

3, 4 YEARS GAOL.

Animal rights activists, Geoff Shepard and Andrew Clark at the Old Bailey, were gaoled for 3 and 4 years for starting fires in Debenhams department stores. They were lucky. Ronnie Lee got 10 years for just talking about it.

P.N Rogers writes; It is certainly true that the ALF insinuated simple smoke flares designed to trigger sprinkler systems in these stores last July. What is in question is whether Andy and Geoff were the ones who did it. In a totally over-the-top way intended to create the impression ALF were 'mad bombers', officers of the Special Branch and Anti-Terrorist Squad directed the police to question as many animal rights activists as they could lay hands on. Two months later they smashed their way into Andy's flat in Haringay - inflicting a wound to him that needed eighteen stitches - and found incendiary devices and target lists. The Debenham stores were not on the list and Andy maintained that the devices were for future use against targets that were on the list.

As I listened to witness after witness stumbling through their statements and saw legal procedure treated in a most cavalier manner, I started thinking, "This isn't the sort of evidence you put two guys away for years. This is spectral evidence, like they used at the Salem Witch trial. The defendants' guilt will be 'proved' not by the 'evidence' such as it is but by the assertions of the State. That's no kind of law.

ALF Supporters' Group. BCM Box ALF, London. WC1 N3XX. SARP. BCM Box 5911. London WC1N 3XX

THE NEW UNIVERSITY.

Having obtained a home through being a co-operative, a group in Birmingham have opened their doors to others to help the exchange of ideas and reduce the conditioning we all receive in the mainstream education process. Ranging from a single workshop during an afternoon to a skills and knowledge-sharing lasting a week, people could pay a few pounds to help with mail costs and take part in various discussions or activities as they wished or had organised.

Further aims include setting up of a similar centre in a more rural setting and a cafe and book shop elsewhere in Birmingham.

As a positive working example of stepping out of the academic armchair towards progressive change, this project has to be admired. Any mistakes will have been learned through experience and not simply supposed through academic theories. Rooms are possibly available after the summer, so get in touch if you're interested. The New University. 24 South Rd, Hockley, Birmingham. B18. Tel: 0215511679.

Porton Peace Camp.

In line with the last two years a peace camp is being held at Britain's chemical warfare centre, Porton Down. Down, beginning July 9th. Non-violent, self-sufficient campers welcome. Info: Martine Williams, 3 Clarence Rd, Herne Bay, Kent. Tel: 0227 360785.

GREENPEACE DEMO AGAINST BERMONDSEY DEVELOPMENT

London Greenpeace demonstrated against a wilderness area being built over in South London. Just south of the river would hardly seem to be a centre of ecological concern, yet a large 70 acre site of great environmental importance is under threat of the developers' bulldozers. The area is a disused railway siding known as the Bricklayers Site which has grown wild allowing a large selection of animal and plant life to grow. Local people, especially children, not only for the simple pleasures but also to view several rare species of wild life including spider hunting wasps, woodpeckers and black redstarts.

The developers, Ideal Homes, in complete disregard to the fact that this is possibly the largest wild site in London, have started to bulldoze without full permission of the council.

A demonstration by thirty of Greenpeace folk attracted some press interest. But while the activists wait for a public enquiry, the developers continue to destroy. The developers want to build luxury homes but this is unlikely to help the existing local community and anyway if we destroy our ecological system then there's no point in building for the future anyway. Further details from Mark, 01237 8998. And London Greenpeace. 5 Caledonian Rd. London.

FASLANE PEACE CAMP

FASLANE PEACE CAMP is feeling narked. "we feel that the British peace movement is dominated by people from and issues of the south. we feel that Trident has been seen, up to now, as a northern issue, and has been left to us in the north to campaign about it without the same resources, (money!) that the people in the south enjoy. Only £2,000 was allocated to campaigning against Trident last year, whilst £7, or was it £17,000 was allocated to Greenham, Molesworth and Cruise-watch. Projects committee is dominated by people from the south working against Cruise, there is hardly anyone campaigning against Trident on it. To stop Trident will need the same sort of campaign. To stop Trident will need people in the British peace movement to realise that Scotland is NOT too far to travel to and that what is going on up here IS important. Please SUPPORT us. Thanks. Faslane Peace Camp. Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. 0436-820901.

ALDERMASTON.

At the Aldermaston Easter demo anarchists got together and pulled down part of the fence. "For a while CND's passive protest went on undisturbed until word went round that an action was planned at 3.30 at the far side of the base. Anarchists gathered quickly and the fence was repeatedly damaged by large numbers of people who the police inside the base were powerless to stop".

Wick Festival, Bristol, is facing a barrage of legal action by local authorities in a vindictive attempt to stop landowners renting fields to festivals.

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We have evolved quite a successful technique for getting people to write articles. This involves nailing them to the floor, beating them over the head every hour or so, locking them in and starving them. They generally produce. But it's an energetic business and anyhow we're running out of nails. So could you help us out by sending in some articles. Or some nails. Cheers.

SMALL ADS

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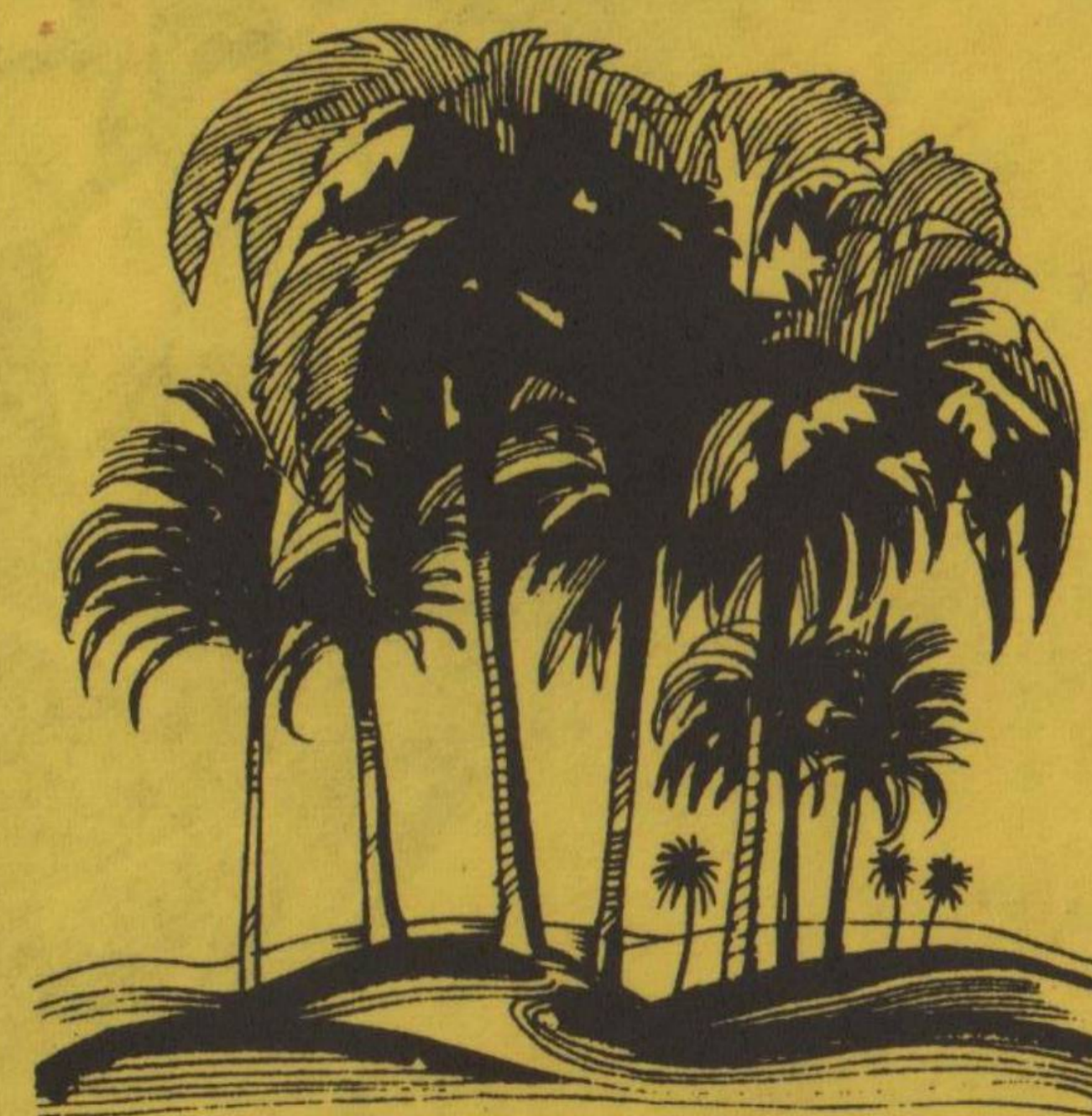
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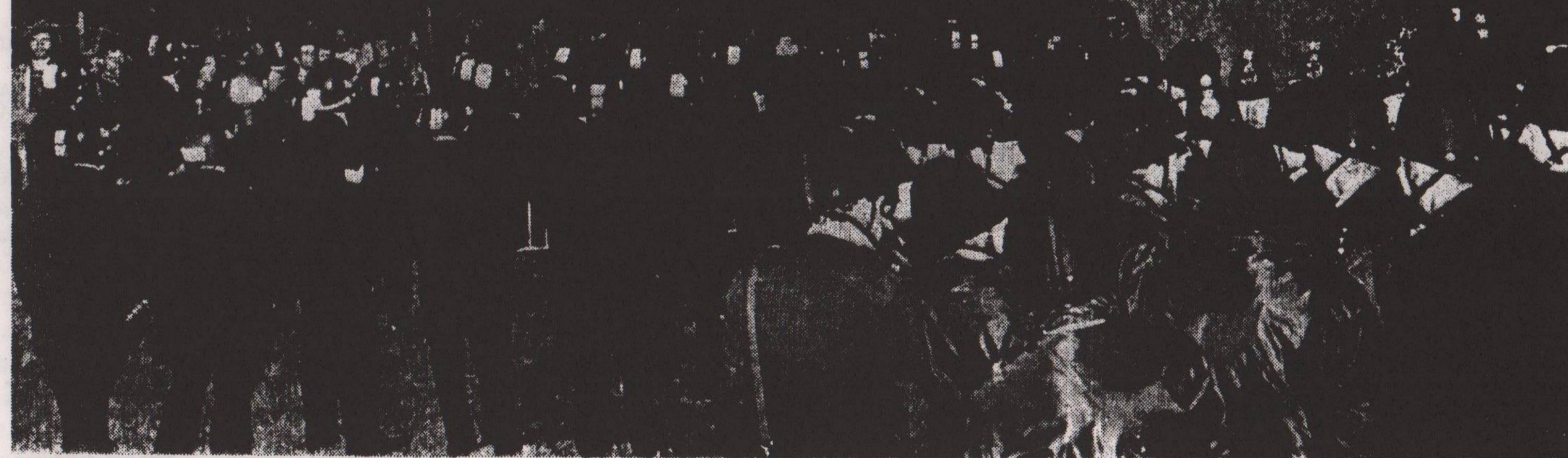


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NEWS

STONEHENGE '88 THE BIGGEST ANARCHIST DEMO IN BRITAIN EVER

The black flag is raised on the Hele Stone



A midsummer night's reunion... together again at Stonehenge.

