all money to rent a Xmas Eve, three meat trucks torched Beagle'from local university's viv lab. PO box, to mailouts, rto actions and sloganised: "EVR"; "Leave the



FREE AT LAST: One of hundreds of US raids on fur farms last year

farm foxes.

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Money, ideas, leaflets, books about fur, magazines, posters we can use on demos will be appreciated or whatever you think could be useful

Free Friday, 29th of November, and after that we will see how things develop.

The activists organising EPiactions will be as anonymous as possible, bacause there are too many activists in the animal rights movement here in Sweden only involved to make a name on the animals.

FINLAND: TAMPERE - EVR dye fur

FINLAND: VANTAA - EVR torch meat trucks for the first time in Finland. 20,000 polecat and 2,000 fox pelts torched with pelt processing building. FINLAND: VANTAA - 200+ Finnish and Swedish animal libbers demo at international fur auction. Fur traders on xuses inc. Gustav Smulter paintbombed. Cops use tear gas and make mass arrests - though some break out of cop vans. 40+ still charged with rioting, obstruction and criminal damage. SLOVAK REPUBLIC: BRATISLAVA - ALF torch Carp Fish kiosk.

During the early moring hours of Dec 15th 96 the Swedish ALF, Befrielse successfully carrierd out a sabotage action against the University of Gorthenburgh, dept of Anatomy and cell biology's vivisection lab. Aas as symbolic gesture two rats were rescued and are now placed in a loving, caring

SWEDEN - ALF press release:

Some Computers and various equipment were destroyed to a value of a half to one million SEK (around 50-100,000 English

In Sweden the use (and killing) of animals in vivisection are getting higher from year to year. The number now is 630,000 animals per year. During Djurens Befrielse Front's almost twelve years most actions has been direct rescue of animals from various abusers. A minor part has been sabotage actions.

For further info contact DJURENS BEFRIELSE FRONT Emile E:son S-265 22 Astorp, Sweden

SWDEN: MALMO - Three furriers and a butchers glued and spraypainted with anti-meat slogans.

SWDEN: STOCKHOLM - Djurens Hamnare (Animal Avengers) brick / paintbomb two furriers. Owl freed from Skansen zoo and meat delivery truck

20: HIGH COURT - Verdict against Carla Laine's anti-live export group, Protesters Animal Information Network

JANUARY

GOODMAYES, ESSEX: ALF glue 'Carnivore Grills' which serves ostrich and crocodile meat.

18: BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE -Animal rights activists trash Harlan Olec lab in sympathy with hunger striker Barry Home. 5 cats freed from viv breeder Hill Grove Farm, Witney, which was also trashed. 7 arrested

HMP BULLINGDON, OXFORD-SHIRE -- Candle-lit vigil in support of Barry Horne

LONDON -- Tony Banks MP raises issue of Barry Horne's hunger strike in the House of Commons. Animal libbers demo outside Home Office in support of Barry.

UK: Animal Rights Militia announces that if Barry dies, so do five vivs. Police warn vivs at Bristol Uni to be on alert.

25: CONSORT KENNELS, HAREWOOD, HERTFORLSHIRE -8 beagles freed from viv breeders in solidarity with Barry Home.

26: BRACKLEY, NORTHAMPTON-SHIRE -- Buxsted Fresh Quality Poultry meat truck torched. Seven others damaged. 28: HOLCOMBE - Sabs and hunters

save hounds from freezing reservoir. 29: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE - ALF free worms from Central Lancashire University lab in solidarity with Barry

29: SOHO, LONDON - London Animal Action (LAA) picket Damian Hirst's resturant, Quo Vadis, which

displays, pickled cow heads and later picketed Home Office in support of Barry Horne. Five later remanded for

NEW ZEALAND: Animal libbers demo in support of Barry.

SWEDEN: STOCKHOLM -- Djurens Hamnare (DH) target 20 furriers. Windows smashed, slogans painted SWEDEN: DBF press release: and locks glued. DH also torch seven SCAN meat lorries: K3-4m damage.

FEBRUARY

22: DURHAM - Mayor refuses to wear fur stole during ceremony 25: ALTCAR, MERSEYSIDE Animal rights protestors disrupt

.Waterloo Cup hare coursing event

DENMARK - Animai libbers join UK hunger strike in support of Barry Home Westcountry Wildlife Cell glue fishing three months from smoke damage. license building of Fernworthy reservoir. DEVON - GA contact helps local animal welfare activist helps frog cross

DOVER, KENT - 350+ animal libbers blockade port in memory of Jill Phipps. 19 arrests. MuckDonalds bricked during disorder in town. Cop shop surrounded and release of 19 arrestees demanded. Later, liarage visited and three rabbits freed elsewhere. Three more arrested. VICTORIA STATION, LONDON -ELF Southern League squirt ink into blood junky zines in WH Smiths. HOLLAND: AMSERDAM - Animal libbers blockade British Embassy in

solidarity with Barry Home. USA: LOS ANGELES - Animal libbers blockade British Embassy in solidarity with Barry Home.

USA: NEW YORK - Animal libbers blockade British Embassy in solidarity with Barry Home. CAMBRIDGE: Austrian climber

abseils down Great St Mary's church tower with "Barry Horne: 33rd Day Hunger Strike Against Vivisection" Protesters on the ground hand ou leaflets in support of Barry.

PLAISTOW, LONDON -- Butchers has bomb strapped to window. A similar attack happened to a butchers in Collier Row a couple of months previously.

FINLAND: YLOJARVI -- Elainten Vapautus Rintama (EVR) remove breeding records from fur farm FINLAND: TAMPERE -- EVR smash six windows art furrier and pai

3: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE - Nine FINLAND: RIHIMAKI -- EVR smash arrested after paint stripper attack on and paintbomb newly-opened cattle market and meat vans. MuckDonalds 9: YATTON, SOMERSET; ALF raids

FINLAND: EVR press release: Michael Cobbledick, Woodview

Mink Farm, Little Youlstone Morwenstone, Bude, Comwall EX23 9PU, England (tel: 01288 331 492, fax: 01288 331 406).

This farm is recognised as a really good farm internationally and farmers around Europe are buying breeding stock and semen from this bastard. The fur industry isn't yet dead in Britain. They will produce around 70,000 mink pelts

SWEDEN: EKSJO -- Animal libbers torch an empty mink farm building, also destroying a feeding machine. SWEDEN: HORSNAS -- Wild Minks group burn down empty 'mainbuilding at fur farm

Befrielse Front, liberated eight

hens from 'Roslagsagg in Soderby

Due to the abusive treatment in

the egg factory the hens are in bad

shape but with proper care, safety

near Osthammer.

and love they'll be fine.

SWEDEN: Djurens Befrielse Front Laural Farm has been raided by (DBF) press release: the ALF on several occassions over In the early morning hours of Feb the years. The last being in 23rd the Swedish ALF, Djurens September 1996 when 108 hens

> 15: WALVERTON, WEST SUSSEX -Hunt ball attacked by 100+ activistzs. Cars smashed, guests abused and pelted. FINLAND: VANTAA -- EVR smash six windows and paint slogans at MuckDonalds

FINLAND: POHJANMAA -- EVR

take 150 breeding cards from fur farm FINLAND: HELSINKI - EVR smash

17 windows at MuckDonalds FINLAND, TAMPERE - EVR brick four butchers FINLAND: KOYLIO -- EVR trash

slaughterhouse computers and FINLAND: HELSINKI - EVR smash Tuganay furriers window, finally bankrupting them

SWEDEN: Wild Minks press release: SABOTAGE AGAINST FUR FARM IN THE SOUTH OF SWEDEN

The night of 31st March, a fur farm in Horsnas outside Bodafors in the south of Sweden was attacked by the group called THE WILD MINKS.

slaughterhouse has all its wiring burnt The fur farm had 1,500 minks by animal libbers and has to close for Now they only have 500 animals

> The following damage was done: the mainbuilding was painted outside and inside, slogans too was painted such "MURDERERS YOU ARE NEXT" "WE WILL BE BACK", "DIE" "CLOSE DOWN" • Everything in the main building was destroyed, such as clothing, medical stuff, the heating system, tools and

police SAPO are now keeping a farming and its damage to the groups and individuals in Sweden. DBF has suspected this

wish to see animals getting rescued and no activists in prison.

APRIL

1: CANADA - 1,000 mink freed by the ELF on Earth Night

Kennels trashed in four hour battle. 23 arrests, CS used. Six cops injured, one knocked unconscious. Next day, house of puppy breeder Adam Little is attacked, forcing him to move.

house besieged in World Day protest. Harlan Olac breeders trashed, others Scores of heavily pregnant deer have

27: CLAVERDON, WARWICK- season by Forestry Commission SHIRE - Spiers live exporter hit by workers, a practice so horrific and ALF. £25,000 tractor unit burned out. OXFORDSHIRE - Hill Grove Farm, critical of this cull. One gillie said: Witney raided, 20 cats liberated, 100 others recovered later by cops. Later We pride ourselves on killing deer farmer Christopher Brown's Range quickly and cleanly, however, I Rover torched for £30,000 damage.

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close eye on radical militant environment.

since mid-1994 On June 16th 1997 DBF celebrated its 12th birthday. Want to give us a birthday gift? We

19-20: ROSS ON WYE - Consort

27: OXFORD - Colin Blakemore's

FORESTRY

been slaughtered outside the hunting disgusting even blood-junkies are

have seen living calves cut from their dead mothers and left on the ground. They are only six weeks from birth and they are perfectly formed, but they are just left to die. The suffering must be terrible.

The Forestry Commission try to justify this by saying they're protecting saplings from foraging deer. Saplings are more usually protected by plastic tubing. The RSPCA said

The closed season is there to protect breeding animals. It should be respected, not broken just to improve profits.

[Source: Sunday Times, 20th April

BLOOD JUNKY ARRESTED

a 16th March, a 30 year old farmer was arrested for vandalising the League Against Cruel Sports van and stall at the Devon County Show Ground near

CAN YOU HELP?

A Slovenian anarchist animal lib group want to establish a vegan / animal lib info-shop. Info appreciated via:



Weekly in Tesos to protest factory GA 30076, USA

cut off by a boltcutter • the FINLAND: IMATRA -- EVR destroy breeding cards of 500 minks was hunting platform FINLAND: MELLIA -- EVR smash 40 stolen and thrown away.

sabotaged. £100,000's damage. SWEDEN: BORAS -- Wild Minks SWEDEN: DBF press release:

birds were found.

other equip-ment • 10 mink traps FINLAND: LAHTI -- EVR sloganise, were destroyed all food was paintstripper and slash tyres of seven estroyed • the water pipes of animal transporters at slaughterhouse. two sheds were destroyed • the FINLAND: RIHIMAKI -- EVR smash locking system of 600 cages was MuckDonald's windows. Two arrests. [Source: West Country News].

This is only the beginning. The struggle will continue until all the fur farms are closed for good.

EGG MACHINES NO MORE: Swedish ALF with liberated hens

torch three meat lorries. SWEDEN: SAVSUO & VETLANDA -- Wild Minks trash and sloganise two meat lorries. Two others sloganised. SWEDEN: DBF press release:

On March 13th 1997 in the early hours the Swedish ALF, Djurens Befrielse Front, DBF, visited Ostermalmas hur..ing school in Gnesta near the city of Nykoping. Ostermalma is run by the Swedish Hunting Association and the head of the school is Jimmy Petterson.

- Between 4-5,000 birds (geese,

wild ducks, partridges, pheasants) were released from their cages and pens, where they are bred for hunting purposes. Also cages, pens and sheds were sabotaged to a value of many hundred thousand Swedish SEK (100 SEK is about ten English pounds). Also some walls were spraypainted with 'Hunting Is Murder' and other such slogans. Unfortunately a few

There has been confirmation recently that the Swedish security

windows, computers and electrics and break pipes, flooding slaughterhouse. Seven trucks also sloganised and

In Thursday, April 24th 1997 the Swedish ALF Bjurens Befrielse Front rescued 25 rabbits (among Skrati, Rentina, Metelkova ulica 6, them was 8 rabbit-children) from 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia a breeder to viviscetion outside Norrtalje.

The rabbits were in poor shape: inflammation in the eyes, one rabbits back leg was paralysed and another rabbits claws has grown into the feet and the feet were bleeding. Thanks to professional and loving care all rabbits are expected to be healthy

We dedicate this action to all animal-rights prisoners all over the world.

MAY

10: WHITLAND, DYFED -- Seven arrests in mink farm protest HELSTONE, CORNWALL: ELF Farm NA-A.L.F.S.G DISTRO. Animal Revenge Militia (ELF-FARM) Box 767295, Roswell, damaged the inside pages of Farmers

PRISONERS OF WAR

A number of eco-warriors have been jailed for their beliefs. Prisoner details change rapidly and may be out of date by the time you read GA.

If you'd like a prisoners list, send 50p + SAE to Earth Liberation Prisoners, Box 23, 5 High Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.

EARTH LIBERATION:

Helen Woodson (USA) Milton Born With A Tooth (Canada) Paul S (Holland) Stuart Edwards (UK) Ted Kaczynski (USA)

MOVE:

Charles Simms Africa (USA) Debbie Simms Africa (USA) Delbert Orr Africa (USA) Edward Goodman Africa (USA) Janet Holloway Africa (USA) Janine Phillips Africa (USA) Merle Austin Africa (USA) Michael Davis Africa (USA) Mumia Abu Jamal (USA) William Phillips Africa (USA)

LAND RIGHTS

David Penu (Canada) James Pitawakwat (Canada) Joseph Ignace (Canada) Leonard Peltier (USA) Randy Sam (Canada) William Ignace (Canada) Kathleen Muller (UK)

ANIMAL LIBERATION:

Angie Hamp (UK) Barb Trenholm (UK) Charles Skinner (UK) Darren Cole (UK) Dave Callender (UK) Gaynor Ford (UK) Geoff Sheppard (UK) Gilly Peachy (UK) Greg Avery (UK) Gurj Ailja (UK) Keith Mann (UK) Michael Green (UK)

Mike Roberts (UK) Mel Amold (UK) Rod Coronado (USA)

Dave Callander (UK)

Frank Kocera (Holland)

Eric van de Lann (Holland) ANTI-MILITARY:

Erin Sieber (USA) Michele Naar-Obed (USA) Mordechai Vananu (Israel) Rick Sieber (USA) Tom Howard-Hastings (USA) Donna Howard-Hastings (USA) Kathy Shields Boylan (USA) Carol Gilbert (USA) Ardeth Platte (USA) Elizabeth Walters (USA) Carl Kabat (USA)

ANTI-FASCIST:

Abidin Eraslan (Germany) Charles Ryder (UK) Fatama Balamir (Germany) John McFeely (UK) Karl Anacoura (UK) Mark Gay (UK) Memhet Ramme (Germany) Paul Gay (UK) Russell Wild (UK) Sanjiv Karla (UK) Satpal Ram (UK)

ANTI-SEXUAL ABUSE:

Carl Robinson (UK) Gay Oakes (New Zealand) ANTI-CJA RIOT:

Steven Kelly (UK)

Mark Skelly (UK)

Trefor Harris (UK)

REGGIE LEWIS

Sabo, sentenced Reggie Lewis to death founder of Sea Shepherd, inventor of in 1983 for killing a pimp in that city the tree spike and all-round good guy Her strip search during arrest triggered the previous year. Sabo is the same was arrested by Dutch cops acting on a Lindis's anorexia. She didn't eat for 14 judge that wrongly convicted ex-Black Norwegian warrant issued by InterPol. days. Prison authorities then disciplined Panther and MOVE supporter Mumia Norway wants Paul because Agent 13 her for hunger-striking. It took a Abu-Jamal that same year.

in custody without recording it as charges at it. property and never returned it. Kane admitted this at the trial but Sabo and Letters of support to: the all-white jury didn't care.

GA will be printing Reggie's story in Leystad, Laserdreef 300, 8233 HB More on this new animal lib prisoner, full in our next issue.

Donations towards legal costs [IMO's only] to:

Reginald Sinclair Lewis [#AY2902], 1040 East Roy Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090, USA

POLISH ANTI-**FASCISTS**

After continuous harassment, 17 anti fascists fought back and a neo-Nazi was killed. All the anti-fascists were arrested. Although eight have been released, the others have been prosecuted, four in youth courts. Andrzej Szczesniawski, Mariusz Zych and Grzegorz Paskas have been jailed for three years, Rafal Socha for five, and Tomasdz Wilkoszewski faces 15 Buckoke appeals against a conviction years for murder and asault with a for aggravated trespass and wins after a deadly weapon.

Letters of support and donations to:

Michal Swiderski, PO Box 8, 21-400 Lukow, Poland.

PAUL WATSON IMPRISONED

of Sea Shepherds claimed responsibility fortnight for her to be diagnosed in San Diego, California, at the time and had seven witnesses to prove it. His for scuttling an illegal whaling vessel anorexic. Despite this, the Governor with ramming a Norwegian coast guard ----vessel in July 1994, even though 13 Letters of support to: defence. He also had documentary proof independent journalists have video Lindis Percy (TG2948), HMP of his inniocence (bus tickets &c) but evidence the coast guards rammed his Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London N7 detective Robert Kane took this off him ship, then fired bullets and depth

Paul Watson, Penitentiare Inrichting

LINDIS PERCY

A peace prisoner serving nine months for ignoring injunctions stopping her On 3rd April 1997, Captain Paul from entering USAF Lakenheath, the Watson, co-founder of Greenpeace, nuclear bomber base.

KENNY GLOSTER

please! He's at HMP Bedford.

PRISONER UPDATES

NOVEMBER

New Zealand animal libber Rosalie Jones is given a suspended sentence after sher was found guilty of attempting to liberate three horses from an abbatoir American animal libber Tony Wong remanded for Fur Free Friday demo incident and gos on hunger strike in

DECEMBER

British animal lib remand prisoner Dave Palmer is bailed • British hunt sab Neal key witness failed to show up in court.

JANUARY

British ALF remand prisoner Barry

Home starts a hunger strike to try and force the government into ending its support for vivisection . British animal libbers Melanie McGaff, Paul Gravett, Niel Hanssen, Robin Lane and Brendan McNally all remanded, charged with affray in a resturant displaying two cow heads in formaldehyde.

FEBRUARY

After nearly a month on hunger strike, Barry Home starts eating again. In the 48 hours leasding up to Barry ending his protest all the other animal lib prisoners join Barry in his protest and refuse food • Those arrested for Quo Vadis demo unexpectedly freed.

Animal lib prisoner Geoff Sheppard fasts for three weeks against vivisection

AGAINST NATIONALISM

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National liberation is not personal liberation

Every oppressed population can become a nation, a photographic negative of the oppressor nation.

FREDY PERLMAN, The Continuing Appeal of Nationalism

Nations are new, historically speaking. As Perlman points out, they're little over 400 years old at the most, a product of the Renaissance and the rise of capitalism. Before then, there were dynasties and there were empires. The rising bourgeoisie felt the cost of emporers and empires more than the need for them and used nationalism to unite people against them, even though those people were to be exploited as much by future bourgeois rulers as they had been by past feudal ones.

This didn't stop these people then unequal life. going on to form empires of their own - It's a commonplace to point out that but that they now do it as dutiful their end. This is no less true across the patriots rather than as simple world. plunderers. To suggest, as advocates both of national liberation and 'Europe of a hundred flags' that nationalism is an antidote to imperialism rather than part and parcel of it is clearly unrealistic from this perspective.

worldwide, it really does seem that any ourselves to. old bullshit will do, any one common characteristic (language, religion, skin colour, what er) that can pull diverse people with diverse interests together as 'a nation'. Zan's Case Against Art is useful here when he argues

it is also a necessary device for holding together a community based on the first symptoms of

in fact Perlman insists genocidal modern ideas of Englishness were a 'primitive accumilation' is a Victorian invention, custom and myth prerequisite to any successful State -- carefully crafted with rule by the few as

It's entirely wrong to believe the nationalist that tells you "National liberation and personal liberation are the same". To credit their frankness if nothing else, Rightist nationalists don't even pretend that their brand of How do the bourgeoisie convince the national liberation will bring equality, people that their interests are one? just some fuhrer mystically embodying Looking at the diversity of nationalisms the nation we're supposed to sacrifice

> Lestist advocates of national liberation do argue for equality but this is hypocrisy. They crave the power their oppressors exercise over them but in despising their racism, they assimilate it. This 'equality' of Leftists never applies to those oppressed within their nation-State machinery, for there-

FOR THE FUTURE OF AN ILLUSION? Eleutherians Autonomous (POB 2265, Albany, NY. 12220).

ARE YOU READY TO DIE

reproduces the gang identity politics of the enemy of convention and the nationalism. Leninist 'stage theory' has codification of morals. discipline, hierarchy, order and If national and personal liberation are never liberated anyone for the same

obedience are needed to effectively win distinct and culture a creation and tool reason nationalism hasn't -- the equality over the external imperialist of the rulers, how can we liberate transition has to be sold so hard, even oppressor. They are blind to the ourselves? Clearly not by adopting enforced, that what it presages never necessity for class struggle within their other 'nationalisms', those of gender arrives.

> We have to look to a model of unalienated, free and equal society to see what our actual identity is. It's curious to find that it's not an individual identity in the 20th century, atomised sense but one rooted in community, where the wishes of each is respected but the division between self / other is abolished. Hard to envisage? That's our common human heritage, najority of its history, free of lying symbols saying unity but meaning its opposite. It's hard to see now precisely because we are prisoners of the dominant culture.

It's too easy to criticise others cultures as outsiders - that's how racists built empires, by insisting different was Other, inferior "prey" as Perlman angrily put it. We must first criticise what is dehumanising, disgraceful and plain silly in the culture that has dominated us. Counter-currents in other cultures are very helpful in giving us perspective here, but aping them is not what its about. Only when the culture we were bought up in becomes alien to us will the possibilities of unalienated life open up before us. Then we can come together as questioning equals, own ranks, all the better to rule their sexuality and so forth as this guided by unmediated experience and

THE DECEPTIVE APPEAL OF NATIONALISM

Nationalism is organised, systematic hatred

As a hypothesis, Nationalism does not appear convincing or attractive Nationalism can appear attractive. because it has become so tainted with connotations of chauvinism, racism, violence and bigotry. The union Jack is the emblem of football hooligans and neo-Nazis, or something to be wheeled out by Tory politicians at election time. The Monarchy is a symbol of all that is corrupt, decaying, shallow and elitist in English society. Yet Nationalism is also powerful enough to kill; in northern Ireland and Chechnya to give just two examples

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

positive - the idea of the local hatred of outsiders, pogroms, genocide, themselves towards. community. We can all relate to the megalomanical puppet shows. This is people around us, we can easily care the danger. about the people in the same street, the Nationalism is a danger in the present All these symbols, the uniforms and the These kind of close ties are real and political structure is more abstract.

chauvinistic or racist in this, it seems no history, no sense of place or rally round, especially in times of crisis.

to continue, the event folded. These belonging, they are vulnerable to this is why Nationalism is not a live option. of a common community of interest. traditions help define a place, and for the most part they are hamless. The danger isolated, set against the concrete and after the Gulf War and all the other comes when they are used to manipulate tarmac monoformity, the option of conflicts, we still have the Royal Family Moving up the scale of political

'First seduce the eyes and the mind will follow' ... So runs the doctrine. Nationalism offers ceremonies and whole Home Counties versus the idea of the Nation State, where all pageants. We have the biscuit lid stuff Provinces colonialist mentality. Who are aspects of this sense of identity are about the Coronation; crowns and robes, we? In what sense is all this elitism and subordinated to a political entity, with a processions, carriages and ritual. We exploitation mine? Nationalism given constitution or structure, we can have picture post card views of the supposes a unity where none is to be see how this works by thinking about Tower of London, the Changing of the found. people into forming armies, or as rites Guard, Trooping of the Colour. No SCENERY AND CULTURE asserting superiority and exclusion. This doubt every country has equivalents, or One reason why some people may be notion of community spirit becomes at least it will have some national Nationalism is more than just stuff Union Jack shorts wom by the troops

WHO ARE WE?

with its vast estates and fortunes. We sophistication away from crude racial or still have social inequality, divisions, linguistic, cultural or geographic public schools, BUPA hospitals; the definitions of Nationalism, we find the

drawn towards Nationalism is tat it warped and perverted into something emblems or symbols drawn from its about the monarchy and social exercising on the decks of the Canberra, resembles something else which is else; party rallies, drives for chauvinistic history for its people to orientate institutions. we see the picture-postcard or the right-wing cartoonists' depiction countryside of This England, for of Thatcher as Britannia, we can see the example; with photos of village greens, way national symbols are co-opted in cricket pitches, pubs and churches. time of crisis. The effect of all this is to Similar images were used in the Second build up an atmosphere of strength and same village or district, there is nothing because many people are rootless, with flags are set up as something for us to when John Bull gives films. Nationalism as nostalgia.

quite rational, natural and obvious to belonging. All around them they may "We will liberate Kuwait...", "We will Nationalism also includes culture help your neighbours, knowing that at have this sense thast something is take back the Falklands..", "We will Shakespeare, Elgar, Robert Burns, the The Nation State itself seems obsolete, some other time they will help you. wrong. Everywhere you look, you see fight them on the beaches...". But it is Welsh Eistedfod. Language and rthe ithas been replaced by multinational; the same environment, the same tower never the politicians who are doing the sense of place help to identify and locate corporations. Coca-Cola, McDonmalds, have force. Loyalty to a nation or a blocks, the same housing estates, the fighting. So much for the "we" of all the individual. We might also think Reebok and Toyota are more potent, same motorways, schools, DSS offices... those patriotic statements. The idea of about different forms of dress, or and have more impact on ordinary life In my village, every summer we used to have a pageant and procession, the village 'Treat', and afterwards there was a fair. Because of anathy and the a fair. Because of apathy and the continuity, ideas of identity, place, 'unity we find in Nationalism is a strong. A shared religion can also bind Nationalism has been weakened by unwillingness of the people organising it traditions. If people have no sense of sham, and everybody knows this which people together and give them the sense economics - the global interdependence

1982, and the wave of jingoism experienced during the Falklands War. In the Sun front page 'Gotchal' or the a bloody nose.

of markets and manufacturing, especially in hi-tech stuff like electronics, computers and the car industry. Nationalism in Europe has also

essentially is an attempt by European outsider. politicians and industrialists to build a larger economic entity, all the better to external threat. Do you break the large challenge the USA and Pacific rim. or the little end of the egg? From the most suiccessful; Sparta, Nazi Germany, DISTRACTION PLOY Here, the monolithic and overpowering threat of the other, it is just a short step nature of the project have helped boost to arming yourself against the rivbal. To negative and adversariasl forms of build up and enhance the power, it is nationalism in Germany and France. logical, even desirable to hype up the The collapse of the Soviet Union and consequent loss of identity in Eastern Europe have brought about similar neo-Fascist movements there.

FOUNDED ON EXCLUSION

The idea of Nationalism is founded on exclusion - 'Us 'n' Them'. If you don't on the treadmill. belong to the geographical area, the racial group, if you don't share the same MILITARISM language or sense of historical The logical destination of all of this is an

Bed, the German threat to the Colonies, the Yellow Peril, Saddam's push for Middle East domination. Whether these consequence and easily sacrificed when set alongside the 'glory' of the whole.

Basra Droad. From a Nationalist point Thatcher's Britain during the 1980s. modem Japan. People will be organised into units, with hierarchies, rank structures, spercific tasks, discipline, perception of the thrsat. Reds. Under the regimented, ordered towards the goal. In

threats are real or imaginary, they are The threat to the nation could come xenophobic agenda against the other These are voluntarily entered into and always useful to distract attention away from inside, and so attention might well countries of the EC because of mutually defined. Nationalism, on the from domestic problems and to get be turned towards victimising and unemployment, attention is drawn away other hand, imposes itself. Traditions, people all running in the same direction persecuting groups which don't fit in from the root cause of the problem. symbols, myths, political structures Jewish people in Nazi Germany and the will ease their problems, but they still and exists through force, not by and the USA, Communists in McCarthv dubious ideals, empty rhetoric, false unpleasant about this form of organised

been undermined by the EC, which continuity; then by definition you are an army. The Somme, Hiroshima, the era Amerika, trade unionists in structures which enslave them. Nationalism solves nothing. More flags and uniforms, a different but louder drum beat does nothing to build up any real ties of community.

One of the reasons why the State pushes Anarchists reject nationalism because of Nationalism is that it takers attention this disjunction between the real, present away from the State and the system. It is interests of the community, and the false a way of sidelining dissent into a dead and mediated pantomime forms imposed

end. The Staste itself is the problem, and on us through political manipulation. our efforts should be directed against The strength of a community is derived this system. In encouraging people to from the fact of our common interests, scapegost Asioans or to follow some the quality of our relationships together. and undermine national coherence. People buy into Nationalism, thinking it shape it. It is not chosen, it is external, Soviet Union; Black people in Britain orientate themselves towards the agreement. There is something very pageantry and spurious political hatred.

MORD ON IRACE

Mickey Z shows the concept has no biological meaning

Ideally, this essay should begin and end with the very basic and welldocumented scientific fact, but in our illusionary world of 'racism', 'colour lines' and The Bell Curve, it seems scientific truth is losing its battle against television sound bites and magazine cover lines. This, in the interest of provoking a debate rooted in reality, I will continue.

'Jew', 'gay' or 'socialist' are cultural cultural labels like 'liberal' or 'Muslim' yet they live on a continent that for people who are going to enter a life Hence, while we are all of one race, the and / or political creations with no or 'lesbian' or 'Yankee fan', it is categorizes them as 'Asians'. So, one of crime". biological basis. Similarly, the equally erroneous in terms of biology, might understandably ponder, what supposedly vast differences between What we call race is usually just makes their blood pressure rise? blacks and whites (or males and females someone who is exactly like us for that matter) are more the result of physiologically, but looks a little investigate sex or race differences is whether this is done through legislation, the hateful crowd.

known genes are the same in all is termed 'recism'. humans", Hubbard says. The other 25% This particular point seems to be easily are known to exist in more than one dismissed by 'facts' like the infamous form, but all forms can be found in all 15-point IQ differential between blacks William Haseltine, has stated that

only one-quarter of one percent of our basic genetic information can be ascribed to what we call 'racial' differences

ivernight, the genetic composition of our about the effects of adverse and species would hardly change. Why, supportive environments. then, in the face of such clear-cut nationalities, and, most of all, races?

objective biological category, it is false. As antyhropologist and geneticist John Marks says:

You may group humans into a small number of races if you want to, but you are denied biology as a support for iL

Therefore, it follows that despite the fact our misgnided concept of race is to develop high blood pressure

Categories such as 'Italian-American' percieved as quite distinct from other Caucasoid facial features like 'whites', adding "That's very appealing advice

groups, though sometimes in different asnd whites. However, what these soproportions. In addition, the head of called facts do not recognize is how the Human Genome Sciences Inc., Dr above-described 'racism' can directly lead to political, social, cultural and economic conditions that will invariably alter the results of even something as frivolous as an IQ test. It is sadly ironic that modem science, while acutely lacking any clue of how genetic factors To make it more plain, consider the could be involved in such as IQ reality that if all Europeans disappeared differentual, is quite knowledgeable

scientific evidence, do we persist in Similarly, US health statistics are of that class, and has been the ostensible choosing to ignore the realities of categorizing humans into faise always trumpeting some newly justification of nearly every genocidal Copemicus and Galileo, today's 'family classifications like ethnic groups, discovered trend about a certain act from the African slave trade to the values' crowd conveniently evades grouping of black men being twice as extermination of the Native Americas to scientific scrutiny. While Murray and Christopher Hitchens' Minority Report likely to get this or that disease than this the Nazi Holocaust. It is necessary for his ilk exploit the progress of genetic in The Nation, November 28, 1994; Perhaps the first task is to explore certain group of white men. On the those in power to create false differences research to substyantiate their claims precisely what is meant by 'race'. Even surface, such a finding appears to be where none exists in order to rationalize about human differences, not a word is when the term is meant to define an evidence if genetically rooted racial their actions. Hence, the myths of spoken about those same researchers differences. However, without data on Manifest Destiny, the final solution, and proving there is only one race - the nousing, employmet, income, education, the white man's burden. The legacy of human race. However, in a society that exposure to pollutants, and access to such deception and mythology is often a emotionally chings to the illusion of health care, this 'evidence' is a quantum near-permanent sugmatization of a differences between Democrats and Jonathan Marks' Black ... White ... leap from reality. As Ruth Hubbard people (ie. Jew, black, Indian, etc). Republicans, it shouldn't be a shock

> skin colour is no more likely to be biologically related to the tendency

than eye colour is.

