WHAT TO DO:

reprocess French plutonium so boxes torched, power lines shorted by brute force of 15,000 riot cops to get it used against the cops. as in Tahiti [see GA39], as if that was 94110, USA. Resistance by autonomen and locals more important than saving the Earth.

NEWBURY UPDATE

**NUCLEAR WAR:** Autonomen build burning barricade

The events of 8th May has shown the outnumbered 5:1 was exemplary, esp.

ANTI-TECHNOLOGY

UNABOMBER.

11th February saw the biggest anti- contract hell -- phone/fax blockades, roads demo in UK, 5,000+ FoE types junk mailings, office occupations, 'doing their bit' trooping around in worse.... Costain (Costain House, circles. Effect on Snelsmore Park: Nicholson Walk, Maidenhead SL6 litter. Effect on bypass: zero. The 1LN 2 01628 842444, fax 01628 21: MANCHESTER -- clearances begin trashing of Tarmac's Newbury office 74477) is top of the list, itself the next day by 200+ was condemned available from Greasy Palms c/o PO by FoE and other media obsessives -- Box 5544, Newbury RG14 5FB. do we really need these counter- . Send funds and supplies to Gotan revolutionary control freaks?

Evictions started a fortnight later, 29th resist the main contract. February, at 5am. 300+ cops and Get Third Battle Of Newbury's orimulsion burn. days. Evictions went on daily thereafter (numbers were short after 700+ arrests) and would have been TARMAC TROUBLE impossible at camps like Kennet if it ecowarriors at his heels.

• Give those bidding for the main getting paranoid, isn't it? Wonder why? CAMBOURNE: ELF trash Osbourne

wasn't for scab climbers from Richard Jack the Roadbreaker reports: The pit blockaded. Harris Associates (101 Couple Lane, Tarmac office in Wolverhampton had a Old Tupton, Chesterfield 2 01246 bomb scare on April 25th. The building 861738) and Reddings Copse if not for had to be evacuated and the bomb squad Butler Power Access's 'mother' called in, only to find out the suspect 28: BOLTON -- FoE protest against Gorleben nuke waste demo. April with under-sheriff Nick Blandy legitimately ordered by the company. incinerator the parcel security screening system. executive's housde. All these alarms, all this security. All BRIGHTON: Two \$hell petrol stations this time lost. Corporate UK really is bomb hoaxed twice.

ECODEFENCE DIARY

Send your cuttings to Ecodefence, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

JANUARY

FUCK THE VOTE.

ISSUE.

Donalds -- twice.

world techno-fascism is alive and well compared to UK's crap effort over BANGALORE, INDIA: 102 farmers trash KFC on opening day.

Germany can have its own Bomb to iron bars being thrown into them. block-aded for ten days by 2,000 head the Euro-superstate. If it takes the Slingshots and starting pistols were campesinos, costing PEMEX \$4.5m. Info: Ted Lewis, Global Exchange, into the Gorleben reprocessor, so be it. Greenpeace whined about "violence", 2017 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND: Muck-Donalds construction site trashed and sloganised: "McDonalds destroys

FEBRUARY

12: CARDIFF -- Road contractors

on tree camp protesting M66 ring

tree top protestors from open cast mine. squad and other camps on the route to 27: PEMBROKE -- protests outside SHEFFIELD: ELF paint MuckDonalds Dyfed County Council against on Earth Night

security stole the march on Snelsmore excellent briefing, From the NEW- REMEDIAS, COLUMBIA: Leftist damages inside pages of shooting zines and stopped the tunnels being BURY front line, to prepare yourself group National Liberation Army occupied. Eviction there took three for action if the main contract starts. dynamite oil pipeline to force company

OXFORD: \$hell management training brochures. sessioon occuipied.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND: Gravel

MARCH

fleeing his press conference with The battery inside the package tripped CANADA: Earth First! brick logging shipments. Railway tracks set alight,

letter-bombed.

SUSSEX: ELF trash pheasant pens, free

lamb and clear up after polluting

BREMEN, GERMANY: \$hell office

NEW DEHLI, INDIA: Office workers

walk out over Earth abuse-related

APRIL

1: STOUGHTON, SUSSEX -- On Earth

Night, ELF trash pheasant pens,

sloganise and clear up after polluting

TECHNOCRACY

Construction bulldozer SHEFFIELD: ELF sloganise \$hell

AUSTRALIA: Ecoteurs brick Muck-

FINLAND: ELF sloganise logging

and living in Germany. Kohl needs to Thorp. Rail tracks were torn up, signal

farmer, Stoughton 1: WORTHING, SUSSEX: ELF bombhoax MuckDonalds for Earth Night.

14: UMEA, SWEDEN -- Anti-Ca

Action (ACA) firebomb \$hell station. 29: MANSFIELD - Protestors dressed as Robin Hood set up anti-bypass camp in Thieves' Wood.

30: SKYE -- Explosives found near 26-27: SELAR -- Cops and bailiffs evict disputed toll bridge defused by bomb

SOUTHERN . ENGLAND: ELF

WINCHESTER, SUSSEX: ELF target Tarmac executive and trash Tarmac

MAY

6: HANOVER -- Stasi arrest 89 over mask up protests and ecotage at

cherrypicker. Pre-contract ended 2nd package was asmoke alarm, court decision to allow building of 8: GORLEBEN -- More protests in attempt to stop French nuclear waste Dannenberg. 1,000's of masked up protestors attack cops from behind burning barricades.

#### JANUARY

14: GALAPAGOS -- Fishermen occupy government offices

'White inger' industrial compensation test case, opening way to hundreds more claims.

16: GREEN ANARCHIST EDITORS RAIDED AND ARRESTED

16: LLANELLI -- GMB union exposes

GTS fabrications oow pay company 17: COVENTRY -- Cathedral; holds service of idolatry to the motor car. Protests both inside and outside.

25: NORTH WEST -- Trade unions without planning permission

26: EDINBURGH -- Euro-kommissar 31: SRI LANKA -- Massive truck bomb blockade bridge. at meeting.

26: LONDON -- Protests outside Hamleys toy store against Third World worker exploitation in the toy industry. over sacking of Maggie Stubbins, nationwide strike, teachers threaten officers held hostage welfare worker

Engla Cromnedd smash Hawk jets negligent discharge from Heckler & day walkout.

electric / water utility refuses union protest against footier team's mismanagement

15: HIGH COURT - Miners win Neil Kinnock jeerred by road protestors attack on Central Bank. 100 killed, 9: DOVER / CALAIS - ferries 1,400 injured.

#### FEBRUARY

similar action.

Koch SMG.

1: CSA -- enraged Tories demand yet strike. more powers for beleageured agency 12: BELFAST -- peace demos against after thousands refuse to co-operate.

Party dents Labour swing by 9% in strike action.

: NORTON SUB HAMDON -- Paddy doctor's surgery take-over / closure. Ashdown's car torched, allegedly by 15: CARDIFF -- council workers ballot

student fees levy meeting.

COTTAM -- New estate's residents elections. protest meeting to try to force cunty 16: BELFAST -- more peace demos council to build new school. ROCHDALE -- Quarries protest

: LIVERPOOL -- 8,000 people rally 17: LIVERPOOL -- yet another

against dockers' sacking 5: POWYS -- parents keep thousands of 18: NORTHERN IRELAND -- 125,000 after bus route changes.

Bialystok, 20th January 1996. The doing with our money etc. During the benefit changes. whole thing started at noon when over demo we gave speeches and there was 6: LSE - Peter Lilley heckled during 19: STOCKWOOD -- 2 injured in road no sign of pigs turning up which was speech on welfare state.

7: PRESTON -- Angie Zelter arrested at 20: BRISTOL -- prisoner Walter Cross Ploughshares public meeting in Town starves to death after 54 day hunger The next day the press wrote articles, Hall.

published photos presenting everything 7: WARTON-- 20 holes cut in British 20: LONDON -- State shits itself over in a very positive way which was good Hawk Indonesian genocide jets.

LONGRIDGE -- council caves in so evaders invest in hacksaws. ground sell off to developers

tickets scam exposed.

ballot members after new combined 31: BURNLEY -- Fans With Attitude 9: DINGWALL -- First of 500+ prosecutions for refusing to pay Skye Bridge tolls. Protestors and piper

disrupted by strike

10: BURNLEY -- Fans With Attitude protest during football match against teams mismanagement

29: FYLDE -- Deaf people picket centre 1: RUSSIA -- Unpaid miners 11: WHITEMOOR JAIL -- prison

12: CONNAH's QUAY -- gas plant 29: WARTON -- Three Ploughshares, 1: BISHOPSGATE -- cops join class workers hold mass meeting in dispute Joanne Wilson, Andrea Needham and war -- 3 cops hit with one bullet after over safety afterman falls from rig. 4

12: EDINBURGH -- 1,200 postal staff

end of IRA ceasefire.

2: HEMSWORTH -- Scarguill Labour 12: NUM -- RJB miners balloted over

14: AISGARTH -- residents object to

for strike action over job cuts. 2: LONDON -- student demonstrators 15: BANGLADESH -- bombings, fires,

disrupt university vice chancellor's riots, burning roadblocks, 6 dead, 100's injured in protest against rigged

outside City Hall.

16: YORKSHIRE -- 5.5% water charge increase brings fresh anger.

firefighters strike.

children off school in transport boycott people participate in newspaper poll for

5: HIGH COURT -- Campaigners make 18: GRAMPIAN -- fire crews to hand did a huge anti-tax demonstration in why we oppose taxes, what the State is legal challenge to asylum seekers back radio pagers if £1.6m budget cut goes ahead.

Aerospace plant fence to protest against huge numbers of untaxed cars. Five London boroughf invest in wheelclamps

after protest meeting against recreation 21: ISLE OF MAN -- threat of strike action by ferry crews.

### 20: DOVER -- 21 arrests at live export bound for Eadt Timor insiude British

60 people (mostly punx) marched thru no

rthe centre of the city shouting slogans

"Free Choice, Free Life", "We Won't

Pay", "Fuck Politicians", waving flags

and making lots of noise: drums,

trumpets etc

like "Stop Taxes", State = Mafia"

21: NATIONAL CLOTTERY --Religious delegation complains to Bottomley.

22: BATLEY -- 1,500 Muslim children withdrawn from RE lessons in 14 schools in Tory Education Act boycott. 22: WIDNES -- 14% increase in crime and 6 addicts die after Dr John Marks' experimental heroin on prescription scheme terminated.

23: KENT / SOUTH EAST LONDON -- ASLEF refuse to drive unsafe trains, causing commuter chaos.

24: CLITHEROE -- Local object to HMIP CEM fuel cover up report

24: CHORLEY - Protests at £1/hour job advertised in Job Centre.

24: MERSEYSIDE -- Yet another firefighters strike. 60+ incidents as gales hit UK.

25: BLACKPOOL - Magistrates complain about constant car vandalism and thefts from their Chapel Street car park, appealing for yet more security cameras.

25: LIVERPOOL - MDHC offers cash settlement to 300 sacked dockers

25: LONDON - Stoke Newington

Aerospace factory. £1m damage.

good (although we made a lot of noise).

Green Anarchists, Poland, report: We We were distributing leaflets explaining

# DIARYOF

We think that prior to general revolution, resentment increases, expressing itself in aimless and apparently random acts of desteruction. Because of this, acts of commuity breakdown are also listed as well as clear acts of commnity resistance; both are harbingers of the coming collapse of authority and civilisation.

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30: LEEDS -- Primrose Hill Drive 8: LIVERPOOL -- Docks deal 21: NEYLAND -- Welsh inshore residents protest at round-the-clock statement

racist cops murder of Nigerian man Yorkshire Water drought emergency 8: LONDON / SOUTHEND -- rail Empress oil spill. found to be unlawful killing by coroner. building work on a pumping station privatisation drowns in sleaze aftyer 22: OFFSMEG - cops slagged for

fishermen hold crisis meeting over Sea

23: WINDSOR -- royal cop car, keys, changes passes and uniform stolen from outside 6: LIVERPOOL -- Dock strike talk house in Royal Park.

