

AUGUST

20th-31st Sussex Free Festival
Cisbury Ring Nr Brighton and
Worthing
31st Alconbury blockade. Details
021 643 4617 or 0226 766310.

SEPTEMBER

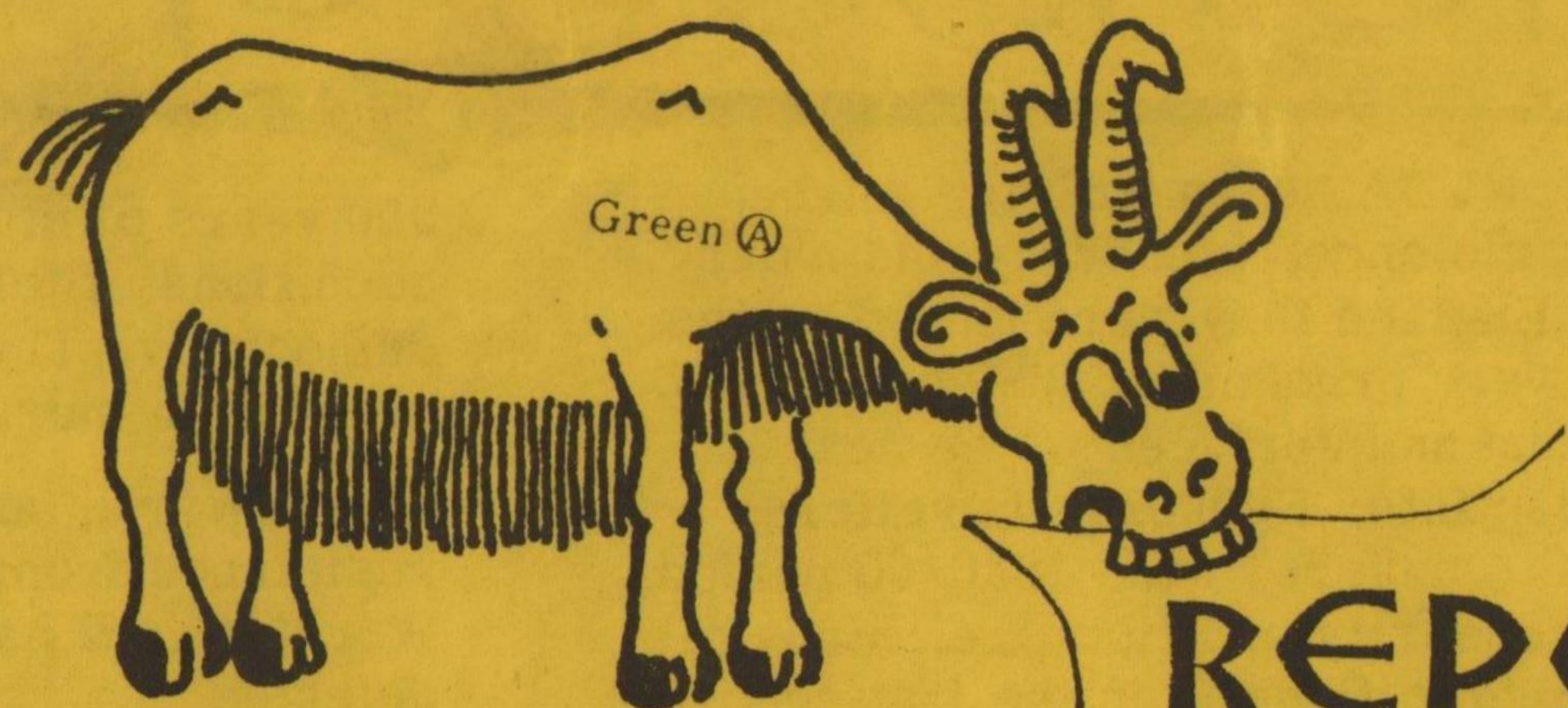
1st Spirit of the Dove Festival
Ashdown Rd Kingston Upon Thames.
1st-30th Magic Mushroom Fest.
Rough Top Old Airfield Camelford
1st-2nd or 8th-9th Hood Fayre Totnes
Devon music theatre dance etc.
2nd Molesworth Dedication of Peace
Chapel by the Bishop of Hunts
3rd Ex Servicemans demo CND
march tel. 562 497
7th-9th West Midlands Peace Year
Fest. Det. Juliette Yelverton
14 Rochester Rd Coventry Tel 0203
79552
6th-9th Whitworth Fair 4day
travellers charter fair, stalls ent.
tel. 070685 3226
8th-9th Peaceful Ley hunters picnic
Solsbury Hill over looking Bath Avon
14th-16th Magical Mystery Tour
Chantonbury Ring Sussex Downs
nr Shorham
15th Hull Peace Fest. Humberside
College of Higher Education Queens
Gardens Hull det. Colin Challen
0482 210580.
16th Love in and Cosmic dreamtime
Trent Park Oakwood Tube Piccadilly
Line Magpie Meadow follow the vibes
14th-17th West Wales Green Echo
Fest. Barry Donwes Towyviews
Bethlem Rd Llandeilo Cymru
0558 822349

20th-30th Greenham Common
Peace Camp TEN MILLION
WOMEN needed for actions.

27th STOP THE CITY LONDON
24th-28th Life and Death Week.
28th-30th Green Deserts Tree Fair
Stoneleigh nr Coventry Warks
info Beyton 0359 70265

OCTOBER

5th-14th Liverpool Peace Fest.
Det. Peace Fest. c/o The Peace
Shop 91 Whitechapel Liverpool.
7th-9th Nottingham Goose Fair.
22nd-28th Waste Transport
Week of actions cont. ALARM
52 Acre Lane Brixton London SW2.
Tel 01-737-4144.
20th-27th CND week of action and
Nat rally Barrow-in Furness action
against Trident on 27th info.
01-633-1606/1601.



ACTIONS

WASTE TRANSPORT WEEK.
During the week of October 22nd-
28th actions have been called for
around the issues of irradiated fuel
flasks and routes. This is to coincide
with Nat CND's week of actions at
Barrow and Windscale, this is to
draw the Nuclear Power/Arms links
closer together. This action has
been called by Alert Londoners
Against Radioactive Materials and
Green CND. During this week of
actions its up to your group what
you decide to do but here are some
ideas; blockading of railway lines,
to prevent flasks from moving.

Leafleting of stations and rail routes
Balloon releases along rail routes.
Effective fly posting of stations and
areas.

Drapes on railway bridges.
Street/Railway/platform Theatre.
Debates with local mpsetc.
Plus anything else anyone comes up
with.

Leaflets and stickers balloons
will be available from ALARM
52 Acre Lane Brixton London SW2.
Tel 01-737-4144.
Help is also needed at the above
address to prevent ALARM from
folding up. We are asking for your
help if you are interested in Waste
Transport to save the campaign.

GREENHAM COMMON

20th-30th. September ten million
women are being called for to help
out for the ten days. It calls on
all women to gather to break down
the cycle of war and create a Non-
Violent society... By remaining
silent we give our consent to violence
and oppression. By coming together
we withdraw support in a complete
show of non-cooperation..."

REPORTS

CRICKHOWELL GREEN WEEK END

At the Crickowell Green week-end
Aug 4th-5th held at Llangotock
Park Farm Wales. Around 200 or
more people turned up to a peaceful
and different week-end. Workshops
were run through out the week-end
on various topics such as yoga,
relaxation therapy and Aroma
therapy. Its more useful learning to
massage someones face than to get
depressed on where do we go from
here on world issues. Two Green
bands played acoustic music they
were Planet Waves and Dibjack.
During the day an amazing clown
called Goffee entertained the adults
as well as the children. The Week-
end ended with people making paper
boats and placing a candle in them
to send them down the river looking
on and remembering Hiroshima and
Nagasaki.

Hinkley Point.

On Saturday July 28th Avon FoE
called an action at Hinkley Point. 50
people turned up and, Street Theatre
took place with CEBG's private army
looking on, also the police. Some of
the people had come from the South
Wales Coal Mines. Said we should be
fighting Nuclear power together to
protect coal.

The previous week the CEBG at the
Sizewell Inquiry announced that if
the PWR at Sizewell is not built, then
FBR will be built at Hinkley Point.
Which slowly produces bomb grade
plutonium. This will be Britain's first
FBR and the land around Hinkley has
already been bought up!



Green A

GRASSROOT ARCHIST

SEPT. AUG. 30p

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

No 2. Stop The City Plans. Martial Arts.
Punk Rools OK? The Green Collective.