Broca, Murray and Hermstein than any The problems arise when those minor to justify a current social policy and The reduction of a people's culture to a enlightenment and advancement. Just as relevant genetic factors. Human beings differences lead to war, violence and herein lies the deepest roots of so-called mere educational footnote is often more a computer can be renderedd impotent if fit into a species called Homo sapiens oppression, and this usually coincides racism. Justification is needed - and effectual than violence or coercion when we refuse to be corrupted, so-called and, as any post-1960s biologist or with the presence of cultural and social thus, very common -- for those in power. it comes to targeting a group of racism holds no appeal to tose who anthropologist could tell you, we have distinctions. This would explain why Hence, rather than being born with different-looking Homo sapiens for choose not to indulge in illusion. Every violence can occur between Turks and 'racism' in our genes. it is far more purported racism. As Edward W Said time amember of the Homo sapiens Biologist Ruth Hubbard has explained Kurds but not between blondes and likely man we inhere the desire to declares: quite eloquently thast Homo sapiens is brunettes. Rather than 'race'. it is the protect our self-image. To do so, we a relatively homogeneous species - combination of physical appearance often recast our actions in a new light in genetically speaking. About 75% of and cultural conflicts that leads to what order to make it easier to live with them. This method was succinctly described by Noam Chomsky when responding to a woman who wondered aloud about the role of "evil and God" in the murderous anti-poor policies of current American elites. Chomsky snapped:

> This doesn't have anything to do with evil or God, this has to do with rich, powerful people tryining to justify the fact that they are pursuing social policies which are forcing children to die. That's what it has to do with.

Another frequent example of such 'recasting' is the dehumanization of a foundation of justifying class-based one-race world.

violence and subjugation.

engaged in retrospectively constructing evolution. Dr Haseltine, while finding Also, when discussing health or IQ a moral framework for the actions of little to validate even the most minute stastistics for so-called blacks, simple twentieth-century elites. Paraphrasing claims of racial differences, did confirm logic begs the question: Who is black? Niebuhr's "paradox of grace" theory, that For example, as Jonathan Marks points Chomsky sums up such moral hindsight out, some inhabitants of India are darkly as: "No matter how much you try to do pigmented like 'blacks' but have good, you're always going to do harm",

seeking to lump human beings into such uniqueness, human beings will usually an ideological venture designed social policies, or even cultural control. Human beings must consciously seek

One cannot postpone discussions

of slavery, colonialism or racism in any serious investigations of mouch indian, Afrevian, Laun and North American, Arabic, Caribbean and Commonwealth literasture nor is it intellectually responsible to discuss them without referring to their embattled circumstances either in postcolonial societies or marginalized and / or subjugated subjects confined to secondary spots in the curricula in metropolitan centers.... The notion of black skin in a white mask is no more serviceable and dignified in literary study than it is in politics.

class of people in order to vindicate the Regardless, like the incognizant leaders imperialist oppression or even slaughter of the medieval Catholic Church Thus, 'racism' grows from the spurious that we manage to produce 'racists' in a

In the end, however, it may be the Imperialism (Alfred A Knopf; New, Reinhold Niebuhr - called "theologian discoveries of geneticists thast can York; 1993)

of the establishment" - has often been ultimately expedite our cultural

there are almost fifteen million changes in genetic code between one human and another.

complexity of our individuality is It is also welcome advice to anyone staggering. Perhaps, if urged to act upon eventually shun the cowardly refuge of

> species defines his or her own needs, fears, desires, and so on, the systyem of exploitation and oppression is dealt a powerful blow. Such individuality is not only a step in the right direction but is also consistent with our biological

"It's a shame-that evolution moves so slowly" Christopher Hitchens recently lamented in The Nation. But I'll take solace in the fact that in 1993, 95% of new babies were born in the Third World and, as Mr Hitchens reminds us "...though [evolution's] mills may grind slowly, they grind exceeedingly small".

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Edward W Said's Culture and

Michael William on Anglo partitionists and the rise of Canadian nationalism in Quebec

On a late-October evening in 1995, I and a couple of friends plopped During the two word wars, strong was changed, though English remains always tranquil. In 1963 bombs down to watch the results of the Quebec referendum on independence. disagreements took place between illegal on buses, subways and large exploded simultaneously at three None of us had voted. But we were definitely in the minority seeing inglophones and francophones over billboards). that 94% of the population had turned ourt.

They were from predominantly French- desperately to the Canadian state.

waving Quebec flags. Cut to a similar In a North American extension

the pro-sovereignty vote drifted down, Ouebec. Shortly thereafter France and

and had the YES (pro-independance) THE ARRIVAL

side ahead with 60%. A camera showed OF THE ANGLOS

speaking areas off the island of Montreal

a crowd of ecstatic YES supporters

time, it fell to 50%. The NO side went Britain.

crazy. The count continued to edge

brought under control by the police.

The real crunch, however, would not

take the form of fighting in the strects. It

would be psychological. And here thee

was a considerable element of paradox.

had almosty won - a clear mora

2000. The promised land was in sight.

Although the YES side had lost, they

victory. Sovereigntist leaders promised a

new, winning referendum by the year

On the other hand, the federalists had

won, but the near win was of little

comfort. The next time the sovereigntists

numbers swelled to the tens of thpusande

rising tide of nationalism among Anglos.

the reaction of most Anglos has

experience with Quebecois nationalism, provinces.

remained: partition Quebec and let industrial working class.

- me most visible manuestation of the Scottish entrepreneurs.

nationalism as a result of their formed by four of the future

would probably be victorious.

federalist) supporters.

The initial returns flashed on the creen. unfortunately been to cling all the more Jozens injured during an anu-

other heavily federalist regions, slowly rest of the territory of present-day Parti Quebecois in 1976.

extent to this day.

conscription, which the latter mainly oposed. Five people were killed and

conscription riot in Quebec City in

1917. Anti-conscription riots also took

place in World War II.

conditions I'll return to further on.

QUEBECOIS

Quebecois nationalism has gone through The FLQ was not a unitary organization a number of phases. During the 1830s, a and the often unconnected groups which movement arose which was influenced. sprang up using the name reflected a by the French and American revolutions. variety of outlooks. Earlier groups It contested the toothlessness of the tended to brnore nationalist, later groups Quebec Parliament and the fact that to be more socialist / Marxist. Influences executive functions were exercised by on the organization reflected the gamut the British Crown. During 1837-8, an at the times: Fanon and Memmi; Cuba, YES MAN: Quebecois nationalist confronts cops after the 1996 referendum

conservative in nature and centred around the defense of the nation, the In October 1970, the FLQ kidnapped family, the Catholic church and the James Cross, a British truck Fench language.

Following the war, Toronto replaced Montreal as the pre-eminent Canadian venue filled with despondant NO (pro- European war, a British army defeated financial centre. Head offices moved the French in 1759 in a bloody battle at from Montreal to Toronto, a process Quebec City. In 1760, Montreal fell to which accelerated following the first As returns arrived from Montreal and the British, who quickly occupied the electoral victory of the pro-sovereigntist reaching 51%. A tenth of a percent at a Britain signed a treaty ceding the area to In 1974, the Quebec Liberal Party made French Quebec's only official language. Further language legislation was down to finally settle at 49.4% for the Most of the francophone ruling and introduced by the Parti Quebecois merchant class fled to France. The following their election in 1976. remaining francophone bourgeoisie was Immigrants were no longer allowed to

Crowds surged out of the YES and NO marginalized by British merchants send their childrn to English schools, The above period during the Sixties is

Canadian armouries, marking the appearance of an urban guerilla group Since the Seventies, relations between called the Front de Liberation du anglophones and francophones have Quebec (FLQ). Within three months 23 altered considerably. Salaries between arrested were carried out after an the two have achieved parity infiltrator obtained the membership list. long earned No sooner was the group dismantled, proportionately more). For the firast however, than new cells sprang up and time, a majority of Anglos have learned the bombings began anew, a situation French. There has also been an exodus which would continue until 1972, when of 250,000 anglophones for economic urban guerilla activity definitively and political reasons. For many of those ceased. Targets of the FLQ included who remain, a siege mentality and institutions symbolizing Canadian "Anglo angst" have taken hold, federalism (monuments, nationalized

NATIONALISM

During the 1960s, secularism gained the upper hand and Quebec opened up to a economic level this took the form of adopting a Keynsian model. Statefinanced megaprojects were launched and the public sector expasnded considerably. The Quebec government made loans available to francophone business people, who in turn hired francophones. This new francophone middle class competed with the Anglo

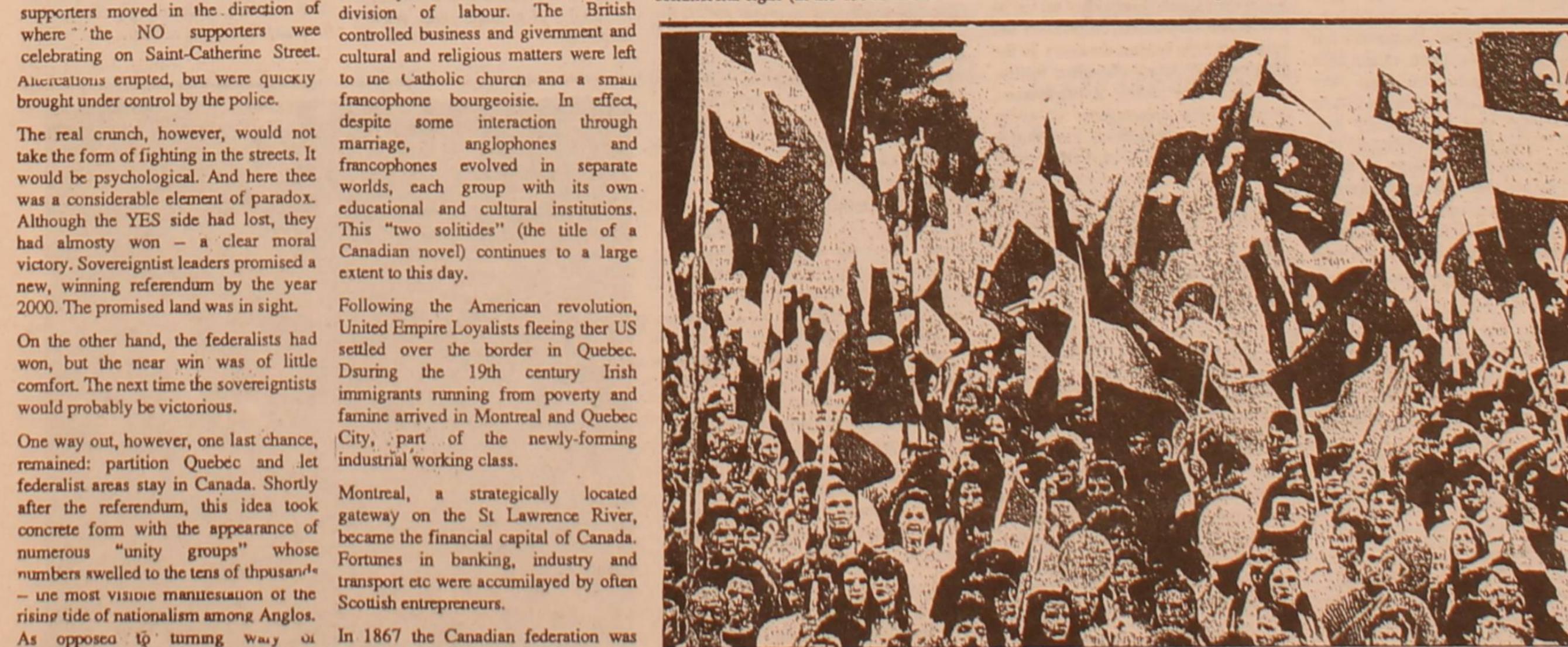
downtown Montreal. A throng of YES was a system characterized by a strict commercial signs (in the 1990s this law in no way signifies that things were kidnappers, whom they quickly located.

firms etc) or the English presence (universities, the Anglo media). The organization also set off numerous bombs in support of striking workers.

armed rebellion took place which was Algeria and Vietnam; Guevara, the crushed after several battles by the Tupamaros and the Black Panthers. British army and anglophone militias. Since the primary goal remained the creation of a Quebec state, little specifically libertarian content was in

commissioner based in Montreal. The kidnappers presented six demands, including the release of FLQ prisoners. An FLQ manifesto was read on the air, but this turned ouut to be the only demand of the six to be met. Five days after the kidnapping, another FLQ cell kidnapped Pierre Laporte, a minister in the provincial Liberal government. The federal government decreed the War Measures Act and Canadian troops occupied Montreal. A week after the second kidnapping, Laporte was found dead in the trunk of a car.

Through informers, the police were able vehues located a short distance apart in invited by the new rulers. Set in place and English was banned from known as the "quiet revolution", which to ascertain te probable identities of the



ST BERNARD'S DAY RALLY: Quebecois nationalists show the flag

Cross was exchanged for sale pasage to towards flag-waving than Americans or

Following these dramatic events FLQ Almost completely missing here is any activity rapidly declined. The police serious questioning of the dominance of were able to mop up the remaining identity politics and the categories it activists or to intimidate them into imposes. Creating our own realities, in inactivity. During 1971-2 the remaining such a stifling atmosphee, becomes a FLQ elemenmts underwent stiff virtual impossibility. competition from the police in the form of a proliferation of phoney FLQ cells controlled by a police informer / agent provocateur. Thirteen fake communiqués were issues and criminal activities such as a firebombing were carried out

In the spring of 1972, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police conducted an operation in which they stole cases of dynamite and detonators. Around the same period, the RCMP burned down a barn wehere they claimed a meeting netween the Biack Panthers and the FLQ was to take place.

Signalling the end of an era, Pierre Vallieres, an FLQ theorist, renounced guerilla activity, advising people to join the mainstream Parti Quebecois. Charles Gagnon, another FLQ theorist, tropped off in a different direction, founding tyhe Marxist-Leninist organization 'In Struggle'. This imbroglio is an indication of the weakness of the FLQ's theoretical arsebnal from the outset.

With the disappearance of the FLQ. sovereigntist hopes have centred on electing nationalist parties and holding referendums on sovereignty.

IDENTITY POLITICS

Quebec is presently a battlegroyund for peiople's sense of identity. And taking centre stasge is a fierce competition between Canadian and Quebecois nationalism. On the francophone side, a major shift has taken place with resopect to identity. This has been the replacement of French Canadian nationalism (there are a million francophones outside Quebec) with that is termed civic or territorial nationalism. The Parti Quebecois holds that the territorial nationalism it professes is not an ethnic nationalism and the everyone living in Quebec is a member of the "Ouebec nation". For the sovereigntists, can subsequently ber detached from country" by which he meant that the "Canadian nation" and the "Quebec nation" are yoked together in an unnatural relationship. Bouchard later modified his statement, saying that Canada exists, or rather that the rest of Canada exists, but the Quebec is not ANGLO ANGST Canadian. This caused another uproar among Canadian nationalists living in For most Anglos, the referendum near-Quebec.

Among francophones, however this transition has to a large extent been successfully carruied out; most have adopteda Quebecois identity as their primary one. This is especially true amongst francophone youth, boding well for future referenda. At the same time, , polls show that most Quebecers, including many francophones, remain attached to Canadía. Thus the process of decanadization undertaken by the sovereigntists remains incomplete.

suspicion the highly politically-charged the issue of partition, it should have referendum law, the YES and NO have category of the Querbec nation. The been pushed. Federalists who are too to foem respective umbrella committees eleven Native groups in Quebec reject conciliatory in the eyes of the hardliners which are allotted equal funds: spending mbeing lumped into a category used by are called the "lamb lobby", as in meek not authorized by thease committees is francophones to demand a sovereignty lambs-to-the-slaughter. they deny Native peoples. Immigrants Also present in much of the Anglo and their offspring have twice voted milieu - and among those who are over massively against independence when a 30 especially – is a profound nostalgia choice betweebn Canada and Quebec is for a period before the first Parti however that it was let in too late and forced. And Anglos are predictably leery Quebecois electoral win in the Seventies of the Quebec nation category. Having - a period when Anglos just hapened to voted ovver 95% against sovereignty, earn more than francophones and when Following the referendum, the budding their primary identity is a Canadian one, most couldn't speak French. an identity which has only solidified as a result of the imminent break-up of the country. Anglos used to be less inclined

Cuba, and Laporte's kidnappers were Quebecois nationalists. Unfortunate-ly, this is no longer the case.

outlook offers the advantage of was able to turn to its advantage. shunning rigor, lucidity and self- Then the partitionist leitmotif - if criticism; all one has to do is bask in Canada is divisible, Quevbec is divisible one's victim status. Ironically, a victimization approach also reigns in large sectors of tghe siovereigntist milieu. Thus local politics is dominated by the two sides fighting it out as to who can more convincingly play the victim. Quite a sorry sightl



Lucien Bouchard caused an uproar POOR BUT LOYAL: Homeless man in Montreal when he said that Canada is "not a real begging with the aid of the Canadian flag.

loss weas a shock that has not ceased to Given the psychological profile above, it

Characterising the Anglo milieu above all is a clasical victimization approach. Comfortable and non-demanding, this

THE PARTITION MOVEMENT

reverberate. Depression, desperation and is hardly surprising that many Anglos impotence have become the norm. In the are pining for a magic wand to banish discourse of the Canadian ultra- the nightmare of Quebec separation. nationalist, this feeling of helplessness And for many, that magic wand is translates into accusatyions of being partition. The arrival of a visible abandoned by the federal government partition movement is a recent and the provincial Liberal Party, which phenomenon, coinciding with the are accused of having botched the creation of the Special Committee for referendum by beingb too appeasing Canadian Unity before the last towards the sovereigntists and the fence- referendum. The Special Committee, sitters. The ultra-nationalists say the which advocates hardline positions, federalists should have challenged the including partition, was refguswed entry sovereigntists over the referendum to the official NO Committee during the Most non-francophones view with process, and that as opposed to avoiding referdendum (according to Quebec's illegal). The Special Committee took the NO Committee to cour to force it to admit them. The court ruled in the however, that it was let in too late and

> partition movement recieved several important boosts. First, the near defeat propelled many federalists, especially Anglos, into a heretofore atypical activism, which the partition movement

allotted too little money.

- was legitimized by the prime minister Canada and the federal intergovernmental affairs minidter. Though stating that partition is feaible, the intergovernmental affairs minister has also said that the government does not intend to send in the army - an essentisl detail. Nevertheless, this philosophical endorsement by the federal government did much to push partitionism from the margins to the mainstream, of federalist thinking.

Following the referendum, two public events, a forum and a debaste on partition, were organized by the Special Committee. These well-attended events revealed the existence of a vocal, of aging, partition milieu.

of the Quebec Parliament to hold a decisional referendum on sovereignty. contending that only "the Canadian people as a whole" can decide the terrotoriasl and political future of the country. The Special Committee calls is cited as one of the goals of Citizens fopr a "national referendum on the for a Democratic Nation. Of course the indivisibility of Canda". In the event sovereightists also evoke the law and the that Canada does allow an independent primacy of the state when it suits their Ouebec to come about, the group says interest. that majority federalist regions should stay in Canada. Also remaining in Another organization which has apeared Canada, according to the Sopecial since the referendum is the Quebec Committee, would be rthe northern half Committee for Canada. Claiming of Quebec, which was ceded to the 12,000 paid-up members, this group has province by the federal government at commissioned polls, run publicity the turn of the century.

Equality Party, which elected four in Canada in the event of another representatives to the Quebec referendum on sovereignty. Parliament two elections ago but was shut out in the last one whem the Anglos This partial list would not be complete voted for the Liberal Party in an without a mention of the Tommy unsuccessful attempt to stop the Parti Schnurmacher Show. Schnurmacher, Quebecois from getting in. The pugnatious ultra-federalist popularist, positoons of the Equality Party are interviews the partitionist leadership on similar to those of the Special a regular basis on his 3-hour talkshow, Committee. Concerniong partition, the providing a soapbox as well as an pary lobbies for "a land corridor linking important means of information and Ontario to the maritime provinces opinion-sharing among ultra-federalists. through iviontreal". with respect to regions remaining in Canada,

the Canadian government should Quebec with federal authority and

the last referenduim undertaken by the Parti Quebecois government was not only unhealthy for the ensemble of the Quebec and Canadian population which it: divided, in addition it was illegal, immoral, illegitimate and non-

The group holds that referenda launched by the Quebec Parliament are consultative and not decisional. Betrand. a lawyer, is presently pursuing a court case whose goal is to declare illegal any referendum which could lead to a unilateral declaration of independence. Betrand's group says that in order to secede, Quebec would need a

broad consensus through a consultative referendum (a simple majority of 50% + 1 is not

Regions which voted federalist would "continue to be part of Canada".

As the above examples indicate, partitionists lean heavily on blocking secession through legal ans structural impediments. Whereas sovereigntists evoke the right of peoples to selfdetermination as the ultimate authority. The Special Committee contsts the right for most partitionistss it is the law:

> To assert, in all circumstances, an integral respect for the primacy of the law, which is the foundation of

campaigns and has spearheaded a campaign to get municipcal councils to The Special Committee is linked to the agree to hold referenda asking to remain

THE OUTAOUAIS, THE NORTH AND support the integrity of Canadian THE "WEST ISLAND"

rest of Quebec is over 90% francophone and voted between 55% and 70% to secede. An exception is the Outaouias, a five-county region in West Quebec which stretches along the Ontario border. Ottawa, the capital of Canada, is located on the border on the Ontario side, and has traditionally provided jobs for many Outaouias residents. A further



BLOCK VOTE: An Anglo partitionist rally

along the border with the US. The final replacing Anglos who have left the region voting NO is the sparsely settled province. The middle section consists of northern half of Quebec where the Cree the downtown, the mountain (more like and Inuit live.

movement occured in the Outaouias when 16 of the 20 mayors of Pontiac County, which occupies 1/3 of the Outaouias region, signed a statement requesting that the area remain in The mainly English-speaking West an Anglo phenomenon. On the other municipal councils to adopt "unity Ottawa is the main employer and the Partitionist residents and militants from

string of federalist counties stetches class trancopnobes have moved in, a big hill but a nice green space just the same), and a number of highly immigrant areas (Greek, Jewish, Portuguese...). The east is mainly francophone, with an Italian area in part of the north. Some francophones are moving off-island to the suburbs and immigrants are moving in.

Canada as a whole, 59% of the Island has been the primary target of the population favours partition, according partitionists. These are some of the to a recent poll. The region is 83% municipalities which had the most francophone and voted 72% federalist in lopsided tallerys in the referendum, with the referendum. This demonstrates that many voting over 90% NO. The focus the partition movement is not uniquely of the unity groups has been to get hand, the Outaouais is something of an resolutions" expressing a wish to remain anomaly. The Federal Government in in Canada in the event of secession.

MONTREAL CITY and how it would be divided up by partition

Two resolutions, in Hampstead and

THAT if a date is ever set for a

future Quebec referendum on the

issue of secession, that the

Government of Canada must hold

a Canada-wide referendum and ask

a fair and clear question, failing

which the city of Cote Saint-Luc

will hold its owen referendum and

'Do you want the City of Cote

THAT the City of Cote Saint-Luc

call upon the Government of

Canada, the Government of

respect and comply with the

In the next targeted municipality,

Dollard-Des-Omeaux, which voted

97% federalisy in the referendum, the

partitionists ran into a road-block when

council meeting ttok place at which the

councillors were rebuked by irate

Quebec and all Canadians

decision of our residents.

Saint-Luc to remain part of

ask the following question:

region has long been a washon of the unity groups have showed up en

sederalism. Support for partition is masse at council meetings to push them

Many francophone federalists outside Cote Saint-Luc, werre subsequently

the Outaouais region reject partition passed by the council. Below is an

and if a pro-independence majority excerpt from the Cote Saint-Luc

8,000 Inuit, said in London during a the mayor and councillors baulked at

recent European tour. "We will never calling for a municipal referendum. A

Montreal is the third major focus of residents and partitionist activists. This

especially high (71.5%) among people to adopt the resolutions.

occured in a future referendum, they statement, which resolved:

working in Ottawa.

nationalists.

a say.

would want Quebec to remain intact.

These people see federalism as a

reasonable, practical outlook. However,

they arte generally not patriotic in the

manner of the Anglo Canadian

Dealing with the question of Native

peoples is beyond the scope of this

presebnt artickle, and I wuill limit

myself to a couple of commentsd. Just

before the 1995 referendum, separate

referenda were held by the Cree and te

Inuit, who live in the northern half of the

province, resulting in votes of 96.3%

and 95% respectively against Quebec

sovereignty. Native groups have stasted

that they do not intend to be transferred

from one juisdiction to the next without

Changing the political boundaries

of Canada is not the monopoly of

Zebedee Nangak, a spokesperson for unc

come along the journey to separation".

separatists in Quebec

resolutions to be discussed at a public

One measure of sovereigntist reaction to

the partition movement comes from a

questionnaire answered by five

candidates for the leadership of the Bloc

Quebecois, a sovereigntist party which

sits in the Federal Parliament in Ottawa.

In a word-association part of the

questionnaire, the five responses with

respect to partition were: "irresponsible;

a dangerous game; an indefensible idea;

fear of the future; a provocation". This

selection is actually a reasonably

accurate barometer of sovereigntist

response. The strongest reaction,

never happen".

Remy Trudel has stated that

part of municipalities.

the position is extremely clear

[concerning referenda to partition

Quebec]. There is no municipal

competence, neither under the

Cities and Towns Act, nior under

the Municipal Code, there is no

responsibility, there is no legal

possibility for interventuion on the

means to protect the constitutional rights of m micipality residents. The resolution does not mention a municipal

forum. At the forum, most of those

The Government of Quebec will exercise its effective authority over all its territory. That includes the

present preferred a fourth, more hardline resolution. Councillors then met a number of times with the unity groups and hammered out a compromise resolution that didn't include holding a municipal referendum, which the mayor and councillors rejected as too costly and non-binmding under Quebec law. "It's only the Government of Canada that can keep us in Canada", said Dollard mayor Ed Janiszewski.

"They're the only ones with the authority. We've said that from day 1". Quebec is indivisible: municipality, Montreal West, has adopted a resolution which asks the federal government to use all necessaey

parts of the territory where the majority of the population would have voted no at the moment of the referendum. If they don't respect the laws of Quebec, the state will simply see to it that the laws are respected.... The sovereigntists offer a profusion of reasons to support their claim that

> Identity and national selfdetermination. Explaining why the Outaouais must remain in Quebec, Premiere Bouchasrd has stated "You know perfectly well that a region is not a people. It is not a country". Of course the sovereigntists reject this approach when it comes to Native peoples, a

"Democracy" ie. a 50% + 1 vote in a Quebec referendum, which the sovereigntists say is sufficient to secede. "We will never have to resolve these kinds of situations [partition] because this is a says Premier democracy" Bouchard.

contradiction juggled with little

apparent difficulty.

Sovereigntists say that because Canada is a federation, as one of the original founders, Quebec should be able to leave when it no longer wants to be part of the federastion. The problem here concerning partition is that the northern part of the province was added following Confederation, without the consent of the inhabitants

 A variation on the above argument evokes a Latin phrasse which can be translated as "whast you possessed before is whast you will continue to possess". This is said by the sovereigntists to be the recognised international procedure. The breakuop of the USSR mentioned as an example. Of course, this breakuop occurred with the consent of Russia and not as a declaration . unilateral independence, which might be the case in Quebec.

 Some sovereigntists say partitionists are colonialists / imperialists and that partition would be a form of theft. Pierre Falardeau, a film maker who ouen uses this type of terminology, has bluntly stare: "If they want to play at partition, they should be aware that the price to pay will be very high, and tht the territory they wish to steal from us

may well be their grave". Sovereigntists say that partition is synonymous with violence. Evokec in this context is Northern Ireland.

ANARCHISM AND NATIONALISM

How has federalist / sovereigntist polarization affected relations between

partitionists are dismissed with a snort of generally good, at least on the surface; disbelief as a provocation: "It doesn't in other words anglophones and And despite the bluster mentioned exist for me", Quebec Premier Lucien francophones are not refusing to work abo ve, the sovereigntists will have to Bouchard has said concerning partition. with each other. On the other hand, a hink twice about exercising police or "This question is not relevant ... It will look at the composition of local antiauthoritarian projects reveals that most ollowing a YES vote, when Citing a legal opinion obtained by the tend to be strongly oriented towards one international attention will be focussed government, Municipal Affairs Minister or other of the two linguistic groups. on Quebec. Cate Commune, an anti-authoritarian cafe open during the 80s, was mainly anglo, with a few exceptions. Demanarchie, a bilingual libertariancommunist journal edited by fifteen people living in three Quebec cities, has only one anglophone member who writes much of the material in English section. The Centre de Diffusion problem, not tio exacerbate it by raising Libertaire, a post-situationist / ultra-Left partition. project whose members have run two Whatever the case, from a radical

always been mainly anglophone except for a brief period during the 80s when it was 50 / 50. In the last few years, it has been almost entirely anglophone and mainly members speak only rudimentary French.

Because the sovereigntist option is strong among youth, Leftists and the cultural milieu, pressure to be sovereigntist affects the antiauthoritarian milieu which overlaps with the other three. During the 70s, for example, several pro-situs promoted a nationalist-situationist concoction (and were roundly denounced by more orthodox sitoriented people here). The late-80s saw the appearance of Rebelles, a selfdescribed libertarian-socialist journal which openly advocates a Quebec state. For a time, Rebelles was the only "libertarian" journal coming out, making its brand of anarcho-stastism the one people would often encounter first at demos etc. The punk milieu, often on shaky theoretical ground in any event, has also been prone to nationalist influences, though there have been a number of strongly anti-nationalist bands, as well, such as the sublime Bons

WHAT'S IT ALL MEAN?

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@ Riens (Good For Nothings).

The level of bluff is presently so high in Quebec that it's impossible to say what would happen in the event of a YES vote. This is due in part to the Federal Government's decision to play its cards close to its chest and not reveal whast it would do following a YES - in part because francophone soft nationalists who are hesitating might be more inclined to go for independence if the stakes were clear.

There is also no lack of bluff in the Anglo partitionist camp, although the precise amount is didficult to ascertain. It takes a stretch of the imagination to picture these middle-class West Island suburbanites mounting the barricades, and the Fedral Government has said it won't send in the army. Partition often seems to be more of a scare tactic than a serious goal: since thrats during the last referendum of coming economic chaos did not stampede enough people into voting NO, partition reprseents as bigger club to up the ante. "The disintegration of Quebec is the only thing the nationalists are afraid of", says Stephen Scott, a prominent partitionist militant.

For sovereigntists it represents what rats represented for Winston Smith in 1984: the ultimate terror.

In the partition discourse there is also an element of revenge born of deep

When you talk about tearing apan the territory of Quebec they finally feel emotionally what all of us feel

says Anthony Housefather, a Hampstead councillor who is one of the organisers of the municipal referenda initiatives.