PHOTOGRAPH: E HAMILTON WEST

5,000 anarchists and pagans marched to the Stones to see the sun come up at the Summer Solstice. 1,200 riot police stopped them and drove them back. Tactically it was a defeat. Strategically it was a victory. English Heritage has been made a laughing stock, its stupid ticket policy in ruins. It is being forced to rethink. Michael Eavis, organiser of Glastonbury, is trying to buy a site near Stonehenge for a Solstice Festival. Peter Mills, regional director of English Heritage says, "It would be an immense step forward." So we're winning!

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE camped in woodland approx. 5 miles from Stonehenge. Several hundred vehicles, mostly small trucks and vans were on the idyllic site. Coaches and large trucks, which were unable to navigate the narrow lanes and rides, lay scattered in small pockets all over Wiltshire. Hundreds of vehicles were given a temporary site 12 miles south of Salisbury at Ringwood.

As night descended on Solstice Eve a couple of dozen more homes on wheels rumbled down one of the leafy lanes to the woodland site and squatted a field at the edge of the wood.

The Police had unblocked two of the four entrances to the site to allow what they had termed "Unlawful Assembly" the previous day. This produced an atmosphere of euphoric anticipation for a peaceful gathering later in the night as people readied to walk the 5 miles pilgrimage to the Stones. People chatted cheerily of victory. More than a day and night had passed since Section 39 of the Public Order Act had been read over a police helicopter megaphone and ignored. Anarchy was winning again. A girl had walked all the way from Cambridge to scatter her brother's ashes at the Stones as he requested. Couples made ready for Pagan marriage ceremonies. New Age travellers were growing strong again.

The came the shock. As up to 5,000 people gathered

for the pagan Anarchist ritual at dawn, the police refused access to the Stones. The road between the Hele Stone and the A303 was packed solid with a mass of peaceful souls. The overflow poured into the uninjured land on the opposite side of the road from the Stone circle. Frustration mounted and the usual cries of "Fuck the Pigs" emanated from the agent provocateurs at the back of the crowd. Massed ranks of riot police had been deployed to stop everyone from getting through to the Stone circle, where the Druids were trying to have their ritual above the noise. Only a month earlier the Chief Druid had attended a Stonehenge Union meeting in London and expressed a desire to allow free access on Solstice morning and for a joint ceremony with Pagan Anarchists. But the Chief Constable, Donald Smith, had been overheard at a private function, "I want to go out with a bang." He got what he wanted. Mass cheers went up as a small number of dedicated warriors climbed the Hele Stone and smoked a chillum while waving a huge anarchist flag.

Arthur Mix.

.....As the dawn grew closer, the group at the entrance were getting agitated, and bottles and abuse were hurled at the police. The someone scaled the Hele Stone followed by another. Soon there were half a doz-

en up there and a chillum was smoked; then a flag was raised and playfully flouted at the police, and soon removed. The the black flag was hoisted amid near hysterical cries of joy. It was about this time that the barriers were uprooted - and the police made their move..... Paul.

.....At this point the Riot Police charged. Suddenly everyone standing round me ran in panic. I fell off my ladder. Round both sides of the tree, which sheltered me, poured riot police. They trampled whatever came in their way, whether man, woman, child or dog running or lying on the ground with not a few kicks and truncheon blows. A woman in the Oxford film crew was truncheoned to the ground. Her furious friend nearly smashed the camera into a policeman's head. Another crew member grabbed it and continued to film. With great bravery they got that camera into the heart of several fights and filmed police charging head-on till the last split second to jump clear from under their boots. A man staggered past with a big black Alsatian in his arms, both front legs smashed. A few lucky ones slipped, unnoticed in the melee, into the Stones. The

POLICE INCITEMENT TO RIOT

LOOKING BACK on events leading up to the Solstice trashing things the police did, and didn't do, makes it look as though the whole thing was set up.

From the beginning there was no open statement of police intentions. Unlike previous years when an area surrounding the Stones was declared No-Go, this year the police silently accepted our decision to march to Stonehenge. Despite an eviction order served on the Cholderton site no action was taken and it was allowed to swell. (The police blocked only two of the four entrances. Don't they have maps.) Amesbury roundabout was reclaimed as common land and the police cleared

CLASS WAR IN BYE-ELECTION

LONDON CLASS WAR has put up a candidate at the Kensington Bye-Election. Y'what? The deposit is £500 so it's no piss-take. In 'Heavy Stuff', their theoretical journal Ian Bone writes: "The fact that we have been able to be portrayed as a secret terrorist-type organisation, rather than the open political organisation we are, is a mark of our failure and one we intend to remedy quickly."

They have obviously decided to 'get out of the ghetto' by no longer trying to build a base amongst the anarchists and to go out and build a movement of the grassroots working class. To appeal to this group they have taken the circled A, the word 'anarchist' and swear words out of their paper. They have made a deliberate decision to go respectable.

But this is a dodgy tactic. Some Greens wanted to hold a Green Gathering, an influential one with big name like Murray Bookchin and Petra Kelly of the German Greens. But they knew that they wouldn't get

Druids continued their ritual. People called desperately for lost children and dogs. As the police advanced relentlessly, many of these searchers were arrested because they wouldn't move on. A helicopter swooped low repeating an announcement I couldn't hear. The riot Police regrouped, their officers instructing them. I noticed many swing truncheons as if their right arms couldn't rest. For a few minutes I sat with a circle of people singing a sun chant in the road. Song warmed the heart. Now I heard the police in the helicopter: "Disperse immediately. Go back where you came from, or further police action will be taken against you." No thought of resistance in my mind. I had been driven from the Stones by the police in '85. I knew they were too well armed and organised for us to stand a chance. Slowly I started to walk back. The moment of sunrise came and went, but Sun hid his face in clouds. The lay-by camp, then the roundabout camp were hastily evicted. A straggling horde returned to Allington.

Christina

Legal help for travellers: Travellers' Aid Trust. Mo or Tash. 068 684 8835.

the way and acted as management throughout. 5,000 people, who's one desire was to be within Stonehenge by dawn were escorted to within a stones throw of their destination, then threatened with forceful denial. In so doing a highly explosive scenario was created. The assistance of a hired hand would guarantee the headline pictures, and the police were poised to complete their manoeuvre with military precision.

Sid, the first up the Hele Stone, has since been charged with incitement to riot. Perhaps this charge would be better directed at the Chief Constable of Wiltshire. Paul.

the influential figures if the Convoy came as well. They knew that respectable can't mix with unrespectable.

But no revolutionary movement can get off the ground without the support of the unrespectable, the 'undeserving poor', the mad, the bad and the ugly. Class War by going respectable has made a momentous decision to reject this group.

So presumably this election is a public relations exercise to polish up their image. You can see the logic in it, but its based on the false premise that you can mix the respectable with the unrespectable. It's a high risk tactic. They're in big danger of losing their already dwindling support from the anarchists without picking up grassroots working class support instead. In other words they're fucked.

Richard Hunt.

DEMOS IN ISRAEL

There's more political action nowadays, as dozens of new protest groups form, including our own libertarian group of about 10 individuals. Only some of us are pacifists (while most are anarchists), but we try to emphasize the pacifist side, cos it relates directly to the current violent situation when everyone justifies state violence to some extent, even radical Anti-Zionist leftists. A visible alternative to concepts of power still doesn't exist here and it's really depressing.

A friend of mine was arrested a few days ago for writing slogans, painting Palestinian flags and spraying B signs on the national flag, just before Remembrance Day, which is followed by Israel's 40th Independence Day. He's waiting for trial now, but he chooses not to raise political support around him in order to get out of it with the shortest sentence possible. (It is stupid to sit 3 years in jail for graffiti, isn't it?)

We had a large demo on the 4th June which is the day the West Bank was occupied 21 years ago. A group of anarchist demonstrators got into trouble when the police arrested a 60 year old Anarchist who had a scarf with the colours of the Palestinian flag on. Her friends who tried to help, got involved in a scuffle and were arrested as well. A foreign photographer was severely beaten up after trying to take pictures of what happened. The arrested anarchists started banging on the walls inside the police truck, and the demonstrators shouted "Police State, Police State", then the horses came, driving people away, but the chanting continued. The groups that took part were the non-Zionist and anti-Zionist left wing groups such as the high school students who refuse to oppress civilians in the West Bank as future soldiers, a pacifist youth group, the '21st year', 'Women in Black' (not anarchist) and more.

Avi Pitchon. Raanana.

JAPAN.

Under Reagan a slump has been avoided in America by borrowing billions to make employment for them selves. They have bought goods with borrowed money. Until they pay back some of that money they can buy fewer goods. So all round the world there could be recession. But if Japan would buy more goods that could replace the lost American demand for goods. We make goods for Japan instead of America. Japan is being urged to buy more foreign goods particularly food. Food produced in Japan is three times as expensive as world market prices but heavily subsidised. If foreign food is allowed in to Japan, their food prices could triple; watch for trouble.

OOPS!

In Berlin three police directors in plain clothes, observing a confrontation between protesters and riot police were beaten up by their own men, hit repeatedly and tear-gassed despite screaming at their colleagues that they were their commanding officers. There is to be an inquiry. Hope they have better luck than they usually do. from 'The Guardian'.

FROM PORTUGAL.

Our collective in Portugal is in the midst of a big area of eucalyptus-mountains. Where ever you look - eucalyptus monoculture. Where there is monoculture, ground erosion and pesticides are not far. They have planned in Portugal until 1996 "preliminary" to plant 330,000ha. eucalyptus more, double that now. Then will be almost 1/10 of the country be full of it.

World wide trees are dying from acid rain, forcing up the international wood market. The eucalyptus is a very quickly growing tree with very deep roots. That means it sinks the level of the ground water year after year. Already we and our neighbours still have hardly water in the driest and hottest weeks of the year. New eucalyptus plantings would force us either to leave our land or to transport our drinking water from far away to here and in any case to give up our little agriculture we run without chemicals. Hundreds of years of poorness and suppression have accustomed here many farmers to accept such ecological catastrophes as a destiny, the youth escaped from the poorness into the factories and into the cities. There is still missing public consciousness of the environment threatening. So we request: make it public.

From Collectivo Zahack. Apartado 6059, 3000 Coimbra Portugal.