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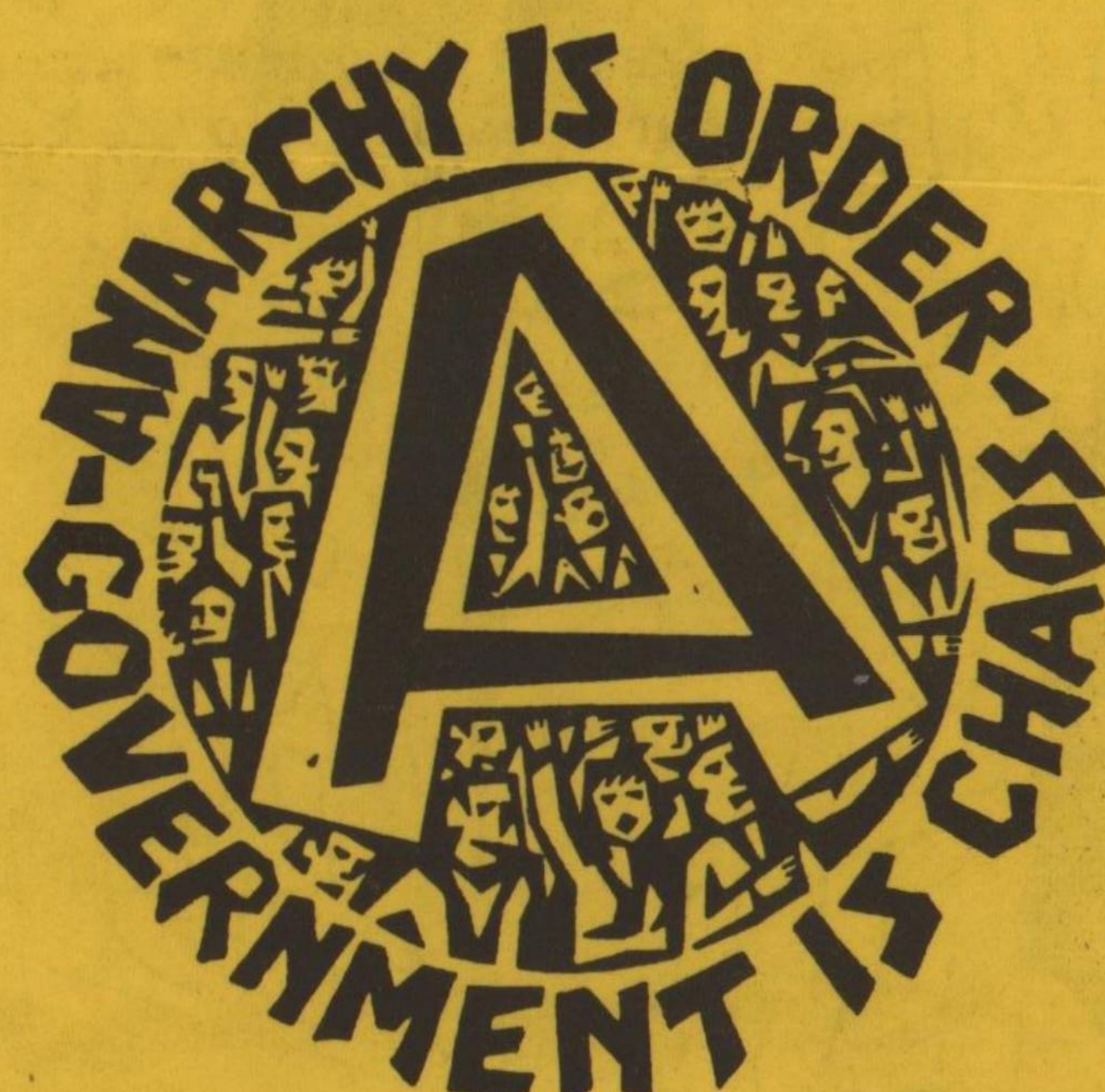
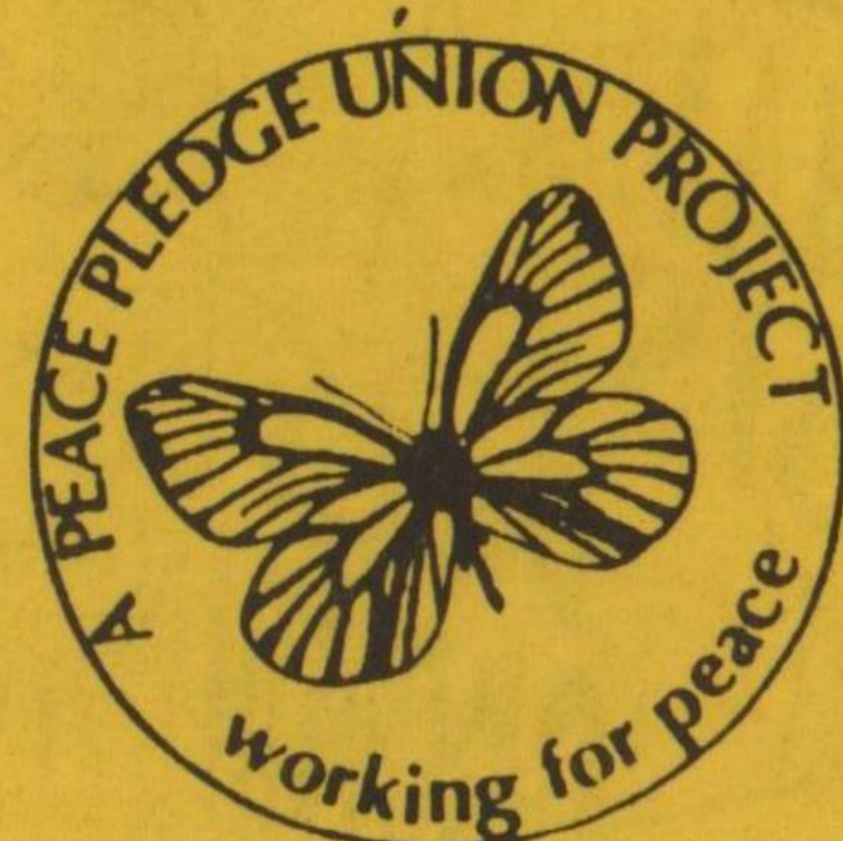
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NATO War Games.

Demos are being organised against NATO manoeuvres 16th-30th Sept. "In cooperation with local peace and green/socialist groups, the independent West German peace movement is organising several peace camps, including a woman's camp, around Fulda (where the next World War could start). The camps will plan and take part in NVDA against the manoeuvres, making a 'human web' of opposition. Actions include an International Nonviolent March. Contact: Theresa McWomynus. 14, Mornington Grove, London. E3



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

MORE AND MORE people are objecting to being pushed about like pawns in a gigantic game of chess called International Finance. There are various, and growing, pockets of resistance, the largest being the miners' strike and many more people are beginning to see this as a struggle in a game against being mere cyphers in a game where a few people dispose of the many as they see fit.

The judiciary is now openly in cahoots with the Establishment who take actions in secret that effect the lives of a whole population.

As well as the miners in the field of employment, residents in the field of housing, in Liverpool, in Glasgow, are beginning to insist on determining how their own environment environment is to be planned.

Greenpeace is carrying out acts of direct action all over the world. Actions in the centres of the great Financial Farce in the City are now being subjected to demonstrations to object to decisions being taken in centres remote from peoples' lives.

Commerce is now being exposed, not as a means of communal enterprise and life, but a way a small number of people, for their own ends can blight the lives of millions, at home and abroad.

In every field of human activity we, the people, must call the tune, and not follow the political and financial Pied Pipers who are engaged in creating a wasteland on a potentially productive and beautiful planet

There are people all over the place saying "Enough is enough" about so many things, womens' lib animal lib, greenpeace, environmentalists, inner city people, housing people. Anarchism brings it all together; property and the State.

Rise like lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number.
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you.
Ye are many - they are few.

Shelley. 'The Mask of Anarchy'

LEEDS 'STOP THE CITY'

Hundreds of demonstrators, mostly punk, converged on Leeds and left their calling cards.

The Leeds 'Stop the City' demo in Leeds on Aug 9th attracted several hundred people, mostly punks, from all around the country.

About 10.30am the first mass walk-about started into the city from the art gallery assembly point - but with

the police around nothing much happened. We went past a Barclays Bank which had been paint-bombed - their dragon-thing symbol on the wall was covered and dripping red paint - it looked like blood - symbolic and appropriate.

The first march disintegrated throughout the town until everyone was wandering around the streets looking for the action.

Later there were scuffles with the police on the Headrow after one pig went into a crowd of us after a bloke and others prevented him from being arrested. This was the signal for other pigs to charge in with boots flying.

There was a sit-down at the cross-roads by the gallery which was immediately broken up by the pigs - and people arrested after more scuffles

Those sinister pig-vans with the blacked out windows (so they can do people over without anyone seeing on the way to the station) were always quick on the scene of anything happening.

The Police adopted the tactics of breaking a group up into smaller groups and making them go back to the art gallery assembly point. Individuals were arrested for refusing and/or heading off in a different direction or for looking as if you were co-ordinating any action or movements of a group.

Altogether 70 odd people were arrested over the day. However, Stop the City 'calling cards' (bricks, paint, glue) were left at a number of financial and other relevant institutions.

Finally thanks to those concerned in 'organising' the event, giving people somewhere to doss the night and producing the excellent leaflet with the map of Leeds city centre on the back, amongst many others handed out on the day.

An observation: Mostly the police were quick to react to any large group forming and heading into the centre OR more to the point WE WERE SLOW TO ACT with most people just crawling along and the police eventually dispersing them. The only way to get one over the police and the city is to act quickly in as large a group as possible keeping together and moving along the streets fast.