Nor arte the sovereigntists shy when it comes to bluffibg. During the referendum, a uniformly rosy picture was painted of an independent Quebec. perhaps, has been ridicule: the I think it can be saud that relations are The reality can only be a letdown.

My hunch is that partition will not be in the cards following a YES vote. Economic dislocation will quickly push the rest of Canada to maske a deal with the sovereigntists, and partition will be swept off the table. The rest of Canada will want to put an end to the Quebec

partition activity. The island can failed to budge the mayor and Intergovernmental Affairs Minister bookshops and a printshop, has been viewpoint the future looks bleak. The roughly be divided into three. The councillors. Instead, the council sent ot a Jacques Brassard has made it clear that primarily francophone. A third numbing din from the sovereigntist and western part, the "West Island", is document to each home in the sovereigntists will use te means of bookshop, Alternatives, which has been federalist machines continues. And rays mainly English-speaking. Some middle- municipality, outlining three suggested their disposal if the next referendum is a running for over two decades, has of hope have become exceeding rare...

What a partitionist Quebec migt look like comes more into focus with a look Citizens of the Democratic Nation, an at how people voted in the last organization which appeared following referendum. The bulk of the federalist

the referendum, is headed by Guy vote isd concentrated in the Montreal Bertrand, a former hardline sovereigntist area, where Anglos and other nonmmed hardline federalist. Acvoording to francophones are located. Much of the

Does Thom Metzger's study of the Calico Indians answer questions about acceptable counter-cultural identity?

The remains: a costume and mask stored behind glass like a saint's to the Stamp Act of 1765 and sheriffs and held them prisoner in formed the vanguard of his funeral garments in a reliquary. A scarlet linen vest, a gown of printed broadcloth, and a mask made of sheep skin. Fabric flowers ornament the mask, along with faded blue ribbons, leather fringe, mesh over the eye holes, a goatee, sideburns and eye brows made from fur.

In a photograph, sixteen men pose in similar costumes. Most brandish knives, all wear grotesque masks and gowns or jackets of brightly cloured calico. Homs of leather, drooping mustaches, long false beards, wolf-like snouts, stag antlers, plumes of horse hair, tassels hanging from pointed ears and hard fierce animal-like mouths.

There were farmers, many of them teenaged boys, all of them little better than serfs. And for a few years in the early eighteen forties, while similar antiaumontarian movements prewed in Europe, these self-styled Calico Indians roved the countryside of eastern New York State, flouting law, order and social norms.

After the American War of Independence, a semi-feudal system remained firmly in place along the Hudson River Valley, reaching from New York City to Albany, through the Catskiils and to the Massachusetts border. Three hundred thousand farmers, working almost two million acres, lived like serts with little nope of ever escaping their bondage to the land's owners. This patroon system had its origins in the Dutch colonial effort of the 1600s, when huge blocks of land were "purchased" from the indigenous inhabitants, and tenants were brought in to secure Holland's hold.

the British, but the feudal system At his death, it was found that he'd down the rebeliopn and the Anti-rent remained largely unchanged, farmers accumilated large debts. Owing him. War began in earnest. Disguising paying a yearly rent (in foodstuffs or its nearly a half million dollars in back themselves in costumes of brilliant equivalent in cash) yet never having the rents, his tenents were seen by the van calico, covered in fur, feathers, and tin opportunity to actually own the land. In Remselaer heirs as a likely way out of omaments, wearing sheepskin masks, or 1695, the governor granted a patent their financial predicament. In the with their faces painted red and black, which transformed the patroonship of Helderbergs, on the west side of the parties of self-proclaimed Indians struck Farm-wives and daughters were enlisted political reform. In 1840, he fled Rensselaerwyck into as manor and the Hudson, were farming was particularly back against the patroons / underlings. patroon into its lord. At the same time, difficult, resentment against the heirs' the British further entrenched the system new demand for total payment rose by granting patents to millions of acres quicikly, developing within the year into of new land. The last colonial governor what is now known as the Anti-Rent of New York expressed the thinking of War. the time when he wrote that giving these huge tracts of land to the anstocracy Diggers, and Levellers of Great Britain.

valuable tracts were given to Federalists other sections were sold to speculators. The most powerful landowning families The first enti-rent meetings were called ambush, disarm and drive them away. associatuions provided money to buy - Van Rennselaer, Livingston, Schuyler, in Berne, the highest plasce in the And on the few occassions when the calico (as well as omaments and In 1844, the hostilities had increased to and Hamilton - continued to tighten Helderbergs. In a Declaration of auctions did occur, the Indians deployed pistols). Anyone was able to deck their hold on the area through Independence dated July 4th, which the snipers to kill all the cattle and sheep himself out as outrageously as he Wright issued a proclamation declaring intermarriage and further purchases. In newly-formed anti-rent association sent that had been sold. The Indians' tactics pleased. When a prominent Rennselaer Delaware County (the epicentre of 1839. Stephen van Rensselaer, known to Stephen van Rensselawr IV, they were a mixture of guerrilla warfare and county Indian died, an escort of his Indian activities) to e in a staste of as the Good Patroon, died. Realizing compared his oppressive rent measures adolescent playfulness. They kidnapped fellows - ninety-six men strong, insurrection and ordered in the military

ransacking their homes and hanging their rents, and harassed sheriffs crowd, shouting and jeering. whenever they appeared.

themselves to the self-named Sons of taverns until they agreed to jump up and procession. In 1844, when Governor Liberty, who fought against British down three times and shout "Down with William Bouck held a conference to economic oppression by tarring and the rentl" They stole and destroyed legal meet with local residents, over a feathering the King's functionaries, papers, threatened farmers who paid hundred Indians stood at the edges of the

Armed with muskets, pistols, scythes, axes, clubs, hatchets and knives, the Indians were able to mobilise quickly whenever sheriffs approached to serve writs or seize property. As a primitive communication network, the Indians convinced (sometimes by the use of force) farmers to use their tin dinner homs only as a warning signal that the law was near. The message could be quickly relayed over many miles, the blaring of the homs (normally used to call workers in for their meals) reaching across the hills and valleys of the Catskills. The organization of the Indian bands followed the cell structure which one of the most important anti-rent leaders, Thomas Devyr, had used while a Chartist agitator in Scotland. The Indians divided into ten-to-fifteen man mits, the identity of individuals known only to the chief or me cell, who was in turn only known by his mock-Indian

Devyr, born in Donegal, Ireland in 1805, published a pamphlet called Our Natural Rights in which he stated:

I saw that the earth if vigorously tilled would yield plenty of the comforts of life. Willing labour and fertile soil would produce plenty to eat, drink and wear.

After publishing the pamphlet, he fled from Ireland, a'nd went to work in London, working for the liberal papers in which he attacked Irish Landlordism. Working class rebels in Newcastleupon-Tyne asked him to join them. He left Londonn, calling it "that great social wen", and quickly rose to prominence among the Scots fighting for siociasl and to make gowns and masks, the more Scotland to avoid arrest and landed in When sheriffs would approach a outlandish the better. At their peak, the New York. Within months, he was at farmer's land, intended to sell off some Indians numbered over ten thousand, yet the forefront of the anti-rent struggles in

> Dr Smith Boughton, who came to ber known by his Indian name, Big Thuinder. A brilliant public speaker and organizer, he traveled up and down the financially the Indians' efforts. Targeted escaped by the lords of Livingston manor, he was eventually arrested for robbery (after a sheriff was relieved of his warrants and werits by a band of Indians) and sentenced to life imprisonment at hard

> > such a high pitch that Governor Silas



that the patroon system was trague and Quickly, the anti-rent associations had Adopting pseudo-savage names (Red that only so much pressure could be put thousands of dues-paying members and Jacket, Black Hawk, Yellow Jacket, on it before it collapsed, he often had their influence was felt throughout all Blue Beard, Little Thunder. White allowed tenants' rents to lapse during the leasehold lands. The governor of Chief) the Calico Indians bound In 1664, the Dutch colony was siezed by times of bad harvest or other ill fortune. New York sent in armed militia to puit themselves by the oath: I do of my own free will and

accord come forward to join this body of men and will reveal no secrets of the society made known to me necessary to be kept

of his livestock in order to pay back no two costumes were alike. The chiefs' the Hudson Valley. rents, the Calico Indians would surround garments were the most flamboyant, the lawmen - usually on horseback - or however, because the anti-rent Another prominent anti-rent leader was

would "counterpoise in some measure By putting on ridiculous costumes, the general levellimgh spirit that so By putting on ridiculous costumes, antinomian and proto-anarchist Ranters, taking false names, and swearing exhorting farmers to join or support After the Revolutionary War, some land melodramatic oaths, they was taken from the Tories, but the most as payment for their war claims, and Centuries of social constraint

mounted and in full battle dress - to "preserve ordr". Then, in early 1845.

he requested that the legislature pass a as the news got out, public opinion for practical purposes, to prevent being demons: wearing humiliated and treated as buffoons. law making it illegal for any individual turned against the rebels. The cells identified and punished. However, they horns, fangs and scarlet talons. Half- Even family ties meant nothing. Social, to appear with "his face painted, disbanded, thousands of masks were also chose to transform themselves into drunk, converting their farm implements as well as political law was overthown. discolored, covered or concealed" or to burned and buried, and the calico gowns creatures who could do what no law- into weapons, they had strength where refuse help to a law enforcement officer were converted overnight into curtains abiding citizen would dream of doing. before they had only servitude and the At the killing of undersheriff Osman refuse help to a law enforcement officer in the pursuit of "seizing, arresting, confining ... every person with his face so painted". Though anti-rent forces were building strength in the legislature, were convented overlight into cutally and quilts. Mass arrests followed the death of Steele and eventually eighty taking false names, and swearing melodramatic oaths, they escaped to the gallows and thirteen to prison to the gallows are the gallows and thirteen to prison to the gallows are the gallows and thirteen to prison to the gallows are the gallows and the gallows and thirteen to prison to the gallows are the gallows and thirteen to prison to the gallows are the gallows and the gallows are gallows and th the measure passed easily. The Calico terms.

Earle near Andes, to sell off some of In retrospect, it is clear that in order to Earle's livestock on order to satisfy a throw off the two hundred year old warrant for two years' back rent. The feudal system, the Catskill and Hudson Indians gathered in force, blaring theor River Valley farmers needed to homs, and surrounded the two sheriffs. ransformm themselves, physically as Steele resisted and shots werre fired. well as emotionally. Like the Indians' Three bullets hit him and he died late who took part in the Boston Tea Party, that day. The Indians scattered. As soon the Catskill rebels disguised themselves

Indians, however, continued their Yet, though the Indians' violence was exhibited is clearly quite skewed. follow one's desires. Some took names hey were able to claim their land and a guerrilla war. As in most insurgency condemned by the general population, Boyish enthusiasm, romantic notions of that were overtly Arabic (The Prophet), small, but significant, measure of movements, the rebels remained hidden and highly mobile, striking only when their enemy, then evaporating as quickly as they'd gathered.

The Anti-rent War continued until August of 1845, when Sheriff Green August of 1845, when Sheriff Green Striking only when their evaporating and the anti-rent forces continued to work their way into state government. In 1846, John Young was elected governor of New York on an anti-rent platform and a few weeks after taking office, had pardoned all the Calico Indian prisoners still in jail. In 1848, the legislature of the noble savage, and simple ignorance shaped the Calico Indians' idea of the noble savage, and simple ignorance shaped the Calico Indians' idea of themselves. The costume itself points to a gross misunderstanding of what 'Indian' meant. Looking more like animals dressed in women's clothing than the originalinhabitants of the land they worked, the Calico Indians' stricks (Interprephet), or Mexican (Santa Anna). With their secret oaths, midnight torays, orzarre costumes, their violence mixed with a grandiose heroics; they clearly believed that rto be an Indian was not merely to be non-white, but also something bigger than the originalinhabitants of the land the noble savage, and simple ignorance shaped the Calico Indians' idea of themselves. The costume itself points to a gross misunderstanding of what 'Indian' meant. Looking more like animals dressed in women's clothing that rto be an Indian was not merely to be non-white, but also something bigger than the originalinhabitants of the land the noble savage, and simple ignorance shaped the Calico Indians' idea of themselves. The costume itself points to a gross misunderstanding of what 'Indian' meant. Looking more like animals dressed in women's clothing that rto be an Indian was not merely to be non-white, but also something bigger than the originalinhabitants of the land the noble savage, and simple ignorance shaped the Calico Indians' idea of themselves. The costume issue from the noble savage, and simple ignoran August of 1845, when Sheriff Green pardoned all the Calico Indian prisoners

More and Osman Steele (his jailor and abolished the tenure rent system.

August of 1845, when Sheriff Green pardoned all the Calico Indians they worked, the Calico Indians species lines, all expectations were controlled of overturned. Anecdotes were told of otherness. Decked out in gowns,

knowing it, to play at being women. kisses and caresses of their own 1790-1850 (Octagon Books, 1967) Wearing masks made from animal parts brothers, without anyone suspecting Jay Gould's History of Delaware their true identity. Drinken farm noys County (Keeny & Gould, 1856) ears and feathers) they were more beasts than men. And a few of the most brave

The view of Indians that the farmers wildness, lack of restraint, the ability to crimminality and righteous defiance,

parents talking for hours with their sons, David Ellis's Landlords and Farmers flowers, wigs, ribbons and tassels, they and of girls being overwhelmed by the in the Hudson-Mohawk Region,

chieftains; warriors rather than serfs. Isabel T Kelsay's The Trial of Big Armed sheriffs could be mocked, Thunder in History #33 (7/35)

ADRIFTIN MENTALSPACE

Extracts from Jerry Mander's Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television on how our identity can be shaped by a systematic denial of grounding.

As technology has evolved, step by step, it has placed boundaries between human beings and their connections with larger, nonhuman realities. As life acquired ever more technological wrapping, human experience and understanding were confined and altered. In Solaris will not evoke the past. these changes happen in a nonspecific order over time, until people's 3) Separate people from each other. minds and living patterns are so disconnected that there is no way of Reduce intersonal communication knowing reality from fantasy. At such a point, there is no choice but to accept leadership, however arbitary.

Such leadership may very well not plan EIGHT IDEAL CONDITIONS its own success. It emerges organically FOR THE FLOWERING OF at the moment when human experience AUTOCRACY has been sufficiently channeled and mass sensory deprivation, simple, clear described [Tarkovski's Solaris, subordinated to mass experience. statements assume a grwater authority Huxley's Brave New World and 4) Unify experience, especially open, receptive and unquestioning available at all times for imprinting. In and profundity than they deserve.

Whoever recognizes that such a crucial astronauts or the poor, puzzled masses model.

priocess because it creates standardized world. You would probably have pinned effect. arbitrary forms of physical and mental over your desk a list something like this: confinement. Television is the ideal tool contines experience and implants simple, clear ideas.

person at all, or even as an articulated separate natural from artificial, real control. ideology or conscious conspiracy. The from unreal. You provide the answers to autocracy can exist in the technology all questions. tself. The technology can produce its own subordinated society, as though it 2) Eliminate points of comparison expressions of revolt must be contained Converts effectively submit to having were alive, like Solaris.

Orwell's 1984], when combined with those rare political writers who approach autocratic form from the pint of view of moment has arrived, that people's minds technology (Jacques Ellel, Ivan Illich are appropriately confused and Guy Debord, Herbert Marcuse), begin receptive, can speak directly to them to yield a system of preconditions from without interference. The people who which we can expect monolithic systems are spoken to are preconditioned to of control to emerge. For the moment, it accept what they hear, like the Solaris will be simpler to use the dictatorship

Eliminate or museumize indigenous expressions of resistance.

cultures, wildemess and nonhuman lite 7) Centralize knowleage und it were grounded in concrete reality.

through life-styles that emphasize directly into all brains at the same time separateness. When people gather with great power and believability. together, be sure it is fort a prearranged experience that occupies all their 8) Redefine happiness and the code and can speak the appropriate attention at once. Spectator sports are meaning of life in terms of new and techno-speak. excellent, so are circuses, elections, and increasingly uprooted philosophy. Like a mass of Manchurian candidates, any other spectacles in which focus is Once you've established the prior seven the people whose minds have been confined. In this cultural analogue of The three fictional works I have outward and interpersonal exchange is conditions, this one is easy. Anything retrained into passive channels by these

encouraging mental experience at the Formal mind structuring is simple. Most this way they merge with and can accept expense of sensory experience. Separate people's minds from their philosophies, they lead to uncontrollable other simplistic intrusions without the bodies, as in sense-deprivation experiments, thus clearing the mental channel for implanation. Idealize the ones, those that make sense only in mind. Sensory experience cannot be eliminated totally, so it should be driver POPULAR PHILOSOPHY AND into narrow areas. An emphasis on sex ARBITRARY REALITY as opposed to sense may be useful Imagine that like some kind of science because it is powerful enough to pass for Technology plays a critical role in this fiction dictator you intended to rule the whole thing and it has a placebo

5) Occupy the mind. Once people are see it in action in the quasi-religious for such purposes because it both 1) Eliminate personal knowledge, isolated in their mindfs, fill the brain philosophies that are now sweeping the Make it hard for people to know about with prearranged experience and country, gathering in millions of themselves, how they function, what a thought. Content is less important than devotees. human being is, or how a human fits the fact of the mind being filled. Free-Seen in this way, a new fact emerges. into wider, natural systems. This will roaming thought is to be discouraged at . The techniques used in gathering Autocracy needn't come in the form of a make it impossible for the human to all costs, because it is difficult to adherents to these burgeoning

> total repression is impossible and so offered. The results are also similar. Comparisons can be found in earlier on the personal level. Drugs will fill in their minds reconstructed along simpler, societies, older language forms and he cracks of dissatisfaction, making flat, marrow, but, most importantly, cultural artifacts, including print media. peole unresponsive to organised unrooted channels. This allows them to

forms. Re-create internal human information. Having isolated people In a world where alienation and experience - instincts, thoughts, and from each other and minds from bodies; confusion are common conditions, these spontaneous, varied feelings - so that it eliminated points of comparison; new philosophies offer a comforting discouraged sensory experience; and mental ordr that accepts and absorbs all invented technologies to unify and control experience, speak. At this point whatever comes from outside will enter people's minds are so simplified and

> makes sense in a void. All channels are technologically based processes are important, avoid and advertising-mind, television-mind and awareness. The leadt resistible slightest belch of rejection. philosophies are the most arbitraery

There is considerable evidence that the science fiction vision of arbitrary reality inevitably leading to autocracy has already begun to materialize. We can

movements are startlingly similar in conception to 1984, Solaris, Brave New b) Encourage arug use. Recognize that World and the eight-pointed list just embrace arbitrary information as though

contradictions. The danger is that once receptive, they become vulnerable to any leader, guru or system of forces which understands the simplicity of the



THEMACHINE IN OUR HEADS

Glenn Parton outlines his eco-psychology

INTRODUCTION

The environmental crisis consists of the deterioration and outright destruction of micro and macro ecosystems worldwide, entailing the elimination of countless numbers of wild creatures from the air, land, and sea, with many species being pushed to the brink of extinction, and into extinction. People who passively allow this to happen, not to mention those who actively promote it for economic or other reasons, are already a good distance down the road to insanity. Most people do not see, understand, or care very much about this catastrophe of the planet because they are overwhelmingly preoccupied with grave psychological problems. The environmental crisis is rooted in the psychological crisis of the modern individual. This makes the search for an eco-psychology crucial; we must understand better what terrible thing is happening to the modern human mind, why it is happening, and what can be done about it.

DEEP THINKING

The solution to the global environmental crisis we face today depends far less on the dissemination of new information man it does on the re-emergence into consciousness of old ideas. Primitive ideas or tribal ideas-kinship, solidarity, adult community, direct democracy, diversity, harmony with nature,--provide the ideas, gifts of our ancestral heritage, are blocked from entering consciousness. The vast majority of modern people prima cannot see the basic truths that our compromises because what is self-

10,000 years ago, humans lived in tribal or guiding principles concerning living together successfully on a diverse and healthy planet. The invasion of civilization into one tribal locale after another, around the globe, has been so swift and deadly that we may speak of the trauma of civilization. Because tribal peoples were unprepared and unable to deal with the onslaught of civilization, tribal consciousness was driven underground, becoming something forbidden and dangerous. Conquered peoples became afraid to think and act other words, the child institutes from there. according to the old ways, on pain of repression of its primitive self. Tribal death. There is much fear that lies at the origin of civilization.

Ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny-that

individual consciousness is part of the overcome the resistances, that prevent directed perceptivity, that permits the natural, normal functioning of the tribal ideas from coming to entry into consciousness, as well as the human mind. Deep thinking is not the consciousness. The modern problem is passage into activity, of tribal ideas. result of education; it is innate, our not simply that we do not listen to birthright as Homo sapiens. What primal ideas, but rather that primal ideas civilization has done is to disrupt the are unable to come to consciousness at free flow of ideas in the human mind by all, because of the internal counter shutting down the primitive mind forces, or ego-alien identifications, that through traumatic socialization. In such contradict and overpower them. a situation, cut off from the time-tested and proven ideas of prehistory, reason becomes one-dimensional, and is unable to solve the problems of modem life. No amount of new information can replace tribal wisdom, which provides the foundation for any good and decent life.

None of what has been said here denies stereotypic gestures, and unexamined ideas threaten civilization, so they the concept of progress, but it means that behavioral patterns of the general cannot pass through the censorship of makes the threat of bodily harm or loss genuine progress is the outcome of deep public. This false self determines much the false self, which functions of love, which is used by the parents and mental dialogue in which new ideas are of our everyday lives, so that we are specifically to ward off all others to enforce civilized morality and accepted or rejected by reference to that seldom the origin of our actions. We serious challenges to civilization. civilized education, a traumatic great complex of old ideas that have lapse into the false self at the first sign of experience. The developing little person been perfected and passed down from danger, under stress, or simply because becomes afraid to express its own tribal one generation to the next generation it is the path of least resistance. In this nature. There is much fear that lies at over many millennia. In other words, unthinking mode of social role playing, the bottom of becoming a civilized genuine progress builds on basic truth. we internally reproduce our own This is not idealization of primitive oppression.

The passage of tribal ideas from the human mind, it is necessary to the primitive mind. As such, it has direct

oldest and deepest layer of the mind into breakdown these internal authorities, access to primal wisdom, an internally

framework or toundation of any rational or sane society. Today, these primal Those individuals who still hear their over our lives. The original or primary ancient ancestors knew and that we must articulate this truth that political debates, scientific research, and forever tribal creatures, which means childhood-on primitive mental evident to the primitive mind has been that our core identity is that of a THE TRUE SELF For hundreds of thousands of years, member of a small human group in a In order for the original self to unfold or until the beginning of civilization about member of a small human group in a develop its inherent potentialities, so that societies, which produced tribal large natural/wild place. consciousness—a set of workable idea.

> When the child becomes aware of ideas culture, but conscious recognition of its Trauma is a necessary part of civilizing and impulses that oppose the dictates of solid, intelligent achievements. Because someone, because a natural, maturing civilization, s/he experiences anxiety, civilization repudiates primitive, basic individual will not otherwise accept the which is the signal for danger. It is not truth, we have no frame of reference for ideals of civilization. These idealsthe insights and urges themselves that a good and decent life. What we call hierarchy, property, the State, for the child fears, but rather the reaction to progress in the modern world is the example-are so contrary to our tribal them on the part of those in charge. aimless and reckless rampage of lost nature that they must be forcibly thrust Since the child cannot escape from those individuals. When one is lost, it is into the human mind. This causes the Through identification, which is a who control its life, s/he runs away from necessary to go back to the place where mind to rupture, to divide its territory- normal psychological basis of dangerous thoughts and feelings. In one had one's bearings, and start anew that is, to surrender a part of itself to the personality development, the original ideas are now isolated, cut off from THE FALSE SELF awareness, and unable to properly influence the future course of events.

individual is an abbreviated repetition of civilization is responsible for the overwhelming terror, the human mind the development of the species. In derangement of reason. That inner splits, with part of itself modeling itself childhood, a modem person travels an dialogue in the human mind that is the after the oppressor. This is an act of Beneath the false self, there still lives the This rupture of the mind is enormous distance between stone-age hallmark of self-consciousness has appeasement: "Look," the mind says in original identity of the person. This unfortunately precisely what occurs primitive creature and responsible ceased, because the depth-dimension of effect, "I am like you, so do not harm original self is older than, and other through compulsory training and contemporary citizen. When confronted reflective thought, which is the primitive me." As a result of the civilizing process, than, the foreign personality that has education of contemporary civilized with the awesome power of civilization- mind, has been silenced. Modern people together with this psychological defense been imposed upon it. This original self human beings. In contrast, the whose first representatives are parents, no longer hear their own primal voice, mechanism known as "identification or primitive ego is the person one was in development of the natural and sane teachers, priests (and, later on, police- and without interaction between new with the aggressor", we now hear the childhood-before the mind was ruptured human mind does not entail any sharp officers, legislators, and bosses)-the ideas and old ideas, the demands of the various by the trauma of civilization-and the delimitations between its various stages child faces, psychologically, the same individual and the demands of the tribe representatives of civilization in our person one still is at the core of one's and functions. The true self is a situation as its tribal ancestors-namely, (and species), there is no deep thinking. heads. Because of these alien ego- personal identity. This original self is continuation and culmination of the conform to the dictates of civilization or On the contrary, when reason is cut off identifications we no longer hear our closely connected to the oldest layer of original self; it develops out of the

is to say, the development of the The trauma or inescapable terror of to trauma. When faced with mental life. die. The helplessness of childhood at the roots, it becomes shallow, unable own tribal/primal voice. In order for 'the psyche. It is an individually original self, just as the original self

invading enemy. For this reason, the identity of the person is stretched into false self is never really integrated into something more and greater, on its path the human mind, but instead occupies to the true self. This process of the mind, as a foreign body, standing identification becomes pathological only is a well-known psychological response apart from and above normal/healthy when the continuity of the personality is

to determine what is of true value in life. deep thinking to commence again in the differentiated portion of the primitive develops out of the tribal self. mind-the first, personal organization of

In civilization, this original self is caught in the middle of a war between the status quo false self and the uprising of the tribal self. Even when an individual succeeds in holding its own personal identity, refusing to slip into These ego-alien identifications, built up the false self, the primal voice may over the course of a lifetime, cohere and remain unheard, smothered by the false form a distinct, circumscribed self. As a distinct, circumscribed personality, or false self, that represents personality, the false self achieves a

and enforces the rules and regulations of counter-will of its own that is always civilization. This false self is observable operational in the sick mind, at least in in the frozen facial expressions, terms of repressing tribal ideas. Tribal

Furthermore, the false self tends to become more autonomous and extensive, owing to improved forms of social control and manipulation of consciousness in the modem worldadvertizing, for example. Once the mind is broken, the false self, backed by the self has become autistic, or severely Clearly withdrawn from active engagement with social reality. However, there remains some awareness, at least sometimes, of are our primary identity beneath the false self, and so there is hope for lifting the

the child becomes a mature and autonomous individual, it must be guided by the oldest human wisdom-the tribal self-but unfortunately the false self disrupts this inner dialogue and free path of the human mind. Civilization, within and without, prevents us from becoming all that we can be and should be, i.e. from becoming our true self. The true self remains mostly a potentiality.

not preserved,i.e. when there is a splitting in two of the mind, giving rise to a new psychic structure—a false self.

In sum, psychical reality consists of the THE JOURNEY

and the dynamic interplay between them is responsible for the development of the What is required in order to hear one's the grip of the false self, which means true self. The true self is something that own primal voice and resume deep that a revolution is definitely not on the Traumatic thinking is a journey outward by the agenda. The influencing machine of trapped in our minds and bodies and is civilization has not eliminated the original self, which is a matter of civilization is in our heads, and we must original self, but it has stopped the flow fighting to live according to defeat it there first; for it is not to be of tribal ideas into consciousness, which fundamental ideas that one recognizes as expected that people brutally held down arrests or distorts the higher/maturer good and right, a tribal ideal. This is the (for 10.000 years) by counterdevelopment of the personality. In order path of a warrior because civilization revolutionary forces will revolt-until to resume deep thinking in the human without (laws, institutions, and the psuchological groundwork of mind, so that we can become our true technologies) and within (the false self) liberation has been adequately self, it is necessary to push back and is organized against it. It takes inner prepared. After enough of us have done ultimately dissolve civilization, resolve and courage to go against the hard inner work of self-restorationinternally and externally.

THE MESSAGE

movement, eco-leaders and eco- involves committing to, and standing up literature must speak to the original self for the great ideas of prehistory: face-toin the modern mind, since this is face democracy, rivers and streams as precisely what the primal mind in the drinking places, respect for wildlife, etc. vast majority of people is unable to do. These ideas do not require more data, If the message is right, then people will arguments, congresses or conferences respond (at least this must be the because they are the irrefutable elements working premise). Humans still know of original knowledge. The warrior how to live properly on this planet, but stands on the unshakable foundation of we do not know that we know it basic truth, and the vicious lies of (because tribal ideas are unconscious). civilization-that the Earth is property, Those individuals who still hear their or that the common good results from own primal voice need to clearly each person maximizing its own selfarticulate the truth that we are forever interest, for example-- are dismissed as tribal creatures, which means that our the meaningless babble of the ignorant. core identity is that of a member of a The false self is the defensive response small human group in a large of a feeble ego (as in childhood) to the natural/wild place. There are numerous superior force of civilization. Instead of talented individuals who could convey holding true to its own needs and this message more thoroughly, more insights, the weak ego submits, consistently, and in greater detail.

truth is not something to be imposed path of development. Therefore, in order upon them, but something to be evoked to disengage the false self it is necessary within them. The fact is that people do to reclaim, sustain, and strengthen the not feel satisfied in the roles assigned to original self by holding steadfast to a them by civilization. There is a primitive sense of right and wrong, good widespread feeling that one's true and bad, in everyday life, as best we can. identity or potential is not being The psychodynamics of the cure consists fulfilled, but unfortunately there is no in overcoming our fear of deep thinking awareness of the tribal self-except by strengthening the original ego, among a small minority of individuals. through everyday practice, to the point Once the message of a tribal self is reintroduced into public consciousness, it subversive ideas. We are afraid to think individuals for a long time, but it is the past. It is safer not to think about never entirely forgotten again, as it was tribal ideas, and spare oneself the in childhood. This message is the painful memories of punishment (and catalyst for an intellectual awakening the attacks of anxiety) that are among the population, accompanied by associated with the recall of these ideas. the feeling that something old and The childhood fear that one will be familiar has been uncovered.

fact that, although repression shuts down confronting reality with a tribal ideal, "progresses," toward global interlock deep thinking, tribal ideas continue to which will gradually prove to us that it among new technological forms, we are push for entrance into consciousness. is safe to open the door to the primitive removed farther and farther from the The mind seeks always to integrate all mind. We must have the courage to pay simple and basic joys of life-sitting in a its ideas into one comprehensible whole. Whate is part of the repressed unconscious is trying to penetrate into nature. consciousness. When an individual gets the idea of a tribal self from an external The child settles for an unsatisfactory source, via the message, it takes hold adaptation to social reality-namely, deep down. The message appeals to the repression of its tribal self because it is conscious mind, tugs at it, rings true unable to deal with the threatening because it touches and stirs the repressed menace of civilization in any other way. truth that is striving to break into However, adults are no longer in the awareness. For this reason, the triumph helpless position of childhood; it is no the culture of selfishness that is groups and large natural/wild places. of civilization over the tribal self is longer necessary to give up the struggle underway everywhere in the modern never secure, so there must be a consum with civilization. There is plenty of world-the first step on the road bombardment of lies and distortions opportunity in our everyday lives to insanity. from the representatives of civilization. question and refuse humiliating and

Whether or not an individual awakens to now, is not that we win this or that battle the message of a tribal self depends on the mental condition of one's personal true to tribal ideas in the face of life. Crisis can open a person to ideas civilization, and integrate them into the that would otherwise be shunned or conduct or character of our lives. This is rejected. A desperate or confused person what slowly brings about a radical seeking help may accept the notion of a change in the personality. tribal self intellectually, because it makes sense of one's life-history; but this The path of a warrior is that of prerequisite of a sane person, but it is which dissolves the false self (and its not enough, not the same thing as punishment mechanism). hearing one's own primal voice. Each The personal journey of loosening the individual must validate or prove, for itself, the message or theory of a tribal

achieve this end. The public is firmly in

path of a tribal warrior in the modern then we will come together in tribal world has nothing to do with picking up units and smash civilization. In terms of building an environmental a spear or wearing a loin cloth; rather, it

outwardly and inwardly, to oppression. The sadness of the modem age is that In other words, the false self results from the public needs to be reminded of a failure in the function of the "unchangeable human needs." This original/primary ego to stay on its own

> deeply or critically, due to the horror of murdered or grossly harmed for

The power of this message to move an primitive thinking lives on. individual is due to the psychological We can conquer this fear by daily attention to our illness of self-surrender, shaft of sunlight, conversing around a The tribal ideal is a staff for and try again to express our tribal fire, food-sharing, walking, the blue sky strengthening the original self and

debilitating authority. What matters, for with external reality, but that we stay

going to bring about the overthrow of civilization; but it is the subjective unmet primitive needs.