23: SALFORD -- angry local reaction Cheshire as PC Hunter, who killed girl with 6: LIVERPOOL -- Armed cop siege. patrol car, is acquitted after court case. Park Brow, Kirby 24: ASLEF -- protests against pre- 7: TENBY -- Angry meeting attended

incidents. 24: MANCHESTER -- rally in support 7: KEW -- Gardeners strike of Manweb post buy out AEEU union 8: MORECAMBE -- Parliament Street derecognition.

and fire bombings against rigged houses election.

against Asylum Bill

against education cuts.

protests against end of IRA ceasefire. 25: HARLESCOTT, SHREWSBURY -- 8: LIVERPOOL -- Council workers killed the children, therefore he must Greenacres School torched. 2 boys

questioned. 27: HUYTON -- ram raiders blag infrastructure £1.5m.

27: BARCLAYS BANK -- £2.1b profits

27: ACCRINGTON -- college students 9: RUSHOLME -- 1,000's protest after protest over education cuts.

28: COPS IN TROUBLE -- special cop beating constable recruitment drive helps 4,574 10: PENDLE -- Taxi drivers hand in join up but 4,594 quit.

29: MILFORD HAVEN -- school blatant cop and council harassment children protest Chaz Windsor's visit 10: CORFU -- 30 Albanians escape after Sea Empress oil spill.

29: BURNLEY -- market traders during riot withhold £250,000 rent in dispute with council.

#### MARCH

£500m cuts

toll protests 1: LABOUR CHICKENS -- Craven

backdown after Ron Davies (Welsh MP) condemns Chaz Windsor for bloodsports and unfitness to govern. Survey found 50%+ of population suported Ron

2: FIRE BRIGADE -- Protests against pension / compensation anomalies.

2: EMSWORTH -- Portsmouth Chichester train damaged by fridge placed across line

3: OLDHAM -- Cop chemical warfare drive begins with CS sprayed on man at nightclub

3: MORECOMBE -- Parliament Street residents defy council eviction. One resident, Chris Tague, locks himself in 12: PRESTON -- Council loses £8m in cage to defy under-sheriff.

4: POWYS -- Parents and teachers rates and corruption mount all-night vigil outside County 13: RAILWAYS -- 'Save Our Railways' abolition of school meals service vear old carriages still in use...

4: BRIGHTLINGSEA -- 79 year old 13: CALCUTTA -- Crowd violence Tilly Merritt jailed for hose-piping cop stops cricket match 5: EUROSHITE -- Cornish fisherfolk 13: SALFORD -- Derek Fairclough, protest at Spanish quota-busting legal magistrate, crirticized for tagging two decision

and offices raided by MoDplod over CSA Coulport naval nuke depot construction 15: LEEDS -- Liz Windsor attacked by fascists attended. costs overrun

meeting over Sea Empress disaster 6: RATS FALL OUT #2 -- Senior judge Dunblane massacre

racism / sexism by police ombudsman. attacks Howard's sentencing policy

deadlock at Lord Daresbury Hotel.

privatisation rail safety cuts. 30 by 1,500 loccals calls for Sea Empress enquiry as fishing industry suffers

residents still stand against eviction and to the scene. Worse than this, you then 24: DHAKA -- protests, riots, smoke council's mingey £17,500 offer for get this slick and sick politicians

8: DINGWALL -- Court throws out 24: LONDON -- march and rally Skye Bridge protestors. 183 separate cases now due

Agency crowded out with protestors so..." The man was a crank, a nutter If the politicians really cared, they'd 25: BELFAST -- more pro-peace prevents bailiff eviction. Justice?, PO who should have been locked up, not let have behaved differently, passed Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX

> refuse 5% wage cut as part of £16m cuts have been insane. So the State brings fact they didn't do that showzs that they programme in collapsing city the full weight of its propaganda

conference attacks leadership for itself, for it is blindingly obvious that while 54% of moderate union calls for dropping all-women shortlists but the State killed those children. ballot over low pay offer after critical motions deleted after usual Fundementally, massacres like these unemplioyment, closed factories, sold backroom horsetrading

Amir Afiq lost an eye from Manchester

their license plates and strike over

maximum security jail through tunnel

11: CSA -- SE England 'rules' slackened off due to mass disobedience and so slips down into the black hole of and widespread, massive and total contempt for sinking agency

1: COUNCIL TAX -- Up 6% (Sipra) blockaded by Disabled @ction Network threaten protest against Oasis holiday Commissioner Emma Bonino given while Blaneau Gwent council faces 12: PETERBOROUGH -- £86,000 blag village in Michael Howard's angry reception by fishermen at public from two cashpoint machines using constituency 1: DINGWALL -- More Skye Bridge simple tools upsets banks

#### FIVE YEARS FOR GRAFITTI

12: SHEFFIELD -- Spray painter artist, Graham Sunderland, who hit Town Hell jailed for five years by Nazi State capital of Europe

Letters of support: Simon Sunderland (RR1591), HMP Everthorpe, Brough, Humberside HU15 1BA.

unpaid poll tax / council tax / business

Hall protesting against school cuts and safety report warns of crisis, with 40

Lord Soper, pacifist peer, for making 6: PEMBROKE -- Local grudge speech praising craftsmanship of A counter-demo took place on the same were small riots and the fascist HQ was weapon-makers only two days after day to prevent the fascists marching. attacked. ~150 people were arrested, of

# DUBLANE

When I heard the news of the massacre moral entropy. The politicians most I was crting -- this stupid, sick, evil, probably own shares in and may even poxy gunman shooting little children be directors of the companies who made down in a school. It could have been the guns and the bullets that killed anywhere. But then something else those children. made me angry too -- the way the shitty We count for nothing. Over the years TV cameras and commentators rushed Thomas Hamilton was warped and rushing up to shed crocodile tears. What have these politicians ever done recieved back precisely what it put in. for Dunblane?

24: EDINBURGH -- 60,000 protest 8: BRIGHTON -- Squatting Estate and social workers who say "I told you in life, he counted for nothing. out to kill in the community. The man different laws, tried to create a moral armoury to bear against the killer, in poll tax and the CJA. Perhaps they put 9: EDINBURGH -- Labour spring order to distract attention away from

happen because people count for out to Europe. They sold arms to Iraq nothing. What have those politicians and lied about it, sold torture batons to with their crocodile tears ever done for Indonesia. Lied about Gulf War Dunblane? What have they done to Syndrome. Over the years, politicians create a free, just and equitable society have systematically shat on people in there? The individual there and that rtown, and so now they rush to the everywhere else has been systematically scene to offer their false condolences. negated by the state. The politician has When the shits turned up there, the no sense of morality. "There is no such parents of those murdered children thing as society" and the world they should have smashed the cameras and have created only cares about money, torn the politicians limb from limb.

perverted by the system. Up against this negation, day by day, week by week, he closed in upon himself. The system The man went mad and shot those Now they will wheel out the neighbours children and then himself. In death, as

> world insteadf of a money world. The didn't care. The politicians passed the up cameras in the town? What about education cuts? Hospital cuts? Welfare cuts? They have lied about

11: LONDON -- Labour Party HQ 15: LYMINGE, KENT -- Locals 17: NEWLYN

warfare offensive claims its first victim, McDonalds held up by gunman handcuffed refugee Ibrahim Sey, after 17: CHALFONT ST. PETER -being sprayed with CS

16: TOXTETH -- Drugs war, Northumberland Street shooting 16: OUNDLE -- Mob attacks plain stolen rifles, two hand guns plus ammo,

clothes cops. 2 arrests

16: FOREST GATE -- Cop chemical 17: MONTPELIER -- French

Licenceless 14 year old boy demonstrates futility of gun licensing regs by going on the run with two shooting at car

#### as reprisal for making city grafitti FIGHTING FASCISMIN BELGIUM



On March 17th, the 'Nationalist demo for publuic order reasoons

5: RATS FALL OUT #1 -- Tarmac HQ 14: OFFSMEG -- Ombudsman slags Student Union', a fascist organisation, (sounds familiar?) but they let the held a demo in Leuven. Around 600 fascist scum march under huge police protection! 1,500 anti-fascists showed up anyway and ignored the ban. There Local authorities banned the counter- which 6 or 8 have been bought to court.

18: LEEDS -- Yorkshire Water protest in 'Fatty' Clarke's constituency whitewash enquiry slated as PR wheeze surgery. 7 arrests -- follow-up to by Diana Scott

up government borrowing by £3b

after 14 cops kill themselves due to bad offer pensioners free fish in campaign pay / long shifts / universal hatred of les against Eurosghite quotas

Poverty' hearings where unemployed gunmen at football match people talk to churchmen, civil servants and politicians

19: MANCHESTER -- Students strike against poverty and grant cuts

protest at DTI back door privatisdation against BSE scare job losses 20: POWYS -- Health authority 2: LLANRHYMNEY -- Pub firebombed of industrial action threat

threaten mass walkout in face of cuts 21: TOXTETH -- Yet another drive-by violence protestors shooting. 4 unlicensed shots fired.

22: NHS -- 18 unions coordinate united to sue cops after CPS (Cop Protection 6.5% pay claim on behalf of 100,000 Serviles) refuse to prosecute over sidehospital workers to try to stop divide handled baton death. and rulr fragmentation of 'National' 4: LANCASHIRE -- Firefighters claim Health Service.

22: WHITEFIELD -- Angry Asian 4: SCOTLAND -- Church of Scotland residents protest against drug dealers in considers offering asylum to refugees in Nelson housing estate

22: EXETER -- Thousands of farmers panic meeting over BSE scare insult cabinet minister Angela Browning

23: NORTHAMPTON -- Armed siege stated. at Catholic cathedral

factory strike ballot afgter Scottish 6: CARDIFF - NUT conference, by-election with 22% swing to Labour Machete gang attack in Tut 'N' Shive

of dock strike auctions at standstill due to BSE scare

action over Barclays sacking yet protest another 1,000 workers

anti-election bombing, Uttar Pradesh

closure of Monkdown school after dividend. nationalists and FoE proterst against Water price rises drains collapse. Cash-strapped 10: CAMBRIDGE -- Chief constable roadbuilding 20: RAINHILL -- Cotes Vyella factory to stumop up for rebuilding

veterans found to have nerve damage at mob. Institute of Neuro Science, could open 11: BARCLAYS BANK -- Existence of launched after Ferndale Junior School 21: TOXTETH, LIVERPOOL -floodgates to compensation claims

27: BLACKPOOL - Labour Party extortion campaign revealed. 15: LONDON - Brian Mawhinney crossing after toddler dies in accident secretary resigns over ditching of all- 11: CARMARTHEN -- Farmwers paint / flourbomb attack court case. 22: NOTTINGHAM -- Glaisdale

28: BLACKPOOL -- 'Mothers in BSE crisis Action' flourbomb chosen Labour \_\_\_\_\_ bribery

women shortlists

28: BROMBOROUGH -- Cop CS used against coach occupants in escalation of chemical warfare drive. 7 men, 1 woman arrested

29: MID-GLAMORGAN -- Parents vote against school opt-out

29: MONTANA -- 'Freeman' Militia grouo besieged at ranch by FBI

30: CHIPPENHAM -- Six 14 year olds arrested after late-night 60 mile coach chase aklong M4. Seats, extinguishers &c hurled at cop pursuers. Vehicle halted by Stinger caltrops near junction

30: WEST BRIDGEFORD -- D@N Nottingham railway station and city 18: TAX -- Widespread evasion sends centre lock-ons which caused traffic

18: FRANCE -- Government enquiry 31: TRURO -- 'Save Britain's Fish'

31: HYERES, FRANCE -- Calvi 19: LAMBETH -- 'Church Action on football club chairman shot by 4

#### APRIL

1: CARDIFF -- Mass protest by housing 20: FRANCE - Demos and strikes workers outside city hasll over 100 joib