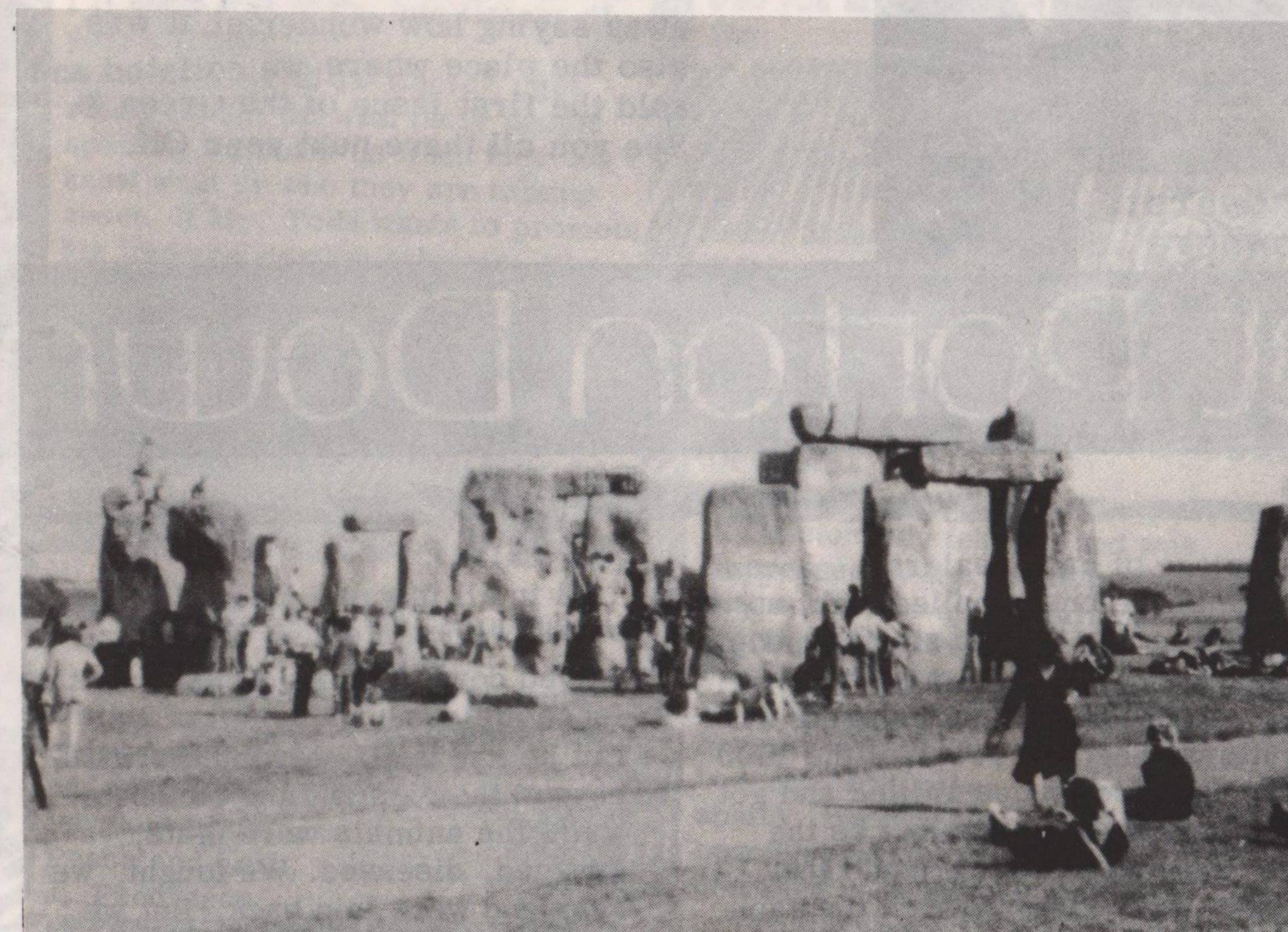
Contact your local 'Joggers against the City' group and get fit, cos London Sept 27th, here we come!

STONEHENGE ANARCHY IN ACTION

It was the best Stonehenge Free Festival so far. Perhaps 20,000 people gathered together, lived together in harmony. The weather was fine but sometimes windy. The vibes were great. The bands included 'Hawkwind' and 'Man' Poison Girls" were there too. The £5000 needed was raised by fairly voluntary contributions from the traders. It was a police no-go area. Policing was by consensus. The festival did not want heroin dealers. They were ejected and their van burnt. They

came back in another van this time with a gun. They chased Sid Rawl over took him, threatened him with the loaded and cocked gun! Then over the hill came the police. "I've never been so glad to see the pigs" said Sid.

The Green element was thin. Living saplings were being cut down for fires: hamburger stall outnumbered beanburgers by 100-1. But there was a growing awareness. Gradually Stonehenge is being politicised.



NEWS GLASTONBURY

Green field at the CND Festival

The anarchic greening of the CND jamboree. There was a green field within the hedges beyond the vast rataz that is GLASTONBURY. Still a huge congeation of people of all ages, sex and colours live anarchically doing their own thing.

To get away or too the madding crowd to comply with ones inclinations a walk down a dusty path in one direction brought one to the Green Field where a black and red flag denoted an Anarchist encampment where a new anarchist magazine the GREEN ANARCHIST was launched. With anarchic luxuries like hot showers and sweat boxes with various events and workshops and a singular lack of the usual deretrous of civilisation that is afeature of the main site



The totem pole. They started it at the last Gathering. Now it's finished and up. Spectacular.



Digging for the showers. "They're here somewhere."

The field was amazing - tipis, totem poles, sweat lodges, showers (hot), saunas, drumming, live acoustic music, poetry, plus alternative workshop. These were just some of many attractions that entertained many people over the space of 3 days. This was the space to be for Peace, tranquility and healthy food.

This was the field that everyone went away saying how wonderful. It was also the place where we collated and sold the first issue of the Green @. See you all there next year OK.

Demo at Porton Down

DEMO AT PORTON DOWN. FROM Stonehenge a section of the convoy, the Warped Ones, went to Porton Down to protest at the experiments on animals at the Microbiological Research Establishment.

Peter Todd writes: About 7 busloads left Stonehenge to be joined by more buses later. At Porton Down a few hundred pigs were lined up behind the fence. The Tipi crowd started doing teas by the main gate but there was a chronic

shortage of hash dealers.

One of the buses pulled right up to the fence and the fun started, people ripping the fence down by hand as no-one had thought of bringing wire cutters. The new breed of the £100 per day blue bottles rallied and got some reinforcements but as the numbers were nearly equal they didn't dare come through the gaps, they just bunched around like animals at feeding time.

All in all it was a nice laid back picnic with some very fine music played down the lane away from the fence melees.

But behind it all, beyond the wire, beyond the pigs and the concrete walls the animals were mute, drugged, diseased. We fought, we sang and were laid back. But we cared about those animals. we were there because of those animals.

NEWS 27th Sept. Thurs 'STOP THE CITY'

A chance for all people struggling against the profit system, and for a decent future, to join together, a powerful human protest in the financial nerve centre of the country'.

General Meeting to discuss "Stop the City" at the Tonbridge Club Judd/Cromer St London WC1. on Saturday 1st September from 11am to 6pm. Info details, maps, speakers, video, accomodation for the 27th(if Req)

from Paul 01-677-2183. Dave 01- 808-8442. Box STC Housemans 5 Caledonian Rd London N1. There will be many diverse protests all over the City, especially around the stock exchange and the Bank of England area (Bank tube station)8am-6pm. Info at St Pauls

and Finsbury Square.

If we are to avoid the heavy feelings of 29th March tactically speaking, we have no chance of winning against the State unless we start preparing in autonomous groups with the aims of group preparedness and planned but flexible actions

SILVER MOON

Silver Moon Gathering Cumbria. 10th Aug onwards.

The only blot on a beautiful Cumbria moorland landscape at this years Silver Moon festival was a police observation unit overlooking the whole site. "Its like having the bastards peering in your living room window- weare fed up with it" quoted from a traveller. A convoy direct action group formed its self and quickly despatched the police under a hail of rotten eggs. Later the unit was discreetly removed and the now self-styled "Egg Convoy" remained to tell the tale.

DOCTORS, HENCHMEN OF TYRANNY

Imprisoned and drugged for demanding the truth.

14th August saw about a hundred people gathered outside the Home Office Prison Dept. demanding information about drugs and therapy used on Cirus Noor, who is currently detained at Her Majesty's pleasure in Wandsworth 'hospital' wing. Cirus Noor is a member of the Stoke Newington and Hackney Defence Campaign which was set up to discover the truth about how Colin Roach died while he was held at the local police station. The campaign has suffered continual harrassment since it was first set up.

The imprisonment of Cirus was just the beginning of his victimisation. Since then he has been forcibly drugged, declared insane by the doctors and sectioned under the Mental Health act to indefinite detention

The outcry raised by the Defence Campaign revoked this last move by the Home Office but his remission, due early next year is still in doubt.

The Defence Campaign WILL discover the truth about the death of Colin Roach and is actively supportive to all its member such as Cirus who are victimized by filth, screws, and torturers posing as doctors.

Cooking isn't Good for You

'Burnt and browned material from heating protein during cooking is highly mutagenic. Several chemicals isolated on the basis of their mutagenicity from heated protein or pyrolyzed amino acids were found to be carcinogenic when fed to rodents. In addition the browning reaction proucts from the caramelization of sugars or the reaction of amino acids and sugars during cooking (for instance, the brown material on breadcrusts and toasted bread) contain a large variety of DNA damaging agents and presumptive carcinogens.

The amount of burnt and browned material in the human diet may be several grams per day. By comparison about 500mg of burnt material is inhaled each day by a smoker on two packs a day.'

From 'Science' Vol.22 p1259.

No Dollars for Molesworth

US Congress has frozen funds of 15m dollars for building work at Molesworth until it is sure that 'the dual

basing plan in the UK is valid', ie cruise at Greenham and Molesworth. For security reasons Britain possibly now wants only one cruise base, easier to defend against protesters than two. But America thinks that Greenham might not be secure enough -and that means adifferent one altogether, neither Molesworth or Greenham.

HOUSING CONFERENCE

This year's Shelter Conference revealed an exciting libertarian trend and demanded that people have more say than the planners and politicians.