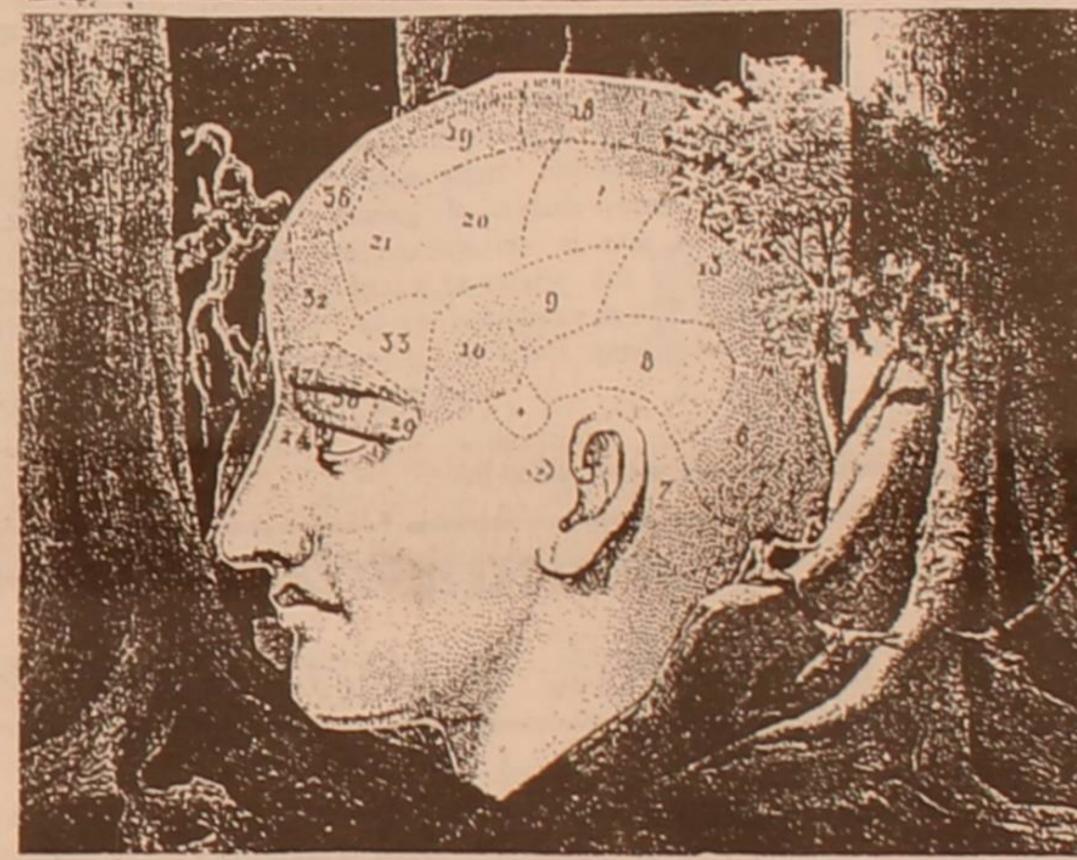
civilization, outwardly or inwardly. The that is, re-claimed enough of our sanity,

Human unhappiness within civilization is widespread and growing. People feel

If people cannot access the utout ideas that inform them of basic needs, then they cannot find the proper targetnamely, civilization-for their frustration and aggression. As a result, rage is destined to reach heights that are psychological unbearable for any individual, which leads to madness. Insanity, the third and final stage of civilization, occurs when the original self becomes a tortured prisoner within the walls of its own fears, frustrations, and hostility. It is now extremely difficult, if not impossible, to reach and influence the original self with any rational message.

THE PATH TO SANITY

Civilization has enslaved us in the chains of dependency, isolation, and artificiality. All that we have suffered in increasingly empty, anxious, depressed, civilization still exists in our minds-for



and angry. Everyone is seeking an nothing vanishes from the human mindanswer to serious mental problems. The and it is accumulating into rage. The Chinese ideogram for crisis combines mechanism that civilization employs in the sign of "danger" with that of order to prevent this rage from "opportunity." This is exactly where we discharging itself against its sourceare in history, at the crossroads between namely, civilization-is two radically different futures. On the establishment of a dictatorship in our landscape. one hand, there is the danger of insanity, heads, a false self, that re-directs this and on the other hand, the opportunity rage toward the citizen in the form of

being satisfied in civilization, and this produces frustration, which in turn activates aggression. As civilization overhead-and so frustration and fighting off the false self. By upholding aggression also progress. More and a tribal ideal, sometimes through the more of a person's concern and spoken word, sometimes through action, compassion for others and the natural and sometimes through silence, we build world are withdrawing, and re-focusing self-respect on a solid foundation; for at on the self, in order to neutralize the the core of our being we are still fiercely growing frustration and anger within. independent, intelligent creatures, with This is the psychological explanation for strong affective ties to small human

Basic, vital needs or tribal needs are not

horizon, is megalomania, a severe the face of the hatred of the whole pathological state of consciousness in modem world. When an individual which the steady withdrawal of love acquires fundamental self-respect, then from others and nature gives rise to the s/he will be made a fool no longer, and deluded mental condition of exalted self- all the blows of civilization are nothing importance. The megalomaniac feels but the battlescars of a proud warrior. more and more powerful, euphoric, and Civilization is powerless against it, Pantheon Books, NY. 1960. in control of things (due to an because a person who has re-claimed abnormally inflated self-love), while in fundamental self-respect is not yet to grasp tribal ideas from upholding a tribal ideal-with the reality s/he is becoming more and more cares nothing about the laws and within, the result of deep mental therapeutic aim of bringing a isolated, impotent, and out of control standards of civilization. dialogue. Intellectual awareness of one's strengthened ego into direct and open tribal self, via the message, is the first communication with the tribal mind, others and nature). This pathological love, the second and decisive step on the condition of megalomania is fueled by path to sanity, for self-love (and inner hatred, which is desperately happiness in large measure) consists in Psychology of Misery," C.A.L. Press, seeking pacification by consuming more becoming one's own ideal again, as in Mo. 1994. and more of a person's available love, childhood. This self-love eventually

self-blame. According to the false self, each individual is to blame for its own misery. The false self gets the energy it needs to punish and enslave us from our own blind frustration and aggression. Without conscious commitment to a tribal ideal, a firm hold on basic truth, by which to evaluate, condemn, and go against civilization, a person is at the mercy of its own mounting disappointment and aggression that the false self is designed to turn inward.

The importance of this self-respect as a prime motivator of human nature can hardly be overstated; it may enable an The second step, which is now on the individual to defy civilization, even in

on Earth is the esult of a surplus of Books, NY. 1967.

love, or as Nietzsche put it, abundance in oneself...the over-great fullness of life...the feeling of plenitude and increased energy."6 In other words, caring for life on Earth flows from an unbroken and expanding primary and healthy narcissism. Without this caring that flows from self-love, science and ethics will preach in vain for the preservation of biological diversity, ecological integrity, and real wilderness. The megalomaniac or pathological

narcissist has no love for others or for nature, because s/he needs all available psychic energy, and even more, in order to stave off a false self that is becoming more demanding and brutal. In megalomania, the backward flow of love, away from others and nature and toward the self, is a defensive reaction to the underlying reality of intensifying personal hurt and hatred: the original self is becoming weaker, and the false self stronger, because the gross injury to the psyche of the human being, by the trauma of civilization, festers.

Identification with the tribal ideal is the antidote to the massive narcissistic wounds inflicted on us by civilization, and it threatens civilization with disintegration because it goes to the source of our injury and begins to heal it. The third and final stage of the making of a revolutionary or eco-radical occurs when an individual, after arduous intellectual praxis, either remembers or intuits basic truth. The individual now hears its own primal voice, which rises up from within as an unstoppable conscious drive to assist fellow creatures and to make a positive contribution to

In sum, the path to sanity begins with the awareness of a tribal self. A personal commitment to this ideal builds selfrespect, which in turn builds self-love. This self-love eventually overflows to take in others and nature. At last, individuals are psychologically secure and strong enough to enter into cooperative associations with one another in favor of a mass movement aimed at re-establishing small human villages, embedded in a healthy/wild

When the final crisis of civilization comes in the 21st Century, the present system will do whatever is necessary to perpetuate itself. People who are in the stranglehold of the false self will support whatever the system does, including the exploitation and destruction of National Parks, Designated Wildemess Areas, and The Wildlands Project (whatever it achieves). Unless people possess an assured, sane psychological core, everything else is in jeopardy. The personal pursuit of sanity is, or will shortly become, the overriding issue for the vast majority of people, and toward this end, each person, isolated and fearful in modern society, must be armed with an ideal or vision of what s/he would like to be and should be. There is nothing better to offer people than a tribal ideal. It is, then, up to each person to do the difficult psychological work of personal liberation that must precede real change. This personal task of healing the mind can be and must be accomplished, to a decisive point, in modern-day circumstances.

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A PRIMITIVIST PRIMER

John Moore's introduction to the basic ideas of anarchoprimitivism

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This is not a definitive statement, merely a personal account, and seeks in general terms to explain what is meant by anarcho-primitivism. It does not wish to limit or exclude, but provide a general introduction to the topic. Apologies for inaccuracies, misinterpretations, or (inevitable) overgeneralizations.

PRIMITIVISM?

Anarcho-primitivism (a.k.a. radical The aim is to develop a synthesis of capture power, not abolish it. Hence, they primitivism, the anti-civilization synthesis of the ecologically-focussed, groups-cadres, political parties, movement, or just, primitivism) is a non-statist, anti-authoritarian aspects of consciousness-raising groups-in order to shorthand term for a radical current that primitive lifeways with the most win converts and plan strategies for critiques the totality of civilization from advanced forms of anarchist analysis of gaining control. Organizations, for an anarchist perspective, and seeks to power relations. The aim is not to anarcho-primitivists, are just rackets, initiate a comprehensive transformation replicate or return to the primitive, gangs for putting a particular ideology in of human life. Strictly speaking, there is merely to see the primitive as a source of power. Politics, 'the art and science of no such thing as anarcho-primitivism or inspiration, as exemplifying forms of government, is not part of the primitivist anarcho-primitivists. Fredy Perlman, a anarchy. major voice in this current, once said, For anarcho-primitivists, civilization is mutuality and radical freedom. 'The only -ist name I respond to is the overarching context within which the "cellist." Individuals associated with this current do not wish to be adherents of an ideology, merely people who seek to become free individuals in free communities in harmony with one another and with the biosphere, and may therefore refuse to be limited by the term 'anarcho-primitivist' or any other used to characterise diverse individuals with a common project: the abolition

engaged in developing a

all power relations-e.g., structures of

control, coercion, domination, and

critical analysis of the technological structure of western civilization[,] combined with a reappraisal of the indigenous world and the character of primitive and original communities. In this sense we are primitivists ...

'an emerging synthesis of post-modem anarchist anti-authoritarianism, feminist Anarcho-primitivist journal Anarchy; A anarchy and the primitive (in the sense of critiques, Situationist ideas, zero-work Journal of Desire Armed envisions a individuals in ecologically-centred free original), Earth-based ecstatic vision, the Fifth Estate circle indicated:

We are not anarchists per se, but radical alternative. pro-anarchy, which is for us a on the FE as a project explores RADICAL IDEOLOGIES? possibilities for our own participation in this movement, but From the perspective of anarcho- Let us anticipate the critics who also works to rediscover the primitivism, all other forms of radicalism would accuse us of wanting to go primitive roots of anarchy as well as appear as reformist, whether or not they to document its present expression. regard themselves as revolutionary. Simultaneously, we examine the Marxism and classical anarchism, for example, want to take over civilization, evolution of Power in our midst in rework its structures to some degree, and order to suggest new terrains for remove its worst abuses and oppressions. contestations and critique in order However, 99% of life in civilization to undermine the present tyranny of remains unchanged in their future the modem totalitarian discoursescenarios, precisely because the aspects that hyper-reality that destroys of civilization they question are minimal. human meaning, and hence solidarity, by simulating it with technology. Underlying all struggles for freedom is this central necessity: to regain a truly human discourse grounded in autonomous, intersubjective mutuality and

an ecological focus, basic patterns would cultures, an anarcho-primitivist world institutions, abstractions, the artificial, of progress would merely be amended previous forms of anarchy. and would still act as an ideal. Mass society would essentially continue, with HOW DOES ANARCHOmost people working, living in artificial, PRIMITIVISM technologised environments, and subject TECHNOLOGY? ANARCHO- closely associated with the natural to forms of coercion and control.

Radical ideologies on the Left seek to anti-authoritarian primai and contemporary anarchy, a develop various kinds of exclusive project; only a politics of desire, pleasure,

councils in place of the State, and even incorporate elements derived from those current: it opposes all systems, remain unchanged. The Western model would likely be quite different from

John Zerzan defines technology as

the ensemble of division its impact on us and on nature. Technology is the sum of mediations between us and the natural world and the sum of those separations mediating us from each other. It is all the drudgery and toxicity required to produce and reproduce the stage of hyperalienation we languish in. It is the texture and the form of domination at any given stage of hierarchy and

...commutarian, ecological and feminist, spontaneous and wild...

ideological tagging. At best, then, Some basic power relations are present in ANARCHO-PRIMITIVISM, primitive societies-and this is one reason DOES POWER ORIGINATE? why anarcho-primitivists do not seek to replicate these societies-but it is in Again, a source of some debate among civilization that power relations become anarcho-primitivists. Perlman sees the pervasive and entrenched in practically creation of impersonal institutions or abstract power relations as the defining exploitation-and the creation of a form all aspects of human life and human moment at which primitive anarchy of community that excludes all such relations with the biosphere. Civilization--also referred to as the megamachine or begins to be dismantled by civilized So why is the term anarcho-primitivist Leviathan-becomes a huge machine social relations. In contrast, John Zerzan used to characterise this current? In which gains its own momentum and locates the development of symbolic 1986, the circle around the Detroit paper becomes beyond the control of even its mediation-in its various forms of A distinction should be drawn between supposed rulers. Powered by the routines number, language, time, art and later, tools (or implements) and technology. illness and disease! However, research of daily life which are defined and agriculture—as the means of transicion Perlman shows that primitive peoples has revealed that many diseases are the managed by internalized patterns of from human freedom to a state of develop all kinds of tools and results of civilized living conditions, and obedience, people become slaves to the domestication. The focus on origin is mplements, but not technologies: machine, the system of civilization itself. important in anarcho-primitivism Only widespread refusal of this system because primitivism seeks, in exponential The material objects, the canes and and its various forms of control, revolt fashion, to expose, challenge and abolish canoes, the digging sticks and walls, against power itself, can abolish all the multiple forms of power that were things a single individual civilization, and pose a radical structure the individual, social relations, could make, or they were things, alternative. Ideologies such as Marxism, and interrelations with the natural world. classical anarchism and feminism oppose Locating origins is a way of identifying complement a critique of civilization as a aspects of civilization; only anarcho- what can be safely salvaged from the occasion Most of the implements project of control with a reappraisal of primitivism opposes civilization, the wreck of civilization, and what it is are ancient, and the [material] the primitive, which they regarded as a context within which the various forms of essential to eradicate if power relations source of renewal and anti-authoritarian oppression proliferate and become are not to recommence after civilization's inspiration. This reappraisal of the pervasive-and, indeed, possible. collapse. primitive takes place from an anarchist Anarcho-primitivism incorporates WHAT KIND OF FUTURE IS perspective, a perspective concerned with elements from various oppositional ENVISAGED BY ANARCHOeliminating power relations. Pointing to currents-ecological consciousness, PRIMITIVISTS?

power to refuse them all and pose a spontaneous and wild,' and this might be other hand, is the product of large-scale the closest you'll get to a description! interlocking systems of extraction, WHAT HOW DOES ANARCHO. There's no blueprint, no proscriptive production, distribution and POPULATION? incommensurate with Power and PRIMITIVISM DIFFER FROM pattern, although it's important to stress consumption, and such systems gain their refusing all ideology ... Our work ANARCHISM, OR OTHER that the envisioned future is not own momentum and dynamic. As such, A controversial issue, largely because the Fifth Estate said in 1979:

> "back to the caves" or of mere posturing on our part-i.e., enjoying the comforts of civilization all the while being its hardiest critics. We are not posing the Stone Age as a model for our Utopia[,] nor are we suggesting a return to gathering and hunting as a means for our

Although both want to abolish As a corrective to this common capitalism, and classical anarchism misconception, it's important to stress would abolish the State too, overall life that that the future envisioned by patterns wouldn't change too much. anarcho-primitivism is sui generis-it is Although there might be some changes in without precedent. Although primitive socioeconomic relations, such as worker gultures provide intimations of the control of industry and neighbourhood future, and that future may well

multiplicity of power relations develop. WHERE, ACCURDING TO Opposition to technology thus plays an State, Capital, and technology. The important role in anarcho-primitivist German philosopher Nietzsche said that practice. However, Fredy Perlman says

> technology is nothing but the Leviathan's armory,' its 'claws and fangs.' Anarcho-primitivists are thus opposed to technology, but there is some debate over how central technology is to domination

cooperation of many on a single supposedly made possible] have been ripe since the first dawn, but they did not give rise to impersonal institutions. People, living beings,

Estate pointed out in 1981: Technology is not a simple tool which can be used in any way we like. It is a form of social organization, a set of social relations. It has its own laws. If we are to engage in its use, we must accept its authority. The enormous size, complex interconnections and stratification of tasks which make up modem technological systems make authoritarian command and independent, decision-making

Anarcho-primitivism is an anti-systemic pressures toward excessive reproduction

the synthetic, and the machine, because they embody power relations. Anarchoprimitivists thus oppose technology or the technological system, but not the use of tools and implements in the senses indicated here. As to whether any technological forms will be appropriate in an anarcho-primitivist world, there is debate over this issue. The Fifth Estate

Reduced to its most basic elements, discussions about the future sensibly should be predicated on what we desire socially and from that determine what technology is possible. All of us desire central heating, flush toilets, and electric lighting, but not at the expense of our humanity. Maybe they are all possible together, but maybe not.

WHAT ABOUT MEDICINE?

Ultimately, anarcho-primitivism is all

about healing-healing the rifts that have opened up within individuals, between people, and between people and nature, the rifts that have opened up through civilization, through power, including the pain, and the way it is dealt with, should be at the neart of any free society, and in this respect, he is right. Individuals, communities and the Earth itself have been maimed to one degree or another by the power relations characteristic of civilization. People have been psychologically maimed but also physically assaulted by illness and disease. This isn't to suggest that anarcho-primitivism can abolish pain, if these conditions were abolished, then certain types of pain, illness and disease could disappear. As for the remainder, a world which places pain at its centre would be vigorous in its pursuit of assuaging it by finding ways of curing illness and disease. In this sense, anarchoprimitivism is very concerned with medicine. However, the alienating hightech, pharmaceutical-centred form of medicine practised in the West is not the only form of medicine possible. The question of what medicine might consist of in an anarcho-primitivist future depends, as in the Fifth Estate comment on technology above, on what is possible Tools are creations on a localised, small- and what people desire, without scale, the products of either individuals compromising the lifeways of free theories, technological criticism-but goes future that is 'radically cooperative & such, they do not give rise to systems of communities. As on all other questions, beyond opposition to single forms of communitarian, ecological and feminist, control and coercion. Technology, on the there is no dogmatic answer to this issue.

'primitive' in any stereotypical sense. As they demand structures of control and there isn't a consensus among anarchoobedience on a mass scale-what Perlman primitivists on this topic. Some people calls impersonal institutions. As the Fifth argue that population reduction wouldn't be necessary; others argue that it would on ecological grounds and/or to sustain the kind of lifeways envisaged by anarcho-primitivists. George Bradford, in How Deep is Deep Ecology?, argues that women's control over reproduction would lead to a fall in population rate. The personal view of the present writer is hat population would ...ced to be reduced, but this would occur through natural wastage-i.e., when people died, not all of them would be replaced, and thus the overall population rate would fall and eventually stabilise. Anarchists have long argued that in a free world, social, economic and psychological

would be removed. There would just be means that such orchestrated slaughter too many other interesting things going remains an impossibility as well as just on to engage people's time! Feminists plain horrendous. have argued that women, freed of gender

reproductive capacities as in patriarchal BROUGHT ABOUT?

a steady increase in human numbers [is] as persistent as the Leviathan itself. This phenomenon seems to exist only among Leviathanized human beings. Animals as well as human communities in the state of nature do not proliferate their own kind to the point of pushing all

societies, and this would result in lower

civilization:

others off the field.

the abolition of all power relations, question: What is to be done? including the State with all its

constraints and the family structure, HOW MIGHT AN ANARCHOwould not be defined by their PRIMITIVIST FUTURE BE

would be likely to fall, willy-nilly. After (to use a thoroughly suspect metaphor!) all, as Perlman makes plain, population There are no hard-and-fast rules here, no growth is purely a product of blueprint. The glib answer-seen by some that human population shouldn't stabilise inhabit. It wants, then, a total psychological insecurity and social abolished and communitarian harmony is identity, ways of life, ways of being, and totalitarian dictatorships could flourish. These are just smear tactics. The developed. This is an ongoing process thinking, behaving, communicating,

'community' is bandied about these days deed, show others by example that the US zines Anarchy: A Journal of in all kinds of absurd ways (e.g., the alternative ways of life are possible. business community), precisely because However, there are many other think that if traditional communities,

frequently sources of resistance to power,

population levels too. So population The sixty-four thousand dollar question! have been destroyed, then the creation of communities of resistance-communities there can't be any limits on the forms of formed by individuals with resistance as resistance and insurgency that might HOW DO I GET INVOLVED as a cop-out-is that forms of struggle their common focus-are a way to develop. The kind of vast transformations IN ANARCHO-PRIMITIVISM? emerge in the course of insurgency. This recreate bases for action. An old envisaged will need all kinds of is true, but not necessarily very helpfull anarchist idea is that the new world must innovative thought and activity. The fact is that anarcho-primitivism is be created within the shell of the old. not a power-seeking ideology. It doesn't This means that when civilization HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE seek to capture the State, take over collapses-through its own volition, ABOUT factories, win converts, create political through our efforts, or a combination of PRIMITIVISM? organizations, or order people about. the two-there will be an alternative Instead, it wants people to become free waiting to take its place. This is really The Primitivist Network (PO Box 252, Some people involved in Earth First! also individuals living in free communities necessary as, in the absence of positive Ampthill, Beds MK45 2QZ) can provide see themselves as anarcho-primitivists, which are interdependent with one alternatives, the social disruption caused you with a reading list. Check out copies and they are worth seeking out too. So there's really no reason to suppose another and with the biosphere they by collapse could easily create the once Leviathanic social relations are transformation, a transformation of vacuum in which fascism and other ways of communicating. This means that For the present writer, this means that the tried and tested means of power- anarcho-primitivists need to develop Ignore the weird fantasies spread by some seeking ideologies just aren't relevant to communities of resistance-microcosms commentators hostile to anarcho- the anarcho-primitivist project, which (as much as they can be) of the future to primitivism who suggest that the seeks to abolish all forms of power. So come-both in cities and outside. These population levels envisaged by anarcho- new forms of action and being, forms need to act as bases for action primitivists would have to be achieved by appropriate to and commensurate with (particularly direct action), but also as mass die-offs or nazi-style death camps. the anarcho-primitivist project, need to be sites for the creation of new ways of commitment of anarcho-primitivists to and so there's no easy answer to the being, and so on, as well as new sets of ethics-in short, a whole new liberatory culture. They need to become places administrative and military apparatus, At present, many agree that communities where people can discover their true and any kind of party or organization, of resistance are an important element in desires and pleasures, and through the

the anarcho-primitivist project. The word good old anarchist idea of the exemplary of the British paper Green Anarchist and

primitivism is one unprecedented in human experience in terms of the degree

Desire Armed and Fifth Estate. Read Fredy Perlman's Against His-story, most genuine communities have been destroyed by Capital and the State. Some kind of world envisaged by anarchoprimitivist text, and John Zerzan's Elements of Refusal (Seattle: Left Bank, and types of freedom anticipated ... so 1988) and Future Primitive (New York:

One way is to contact the Primitivist Network. If you send two 1st class postage stamps, you will receive a ANARCHO- copy of the PN contact list and be entered on it yourself. This will put you in contact with other anarcho-primitivists.

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SECRET STATE KILLINGS

The State does not stop at killing its own. Why should it, when nobody takes any notice?

To maintain its control over people, the Staste can kill even its own being denied as a terrorist incident. At in the crash, perhaps distracting the pilot operatives when policies change or inconvenient facts need to be covered such an early stage, how could anybody at a crucial moment in the flight. up. The media, compliant as always, assist in this by concealing crucial be in a position to know the helicopter Immediately prior to the crasgh, testing facts, by lying and failure to ask important questions. Investigative was not brought down by a bomb?

Of the same Mark of the much-modified Tapper, was widely known to have been journalism is dead, leaving the gangster-State free to carry on its massacre CRASH INVESTIGATORS helicopter had been suspended at critical of the navigation equipment is unopposed. So long as the State exists, no-one, not even the State's own DENIED ACCESS operatives, can be safe. Some recent events have shown, yet again, that you

The crash investigators were not the modified systems from the original a known land mass. must be a mug to be part of the State.

TOP LEVEL CLEAR OUT

Mull of Kintyre lighthouse in Scotland. 'negligence' is self-evidently politically Among the dead were John Deverall, motivated, out of a need for institutional third most senior MI5 officer, five other revenge against the embarrassment members of MI5, the head of the RUC caused by the crash. Special Branch, Assistant RUC Chief But was Mull completely shrouded in Army, SAS and intelligence forces.

INITIAL PLAUSIBILITY

in northern Ireland in the early evening undermined. of June 2nd. It was said to be taking SUSPICIOUS CERTAINTY these senior security service officers to a top-level conference at Fort George army The pilot error explanation certainly has flight leuitenants Richard Cook and at all, if indeed it was really heading for the Chinook helicopter itself. ZD576 Jonathan Tapper.

Constable Brian Fitzsimons, Colonel mist at the time? Not according to Mark Christopher Biles, a senior staff officer, Holbrook, sailig two miles off the coast, and Anne James, a Security Service who saw the Chinook fly past his yacht. liason officer, plus other members of the Holbrook claimsd he saw a "cloud mass over the top of the Mull", indicating that lower down, the coast-line itself was visible. If the base of the Mull was The helicopter took off from Aldergrove indeed visible, the pilot error theory is

base near Inverness. Instead, it comoed an initial plausibility. Then, questions with the mountain not far from the come to mind; most obviously, why put TECHNICAL lighthouse at the Mull. The official crash all your eggs in one basket? It seems to RED HERRINGS investigation said the cause was pliot run against all common sense. Then error, and later the RAF Board again, isn't a Chinook helicopter rather Since the crash, a number of technical ofEnquiry went further than this, finding a noisy nd draughty vehicle to be flying red herrings have been brought out to negligence on the part of the pilots, VIPs around in? Why fly over the Mull obscure the picture. The first concerns

at the time. The Chinook is thought to It is suspicious that even with the early have been flying at 150mph at a height news bulletins, the Chinook crash was

allowed on the site for two days, whiler Chinook - a tried and tested design WHO BENEFITS? of between 200 and 400 feet roughly, on the security forces removed "sensitive which had been in KAF service since There are two cases where the State has a heading of 022°. The height if Cnoc materiasls". Yet the denial of it being the late-1970s. There are two cases where the State has quite clearly murdered its 'own'. The first case is the Mull of Kintyre have climbed to a safe altitude above being made on the morning of June 3rd. Neither does it seem likely that an peope? The answer is very simple and first case is the Mull of Kintyre helicopter crash. On June 2nd, 1994, an RAF Chinook with a crew of four and RAF Chinock with a crew of f

helicopter largely flying by visual landmarks and map reading. The fact that one of the pilots, flight leuitenant Boscombe Down testing base. What is clear evidence that he would not have not clear here is just how different were relied on it if flying into low cloud near

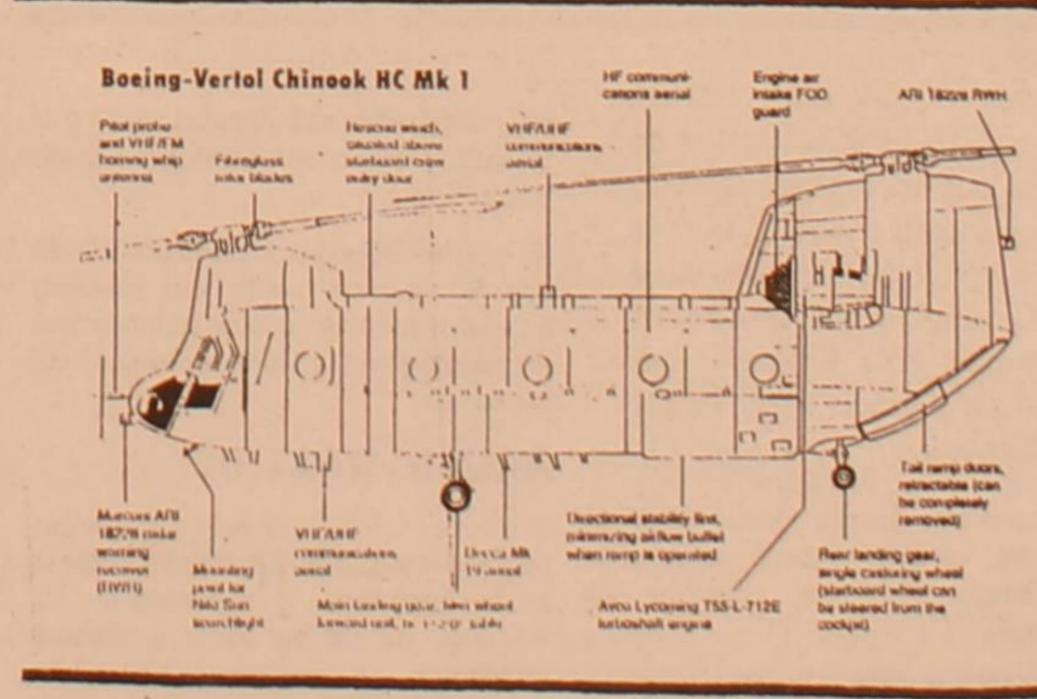
Find out who benefits, and you find out RAF Chinook with a crew of four and 25 senior members of the Northern Ireland security forces crashed near the Ireland Declaration, altering the political balance of the Northern Ireland situation, strengthening the position of Eire. Elements within the security services would certainly have opposed this drastic alteration of the status quo. Their power base, their whole raison d'etre would be undermined.