COCA-COLA

Coca-cola bought 196,000 acres of Belize to grow oranges for our fruit juice. After world-wide pressure against cutting down all that moist temperate forest and driving off the inhabitants, they have 'compromised'. They've given 10,000 acres for land reform and 40,000 acres for a nature reserve. They are still cutting down 150,000 acres of forest and driving off the inhabitants to grow oranges for our fruit juice.

The International body which determines safe levels of radioactivity is probably underestimating the dangers. The radioactivity at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was probably only half what they thought caused a certain amount of deaths. And cancers develop in Hiroshima and Nagasaki are five times higher than predicted. So 'safe' levels are probably ten times too high.

MOSCOW

A Moscow group has issued in samizdat a Hippy Ideology. "The ideal of the hippy is a society of equality and fraternity wher differences between nations do not exist and where love will be the basic factor between people." They are demanding to be able to travel abroad, representatives of opposition, freedom to pronounce their views and to publish and appear on television.

Ukrainian Peace News.

From Farmington Gaol.

Michael X Campbell was sent down for murder in 1982. (His state-appointed lawyer refused to plead mitigation on grounds of diminished responsibility because "we don't like hippies from out of state".) Mike wrote this about his Rainbow tribe for us.

The Rainbow tribe first formed near or around 1975, consisting of people who just wanted to live free and without laws and the tribe gathered once a year in the woods in the US. or Canada for a month or more getting stoned or running naked through the woods. The whole tribe cruising through Redneckville, USA. in buses painted with a large rainbow on its side, tokin' of Mother Nature and listening to sitars or Joni Mitchell and wearing tye dyes if that. On the streets people would see a rainbow bus and two or three hippies cooking a meal for the street people. Food is salvaged from dumpsters, bought with food stamps or shop-lifted. Money to the tribe is a hassle and why support the pig with money when you can steal from him and his followers?

The tribe became the Rainbow People in the late 70s since lots of people followed the rainbow to freedom, literally, total fucking freedom, no taxes, no work, no government.... The tribe lives by no law except respect for your fellow beings. I'm one of the few who work and that was mainly because my job keeps me on the road and I like working (moving furniture yet...) and the money does come in handy if a bus gets tired of being held together with chewing gum and wire.... A person can steal only so many parts.

Politically the tribe is into squatting for housing rights, anti-war, anti-nuke, anti-government, pro-marihuana, and they are nomadic anarchists, travelling by thumb or a rainbow bus (the Who's song 'Magic Blue Bus' is a rainbow bus). How many people belong to the rainbow tribe is unknown since they scatter



CHEMICAL GENOCIDE IN KURDISTAN.

Kurdistan is trapped between the Iraqi and Iranian crossfire in the Gulf War. Both Iran and Iraq have committed atrocities against the kurds, but the Saddam Hussein tyranny is by far the worst offender. In 1987 the whole of Kurdistan was declared a 'free fire zone' by Hussein, and the Iraqi Air Force started a systematic policy of extermination, bombing villages with mustard gas and nerve gas, high explosive and white phosphorus incendiary munitions. Wellover 3,000 villages have been wiped off the map and on March 16th 1988 13,000 kurds were killed or injured in Halabja.

The chemical weapons used for this new holocaust were made at Samarra - a poison gas plant built with the assistance of British company Primary Medical Aid (now closed down) and supplied with chemicals by renegade companies like Karl Kohl of W. Germany. Now it seems an additional plant is being built at Aqashat and the Iraqis are investigating germ weapons at the Salman Pak research institute in the Bagdad suburbs. Some of the scientists at these places trained as students in Britain.



after every gathering and everybody is too stoned to count at a gathering and there are really no leaders to speak of though there are elders who's advice is heeded on matters concerning just about every damn thing. There are people such as 'Trooper', 'Odessa', 'Cap'n Ray Gun Zap', 'Freebird', 'Worthless 9Glow', and yours truly, 'Mobius'. Everybody has a tribal name and basically peaceful and can be found in the local MacDonald's dumpster or shop-lifting - a prime cut from Safeway. To go to a gathering just ask a hippie where the tribe is gathering and keep doing it until a town has been repeated more than once....

Michael X Campbell.

Show solidarity with Mike by writing to him at: FCC 1C15, 1012 W Columbia, Farmington, Missouri, 63640. USA.

FROM JAPAN.

Recently in Japan activities on anti-nuclear, anti-imperialism (anti-emperor system?) and anti-animal experiments have been very active. There was a big anti-nuclear demo in the centre of Tokyo. It was held in a park which is very near the government offices and about 2 million people gathered. It was a great success. The interesting thing is women are more interested in anti-nuclear activities than men. One of the reasons is they don't want to poison their children with nuclear. Fair enough.

And anti-imperialism came into a spot as the present emperor is actually dying. It is rumoured he would die before the end of this year. Some punk groups have been playing in and out of Tokyo saying "the government will place all Japan under martial law when the emperor dies just like the pre-war government did. It's a foolish repetition of history.

Kiyoko Susuki. Yokohama.

All the Kurds want is the right to live on their own land in peace. There is little point reading this article unless you are prepared to act to prevent their annihilation. All of us can take four simple steps:-

- Contact CARDRI (PO. Box 210, London NI6 5PL) for the latest information on the chemical war and how to resist it - they should be able to put you in contact with the Kurdish Democratic Front Resistance.
 - Contact local and national media to tell the world the truth about the Iraqi campaign of genocide in Kurdistan.
 - Raise funds and put on pressure to ensure the international community provides adequate protection and medical assistance to communities that have been attacked.
 - Take whatever action you see as appropriate against Iraqi holdings in UK - such as their Embassy and Cultural Centre in London - and any firms that are involved in supplying chemicals or equipment to Iraq in this country.
- P.N. Rogers.

A cry from all our hearts

A GROUP OF US in Portsmouth have decided to set up a commune, hopefully beginning in July '89, if we can get the money, legal information and other members.

Ideally there will be about ten or so people in the commune, roughly half women, half men. It will be run on anarchist lines, all of us taking part in decision-making, equally. There be, of course, no discrimination on the grounds of sex, age, race, sexuality etc.

We plan to pool our incomes, whether we are working, on the dole, or working from home, otherwise some will get more than others, which isn't fair. Hopefully most of us won't have to work 'outside'; instead we could enjoy a lot of leisure time (although there will be a lot of hard work to do!)

We need people to stay at home to look after kids as we plan on having shared child care (by men and women). Also we are hoping to educate kids at home, so they don't have to go to a state school, and therefore don't learn the usual rubbish like discipline, religion and conformity. If anyone can help us on how to go about this we would be grateful.

Hopefully we will own land and we intend to be as self-sufficient as possible. This does not mean that we want nothing to do with the community - it's quite the opposite! We want to be very politically active in the wider community.

We are not copping out of society. Our aims are to provide ourselves with a good lifestyle and people we like, and also to provide a good example for other people - to show that there is an alternative way of living to individuals being isolated in small houses. Living communally is a good way of getting support from each other.

So members should be committed to political activity - if you just want to drop out then we can't accept you, as it is vital that we are not isolated from the wider community, like too many other communities are.

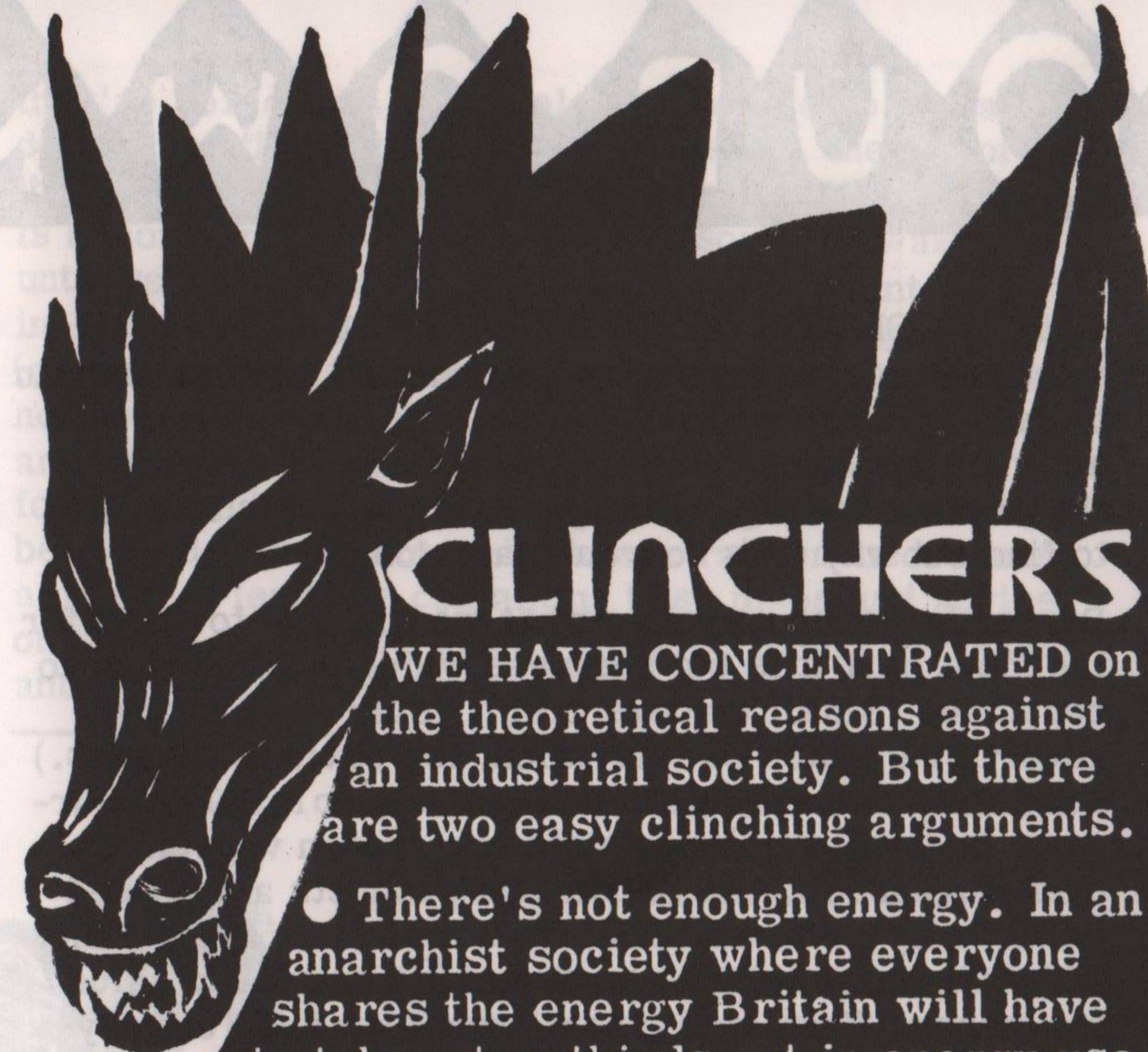
Most communes charge a huge fee to join, so only the wealthy can afford to go there. We are a group that has no money and we would like other (financially) poor people - not the usual rich, middle class people. If you do have money, then that's good, but if you haven't then it doesn't matter at all - you will be equally as welcome! People shouldn't be banned from joining because they've got no money - we hope to raise some by articles like this!