20: NEWPORT -- Patent Office staff 1: WELSHPOOL -- Farmers rally

surrenders over nurses pay deal in face 2: SYNGLETON -- Fylde residents' protests halt waste site

21: LANCASHIRE -- Firefighters 3: MANCHESTER -- Coronation Street TV studios picketed by anti-domestic

4: BRIXTON -- Brian Douglas' family

victory in cuts dispute

spite of government's racist policies

4: BUCKLEY HILL -- Group 4 prison belatedly admitted to have problems, rooftop protests and a fire. No dates

5: UKRAINE - Doctors on hunger

factory votes to strike teacyhers protest against Gillian 12: LONDON -- Greenpeace protestors pub. 23: LIVERPOOL - Scargill calls for Shepherd, Tory Indoctrination minister in court over French Embassy rooftop 20: NOTTINGHAM -- Education cuts defiance at 8,000-strong rally in support 7: DIJON, FRANCE -- Prison gutted in occupation

25: MEAT MARKETS -- Cattle 8: CARDIFF -- Lest rejects NUT Blair- Richard Levins criticises scientific protest

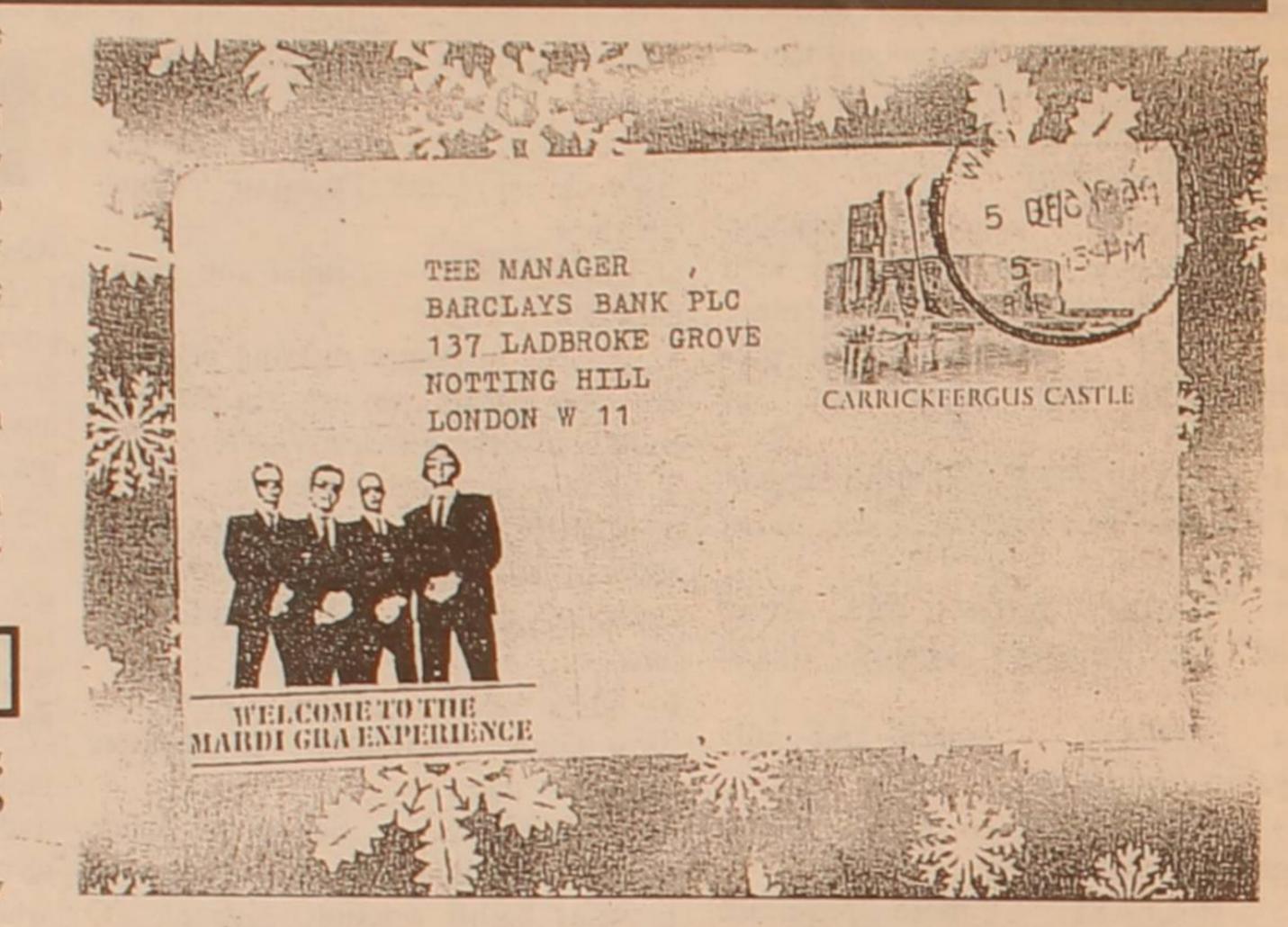
26: BANSGOAN, INDIA -- 10 die in abbatoir and waste processing plant farmers BSE protest at Iceland freezer Mardi Gras bombing

protest at government inaction over 15: SAVE OUR RAILWAYS -- Legal comprehernsive NASUWE refuse to

#### PIGS RAID 1,000 **BOOK STORES**

HAMBURG, 12 April 1996: Battledressed German cops from 480 police units raided 1,000 bookshops, siezing bookas "endanfgering youth" and anti-Nazi posters by Art 'Maus' Spiegelman.

"an anti-semitic and anti-gay attack" shooting in five days. and Sonneberger Verlag said German 19: TEXAS -- Waco anniversary Water official held hostage at block of privacy laws had been violated.



#### BARCLAYS BOMBER

There will be other bombers like him, lots upgraded bomb using shotgun more of them, along in a minute

A lone indivisdual, or perhaps a group, like the Mail / Mirror.

cartridges, this seems to have been Lancaster Bomber 14, p. 10 made in a letter sent to tabloid papers

have been trying to extort money from Anti-terrorist cops think it could be Barclays Bank by sending them gift- some disruntled bankrupt businessman wrapped presents which look like books or former bank employee. 10,000 or videos but when opened fire bullets. Barclays staff have been sacked since At least 25 incidents are admitted to, 1991, so there's no shortage of suspects. one injury but no fatalities. Going under The first bombs were reported on 7th the name 'Mardi Gras' s/he has the December 1994, but since then cops bank communicating with them imposed a publicity blackout until the through personal ads in the papers. The tabloids recieved the escalation threat. bank's big fear is the bombing How many more such vendettas go campaign could escalatye because there unreported? is some sort of threat to build an

23: MERTHYR TYDFIL -- Hoover strike over medical families shortage 12: TAMWORTH -- Tories trounced in 20: BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM --

establishment for failing to protect 20: LONDON -- Jack Styraw heckled 25: BANKS -- BIFU threat of industrial 9: LONDON -- DfEE occupied in JSA humanity and weigh up the wider off platform at Asylum Bill protest rally consequences of their discoveries 20: EALING BROADWAY, LONDON

26: NORRIS GREEN -- Parents protest to be delayed / scrapped by BSE 13: DoT -- Green Party, Welsh 25,000 signatures against Yorkshire

Liverpool Education Authority unable booked for speeding on M1 14: SCOTLAND -- 400,000 people sign closure protest rally. 10: BIRMINGHAM -- Riot in Alum anti-guns petition after Dunblane 21: WESTMINSTER -- Labour MP 27: GLASGOW - 14 Gulf War Rock area. Cop shop surrounded by massacre Paul Flynn puts forward private bill to

15: RHONDA FACH -- investigation abolish monarchy Mardi Gras 16 month bullet / bomb torched at weekend Residents protest and demand Pelican

15: CHESTERFIELD, USA -- Luddite 22: BOURNEMOUTH -- Nurses

15: STORNOWAY -- Wpc Maureen minister. Smith shreeded cop paperwork, 12 22: LIVERPOOL -- Shots fired at escape prosecution

19: St HELENS, LIVERPOOL -- Shop 23: WESTMINSTER -- £10,000 of One publisher denounced the raids as Digbeth, man is shot in subway, the 7th against BSE Euro-ban

dummy bombs found in petrochemical flats in protest at longterm low water

protests after mass sackings 12: EDINBURGH -- Harvard professor 20: PWLLHELI -- Welsh farmers BSE

9: LOWLAIS -- Planning enquiry for 13: HAVERFORDWEST -- Welsh -- Three injured in Barclay's Bank

brings residents protests. Plant lkikely shop. 20: HUDERSFIELD -- 2 men collect

attemptto stop privatisation sleaze teach pupil Richard Wilding after holding strike ballot

conference heckles John Bowis, NHS

Docks picket line.

17: PORTSMOUTH -- Alleged GA 22: LUTON -- KwikSave supermarket editors in courty over conspiracy on Marsh Farm estate closed due to attacks on staff and customers.

bombed by youths. Not far away in Scottish beef given away at protest 23: PATELEY BRIDGE -- Yorkshire

pressure

Drown resigns from John Radcliffe cops injured. hospital over infernal market

24: MERSEYSIDE -- Train drivers' solidarity protest. strike threat

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25: WESTMINSTER -- Divorce bill 2: LONDON -- Barclays Bank AGM defeat for government

25: BURNLEY -- Gas explosion in bombere. Staff protest at secrecy putting Kinross Streety after householder used them at risk. rubber hosepipe to bypass meter.

25: IMMIGRATION OFFICERS -- hold strike ballot. threat of Bank Holiday disruption

25: PRENTON -- Cops attacked and trounced, losing 567 out of 1092 seats. injured during disturbance. CS spray Electoral wipe-out in at least 10 blew back in their own faces.

26: CREWE / STAFFORD -- Main line 3: MIDLANDS: Severn Trent Water express halted by concrete block placed chair sent cement mixwer as protest on track. Leaves, snow and now the against water companies asdvice to wrong kind of concrete? pave over lawn to reduce water Charles Simms Africa (USA)

26: BLACKWOOD, GWENT -- Armed consumption. cop siege

26: KETTERING -- Parish church explosion of suspect Mardi Gras device bomb scare

26: WEST MIDLANDS -- Bloke has a 4: CROXTETH -- Gun incident, go at Major during electioneering

26: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA -- 4: MILFORTH HAVEN -- 2,000 protest Militia bomb factory plot against for independant enquiry into Sea Olympics discovered. Another one Empress disaster. along in a minute....

26: SKEGNESS -- Nightclub CS attack, 4: TOXTETH -- Fire engine shot at 19 hurt

off after cigarette baron Jan Philipp Afiq Reemfsma kidnap.

pitch invasion and riot halts football Is Ours land occupation, York Road match in protest against the Goldstone 5: PARIS -- Credit Lyonnais bank HQ ground beuing sold off to property torched. 20 injured hiding and later back down on deal. riot cops at footie match

27: WOLVERHAMPTON -- Pub culture trashed by football crowd, 75 arrests. 6: PAISLEY -- Kingston Road 28: PORT ARTHUR, TASMANIA -- maschete gang fight and armed cop Gunman runs amok in heritage centre. siege

28: TOXTETH -- 2 shot in 9th incident launched on the Grange Park estate. in last fortnight.

regulatory system attacked by threaten to swamp force financers (Paul Consumers Association

29: COASTGUARD -- Union strike 8: LIVERPOOL -- Keith Thompson,

Man injured as bus is bricked at Blue Walton garage

residents oppose family of 11. Specially threatened with legal action by converted council house suffers arson landowner

30: OLD SWAN -- 4 shots fired into workers strike over pay and conditions red Ford Escort in Prescott Road drive- 9: WASHINGTON STATE -- Olympic by shooting. School kids runm for cover flame blown out when cyclist carrying it in shop doorway.

disputed bridge. Defused by bomb Anti-racist protests against Redneck

#### MAY

of Scargill Labour Party (SLP) which taken, 200 escape. 1: TOXTETH -- Yet another shooting, Albert Road. Gunman escapes. shop. 8th incident in one week. Caradiru jail through sophisticated

1: RUNCORN -- Brook Vale comp tunnel. 1: BRITISH AEROSPACE -- Genocide found during cop drgs raid. jetmakers AGM disrupted by eggthrowers

24: OXFORD -- NHS official Julia 1: BERLIN -- Anarchists kick off. 18

1: LIVERPOOL -- Dock strike

2: EDINBURGH -- Socton jail riot has extra security against Mardi Gras

2: ROYAL MAIL -- Postal workers to

3: LOCAL ELECTIONS -- Tories councils. 2nd worse local elections ever.