Shelter Conference-Nottingham University 27/29 July 1984

The cynicism that people are beginning to have of political solutions to social problems is becoming evident. In spite of the fact that their are no practical reasons why there should be a housing problem. There are materials at hand and the skill now wasted. There are also vast numbers of empty houses. The reason for the housing problem is artificially created economic and political situations.

In Lewisham:

Thought up by an Anarchist in the Housing department of the borough and an arch' tect with similar sym pathies who came up with a design that suited pieces of land that the council had been unable to develop, and that people with minimal bulding skills could construct, the scheme came into fruition. One of those involved paid tribute to the persistence and the faith that they had in an ordinary group of people in the borough to achieve it. The whole scheme was an education in cooperation and everybody benefitted from the experience. A demonstration of the validity of anarchist ideas, and a vindication of anarchists aspractical and positive people.

THE WORLD DOWNSIDE DEMO

As the Labour Party debates uranium, the activists get on to the streets.

John Englart, Sidney. Reports--
The Uranium mining issue here in Australia is about to be hotly debated at the national conference of the Labour Party. Although the numbers are by no means certain, the centre right faction led by Bob Hawke (also known as Yellowcake Bob) seems still to have the edge and will be pushing the go ahead of Roxby Downs Uranium mine, in South Australia.
A 120 hour vigil and rally is being held outside the conference to focus attention on the Uranium debate. (Held we understand July 9/13.)
Meanwhile the campaign for a Nuclear Free Australia (CNFA) has been quietly organising the second blockade of Roxby Downs to commence August 19th this year, CNFA is the coalition

of local groups organising the Blockade. In Sydney the local organising group of CNFA is GREENPEACE. The organisation of the blockade is based on local affinity group structure using consensus decision making. Training in meeting skills, working in support groups, and discussion of the theory of non-violence and civil disobedience has begun in Adelaide, Melbourne & Sidney.
This being the second blockade of Roxby Downs, the police will be better prepared and Roxby Management Services will be ready to capitalise on 'violence' reported in the Media. Security around the mine shaft can be expected to be much greater.
The aims of the Blockade will be to

hinder even to temporarily stop the working of the mine, to gain publicity about the dangers of uranium mining and the nuclear fuel cycle, to respect the feelings of the Kokatha Aboriginal People in regard to their sacred sites in the area. The mine has already destroyed several areas sacred to the Kokatha people.
While the blockade is in progress, support groups in the major cities will attempt symbolic actions against BP and Western Mining Corporation (the joint ventures at Roxby). These groups will also attempt to rectify any imbalance and bias in news reports about the blockade.
And so the struggle for a nuclear free future continues.

Report from Australia via Mushroom Bookshop, Nottingham

NEW ZEALAND REJECTS MISSILES

New Zealand's new left wing Prime Minister, Lange, is threatening to reject American warships carrying nuclear missiles from New Zealand ports. America is putting on pressure to bring New Zealand to heel. At the moment it is only words. Later it will be economic sabotage and New Zealand is in a weak financial position to withstand dirty tricks.

'Yellowcake' Hawke in Australia has already caved in. But it looks as though New Zealand is more determined and might even stiffen the Australian left. That's what worries America. Could the South Pacific be the first nuclear-free region?

SEASON OF SUMMITS

The Western Economic Summit, the EEC Summit, the Cartagena Summit of Debtor nations, the Eastern Comecon Summit all came to the same conclusion: "Don't rock the boat."

The Western leaders didn't pressure

Reagan to reduce borrowings from abroad. Mrs Thatcher didn't hold out for a permanent solution to Britain's contribution to the EEC. The Debtor Nations didn't repudiate their debts.
It looks as though the Comecon Summit was the toughest with Russia having to agree to allow business to be conducted outside the state-run trading organisations. But it didn't give on its high oil price or its low quantity. And above all it kept the rouble as the trading currency.

TRADE WAR.

The American steel industry is demanding protection from cheap imports. If Reagan allows it, he disproves all his own right wing economic theories as he has done with his colossal budget deficit. And if he puts tariffs on steel, all the industrial countries will retaliate. There will be Trade War. The developing countries will shout and scream, but not too loudly. They need American guns to stay in power.

The main opposition will come from the developed world. They will get very angry indeed.

East Germany weighs the odds.

West Germany has made a second loan to East Germany and Russia is getting nervous. If the East German elite come to depend, for the maintenance of their power, more on West German loans than Russian tanks, then Russia will lose control of East Germany.

By its proposed visit to West Germany, its acceptance of the loan, the relatively gentle treatment of the dissident peace movement, it looks as though East Germany is testing the possibility of neutrality.

Its power is threatened by its population, able to pick up West German television, eager for the Western products and scared of the nuclear threat. It is threatened by the Russian oil price hike which increases the cost of living. But it is also under the constant threat of Russian tanks.

Can the East German elite take East Germany into a neutral position and still keep power?

If it could manage that trick, it might happen.

PUNK ROOLS OK?

An anarcho-punk's personal view.

WHAT IS PUNK?
IS PUNK just a categorization of a style of music coupled with a way of looking, or is it also a way of thinking-an attitude. Punk started out as a rebellion against all the previous conventions of accepted music and dress, to shock people; but wasn't the underlying factor the attitude-the rejection of being controlled by others, of authority-and through the rejection of authority the struggle for real freedom. If punk does not include the attitude then PUNK IS DEAD, just another trend taken over by the media and commercialism which is squeezed dry and eventually dumped. Thankfully, there are those who have seen through the bullshit, media created, caricatures of punk and have developed their way of thinking to what punk was, is and always should be about:

NO SELL OUT!
No compromise to rejecting outside control. The punks to run the punk scene. Participation of all to make it work.
We must all be activists! Go in numbers to any demonstrations like 'stop the city', getting the word spread around for demo's and gigs with leaflets, flyposting, graffitiing, fanzines and talking to each other. Putting on our own gigs, as cheaply as is possible and as benefits for causes we associate with - and with you supporting these gigs by going to them. All the bands should be cooperating with each other. NOT competing.
-THERE SHOULD BE NO ROCK STARS IN OUR SCENE!

TO distinguish myself from the 'moral majority' of the punk 'movement' I call myself an 'anarcho-punk'. I have no reservations about being called an anarchist. To me Anarchism incorporates every struggle worth fighting for in this sick world. 'You are Free to do what you want but your Freedom cannot impose or be at the expense of anyone else's Freedom, and vice-versa' - you can either agree or disagree with that statement, if you agree it means you reject the concept of people having power/authority over others. This also means that you reject all forms of racism/sexism

/Nationalism/exploitation etc.... then you are an Anarchist (in theory anyway).
Other types of 'punks' I can think of are: the trendy 'my mohicans bigger than yours' unthinking poseurs, the 'macho-men', the 'punks' who have found the other definition of anarchy in the dictionary and put mindless violence and chaos into practice - this includes those racists/fascists that have crawled their way into the scene. In the unlikely event that any of the abovementioned 'punks' read this - then please THINK, realise that you're just a manipulated media caricature and change OR FUCK OFF and go drown in your own shit!!!!



I have one criticism - or rather an observation to make about the scene, why aren't more wimmin actively involved (and in anarchism for that matter). To me being non-sexist is part of anarchism, and if the reason for the lack of wimmin who would get involved is that many men are still imposing/taking control/pushing wimmin into the background at any discussions etc... then this should be exposed - because these men are either totally unaware that they are doing it OR they are not Anarchists!

IF you are interested in the punk scene on an International scale then get MAXIMUM ROCK'N'ROLL produced monthly from the USA - this publication is great and should be supported. It deals with all punk, with the emphasis on the active political (Anarchist) punks and discusses related issues (racism/sexism/squatting etc...). It has reports on what punks are getting upto from countries all around the World! Available over here through Rough Trade.

@ Graeme Hall



WHERE WE STAND

It was suggested that we waffled a bit about what is Green Anarchism. Here's our opinion, warts and all.

HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE

Primitive societies(societies without priests) do not have laws. They do not have leaders. They reject leaders. Therefore the need for leaders is not built into human nature. Their behaviour proves just the opposite. Human nature rejects leaders. If most people today believe we need leaders and their Laws of Blind Obedience, it is because they have been conditioned by religion and its partner education.

With the rise of the priests, people were threatened with everlasting fire and brimstone unless they obeyed the religious laws-10% of all you own is holy and is the Lord's and you pay it over to the priests. The priests were the first tax collectors.

'Justice' was imposed to enforce this taxation, taking it from the poor and giving it to the rich. The object of

'Justice' is injustice. The removal of crops created the wealthy classes and it created poverty. Poverty is caused by law enforced by the so-called agents of 'Justice'.

The wealthy, having forced the people into blind obedience to the Law, then used that law to deprive the people of their land, the Acts of Enclosure;and they forced the people to work for them by making them pay their taxes in cash which was only obtainable in exchange for work for the rich, the only source of cash.

The strength of opposition to the law-making state was in the small communities, held together by distinctive dialect, dress and culture and a common 'ownership' of land which was the only sanction for good behaviour-unacceptable behaviour meant no plot of land to grow food.

The declaration by the monarch that all land belonged to the crown allowed him to take away the commonly owned land and give it to his supporters as private land;that's why they supported him.No longer dependent on the small community for land, the private owner's greed is no longer moderated by the need for mutual aid . Individualistic materialism gets full rein.

The Law which takes away land and imposes taxes is enforced by the great edifice of 'Justice';the judges, bribed by their vast salaries, the army, the police, the lawyers, the courts, the prisons where the final sanction of the State, their unacknowledged violence, crows even the strongest. Final appeal against injustice is the originators of the injustice themselves, the House of Lords.