We would prefer members who are veggie/vegan, and who have practical skills. If you haven't it doesn't matter too much, and we are willing to compromise! All we ask is that you are co-operative, an anarchist (or sympathiser), that you are honest and open, so that we can discuss problems frankly; that you should show commitment politically and to the commune, as it is our lives you will be screwing up!

Potential members will have to be discussed with us of course, as otherwise there could be personal antagonism which could lead to the collapse of the commune.

If anyone would like to send us legal advice, or money/sponsorship, or would like to join, please get in touch. It will be greatly appreciated.

Love and Peace. Liz Turner.
c/o Box A, 167. Fawcett Rd. Southsea, Portsmouth.
PO1 0DH.



CLINCHERS

WE HAVE CONCENTRATED on the theoretical reasons against an industrial society. But there are two easy clinching arguments.

- There's not enough energy. In an anarchist society where everyone shares the energy Britain will have to take a two thirds cut in energy use. All our energy will be used to keep warm There'll be little left for transport or industry. But most of the present energy is fossil fuels which run out in about 50 years. Assuming nuclear energy is unacceptably dangerous, relying on alternative sources of energy can only replace, by the most optimistic estimates, half the present usage, we shall have not 1/3 of present energy but 1/6 th. But alternative sources are largely hydro-electric and will only last until the dams silt up in about 40 years time. So it's not 1/6th but 1/12th. We're going to have trouble keeping warm. There'll be no energy for transport or industry at all.

● Even if there was enough energy, we couldn't use it because of the 'greenhouse' effect. Dr. James Hansen of NASA has now admitted to the US. Senate that man-made pollutants are finally beginning to produce the long-awaited and potentially disastrous greenhouse effect. "The evidence is pretty strong that the greenhouse effect is here." The four warmest years in the past 100 have been in the 1980s. This warming is caused by burning the fossil fuels, producing carbon dioxide, methane and the CFCs which let in the sun's rays but don't let out the heat produced by the fossil fuels. So the Earth gets warmer and causes for instance the present serious drought in the wheatfields of America.

So an industrial society is not possible because of a lack of energy and because of the greenhouse effect.

An anarchist society must be agricultural.

GREEN ANARCHIST.

* When oil runs out coal use shoots up. The mean of 3 estimates of exhaustion is 2038. (Bokris, 1975, pp29-30)

IT IS A COMMON MISUNDERSTANDING that greens want people in industrialised countries such as Britain to suffer a drop in living standards. The truth is exactly the opposite. A green lifestyle isn't lower than the present average but higher. To see this is so and to find out why it is so won't take long.

By and large we consume what we are told to. And for the most part it is big business which tells us what to consume. (Small traders aren't going to be taking advertising space on television, for obvious reasons.) Take food, for example. Tea, coffee, cornflakes, burgers, bread, beer, chocolate bars, frozen vegetables, packet soup . . . the list of food products advertised on the telly never ends but the items on it are all linked by the same things - lousy quality and lousy value for money. Tasteless (apart from sugar for obesity and tooth rot), nutritionally poor, and over-priced.

The reason why big business should serve up such crap is simple. The companies want to maximise profit and profit is the difference between the price they buy at and the price they sell at. So the more cheaply they buy (which means the worse the quality), the more profit they can make. So why big business is behind some of the nastiest food ever intentionally made is easily explained. Why though do we buy this rubbish?

Simply because we don't know any better. Practically all our information on what we consume comes from advertising and advertising, as already said, is controlled by big business which takes good care not to tell the truth. Bread is a case in point. The best-selling bread is the rubbish produced by the Chorleywood process (which cuts raising time and therefore saves the big bakeries money). Wholemeal bread raised by yeast is superior in every respect. It tastes better, is better nutritionally, and works out cheaper. A loaf of Chorleywood pap is cheaper than a loaf of the real stuff but since it largely consists of air, it's really more expensive. People just don't know that something better is available. Big business junk food looks cheap but isn't, an important point if you're on a low income. The standard British meal of burger, chips and cola is expensive as well as being unpleasant to eat and a nutritional disaster. But because of advertising it's thought of as an acceptable meal, even as a luxury.

As with bread and beer, so with everything else served up by big business for the consumer, over-processed, over-packaged, over-priced food, laced with noxious chemicals and nutritionally poor or worse, is the big business norm, not the exception. A similar fraud is carried out with consumer durables (so-called). They are actually designed to fall apart so that new ones have to be bought. And big business gets away with this because of its hold over the information we receive. The truth can be found in books but most people don't read non-fiction books which is why most people lack the knowledge to see through the con. But almost everybody watches television and it is through that medium that big business palms off its inferior

products. Nothing is sold as what it is. Instead big business sells products by irrelevant and phoney images. Buy this brand of washing-up powder and be ideal mum, buy this brand of beer and be one of the lads; buy this brand of soap and be attractive and so on. Contrary to the myths of the free (so-called) marketers, big business does not respond to consumers wishes but instead creates them. Rejecting this con raises the quality of things you consume but it does not much more than that.

Refusing to eat the over-priced and shoddy goods offered by big business saves money and this helps strengthen our independence against both the government and employers. If we're broke, we're at the employers mercy and can't stand up to them by refusing the jobs they offer. If we've got some degree of financial independence then we can hold out and may be get better terms. And by working less we have more time for ourselves and our own lives. We only get one go on the roundabout and the more time we waste taking shit from an employer to do a socially useless job (and that means most of them) the less time we have for living.

We must take control of our own consumption, that is, wrest it back from big business. We must educate ourselves with the knowledge withheld from us by advertisers so that we can then develop our own standards by which to assess things we consume, food, clothes and so on. Standards set will obviously include things like food being organically grown, as little processing as possible and so on. Once we have decided what we are going to consume, then we have also decided what is going to be produced. We can then decide how it is going to be produced and by whom. We will have to develop our own technology for this since most of the technology developed by big business is undesirable - nuclear power, motor cars etc. As a first step in acquiring a knowledge needed, DIY is recommended. Later on we can move to larger scale enterprises, financed by consumer co-operatives which can take advantage of economies of scale. Though it is important to remember that those only go so far.)

One of the things we must look at is the history of the existing co-operative movement. It started so well but today is just another supermarket chain and not even one of the better ones. How was it diverted from its original aims? Unless we find out why then any new co-operative ventures risks the fate of the old one. The existing co-operative movement started as a response to the company stores of nineteenth century Britain which used their monopoly positions to sell rubbish goods at extortionate prices. Through its control of advertising big business has re-established company stores in peoples' heads and so a new co-operative response is needed. The new response will be something that everyone can take part in, unlike workplace organisation which is only open to the employed. And since everyone consumes everyone should be part of the consumer organisation that will be an essential part of an ecologically viable world. The ever-increasing consumption of our society is neither sustainable in the long run nor desirable. The time to say no is now.

Mo.

And now you could get clobbered by the new housing bill.

THATCHER'S TARGETS

THE BENEFIT SYSTEM has been 'reformed' (Toryese for 'cut').

They're paying: £220m MORE in family credit (to families where one member works) than they paid in family income supplement - that is, if all those entitle claim. Actually, about 50% do.

£220m. more in income supplement than they did in Supplementary Benefit
In total £440m. more.

BUT £650m. LESS in housing benefit (which the figures the government quote don't include)
£120m. LESS in child benefit.
£32m. LESS in Maternity and Death grants.

£254m. LESS in the new Social Fund because people who had the right to single payments for essentials like beds and cookers now get only a loan to be paid out of benefit - if they're credit-worthy. If you're so poor you couldn't pay back the loan, tough!

In total -£1053 LESS, so overall £613m. is saved on benefits and given in tax cuts to the very rich, like Robin Hood in reverse. Pensioners are especially badly off because the value of their houses now disqualifies them from Housing benefit - they're supposed to pay their rates by means of a second mortgage. People in the worst housing who can no longer claim laundry and heating allowances are worse off and people under 25 are to be cut by £6 a week, doubtless to force them into the workforce and the worst-paid, horriblemest jobs. (If you are one of the losers, the cuts are to be 'frozen', so you won't feel them til your circumstances change. Housing benefit cuts take effect immediately though.)

The only thing to smile at were the slippery contortions of the politicians, brass-cheeked Tories insisting they were 'targeting those most in need', till the Labour Party, whose last-minute campaign seemed timed rather by election tactics than by concern to help claimants, forced them to admit people were suffering and made a few concessions. Travellers and squatters are also smiling, as unlike everybody else, they haven't lost in housing benefit any gains they may have made in income support.

NEXT TARGET - YOUR RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME.

Thatcher has always wanted to help private landlords. In the name of individual freedom of choice, first sell council houses to tenants who couldn't otherwise afford to buy, then cut benefits and impose a poll tax so they can't afford to keep them, and when the houses are re-possessed the property companies can buy them.

Next, the Housing Bill, planned for January, will take from all new tenancies the protection of the Rent Act, which the Tories claim makes it impossible for landlords to make a reasonable profit. In fact, less than one in ten tenants know what they're entitled to - the right to have a fair rent fixed by the council, and to stay in your house as long as you wish.

You're a tenant if you rent a place to live, at least a part of which is exclusively yours, unless:

- the landlord provides services, eg. meals, laundry.
- the landlord is 'charitable', eg, a family member, a hostel, a college letting to a student,
- the landlord lives in the same building, which isn't a purpose-built block of flats,
- your tenancy is 'shorthold' or 'assured'. If it is it will say so clearly in writing.

It doesn't matter whether your place is furnished or not, how long you've been there, whether or not your contract is written, or whether it includes phrases like 'This is a licence, not a tenancy', and gives no protection under the Rent Act'. You are protected, and these are your rights:

- fair rent,
- not to be evicted without a County Court order (even if your tenancy is for a period of time which is over). You must first apply for a fair rent and as soon as you apply, the landlord must give you notice and go to court if he wants you out, and prove certain things: you have failed to pay rent, damaged the property, been a nuisance to neighbours or that he wants to live in the house and needs it more than you. Even then the court won't necessarily grant an order, but will consider what is 'reasonable' - eg. make an agreement to pay the arrears by instalments. In fact you could quite well stay forever.
- right of succession - a member of your family, who lives with you, can take over the tenancy when you die, and a member of his family after him.
- protection from harassment. Very important. It is a crime punishable with imprisonment for the landlord to evict you, threaten you, cut off your power and water or keep pestering you for claiming Rent Act protection.