> The people killed in the helicopter crash were not the figureheads but those with practical hands-on experience, the ones with the capacity and contacts to prevent the ceasefire from taking hold. Because they could stop this shift in the balance of power, they had to be eliminated.

SIKORSKI

There is an interesting parallel here with use their forward speed to gain height or the World War 2 case of General slow a descent, enabling them to land Sikorski. When policy changes or new without engine power. Helicopter pilots alliances are formed, people at the top, have to practice autorotation as part of who are heavily associated with the their safety training. If faced with ar previous policy or alignment become an engine or instrumentation failure, the embarrassment. If they have sufficcient

computerised engine management Doubt has also been expressed about the Exile, the figurtehead of the Free Polish system and associated fault captioons / RNS 252 satellite navigation system, Forces, in many ways he was the Polish spurious alerts which might be a factor but this again is a red herring, the equivalent of de Gaulle. When the



initial degree of plausibility, in that the Mull was said to be shrouded with mist

Oban, then along the line of the Great Concerns were raised about the FADEC

Circle round to land on a flat piece of General Wladyslaw Sikorski was the Concerns were raised about the FADEC

Concerns were raised about the FADEC

Inverness -- a more logical route would was a so-called Mark 2 Chinook, one pliot could simply have turned away prestige or power to oppose the policy be to follow the Scottish coastine past which hasd been sent back to its US from the cliff towards the sea, and then change, they must be eliminated.

Russians were invaded by Hitler, Britain Hector Lamont, the Chinook hit the spend most of the flight over water, and 2ND OCTOBER: Two escape from HMP and America became allies of Russia, ground south of the road, then bounced undermines the fofficial' explanation and the Free Poles became an obstacle, and crashed north of it. It seems more they were Inverness-bound. because Russia wished to control likely that what he took to be the bounce The official explanation saysd the post-

Sikorski was killed when his Liberator transport plane took off from Gibraltar, and crashed into the sea in 1943. Many people believed that the plane had been directly, or on the express orders of very little of the helicopter wreckage - a haste with which officials asought to Churchill. A change of policy can badly smashed up part of the upper deny the presence of a bomb seem to always be helped by a convenient air fuselage around the front rotor pylon, indicate the fact that ZD576 was blown

was the noise of the explosion. The main area of damage is north, and it is clear that burning fuel must have splashed outwards with considerable force, the force of an explosion.

some fuselage padding. Mr Lamont says out of the sky.

mortem found no traces of metal or soot, indicative of a bomb. How credible this, given that the wreckage was spread being privatised. A businessman, Derek over a whole square mile of moorland? The sheer area of devastation, the degree Looking at the media pictures, we see of destruction of the helicopter, and the

conducted by Sir John Woodcock, was caried out. Six months after the escape, suspended, supposedly for smuggling toiletries into the jail. His wife Christine claims he was fearful for his lifge, that he got a gun from his attic and some doubt Max Hastings (first into Port shotgun cartridges from a storage locker. Curran went out, supposedly to play them with the pretext. golf, neglecting to take his coat or golf After the trial was halted, it was shown clubs, and disappeared.

These events took place at a time when

large sections of the prison service were

Lewis, was brought in from outside to

ORCHESTRATION

Haverigg, Cumbria

PETER CURRAN

Was the Whitemoor escape 'helped' by gone 'missing'. the prison officers? It is quite possible that such events could be engineered in MARCIA WHITEHURST order to discredit the prison policy Suspicion piles on suspicion. A woman changes. Prison officers could look the prison officer, Marcia Whitehurst, was other way while material to help prisoners escape could be smuggled in. Stage Holt near March, either before While the prison officers could orchestrate (or at least passively assist) escapes, it seems morer likely that this would be done in conjunction with at believed that he was about to blow the leasty some elements of the security forces. The security forces would also the death of this woman officer builds have a vested interest in discrediting the prison privatisation. With private companies pushed into the loop, the EVIDENCE DREDGED UP crash investigators not allowed on site been going along executing its owen chain of command and control would be Two weeks or so after this, on February security services into compliance with for two days) or mere just wasn't much operatives with impunity concernsd the unit much looser. It would be more 12th, after recieving an anonymous tip 10th September 1994 IRA brteakout difficult to run networks of informers, off, police dredged Curran's Peugeot,

the Whitemoor escape was organised by be found (the Forty Foot River is twelve documents on board. (That two day clear of the fire by the force of the 14TH SEPTEMBER: Gun found, Durham the rogue group of security operatives. miles long) proves that Curran's death Curran's death would then be explained was no accident. The fact that the tip off be simple enough to place a bomb been burned inside the wreckage; and 22ND: Jackie Clottie, prisoner, escaped as revenge, to teach them a lesson came such a short space of time after the among these official, asealed secret secondly, what were they doing in from Grenada TV studio, Manchester, against acting independently. Another State murder of Whitehurst and the theory is that the prison officers might collapse of the Woolwich trial is also have been bribed by the IRA itself. The indicative. Again, we see the Statrein of the presence of a bomb is the sheer at 150 mph takes eight minutes). The 25TH: High Point, Suffolk. Three killing would then be an MIS warring operation, maintaining its control over not to take the IRA shilling. The best its operatives through fear. So the

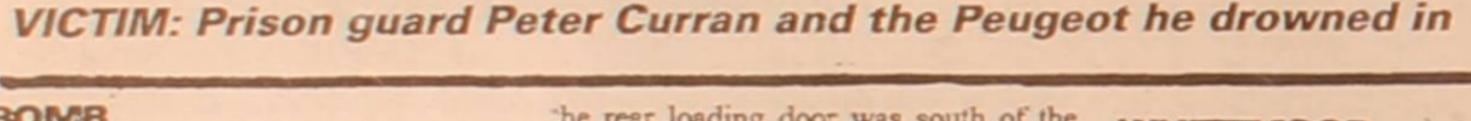
blow the whistle on the assisted escape, and his execution intended to shut him

Evidence for the cover up came to public attention late in January 1997. The five IRA escapees were being tried at Woolwich. However, the trial was halted on the orders of the judge after Max Hastings committed contempt of court in the Evening Standard's reporting of the case. Just how suspicious this is can be seen from the fact that court cases are virtually never halted for adverse publicity. Not even Rose West's trial could be halted in this way... The only real conclusion we can draw from this fact is that the State did not want this trial to take place. No Stanley!) could be relied on to provide

that important video evidence from CCTV cameras overlooking the escape fence during the time of the escape had

very conveniently killed in an accident at giving evidence at the court case (Daily Telegraph), or after giving evidence (Independent). Peter Curran's widow whistle on something at the jail, and so





It would be quite easy to make a crash like this happen, to make it look like an accident, and yet be suspicious enough to terrorise the junior tranks of the the new policy. In political parlance it of it left. would "send a message".

value, the Chinook helicopter was orange life-saver suits. Two points about of a whole series of escapes at that time: admitted to be carrying a lot of official this, then they must have been thrown clearing up period, remember?) It would explosion, otherwise they would have Prison document cases, detonated either by orange life-saver suits on a short hop during filming of programmel timer or barometric fuse. One indication over a mere 20 miles of water? (20 miles 22ND: Explosives found, Whitemoor size of the area devastated by the crash. fact they were wearing life-sdaver suits escapes. According top the lighthouse keeper, would seem to indicate they intended to 26TH: Riot in HMP Walton, Liverpool. **xplanation is that Curran was about to question is, why do people support it?

the rear loading door was south of the WHITEMOOR road. Either the rest of the wreckage was WHITEWASH taken away (unlikely if the pictures were

Even taking the official version at face claims he saw bodies on the hillside in break was perhaps the most prominent

taken the morning of 3rd June and ther The second case where the State has from Whitemoor Prison near March, electronic eavesdropping and with his body still inside it, out of the Another witness, Russell Ellacott, Cambridgeshire. The Whitemoor prison intelligence gathering that much harder. Forty Foot River near Chatteris. The fact

Further tales from a toxifying planet

The area round the river Mersey is one of the most heavily industrialised zones in Britain. In GA37, pp. 13-14, we reported on babies with deformed limbs being born in coastal regions close to industrial areas. Already hit with the effluents pouring out of Manchester from the River Irwell, Tame, Goyt and others, and then from plaxees like Irlam, Cadishead and Carrington; the area round the estuary has Runcom, Widnes, Stanlow Oil Refinery and Ellesmere Port among others to contend with. Fiddlers Ferry Power Station is among the top ten polluters in Britain.

ICI at Runcom has been accused of programme to analyse dioxin levels in The Arctic Ocean is already 1°C warmer releasing dioxins into the atmosphere. Runcom mothers' breast milk. Not than the late-1980s. An area 550,000 sq After a 1995 Channel 4 Dispatches surprisingly, ICI were ridiculing the km has been found to be heating up. US programme, based on Liverpool proposal. University research, the Environmental Protection Agency launched a whitewash GROSS ASSUMPTIONS report, which eventually concluded that When a new road scheme is proposed, currents and heat exchange processes Runcom dioxin levels were no worse scientists have to analyse the driving the gulf stream could mean we than other industrial areas. Hardly a environmental impact. One way they are much closer to a breakdown of the clean bill of health.

against ICI for leaking vinyl chloride into this computer simulation is under fire The Manchester Airport Runway 2 Runcom's Weston Canal was adjourned. because it contains gross assumptions protestors at Hookbrook Wood represent Meanwhile, locals were protesting about traffic; for example, an assumption an obvious next move for the against a proposal to build a £6m that traffic keeps moving - cars which environmental movement Exhaust from incinerator at the Rocksavage Plant. Dr " " " produce less jet airliners is now thought to do far more Vyvyan Howard, of Liverpool collusion per mile travelled than thouse ozone damage than originally thought. Unoiversity Infant and Fetal Pathology which are moving slowly and stopping. Jets at high altitude push out sulphur Lab was calling for a screening another assumption being criticized is trioxide, which speeds up the destruction

At the end of January, a court case Manual for Bridges and Roads) but now western Europe.

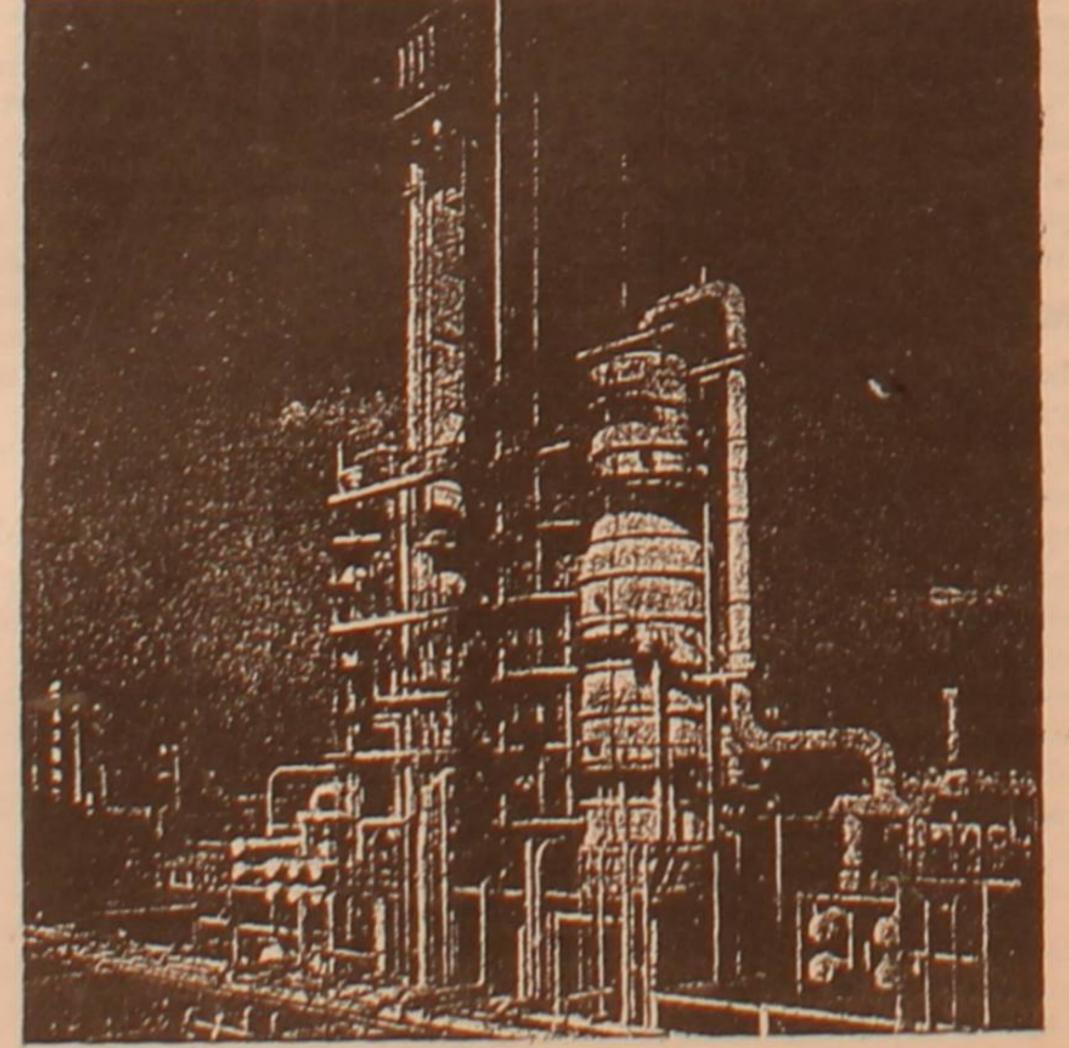
efficiently, whereas in the real world cold engines or unserviced converters are less

So unreliable is this DMBR model that already the new roads will probably mean that existing state pollution targets for the stasrt of the next millenium will

ARCTIC HEAT UP

scientists are calling for a permenant monitoring programme. Meanwhile, dothis is through DMBR (Design current, bringingh colder winters to

hat catalytic converters function of the ozone by attracting the CFCs.



TOXIC TOWER: Cracking plant puking toxic pollution into the artmosphere

One possible explanation might be that that somebody knew where the car could

ARMED DIALOGUE: LANGUAGE, POETRY AND REBELLION

John Moore explores how language serves Power and how it might be used to overthrow it

language and communication. This current wishes to launch a 'critique and identity within it. But to one degree speaks, to some extent, the language of without concessions of all that exists" and yet the difficulty remains of or another, people recognise the the spectacle itself in the sense that one locating an appropriate language for expressing this critique. 'The inauthenticity of the dominant language, moves through the methodological problem of language is at the heart of all struggles between the forces not always adequate or appropriate, but expresses itself in the spectacle. But striving to abolish present alienation and those striving to maintain it; it in part or in whole there is a recognition this is precisely the problem confronting is inseparable from the entire terrain of those struggles'. Language is of self-alienation and social alienation in the anti-totality current: how to avoid crucial because it shapes perception and hence reality: praxis depends the demanded identification with speaking the language of the spectacle. If upon the meanings generated by language, and thus social struggle dominant meanings. People do not this language is the language of remains inextricably a struggle over meaning. But as with all other forms of struggle, the struggle over meaning is an unequal one.

Words have been colonised by power, so that increasingly language can only carry the meanings of the dominant order. Hence words are a powerful weapon in the arsenal of power. Language does not operate as a vehicle for communication, but rather as a means for effecting separation. It prevents rather than facilitates communication. In a spectacularised society, language does not have any referents in reality. The actuality of social relations is masked and mystified by the dominant signsystem, which can only-in self-

Power presents only the falsified, official sense of words Under the control of power, language always designates something other than authentic experience Power's stranglehold over language is similar to its stranglehold over the totality. Only a language that has been deprived of all immediate reference to the totality can serve as the basis for information.

referential fashion-refer to itself.

tends toward pure information, the communication pose a threat to its utilitarian transmission of data. In other hegemony, to its insistence that the words, language becomes a means for existing way of life is the only possible giving instructions and orders: orders way of life. 'The spectacle is the existing about how to make meaning, how to perceive reality, how to create an identity, how to think, feel and behave. Power Language becomes propaganda, not for any specific ideology, but for the system propaganda, but inhabit it. We inhabit a sign-system whose signs, whatever their ostensible purpose and apparent SIGNS, diversity, have only one ultimate meaning: accept the dominant social system as the only possible way of life and obey its dictates. 'The flagrant destruction of language is flatly Cation acknowledged as an officially positive value because the point is to advertise affairs-and here all communication is joyously proclaimed absent." All signs, propaganda for power. 'The language of the spectacle consists of signs of the are the ultimate goal of this production'." Just as all roads lead to Rome, in the order's uninterrupted discourse about great that identification with the control Debord indicates that when society loses Whereas discourses of art are seen to

For individuals, this means that language texture of domination. On the other hand, hence prevents the immediacy of radical resistance. 'Wherever there is communication, power reigns. Power, Power wants individuals to identify with project of total liberation.

Their responses to this recognition are terrain of the very society which recognise themselves or their experience alienation and separation, how can we in the discourse of the spectacle, and thus expect to use it to address one another acknowledge the inauthenticity of the and not be alienated and separated by it?

A concrete problem confronts the anti-totality current: the problem of the ruling sign-system and 1md meaning 'When analyzing the spectacle one

communication is positively expressed by the modern movement of decomposition of all art, its formal annihilation. This movement expresses negatively the fact that a rediscovered-no longer in the unilateral conclusion which, in the art of the historical society, always arrived too late, speaking to others about what was lived without real dialogue, and admitting this deficiency of life-but it must be rediscovered in praxis, which unifies direct activity and its language. The problem is to actually possess the community of dialogue and the game with time which have been represented by poetico-artistic works."

Art, for Debord, cannot provide the desired language of communication: partly because like spectacular discourse it remains monological, speaking to others, rather than with them-or, better, among ourselves; and partly because it concerns itself with the realm of representations rather than the world of lived experience, telling of what others (might) have done, rather than what we have done, are doing or might do. For Debord, an authentic common

language can be reconstituted, not in art, but in praxis-which synthesises practice and theory, or lived activity and a language of immediacy. The point, then, is not to create or contemplate art, but to live it, to make the world over into a never-ending work of art, to engage in the art of living-and in the process and realize it in a transformed way, as part of everyday experience. In terms of the process of the supersession and language, this means that the new language which makes possible a community of dialogue must in key respects make use of the languages of art.

When Debord talks about the new common language, however, he retreats from this implication. 'Critical theory nust be communicated in its own anguage. It is the language of because contradiction, which must be dialectical n form as it is in content. It is critique of the totality and historical critique. It is COMMUNI- not "the nadir of writing" but its inversion. It is not a negation of style, but the style of negation." Debord admits ITS the necessity of a distinctive language and expression in an 'insurrectional Kierkegaard-are not merely Victorian,

Debord, in other words, fetishises philosophical discourse (and especially the discourse of political philosophy) at the expense of other discursive forms. first of all as a pretension to explain social totality coherently, and finally

even as a fragmented tool which can be

used within its own boundaries'.xiv

then, needs to retain a monopoly over lives they are expected to lead and the and what does a language that refuses poses a radical alternative, look like? For supersede art as it is currently known,

Language, under the control of power, because words, dialogue and from such lives.

language, over signs, over meaning, meanings they are supposed to make power and the dominant discourse, and the Situationists, to one degree The perceived gulf between everyday another, this new language emerges from experience and the identities offered by the dominant language can become so realization of art.

of control itself. We are not the targets of monopoly reconciliation with the dominant state of affairs—and here all communication is hegemony, to its insistence that style—Hegel, Marx, Feuerbach, under the aegis of power, act as the existing way of life is the only Debord in other words ferish the spectacle consists of signs of the ruling production, which at the same time possible way of ife.

empire of signs all signs refer back to the itself, its laudatory monologue." system can be broken completely. At this the mythic structures that provide a sense require supersession, philosophical Interruption poses the possibility of juncture, individuals are in a position to of community in the premodern era, it discourse is accorded a privileged status rupture (of insurrection), of eruption (of create-through communication, through also loses a common language. But in two grounds. First, philosophy is acts in two ways. On the one hand, it repressed meanings and peoples), but dialogue with others-an alternative spectacular society reconstitutes this egarded-quite self-evidently-as the constantly reweaves people back into the above all the opening up of possibility, identity, and this opens the possibility of language on a new basis: 'In the case of appropriate form of language for where the impossible becomes possible, engaging in projects of social representations, the critical self-expressing social critique. And this it separates them from one another and But the threat of interruption remains transformation which aim at the abolition destruction of society's former common despite the earlier statement that 'Like constant: because under the control of of the totality. However, this process can language confronts its artificial philosophy at the moment when it gained communication which could result in power, language always designates only occur through a rejection of the recomposition in the commodity its full autonomy, every discipline which something other than authentic dominant language, and the adoption and spectacle, the illusory representation of becomes autonomous has to collapse, experience, 'It is precisely for this reason development of a language and forms of the non-lived'." But there remains a

communication, there is no state's, but that a total contestation is possible'. ** expression commensurate with the positive side to this process:

The loss of the language of

the two characteristic techniques of the revolutionary project, then, is seen to totality project. Unlike Debord, the problem, even in the current text: the longer be able to read between the lines new language: inversion and diversion. reside not in a specific social class ('the author(s) of this essay do not shrink back issue of an alternative language is of the messages of power, and will end up 'This theoretical consciousness of masses'), but in poetry, the language that from the implications of the Situationist periodically posed, but the having no other outlet than spontaneous movement in which the movement's informs poetic adventure: i.e., 'the analysis of language: the discourses of implementation of that language is riot, irrational and destructive, an end in very trace must be evident, manifests aggregate of behaviors that are almost art, in transformed condition, emerge as a perpetually postponed. The reasons for itself'. The abolition of a common itself by the inversion of the established impossible in any given epoch'. It more appropriate vehicle for this deferral need to be sought in the language becomes an attack on language relations between concepts and by the diversion of all the acquisitions of previous critique." As the words 'established' and 'previous' indicate, however, inversion and diversion are retrospective and indeed reactive techniques. They severely limit creativity because they merely react to what already exists and subvert it in some way. The anarchist principles of spontaneity, creativity and play-also reaffirmed in Vaneigem's The Revolution of Everyday Life-are diminished and contained. In other words, those very qualities found in

Debord, then, poses the issue of entrapment in the language of the spectacle and the consequent need to develop an alternative language, but steps back from the radical implications of his cogitations on art. When it comes to the crunch, he retreats to reaffirm the legitimacy of political philosophy, despite the fact that politics, 'the art and science of government', is the discourse of power par excellence. Rather than abandon political discourse altogether, and pursue the implications of the discourse of art as a more appropriate vehicle for social critique, he recuperates political philosophy through asserting inversion and diversion as subversive strategies.

art at its best are thrown over for the

paucity of inversion and diversion

techniques, and a focus on the past.

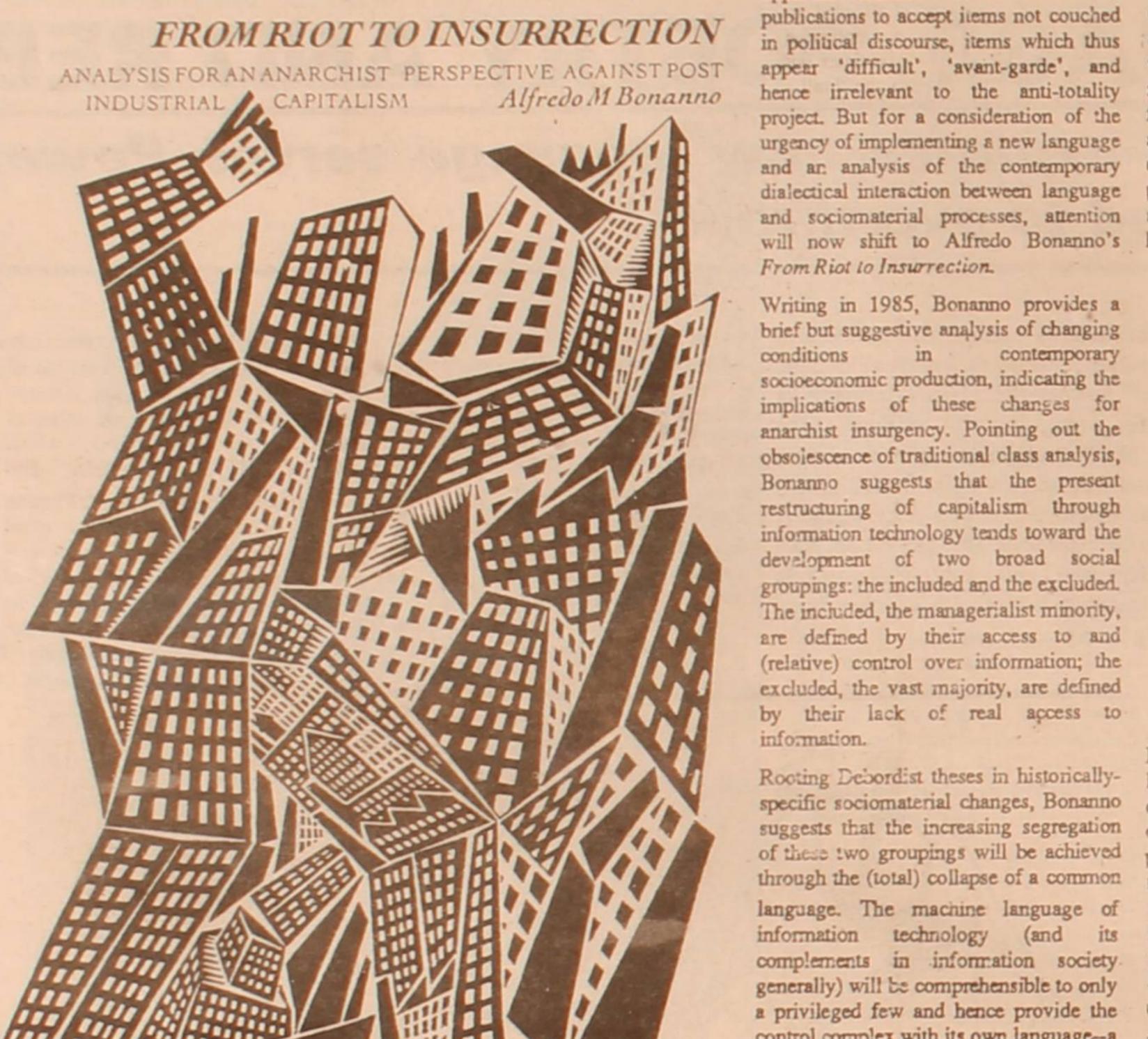
But if Debord does not get us very far in our pursuit of an appropriate language of resistance, other Situationist writing is more helpful. 'All the King's Men' (1963)--in all likelihood the work of Vaneigem-proposes poetry (not politics) as a model for an alternative language. Poetry, however, is defined in a specific

What is poetry if not the revolutionary moment of language, inseparable as such from the revolutionary moments of history and from the history of personal life? [P]oetry must be communication within reality and as real alteration of this reality. It is nothing other than liberated language, language recovering its richness, language which breaks its rigid significations and simultaneously embraces words, music, cries, gestures, painting, mathematics, facts, acts. Poetry thus depends on the greatest wealth of possibilities in living and changing life at a given stage of socioeconomic structure. Needless to say, the relationship of poetry to its material base is not a unilateral subordination, but an interaction.**

revolution, but also language in poetry emerges as a dialectical process of interconnected with revolutionary the transformation of the totality. moments. Poetry is not confined to the Obsolete revolutionary and poetic written text, but inheres in various forms practices must be abandoned, superseded. meaning. of expression and in lived experience. In The regeneration of the revolutionary this expanded definition, poetry equals project can only occur in conjunction liberated language, language which with the regeneration of language. The The effects immediacy in communication, revolutionary project must refuse the resists limiting signification, and thus language of power and the values it dialectical interaction with the everywhere that will no longer have to sociomaterial processes of any historical resort to the enemy's communication resort to the enemy's communication moment, it opens the possibility of network (that is, to the language of

dialogue and thus poses an alternative to power) and will thus be able to transform the dominance of 'unilateral the world according to its desire'. And "communication". " Poetry, in this direct communication, in this essay, sense of the term, remains a social means poetry. Hence, the assertion that anguales constant and even during the ebb-times of 'all those in the world who, with us or revolutionary flows it remains a without us, are preparing to fight for the repository of revolution: 'Outside the long revolution are equally the emissaries revolutionary periods when the masses of the new poetry'.xx become poets in action, the small circles 'All the King's Men' remains more of poetic adventure could be considered the only places where the totality of revolution subsists, as an unrealized but close-at-hand potentiality, like the and in particular the issue of locating a

Second, philosophy serves as source for shadow of an absent personage'. The language commensurate with the anti-



Rediscovering poetry may become indistinguishable from reinventing revolution It is a matter not of putting poetry at the service of the revolution, but rather of putting revolution at the service of poetry. It is only in this way that the revolution does not betray its own project Every revolution has been born in poetry, has first of all been made with the force of poetry. This is a phenomenon which continues to escape theorists of revolution-indeed, it cannot be understood if one still clings to the old conception of revolution or of

In this essay, poetry is the language of Reinventing revolution and reinventing transformation. In 'initiate a direct communication

useful than Society of the Spectacle in terms of exploring the issue of language

will now shift to Alfredo Bonanno's language for the excluded: From Riot to Insurrection. brief but suggestive analysis of changing implications of these changes for Bonanno suggests that the present restructuring of capitalism through development of two broad social groupings: the included and the excluded. The included, the managerialist minority, are defined by their access to and

specific sociomaterial changes, Bonanno domestication and pacification of the suggests that the increasing segregation oppressed, even though the aim of social of these two groupings will be achieved peace remains impossible. Capitalist through the (total) collapse of a common society will still be rent by social strife, language. The machine language of out with this key difference: rather than information technology (and its nformed by rational social aims made complements in information society possible by a common language, conflictgenerally) will be comprehensible to only in the absence of a common languagea privileged few and hence provide the will be irrational and an end in itself. control complex with its own language-a For the anti-totality current, the problem language whose opacity and difficulty of language remains to be addressed. deliberately excludes the majority, who 'Certainly we will continue to bring out are thus rendered vulnerable to our papers, our books, our written nanipulation and control. 'Capital will analyses, but those with the linguistic In this essay, language-more revolutionary expression than political or tend to abandon everything not means to read and understand them will specifically, poetic language—is thus philosophical discourse. Two objections immediately translatable into this new be fewer in number." Bonanno poses accorded a crucial role in creating social can, however, be raised against this generalised language In the place of the problem clearly: 'The organised work transformation. The point is constantly essay. First, it does not practice what it language new canons of behaviour will of future insurrections must solve this preaches: although poetry (in its revised be supplied, formed from fairly precise problem, must build-perhaps starting definition) is recommended as a rules, and mainly developed from the old from scratch-the basic terms of a revolutionary form of expression, the processes of democratisation and essay itself is car in the familiar form of assembly, which capital has learned to political discourse. Second, although it control perfectly." xxiii

The monological is the insignificance' will experiences pale into monopolisation revolution. As such, it remains intimately interconnected with revolutionary the transformation of the totality. provides the means for revolutionary embodies. To be successful, it needs to Compatable with social

stresses the dialectical rootedness of For Bonanno, this process of exclusion is poetry in sociomaterial processes, the essential to the repressive project at the capable of contributing towards theses of the essay are generalised and do current historical juncture. But these turning situations of riot into not indicate how poetry and material developments are beginning to produce insurrection. This is work that we context were in interaction at the time of profound changes in the sensibility of the can do, that we must begin today. excluded: 'Deprived of a language of This is the way we intend

apparent reluctance of most anarchist itself and thus on the capacity of the publications to accept items not couched oppressed to engage in interpretation and in political discourse, items which thus counter-interpretation. And because, as appear 'difficult', 'avant-garde', and with the Situationists, language and hence irrelevant to the anti-totality rebellion are so closely interlinked, the project. But for a consideration of the forms assumed by resistance are also urgency of implementing a new language affected by this development. Bonanno and an analysis of the contemporary even envisages the furtherance of this dialectical interaction between language process of disenablement through the and sociomaterial processes, attention construction of a 1984-style ersatz

By greatly reducing the utility of Writing in 1985, Bonanno provides a the written word, and gradually replacing books and newspapers with images, colours and music, for socioeconomic production, indicating the example, the power structure of tomorrow could construct a anarchist insurgency. Pointing out the language aimed at the excluded obsolescence of traditional class analysis, alone. They, in turn, would be able to create different, even creative, means of linguistic reproduction, information technology tends toward the but always with their own codes and quite cut out of any contact with the code of the included, therefore from any possibility of understanding the world of the latter. And it is a short step from - incomprehension to disinterest and by their lack of real access to mental closure.xx

For Bonanno, the abolition of a common Rooting Debordist theses in historically- language is a further stage in the

> communication that is about to be closed off; and which, precisely in the moment of closure, could give life, through spontaneous and uncontrolled reactions, to such manifestations of violence as to

Like the Situationists, Bonanno the recognises that former modes of language and insurgency are obsolete and must be made anew-but also that language and power the revolutionary project are intimately interconnected and thus must be regenerated conjointly. However, in uncurrent sociomaterial context, where the linguistic tools of rationality itself are and disappearing among the oppressed, it is impossible to attempt a reconstruction of the fading common language. Such a misguided nostalgic project would not confront 'the actual mechanism that is cutting out language'. Bonanno contrast, cutting out language. Bona proposes a different course of action:

Let us speak clearly. We cannot

accomplish the immense task of building an alternative school capable of supplying rational instruments to people no longer able to use them. We cannot, that is, replace the work that was once done by the opposition when what was required was a common language. Now that the owners and dispensers of the capacity to rationalise have cut communication, we cannot construct an alternative. That would be identical to many illusions of the past. We can simply use the same instruments (images, sounds, etc) in such a way as to transmit concepts

insurrection. xxix

Despite the seeming emphasis here on non-linguistic media, Bonanno is not rejecting the word. The focus remains on the transmission of concepts, but not through the conventional means of rational persuasion-not, in other words, through the discourses of politics or philosophy. Rather, as the emphasis on sounds and images indicates, Bonanno's interest switches to the discourses of art, which by no means excludes the linguistic arts, as he makes plain: 'In future we shall have to work towards instruments in a revolutionary and insurrectional vein that can be read by the excluded'. Instead or anandoning monological is the ideal form for the the word, Bonanno recommends a language of power because it effects a different use of the word (as well as other monopolisation and immobilisation of media), and this usage is in important meaning. In contrast, the dialogical respects artistic.

being, but now that irrationality is the and the open clash of languages (or order of the day, politics becomes an heteroglossia, in Bakhtin's terms). inappropriate vehicle for expressing oppositional ideas. Art (or poetry), however, can address the irrational in us and thus remains potentially appropriate for the expression of anti-totality concepts. It can only become so, however, if it is understood-and practised-in the expanded, Situationist sense of the term. Art or poetry as it is currently practised in spectacular society is pure commodity and instrument of domestication. But the practice of poetry contains a revolutionary dimension and can provide a basic language which can be elaborated through the development of revolutionary praxis. The Situationists refer to 'the insubordination of words, their desertion, their open resistance, which is manifested in all modern [literary] writing and it is precisely this linguistic insubordination which the discourses of art-in contradistinction to political discourse-can donate to the anti-totality project.