3: WEYBRIDGE -- Controlled at Barclays Bank

Brewerrs Arms

4: NORTH SEA -- Oil industry strike

4: MANCHESTER -- Protest outside 27: GERMANY -- £13m ranson paty- cop HQ against their blinding of Amir

4: HULL -- Cops attacked at footie riot 27: BRIGHTON -- Fans With Attitude 5: WANDSWORTH, LONDON -- Land

developers. Club directors go into 5: NEWCASTLE -- 300 kick off with

27: NORRIS GREEN -- Yet another 6: RAVENSCRAIG -- Gangs clear out Liverpool guns incident -- delivery van scrap from disused steel works in belated flowering of the free enterprise

35 killed, 15 more injured. 7: BLACKPOOL -- Credit Union 7: SCOTLAND YARD -- Cop brutality 29: SOUTHWEST -- OFFSMEG six fugure compensation payments

escaped prisoner on the run, killed in 30: DIGMORE, SKELMERSDALE -- car crash drugs deal smash up at

8: WANDSWORTH -- The Land Is 30: BLACKPOOL -- Mereside estate Ours occupation's 500 protestors

9: CARDIFF -- Council housing falls off bike

30: SKYE -- Explosives found near 9: LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA -shop and Klan museum after car driven through shop window previously

10: HONG KONG -- Riot at Whitehead refugee detentin camp. Tear gas fired, 1: JURASSIC PARK -- Official launch cars and buildings torched, hostages

polled 5.4% in Hemsworth byelection. 10: COLNE -- Armed police besiege Granby Street. Man killed in betting 10: SAO PAULO, BRAZIL -- 50 escape

burned down after gas explosion in 10: NEWTON LE WILLOWS, metalwork room. 500 pupils evacuated. MERSEYSIDE -- Guns and ammo PRISONERS OF WAR

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

If you'd like a prisoners list, send 50p + SAE to Earth Liberation Prisoners,

#### EARTH LIBERATION:

Box 23, 5 High Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.

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

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

#### LAND RIGHTS

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

#### ANIMAL LIBERATION:

Angie Hamp (UK) Barb Trenholm (UK) Charles Skinner (UK) Darren Cole (UK) Dave Callender (UK) Dominic Peaty (UK) Gaynor Ford (UK) Geoff Sheppard (UK) Gilly Peachy (UK) Greg Avery (UK) Gurj Ailja (UK)

Keith Mann (UK)

Neil Hansen (UK) Michael Green (UK) Mike Roberts (UK) Mel Arnold (UK) Rod Coronado (USA) Dave Callander (UK) Frank Kocera (Holland) Eric van de Lann (Holland)

#### ANTI-MILITARY:

Carl Kabat (USA) Erin Sieber (USA) Michele Naar-Obed (USA) Mordechai Vananu (Israel) Rick Sieber (USA) Angie Zelter (UK) Joanna Wilson (UK) Lotta Kronlid (UK) Andrea Needham (UK)

#### ANTI-FASCIST:

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

#### ANTI-SEXUAL ABUSE:

Carl Robinson (UK) Gay Oakes (New Zealand)

ANTI-CJA RIOT:

Steven Kelly (UK)

Mark Skelly (UK) Trefor Harris (UK)

#### PRISONER UPDATES

#### JANUARY

Finnish animal libbers Mia- Salli, suspended so judge can go on holiday. Minna Salonen and Kirsi Kultalhati Pacific Popular Front activist Maya given suspended sentences and fined Catts freed. Ploughshares Steve Kelly after freeing 650 foxes from fur farm. and Sue Crane sentenced to 10 months Three Swedish animal libbers convicted for disarming two Trident missiles. of torching hot dog bar. Angie Zelter, Canadian David Francis arrested after Joanna Wildson, Lotta Kronlid and his van found full of incenduaries. Andrea Needham all remanded for Dutch vegans Frank Kocera and Eric Seeds Of Hope: East Timor van de Lann remanded for animal lib Ploughshares action.

sentenced to a highly political 10 years. Co-D Greg Avery walks. Robin Webband Dave Hammond's trial

#### FEBRUARY

buildings collapses. Norwegian eco- remanded for non-EF! stuff. activist Alexander Mikitin arrested in Russia for 'spying' on nuke waste dump. EF!UK's Jim Chambers agrees to plea bargain after family freed pressure.

MARCH

Trial of two Finnish animal libbers Ted Kaczynski accused of being accused of torching two fur trade Unabomber. EF!er Mark Heightley

APRIL

#### MAY

released. US Ploughshare Amy Moose Swedish Ploughshare Ulf Lundblad

#### JUNE

Swedish Ploughshare Calle Hoglund UK animal libber Dave Callander found freed. US Ploughshares Steve Kelly and

guuilty of arson conspiracy and Sue Crane freed.

#### MAY

NORWAY: Dyrenes Frigjorings Front (DFF = ALF) release 40 mink from fur

WALES: cops confirm ALF actions happen in Wales every month

#### JUNE

USA: MEMPHIS, TN -- ALF daub car USA: PLEASANT VIEW, TN -- ALF Donalds of Mike Frankel, King Furs vicepresident; King Furs glued

#### JULY

NORTHERN IRELAND: Cops warn animal abusers about dodgy parcels USA: EDINA, MN -- ALF glue Leather

HOPKINS, MN -- ALF paintbomb Simeks Meats billboard

#### AUGUST

NORTHERN ENGLAND: Metro News reports "strong ALF network operating in the North West".

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND --ALF shift Cancer Society banner

NORWAY -- DFF spray 25 fur farm foxes with harmless red dye, rendering coats unsalable

USA: ANNEDALE, MN -- ALF free covote from Davidson fur farm and trash signs

USA: MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- ALF paintbomb MuckDonalds billboards

#### SEPTEMBER

CANADA: GUELPH, ONT - "Murder Deluxe" and "Cancer has a great new taste" painted on MuckDonalds bill-

FINLAND: PORVOO -- EVR free 110 foxes from fur farm

and sloganise fur and leather whole- Centre Mall on Fur Free Friday.

LEBANON: Hunting banned just before season starts

NORWAY: DFF sloganise Gillette HQ USA: EDEN PRARIE, MN -- ALF glue Heavenly Hams

#### OCTOBER

Forse return MuckDonalds trash to devices

CUMBRIA: Animal libbers restrain three anglers to free fish. Anglers rod pens, attack shooting party and torch chicken shop on Tunstall Square also USA: MERMPHIS, TN -- ALF glue then confiscated.

NORWAY: DFF spray slogans against Merano Circus

brick Mandevill butchers and spray (CLC) Hunt kennels. BFSS said devices CANADA: JD sends 65 razor blades paintbombed.

USA: MEMPHIS, TN -- ALF paintbomb Jean Benham Furs

#### NOVEMBER

AUSTRALIA: MELBOURNE -- E- FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVR trash Forse run on at Melbourne Cup horse two meat trucks; brick 14 furriers, race. One arrest.

CANADA: GUELPH, ON -- Guelph office after failing to liberate guinea Fashion Furs glued and bricked twice in pigs from lab. a week. Alarm trashed.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND -- ALF destroy seafood billbosrds and ALF glue and sloganise chicken sloganise Albany seafood shop; delivery truck. Leather & Skins shop Livestock truck in Brown Bay glued

loses sign.

Fish van slasdhed

NORWAY: DFF spray 110 fur farm and trash combine harvester.

Pels Inform (Fur Info) HQ.

glue and sloganise hunt outfitters, glue and brick two butchers, fur shop, contaminated. free 30 from Mac Ellis fur farm.

USA: THURSTON, WA -- ALF free 3- Panthers brick Millers Furs 400 mink from Clarence Jordan's farm. USA: DETROIT, MI -- ALF paintbomb SUSSEX: HRS brick Crawley & He sadly prevented storerooms, fridge Dittrich Furs billboard

far: \$8,000.

Livestock Federation (ALF, geddit?) Department. inconvenience supermarkets

foxes, sieze breeding records, sloganise NEW ZEALAND: CHRISTCHURCH -- sloganise home of Rockland fur worker 12 animal abuse shops glued, and slash his truck. over Xmas.

North American Outdoor Adventures hunting shop, leather shop and Muck- BRIGHTON, SUSSEX: Five butchers

USA: BETHESDA, MD -- Paint BOGNOR, SUSSEX: Boots bomb-

units and killing shed being torched. USA: EUGENE, OR -- \$15,000 damage SURREY: HRS attack Surrey Union USA: MEMPHIS, TN -- ALF as ALF use incenduaries on three foxhunt's Chris and Virginia Elliott. paintbomb Jean Benham Furs. Cost so Dutch Girl ice cream trucks. Slogans: One arrest.

"Go Vegan", "Dairy Death".

and sloganised; 3,000 'free turkey' hoax family followed and abused and a death NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON -- leaflets distributed by Auckland threat was made by the Justice

CANADA: VICTORIA - ALF

NORWAY: DFF brick and sloganise sloganised or bricked by two ALF cells BUCKINGHAMSHIRE: ALF warn 'Sunday roasts' in Tescos, Sainsburys, USA: MINNETONKA, MN -- ALF NEW ZEALAND: DUNEDIN -- ALF Safeway, Asda and Waitrose could be

daubed and bricked

Hortsham hunter whilst he's inside.

YORKSHIRE: HRS attack hunt scum. USA: SAINT PAUL, MN -- ALF USA: INDIANAPOLIS -- \$1,200 FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVR brick

# DIARYOF ANIMAL LIBERATION

Send your cuttings to BM HEAL, London WC1N 3XX.

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

smash Minnesota Turkey Growers damage as Kincaid's and Long Joh two fur stores Association windows on Thanksgiving Silvers bricked. USA: EUGENE, OR -- \$75,000 damage USA: MEMPHIS, TN -- ALF brick ALF brick and sloganise Northcote FINLAND: RIIHIMAKI -- EVR glue as 25 fur coats painted in Valley River Goldsmith's fur store and caltrop Kings KFC, five butchers, beef resturant and

#### DECEMBER

Department (JD) post Bord furriers Rosendorf Furs razor device

OXFORD -- JD post vivs Colin AUSTRALIA: MELBOURNE -- E- Blakemore and Prof Morris razon

'Xmas present' parcel bombs sent to MuckDonalds in solidarity with Goldssmith security van; Jean Benham USA: MINNEAPOLIS, MN -- ALF Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray McLibel 2. were "most alarming and dangerous"; dipped in rat poison to animal abusers USA: MEMPHIS, TN -- Flyposters sabs break window at CLC Hunt in Alberta and British Columbia: kennels to photo appalling conditions

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX: CLC pub, the Swan, bomb-hoaxed twice on New

MuckDonalds and military magazine

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND

billboard damaged

USA: OLYMPIA, OR -- £75,000 in the West End. AUSTRALIA: HAWTHORN -- Three damage at fur farm as 200 mink freed NEW ZEALAND: HAMILTON -- ALF butchers bricked and sloganised by ALF USA: WASHINGTON, DC -- Paint paint and glue fish shop, KFC and two BECKENHAM, KENT -- Justice Panthers brick Miller Furs and butchers. MuckDonalds also bricked.