TAKING FROM THE NEEDY - GIVING TO THE GREEDY.

The Housing Bill will remove this protection from all new tenancies. In a wide range of circumstances, the court will be forced to evict a tenant automatically without considering whether it's reasonable - some part of the rent has been owed more than three months, or you've consistently paid late, or the landlord lived there once, or wants to live there, or to demolish the house or to do extensive improvements (with a view to renting or selling to Yuppies?)

If the landlord, or a member of his family, shares 'accommodation' with you (bathroom, kitchen, living room) he won't have to take you to court to get you out - just give two days notice, unless your contract says more, and repossess while you're out. That includes new tenancies which would have had full protection under the Rent Act - and existing tenancies when their rent rises. If it might include yours, seek advice at once.

In general however, for existing tenants, the Fair Rent Office will remain open, and apart from the right of succession, they'll have the same protection from eviction as before - until they move - even if they haven't applied for a fair rent before the bill becomes law. But it would be a good idea to apply as soon as possible, especially as there's nothing the landlord can do about it, and the protection is still worthwhile. Apply now, and tell all the tenants you know. The bill is under discussion and being given a rough ride. With enough public objection, at least some of its nastiest clauses can be struck out. Act now before it's too late.

Christina.

GREEN ANARCHISM

GOAL

Autonomous, self-sufficient villages, with the inevitable regression of technology, no industry, no pollution, no hunger, no bomb.

CAUSES OF POVERTY

After the invention of money the income of the rulers came mainly from indirect taxation on trade. So the rulers encouraged and enforced trade. It imposed cash taxes which could only be paid by growing crops to sell off for cash. Those who had not already been driven off their land were forced to sell off their crops, and starve. Ethiopia is now starving because half its farmland is growing coffee, for us.

When the peasants, starved or driven off their land, go to the cities to work for the government or the traders, their interests change. Now, the more food that can be taken from the villages, the better they eat. The urban workers depend for their subsistence on a strong ruling class. There is indeed a class struggle, the peasants against the workers with the bosses.

The theories of Specialisation, Division of Labour and Comparative Advantage justify forcing the peasants to produce cash crops. Division of Labour makes the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Growing crops is dirty cold and tiring. In an anarchist society you'll have to grow your own. There'll be no one else to do your shit jobs for you. There'll be no sweat shops to make your clothes or shoes. There'll be no ruling class to take the peasants' crops for you.

WHY CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM WON'T WORK.

CAPITALISM (the increase of wealth of the rich by trade and industry which 'trickles down' to the poor, making everyone richer): The food and raw materials taken from the peasants by the elite do indeed 'trickle down' to the middle classes and working classes who who eat it, burn it, and wear it out. All that is left to 'trickle down' back to the peasants is soot, sewage, scrap and second-hand clothes.

SOCIALISM (the redistribution of wealth by the nationalisation of the means of production): Marx's theories are all derived from his Theory of Value - that value is created, not by supply and demand, but by the amount of socially necessary work put into a product. The fact that land has value demolishes that theory and the whole edifice of Marxism. (Marx's answer is that the price of land is "imaginary", which is hilarious.) In practice Marxism depends on a powerful government, and all power corrupts, still forcing the peasants to grow the surplus for the cities.

STRATEGY

Like the Roman Empire this civilisation will crumble from the edges. Russia and America are now broke and can no longer afford so many arms for their Third World-puppets who will therefore lose control of their peripheries, and so lose the crops. The revolution will start in the hills of the Third World where it's not poverty but starvation.

As our governments lose the income from the crops of the Third World they will not be able to afford enough weapons and soldiers to control their own peripheries. No-go areas will be established in the hills of Britain. Without the jobs refining and distributing Third World crops, there will be growing unemployment in the cities. The poorest will leave to find land in the no-go areas. The cities will decline to nothing.

TACTICS. The world cannot be changed by half the population, the left half. The battle will be between the grassroots left and right against the Establishment left and right. The tactics, while concentrating on the left, must leave the door open for the centre right: actions in the countryside, at military sites, land squats, industrial targets. We hate and fear violence but we do not reject it. Wars are fought to take the crops. You cannot defend them with non-violence. We must build a culture of resistance from festivals and magazines for a future alternative society.

COMING UP

DEMOS, FESTIVALS, MEETINGS

Green Weekends. Every weekend until too cold. Headborn, 9 mile south of Maidstone. Camping £1 per night. Own food. Workshops. Registration £5. Info. Green Warehouse. 50 Mackenders close, Maidstone. Kent. ME20 7JE.

JULY.
 3. Lazy Sunday Free Concert. St Mary's Riverside Gardens, Bedford.
 3-10. Aldermaston Vehicle Watch. Falcon Gate. (women only). Aldermaston Women's Campaign. 22 Underwood St. London. N17JG. (There are mixed actions elsewhere.)
 14-17. 'Here's Health '88'. Alt. Medicine Exhib. Olympia. London.
 15-17. Womad. Bracknell £22. 0344 484123.
 15-17. Anarcho-Pacifist Gathering. Brotherhood Church. Stapleton, Pontefract, Yorks. Info: Stephen. c/o 24 South St. Hockley, Birmingham. B18.
 18. Mandela's 70th Birthday. Rally at S. Africa Embassy.
 23. Anarchist Conference for Women. West Indian Centre. Laycock Place. Leeds & 1pm-6pm. Workshops include: women at work/trade union movement/initiating strikes; improvisation, the social and revolutionary implication of making music and performance; Thatcher's Britain and Women; how to improve our direct action; space to devise a workshop on the day. Food, creche, accommodation. Poor access: £1. Info. Resister. c/o Box DAM. 52 Call Lane. Leeds.
 23-24. Ashton Court, Bristol. Local community Free Festival. Info 0272 294100 (no camping)
 23-24. Peoples' action for Peace. Faslane.
 24. Huddersfield Green Fair. Greenhead Park. Info: 0484 510045.
 24. Cambride Folk Festival. Info 0223 358977 Ex. 3805
 26-28. Reading Rock Festival.
 27-29. Notting Hill Carnival.
 28. 'Green Anarchism. The past and the future.' 3.00 pm. -6.00pm. New University. 24 South Rd, Hockley, Birmingham. B18.

AUGUST.

6. Punk Picnic. New Cross at park nr BR. station. Info 0322 529325.
 Oct. 1. Lib Ed Conf. Leicester. Info. Sae to Lib Ed, The Cottage, The Green, Leire, Leicester. LE17 5HL.

6. Punks Picnic. Derby. (August)
 6-16. Mid Wales Free Festival. Info Po Box 23. Caerphilly, Mid-Glam. OF83YJ.
 6. Cantlin Stone Free Festival. New Site Shropshire/Powys border. Stonehenge reunion!
 8. 8. 88. Glastafarian Free Festival. Glastonbury Tor.
 12-13. Fairport Convention. Box 37. Banbury. Oxon. OX15 4BH. Send sae.
 19. Cissbury Ring Free Festival. ?
 19-21. Sussex Free Festival
 22. Autumn Equinox.
 26-29. Picnic of Cosmic Bears. Nr. Chorley. Lancs. Rivington Pike?
 26-28. Womad. Carlyon Bay St. Austell. £22.
 27. Avebury Women's Festival of the Full Moon. Info. Avebury Dragon Circle. c/o Greenpeace. 5 Caledonian Rd. London. N1.
 27. Ribblehead Free Festival. Ribblehead Viaduct, on the Ingleron-Hawes Road, N. Yorks.

SEPTEMBER.

1-10. Magical Mystery Tour. Rought Tor, Near Camel-ford, Bodmin Moor. Cornwall.
 2-4. Rough Tor Free Festival
 10. Anti-Yuppie Day. Millwall Park. Isle of Dogs.
 12-26. Nukewatch Fortnight. CND 01250 4010
 24. Demo against Exeter Orange March. "The Orange Order represents an exclusive protestant all-male organisation along the same lines as the Freemasons. They are a symbol of extreme anti-Catholic bigotry." It has has upper class and British fascist connections. The NF and Orange Order are hoping for 10,000 marchers. Plymouth Anarchists are helping to organise support against the march. Info: Plymouth Anarchists. PO. Box 105. Plymouth, Devon.

OCTOBER.

1-2. Forty mile Freedom Walk. Gamlingay to Leighton Buzzard against erosion of civil liberties of travellers, Free Festival goers, marchers, picketers and demos. 8 picnic stops. Info: Tony Quinn, Flat 3, 51 Waterloo Rd, Bedford. MK40 39g. Send sae.
 8. Anarchist Book Fair. London. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square?
 15. CND national actions at Portsmouth, Faslane and Upper Heyford.
 16. World Day of action against Macdonalds.
 31. Halloween Gathering. Bourne Woods.

Christina. 87 Northcote St. Fenham, Newcastle on Tyne.
 Chris Smith. 72. Hatherley Gardens, Bognor Regis, W. Sussex.
 Phil Salisbury. 19 Acton Burnell, Nr. Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
 Skinny Doggy. c/o 340 West Princes St. Glasgow. G4.
 P. N. Rogers. 121. Iffley Rd. Oxford.
 Sambex. 20 Parkhurst Rd. Bexley. Kent. DA5 1AR.
 Anarchist Bicyclist Federation. But we've lost their address. (Can you send it to us again. Sorry)
 John Lio-Hoi-Tsehn. c/o 26 Wiltshire House, Lavender St, Brighton, East Sussex.
 'Outlaw'. Box A. 16. Wood St. Bolton.

CONTACT LIST.