The actual mechanisms of this insubordination begin to emerge in the work of the Russian critical theorist, Mikhail Bakhtin. As indicated earlier, one of the charges against art made by Debord in Society of the Spectacle is that its language is unilateral: rather than By undertaking an analysis of literary Although beginning with the novel, participatory principle in anti-totality form, however, Bakhtin demonstrates Bakhtin discerns a process wherein some struggles. that statements such as these are generalisations. Exploring the novel, he monological, while others become distinguishes between two types of practice: the monological and the dialogism, polyphony and heteroglossia. dialogical.

In the monological novel, the narrative works toward a resolution of conflict and textual closure by subordinating the voices, position and ideologies of various characters to the authority of the authorial voice. Conflicts are resolved essay: despite its orchestration of (partly)

through the imposition of the author's conflicting voices-e.g., Debord, upheaval never attains critical mass and conditions for 'the self-emancipation of dialogical enacts an anti-authoritarian subversion of power structures. The remains compatible with social resistance Political discourse addresses the rational because it stresses process, multiplicity

dialogical novel the narrative does not overarching authorial enunciation. Hence become a celebration of the status quo, of linked to universal history"; only where achieve closure: the conflicts between the paradox that the form of this essay the people frozen in the immediate pre- dialogue arms itself to make its own competing voices, positions and militates against the message it is insurrectional moment-that is to say, at conditions victorious'. Debord's ideologies are not resolved for the reader intended to convey. Out of this the moment of maximal creativity which statement cuts to the core of the antiby the author. No single voice, above all contradiction, however, emerges some capital can parasite and harness to its totality project. If we are to move beyond not that of the narrator, is afforded any indications of what an authentically anti- own repressive project. priority, and this results in a polyphony totality language might look like, The problem remains of retaining the which foster unrestricted dialogue, of voices which Bakhtin associates with although these indications remain openness, vitality, multiplicity and antithe populace released from the thrall of necessarily tentative and provisional. the voice of power. Whereas, then, the
One further point requires emphasis. The hand, while forwarding movement in large part this armed dialogue cannot praxis. If dialogism remains merely a As a principle, dialogism not only representation of contestation, it remains

dialogism needs to be realised through takes place.

perspective, with which the reader is Bonanno, Bakhtin-this essay thus fails to eventuate in successful our epoch' and asserts: 'This is possible encouraged to identify. In contrast, in the subordinates these perspectives to an insurrection. Dialogism could, then, only where individuals are "directly

authoritarianism of dialogism on the one realised. And as this essay has indicated, practice of dialogism suggests that there toward the insurrectional moment (or, consist of political discourse, but must are potentials in certain forms of artistic fostering the multiplicity of insurrectional find expression in the liberated language discourse which are neglected in moments in everyday life) on the other. of poetry, in the word unbound. Situationist analysis. Nevertheless, if the As the latter impulse must not press for dialogic remains at the level of the text, it closure (if it did, the monological would remains of limited efficacy and supplant the dialogical), it must take the REFERENCES vulnerable to the Situationist critique of form of questioning the entire basis upon art. To be effective in social struggle, which utterance-and nence practice-

contains internal contestations: it is also trapped within the commodification

democracy to anarchy, we must engage

Situationist International, The Veritable Split in the International London: Chronos, 1990 (first published 1972),

King's Men' (1963) in Situationist International Anthology (ed. Ken Knabb)Berkeley: Bureau of Public Secrets, 1981, 114. "Ibid, 114, 115.

" Guy Debord, Society of the Spectacle Detriot: Black and Red, 1983 (originally published 1967), thesis 192. 'Ibid, thesis 7.

M Situationist International, 'All the King's Men', 115. Debord, Society of the Spectacle,

thesis 24. Situationist International, 'All the

King's Men', 114. Debord, Society of the Spectacle, thesis 11.

Ibid, thesis 135.

nd Ibid, thesis 187. Ibid, thesis 204.

xiii Ibid, thesis 206. xiv Ibid, thesis 182.

Ibid, thesis 206. Situationist International, 'All the King's Men', 115.

Bakhtin's analysis of the novel holds nexus. Dialogism-through the in conflict with monological practices, will Alfredo M. Bonanno, From Riot to facilitating dialogue, it produces a clear implications for the deployment of development of languages and practices which seek to suppress or subordinate the Insurrection: Analysis for an Anarchist monologue aimed at passive consumers. discourses by the anti-totality current. of resistance-needs to be an active, dialogic. Dialogism, then, needs to Perspective Against Post Industrial engage in all-out warfare with the Capitalism London: Elephant Editions,

commitment to diversity and anti-

particular and practice in general. The xxx Ibid 54

dialogic, in short, while maintaining its xxvii Ibid, 24.

internal dialogism, needs to go on the xxxis Ibid, 54.

capitalist democracy. Although dialogism Such a notion remains alien to Bakhtin, Told, 54. Emphasis added. opens and expresses the possibility of but is integral to the anti-totality project. Situationist International, 'All the

popular upheavals by stressing, at the Debord, in the final sentence of Society King's Men', 114. level of form, the necessity of dialogue, of the Spectacle, comments on the Debord, Society of the Spectacle,

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

There is, however, a related problem

polyphony of demotic voices and the

unresolved competition between

conflicting ideologies could all too easily

degenerate into a celebration of populist

the refusal of closure means that the

Peter Neville on those most irritating of ideologues

Anarchy for preliterates: Without Borders mud people, 1989.

Don't you get irritated by people who interupt you with interjections indicating that something you have just said about something you have always believed to be true is somehow suddenly incorrect according to them? Particularly when its at a meeting and these political correctness merchants seem rto interupt either as a means of preventing a point being made about a wider issue or because they may have little or no although, living in England, I've never interest in the subject being discussed abnd use political correctness to actually met any. It was wun this in mind destroy an appartent opponent in order to take over the meeting and, as I picked up a copy of Colin F Taylor's such, dominate by asserting the primacy of their power and control over others.

women, although they have not actually puts you down and says: consulted these about this representation nor are they ever likely to do so.

genres and discourses remain

'novelised', assuming the qualities of

Political and philosophical discourses

monologism and thus remain enmeshed

with authoritarianism at the level of

form, irrespective of their discursive

content. This remains true of the present

constitute primary instances

No, not Eskimos but Inuits, that's the correct name, that's the name

they use to describe themselves.

Maybe its a kind of romanticism on my part, perhaps related to Hollywood westerns but I have always been interested in North American Indians The Native Americans - well, there's a First the Aleuts separated and then the dialects. sign of political correctness if there ever was one - currently being remaindered.

The people who do tis are usually One of the comments often made by The book was divided into regional area from the Aleutian Islands in the speakers and a number of other tribal members of a minority political, racial or advocates or political correctness sections edited by various authors. That Bering Sea, over what we now call groups: the Netsilik, Sallirmuit gender group which they claim is concerns the North American Indians. of the Arctic was by Susan Rowley of the Alaska, northern Canada and Greenland (Sadlermuit), Igluic and eight groups of representative of a wider public: such as Here you are commenting about Eskimos University of Alberta, Edmonton. I although many still live in northern Yup'ik speakers and I am sorry my the working class, Black people or and igloos when suddenly an angry voice mention this because it covered hose Siberia. Eskimos. And it revealed some surprising Anthropologists noted when the Aleuts Yup'ik are not called Inuit but Eskimos. people we are now tiold not to call

Inuit-Inupiak abno the Yup'ik separated. The author indicates that besides the

monological, while retaining its internal

authoritarianism, both in language in

offensive against the monologic.

made contact with Europeans: Russians from Siberia; it was noted they were not

The Arctic is use nomeiand of three as backward as supposed, having rough separate linguistic groups: the Asleut, the iron tools although the writer conjectures Inuit-Inupiaq and the Yup'ik. In fact this technology might have come [in] some of these speakers live in part contacrt with Japanese fishing boats utside the Arctic. It is hypothesised by blown off-course. The three linguistic archaeologists that these people moved groups tended to develop and are still across the Bering Straits some 8-10,000 developing both culturally and years ago and then split off from each technologically and their linguistic other settkling in various polar areas. groups further developed many distinct

These linguistic groups colonised the Aleut speakers, there are nine srts of Inuit politically correct friends but these

I asked my doctor about the connection

between obesity and diabetes and he

commented that whilst it was always a

good idea not to overeat or put on weight

this connection between diabetes and

obesity was simply folklore. There are

more slim diabetics than obese diabeticvs

and most obese people do not become

diabetics. In faxct no-one knows what

causes diabetes so the political

correctness merchants were making ex

cathedra statements which were in error

and totally unsupported by scientific

evidence but pointing this out to them

It is hard enough fighting against the

state and capitalism without being told to

give way to the political correctness

merchants muddying the water of truth in

the name of what particular ideological

'ism' they happen to support. Ecologists

watch out. You have been warned.

When you next meet a political

correctness merchant tell them you're too

busy to split hairs and want to get on with

does not stop them. They know!

There's a lot of it around.

So what happened? I presume the first contact from Western Europe was made by Vikings either from Denmark or Norwy for the area has rich fishing grounds and then other Europeans began trading furs in Hudson's Bay and met other peoples. The inhabitarits of Greenland, a Danish colony, are Eskimos although there are both Eskimos and other tyribal groups living in the Hudson's Bay area ringing the polar icecap and the Alaskan coast, so it was perhaps natural that the early Western European explorers associated all of these peoples as being Eskimos although some clearly were not

How did the political correctness merchants get into the act? I presume some of these saw a film or television programme which talked about the Inuits where the presenter said that these people were not Eskimos but called themselves Inuits. They might even have read a book but obviously not too deeply. But without further ado they then jumped in feet-first and started, quite wrongly, putting everybody right about polar peoples not north of the Caucasus in the first being Eskimos but Inuit and the rest history, as we say.

Of course we should not make gross major religion. So they converted to assumptions about all people who might Judaism, the only group of people that winter in igloos being Eskimos where did so. When they were eventually clearly everybody who lives there may defeated and lost their tribal identity use this form of housing in winter or use becoming incorporated into the Russian similar types of technology with various Empire they kept their Judaism and now tribal differences and many of these Ashkanazi Jews clamour to return to peoples are clearly not Eskimos but what Israel, their natural homeland. How authoritarian others in the name of had any connection with Palestine is political correctness whenever they use doubtful, although all are invited to make the term Eskimo in correct or incorrect, their homes in Israel. Some mixtakes are always amazed me is the gusto with many in southern Russia and associated the term Eskimo in correct or incorrect their homes in Israel. Some mistakes are

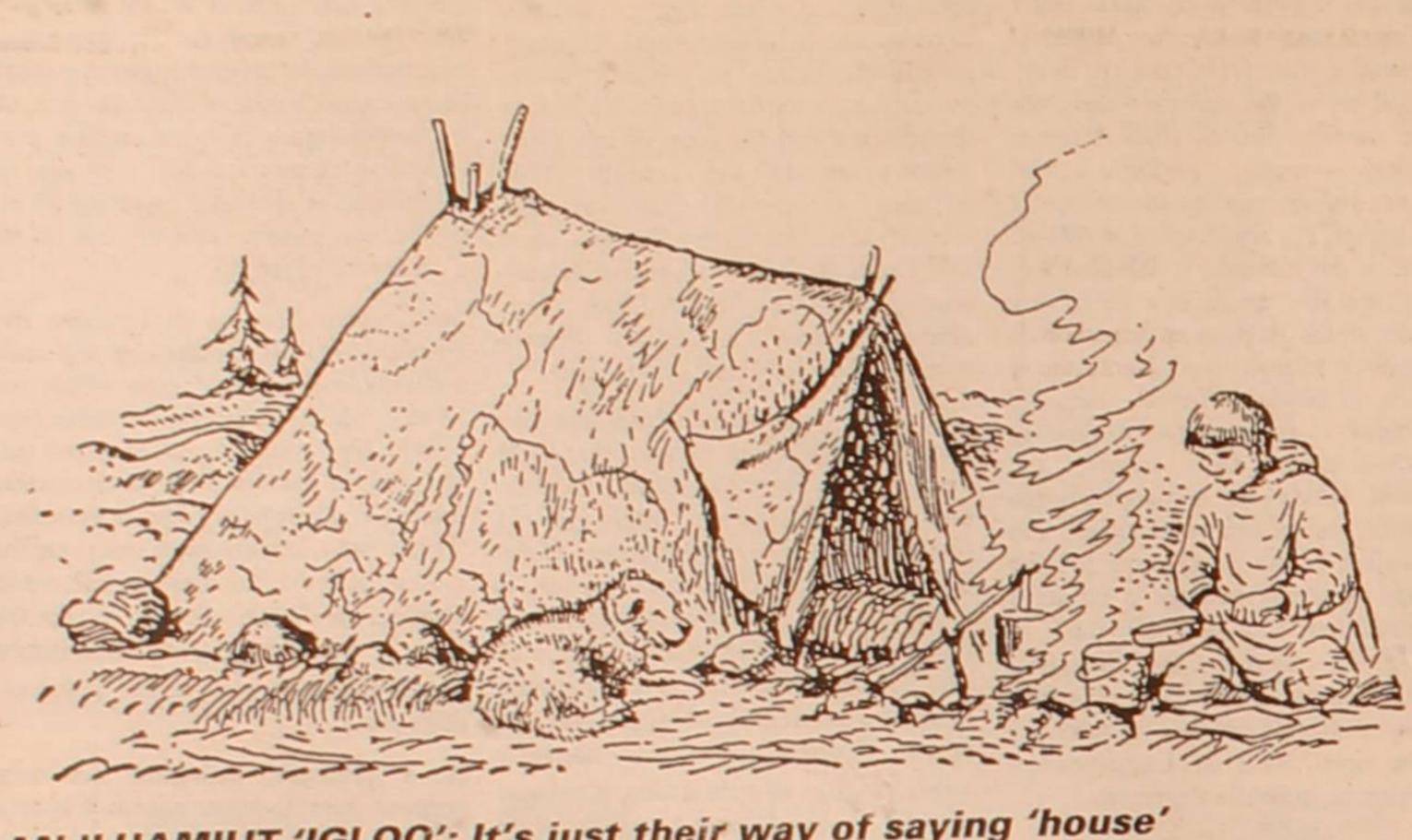
problem political correctness when it becomes part I remember attending a racial awareness of conventional wisdom contained detail which I knew as a the hundred and one items you could put on there, somewhere near employment, and welfare, it becomes college's vice-principal (an old guard CP fact that the multinationals and CCTV's working class is meaningless. Why do are things done to us by the system. The they do it? It really stems from their sense an imposition defies reasoning and a different age or someone joyfully using revolutionaries. The trouble is their somewhere out there is a vast, unseen but efforts are always syphoned off into blind massively powerful; revolutionary entity ritual we have to learn A friend working for a Social Services

Department in another authority was wrote that he was giving up. They realise overtum this sick shit system. So they off by heart or we live found the instructors were dogmatic and up. The useless pseudo-revolutionary working class revolutionary action, the in peril.

It is easy to make a mistake. People I recently picked up a copy of James Where those running the course got the familiar with Marco Polo's journeys will Fenimore Cooper's novei, The impression that they were the personnel know that when Western merchants went Deerslayer, where the introduction by department with powers of hiring and to Cathasy to trade with the Chinese and one Hillary Soames went to great lengths firing beats me. It was indicated to her other eastern peoples, one of the external to tell us that the writer was writing that should she drop out, she would be tribal groups en route were called historical novels, as if we had not reported to her managers as a racist. This Tartars and when the soldiers of Timujin realised. Cooper was born generations despite the fact she had been involved in - sometimes known as Ghengis Khan - later than the fictional events described social service work for many years and invaded Eastern Europe, the conquered and had no personal knowledge of the the family had been involved in antimistakenly called the conquerers Tartars. frontier or its peoples. But then neither racism. Her partner was a former When the Mongol empire collapsed, did Zane Grey, the famous Western national secretary of the National many of the people in the west who had writer. Soames finds it necessary to Council for Civil Liberties. been absorbed into it had been converted attack the book as racist and relaste its to Islam. These lost much of their connection with later Westerns. Could A few years ago I became diabetic with Enders. It's just as false as all those origional cultural identity, such as she have not let us find this out for all that this involves. I was immediately would-be pop singers who put on today's Crimean Tartars, although they ourselves rather than insisting on being treated by many aquaintances to a tirade Amerikan accents, or those drongos who could have had little connection with our guide and friend, not allowing us to of medical political correctness about my paint a Confederate flag on the bonnet of Asiatic Tartary.

Or how many of the, in their time

giving us a political ideology on a plate? Clearly, they said, I had become diabetic Why don't they just be themselves?



on the sbject, literacy is not beyond them AN ILHAMIUT 'IGLOO': It's just their way of saying 'house'

recently stilled nomadic Khazars living Her ideology, not ours. The problem with political correctness millenium and seeking respectability in when it becomes a part of conventional Western terms decided that the way to wisdom in employment, education, social become respectable was to convert to a control and welfare, it becomes an imposition which defies reasoning and a ritual we have to learn off by heart or we live in peril. We may not believe in it but we have to go through the motions, our real views secreted and suppressed ready to explode in spasms of hatred not in relation to uppressors but to innocent

advocantes and frequently it is based on error and misinterpretation and does nothing for those which it purports to fanatics who frequently report back to

control each of us to write a confidential report on the course and I did so, in detail. A further along and we would be that much nearer freedom. few days later I was ordered to see my What makes these worse, of course, is the This sub-Marxist caricature of the meant by expressing these views. So pseudo-revolutionaries may well be of weakness. They feel squashed down which much for confidentiality or freedom of manipulated and promoted by the state, by the system, they don't feel strong naturally, but they also include people enough to do much about it, and then the was either a Kommissar living in a who genuinely believe they are Marxist comes along and tells them that

obliged to attend one of these courses and they are going nowhere and so they give buy into this. Without that myth of doctrinaire, unwilling to have their views critically examined or contradicted. She indicated her wish to drop out of the course and was told every one of the If you really want to change things, the effect of passivating them. Nothing is

develop our own reasoning and so make weight. Having a hearty appetite I do their Ford Capri and have those homs up our own minds, instead pedantically tend to put on weight from time to time. that play dixie. It's all false and empty.

the business or, if they won't shut up, because I was overweight. Yet many of walk away and organise with your more these critics appeared to be in the lucky liberal-minded friends who don't split situation where they could often eat or hairs and are interested in real action, not drink as much as they pleased without it being dominated by irrelevant side-issues having much effect on them. I'm onme of based on misinformation and dogmatic ideology irrelevant, to real issues.

the unlucky ones.

USELESS

with protect. Political correctness gives many career opportunities to its advocates: equal opportunities officers, race relations advisors, demanding we attend often of the working class

Sometimes it is a very useful and therapeutic exercise to make a list of alll the things you really hate. One of these days we might even get around to sorting them out. But somewhere high on the list muitinational corportations and CCTV's, the National Lottery and all chance of discussion or contradiction was the top we just have to put all the pseudo-revolutionary groups. You edu-allowed. At the end of the course, our know the ones, people like the Socialist Workers and others of that advisor for multicultural education asked ilk. If it wasn't for these parasites the revolution would be that much

the radical movement.

authority's staff was obliged to attend the worst thing you can do is join some sort more counter-revolutionary than waiting. of monolithic or would-vbe monolithic movement. Why? Because these groups try to shape people and fit them into some kind of mould which is not that of the people who are joining. The recruit is changed into something else. One of the most obvious ways this is done is through this masochistic self-identification with the working class. For the workerist, the working class, or rather an idealized, sub-Marxist caricature of the working classs is defined as the sole source of value. So people go round pretending to be someone like Grant Mitchell off East

political corectness in order to recreate it. efforts are always syphoned off into blind massively powerful; revolutionary entity alleys. Eventually, these people burn out, called the working class, and one day groups are like a self-inflicted wound on recruit might have done something about the problem, but as it is, the myth has the



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GIVE & TAKE

I finally got a small newsletter started. I off'! Of course there uis a clash of enclose it for you GA notes - see oppinion they will not acvcept your views Counterculture]. If any GA's want some on any terms apodictaly. Its a clash of Furthermore it's got enough dodgy spelling Romantic Cards I've got lots, povided they oppinions that cant be resolved, they wont mistakes in the pages of collectable anorak John Zerzan replies: I agree with you send an SAE. (Wish I could get as good give in because it will be denying there without it being mentioned in a badly that thee's a contradiction involved in Now, one of the scientists responsible for pair of shoes, ain't got any money after own religion to accept your vioewsd, and spelled solicitor's fees etc). If anyone has a pair of its not their pollicy or doctrone:- Its like a trainers they don't want, I'd be dead conservative party Minister saying I agree

Best Wishes,

THERE'S NOAH TRUTH IN IT

Dear Green Anarchist

The christians believe the litatuary truth of the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve and Noers Arc and litatuary believe the theory of evolution can be transformed into the biology circles of all the animals going into the Ark two by two like it says litatuary in the bible. They may of found traces of the Arc on Mount Arowat in turkey, but no to convert you they will probably try to matter how large a ship is even in the present day you couldn't make one that big to contain all the different species of the world. @nd for them to be totally wiped out and repopulated and reproduced, that would mean starting evolution again, there are millions of species of animals including millions more plants insects and birds.

us and constitutes are government part in the new fee Society, because it will understand it. mopnarcy and the society we live today, rise and creat new bounderarys it will If Zerzan is actually saying anything at all

them, there an insult to your intelligence. I the theoligical; and metaphysical phases Zerzan himself communicate? dont no if you go along with this school of are spent and exhausted athority still boldly thought or not, put if you are intelligent I takes up tradition and appeals to God. cant understand how you could swollow theological biblical substition.

reading about Sience about the Earth and devine institution. the Solar Sysdtem, you would reject these The object of @narchism is to constitute a things out of hand.

They seem to think that if your not a theology credit andf the benifit of the conclussions, and if your best conclusions are your considered conclusions your no going to Snap and change to anybody that calls on your door or you make aquantance with, claiming they have the truth in there hands. Your going to stick to what you beleive. If you had any sense you wouldn't entertain such bull-shit for five minits.

They probably been rejected by most • GA notes: Readers may be surprised to To advocate seperating symbolic thought that publication! grace of acceptance and the benifit of the green crayon!

dought and usen they start ramming things down your throut and giving you a ear
We do welcome you reproducing images his long winded article. It not, then it is just highlighted the potential abuses of the "Look if your not going to play the game and listen to what I hasve got to say fuck enough being up our own arse already D'ya notice I don't need 3 pages to make engineering. In the last six months, the with labour and Support the Unions and the Strikes there be a political Scandel a row in the house of Commons the basck PS Where's the royalties? Frank c/o 10 Corporation Street, Flint, benchers would laughand mock, and he PPS next copy-out soon!! would be deselected and barred in the • GA replies: If you send your stuff in for Conservative party. Well that would be a If you wanted an ad, you should have paid simmiler situation if they denny there own for it. Almost as pathetic as your whining religous doctrines, they would be turfed out over spelling! of the chruches for being disruptive thinkers! So yout fightimmg a loosing battle As to GA being "Lefty bullshit", we with Such peaple so realy you shouldn't be printed your 'Lefty, Change The Script' ad entertaining Such drab dreary mockers. to show anarchism was just one ideology

damage and harm:- they are a Social us. cancer beyind beliefe. How would they try break your Spirit into a thousand peices, this is done deliberatly to make you Vunrable and susseptable, and then they exploit the situation and pray against your

dought and rejected it. @s a @narchist you religious oppression, the divine dong ding. judgement and come to your best exploitation. Religion seeks to enslavde the be free in any of the manifestatuions of his acrtivity, so long as he shall not have expelled from his brain the notion of God, the product of ignorance sustained by the

Peter The @nti Christ of Hastings

COLLECTABLE ANORAKS

Dear Green Anarchist,

This is a conspiracy to change lefty

bullshit, sponsored by MFI and Netto.

publication with it's brand new logo, all right-angles

joke from the name muthafuckers.

from colletable [sic] anorak but it's bad a load of second rate academic humbug. never mind you lot putting collectable my point?

*now-fuk off! *

of commons from his own review, don't complain when we review itl many things in our present context.

Christians and other religions are amongst many, whereas you seem to reppressed rigid introverted with seriously suggest it's qualitatively different extroverted pretence and they are ("good to honest value. With no bullshit") inhibbited, there effect has caused so much which sure sounds like Leftist bullshit to

ZEN MASTER ZERZAN

make you Scared of dieing by putting the to give control to abstract relationships inner lives. Rather, it is the whole train of idea of hell in your head. Any reasonable between primitives, farmers and shopping such estrangements (including division of person wouldn't entertain such idears. mall consumers. So much symbolic labor, ritual, domestication) that sets the Of course, the christian doctrines are Dont wadt your time dont hesitate for liofe representation is in fact used, that the 2 stage for countless dire results in social fallable don't think for one moment there is a moment you must cherish. not lose pages it occupies, are a testament to the existence. My point isd that now when all not, its so riddlerd with hippocracy lies and your mind by going into obscure failure of his intellectual high brow spheres of life (individual, social, and contradictory its got no ground left to stanc comprehendf. We must resist them on question that arises for me at least, after the pathological attack we need to look more on, yety it is this theology that suppresses every Level. Dont think Religion can take exhausting task of reading and trying to deeply for the causes. Marxian categories We were on the excellant Reclaim The

democracy as a whole is a composition of placed restrictions and bring about the and is not taking the piss, he misses giving this dogma and its coercion in its morality. same misery and oppression it has always a clear insight to the archetype I share your frustration with this possible. We gave out a lot beenresponcible for. The power of the symbolisation of land, and how this is used terminally miserable world: my motivation of good publicity and met a load of people They will not accept your idears, there idears are as a rule:- "all," right, and its all any other, he is responsible to God alone, ownership or place in representations of to destroy all forms of domination and ownership or place in representations of the procedure of the procedure who were well into our ideas. this Noers Arc madness, paradise Earth and any attempt against his athority is a National Identity or even Gaia identity. He everything that engenders them, root and Sad attack on one of your paper sellars with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, direct invasuion of the prerogatives of the sees symbolic thought and representation branch. and your just wasting your time talking to Source of all things. Hence of the fact that itself as the problem. But how else could

What ought to have emerged from his self evident paradox is some kind of clearly this riddiculas substition that all this In order to its maintenance, the system of signposted analysis which would explain athority needs a religion above all. Be it how the multifarious states of Dear readers, what it may, religion reaches the consciousness and being which are @nyone with any brains is just going to incertainty to predominate over certainty, experienced across cultures are extrinsic to I'm writing with the hope that some of you hear about these theorys aznd reject them fiction over reality, things imaginary over that supreme oneness, the ultimate reality out there will help me. straight away if you'v got any learning things of substance, falsehood over truth.

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thought, and you have donne some

It proclaims the doctrine that misery is of that supreme oneness, the ultimate reality of realitie as that is his concept of primitive consciousness. But did not the beast, thought, and you have donne some

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and freedom of all human beings. It is prop ty then the revelation of the is all part of the "Game", but I'm bored They seem to think that if your not a christian its a mortal sin to have a intellect, and to think things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things because you have givern relligous things through and reject things through a mortal foe to all oppressors, of what-soever kind, of all Speculators and the left things through the respective to anything other than the respective to the resp

generator of all despotism. Man will never the actual "real world" means of human I was told I could order a book from an the market displays of the former. Woofl

peaple and then you give them the good learn that this didn't arrive all written in from emotion or notions of the soul (the Anyway, if any of you out there get bored like to think they are the boss seagull. split personality) is to advocate

covered this area well.

Primitive or otherwise, I know I really Yours with hope, exist in the living real world because the Love and Liberation, landowners would use guns, not symbolic M@rk Heightley [TN3749], HMP Lewes, epresentation to kill md. Guns as symbols is just pure bullshit, er sorry, incorrect no, er sorry, a feature length essay on how Collectable Anorak - don't you get the fear of being shot is a false representation of the official representation of authoritarian policy regarding long established property related blah, blah...