#### JANUARY

AUSTRALIA: MELBOURNE -- ALF bricked EDENBRIDGE, SURREY: Hunt brick and sloganise MuckDonalds and USA: McLEAN, VA -- ALF shhot out Retribution Squad (HRS) trash pheasant KFC, Doncaster Street. Butchers and Kiszely Furs windows bricked.

SUSSEX: Controlled explosions on two BELGIUM: GHENT -- 50 blockade manager Kevoin Hoslinger; ALF trash

Dear animal killing scum! Hope we sliced your finger wide open and that you now die from the rat poison we smeared on the razoer blade. Murdering scum that kill defenseless animals in their thousands every year across BC for fun and profit do not deserve to live. We will continue to wage war on animal abusers across the world. Beware scum, better watch out, you might be next! Justice Department strikes again!

CANADA: CAMPBELL RIVER, BC -- . hunting guide David Fyfe quits. In the last year. his vehicles been constantly trashed, bear hides stolen, his name and AUSTRALIA: SYDNEY -- ALF address posred on the InterNet, his sloganise chemist

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND --Lois Armiger's house; Rabbit freed USA: NEW YORK -- Furs New York from bad home; ALF brick butchers and daub 8 more, two chippies and a KFC

NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON --Two Preston Meats trucks sloganised and slashed by ALF

NORWAY: Gillette HQ sloganised and

and paintbomb home of Goldsmith Fur Furs shop and Kings Fur billboard

against fur put up:

WARNING: Spray paint attacks on fur wearers known to occur in this area. If you are wearing a fur coat, remain calm but be on the alert for red spray paint.

USA: NEW YORK -- Fur billboard hit USA: SHEBOYGAN, WI -- ALF free 400 mink from Bob Zimbal's fur farm; Fur Commission USA offer \$70,000 v. fur liberators

#### **FEBRUARY**

CANADA: TORONTO, ONT. -- ALF lab), Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber LANCING, SUSSEX: Newsagent trash and sloganise ("Fur Is Dead") (wannabe ostrich farmer), Prof Walker warned to stop selling Petersens Hunt-Guelph Fashion Furs and glue six fur (viv), Simon Day (Torbay Farm) and ing Annual or face brickings and arson. stores for National Anti-Fur Day.

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DORSET: 70 sabs stop Cattistock KENT: JD post razors to Judy covered in red paint after ordering vet foxhunt making kills and pelt them McAuther and Damien Hurst (sicko to kill healthy horse. with horseshit.

Farmers & Union Hunt

hoaxed.

cops make them return them BRIGHTON, SUSSEX: Cancer shop trade Association, Michael Hockley, expose bricked

SUSSEX: HRS trash three Crawley & (serves ostrich); Andrew Lloyd Sydenham MuckDonalds glued and Horsham hunt vehicles

the Beaufort foxhunt, the HRS damaged ostriches alone Andrew"). 20 vehicles and hospitalised two HAMPSHIRE: Two vehicles trashed as - ALF sink float cage used for culling

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- Two furriers bricked and sloganised.

FRANCE: LYON -- Department store selling fur bricked. Two arrests. NORTHERN IRELAND: BELFAST --

Butchers and home of Master of Co. SOUTHERN ENGLAND: JD soak eggs Down Staghounds Ian Buchanan (21 in piss and leave them in supermarkets: Fort Road, Drumbo 2 01232 826795) bricked.

SOUTH AFRICA: Umkhonto Yesiswe (Spear of the Leopard) formed to carry out ALF-type actions against poachers. USA: CHEVY CHASE, MD --Adrianna Furs windows shot out.

USA: SYRACUSE, NY -- ALF trash Sam's Chickenland

USA: WASHINGTON, DC -- Millers Furs front door shot.

#### MARCH

CANADA: GUELPH, ONT -- Garden Brothers Circus vehicles sloganised and arrested with incenduary devices. threatening poems. bourne seal processing plant.

CANADA: TOTONTO, ONT -- firebombs Electric shock prod siezed from hands SEAL: Butcher Chris Martin's shop animal libbers.

CANADA: VANCOUVER -- JD posts 87+ razors to furriers across Canada:

Fur is dead. And hopefully so are you. We place these razor blades (coated with AIDS infected blood, by the way) in the hopes of eliminating scum like yourself from the earth. There is no excuse to the fur trade. This is was and in was people die. Enough animals hacve been killed now its your turn.... You have been marked, You have six months to shut down your business. After that you will start recieving explosive devices which WILL kill you. This is not a joke.

NB: HIV can't live outside the body. There's no risk of getting AIDS frtom dry blood.

ACROSS UK: Argos warned to withdraw fishing tackle from their cataloguies or their stores will be bombed.

AVON: JD posts razor to Countryside Movement (bloodsports lobbyists) BRISTOL, AVON: Port is bombhoaxed

and sloganisded to stop its live exports GLOUCESTERSHIRE: 40 animal

libbers repaint home of live exporter

Gordon Gilder HAMPSHIRE: JD post razors to Paddy Edwards and Chris Bishop (Wickham Joan Cartmell.

ESSEX: 150+ sabs hassle Essex TARLETON, LANCASHIRE: 15 have windows smashed. armed men trash Pedigree Pups shop HAMPSHIRE: Supposed grass bomb- LONDON: JD send bomb threat to smashed. Hunt ball disrupted by sabs. Charles Windsor (hunt scum) and WEST MIDLANDS: 100+ overwhelm SHROPSHIRE: Sabs try to leave with razors to British Blood Sport Society, J security at Horse & Hound ball. two South Shropshire Hunt hounds but Cole (chicken killer), Research Defence Vehicles trashed. Hunters flourbombed. Society (viv apologists), British Fur FINLAND: Protests follow TV fur farm Fur Education Council and the Ivy pub NEW ZEALAND: CHRISTCHURCH --Webber's Really Useful Group Ltd bombhoaxed; Hunting shop bricked; WILTSHIRE: While 100 sabs distracted building sloganised ("leave those leathergoods shops caterpulted.

> HRS attack New Forest Foxhounds. sea lions, scapegoated for overfishing. Five arrests.

NORFOLK: MuckDonalds bomb

NOTTINGHAM: JD send razor to Ostrich Farming Corporation.

On the 25/3/96, one contaminated battery egg was placed in a battery egg box and out on the

shelf at supermakets across Southern England.

12 contaminated battery eggs have been distributed over 12 supermarkets. 4 of these supermarkets are branches of the Co-Op. 5 are Tesco's. 3 are Safeways. Lab trsts will confirm that the eggs have been soaked in urine.

If the eggs have been bought and eaten, the consumer may suffer a stomuch upset, abdominal pain, headache and diahhrorea. This is according to medical encyclopedias.

animal welfare, you would not sell battery eggs at all. You can easily sell free range eggs instead of cruelty produced eggs. You have the choice,

If you were serious in your commitment to

circus threatened by ARM Bomb hoax. SOUTHERN ENGLAND: Various CANADA: NEWFOUNDLAND -- Man prominent hunters sent obscene,

Alleged he intended to torch Whit- ACROSS UK: Sainsbury's warned to stop selling hunt zones or face

of pig killer at Niagra & King windows shot. Local paper suggested slaughterhouse by two young female action taken by armed turkeys that'd previously escaped his shop!

INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHT

JULY 12TH -14TH 1996

THE ANIMALS REVENGE

The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) has called for a special International Nights of

torture or their habits and numbers being decimated. We call upon all Animal

action, purely aimed towards the liberation of the other species of the earth, and who

are being regarded as non-species by the way that they are treated, either through

liberation groups in every country to come together this nights, and to target those

who are perpetuating this carnage and suffering. No matter what the target, be it

vivisection labs, Fur farms, Hunting firms, Whaling nations, Live exports etc, come

message that its time for the cages to be open, and respect for those who have no

As always we ask for no injury to life, just hit their pockets

together and lets get the job done. Only by hitting all at once can really send home our

EARTH LIBERATION FRONT

SUSSEX: Avril Warren-Williams

DOVER, KENT: 10 live export lorries

SUSSEX: CLC hunt kennels window

USA: BALLARD LOCKS, SEATTLE -

USA: HOLLYWOOD, CA -- Animal Rights Direct Actoion Coalition (ARDAC) use dead cow to blockade drive-thru' MuckDonalds.

USA: WEYAUWEGA, WIS --Community evacuated after propane train derailment. Woman not allowed to evacuate her pet cat had ALF do it. WALES: CLWYD -- JD post razor to

British Association for Shooting and

#### APRIL

Conservation

PETWORTH, SUSSEX -- ALF free 9 CLC hunt hounds. Two arrests.

BARLAVINGTON, SUSSEX: ALF free two birds from gamekeeper and trash NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND &

CHRISTCHURCH -- On World Day for Lab Animals, South Island ALF claim hundreds of Sunsilk bottles contaminated with bleach and red dye as an attack on Unilever holding company. SWEDEN: UMEA -- Animal libbers [Source: Spanish ALF]

torch egg packing factory USA: ROCHESTER, NY -- ALF free 3,000 mink (half pregnant) from LW

Bennett & Sons fur farm USA: VICTOR, NY -- ALF free 3,000 \$80,000 damage as activists torched a mink from, "one of ther biggest fur MuckDonalds in Zurich, Switzerland, farm operations east of Winsconsin".

#### YET MORE BSE

All parts of the cow removed after slaughter (offal, brains &c) to prevent BSE's spread and fed to chickens. Chicken litter is then fed to cows [Green World, March 1996]

An official report's identified a new strain linking BSE with CJD [ITN Lunchtime news, 20 March 1996]

In January a young Frenchman died from the new strain of CJD [ITN lunchtime news, 5 April 1996]

Since November 1995, 11 people have officially died for the new CJD strain. three from the same town in Kent [Independant, 30 April 1996]

#### MAD MOOSE DISEASE

The Canadian Agriculture Department admits an elk slaughtered in Saskatchewan in January 1996 had Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE), moose BSE.

[Source: Independant, 30 April 1996]

#### NO BULL!

In the Baleareas Islands, Mallorca, ads for booze showing a bull are no longer put up along the edges of highways. Too many billboards have been

#### McARSON

on it's opening day in late-1995.

[Source: Animal Info]

#### ABUSERS IN EIRE

James Norton, national spokesperson of Irish Masters of Foxhounds Association (2 h. 01627 1775, w. 01 872 4499); Jerry Desmond, national spokesperson of Irish Coursing Club (\$\mathbb{2}\$ 052 22611); Kate Horgan, chair of Irish Foxhounds Association, and her hubbie John, leading cattle exporter to Egypt, at Gortnalough, Richestown Road, Cork **(2)** 021 894 941).

#### SHUT 'EM DOWN

Chiddingfold Hunt will stop weekend hunts if the continuous sab presence and ALF/HRS hits continue.

#### WOT NO BOOKS?

West Sussex animal libbers stole and recycled 177 books on animal abuse from libraries. 2nd hand bookshops &c over a 12 month period.

[Source: Liberator]

# SEX MANIACS BALL CLOSED

Ball across London on Friday 22nd photographers. Given this level of March to ensure that it didn't go ahead media attention, it was inevitable people coming from as far afield as present, but there was alaso support

group for disabled people, and has been organised. running for 10 years. It was to be held Contact SFC c/o Central Station, 37 at the Brixton Academy on the 22nd, Wharfdale Road, London N1 9SE. but the Academy pulled out just days before after police pressured them.

The Ball was then relocated to Bagley's warehouse, but this venue pulled out at In March, pressure from police forced the last minute under pressure from Club 180 in Earls Court to ban SM Brixton police (it's in Kings Cross!). grouos (Sadie Masies, SM Gays, Faced with no alternative, the Ball was Gummi) from meeting there, though cancelled and 2,000 meals distributed to they were breaking no law. After protest the homeless at St Martins In The from SMers and the Pride Trust, Club Fields. The cancellation cost the charity 180's owners Bass Taverns backed

In protest at the banning of the Sex rights. Maniacs Ball, ~50 people marched from [Source: Bi Community News] Soho to Downing Street on Saturday

Brixton police chased the Sex Maniacs 20th April, outnumbered by police and despite last minute switch of venue and OutRage and Peter Tatchell would be Edinburgh. from bisexual groups, SMers and varios The Ball is an annual charity bash in aid of the outsiders Club, a social/sexual unaffiliated perverts. Anti-police prudery campaign meetings are being

#### BASS SHAME

£10,000's, plunging it into crisis. down and restored the groups' meeting



#### WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY

"Let's have a party". The voice is complaint had been logged. activated by a finger being run along [Source: Pink Paper] the underside of the condom.