This list is a bit thin. So if you want to be included, let us know

MAG FROM POLAND

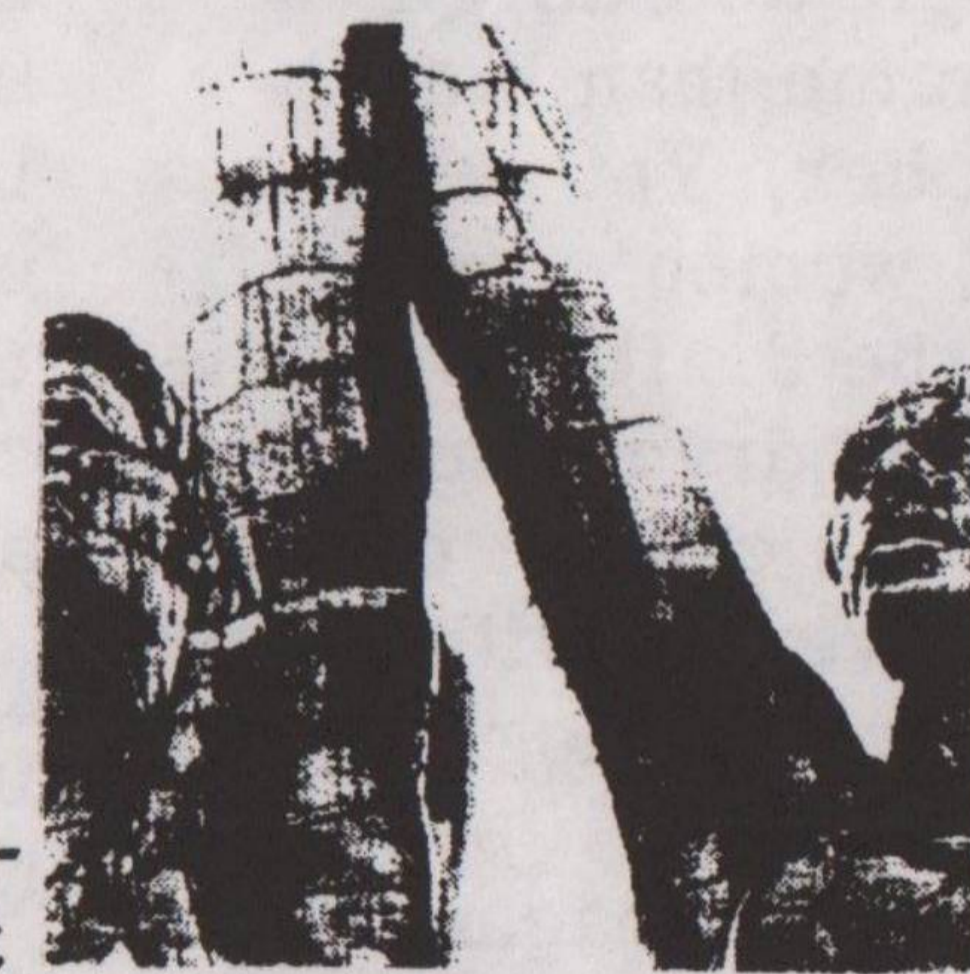
© Cappella'. From Poland. "We struggle for the legal recognising of the right to conscientious objection, environmental protection and ecology. In Gdansk region the most important ecological problem is Zarnowiec nuclear power plant. . . . Our situation is lousy. The fact that most participants in the movement are not in prison now does not mean that everything is not OK. Our flats are constantly searched. Things like notebooks, addresses unofficial publications and books, typewriters, posters are confiscated. . . . we need spray paints to write on walls. We would be extremely grateful for any kind of contribution in the form of sprays. . . . no more than three contained in one parcel with best regards.

From: Klaudiusz Wesotek, UL. Stupska 3213, 80-392 Gdansk. Poland.

BASE BUSTING

Just for the fun of it, or as part of the road to reclaiming power, people around the country are deciding that

they're bored with being told what not to do and are doing something about it. Base-busting, the art of visiting your local MOD. establishment via the back door is becoming a full time hobby for some. It was not until several visits to Ernsettle and Bullpoint bases in Plymouth that a couple of women finally got caught (or was it gave themselves up?) to the MOD. police, not before preparing some maps, writing a few slogans and riding round the base on some bikes they found, would you believe! Since then the police have been on double shifts and a house raid ensued where a nuber of leaflets containing base maps and advice on how to do it were found. Luckily, plenty remained and are now in distribution.



The caption under this photo in the last issue, which vanished into deeper blackness than intended read: Workers of the World, Unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains. . . . and your cars. . . . and your videos. . . and your television sets. and your stereos and your Spanish holidays and your fridges and your. . . .



Generic. The Spark Inside.

Great thrashy music here from Generic! The lyrics are of a more personal style than their first EP. but they still show good personal feelings. Available for £1.00 +postage (as is their Free and Liberated South Africa EP.) from Box Flat Earth, Common Ground, 1 Charlotte Sq. Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. NE1 4XF

THE SMART PILS-NO GOOD NO EVIL L.P.

How do you describe the undescribable? The Smart Pils play an infectious brand of "noise" with lots of strange & wonderful sounds thrown in. £4 from: Stu, P.H. 6, 340 West Princes ST, Glasgow, G. 4

ANTIDOTE-DESTROY FACISM E.P.

I've been told that this is a split single by chumba & The Ex, but I'm not sure whether it's actually true. The music is of a tuneful thrashy nature, with lots of catchy riffs. As the title suggests, the lyrics are a scathing attack on facists, the F.C.S. coming in for particular attention. The overall message of this record is that "WE SUPPORT ALL FORMS OF RESISTANCE, AGAINST THIS RACIST SYSTEM." £1.30+postage from ;Loony tunes, c/o Top Flat, 23 The Esplanade, Scarborough, N. Yorks, YO11 2A

CHUMBAWUMBA-SCAB AID. 7 INCH

This one's been out for quite a while now, but not many people know about it. The record is Chumba's reply to the Sun's "Ferry Aid" escapade in the aftermath of The Herald Of Free Enterprise. The first side is the song "Let It Be" with a change of lyrics - "FOR MEDIA & FOR INDUSTRY/CONSUMERS OF THE WORLD AGREE/NOTHING SELLS LIKE DISASTER /LET IT BE". Side 2 is a spoken attack on The Sun and its hypocrisy, which is done in an extremely witty way yet is not lacking in punch! The record has now sold out, but you may find a copy in an indie record shop, or I could gladly tape it for you.

Stu.

THE NO FRAUD. Demo Tape.

This tape that we received through the post must be the best piece of punk/thrash that I have ever heard. The music has much more construction and thought put into it than any other thrash band and it's sung excellently with loads of right-on lyrics. From the mellow bluesiness of "Red-neck" to the pure aggressive thasharama of "Aggression" the tape izz great. I recommend it to anyone even remotely interested in thrash/punk.

Tim.


Subhumans. 29:29 Split Visions. LP.

This is an excellent record! It leaves off where "Worlds Apart" left off, and contains half an hour of the Subhumans at their best! My favourites on this are "Someones Mother", "Heroes" and the 7 minute reggaeish opus, "Worlds Apart". Dick's lyrics have a style of their own - they're personal and scathing political satire at the same time! You can get this from me for £4.00 inc postage.



AN ANARCHIST CLASSIC BY:
GOLDMAN

One of the most influential anarchist activists this century



EMMA GOLDMAN - the 'Red Emma' - was one of the most influential and outspoken radical activists this century has produced. With her emotional oratory, her enormous courage, and her generous advocacy of unpopular causes, she really belongs, as George Woodcock remarked, to a larger frame than the anarchist movement alone could give her. Yet her passionate campaigns for birth control, women's rights and free speech, her opposition to the draft during the First World War, and her lectures on drama and the modern school, were all set within the context of her anarchist beliefs. Her whole life, revealed with astonishing egoism and honesty in her fine autobiography "Living My Life" (1931), was devoted, with a passionate intensity, to political agitation and propaganda. She never ceased to struggle against the injustice, the social inequalities and the political infamy she experienced around her.

Emma Goldman was born of Jewish parentage in 1869, in the Russian province of Kovno. In 1886 at the age of seventeen she emigrated to America with her elder sister. Anticipating a land of freedom and opportunity, she was sadly disillusioned by the reality she confronted. All she experience was repression and squalor, finding, along with other Jewish immigrants, work in a clothing establishment - a sweatshop. Lonely and friendless she married a young Russian immigrant. But marriage was no liberation for Emma, and separation soon followed. She moved to New York and soon came under the influence of Johann Most, who was the editor of the anarchist paper 'Freiheit'. She began reading about anarchism. At that time America was undergoing a period of great social and political unrest. Working people were organising, and revolting against the terrible labour conditions. In 1886 the historic Haymarket bomb explosion had taken place, and the following year five anarchists were condemned of the crime. One committed suicide in prison and four were hanged, though there was no evidence at all that the men had been involved in the bombing. It was judicial murder. The event had a tremendous impact on the young Emma Goldman. She joined the ranks of the anarchists, determined to devote her energies to the emancipation of working people. It was in these early years in New York that Goldman met Alexander Berkman, her beloved "Sasha", who was to become her lifelong friend and love. Most's criticisms of Berkman's attempt to assassinate Henry Frick, was one of the reasons why Goldman broke with Most, and began to establish herself as a political orator in her own right.

Emma Goldman was primarily a political activist and propagandist. She was too much of an individualist to fully participate in trade union and feminist organisations. For the writings of Nietzsche, Thoreau and Stirner she always expressed keen admiration. Goldman thus throughout her life devoted a good deal of energy and time to writing and lecturing - on a variety of subjects. In 1906 she established with Berkman the

radical monthly journal 'Mother Earth' to which she contributed essays - until both were deported from America as undesirables in 1919. Although she defended political terrorists, Goldman was not herself an advocate of violence, and as her biographers have stressed, her anarchism was essentially of an educational nature. She put an important emphasis on cultural and psychological factors as the means whereby revolutionary social change would be initiated. This is clearly evident in her collected essays: "Anarchism and other Essays", published in 1910.

Like Bakunin, Goldman saw no opposition between the individual and society. She sought a kind of anarchism that would combine mutualism and a stress on social well-being with Stirner's emphasis on individual autonomy and self-realisation. She saw anarchism too as the great liberator from three 'phantoms'.

"Religion, the dominion of the human mind; Property, the dominion of human needs; and Government, the dominion of human conduct." Anarchism thus stood for a social order based on the free grouping of individuals for the purposes of producing social wealth, an order that would guarantee every individual free access to the earth and to the full enjoyment of the necessities of life according to individual desires and inclinations. Goldman, like Kropotkin, who was a friend and mentor, was a communist anarchist.

Her collected essays also contain stimulating discussions of such topics as: the psychology of violence, education, prisons, patriotism, modern drama, and feminism. Besides offering a seminal critique of the institute of marriage, her feminist essays also offer a lively discussion of the limitations of that modern 'fetish', universal suffrage.

On leaving America, Goldman returned to Russia. Along with Berkman she soon became disillusioned with the Bolshevik regime, and in 1921 left there feeling desolate and heart-broken. But she did not abandon her libertarian vision and for the rest of her life wandered between Britain, Canada, France, and Spain, still actively engaged in radical struggle. She died in 1940 aged 70 and was buried in Chicago among the Haymarket martyrs. Only a dead Emma Goldman could be tolerated by the United States government, but her spirit and message still speaks and lives on.

Brian Morris.




Readings: There are two useful collections of her writings: Emma Goldman, 'Anarchism and other Essays', New York, Dover Publ. 1910. This has been re-issued. Alix Kates Shulman, 'Red Emma Speaks', London, Wildwood, 1972. There are three useful and sympathetic studies of Goldman: Richard Drinon, 'Rebel in Paradise', Univ. Chicago Press, 1961. Alix Kates Shulman, 'To the Barricades ;The Anarchist Life of Emma Goldman', New York, Crowell, 1971. Alice Wexler, 'Emma

Goldman: An Intimate Life', London, Virago. 1984. This study does not go beyond 1919, and focusses on her personal life.