Any resistance by the poor is forestalled by forbidding them to own arms. The rich have the monopoly of arms.

Today without land, the factory workers must obtain food where-ever they can. In return for arms and the baubles of western civilisation the elites of the Third World are pleased to turn over their land to grow the crops needed by the factory workers of the West. The Third World is starving because their land is being used to grow crops for us and not food for themselves.

The third world governments, like all other government governments, have starved and betrayed their people by selling off their crops to us.

Richard Hunt

WHERE WE WANT TO GET TO

There are probably as many ideas as to what an Anarchist society would be like as there are anarchists. Anarchists are agreed that it would be a society without coercive authority. We have seen where authoritarian society has brought us to, where technological advances are a threat to our security. The two nations of the world have never been so evident. Never before has the unacceptable face of class society been so unnecessary. Peoples' lives are manipulated as never before by a few in the name of capitalism or socialism, in which all will bear the burden of the nemesis of such behaviour.

We have all recently witness the ugly rush to buy shares in a firm selling an ugly and anachronistic car. This demonstrates why society would be better without money, which fails to indicate the intrinsic value of

anything. The financial system is a vast con-trick which enables a few to exercise power over the rest. It is used to bribe some of the rest to keep most of the rest in their place. Anarchist society will not use money. Why should we when we have the technology to provide all our needs . It would be adapted to provide both physical and psychological needs

People have both a collective and individual aspect; the ability to work together was a main factor in human survival and there is an innate collective outlook. However, without respect for the individual, the collective can become a tyranny, particularly when it operates in the interests of some individuals. We now have a spurious individualism which only operates in the interests of the few.

Economic units have to be small enough to enable all to

decide with others the relatively simple questions of securing the necessities of life. In a situation where technical knowledge can free the whole population. instead of overwork, insecurity and poverty for many and wealth and power for the few.

With the market place mentality taken out of agriculture, transport, art, sport and the many activities that people partake in, self-expression can be universal in work and play. We can create workshops where people cease to be mere units of production, towns that are a pleasure for everyone to live in, agriculture that does not create mountains of ecologically expensive food, where it becomes an art once again and not run by accountants and businessmen with their erroneous values.

People,will be able to work the land in their diverse

ways and the land itself will become a common resource, not the field for speculators and other state-supported parasites that infest society. We can create a transport and communications system that does not clog cities with fumes and waste energy, housing and infrastructures that people want, not what architects, planners, and politicians think they ought to have.

It will be a society not stunted by an education geared to competition and profit by an environment that is physically dismal, by a social system that removes from people the ability to decide.

It will be the sort of society seen by William Morris in "News from Nowhere". Our task is to make it News from SOMEWHERE.

Alan Albon.

HOW WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE

If we tried revolution in Britain, the Americans would move in to protect their puppet politicians. So any revolution would have to be international. But in an international revolution there would be world financial collapse. Money would become valueless. We would not be able to buy any food from abroad and distribution within Britain would come to a halt. If it happened in an October before any new crops where ready by June, half the population would have starved to death. That's not revolution. That's annihilation. So revolution is not an option.

We must work for the steady, speedy, reduction of power of the government by the reduction of the taxes which are the sources of their power, starting by cutting indirect taxes on the poorest, e.g. VAT on fish and chips. When all taxes are ended, there can be no government. We will have anarchy.

Taxation was introduced to take the wealth from the poor and give it to the rich. Nothing's changed. Today the rich receive the largest share of government expenditure, insurance subsidies, university and arts subsidies etc. So as taxation takes from the poor to give to the rich, cutting taxes redistributes wealth from the rich to the poor by cutting the cost of living.

If we cut the cost of living, the cooperatives and small workshops need less profit to make a living. They can thus reduce their prices. The large firms with high-tech machines and fewer employees cannot reduce their prices so much. So small firms take business from the larger. Although the labour costs of the bigger machines are also reduced, the proportion of labour costs is smaller per unit of product. So a cut in labour costs benefits the

smaller business with lower technology more than the high-tech. There will be a regression in technology. And we won't be able to build the bomb!

If we reduce the cost of living, labour costs can be reduced;recycling and repairing become economic;organic mixed farming becomes economic, nursing with Tender Loving Care replaces the machine.

In a village of 200 wage earners taxed at 50%, that taxation is enough to create a hundred jobs. Only one of those jobs is placed in the village, the school teacher. The other 99 jobs go to the town or the city or the South East. Cutting taxes puts the jobs back in the villages and regions

To cut taxes implies parliamentary action. Revolution, the only alternative, is not on. We have to force our corrupt politicians to repeal the laws. To do that we will have to apply continuing pressure on the streets. We hate and fear violence. But it is the only thing which the Establishment understands. So, unwillingly, we do not reject violence.

We must redistribute the land(to the small community, not to the individual).We must allow all people to have arms,in local armories if necessary. We must decentralise 'Justice' and Final Appeal, impose local tariffs on cheap imports from the core, stop restrictions on trade and manufacture on the periphery, abolish exchange convertibility and reduce currency and credit.

Richard Hunt

IF I CAN'T DANCE, I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF YOUR REVOLUTION" Emma Goldman.

LEAD YOUR OWN ACTIONS.... DON'T WAIT. DO IT NOW. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY..... STOP THE ROT....STOP THE CITY... STOP THE COUNTRY.... STOP THE WORLD WE WANT TO GET ON.....TAKE THE PLUNGE...

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and none led.**

— action? —

dont wait

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POISON GIRLS**

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THIS IS A MESSAGE TO PERSONS UNKNOWN.....

THE GREEN

Bruce Garrard watched, and joined, as the Collective

It was in June 1980 that I went to Worthy Farm, near Glastonbury, for the first 'Ecology Party Summer Gathering'. I went because it was Worthy Farm, as an old festival-goer. I enjoyed the sunshine, the surroundings and the company; but the politics bored me. Spending hours sitting in marquees discussing the ecological perspectives of this, that or whatever seemed more than a waste of time. When earnest activists went from camp fire to camp fire announcing that such and such a workshop would begin soon at 3 o'clock, my only reaction was, "What? Nearly 3 o'clock already?"

But I went back the following year. By then CND had taken off and I'd finally been dragged out of political indifference. The 1981 Gathering was bigger, more active; there seemed to be more point. The workshops held more interest, Green CND was begun; a session on magazine production (I was then involved in plans to launch the 'Radiator' magazine) really fired my imagination. But the proceedings seemed to have little to do with the Ecology Party: there was the extraordinary spectacle of a closed marquee containing Eco VIPs in extended cerebral session, suddenly being punctuated by a loud and well-known voice singing 'It's a long way to Tipperary'.... What?!

By 1982 this nonsense had been thrown off and it was the Green Gathering; by now I had got to know most of the Collective and I'd been along to a couple of the meetings - planning meetings as they were then, held in different peoples' houses in rotation - and I arrived at the Gathering prepared to help, to join in, to belong. Most of the week was buzzing with Greenham, 'the Convoy', 'women only...' and so on, which culminated in an amazing meeting of 100 or more from every group then involved at Greenham, which actually came to consensus, in feeling if not in words and action (the only time I've ever been aware of that happening), before the rain came down with such force on the canvas roof that further discussion was prevented and we broke up into smaller groups, not arguments. "It was the Goddess" said Jayne, from the Camp, and I believed her.

What happened in 1983 was that the STAR marches were taking place at about the same time and some one was needed to co-ordinate getting gear up from the Gathering for use by the marchers at Greenham. That

person was me. So now I went to meetings regularly; and by then they were held over whole weekends at Higher Rockes farmhouse near Glastonbury. With every one being together over 2 or 3 days we would eat together, sing together, play games together. New things were happening - "How about having a vibe-watcher?" - and friendships were turning into something else, something intangible that went somehow further when all of us were together.

Not quite wonderful.

The Gathering itself was held away from Worthy Farm, was huge (compared to previous years), was supposed to be child-centred but seemed to focus on the Convoy (who arrived with half of Somerset police in train) and a most appalling stomach bug. I spent my time working in the creche, falling in love, and worrying about how to get materials up to Greenham without the lorry that had been promised but now wasn't available. It was the summer when everything could have been wonderful but didn't quite click into place; and it was also the last Glastonbury Green Gathering, at least for the time being.

Pressure from the Mendip District Council meant that continuing the Gathering would put Glastonbury CND Festival's licence in danger; but the festival organisers offered us a field, 'The Green Field' as it was at Worthy Farm this year, as part of the CND Festival itself. (See page 4). This was one thing to do but it couldn't replace the Gathering. We'd brought together nearly 10,000 people last summer and nothing obvious had come out of it except a virulent strain of diarrhoea and, for most of the Collective at least, physical and mental exhaustion. The potential was there, the will was there, but the means seemed to have evaporated.

As energy levels rose again in the weeks after the Gathering, ideas flowed in profusion: we could have another Gathering elsewhere, an International Green Gathering, bigger than ever; we could put the whole show on the road, become a mobile Green Gathering travelling to all the fairs and festivals; we could set up a Charitable trust and with generous donations from Boy George or George Harrison we could buy our own Gathering site and do it free from hassle. But none of these things come easy.

COLLECTIVE

grew out of the Gathering.

Ideas and enthusiasm

By November we had come together for a Collective meeting in a warm winter-home in St. Ives, Cambs. We hugged each other a lot that weekend, played 'knots', argued a bit, then relaxed. Different groups were already working on different ideas and projects: but could we really find an International Gathering site, and get it together? Could we ever afford to put a Green Roadshow on the road? Even if we found our way through the tangle of bureaucracy to set up a Charitable Trust, would anyone really donate substantial sums? There was now a proliferation of bank accounts, but all of them were virtually empty....