> If, however, Zerzan is suggesting we pour Dear Green Anarchist, - we thought it was another LSD into city water supplies then I could The radical green and green anarchist

my own attempted dis-alienation, and even Telegraph - 16 February 1997). if there were, the story of earliest alienation

The use of this technology therefore has

And the symbolic aspect of land and characteristics. private property would indeed be a worthy topic of exploration. Perhaps you could do The fears of gay and lesbian activists (and that; look into the early cultural for that matter, disabled activists as well) theft of homelands and the enclosure of programme (a literal techno-holocaust) commons obviously merit the attention that have therefore been chillingly given life, others have provided, and the origins of and the Green Anarchists' call for direct these losses to humanity would also repay action concerning gfenetic engineering has examination. The origin of these crimes been rendered more urgent than ever and so many others are no less a part of the before. "real world" than more modern Yours sincerely.

lust ect... They fill your head up with John Zerzan's rambling article in GA45-46 I've never advocated separating the Street, Aberystwth, Deredigion, Gorllewin idears od sin to make you feel guilty and uses symbolic representation in an attempt symbolic from emotions or the rest of our Cymru. deceat it's so stupid contrary and understandings of life that dont academic culture to face a most pressing natural worlds) are under such Dear Green Anarchist,

anarchists, for example.

PAPERS PLEASE!

things, because you have givern relligous first form in which oppression is arrows do seem to me to translate readily the likes of Agatha Christy, and between should be able to debate sensibly, manifested on organised Society is the to symbols of law, justice and power. Ding you and me, I don't fancy spending the otherwise there is no solidarity amongst

> survival that Zerzan should be venting his outside library, but when I mention a title This is their usual way of treating people most natural human instincts against. He related to anarchy or animal lib, I get a who criticize them as other evidence from won't find his feet by name calling at the knock back on the grounds thast they are all around the country [h]as shown. It oots of psychological symbolisation "controversial" subjects. Out of curiousity, seems that they really do believe they are processes shared by both property based I asked if I could order a copy of Mein 'it', how sadly mistaken can they get? cultures, and Hopi Indians hypnotised by Kampf. It arrived within a week! Needless They really are believing their own

schizophrenia, as any 'O' level psychology getting shot of, would you please write and student ought to know. And RD Laing send them to me. I would appreciate it more that you could possible imagine.

AND REPORT OF ME

TECHNO-HOLOCAUST

validity of these concerns.

copy of trot vanguard! see a sound purpose and tasty context for movements have for some years pandora's box technology of genetic large-scale emergence of 'unlabelled' genetically modified soya and other producde has underlined the accuracy and

> trying to deal with the symbolic web by the original 'discovery' of the DNA double means of more symbolisation (ie. helix has called for the use of genetic as yours! language). But there is no pre-symbolic, engineering to detect and eradicate gay and non-civilized group for me to apply to for lesbian people at conception (The Sunday

> > Absolute Truth is claimed for the theses much wider potential implications than the I've put forth. In a similar vein, I don't and fundamental altering of our foodstuffs (as won't own a car or computer, but I do have dangerous as that in itself is). With the modern heating and refrigeration. Like it or explicit blessing of one of its originators, not, we don't have a lot of choice about genetic engineering sights have been openly set on the adjustment (through

preconditions behind these institutions. The of a gradual, routineized 'eradication'

VERY SAD FISH

are useful but don't go far enough; this is Streets and Dockers demonstration on

sad attack on one of your paper sellars which really put a downer on the day. It seems a group of Red Action types with passive support from unaligned 'anti fascists' were more intent on Stalinist thuggery than rational debate. Rather than respond to your criticism by explaining their position Red Action 'very bravely' considering their superior numbers decided to throw their weight around and unwanted hospitality of one of the State's criticisms". This is bizarre coming from a The object of @narchism is to constitute a Society founded orm the liberty solidarity If symbolisation of thought created I'm not bitter about it, after all "Time Out" group whose newspaper has spread far Class War over the years. It seems they

next eighteen months of my life poring the people who preach it. But then, Red humasn intelligence, the idea is the It was the physical theft and enclosure of over the complete Miss Marple collection! Action always want solidarity on their

> to say, I told them where they could shove propaganda. Rather than realise that they are a very sad fish in a very small sea they or have any old zines you don't mind Revolutionaries DO NOT THINK OR

THE ROOM SIN THE YOR WILLIAM SE THE LAND WE WOUND HE HOW IN YOR WHITE seplit row of remember of have any old rives you don't mind Revolutionaries DO NOT THINK OR other way.

been called. But then I forget, the sad • GA notes: As GA publishes every letter Whilst agreeing a dozen people attacking Leninist politics of this group are recieved on a 'no censorship, no one-from behind and whilst his hands

unanswerable case to all the Steam Age

relics in this country and should help

In ending, I should note this is the first

book published by Columbia

Alternative Library (CAL) Press,

publish Anarchy Beyond Leftism

despite its high quality and clear

BEYOND BOOKCHIN BY DAVID

BLACK & RED, P O BOX 02374,

Fifth Estate's David Watson (better

known as George Bradford of How

Deep Is Deep Ecology?) has been

working on this critique of Murray

Bookchin Thought since 1989 but was

Bookworm's abusive and dishonest

intimately and as Bookchin's the

mysticism"

mentality is and the viability of others.

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importance as a timely intervention.

facilitate this transition.

Devon CW's point.

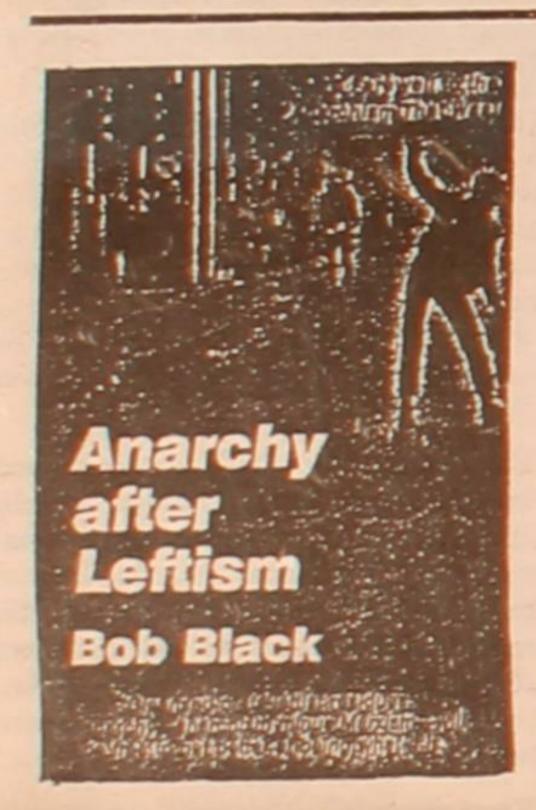
publish this one. If those associated with Although the 'dirty dozen' were generally O' Hara! The response of the Phil Mitchell Red Action can't distinguish between the from Red Action, they evidently weren't lookalike leading the attack to this being opinions of individual letter writers and acting for it. When questioned by the GA pointed out was corny macho bluster and Red Action should be "get a life", get DEVON CLASS WAR c/o PO Box 192, GA's, this would rather tend to prove seller concerned, none of them could cite further threats, a sure sign he wasn't any specific criticism we'd made of Red prepared to admit his mistake or learn Action and seemed to be acting on from it. His sort have been a continuous misunderstood rumours a year out of date source of embarrassment to Red Action incapable of making them react in any endorsement' basis, we're happy to were full, we'll add!-is hardly "very and Searchlight misrepresent-ations of and we can only hope his comrades will brave", we should clarify this incident, independent anti-fascist researcher Larry treat him as such in future.

COUNTER-CULTURE

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BOOKS



ANARCHY AFTER LEFTISM BY BOB BLACK. \$7.95 FROM CAL PRESS, POB 1446, COLUMBIA, MO 65205-1446, USA

Murray Bockchin didn't dare abuse Bob Black in his Social Anarchism v. Lifestyle Anarchism: An Unbridgeable Chasm (SALA) because he know what Black's reaction would be. Well, he's got it anyway - this is it.

Black's response, though highly readable and amusing, is indeed bloody. Amongst other things, he notes Bookchin isn't even an anarchist, he's a city-statist. Bookchin's fetishisation of the objective is revealed as far from objective, in fact completely out of kilter with it and modem scientific thought too - "mystical" even.

With his usual deft skill in these matters, Black hilariously demonstrates that all Bookchin's Stalinist standard terms of abuse for 'life-stylists' (that non-existant category the Younger Bookchin once lauded) such as "yuppies", "bourgeois" and "decadent" much better apply to the Dean of Goddard College, Vermont, himself.

Insisting he is "not a primitivist' himseif, Black ably defends anarchospurred to publish after ol' primitivism from Book-chin's ridiculous distortions and defamations polemic, Social Anarcism or Lifestyle and, more unkindly, digs into his Anarchism (SALA), came out last year. referencing and footnotes to show that they're not half as impressive as they Watson knows Bookchin's oeuvre look On one occasion, Bookchin's shown to have been informed by the consumate politician, being all things to headline of a popular newspaper article all people, depending on his audience, (no, he didn't read the article itself or Watson can always get him the scholarly paper it refered tol). contradicting himself - even endorsing Looking at the nexus of work, the shamanism he raves against in technology and organisation, Black SALA! Whilst Bookchin insists "the shows how utterly fake Bookchin's notion that there is only one kind of urban utopia is - Bookchin can't find reason is utterly false", his fetishisation one example of it working in hisory and of instrumental Reason leads him to only one example of forager societies that haven't been successful anarchys.

In casting Bookchin on the trash-heap of history, Anarchy Beyond Leftism goes beyond being merely rejecting the "Left That Was" to discussing an anarchy that will be, the only way of Eookchin now unequivocally endorses forcefully arguing the anarchism of the Over ther past twenty years,

the possibility of Progress" as "the best of Western culture", seeing Statism and technology facilitating this ("necessary evils") and the city as its fulfillment.

On the question of technology, Bookchin is now so retrograde as to endorse the pesticides he started his career condemning 35 years ago as Lou Herber and to describe battery farming as "one of the most promising beyond liberalism, the radical alternative to it. The paradigm shift technological advances in agriculture Black observes away from ossified since World War 2" - this from a man classical anarchism to anti-work, anti- who claims to want to end hierarchy tech, anti-civilisation anarchy in and the use of others as mere Amerika is long overdue in UK too. instruments! Anarchy Beyond, Lestism poses an

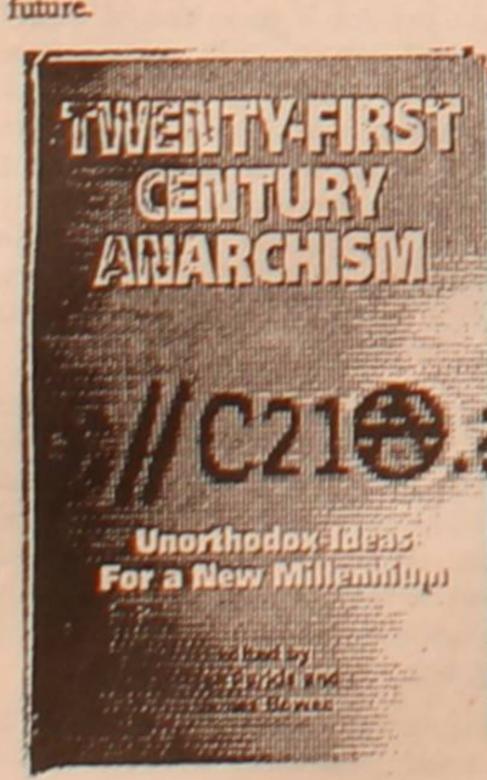
As to Bookchin's city dreams, Watson

We are reminded that the city as polis created not only politics, but the police [Bookchin's]

resurrected by Anarchy's Jason Bookchin lauded primitive ("organic") McQuinn, John Zerzan and Paul Z societies in his seminal Ecology of (1988). You also get the impression Simons and a good start it is too. We Freedom by faced with the expect more radically critical titles to be predominance of anarcho-primitivism published by them in the near-future, a Stateside, he now mispresents them in a breath of fresh air in a US anarcho- highly distorted, even racist, way. publishing scene previously so stultified Watson shows this clearly by quoting that due to sheer personal prejudice, well-respected anthropologists but does Bob Black couldn't find anyone of over-egg his pudding somewhat, especially as he insists himself that anarcho-primitivism is not about some return to the Stone Age. He takes issue Culture seriously, years after he with those post-modernists who insist the Bushmen live as communists because they're the lumpen survivors of a colonised, fallen society - but won't that be all our fate in future, making the Bushmen all the better an example for

> Bookchin's conservatism and demolishes his "coherent" ideology. He concludes that dictatorial Murray Bookchin Thought now impedes the development of other, more radical social ecologies and John Clark's move towards anarcho-primitivism shows "the Revolution will be a kind of

Rather than shamefully wallowing in Bookchin and his partner Janet Biehl's crypto-Stalinist filth, British anarchists should read Watson's book now and WATSON. \$8 + \$1.25 P&P FROM participate fully and honestly in this important debate in and about the



brand all those into other kinds "self- 21ST CENTURY ANARCHISM BY and JON PURKIS & JAMES BOWEN. BIG BROTHER BY SIMON "Heideggerian reaction". Watson £13.99 FROM CASSELL, DAVIES (ISBN 0 330 34931 7) spends much time - too much in our WELLINGTON HOUSE. 125

The editors introduce this book by invisible force few can comprehend.

The terrains of theory and action have changed, and now there are generations of activists operating in many fields of protest for whom the works of Kropotkin, Malatesta and Bakunin are as distant in terms of their description of the world as the literary classics pr writers such as Charles Dickens.

There are teeth-grating references to the

liberatory potential of technology and

the current academic fad of post-

modernism (Judy Greenway's 21st Century Sex is particularly horrendous in its attempts to strip away all grounding and identity), obligatory for all mose that think - like 1950s sci-11 that the future will be the same as now except bigger and faster, but at least alternative points of view are referenced, most usually Zerzan and Cames' Questioning Technology from the treatment of other topics that the contributors are rather academic and not that involved in the movement in a hands-on way, Lindsay Hurst writing on direct action thinking that the ELF started out as the Earth Liberation "Faeries" (only on Rowan Tilley's teeshirts!) and most contributors are still taking Stewart Homes' Assault On admitted himself that it's "subjective" (ie. bullshit). Whilst we're at it, we should also complain about the amount of special pleading that goes on in 21st Century Anarchism - cultural studies lecturer Jude Davis wilfully misunderstands Test Card F to argue for detourning mainstream media images (eg. Homocult's Mr Blobby) whilst ignoring Test Card F being chockful of such images and its authors. the Institute for Social Disengineering.

also having put out Smashing The

'mage Factory: A Manual for

Karen Goaman and Mo Dodson's

Billboard Subversion and Destruction.

analysis of anarcho-texts points to what should be obvious - what anarchists are seeking today for tomorrow is simplification of their lives, the removal from them of what oppresses and alienates them. When James Bowen's Curse of the Drinking Classes - which well-compliments Steve Millett's critique of welfarism in his Neither State nor Market -- damns work, he has our agreement, but not if it means life continuing within Feral Faun's 'Rube Goldberg machine' of survival, this time administed by machines. The best way of getting rid of work is simply not to ao u, not going through the counter-productive rigmarole of bolstering technocracy. John Moore's evocation of Fredy perhaps the most useful pointer to the privacy for whatever reason. shape of 21st century anarchism though, like Steve Booth's CityDeath, harshar and demanding resistance that, GODHAVEN, LEEDS LS6 1YJ. however cultural, will not just amusing and effete.

view - showing how Stalinist this STRAND, LONDON WC2R 0BB. The rights and freedoms that we have always enjoyed are being eroded by an



silently constructed a web of surveillance that touches many aspects of our lives. The money we spend, our dealings with government, our geographical movements, our beliefs and lifestyle - all are being captured on

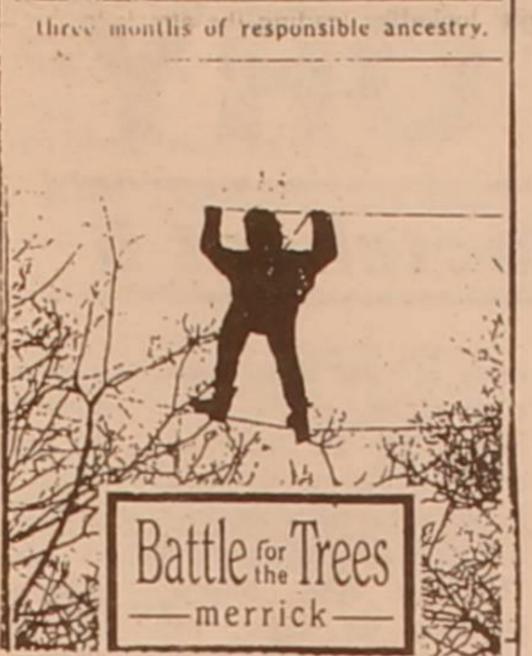
This book deals with the many aspects of surveillance techniques and areas covered include CCTV, telephone privacvy, satellite tracking of individuakls, humasn ID microcvhip implants and DNA databasing. Its frightening stuff alright. For example, right of the moment your personal information, storedf on computers across a range of government departments, banks, police and NHS are being harmonized. Thart is they will all merge together to form one big file on each person in society. What is worse, this file could be accessed by anyone with a PC and modern. Bank accounts, once conmsidered off-limits to government surveillance, will soon be open to full scrutiny. The DSS have recommended to Peter Lilley a computerised database of the hand prints of every person recieving benefit. And by 2005most publuic areas will be under the gaze of CCTV cameras, the images from which will be automaticalkly matched with your digitised photograph coming soon on the National Identity cardf. Then there's the SmartCard to eliminate cash. As these cards have to be linked to a bank account, your movements can be monitored each time you use a bus or a train. Your purchases in shops may be

Sounds like 1984? Believe me, it's worse. Combined with interesting facts (like the average British citizen is. identified on 200 files and for the last ten years, hospitals have concealed video cameras and microphones behind walls to monitor parents who visit their children) make this essential reading for Perlman ("The wildemess is here") is those interested in protecting their

Colin Wisely's fictional piece ending BATTLE FOR THE TREES BY the book strongly illustrates that the MERRICK. £2.50 FROM GODfuture is going to be worse than today, HAVEN INK, P O BOX HP94.

Merrick spent the first three months of 1996 at the northermost road-camp on the route of the Newbury bypass, Mary Hare. This camp was named after - and on the grounds of - the Mary Hare School for the Deaf, where hearingimpared youngsters found out about sound by feeling vibrations from their desks. Despite thundering great juggemants roaring by on the new "History, a universal Civilization and 21st century won't be the anarchism of governments and corporations have bypass being likely to ruin this, Mary

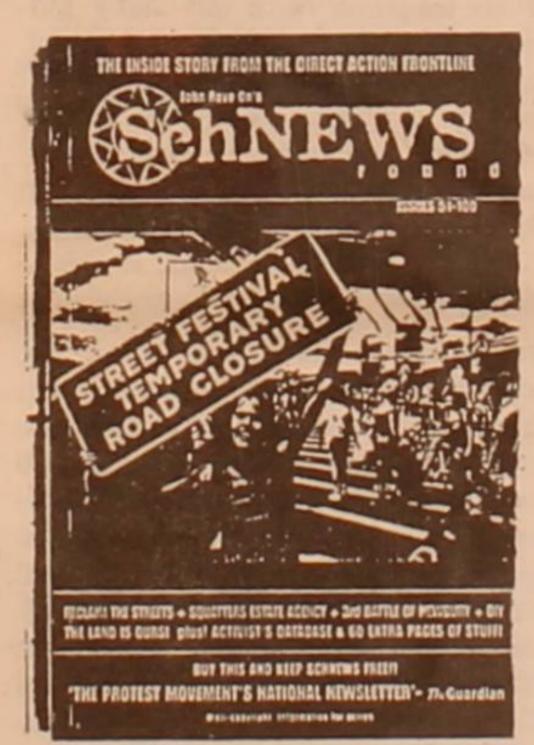
decades. Information is power, maybe but don't believe the hype!



Hare's headmaster was the opposite of supportive of the tree-squatters. Despite this, the trees constituting Mary Hare camp were some of the only ones onroute spared the chainsaw by the time the precontract ended in April.

Merrick's account of his time at

[not] what it meant", the camaraderie going. and heroism of the early days, the quirky characters and incidents (including a controversial trip to TOTP with Julian Copes and the Dangerous Sports Society's World War One piplane!), and the exhaustion of the last days, being evicted without anyone even there to see. Though somewhat wide-eyed and fluffy (eg. there's no mention of the 12th February 1996 Tarmac trashing that shooed them off the main contract), Merrick's account is a much honest, open and important contribution to the history of the 3rd battle of Newbury than any journalistic account we've so far seen.



SCHNEWSROUND. £4.99 FROM JUSTICE? C/O ON-THE-FIDDLE, P O BOX 2600, BRIGHTON BN2

This compilation of SchNews,

Brighton's alternative weekly freesheet, covers everything from the 3rd battle of Newbury and Reclaim The Streets through to JSA and asylum protests with the same humour but in a much more mature way than last year. It's 200+ pages long and professionally produced and, as they couldn't afford to give us a review copy at the Newbury reunion rampage, we can only assume Justice? is broke again, so you should buy this urgently. There's even a closing DIY Yellow CLAUSEN ENTERPRISES. \$2 Pages section that includes GA, acknowledgement opportunist / pacifist SG DISTRO, BOX 767295; publications like Plaigarists Monthly SQUALL aren't prepared to give in ar effort to keep their mainstream media pals sweet and write real revolutionanes out of History...

Schivews does have its limitations. Written by a large editorial group, it directory to fur farms in North America doesn't tend to be very coherent listing over 600 farms. politically for all its claims that "there are no more single issues" and the lowest (fluffy) common denominator usually prevails. Thanks to big media SchNews to lay claim to others' innovations - the FINs preceded SchNews by years and the Squatters Real Story, published 1980) by

Saying that, we should also note

LITTLE TENEMENT ON THE VOLGA BY CLAUDIA WALTON. £5.99 FROM BM CLAUDIA, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

This is a solid book of social observation which ought to be in every library. Claudia previously wrote I Claudia and Love Lies Bleeding which dared to tell the truth about the so called New Men and domestic violence. In this 1995 book we learn of her stay in Samara, a city on the River Volga 600 miles east of Moscow. Here is a city racked by the change from Communism to Capitalism and chaos a landscape of pollution and high-rise tower blocks. Claudia introduces us to Boris, a young entrepreneur moving from pay toilets in bus stations, later exporting antibiotics to Vietnam. Boris now sells electric consumer goods. Running a business brings the need to TO WAR FOR A LIBERATED bribe officials but thwarted by mafia- SOCIETY BY LIBERATED Newbury is about "what it was like, protected rivals, Boris finds things hard

> Claudia tells us of the Russian men who spend most of their lives drinking marries to escape her alcoholic father. but then finds her husband too is a drinker. The women are forced to do all the domestic work and keep a job to make up for the uselessness of their partners. Mothers condone drinking by their sons, and so the cycle repeats. Drink is an escape from all the boredom and depression of everyday Russian existence; queuing for basic foodstuffs in shops, the endless corruption of

We learn of Lina, the local witch and fortune teller. Lina led an eventful and interesting life, "like tumble weed return to their drunken husbands: "We a free society. women are used to pain".

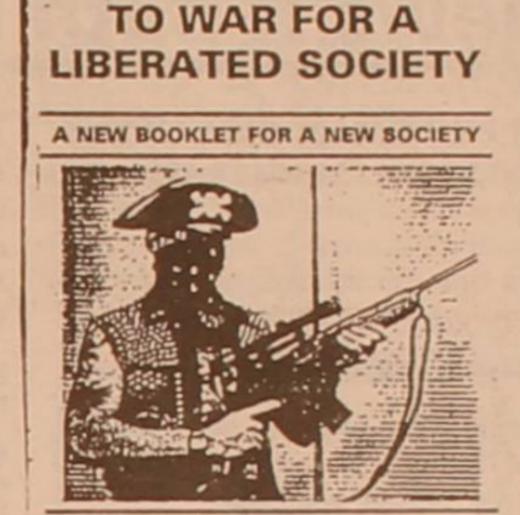
Two pints of minor criticism: Little Tenement has atmosphere as an outsider's observations of a culture in and would have gained by deeper analysis of the themes - a question of proportion. The main way the book disappoints is down to the fact that this uselessness of men angle has been done to death. Having said this, if you haven't already bought this, go out there and get it. If you want a picture of contemporary Russia, Little Tenement would be a good place to start.

THE FINAL NAIL: DESTROYING THE FUR INDUSTRY - A GUIDEL TOUR BY M CLIFTON / FROM NORTH AMERICAN ALF ROSWELL, GA30076, USA

Well folks, it calls itself a guided tour to destroying the fur industry, sop what do you expect? There are articles on fur farming. There is a section entitled "Maximum Destruction Not Minimum Damage" and there is a 16-page

As well as the main booklet, there is title, The Final Nail, Supplement #1. vital. Here you find a listing of 21 ALF backing, there's also a tendency in animal release raids against fur farms in articles about fur farm security and the ANARCHISM Estate Agency (as in Squatting: The personal details of Skip Lea, chair of ANARCHIST

the president of the Canadian wink Breeders Association, and Marsha Kelly, executive director of Fur Farm Animal Welfare Council.



BY LIBERATED SOCIETY

SOCIETY. PRICE C/O GREEN ANARCHIST MAIL ORDER, PO BOX 407, CAMBERLEY GU15

vodka. The excessive drinking takes its Highly critical of middle class toll on Russian society, with people tokenism, this 16-page pamphlet is an lying comatose in the streets and attempt to advance an authentically workers unable to do their jobs. A girl revolutionary perspective rooted in popular participation and direct action. As you might imagine from its title, To War rejects nonviolence as advocated by people "more interested in saving their souls than helping-their mates" it's for this reason it's being circulate under-ground. To War attempts synthesise animal lib and militant Green movements draws heavily on green anarchism and groups around five objectives: animal liberation, human post-industrialism, decentralisation and land redistribution.

This is all laudable enough, but Liberated Society's green anarchism is blowing across the USSR", working as very ideological - and old-line at that. a seamstress and canteen worker, as Revolution on the penphery is rejected well as a railwaly carriage attendant. ("starving people don't make good Lina learned her fortune telling from revolutionaries") as if those most her grandmother. The Soviet authorities exploited / excluded by the System were unable to stamp it oyut by haven't got the most to gain / least to providing scientific medical services. lose by kicking it over. To War calls for Disgruntled wives turn to Lina for mass mobilisation, as if just more and escape, as a safety valve, and then better propaganda is all it takes to make

In advancing "a decentralised public transport system" and "alternative technology" - as opposed to a selfsufficient society wholly unmediated by crisis, but it is virtually all reportage, the techno-grid - Liberated Society. don't see the System as a totality. Unsurprisingly, they call for the assassination of vivisectors and hunters rather than the Statists (cops, courts &c) that act as guarantors of animal abuse, and hierarchical society as a whole.

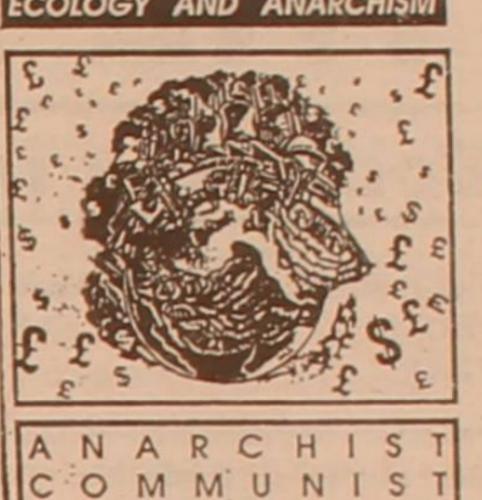
Although Liberated Society pay service to our everyday misery in hierarchical society ("human liberation"), they don't see this as product of the division of labour and resistance to dehumanisation being the wellspring of revolution against all that Indeed, they think

Some people believe they will lose their identity, but they won't because they're identifying themselves as British instead of who they really are (ie. English Scottish, Welsh etc).

as if we're actually "English, Scottish, Welsh etc" and, Marx-like, revolution the totality is described as "civilisation" will be made by stages, with ourselves (not just capitalism), scientific somehow recovering some portion of rationalism is seen as inextricably our identity at each. Such artificial bound up-with it, and marginal 'others' barriers recreate separation / alienation are seen as key to ending alienating self and a politics of taboo. Liberatec / other divisions, the root of heirarchy Society need to overcome this barrier to and exploitation (ie. a much broader, advocate a genuinely liberated society, more primitivist analysis than is usual which is why a more fully develped for the economistic ACF). also a supplement with the snappy little anarcho-primitivist perspective is so

America and Canada. You also find WHERE THERE'S BRASS, updates on the fur farm directory. Plus THERE'S MUCK: ECOLOGY & COMMUNIST the Fur Commission USA, Chris Engh, FEDERATION. PRICE FROM

WHERE THERE'S BRASS THERE'S MUCK ECOLOGY AND ANARCHISM



COMMUNIST ANARCHIST EDITIONS, 84B WHITECHAPEL HIGH STREET, LONDON E1 7QX

FEDERATION

From the references to Operation Roadblock and pics of RTS's Angel street party, we reckon this pamphlet was written 1994-5. We were expecting the usual 'one-size-fits-all' commentary on the ills of capitalism with bolt-on references to Green politics and there are strong elements of that in Where Thére's Brass (as you can tell from its title), but we were pleasantly surprised by this pamphlet's under-currents, particularly in its treat-ment technological questions.

Conceding technology is a product of capitalism rather than just being "neutral" (mainly, we suspect, because of the rise of the anti-roads movement), the ACF provide ample evidence that there's a dialectical relationship between technology and capital, each shaping the other to maximise control and profit. They still seem to think that

Following the revolution, the working class worldwide, having siezed control of workplaces, land and streets, would direct current technology to benefit the vast majority (the working class) rather than the tiny ruling class minority, as at present. If, however, technology is a social institution with inherent qualitiers which enhance or limit/damage human abilities and health (and that of the workers will have to weigh up the pros and cons of different technologies.

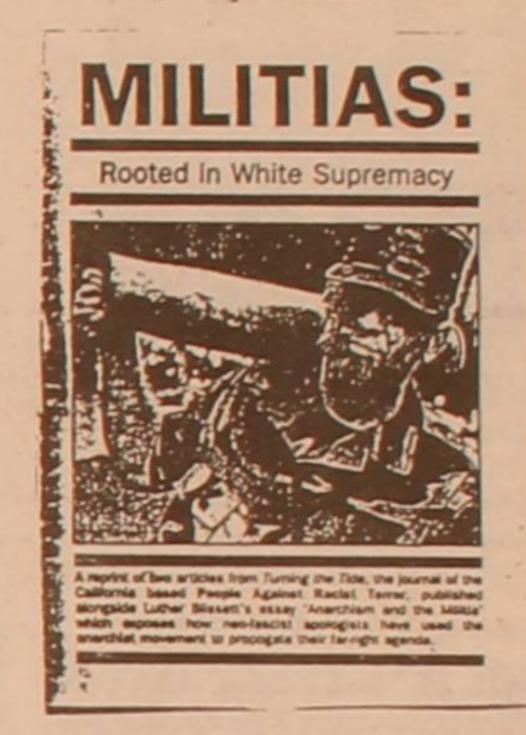
That is to say, they don't appreciate that technology is an integrated and Why this ridiculous lie, the latest of overarching control mechanism based on the division of labour and with rule by a "tiny [technocratic / managerial] minority" inherent in it, that attacking that will make revolution and shape future society to end such, and that rational 'democratic' committees sitting around musing on this and that 'after the revolution' are an irrelevance or worse. What do they think a future

society without monoculture, mass production and energy generation and even urbanisation ('civilisation' is explicitly criticised) will look like? Changes in everyday life might be a bit more radical than the ACF are The Ecology & Enlightment section

draws heavily from ecoferninist texts is even more interesting. Although anarcho-primitivism is nowhere explicitly acknowledged (though George Bradford's criticisms of Formanista population bombers are),

The abuse against Greenies (pacifists, lifestylists), social ecologists (no ciass analysis) and riblers (paranoid misanthropes) are a bit off-target and them seriously. Like Bookchin's earlier works, there are elements in Where It would be easy to say that, from his

more radical politics. We can only hope the ACF pick up on them.