Emma Goldman's autobiography, 'Living My Life', New

York, Dover Pubs. 1931 (recently re-issued) and her correspondence with Berkman 'Nowhere at Home', edited by Richard and Anna Drinnan, New York, Schocken Books, 1975, are well worth reading.



TOOLS AND IDEAS FOR CHANGE.

PUTTING A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD

SQUATTING, LIVE-IN VEHICLES and benders should certainly be tried, but how about owning your own home and still claim income support/have a low wage? It can and is being done but requires a fair amount of effort.

The essence of it all is getting a mortgage to buy your home and then getting housing benefit to pay off the mortgage, and yet still remain in control of your life whilst sharing with others.

One answer is to form a housing co-operative, which is basically a few friends who wish to live together; not that you call yourselves a co-op simply to live together but so that you can approach building societies with a form of credibility. Forming the co-op (which involves paying about £100 to a central registration) also ensures no one individual has control over others (ie. avoids the landlord/tenant situation).

Up to 25% of the cost of the chosen home has to be found as a down payment but even if the members of a co-operative have no money, other people can officially lend money to the co-op; in return interest can be paid back if wished. It's good to know that living co-operatively does not necessarily mean living communally and the degree to which each person wishes to share is totally optional within each co-operative. Some could pick ideological points with this idea of home ownership, but as practical self-empowerment goes, I suggest giving it a damn good try.

"How to set up a Housing Co-op" is a required read if you wish to pursue the idea, written from the practical-experiences of a co-op set up in Birmingham. Send £1.00 and an A5 sae to 24, South St. Hockley, Birmingham. B18.

Chris Laughton.



PAMPHLETS AND MAGS.

'Fair Exchange'.

From Norwich, well produced, green, hippy, community resources etc. Articles on Glastonbury Festival, a French community and the Rainbow Alliance with an electronic voting system for democratic decisions. 50p. from Dev. and Env. Centre. 38 Exchange St. Norwich.

'New University New News'.

A housing co-op has set up a 'New University' in Birmingham. The optimism, frustration and enthusiasm of the project shines through in this fourth edition of their mag. Thought-provoking. 50p. from 24 South St, Hockley, Birmingham. B18.

'Stonehenge '87'. A Peoples' Pilgrimage'. £2.00. Unique Publications. PO. Box 23. Glastonbury, Somerset. BA6 9HT. A nostalgic look at last year's 'pilgrimage' through an anthology of photos, cutting, posters and descriptions.

'The Bunker Book for Leominster'. £1.50. from Kington, Leominster and Teme Valley Peace Groups, Romilly, Brilley, Hereford. HR3 6EH. A lovingly produced account of a nuclear bunker built under an old people's home for our betters.

'The Arrogance of Uncontested Power.' Laurens Otter Wrekin Libertarians, College Farm House, Wellington, Salop. Hilda Murrell was murdered. She was in CND and doing research on nuclear secrets. Her murderer was never found. She phoned Laurens Otter, worried, asking him to take some papers to Peace News. She didn't make the meeting. She had been killed and the

papers vanished. This is Laurens Otter's chilling account.



CRUDIVORISM!


I practice crudivorism. Of all the 'isms' this one is a 'wasm' because according to the latest research I have read in Severin Schauffer's "Instinctive Nutrition", (Celestial Arts, 1987) we all ate raw foods and nothing but until 400,000 years ago when we put the pot on the camp fire.

Some of the other texts which inspired me, "Survival into the 21st Century" (Victor Kulvinskis) and Gabriel Cousens' "The Rainbow Diet" are pretty messianic. There are a lot of recipe books too; Anne Wigmore, "Recipes for Long Life", Marcia Accardo's "Light eating for Survival" are some of the best. If you are going to present raw foods for the family and friends then you have to ritualise presentation to a certain extent.

I think raw eating is good anarchist behaviour because in our present day of heavy gourmandising it is non-conformist. It is a philosophical liberation to go hunter-gathering in Sainsbury's for my melon and stare balefully at the trolleys loaded with packaged deadness.

Severin Schauffer serves up raw meat and sea food in his clinics in France. I wonder what green anarchists think of that? I personally get by on a vegan diet and don't feel I'm missing out. I had my first potato slice today. Not bad!

Karen Noble.



SUBCULTURE

BOOK REVIEWS

Loompanics Unlimited. 1988 Catalog.

"We are the lunatic fringe of the Libertarian movement - we do not believe in laws, rules or regulations - we have contempt for censorship, secrecy and dogmatism - we don't care about anything except your right to find out about anything you want to know." So sayeth Loompanics Unlimited in its colourfully rhetorical introduction, and in so doing firmly lays down the gauntlet at the feet of all those authoritarians, of varying shades, be they Marxist, Conservative or liberal, who consider and perceive that personal liberty and free relationships between people to be an ideal tantamount to the most perverse and abhorrent of crimes: as if a society in chains is anything other than that.

Never has a simple (?) book catalogue provided such amusing and decidedly interesting (albeit controversial in some areas) reading. The catalogue is very comprehensive and subjects vary from 'crime and police science' to 'guerilla warfare' and 'Fake IDs'. There are literally hundreds of books and practical di-it-yourself manuals here, that you wouldn't find anywhere else, simply because of the legal implications of such books (Firearms for Survival, or CIA Improvised Sabotage Devices on sale in Blackwells, I don't think so!).

Other relevant subjects of interest to anarks: Big Brother is watching You, Conducting Investigations, Crime and Police Science, Self Defence, Guns, Bombs Bombs and explosives, Head for the Hills, Self-Sufficiency, Sex, Drugs and Rock'n'Roll and Anarchism and Egoism.

Loompanics Unlimited. PO.Box 1197, Port Townsend, WA. 98368. USA.

Louie.

'Questioning Technology. A Critical Anthology
Freedom Press. 218pp. £5.00.

Who's programming who? That's what the latest addition to the Freedom Press stable - 'Questioning Technology' asks. After a general consideration of the dangers of all technology, epitomised by George Bradford's brilliant 'We all live in Bhopal' (pointing out that the same pesticide that leaked in India killing 2000 is daily released into the environment and is building up in the soil, our food and our bodies), the book turns its fire on computers specifically and analyses the way they are subtly changing the way we think. They point out that computers give the illusion

of power and control that do not exist in our real lives - some men become so obsessed by home computers that they make 'computer widows' of their neglected wives; children find that anyone not in on their video game world is 'slow, redundant', and cut them off. Robert Sardello even goes so far as to say these computer babies are 'psychopaths. The processes used to manufacture microchips, incidentally, are environmentally damaging. If you can take the jargon, this book is a must.

'Ethiopia's Bitter Medicine', Survival International

If you felt uneasy about big-name jamborees like Band Aid and the forthcoming Sport Aid '88, you had every reason to be worried. It isn't just a matter of 'starv-kids sell records': This Pamphlet reveals page by page how the Marxist regime is systematically herding the ethnic minorities of Ethiopia off their land and transporting them hundreds of miles to internment camp, starvation and death. By supporting spectacles like Band Aid, you are supporting the Ethiopian government's Resettlement Programme, and that means naked political repression and actual genocide. And if you want to defend the people of Wollo, of Eritrea, of Tigre, don't send money to build concentration camps; help their resistance to buy guns to defend their land and their lives.
£3.00. from Survival International. 310 Edgware Rd. London W2 1DY.

P.N. Rogers

'Dictionary of Green Ideas'. John Button.
£12.95. Routledge.

There are three major green ideas, Deep Ecology, Bookchin's Radical Social Ecology and Green Anarchism. In 700 pages Deep Ecology gets a page without attempt at explanation or understanding, just a list of some of its ideas. Radical Social Ecology and Green Anarchism are not mentioned at all! This book is shallow and incompetent, a hodge-podge of vegetarianistic and New Age nonsense, replacing reason with 'intuition', an intellectual cop-out. It is probably a fair reflection of green's unwillingness to think.

Richard Hunt.

HERBS

Vegetarians and vegans alike are caught in a sober misery, until now, that is. For that which has been

causing you much discomfort and grief is the finings in the beer. The reason being simply the origin of the finings, bits of dead animal to be sure. How to get to the heart of the matter. Ground Ivy or by ye olde name Ale Hoof grows on the sides of ditches and on shadowy waste land in great proliferation throughout the land. A handful of freshly crushed herbs dropped into your bucket of homebrew does away with the need for finings, and your beer will be clear in one night.

Rob Tripp.

ALLOTMENTS

Renting an allotment is a good way to get onto the road of Green Anarchy especially if you don't have a garden or it's too small.

I pay £12 a year for a large plot, 25yds by 11yds. All you have to do is go down to your local Town Hall and make enquiries. You will probably be able to get a free season if your plot is overgrown with weeds; if not, argue the point.

Next you will need some tools. Try and get the best you can; these will last longer and give better service than the cheap makes. 'Bulldog' for example are a good sound reasonably priced make of tool. The basics you will need are: spade, fork and a hoe, and never be without a good sharp knife, and a watering can. Always clean up your tool at the end of the day and occasionally rub them over with an oily rag to prevent rusting.

A good idea is for a group of you to get together and buy equipment between you; you will then also be able to buy seeds in large quantities and so save some money. The cheapest way of obtaining seeds is by mail order. Two companies which are reliable and quick are: D.T. Brown and CO. Ltd. Poulton-Le-Fylde, Blackpool. FY6 7HX, and National Centre for Organic Gardening, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3LG. These should give you a free catalogue on asking.

Money can also be saved by keeping margarine tubs, plastic bottles etc and using them for seed propagation. A good all-round gardening book which is worth getting is 'The Holistic Gardener' by Margaret Elphinstone and Julia Langley, which is published by Thorsons. It is quite expensive at £6.99. so see if your library can get hold of a copy.

Lastly always remember to respect and to look after the land and it will look after you.

Chris Smith.

NEW MAGS

'Green Student'.
"Call it socialism, communism, anarchism or what have you... The future is flexible. All I know is that this present set-up is about to collapse and history can't go backwards." The Greens are still talking

about structures and organisation, rather than changing the world but this mag has a good radical look which may yet ask bigger questions.
30p. from 'Green Student'. c/o 24 South Road, Hockley, Birmingham. B18.

'Black Adder'.
From Tonbridge, Kent, a lively mag of mainstream grassroots anarchism; anti-Macdonalds, anti-cruise, pro-abortion etc.

RECIPE

Di's Pasta Malatesta.

Ingredients:

'Life' Worcester Sauce,	4 handfuls of twizzly pasta,
Mixed herbs	2 onions,
Sunflower seeds	¼ lb. mushrooms,
Nutmeg,	1 medium-sized leek,
Pepper	3 cloves of garlic,

1. Boil up a pan of water, add pasta and simmer for about 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile chop onions, leek and garlic and fry with herbs in a large frying pan (preferably a wok!).