Which is what led to arguments (of course); but they were experienced as growing pains. We now officially called ourselves 'The Green Collective' (instead of the 'Green Gathering Collective') and we would stay together. In the event we didn't find an International Gathering site; but we're involved in the Molesworth 'Harvest for the Hungry' festival this August, and who knows what might grow from there? We couldn't afford to put a Green Roadshow on the road but we did it anyway, somehow, vehicles and people and ideas and enthusiasm came together and it's happening now, it's on the road - smaller than we'd first hoped, but travelling singing, facilitating workshops, spreading the word. And nobody's yet come up with an enormous donation of cash, but we've set up a Land Fund anyway, and money's trickling in.

For myself, I'd always been on the periphery of the Collective and the Gatherings, but now was the time to start producing a mailing to keep everyone in touch. By taking on that job I felt I was fulfilling my own natural function and I'm truly grateful to every one who reads it for granting me that. The first issue was a little introspective, which reflected the state of change and self-examination which was going on at the time. But most of what I, for one, found in this examination was new possibilities. The second issue arrived at the end of April - by which time the summer was nearly upon us and those possibilities were starting to take shape.

We started a subscription system to generate cash flow

all year round. Subscriptions, not just to the mailing, but to the Collective as a whole: out of £5 about £2 pays for the mailing, £2 goes into the Collective's projects, and £1 gives everyone a stake in the Land Fund - which one day will pay for a collectively owned Gathering site and/or home base. Subscribers get information about what's going on, the opportunity to join in, local contacts and support if they want to set up local projects or Gatherings. They join an organisation which is not a political party or a pressure group, which is decentralised, which is focussed on practical projects and not on ideologies or on the kind of aims which can only be achieved through political power struggles.

Green Congress?

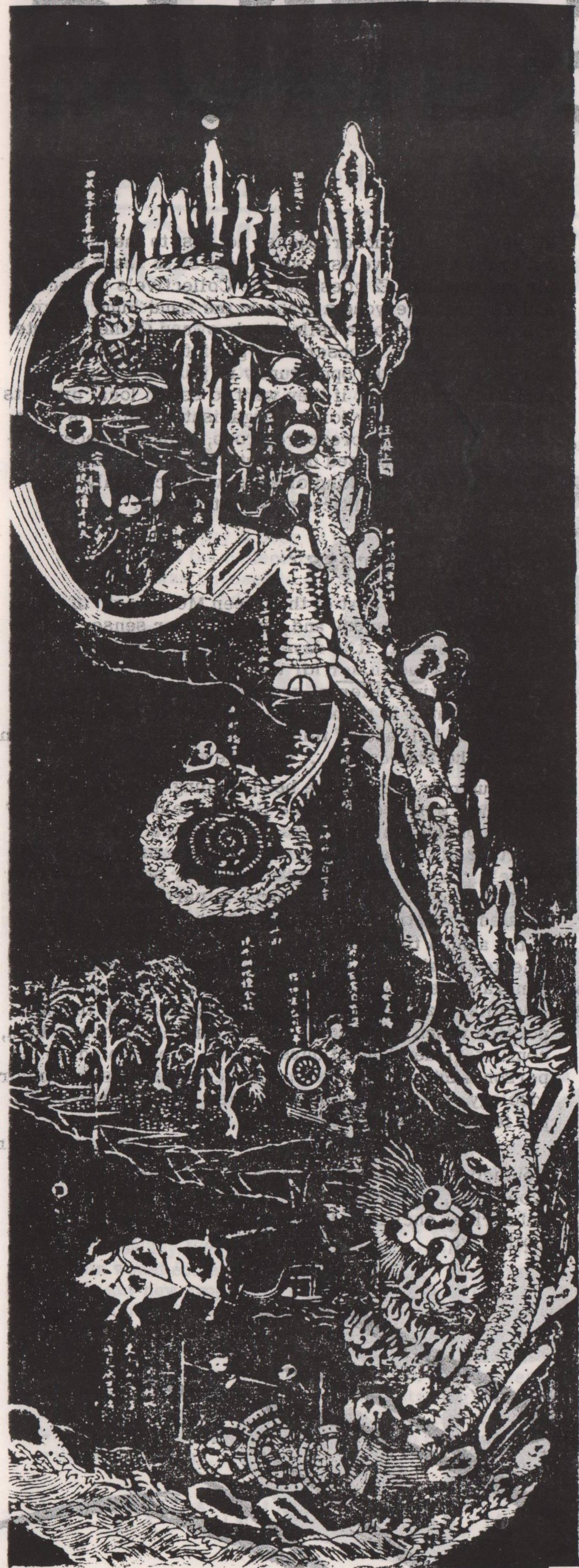
The Collective is part of the Green Movemnet, of the 'Alternative Movement' and, in the wider sense, of the Peace Movement. It is developing itself, and finding its identity as a facilitator for the movement, creating space, bringing different groups together. The project for next winter is a Congress of Green Groups, using a conference hall and (if things work out) an out-of-season Pontin's holiday camp.... more news later.

This summer things have been shaping up well. The Roadshow's on the road; the Green Field at Glastonbury was a considerable success; news comes in from all quarters of peace camps, actions and gatherings, and there's a fresh mood of optimism over stopping Cruise at Molesworth. At Glastonbury, in particular, we created a relatively clean quiet space on the periphery of the annual turmoil.

The key to all this, I believe, is that we managed to generate a sense of common identity and community. And this, I am sure, must be our approach to the new politics which needs to be created if this Thatcher-torn, conflict-ridden land of ours is ever to be healed: to put personal inter-relationships and community spirit before ideology, even before programmes and strategies. To put feelings before ideas.

Bruce Garrard

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THE WARRIORS PATH OF ENERGY

Bu Do Chi is the counter to macho Karate and mystical Tai Chi Chuan.

THE WARRIOR'S PATH OF ENERGY

Students of the martial arts have a prejudice against the green-anarchist movement which stops them thinking how their disciplines are rooted in non-violent self-development. Equally, prejudices and stereotypes are also held by radicals towards martial arts. Some of this is due to the macho-sensationalism of the 'Bruce Lee' wave in the 70s but it is also due to people finding physical touch with a stranger threatening or upsetting; the taboo on touch and the consequent deprivation and anxiety is rooted deep within ourselves and social attitudes. We experience anxiety if placed in situations which make us face our aggressive and hostile impulses, aspects of our personalities which we would rather not see

However, the causes of violence, dominance and exploitation are rooted deep within the structure of society and within ourselves. True martial arts training does not deny this but exposes and transforms it. The point often missed is that the 'Do' path or way of a martial art, means not just a self-defence system that is the vehicle for change; the goal is to come to terms with your potential for malign aggression, anxiety and violence, and thus be in a strong position to develop individual power for love, creativity, acceptance and change.

A true martial arts discipline, whether it be Aikido Karate or Tai Chi Chuan aims to help the student face the unacceptable side of ego and life itself, and by developing concentration, relaxation, stamina, flexibility, will, confidence and overall healthy co-ordination, there is created a 'stillpoint', a sense of being in touch with your real centre.

Holistic Dimension

Bu Do Chi provides the co-operative holistic dimension of training as a counter to the stereotype of karate macho-head banger and the Tai Chi mystical ballet dancer.

'Bu' means not only 'warrior' within the self-defence fighting system, but it is symbolised in the Chinese ideograph by a sword being broken in two; the warrior strives to eradicate violence within and without and to refuse to enslave or be enslaved. 'Do' means not just a way of commitment in living value, but a path without end and in that way is the work of a lifetime and without end, or as the saying goes, "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance". 'Chi' means breath or vital energy.

Bu Do Chi, the warrior's path of energy, seeks the radical within the traditional and goes to the source of inspiration because the river has become stagnant.

The teaching is concerned at the peril in which the world and humanity is being placed by the relentless drift to ecological destruction, nuclear power and nuclear war. To counter this, disciplines which traditionally have helped strengthen the power of human anatomy, critical awareness, health, self-direction and solidarity must be made available for co-operative learning and growth. Following from this Bu Do Chi has a first commitment to offer a health and energy service to those individuals and libertarian groupings working to prevent the world from becoming a radioactive prison, through non-party political, Green, Peace and Freedom movements, with an alternative of the decentralised co-operative and a vision and practice of neither master nor slave.

Yin and Yang

Karate and most Kung Fu systems are known as Yang or hard external systems in that they emphasize the training of the body; Tai Chi Chuan is Yin, a soft internal system, in that it emphasizes the training of the mind through breathing, sensitivity, flexibility, the softness and power of mind over body. Bu Do Chi offers the best of both systems by making a balance of the hard and the soft and promoting the creative inner potential through the conscious development and direction of energy.

This energy in Chinese martial and medical systems is known as Chi or vital energy; and may be defined as the primal cosmic energy behind all life and is known in other cultures by different names, prana (Indian yoga), roach (Hebrew), pneuma (Greece), orgone energy (Reichian psychoanalysis), ki (Japan) and it is a central concept in Chinese martial and medical arts. Doctors of Chinese medicine see illness and disease as resulting from an imbalance or blockage in the flow of Chi which moves along specific pathways called meridians throughout the human body. This vital energy flow may be tapped at some 700 points on the body, where the pathways come to the surface. The vital energy flows along 12 major meridians which stimulate the 12 major organs and bowel systems of the body. These energy points are stimulated in acupuncture and Tai Chi forms of massage and movement to correct an imbalance or blockage of energy flow.