#### CLUB WHIPLASH

Martin Church, the licensee behind the old. Club Whiplash premises, was accused of running a disorderly house on 29th March. Whiplash was raided in October 1994 by 60 cops with dogs and photographers.

Police arrested Martin and the club organiser in the raid, but only Martin was charged, meaning the raid has now failed to yield anything for the cops.

[Source: Bi Community News]

#### NUDES BANNED

Police intervened to stop an exhibition of male nudes at the Alternative Art Gallery, London, in March. The nudes were claimed to violate the Obscene Publications Act, and the artist, Victoria Roberts, was told to cover up the genitals of the figures immediately and to remove the pieces from the gallery. The same happened last December when a similar exhibition was banned from the Freud West End gallery. A Californian company has launched a Roberts checked the police claim that range of talking condoms which speak they had recieved complaints from the messages such as "You turn me on" and public, but found that no such

#### TECHNOCRACY IS TYRANNY

#### Seminal primitivist John Zerzan challenges conventional notions

Tech-nol-o-gy n. According to Webster's: industrial or applied science. In reality: the ensemble of division of labour / production industrialism and its impact on us and nature. Technology is the sum of mediations between us and the natural world and the sum of those seperations mediating us from each other. It is all ther drudgery and toxicity required to produce and reproduxe the stage of hyperalienation we languish in. It is the texture and the form of domination at any given stage of hierarchy and commodification.

Those who still say that technology is steady reduction of our contact with the soon as we change our assumptions about of the German Road System put it this "neutral", "merely a tool", have not yet living world, a speeded-up Information it! Very similar is Siegel and Markoff's way: begun to consider what is involved. Age emptiness drained by The High Cost of High Tech; after Junger, Adorno and Horkheimer, Ellul computerization and poisoned by the chapters detailing the various levels of and a few others over the past decades -- dead, domesticating imperialism of high- technological debilitation, we once again not to mentuion the crushing, all but tech method. Never before have people learn that it's all just a question of The bizarre case of Heidegger should be mayoidable truth of technology in its been so infantilized, made so dependent attitude: giebal and personal toll - have led to a on the machine for everything; as the deeper approach to the topic. Thirty-five earth rapidly approaches its extinction years ago the esteemed philosopher due to technology, our souls are shrunk Jaspers wrote that:

Technology is only a means, in itself neither good or evil. Everything depends upon what man makes of it, for what purpose it serves him, under what conditions he places it.

The archaic sexism aside, such superficial faith in specialization and technical progress is increasingly seen as ludicrous. Infinitely more on target was Marcuse when he suggested in 1964 that

the very concept of technical reason is perhaps ideological. Not only the application of technology, but technology itself is domination. methodical, scientific, calculated control.

and flattened by its pervasive rule. Any sense of wholeness and freedom can only return via the undoing of the massive division of labour at the heart of technological progress. This is the publicize fundamentally radical ideas.

Of course, the popular literature does not yet reflect a critical awareness of what technology is. Some works completely embrace the direction we are being century, saw the individual becomingh taken, such as McCorduck's Machines only so muxch raw material for the Who Think and Simons' Are Computes limitless expansion of industrial Alive?, to mention a couple of the more technology. Incredibly, his solution was

liberatory project in all its depth.

We must, as a society, understand the full impact of high technology if we are to shape it into a tool for enhancing human comfort,

This kind of cowardice and/or dishonesty owes only in part to the fact that major publishing corporations do not wish to

The above-remarked flight into idealism is not a new tactic of avoidance. Martin Heidegger, considered by some the most orifginal and deep thinker of this Today we experience that control as a horrendous. Other, even more recent to find in the Nazi movement the

books seem to offer a judgement that essential "encounter between global finally flies in the face of mass pro-tech technology and modern man". Behind propaganda, but fails dismally as they the rhetoric of National Socialism, reach their conclusions. Murphy, unfortunatelty, was only an acceleration Mickunas and Pilotta edited The of technique, even into the sphere of Underside of High-Tech: Technology genocide as a problem of industrial and the Deformation of Human production. For the Nazis and the Sensibilities, whose ferocious title is gullible, it was, again a question of how completely undercut by an ending that technology is understiood ideally, not as says technology will become human as it really is. In 1940 the General Inspector

> Concrete and stone are material things. Man gives them form and spirit. National Socialist technology possesses in all material achievement

a reminder to all that good intentions can go wildly astray without a willingness to face technology and its systematic nature as part of practical social reality. Heidegger feared the political consequences of really looking at technology critically; his apolitical theorizing thus constituted a part of the most monsterous development of modernity, despite his intention.

Earth First! claims to put nature first, to be above all petty "politics". But it could well be that behind the macho swagger of a Dave Foreman (and the "deep ecology" theorists who also warn against radicals) is a failure of nerve like Heidegger's and the consequence, conceivably, could be

# IN SEARCH OF

TECHNOCRACY IS TYRANNY

# THE PRIME

#### Stanley Diamond on the human costs of technologisation

In machine-based societies, the machine has incorporated the demands of future, with civilization being the middle malificent version of, Plato's Republic. the civil power or of the market, and the whole life of society, of all term. It is birth, desth, and transendent The people have been reduced to abstract classes and grades, must adjust to its rhythms. Time becomes lineal, rebirth, the passion called Christian, the ciphers, their emotions have been secularized, "precious"; it is reduced to an extension in space that must be trial of Job, the oedipal transition, the controlled and centralized (as in the filled up, and sacred time disappears. The secretary must adjust to the also in the vaster pulse of history. And sublime language; but it is not a means speed of her electrric typewriter; the stenographer to thestenotype this search for the primitive is of human communication, only an machine; the factory worker to the lie or lathe; the executive to the inseperable from the vision of abstract dialogue with God); and history schedule of the train or plane and the practically instantaneous civilization. No prophet or philosopher of has ceased to exist. Zamiatin documents transmission of the telephone; the chauffeur to the superhighways; the any consequence has spelled out the ther growth of the internal rebel who is reader to the endless stream of printed matter from high-speed presses; imperitives of his version of a superior gradually educated in the experience of civilization without assuming certain what the regime defines as love. When even the schoolboy to the precise periodization of his day and to the constants in human nature and the reviolt against this state of happiness watch on his wrist; the person "at leisure" to the mechanized domestic elemwents of a primitive condition, occurs, the civil power uses two ultimate environment and the flow of efficiently scheduled entertainments. The without, in short, engaging in the weapons: one is a method of machines seem to run us, crystallizing in their mechanical or electronic anthropological exercise. A utopia instantaneously disintegrating the enemy. pulses the means of our desires. The collapse of time to an extension in space, calibrated by machines has bowdlerized our natural and human precivilzed past -- becomes a nightmare. as an eternal civil servabnt, through a rhythms and helped dissociate us from ourselves. Even now, we hardly For humanity must then be concieved to quck, efficient operation on the brain that love the earth or see with eyes or listen any longer with our ears, and we be infinitely adaptable and thus incapable results in a peermanent dissociation of scarcely feel our hearts beat before they break in protest. Even now, so of historic understanding or self- intellect and emotion without impairing faithful and exact are the machines as servants that they seem an alien amendment. Even Plato's utopia technical intelligence. Zamiatin's force, persuading us at every turn to fulfill our intentions which we have viable prir state, erroneously concieved affectless, lucidly describing the changes built into them and which they represent -- in much the same way that the perfect body servant routinizes and, finally, trivializes his master.

Of such things, actual or possibl, progress. Hence the idea of progress is primitive societies have no conception. generic to civilization. And our idea of Such things are literally beyond their primitive society as existing in a staste of wildest dreams, beyond their idea of dynamic rhythms is a logical projection alienation from village or family or the of civilized societies and is in opposition earth itself, beyond their conception of to civilization's actual staste. But it also death, which does not estrange them coincides with the real historical from society or nature but completes the condition of primitive societies. The arc of life. There is only one roiugh longing for a primitive mode of existance analogy. The fear of excommunication is no mere fantasy or sentimental whim; from the kinship unit, from the personal it is consonant with fundamental human nexus that joins man, society and nature needs, the fulfillment of which (although in an endless round of growth (in short, in different form) is a precondition for the sense of being isolated and our survival. Even the skeptical and depersonalized and, therefore, at the civilized Sanuel Johnson, who derided mercy of demonic forces -- a fear Boswell for his intellectual affair with widespread among primitive peoples) Rousseau, had written: may be taken as an indication of how they would react to the technically alienating processes of civilization if thery were to understand them. That is, by comprehending the attitude of primitive people about excommunication from the web of social and natural kinship we can, by analogy, understand their repugnance and fear of civilization.

sysdtem in equilibrium, spinning joint with each other -- that is what exist among them. propels the system along a given track. The search for the primitive is, then, as Our sense of movement, of old as civilization. It is the search for incompleteness, contributes to the idea of the utopia of the past, projected into the

when man began to desire private propety then entered violence, and fraud, and theft, and rapine. Soon after, pride and envy broke out in the world and brought with them a new standard of wealth, for men, who till then, thought themselves rich, when they wanted nothing, now rated their demands, not by the calls of nature, but by the plenty of others; and began to consider themselves poor, hen they beheld their own possessions exceeded by those of their

This may be inadequete ethnology, but it Primitive society may ber regarded as a was the cri de coeur of a civilized man kaleidoscopically on its axis but at a for a surcease from mere consumption relatively fixed point. Civilization may and acquisitiveness, and so interpreted, it be regarded as a system of internal assumes something about primitive disequilibrium; technology or ideolgy or societies that is true, namely, predatory social organization are always out of property, production for profit does not

not merely manipulate them.

Even the most brilliant and fearful utopian projections have been compelled to solve the problem of the human response, usually with some direct or allegorical reference to a prior or primitive level of functioning. In Zamiatin's We, a satirical work of great beaurty, the collective society of the future is based on, and has become a

triadic metaphor of human growth, felt Republic, mathematics is the most detached from these twin pillasrs -- a Since the enemy is legion, the other sense of human nature and a sense of the method is the "salvation" of the person, as primitive by the refined Greek when it on his beloved co-conspirator's face and was merely rustic; and the Republic was, feeling nothing as she dies, anticipastes after all, founded on a theory of human Camus and transmits in its terrifying, nature that was certainly wrong, pignant flaness a psychological truth Nevertheless, it was a saving grace, for about our time that has become a Plato belived that his perfectly civilized drreadful cliche. Zamiatin informs us society would realize human possibilities that such a materialist, secularized and impersonal utopia can function only by alterning human nature itself. And, outside the glass wall of his utopian city which had arisen out of the ruin of the "final" war between the country and the city is a green wilderness in which primitive rebels live off the land, alive to their humanity, and seek to free the ultimately urbanized brother within.