MILITIAS: ROOTED IN WHITE UNPOPULAR KINGSLAND HIGH STREET, LONDON E8 2NS.

The two short essays on the US militia movement reprinted from People Against Racist Terror's journal, Turning The Tide, are commendable inasmuch as they recognise the right to bear arms against the State and condemn the massacre at Waco as well as other Statist violence. These were issues largely ignored by cowardly counter-revolutionary US Leftists, all sickeningly beguiled by Clinton selfstyled 'liberalism' and his authoritarian gun control agenda, which is why the Right have exercised such influence in

The trouble is that PART's essays are just window-dressing for Fabian 'Fuckwit' Tompsett's stupid Anarchism and the Militias which rejects the best PART has to say ("democratic") and presents GA and even Stuart Christie (Towards A Citizens Militia) as "fascistic", sharing the militias' ideology. Although events like the OK bombing were tactically inspirational (200 dead pigs!), we clearly oppose militia ideology (all ideology!) as we're pro-environment pro-choice, anti-State law, anti-any law. Fuckwit knows this from our rebuttals of his previous smears, so his allegations are clearly being made in

many? As Fuckwit admits

to undermine any lingering sympathy for GA, who are trying to muster support during their current court case.

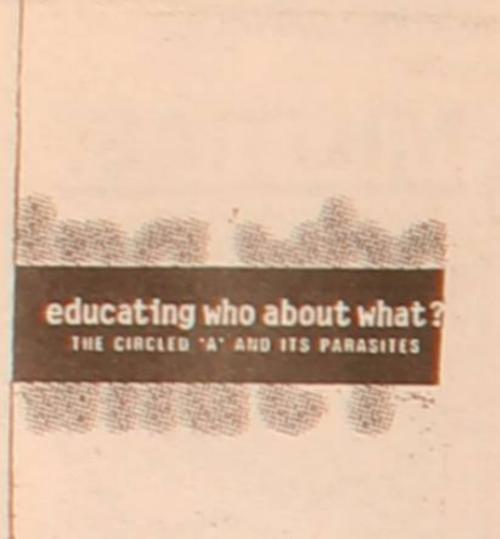
And the reason for that? Because we exposed his support for Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson and "fascistic" fellow Neoist Stewart 'Truth Is The Enemy' Home, errand boy for Trans-Europa's Richhard Lawson and Sol Invictus's Tony Wakeford.

His idea of how to "move the class struggle on the offensive" is three-sided football matches, yuppy post-modern wordgame-playing of his pseudooccultist London Psycho-geographical Newsletter, and defaming genuine revolutionaries and initiatives like Larry O' Hara and the Anti-Election Alliance. Now "they clearly know exactly what sort of poison [he's] trying to spread in the broader anarchist movement", they should just remember

EDUCATING WHO ABOUT WHAT? £2 FROM BLACK ECONOMY BOOKS, DEPART-MENT 8, 1 NEWTON STREET, MANCHESTER M1 1HW.

The supposed failure of anarchism in UK is blamed on "university educated politicos with absolutely no validvery 1980s but we're not asked to take experience of a working class existence" parasitising the movement.

There's Brass that can point to a much ridiculous references to "Ant" and the



author of Educating Who About What? nurtured, the rise of the do-it-yourself would be as cheap a shot as he usually milieu. As it grew, so did F5, until rumors - which I won't repeat - that going to publish only twice a year, but

He sees "working class experience" as got in the mail - became a more than the embodiment of anarchism, as full-time business which finally burned opposed to middle class "politics", but him out. He relinquished the project to a never says what about working class new editor-publisher qwhose one fiasco experience is anarchist. Clearly, all of of an issue is legendary for its ineptitude it isn't, as some of it's been colonised and perverse misunderstanding of what by middle class anarchists and - he the zine subculture is all about. Once doesn't say - the rest by Capital more the imperilled publication was

If Educating Who About What? has Under Friedman, as under Mussolini, the been written for the working class, we trains run on time, but you have to can only return its author's scomfu wonder where they're going. Whatever question: "where's your members?" criticisms might be made of the (nowherel). If it's been written to fuck unavoidable superficiality and off the middle class, then it's actually occassional spinelessness of many of just about creating another tiny, Gunderloy's reviews, when F5 was exclusive sect. Why do this? Because mainly his personal project it had an the workerism of the 1980s is dying and editorial personality and an authorial Educating Who About What?'s author wants to protect it from History by rather tenuously by the end of his tenure, entombing it with him.

class culture, solidarity, community, opposition to the System &c, was all horrendously eroded and atomised by Thatcherism during the 1980s - but reconstituted in utopian currents like Reclaim The Streets that Educating Who About What?'s author is likely to dismiss as impure and "middle class" They're taking off where his politics i failing. Eat dust, sucker!



THE STARVATION ARMY BY THE SKELETON ARMY, 50P FROM SLAB 'O CONCRETE, P O BOX 148, HOVE BN3 3DQ.

The Salvation Army is apparently Australia's biggest charity and this pamphlet gives twelve reasons to reject it - everything from their crap music and costumes to rather more serious points about corruption, homophobia Victorian prohibitionism has been show what a long tradition slagging and anti-Aborigine racism. Calling for maintained to this day, it's mainly the Sallys as diversionary has been and "reconciliation", they won't first about deferring to the obsessions of the its not as if we all have to do only this, condemn the White racism that led to cult's founder, William Booth. Insisting is it..1? the colonisation of Australia, a process the body is "the temple of the soul" to stop people polluting it with tobacco &c doesn'tstop the Salvation Army the Salvationists contributed to.

The pamphlets authors call themselves accepting sponsorship from McDonalds the Skeleton Army as that was the group that first opposed the Sallys back in the 1890s. The Skeleton Army were a mixed bag of Wobs, hoolies and Some people might view writing a tract publicans outraged at the business they attacking the Salvation Army a Describing themselves as "biocentric were losing to these prohibitionists. The distraction from more important targets. anarchists in EFI", Black & Green pamphlet's authors note that while this The old IWW 'Mr Block' cartoon rejects both "anthronocentric" social

THE WORD FACTORY

Bob Black reviews R Seth Friedman's Factsheet 5

FACTSHEET 5 EDITED BY R SETH FRIEDMAN. \$4.95 / ISSUE FROM P C BOX 170099, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94117-0099. 2 /

I've reviewed Factsheet 5 before, but it's time for an update. Under its latest editot - its third - the magazine (you can't call it a "zine" any more) has changed greatly, and it is about to change even more.

important and megalomanical. Towards

the end, Mike Gunderloy was getting that

way, the next guy started out that way,

and it may be that Friendman is getting

that way. As Lord Acton observed, power

corrupts. Ironically, in a milieu which is

F5 was originally published by, and for it really is the best stuff out there. But, many years written by Mike Gunderloy. good, bad or ugly - worse yet, boring pseuds of "East London AAA", the Its capsule reviews chronicled, and it is not "official" anything. subculture I've called the marginals Sunderloy's hobby - in the early days he said it was just about interesting stuf he rescued, this time by Seth Friedman.

voice. In that respect it still belonged, if to the self-help subcultures it reported on, The revolutionary content of working and to. Not so the current incarnation or F5, or should I say Factsheet 5, Inc.?

> Friedman still writes some reviews, but he has a staff of four contributing editors and eight staff reviewers. Gunderloy had already perfected (or imperfected) the formula F5 review - ranging from one sentence to one short paragraph - to which, in this respect anyway, industrialization of Factsheet 5 to its logical limit, Friedman has made himself the CEO of a mass-production word factory with as much personality as McDonald's. Doyou want fries with that?

> Friedman has made very clear that he wants to put Factsheet 5, Inc. on a sound business footing. Last year he walked away from the magazine for a few months in order to compile an anthology, The Factsheet Five Zine Reader (Crown Books, forthcoming), which in this belated issue he describes thusly:

This is the official compendium, personally selected by the editors of Factsheet Five. Beware

Beware of imitators? In the marginals milien as much if not more than some of these "reviews" are are little Gunderloy's guess that only half the is in here. What he hasn't grokked is that Enywhere else, minanon is the sincerest more than directory listings. "I think the zines he recieved would continue for do-it-yourself culture has natural limits. beware of competing products. If says Friedman, "are working out nicely". was roughly correct, and still is. That else again - maybe worse, maybe better. Friedman thinks his anthology, or any For his statistics, maybe. These means that maybe of potentially but not what it was. No matter what anthology, is an official compendium of shrunken-type listings parody, by their reviewable zines will wither away before happens, Friedman's Factsheet 5 has zine culture, he has forgotten, if he ever paucity, the already anorexic formula once getting watered by Factsheet 5. "definitively" departed from its natal mew, what zine culture is all about. A squibs which Gunderloy long ago And they will mostly be the often shaky culture, with which its future relations, in ot of it isn't all that great, some is just reduced to reflex. "Fairly standard poetry debut editions which already have the what little time remains to its last editor. junk, but most of it is what it is, an / prose reading that includes a few bits of highest mortality rates. The worlsd will will be entirely commercial. Friedman is expression of personality. And at its best nonfiction": does this review - this is all not be much worse off by the stillbirth of just a problem who is solving himself.

Brighton Punk beyond acknowledging often at the margin of the marginals that it exists? Even a really crummy zine milieu that the enthusiasm and the deserves a little more substantive originality are to be found. In effect, comment than thart, if you're going to Friedman has raised the price, not only of comment on it at all.

Longtime readers of Factsheet 5 may have suposed that my saying its publication schedule is 2/yr" is a mistake or a joke. It's not. In #60, editor Friedman announces that instead continuing F5 as a bimonthly, he's Friedman is becoming arbitrary, self- that's okay,

> Each issue will be thicker and will most likely be perfect bound (like a paperback book), making it more like a reference guide than a

own matrix. It is assuming the time.



central authority. In this latest issue, dramatized the chasm which Factsheet 5, Friedman boasts that this 160 page issue Inc. has opened between itself and the is twice as long as the first one hedid, no zine milieu. Many zines are short-lived, contains over 2,000 reviews. Of course, and this is not a bad thing. It was three-column 'Other Zines' sections", even one year. My impression is that he Exceed those limits and it's something

dimensions, and the pretensions, of a Nothing else could have better

Though their paper is short - only four undertone of FC's critique of the

tabloid sides - the three essays in it were of a high quality and it looked like they were into taking on Civilisation as a totality, analysising the control mechanisms that sustain it and not just wildermess issues. They're particularly good at seeing the authoritarianism inherent in technology and, though unacknowledged, there is a strong

is to it - say jacksnit about many of these zines, nonetheless, it is

F5, but of entry into the market it serves. That, as every economist knows, privileges the larger, well-established enterprises that have already amortized their start-up costs. Maximum Rock 'n' Roll can live with the new F5 schedule, but maybe not Brighton Punk. The

tendency will be for F5 to reconfigure the

sub-underground in its own corporate

But I'm not too worried. F5's own

expansionism has undermined its

monopolistic ambitions (until recently its subtitle was "The Definitive Guide to the decentralized, individualistic, and for the I doubt Friedman will even keep up with of counter-revolution). This issue of the most party stridently anti-authoritarian, that schedule, as he has many other self- magazine reviews dozens of other zines Factsheet 5 again threatens to damage its promotional demands upon his precious that review zines. The truths are out

Zine Revolution", an absurd affirmation there. The on-line British F5 knockoff, ByPass, is better than F5 ever was. Now there's a Canadian counterpart, Broken Pencil, which reached 72 pages by its third issue. The days of one-stop shopping for recognition are over. Seth Friedman, the Bill Graham of the marginals milieu, thinks he's a big stsr. He is consultant to the mainstream media, he does lectures and seminars on zine culture, he put himself on the cover of his magazine twice (his zoftig girl friend graces the current cover, engaged in the unwittingly revealing act of burning a zine), and he claims "definitive" and "official" status for the various items in his prioduct line. It's obvious the irony of all this escapes him. Probably the irony of a lot of things escapes him. But in the sub-underground, a star that goes nova is about to burn out.

Friedman's new schedule means he can't keep it up any more. His "official compendium" suggests he's cashing in his chips and getting out of the game (Gunderloy also published a book, The World of Zines, just before he called it quits). As a bimonthly, his magazine at 2,000 listings is already unreadable in uts entirety or even in major part. What will the twice-a-year-book format version contain, 6,000 reviews? Who needs that?

Future students of American culture will appreciate Factsheet 5 as a unique expression of, and stimulus to, what will soon be seen as the most vital print culture of our time. Even Friedman has figured this out, judging from the triumphal recountings of mass-media coverage of the marginals milieu which he regularly publishees in F5. The truth

ecology and deep ecology.

division of labour here. We were also pleased to see a good third of the paper was dedicated to MOVE, Black ecorevolutionaries not acknowledged by the corporate environmentalist mainstream.

Definitely a publication worth getting

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Czech Green Anarchists, the zine looks interesting and important things to greatt with news and reports about contribute to the debate about various animal / Earth liberation technology and is well worth checking protests and actions in both countries. out. There's prisoner news and a whole load of other great stuff. It's in Czech



TECHNOSKEPTIC. FREE FROM M MAKHNO, LONDON WCIN

Describing itself as "a one-off magazine individual". Technoskeptic is compilation of articles on technology from the Net and mainly about it.

Arguing techophilia and techno-phobia are "both one-sided ideologies", the editorial seeks to "draw from the best elements of both tendencies whilst rejecting the black and white opposition they pose" in relation to class struggle. Although evidently not familiar enough with the anti-tech current to appreciate it is really questioning organisation rather than particular tools and systems, Technoskeptic's questyionin of the Net is excellent, showing how it is being dominated by big business and the State, concentratinmg power for all the user's hype abiout how it's supposed to disperse it. As one essay, Big Brother Covets The Internel

it's one more example of something that happens frequently in history. The little guy thinks he has created something new and poweerrful. He's so busy congratulating himself, that when the Big Dogs begin to notice, the little guy doesn't. In the end, it's merely another dog-bites-mam nonstory that won't be found on NBC News. This just in: "Little guy gets screwed".

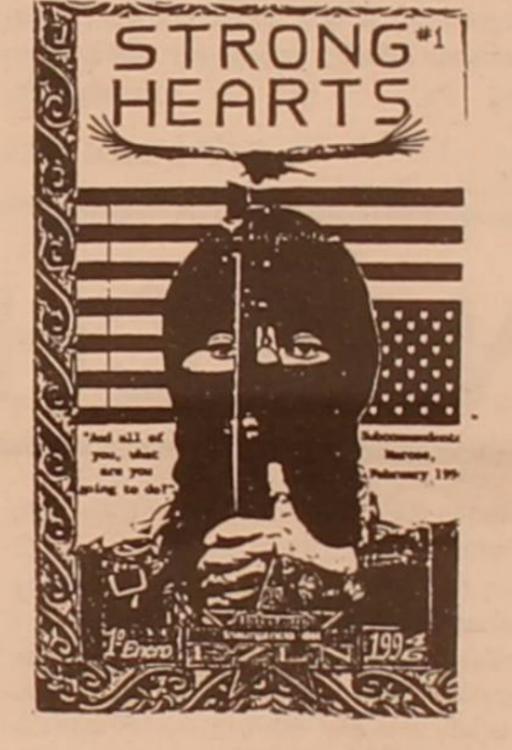
Some of the seemingly most attractive applications of the Net, such as anti-State cyberwar, are shown up to be State hype to further enable them to police, and corporations to profit from, the Net. This has extended to spooks setting up hackers groups like Jean-Bernard Condat's Chaos Compuer Club France, somethimng he himself admits to as his "turpitude".

There's a long article on the Zapatistas, though the editor does counterposer the cultishness around Subcommandante Marcos and autonomous initiatives by the peasant and indigenous of Chiapas. Superficially, this article argues what a 32 very well-presented pages with a

occured to Cleaver himself. He argues strongly that the EZLN are not another Leninist national liberation movement -- taking on women's emancipation as an issue not subordinated to Marxian class dogmas and their programme Certainly worth reading. being rooted in an indigenous traditionalist egalitarianism - but any revolution has an unpleasant habit of turning into one for the elimination of

all those opposing those running it. A simple, open and honest statement of There's more to re-creating community Give & Take's co-operative principles, than more efficiently manipulating visions, statement of accounts &c done power / information, sometning a in their usual original style.

Despite its lack of theoretical A joint publication of the Slovak and underpinning, Technoskeptic has



STRONG HEARTS #1. PRICE VIA ROD CORONADO SUPPORT COMMITTEE, 3245 E PATRICIA TUCSON, ARIZONA 85716, USA

The address here is just 'care of' - the only contact details I could find on this newsletter produced by native American ALF prisoner Rod Coronado from within prison walls.

Equipped only with what looks like an electric typewriter ('Unabomberapproved' - no computers...), Coranado's text-over-graphics montage style is surprisingly effective. In this first issue, he leads with a celebration of the first anniversary of the Zapatista uprising in Chiapas and includes references to other such uprisings by the Mohawks in 1990, the Lakota in 1876 (Coranado was sent down for stealing Custer's journal as well as for ALF stuff) and even the Branch Davidians at Waco. There's also articles on the ALF fighting for other, animal, nations and on the US prison system, Coranado pointing out it's as racist against native Americans as better known minorities.

Next issues on diet for a native America, in which Rod will argue America was a vegan continent before the arrival of White imperialists. It'll certainly be interesting to read...



CORPORATE WATCH #2. £1.50 FROM BOX E, 111 MAGDALEN ROAD, OXFORD OX4 1RQ.

wonderful thing the Net is in spreading lavish use of space and cartoon solidarity with the EZLN revolution but illustration. This is an excellent source Cleaver's description of it as resistance of information on all the eco-nasty to 'development', to the region being companies and, although it does pride bled dry by the global Leviathan, itself on having more of a sense of

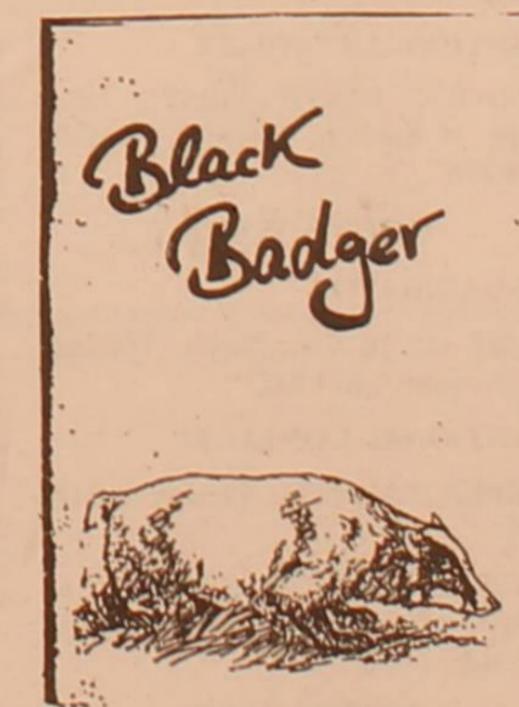
humour than the Ethical Consumer &c. it can get a bit train-spotterish and fluffy in places. Such quibbles aside, its editors are certainly unafraid to name names and even print a full list of genetically-engineered crop test fields.

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WOOZY #17. 50P FROM SLAB 'O CONCRETE, PO BOX 148, HOVE

Between music reviews and ads, this innovative Australian fanzine discusses pretty fringy subjects - Jim Keith's Black Helicopters and non-HIV origins of AIDS etc - but does so in an intelligent and challenging way. Worth buying for these support articles alone.



BLACK BADGER #1. PRICE FROM P O BOX 508, BERKE-LEY, CA 94701-0508, USA.

We found the middle pages of our review copy upsidedown and back to front, but once we'd fixed that, we found this little collection of reviews and articles most satisfactory.

intelligent and articulate and not thrash / dub special brew, which is satisfied by simple-minded, pat hardly surprising considering they ideological 'answers', as demonstrated by his review of the anarcho-Trotskyite Love & Rage and articles questioning the insularity of the SF bi scene and treating the murder of a screw as being as indicative of the dehumanisation inherent in the US prison system as the murder of prisoners by them. A word of caution here: there does appear to be some liberal assumptions swilling around under some of this antiideological comment.

There's an impressive review of Murray Bookchin's Social Anarchism vs Lifestyle Anarchism ("the bitter old fart of American anarchism") and a generally sympathetic one of David Watson's response to it, Beyond Bookchin (though the Badger admits "I had to skim parts of the book"). There is also editorial comment on "the Scandal from Seattle" which concludes "Hogshire ... is an iresponsible lying loser", the first to call cops, but doesn't challenge the publishers role in formenting this dispute (though the Badger does so impressively else-

"RECOMMENDATION: Two paws up"

MUSIC

THE ANGRY BUZZING OF MILLION FLIES 7" EP BY MAGGOT SLAYER OVER-DRIVE. £2.50 POST PAID FROM M S O, 43 VICTORIA AVENUE REDFIELD, BRISTOL BS3 9NE.

Four tracks of chaotic metally punk mayhem. Songs cover Michael Jackson's habits, rain at festies, 'blind' leaders. Also includes the live favourite Dial B for Bernard.

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Two excellent EP's from Bristol's Spite, who feature ex-members of Ripcord & Chaos UK. Noisy as fuck punk rock to pogo around your bedsit to. Both EP's have four songs on, with lyrics covering religion, pissed-up arseholes starting fights, jumping on bandwagons and heroin.

FRUSTRATION 7" EP BY THE REJECTS. PRICE FROM BLIND DESTRUCTION RECORDS, BOX 29, 82 COLSTON STREET, BRISTOL BS1 5BB.

More anarcho-punk rock from Pete Spite's Blind Destruction label, this time from Stoke Newington's Restarts. For those woodwork types then get hold This record reminds me a bit of Chaos of a nice bit of soft wood, and begin UK, which is no bad thing and includes wittling away, digging out the middle to the song Fuck The Lottery which is destined to be a punk classic.

RESPECT. RECONNECT LP BY SCATHA. £5 POSTPAID FROM FLAT EARTH, BRADFORD MUSIC, PO BOX 169, BRADFORD BD7 1YS.

We must learn to respect, learn to protect, but most of all, we must leam to reconnect.

I always felt Sedition's otherwise killer album Earth Beat was a bit let down by some rather flat production. No sch problem for their successorss' Scatha: This is Eco-Pagabn punk at ots finest. A truly RAGING slab. Respect for the Earth and pro-vegan lyrics, but totally shom of any 'New Age' mystical-nicey Bullshit. Good booklet with lots of 'Earth mother' type imagery, too.

Also look out for a new 7" EP in the near future.

OH MY GOD WE'RE DOING IT CD / TAPE BY PAIN. £8 / £5 POSTPAID FROM INNA STATE, PO BOX 116, BRISTOL BS99 1SL.

All aboard for the punky reggae party The Black Badger comes across as exoperience; PAIN mix up a ska / loop. consist of ex-RDF and AOS3 members... In fact, you could say it's The Usual Suspects doing The Usual Subjects, including anti-consumerism 'n' shop-lifting; resistance to the CJA; road protests and living up treets; cor hassles and the babylon of mammon Number one tip for rebel-rousing live crowd-pleaser has got to be the taut and tight Punx With Guns - But where are the SISTERS when the "Brothers take

> BREED EP BY KURU. £1.80 INFLAMMABLE folks?

MATERIAL RECORDS, BM ACTIVE, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

Awright, Kuru are a 'traveller band', but don't expect diddly guitars and fiddles or dwiddling synths.. Wha yet get here is four songs of 'old style' thrash, with a nice metal-edged tinge thanks to the guitar of the very sexy Dicky Death. Straightforward and in yer face, mate. Killer riffs, 'political' lyrics. Recommended.

A GREEN CONSUMER'S GUIDE TAPE BY RETURN TO ZERO. £2 FROM VEGAN POLICEMAN TAPES, 35 RAYLEIGH AVENUE, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA, ESSEX SSO 7DS (CHEQUES TO G BURNETT)

A collaboration between Graham (LOVE OVER LAW) and Gary (VELCRO DREDD + (Briefly) PRODIGY), the four DIY punk / skatone tunes here expose the myth of 'Green CONsumerism' ('DOING MY BIT'): attack car culture and the DOT's ropad-building programme ('ROAD RAGE'): unmask the 'charitable' faces of decadent rock-stars like Michael Jackson and Phil Collins ('DEATH AID STILL RUNS THE WORLD') (Yeah, I know Chumbas already said it on their 1986 'Pictures' LP, but the fact we still let these arseholes get away with it means it's a message worth repeating!), and, unusually, point out a positive alternative ('GO ORGANICI'). Comes with a nice little booklet with lyrics and extra info about Claremont Road, organic gardening, permaculture and

urban survival tips etc.

THE PELOTA

An ideal tool for the eco-defence demo is the pelota which is a scoop-looking racket used by the Basques, originally by farmers as a weapon, and now as a sport. The Pelota is is useful if you want to hurl something at a long distance, especially vechicles etc.

form a scoop design, make it so that the ball can easily fly out. The handle should be relatively long, so that you can get a good swing, but short that you can gather an aim. Once made try practicing with a tennis ball until you are proficient.

For those who are lazy then you can pick up rackets at toy or sports shops, where it is a beach game, the rackets are reinforced plastic, but can still give a good swing.

As to ammo, then mud balls are your best bet, these can be made from clay or mud, and then dried. To make then heavier, then mingle gravel and light stone amongst the mud.

INSTANT PROTEST GROUPS

To our victims, we are the cause of the emergency services.

What we need are more protests, unpredictable protests, effective protests springing up everywhere. Have you ever seen something and thought "I wish we could have a protest against that"? But it takes time to get people together, or circulate leaflets and tee up an action. We need to speed up that

So suppose we had a group of people, a van and a phone number. So people up the numbger and say what's going down. The protestors get in the van and drive to the site. Inside the time it takes to get there, we would have ourselves a protest, and the total cost would be the petrol for the van.

With more people involved, we could have a phone tree, with several vans and crews in different partsd of the country. The reaction time would come down. The basic contact number would be public domain, the phone tree would be internal to the IPG and kept separate for security. How about this for an idea,

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THE EDITORIAL

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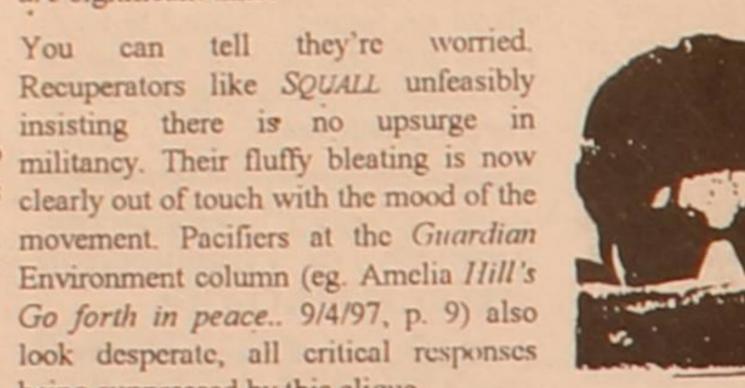
electoral politics through to an upsurge for basic humanity will emain unmet. Go forth in peace.. 9/4/97, p. 9) also in fascism unprecidented since the Britain is still effectively a one-party look desperate, all critical responses 1930s have been made. On the Left, only the Trots seem sort of happy because they think they can get on with fortnight before Blair took power shows class struggle movement throwing in the their entryist bullshit and otherwise parasitising Labour.

CJA, there'll be more police powers runaway revolution, we sure ain't the pre-industrial millenarian tradition big for courtesy of Jack Straw, no more talking about fluffies without the of the Taborites and Diggers. The point regulation of State intelligence. The far stomuch for fight, we're talking about a about this society is that it's a cage built

Its surprising the amount of pessimism Right aren't going to have anything to militancy. Their fluffy bleating is now that's greeted Blair's election in organise about either - Tonys are as clearly out of touch with the mood of the revolutionary circles. Predictions of racist as Torys. The Asylum Act sunys, movement. Pacifiers at the Guardian everything from a revitalisation of the hunger striking refugees demands Environment column (eg. Amelia Hill's

> state and negotiations with it are still a being suppressed by this clique. waste of time. The riot in Whitehall a Despite this upsurge, we see half the we trust only ourselves and direct action towel, making problematic what's

social movement achieving a critical for the powerful. We don't need it and it, of regaining control over our own mass. Sure, it's not Albania but these direct action is the best way to get rid of lives - and freeing others too. are significant times.



THE NEXT ISSUE

to shape the future, not politicians and obvious, that the industrial base of the WHICH DIRECTION FOR THE participate in or are we just surrendering Well, us at GA don't give a toss. The mediators of any sort. Indeed, the level 1980s has been smashed and resistance DIRECT ACTION MOVEMENT?: to informal heirarchies? How can we people marginalised by the Tories are of militancy is picking up all the time - has moved on to a 'revolution on the Is Earth First! losing its direction? If stop the movement ossifying and retain going to stay that way. Blair's politics is the Reunion Rampage at Newbury, the periphery' model. This is a good thing - direct action's about personal its revolutionary potential? geared around keeping in with people daylight liberations and toe-to-toe fights it's not about trying to revolutionise empowerment, how come most people Practical contributions to: like himself - smirking yuppies. He's with the cops on animal lib demos reformist demands. it's about getting are standing around on demos asking not going to give back any of the power following Barry Horne's heroic hunger people into a culture of resistance which who's organising them and what's the Tories took from the people. There'll strike, the longest eviction yet at has the revolutionary destruction of organised rather than doing it for be no repeal of anti-union laws or the Manchester airport. When we say a society as its starting point, a return to themselves? Are actions just getting too

Mid-Sussex Earth First! c/o Box A, Public House Bookshop, 21 Little Preston Street, Brighton BN1 2HQ.

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THIS IS GREEN ANARCHISM

CIVILISATION IS EXPLOITATION

powerless. The powerless are treated as be consistent, we must organise in grounds of class, gender, ethnicity and replace mass society. sexual preference is intrinsic to mass society. Mass society cannot be reformed. It must be replaced.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

LAND OR DEATH

Mass society alienates people from the

resources, the State controls society. We fruits of their labour exported to profit must share the skills needed to survive

REVOLUTION ON THE

Mass society needs resources from across the planet to survive. Those most exploited by it are those that work the We must support the revolutuion on the

Earth. By controlling the Earth's land in the Third World, only to have the periphery by making our own here. We

AUTONOMY NOW

Mass society is too complex to work communities small enough for each taking back the land at the exopense of resistance to free us from the alienation without specialisation. Specialised person in them to be respected as an sumiciently. By re-establishing our division of labour alienates us from each autonomous individual. In small other and creates a heirarchy needed to communities, self-determinatuion would undermine the heirarchucal thinking that co-ordinate production. Heirarchy replace heirarchy. You can't fight mass divides society into the powerful and the with mass. If our means and ends are to objects to be exploitated. Exploitation on networks of autonomous small groups to

Mass society must be replaced with must end our dependence on the Staste by the rich. They have nothing to lose by without the State, create a culture of mass society. As less resources are of mass society, live free of exploitation imported from the Third World, mass by boycotting banks and multinationals, society won't be able to come up with the building an alternative green and black goods in this society. Self-governing, self- economy and defending ourselves and the sufficient small communities will be Earth by taking direct action against more needed and easier to establish as the military bases and labs, developers and State loses control of the rest of the industry, exploitation and bigotry.

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