Directing the Energy

Bu Do Chi aims to control and direct this energy flow. This has important implications for the Green/Anarchist movement in that the more control you develop over your resources and self, the less need you have to seek dominant control over others, and from this can grow the culture and social systems of change, co-operation and resistance. 'Starhawk' in her book 'Dreaming the Dark- Magic Sex, and

Politics' puts it this way: "Transforming the inner landscape is only a first step. Unless we change the structures of the culture, we will mirror them again and again; we will be caught in a constant battle to avoid being moulded into an image of domination. Reclaiming personal power gives us the courage to demand change in one basis of society's power. Facing our dread of annihilation, allows us to face unflinching the real possibilities of global annihilation, to face our despair and rage at the pain inflicted by our culture and to make that pain become active resistance to destruction; to create, with that pain, a vision of a culture based on another source of power, to work for that vision, to risk ourselves in its service even when the work seems hopeless or overwhelming. Refusing the domination of the self-hater, we break free of its imposed isolation, free to connect with others, to join our power, our wills together."

Mark Newns

Workshops in Bu Do Chi have been held at the major Festivals and Gatherings over the last three years. Information about free classes now underway from: Mark Newns, 6 Balliol Rd, London W10.



The historical roots of Green Anarchism and Self-sufficiency.



Like most movements Alternative Technology and Self Sufficiency are linked to traditions and endeavours - some of which go back a very long way.

In England a clear link descends from Gerrard Winstanley, a writer. His vernacular pamphletting inspired many to form a colony of 'diggers'. The Levellers (diggers) made their stand on common land by direct action and communal living in 1649. But it was his political writings and vernacular style that come down fresh and stimulating to the Alternative Technology (AT) and Self-sufficiency (SS) movement. Winstanley anticipated with great penetration the later socialist writings of the 19th century, especially the libertarian movements. These link closely with a most interesting renewal of 'the vernacular' and its vitality and importance, recently expounded again by authors such as Ivan Illich. Many communal and direct action ventures are inspired by Winstanley to this day.

Back to the Land

A large number of such ventures tend to be inspired by a 'back to the land' rural Utopian vision. Espousing simplicity and scorning high technology to some extent, nevertheless a link can be seen going back to William Cobbett and his books 'Rural Rides' and 'Cottage Economy', which were practical manuals for a kind of do-it-yourself production. There are many interesting ideas and suggestions still relevant in his works.

The most significant flowering of the ideas contained in AT and SS are seen in works of the Guild Socialists and especially a little later, of Peter Kropotkin. Kropotkin is well worth reading, and Colin Ward has brought up to date his most relevant work for our theme, 'Fields, Factories and Workshops'.

The most important point made by Kropotkin and any other authors in this tradition is the Libertarian one. From the political point of view, the Libertarian Socialist stance (much more an awareness than a party) has yet to come into its own. Nevertheless the characteristics of the Libertarian outlook permanently surface and continually make the radical critique-for which we, perhaps unconsciously, owe an enormous debt of gratitude. The characteristics of this stance include the intense interest in things ecological, the networking (horizontal) type organising arrangements, the mainly spontaneous approach to things. Such a view has a respectable past, (Winstanley was certainly Libertarian), and Kropotkin was perhaps the most powerful exponent of such a view. Therefore in this connection, he should be studied by any student of the growth and ideas embedded in the AT & SS movement.

Co-operation is fundamental

Kropotkin also wrote Mutual Aid, a considerable success as a scientific treatise (he was a scientist), arguing logically and convincingly that cooperation was as fundamental-or even more so-as competition in the biosphere. This was to refute the Huxleyan argument, 'red in tooth and claw' derived from a particularly ruthless application of Darwin's ideas. Huxley was able to find a resonance with competitive 'survival of the fittest' capitalism in the 19th century, whereas the work of Kropotkin and other Libertarian Socialists were visionaries, were before their time and were therefore not read by the 'crude capitalism' of their day. Such attitudes needed our experiences of mature capitalism's contradictions and stupidities to make the challenge (they are

currently making). This experience of hubris and exploitation by late capitalism was needed for refinement of the Libertarian alternatives, much more than Marxism ever did. (In other contexts, one would make the convincing argument that 'Marxism' in practice, is just the same old capitalism, but State controlled now- which is even worse...) Such is just a hint of the interesting political dimension, which I hope to discuss at a later date.

Kropotkin offered a considerably 'modern' view about cooperatives. He discussed the false (elitist) division between 'hand and brain'. Much of his argument centres on the preference for us to make work people-intensive rather than capital-intensive. Yet he had a well developed view that technology should be used openly. It should not be covert it should not be opaque. (Consider the modern hi-fi, the washing machine, other appliances which capitalism throws at us. They are opaque. A lot of trouble could be caused to makers and suppliers if we demanded aggressively to know what was in the technology, who was exploited in making it, and where the materials came from. Such direct action could be very radical indeed.) However, Kropotkin was not able to see the inappropriateness of his decentralist idea to the requirements of centralising capital, (the vast bureaucratic multi-nationals, for example) Have we not all heard the same argument, "The micro-processor will decentralise work, we will work in the villages and streets again..." "History repeating itself? What is pretty certain is that capitalism will ensure power and wealth will remain in the hands of the power holders by using the new 'knowledge capital' and computing power to achieve this. So by practising radical AT & SS, we already begin to learn, and subvert this use of esoteric knowledge. That is why AT & SS cannot jettison 'high technology' and remain a radical and increasingly effective critique.

In summary, this short article has attempted to show that AT & SS is fundamentally radical, it has a critical edge, is mindful of ecological balance. It has a healthy pedigree with fascinating reading/study. It is threatening to status seekers and power holders in the capitalist system (east or west) because it shows people can take direct action and cease to cower to 'experts'. There is a close connection with the Libertarian anti-authoritarian battle, which is the real threat to power holders. They will therefore try to put you down, ridicule AT etc. If any real advance is made that really threatens, then expect the State's technology to actually turn rather nasty. AT & SS is not a soft option. It could result in confrontation with naked power, and there is no room for faint hearts there.

K. S. Canterbury.

Did Quakers become Pacifists to Save their Skins?

The peace testimony of the Society of Friends is a noble sign of our pacifist ideal. It has become a central part part of Quaker ideology, and important for its own sake. It has become part of the refusal to take part in the official violence in the form of wars. It is interesting to speculate whether Quakers would have become so overtly pacifist if the persecution of 1660 had not occurred. Many of the early Quakers were ex-army men from the Model Army. It could then be argued that they then saw the folly of war. Indeed many Quakers fought in the political sense against injustice of many kinds. But the testimony was written in 1660 when Quakers were regarded by the rest of the population as a political threat. The normal way

of taking power was by force of arms. A noise on a church roof was put down to Quakers who "have come to slit our throats". With the restoration of the King in 1660, persecution started against these unruly people. He started hanging them. They needed therefore to say they were not harmful to the State, mainly for self preservation. Indeed, the peace Testimony is from 'A Declaration from the Harmless and Innocent People of God, called Quakers.' The state had drawn the Quakers teeth. They were no longer a threat.

Dave Brooks

LETTERS PAGE FOR YOUR ANGER, FOR YOUR VISION

Yours, pissed off...

Entryism

Dear Green A, I'd like to comment on a certain Peter Todd's article on "The Convoy". To say it was 75% fabrication and rubbish would be too kind by far. It's about time Polytantric stopped trying to gain praise and did something useful. There is such a thing as the Convoy and it is a set group of people who travel around and live together ALL year round, not a collection of people who meet up for the summer months at Stonehenge in June.

I wish Mr Todd would get his facts straight. There were twelve armed marksmen at the eviction of fargo plantation, not 50. Also The Convoy never had any intent (nor did they go) to go to Porton Down; this was just Polytantric again trying to use other peoples' names for their own good. As for his accusations that the government condones the use of heroin to make people politically inactive and introduce sexual diseases into radical circles - well, I'll leave that to the intelligence of your readers.

As a member of the Convoy I get really pissed off with these people spouting off about us when they don't know what or who they are talking about. If Mr. Todd wants to promote his ideas on certain subjects, why doesn't he use his name (or Polytantric's) - or maybe he's too unsure of himself or his companions! Cheers for your time. Lee.

Hi folks.

..... Peter Todd's article on 'The Convoy' was rather 'biased' and quite uninformed. I would be quite willing to communicate the real true story based on first hand experience and four yeats of the present 'convoy' situation. Peace and Love. J. Pendragon.

Dear Green A, We created an autonomous NVDA group inside CND which went to sit down at Lancaster House on June 9th in preference to the tedious and pointless march. The spin off from this has been encouraging. The atmosphere is better. There are signs of original thinking and sharper debate.

.... At meetings argue the case for more direct action, and non-hierarchical organisation using Greenham as an example - even the Communist Party dare not put down the Greenham Wimmin!

..... This is the way to make Direct Action and Anarchism grow; it won't if we leave the field to the Marxists and the CND bureaucrats. They understand peoples' fear and ignorance and how to manipulate it. It's up to us through our actions to show there's an alternative that WORKS. The anti-nuclear struggle is one we can't afford to lose, it may prove to be the last. The task is huge. Time may be very short. Get active. See you at Molesworth, Jay.

Violence at football

Dear sir, I recently went to a greens gathering at Glastonbury festival and was impressed by the number of people that could live quite harmoniously together for three days and longer. I have always had the same views as most of the Green anarchists but have wavered between laziness and boredom with other people's own apathy, but now I'm determined to become more actively involved in changing peoples attitudes and views to the right path.