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#### INDUSTRIAL-TECHNOLOGICAL

#### Mass organisation and the division of labour destroy freedom:

#### RESTRICTION OF FREEDOM IS UNAVOIDABLE IN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY

114. ...modern man is strapped down by a network of rules and regulations, and his fate depends on the actions of persons remote from him whose decisions he cannot influence. This is not accidental or a result of the arbitrariness of arrogant bureaucrats. It is necessary and inevitable in any technologically advanced society. The system HAS TO regulate human behaviour closely in order to function. At work, people have to do what they are told to do, otherwise productuion would be thrown into chaos. Bureaucracies HAVE TO run according to rigid rules. To allow any substantial personal discretion to lowerlevel bureaucrats would disrupt the system and lead to charges of unfairness due to differences in the way individual bureaucrats exercised their discretion. It is true that some restrictions on our freedom could be eliminatyed, but GENERALLY SPEAKING the regulation of our lives by large organizations is necessary for the functioning of industrial-technological society. The result is a sense of powerlessness on the part of the average person. It may be, however, thast formal regulations will tend to increasingly be replaced by psychological tools that make us do whar the system requires of us. (propaganda, educational techniques, 'mental health' programs, etc).

behave in ways that are increasingly votwers ordinarily is too large for the remote from the natural pattern of vote of any one individual to be human behavuiour. For example, the significant. Thus most individuals are system needs scientists, mathematicians unable to influence measurably the major and gngineers. It can't function without decisions that affect their lives. There is them. So heavy pressure is put on no conceivable way to remedy this in a children to excel in these fields. It isn't technologically advanced society. The natural for an adolescent human being to system tries to 'slove' this problem by showing signs of stress. spend the bulk of his time sitting at a using propaganda to make people WANT desk absorbed in study. A normal the decisions that have been made for 120. Efforts to make room for a sense of adolescent wants to spend his time in them, but even if this 'solution' were active contact with the real world. completely successful in making people Among primitive peoples the things that feel better, it would be demeaning. children are trained to do are in natural harmony with natural outdoor pursuits -just the sort of things that boys like. But in our society children are pushed into studying technical subjects, which most do grudgingly.

116. Because of the constant pressure dependent on large-scale systems like this usually can be donne only to a very that the system exerts to modify human public utilities, compuer networks, limited extent, and in any case employees behaviour, there is a gradual increase in highway systems, the mass are never given autonomy as to ultimaste the number of people who cannot or will communications media, the modern goals -- their 'autonomous' efforts can not adjust to society's requirements: health care system. Also operating never be directed towards goals they welfare leeches, youth-gang members, against autonomy is the fact that cultists, anti-government rebels, radical technology applied in one location often environmentalist saboteurs, dropouts and affects people at other locations far away. resisters of various kinds.

117. In any technologically advanced creek may contaminate the water supply it permitted its employees to act genetic engineering of human beings, society the individual's fate MUST hundreds of miles downstream, and the depend on decisions that he personally Greenhouse Effect affects the whole cannot influence to any great extent. A technological society cannot be broken 119. The system does not and cannot down into small, autonomous exist to satisfy human needs. Instead, it is will not serve its purpose as part of the is to talk about 'medical ethics'. But a communities, because production human behaviour that has to be modified depends on the co-operation of very large to fit the needs of the system. This has num, bers of people and machines. Such a nothing to do with the political or social society MUST be highly organized and ideology that may pretend to guide the decisions HAVE TO be made that affect technological system. It is the fault of very large numbers of people. When a technology, because the system is guided decision affects, say, a million people, not by ideology but by technical then each of the affected indviduals has, necessity. Of course the system does on the average, only a one-millionth satisfy many human needs, but generally share in making the decision. What speaking it does this only to the extent usually, happens in practice is that thast it is to the advantage of the system decisions are made by public officials or to do it. It is the needs of the system that cortporate executives, or by technical are paramount, not those of the human specialists, but even when the public being. For example, the system provides

115. The system HAS TO force people to votes on a decision the number of

118. Conservatives and some others advocate more "local autonomy". Local communities once did have autonomy, to give them a sense of purpose and but such autonomy becomes lerss and achievement. Sme companies have tried less possible as local communities to give their employees more autonomy become more enmeshed with and in their work, but for practical reasons Thus pesticide or chemical use near a

people with food because the system

couldn't function if everyone starved; it THE attends to people's psychological needs TECHNOLOGY whenever it can CONVENIENTLY do SEPERATED FROM THE 'GOOD' so, because it couldn't function if too PARTS many people became depressed 121. A further reason why industrial rebellious. But the system, for good, solid, practical reasons, must exert freedom is that modern technology is a constant pressure on people to mold their behaviour to the needs of the system. Too

taken for granted that everyone must bow 122. Even if medical progress could be

government, the media, the education

system, environmentalists, everyone

inundates us with a mass of propaganda

about recycling. Need more technical

personnel? A chorus of voices exhorts

kids to study science. No one ever stops

to ask whether it is inhumane to force

adolescents to spend the bulk of their

time studying subjects most of them hate.

When skilled workers are put out of a job

by technical advances and have to

undergo 'retraining', no one asks

opushed around in this way. It is simply

purpose and for autonomy within the

system are no better than a joke. For

example, one company, instead of having

eaxch of ts employees assemble only one

section of a catalogue, had each assemble

a whole catalogue, and this was supposed

not, in order to remain competitive.

whether it is humiliating for them to be

society cannot be refrmed in favour of unified system in which all parts and dependent on one another. You can't get much waste accumilating? The rid of the 'bad' parts of technology and retain only the 'good' parts. Take modern medicene, for example. Progress in medical science depends on progress in chemistry, physics, biology, computer science and other fields. Advanced medical treatments require expensive, high-tech equipment thast can be made available only be a technologically progressive, economically rich society. Clearly you can't have much progress in medicene without technological system and everything that

to technicasl necessity and for good maintained without the rest of the reason: if human needs were put before technological system, it would by itself technical necessity there would be bring certain evils. Suppose for example economic problems, unemployment, that a cure for diabetes is discovered. shortages or worse. The concept of People with a genetic tendency to 'mental health' in our society is largely diabetes will then be able to survive and. defined by the extent to which an reproduce as well as anyone else. Natural individual behaves in accord with the selection against genes for diabetes will needs of the system and does so without cease, and such genes will spread throughout the population. (This may be occuring to some extent already, since diabetes, while not curable, can be controlled through the use of insulin). The same thing will happen with many other diseases susceptibility to which is affected by genetic degradation of the population. The only solution will be some sort of eugenics program or extensive genetic engineering of human beings, so that man in the future will no longer be a creation of nature, or of chance, or of God (depending on your religious or philosophical opinions), but a manufactured product.

123. If you think that big government interferes in your life too much NOW, select personally, but only toward their just wait till the governmenmt starts employer's goals, such as the survival regulating the genetic constitution of and growth of the company. Any your children. Such regulation will company would soon go out of business if inevitably follow the introduction of otherwise. Similarly, in any enterprise because rthe consequences of unregulated within a socialist systwem, workers must genetic engineering would be direct their efforts towards the goals of disasterous.

the enterprise, otherwise the enterprise 124. The usual response to such concerns system. Once again, for purely technical code of ethics would not swerve to reasons it is not possible for most protect freedom in the face of medical individuals or small groups to have much progress; it would only make mastters autonmy in industrial society. Even the worse. A code of ethics applicable to small-business owner commonly has only genetic engineering would be in effect a limited autonomy. Apart from the means of regulating the genetic necessity of government regulation, he is constitution of human beings. Somebody restricted by the fact that he must fit ito (probably the upper-middle class, mostly) the economic system and conform to its would decide that such and such requirements. For instance, when applications of genetic engineering were someone develps a new technology, the 'ethical' and others wrre not, so that in small-business person often has to use effect they would be imposing their own that technology whether he wants to or values on the genetic constitution of the population at large. Even if a code of

#### PARTS OF CANNOT BE

minorities who might have a different forth. By forcing a long series of within walking distance of their place of whom he as an individual has no power idea of what constituted an 'ethical' use compromises on the weaker man, the employmet, shopping areas and to influence. of genetic engineering. The only code of powerful one eventually gets all of his ethics that would truly protect freedom land. So it goes in the conflict between would be one that prohibited ANY technology and freedom. genetic engineering of human beings, 126. Let us explain why technology is a will ever be applied in a technological more powerful social force than the and you can be sure that no such code society. no code that reduced genetic aspiration for freedom. engineering to a minor role could stand 127. Technological advance that appears restricted. In the city he continually has up for long, because the temptation not to threaten freedom often turns out to to stop and wait for traffic lights that are presented by the immense power of threaten it very seriously later on. For designed mainly to seve auto traffic. In biotechnology would be irresistable, example, consider motorized transport. A the country, motor traffic makes it especially since to the majority of people walking man formerly could go where he dangerous and unpleasant to walk along many of its applications will seem pleased, go at his own pace without the highway. (Note the important point obviously and unequivocally good observing any traffic regulations, and we have illustrated with the case of (eliminating physical and mental was independent of technological motorized transport: When a new item of diseases, giving people the abilities they support-systems. When motor vehicles technology is introduced as an option

#### POWERFUL SOCIAL FORCE THAN introduction of motorized transport soon

industrial-technological system.

125. It is not possible to make a restruct greatly man's freedom of technology and freedom, because numerous, it became necessary to technology is by far the more powerful regulate their use extensively. In a car, social force and continually encroaches especially in densely populated areas, one on freedom through REPEATED cannot just go where one likes at one's compromises. Imagine the case of two own pace. One's movement is governed neighbours, each of whom at the outset by the flow of traffic and byvarious traffic owns the same amount of land, but one laws. One is tied down by various of whom is more powerful than the other. obligations: license requirements, driver The powerful one demands a piece of the test, renewing registration, insurance, other's land. The weak one refuses. The maintenance required for safety, monthly powerful one says "OK, let's payments or purchase price. Moreover, compromise. Give me half of what I the use of motorized transport is no asked" The weak one has little choice but longer optional. Since the introduction of

ethics were chosen on a completely to give in. Some time later the powerful motorized transport the arrangement of friends, but in those of politicians, democratic basis, the majority would be neighbour demands another piece of our citiers has changed in such a way corporation executives and remnote, imposing their own values on any land, again there is a compromise, and so that the majority of people no longer live anonymous technicians and bureaucrats

SOCIETY CANNOT BE REFORMED

extracts from the Unabomber's Industrial Society & Its Future

need to get along in today's world). were introduced they appeared to that an individual can accept or not as he Inevitably, genetic engineering will be increase man's freedom. They took no chooses, it does not necessarily REMAIN used extensively, but only in ways freedom away from the walking man, no optional. In many cases new technology consistent with the needs of the ne had to have an automobile if he didn't changes society in such a way that people want ine, and anyone who did choose to event-ually find themselves FORCED to buy an automobile could travel much use it). TECHNOLOGY IS A MORE faster than the walking man. But the THE ASPIR-ATION FOR FREEDOM changed society in such a way as to compromise between locomotion. Wghen automobiles became

recreational opportunities, so that they HAVE TO depend on the automobile for transportation. Or else they must use public transportation, in which case they have even less control over their own movemennt than when driving a car. Even the walker's freedom is now greatly

128. While technological progress AS A WHOLE continually narrows our sphere of freedom, each new technical advance CONSIDERED BY ITSELF appears to be desirable. Electricity, indoor plumbing, rapid long-distance communication ... how could one argue against any of these things, or againast any other of the innumerable technical advances that have masde modern society? It would have been absuird to resist the introduction of the telephone, for example. It offered many advantages and no disadvantages. Yet all these technical advances taken together have created a world in which the average man's fate is no longer in his own hands or in the hands of his neighbours and

129. Another reason why technology is such a powerful social force is that, within the context if a given society, technological progress marches in only one direction; it can never be reversed. Once a technical innovation has been invented, people usually become dependent on it, unless it is replaced by some still more advanceed innovation. Not only do people become dependent as individuals on a new item of technology but, even more, the system as a whole becomes dependent on it. (Imagine what would happen to the system today if computers, for example, were eliminated.) Thus the system can move in only one direction, towards greater technologizat-ion. Technology repeatedly forces freedom to take a step back -short of the over-throw of the whole technological system.