3. After 5 minutes or so add chopped mushrooms.

4. Add nutmeg, sunflower seeds, pepper and worcs. sauce.

5. When pasta is cooked drain and add to veg. Fry lightly for a minute or two, until pasta is 'flavoured'. (You may need to add pepper and worcs. sauce.)
Your dinner is now ready. Very Tasty.

Di.

POEM

From base atoms in starry heat combined
Flung far out to dust deep space:
The cooling cloud in time,
Self-pressed to earthly state.

In aeons slow, fine muds quick came;
Warm waters solved the living code;
By copy built atomic chains.
Self-started, life evolved.

Exploding stars our substance formed,
And still, our fabric feels the light.
Clay that felt no godly hand;
Earth walks on earth by right.

No part's not mine, no part's not yours.
No Lord, no Boss to fuss and fight;
We go by Nat'ral Law:
All Earth, All ours, by right.

John Tucker.

LETTERS

Guns and shovels continued. A military view.

Dear Green Anarchist,
I read your paper (No 17) and was very interested in it. I am a corporal in the Light Infantry. One of my mates gave me a copy of your paper which he got at Wick Free Festival. I am on leave at the moment, I wouldn't write otherwise for obvious reasons.
On the second page you said "we would need to get support from the soldiers" which I think is right. We are often treated as brainless bootboys who support the queen but this is not what most of us are like. Yes there are nutters, but most people couldn't give a fuck about this country in my unit. Loads of kids are on whizz and dope in our camp and loads of stuff is smuggled in. So as you see we aren't really "Queens best" like the papers say.
So next time you're at a peace camp remember some of us are on your side and think your ideas are really good. Don't treat us as animals cos we care as well.
Anarchy, peace and freedom,
Roger B.
(Address supplied)

Emotional poverty

Dear GA,
Richard Hunt's crack-pot "leader" in GA 17 about workers being "rich and irrelevant" makes the serious error of confusing material wealth with emotional, and intellectual well-being, and freedom from exploitation. Workers in developed countries may well have a relatively high living standard and less physical motivation to change society than hungry peasants in the Third World. However levels of education are much higher here. This combined with relative ease of communication and high levels of discontent amongst the working class (economically defined), are potentially very powerful forces for social and political change.
Revolutions past and present may ultimately be won by force, but non-violent mass industrial and community struggle are important in the development and support of an arm-

ed uprising, and also in shaping the form of the post-revolutionary society that results.
The Russian and Spanish Revolutions would never have happened if the workers had not realized their oppression and organised themselves into groups capable of both industrial action and violent insurrection. The Spanish Revolution didn't get off the ground just because Russia was supplying arms to the "Socialists" - it started mainly because organisations of workers decided to fight back, firstly against a repressive capitalist system, and secondly against Franco's military coup whilst the "Socialist" government was vacillating. For a great majority of the people, where to get arms was a consideration only after they had begun fighting back. In fact the people of Barcelona (19th July 1936) began by rioting and "arming" themselves with pitchforks etc. The "Socialist" government wouldn't let them have arms, so they took them for themselves - by force, from gun shops or anywhere else. It was only after Barcelona was taken by the people that serious planning went into arms supply. The Spanish Revolution was lost for many reasons, it is a pathetic oversimplification to say it was just because France was receiving more guns. Acknowledging the need for an armed struggle does not imply that workers are irrelevant - they can bring the economy to a halt, and they are quite capable of using guns. Indeed a revolution will only be successful in reaching its end point if it is an expression of the consciousness of the workers and peasants.
Accelerating urbanisation means that most of the world's population will soon be living in cities. A rural revolution "on the periphery" will offer nothing to the bulk of human kind.
Transformation to an anarchist society can happen only if a large proportion of the population (including as much of the workforce as possible) adopt Anarchist ideas and forms of revolutionary organisation. For those would-be hunter-gatherers who misunderstand totally the nature of Capitalism and the State, all they can offer is a vision of a cataclysmic return to the Stone Age for the chosen few (ie. "Green" Anarchists). Surely this is elitist trendiness taken to its ridiculous extreme - not the class struggle.
Guy Major
Chris Hall, Oxford.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole law.

Dear Green Anarchist,
I am writing in response to Simon Jones' article in your last issue entitled 'Against Paganism', in which he asserts that "paganism" is a conservative trend and should be opposed.
Paganism, like all religions, may be divided into the esoteric and the exoteric. In your article the author expresses his desire for a "real life without gods or masters", a reaction against the exoteric point of view, where god/s are regarded as omnipotent tyrants who must be obeyed without question. Divine will in this case is usually interpreted by some priesthood (self-perpetuating power clique) who assume a 'divine right' to mediate between deity and humanity, and thus place themselves in a position superior to both. Esoteric religion, on the other (left) hand, places emphasis on direct contact between the individual and the deity by means of trance and ritual. From this perspective, the deity is regarded as a teacher who may give useful insights into the self and the environment if we chose to listen; if we don't we may suffer for it, but ultimately that is our prerogative. Esoteric religions have always placed supreme importance on the free will of the individual, one of the reasons we have always been persecuted by the Slave Gods and their servants. For example the Thelemic axiom of "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole law" lends itself to social control rather less well than the Christian counterpart "They will be done". Most pagans in this country practice some form of gnosis with their gods, and may therefore be grouped with the esoteric, notably "Hereditary Witchcraft" with its ludicrous notion that spiritual evolution may somehow be transmitted genetically. Finally if we are indeed to throw off the chains of a society which "pretends to provide freedom while in fact only a greater degree of unfreedom" then we need to challenge and reshape the patterns of thought, emotion and action conditioned into us from birth by our Slave culture. This cannot be achieved by simply substituting one intellectual meta-view for another, whilst retaining the unconscious structures in which

our insignificance and defilement are so heavily ingrained. We need to change the drab consensus reality in which we live for a magickal reality which recognises the highest aspirations and attainments of the divine spark which lies dormant in each of us.
EVERY MAN AND WOMAN IS A STAR.
Yours in a shared hope and striving for a better world.
ASHN 55,
PO. Box 150, Oxford.

A pig by any other name...

Dear GA,
As an opponent of violence of any form I feel I must protest at the title "German Anarchists shoot two pigs" in one of your news articles in GA18. As I understand it, the goal of anarchy is a highly individualistic, freely co-operating society encompassing the whole human race. Calling policemen "pigs" is no different to calling our coloured brethren "niggers" or "coons" and is following the same principle the US Army used in Vietnam to dehumanise the enemy - "They're just gooks".
As anarchists we must live up to our own ideals: if we cannot accept the violence of the state we should also abhor the violence of the individual. These two policemen probably had families, families now fatherless. These actions can only serve to help the authorities to perpetuate the myth that anarchy equates to chaos. It must be our task to educate the population that this is not so. The popular image of anarchists as bomb-wielding thugs has to be dispelled before people can realise that there is an alternative to elitist capitalism or oppressive socialism. Furthermore, just as education is necessary to bring about the anarchist state, it is also required to maintain it. It is all too easy for unscrupulous individuals to manipulate peoples' ignorance. As a poor example, would the Nazis' belief in the 'natural superiority' of the Aryan race have swayed so many people if those people had known that there was no genetic basis for the existence of such a race? Finally, I must echo Paul's views on regression of all technology, (letter GA 18). Technology is not inherently evil. What is required is

to shift to appropriate technology, eg. homes powered entirely by solar power. This is not just a dream. Polar bears convert UV light into heat with 90% efficiency. If 'appropriate' technology enables us to come up with a means of giving only 70% efficiency that would be sufficient to close down 95% of the world's power stations. No more nuclear waste and a lot less acid rain. Not to mention a greater emphasis on self-reliance.
Echoing Godwin, "Evolution not Revolution", Yours,
David,
19 Park St. Hall, HU2 8RR.

Talking through his hat... again

Dear Green Revolution,
I am bothered by Richard Hunt's characterization of Hegel as a "dotty philosopher who talks about embodied finite spirits" This is the reaction of someone who doesn't know what they are talking about. If Hegel was "dotty" so were Proudhon, Stirner and Bakunin who were influenced by him. Hegel did not reduce the world to spirits or any such nonsense. GEIST means mind (human minds) - rather, he saw the world as composed of a unity of human thought/actions and nature. (Unlike "Marxists" who reduce it to the "natural," "material" world alone). Hegel's philosophy is holistic, interactive, sees reality as process rather than in terms of fixed, isolated elements. Hence his thinking is a fine basis for social ecology, and a good antidote to patriarchal logic with its fixed, either/or thinking.
Richard could use a dose of Hegel to counter his patriarchal world view as exemplified in his comments in 'Back to the Armchairs'. Did it not occur to him that poverty might result from surplus value and trade and removal of land. Must he see things in such reductionist fashion? The world is not that simple, I'm sorry. It is this either/or foolishness that accounts for so much of the sectarianism within the anarchist movement.
Those who wish to get beyond this by acquainting themselves with Hegel may do so. A good intro. is John Dietzgen's 'Nature of Human Brain Work', available from Housmans or anything by Kaufmann or Gustav Mueller is also worthwhile reading.
dialectically yours,
Larry Gambone,
Montreal, Canada.

Growing and brewing together

Dear GA,
For a couple of years now I have been interested in organic gardening and brewing my own beer. What I would like to do is get in touch with like-minded people to swap ideas, money/time saving tips. We could discuss and work out problems and hopefully encourage other people to grow their own food and brew their own booze. This could make people less dependent on the system to survive, and would be practical Green Anarchism.
A network like this could bring like-minded people closer together, and encourage us to help each other and to share and gain knowledge. All we have to do is to get a list of name and addresses of people who are interested so we can communicate with each other.
Anyone interested please write to:
Chris, 72 Hatherly Gardens
Bognor Regis, W. Sussex.

Is arnic poisonous?

Dear GA,
A couple of things worried me in Cris Savory's article (GA18, Homeopathic Medicine). First he says "When you had measles as a child you almost certainly got better without treatment". Most people of my generation (born 1964) were vaccinated against measles so very few of us had it. I have always understood it to be a really dangerous disease in children, sometimes causing blindness, deafness, mental damage or death. If this is true then please don't encourage people to let their children 'get better without treatment'. Whether you go for homeopathic or allopathic treatment, get someone who knows what they're doing and avoid risking lives to test your beliefs.
Secondly I thought the brown liquid arnic was poisonous when taken internally. Certainly when I was a child the chemist sold it in 'ridged' poison bottles. My Mum used it on bruises but not if the skin was broken and she certainly never let me drink the stuff. If you can drink it how big is a dose?
And finally homeopathy being practised on real people, surely it's wise for would-be practitioners to at least get some experience with a more experienced practitioner. A book, no matter how good, does not make an expert.
Love and Anarchy,
Sarah,
10 Hillsborough Ave. Exeter, EX4 6BW.