In one aspect I can actually get first hand experience of police harrassment and aggression in relation to crowd control at football and will actually take photos of any signs of incidents and send them to you (most welcome, GA) being an active Chelsea supporter. This shouldn't be too difficult, but not because Chelsea supporters are a violent breed, but because the media have tainted them with the image of hooligans, and this makes some police forces in certain parts of the country treat them that way. Recently the Police State has got worse.

N. Strutt.

'DO IT!'

Dear G. A, recently publications have been criticising music especially punk OK, so we're not as successful as we'd like to be but at least we've made a start. (Punks have been collecting with the Clydeside Anarchists in Glasgow for the miners) a start that maybe they haven't. Instead of 'advocating' direct action and armed struggle, why the fuck don't they 'do it'.

If it wasn't for punk I, and i think I can safely say many others, would most definitely not be Anarchists or even politically active or aware of anything. Anarchy, love, peace and animals, Colin.

PS. To save stamps - rub the stamp with candle wax to enable you to remove the PO's stamp. (It works. GA.)

THERE IS NO GLORY IN WAR, ONLY THE EMPTY SADNESS LEFT BY ITS INSANE DESTRUCTION....

A couple of comments about the first issue: "beautifully presented and laid and with a very interesting content" and "loveable, homespun and amateurist".

OXFORD ACTIONS



Your'e the first people to make me think my husband might have died in vain



What you need:

Some basic local knowledge.

A commitment to creating a world without patriarchy, capitalism and ecological destruction,
A sense of humour.

Our first public performance was street theatre in the weekly open-air market - a couple of hours thinking and preparing in the meadows and then we were out, in public, with crowds gathering around us. It was so easy, with just a simple (and we think effective) routine, we got people interested. By a happy coincidence it was the 40th anniversary of D-Day, just in time for an anti-war message in theatre with an accompanying leaflet. One response sticks in my mind - "My husband died 40 years ago today and you're the first people to make me think he might have died in vain."

Then our most crazy action - the disruption of a Bingo hall that is planned to be used for a morgue in the event of a nuclear attack. A visit to suss out the place (it really is like visiting the heart of the beast), a small amount of preparation, some leaflets and a spray-painted banner and we were ready to go. Waiting for the pre-arranged time was tense - some of us succumbed to the beer and others got engrossed in the bingo - but eventually the leaflets were thrown, the banner was unfurled on stage and the theatre-cum-die-in was taking place on stage left in front of a stunned and captive audience. In no time at all we were out, to hugs, laughter and a dream-like realisation that everything had gone according to plan. A quick press release (printed as "eyes down for a demo") and that was that.

We feel it's very important that we've been working in the area in which we live, not staging set-pieces at air-bases etc. The amazing thing is that it's all so easy - a theatre

can be got together in a morning for an afternoon performance in various places in the city centre, and with a very few hours planning a much more dramatic action-cum-disruption can be arranged. The important thing is to make sure leaflets accompany every activity because otherwise things will appear pointless. The group itself functions wonderfully and the high we get from carrying out something successfully is incredible.
Paul Mapes etc.

SOUTHEND ANARCHIST GROUP

The Southend Anarchist Group was founded at the beginning of 1984 by various people who were involved in local groups such as Animal Aid, CND etc.

We've taken over an allotment using organic methods. We've started up the Southend Libertarian and Anarchist Broadsheet, SLAB. We're up to our third issue. We've started a bookstall. Housmans were very helpful. We're planning an anarchist video club, brewing our own alcohol(hooray), an anarchist walking or cycling club, perhaps a sponsored bike ride linking up the local companies who have got their dirty fingers in the Arms Trade pie.

As a group we have maintained a presence at most major national demos.

Our message to any isolated Anarchists who have thought about trying to form a local group is 'DO IT'. Small local Anarchist groups are the hope of the movement. The London-based groups often seem to an outsider to have an elitist attitude and are often divided into dogmatic faction more intent on attacking eachother than the system. Local groups value eachother more and where differences of opinion might in larger groups lead to factional splits, they strengthen smaller groups because we are prepared, perhaps by necessity, to listen and learn from each other

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Southend Anarchist Group



REVIEW

Housing is Theft.

Housing is Freedom.

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As Colin Ward says in the first page of this pamphlet, the idea that a change in the social body will come with the conquest of state power has taken a beating this century.

'At best we have a veneer of social welfare as a substitute for social justice, and at the worst we have states and the state machinery involved in war against its own people.'

Ward observes on another page the nationalisation of housing has not been a great success and in many inner city areas a total disaster. The poor have changed their landlord from a private one to a local bureaucracy more removed, and often less efficient in the supply of services. It is no wonder that the sale of council houses proved a winner for the Tory party. No doubt as the economic blizzard becomes more intense and, mortgage payments more difficult, people will find they are caught between the cumbersome eviction processes of the local council, and the swift reaction of building societies to the non-payment of repayments.

The housing problem is an artificial one; we live on an island largely composed of stone, clay, chalk and coal, and if resource management were the order of the day, ample amounts of timber. The skill and the technology are there and well documented; when building a house one finds dealing with the bureaucracy takes longer than the building. Procedures and bureaucracies are there to stop people doing things, what does facilitate things is plenty of money.

As we say in the masthead of this paper, 'the enemies of the people are those who know what the people want.'

This little pamphlet states the obvious that people need to express themselves in their own environment and have control of it.

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THE ROOTS OF NVDA

In the modern world NVDA began with the Anabaptists' renunciation of war, violence, hierarchy and money in the 16th century. In England they were known as the Family of Love and were crushed by Queen Elizabeth. They went underground and surfaced in the next century among the Baptists, Seekers, Levellers, Diggers, Ranters and Quakers of the 1640-60 period. NVDA was never necessarily pacifist, i.e. many of its disciples would turn to fighting in the last resort if there was no answer to tyranny.

From the 18th to the 19th centuries the Quakers, Radicals and Chartists carried the NVDA banner in countless campaigns until it began to get mixed up with the new idea of socialism. Unhappily the original Owenite socialism, based on small communities and small producers, in no way connected with the State, all but perished. Mill, Morris, Carpenter and Geddes sustained what was left of it. The 'successful forms of socialism, Fabian and Marxist, accepted the centralised State.

300 years of struggle for freedom and justice yielded conditions of tolerance in a flawed parliamentary democracy. They are not to be taken lightly; every generation has to re-assert freedom, or lose it.

World War I, an imperial war, saw significant war resistance from pacifists and non-pacifists alike. World War II had to be fought. Overt tyranny has to be defeated.

Prophetic writers and exemplars have long inspired NVDA - Winstanley, Blake, Godwin, Thoreau, Mill, Nietzsche, Bakunin, Kropotkin, Tolstoy, Morris, Gandhi, King and Lawrence, and toay some of the greens like Murray Bookchin and Petra Kelly.

The succeeding ages of empire and totalitarianism since 1870 have greatly complicated and set back NVDA. At great cost we have learnt a great deal. Since 1956, and more especially since 1968, the cause of NVDA has been greatly fortified by the thoughts and deeds of those concerned with ecology, scale, feminism, race and holistic philosophy. We begin to present an alternative future.

Peter Cadogan

LAWS TO TORTURE

A RECENTLY PUBLISHED WHITE PAPER IN Parliament would reduce what little protection animals now have under the 1876 Cruelty to Animals Act. Under this act animals are anaesthetised for experiments only once and afterwards destroyed (:), but this monstrous new White Paper will allow the animals to be drugged and tortured again and again until eventually it dies. Legislation is expected next year and of the 600 or so MPs only about 30 have made a stand to oppose the proposals. The object of the legislation is profit (surprise, surprise). If they can use animals more than once, the experimentors

don't need to buy so many animals.

The defence of these animals can only be effective if campaigns, societies and groups championing Animal Rights come together and show solidarity.

At last a move in this direction has been made by four British anti-vivisection groups uniting to mobilise against the proposed legislation but there remains a great need for all the groups of the Animal rights movement to get together for the defence of the animals.



BITTER LETTUCE.

The hot dry weather which makes salad so pleasant to eat, can also cause lettuce to become bitter. If care is not taken when transplanting seedlings.

The evening is the best time to deal with thinning out and re-planting, as heat & dryness causes the young plants to throw themselves up, go to seed before they are mature & thus become inedible.

The ground into which they are being transplanted should be well wetted and they need to be watered immediately both at the roots & on the leaves. In the continued absence of rain, regular leaf & root drinks should be given in the coolest part of the day. Water that has stood since the day before is best for the plants. This is because the temper-

ature is more tolerable and also substances used to treat the water will have dissipated.



Food

Herbie Rice Hot-Pot

Ingredients

Brown rice	Basil
Tomatoes	Fenugreek
Onions	Turmeric
Black pepper	Garlic
Oregano	Sesame seeds
Sage	Cheese
Rosemary	Hard boiled eggs

Change of Address

All correspondence to 'Asure' the telephone tapping branch of A Branch of MI5 should now be addressed to the top two floors of Chantrey House, Eccleston St. Victoria London, SW1.

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Method

Whilst the rice is cooking chop & boil the cabbage lightly, strain & put in an oven-proof crock. Chop tomatoes & onions & add them raw to the pot. with the chopped eggs. Add the herbs, spices & seeds using roughly equal amounts. Add the rice when ready, after washing thoroughly with boiled water. Mix well & top with grated cheese & put in a medium oven for about 20 minutes. Left-overs warmed through the next day will be even tastier.