130. Technology advances with great rapidity and threatens freedom at many different points at the same time (crowding, rules and regulations, increasing dependence of individuals on large organizations, propaganda and other psychological techniques, genetic engineering, invasion of privacy through surveillance devices and computers, etc) To hold back any ONE of the threats to frredom would require a long, different [= difficult?] social struggle. Those who want to protect freedom are overwhelmed by the sher number of new attacks and the rapidity with which they develop,

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#### Stop the FBI frame-up of Ted Kaczynski

After 18 year of humiliating failure hunting the Unabomber, the FBI were relieved to announce to the worldwide media that they'd arrested Ted Kaczynski last Thursday, 5th April 1996.

he's the Unabomber.

he couldn't have used the precision power link the FBI has between Kaczynski and a experience to cry out against the terrible idiotic personality profilers.

Ted is a hermit whose lived alone in a tools for such bomb-making. The mountain shack outside Lincoln, Unabomber's a letter bomber but no 10,000+ people over almost two decades? Montana, since 1971. He was so shy he Lincoln resident's ever seen Ted post a They say Kaczynski's soft cop brother

The FBI acknowledge the unique than they thought and from entirely the him she urged the FBI to read them -- not injustice visited upon him. The FBI craftsmanship of the Unabomber's wrong background. They say he's been to knowing how desperate they were.

Unabomber victim is that he applied for a job in Utah where a victim had fixed a computer eight years before! Such 'links' exist in only 10% of cases -- is this the best the FBI can do after interviewing

found it difficult to talk to Lincoln letter. Kaczynski's poor and got around found notes "ideologically similar" to residents when he got his weekly on his rickety old pushbike or by Industrial Society & Its Future in his provisions from town, though he did thumbing lifts -- the FBI have the garden shed, but anti-tech ideas are TED KACVZYNSKI, manage to play pinocle with 84 year old Unabomber jetting across Amerika. common amongst US radicals. Jail, Helena, Lewis & Clark Irene Preston. Townspeople can't believe

The FBI says Kaczynski "matches the Kaczynski's mother was so sure the County, Montana 59601, USA. profile" but he's a decade or two older garden shed writings would exhonorate



was conscientious enough to withdraw his devices -- even down to making his own town where the Unabomber struck but Ted "matches the profile" only because he cooperation from Amerikan society and screws -- but Kaczynski's cabin has no there's no evidence the Unabomber ever prefered to live alone with Nature and so because it makes it easier for them to get electricity and is lit by oil lamps, meaning was -- he posted his devices. The best far has been too shocked by his him executed as the serial killer of their

# THE DEATH OF NATURE

#### Carolyn Merchant on the downside of the Scientific Revolution

The fundamental social and intellectual problem for the 17th century was elemenmts of a given quantum social applicationsm, attempts to predict the problem of order. The perception of disorder, so important to the mechanical problem, places them in a public reaction through the calculus of Baconian doctrine of domination over nature, was also cucial to the rise latticelike matrix, and rearranges them probabilities may make a public informed of mechanism as a rational antidote to the disintegration of the organic through a mathematical function called of its confirmation to a trend act in the cosmos. The new mechanical philosophy of the mid-17th century an operator. Systems theory extracts inverse manner. achieved a reunification of the cosmos, society, and the self in terms of a possobly relevant information bits from But the public, by so reacting falls under the new metaphor -- the machine. Developed by the French thinkers them in a computer memory for later use. determinable .... It must be assumed, however, that one remaions within the framework of Mersenne, Gassendio, and Descartes in the 1620s and 1630s and But since it cannot store an infinite rational behaviour. The system works all the eklaborated by a group of English emigres in Paris in the 1640s and number of "facts", it must select a finite better when it deals with people who are better 1650s, the new mechanical theories emphasized and reinforced elements number of potentially relevant pieces of in human experience developing slowly since the late Middle Ages but data according to a theory or set of rules willingly to statistical observations and accelerating in the 16th century.

remedy for the disorder percieved to be nature, the ultimate judge of their potentially relevant factors. was diffused from the top downwards rejection of the theory. In the mechanical world, order was redefined to mean the predictable behaviour of each part within a rationally determined system of laws, while power derived from active and immediate intervention in a secularized world. Order and power together constituted control. Rartional control over nature, society, and the self was achieved by redefining reality itself through the new machine metaphor.

As the unifying model for science and society, the machine has permeated and reconstructed human consciousness so totally that today we scarely question its validity. Nature, society, and the human body are composed of interchangeable atomized parts that can be repaired or replaced from outside. The "technological fix" mends an ecological malfunction, new human beings replace the old to maintain the smooth functioning of industry and bureaucracy, and interventionist medicine exchanges a fresh heart for a worn-out, diseased one...

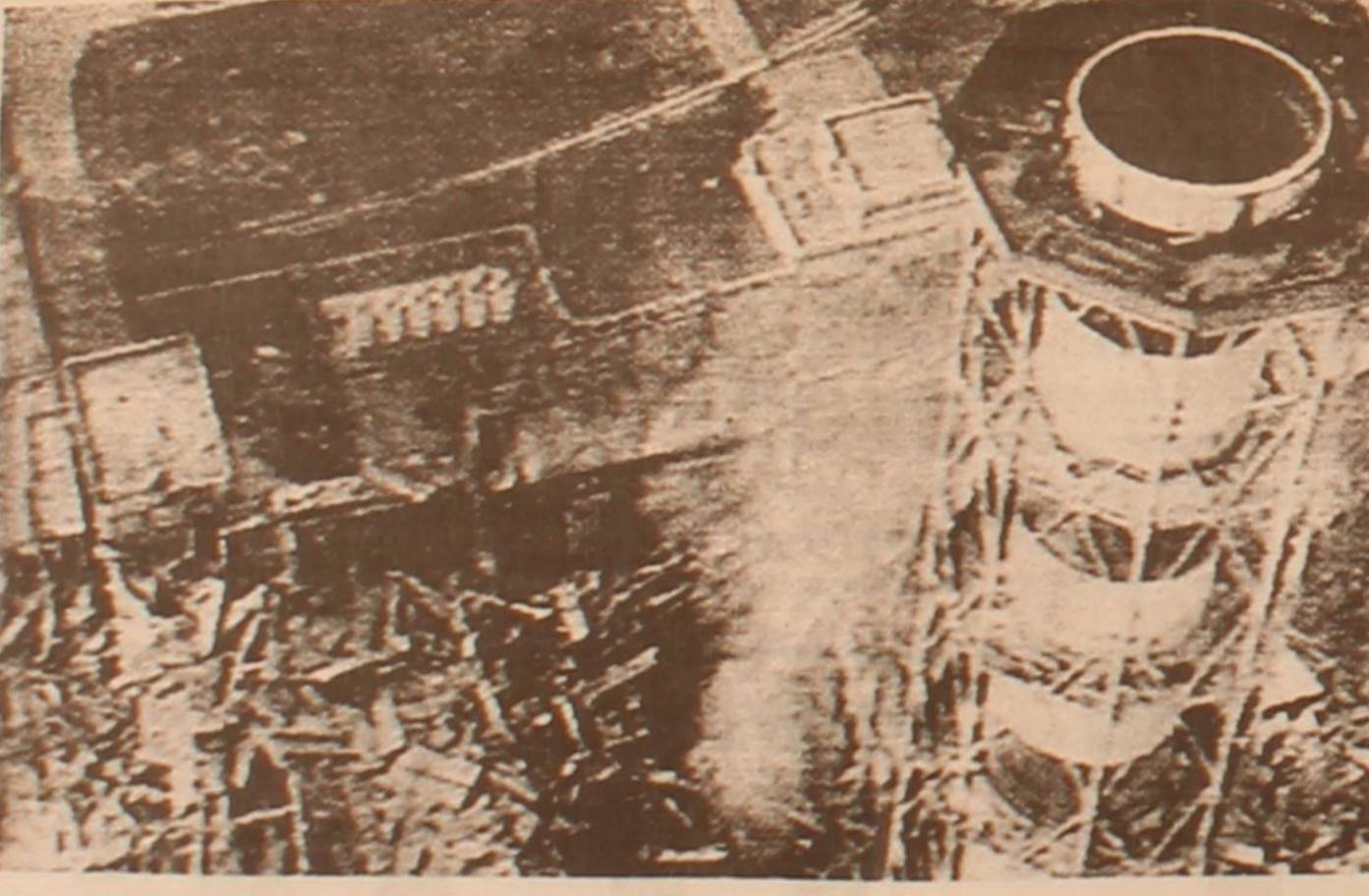
The removal of animistic, organic nature. Moreover, as a conceptual mathematical and highly theoretical a loss of the quality of life itself. framework, the mechanical order had sciences occupying the most revered In the social sphere, the mechanistic diminish in the future, it will become essential essential to examine alternatives of all capitalism...

developed by the 17th-century natural 19th-century unification of mechanics, specialities inherent in and entailed by recycling of wasteas, simpler living styles philosophers and based on a Western thermodynamics, and electromagnetic the machines and mathematical methods involving less-polluting "soft" mathematical tradition going bsck to theory. 20th century physics still views themselves. The calculationg machine, technologies and labour-intensive rather Plato, is still dominant in science today. the world in terms of fundamental punch card machiner, microfilm, and that capital-intensive economic methods This view assumes that nature can be parrticleas -- erlectrons, protons, computer transform statistical methods are possibilities only beginning to be divided into parts and that the parts can neutrons, mesons, muons, pions, taus, and administrative organization into explored. The future distribution of be rearranged to create other species of thetas, sigmas, pis, and so on. The specialized agencies centred around one energy and resources among communities being. "Facts" or information bits can be serarch for the ultimate unifying particle, or more statistical categories. based on logical and mathematical operations. The results can then be tested Mathematical formalism isolates the to analyze, compare, and predict. In if people and nature are to survive.

assumed by the scientific community that modern science is objective, value-free, and context-free knowledge of the external world. To the extent-to which the sciences can be reduced to this

the environmental context and stores influence of a new prediction which is completely governing the selection process. For any systematization. given solution, this mechanistic Such attempts to reduce human behaviour New forms of order and power provided a and verified by resubmitting them to approasch very likely excluses some to statistical probabilities and to condition

organic world, order meant the function provides the criterion for rationality and holistic outlook, because they believe that manifestations of the pervasiveness of the of each part within the larger whole, as certainty, nature the criterion for they are taking into account the ways in mechanistic mode of thought developed determined by its nature, while power empirical validity and acceptance or which all the parts in a given system by the 17th century scientists. affect the whle. Yet the formalsm of the The March 1979 accident at the Threethrough the social or cosmic hierarchies. The work of historians and philosophers calculus of probabilities excludes the Mile Island nuclear reactor near of science notwithstanding, it is widely possibility of mathematicizing the gestalt Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, epitomized the -- that is, the ways in which each part at problems od the "death of nature" that any given instant take their meaning from have become apparent since the Scientific the whole. The more open, adaptive, Revolution. The manipulation of nuclear organic, and complex the system, the less processes in an effort to control and successful is the formalism. It is most harness nature through technology



assumptions about the cosmos constituted the death of nature -- the most far
CHERNOBYL: "pollution of the Earth's purest streams" ontology of interchangeable atomic and human parts, and a methodology of

reaching effect of the Scientific more legitimate they become as sciences. artifical, precisely defined, relatively The sick earth, "yea dead, yea putrified" Revolution. Because nature was now Thus the reductionistic hierarchy of the simple systems. Mechanistic can probably in the long run be restored viewed as a system of dead, inert particles validity of the sciences first proposed in assumptionms about nature push us to health only by a reversal of mainstream moved by external, rather than inherent the 19th century by French positivist increasingly in the direction odf artificial values and a revolution in economic forces, the mechanical framework itself philosopher August Comte is still widely environments, mechanized control over priorirties. In this sense, the world must could legitimate the manipulationn of assumed by intellectuals, the most more and more aspects of human life, and

based on power, fully compatable with the directions taken by commercial to the directions taken by commercial to the approach to nature is as industrial development. In the kinds so that, by adopting new social fundamental to the 20th-century Technological Society, Jacques Ellul styles, the quality of the environment can revolution in physics as it was to classical discussed rthe techniques of economics be sustained. Decentralization, non-The mechanistic view of nature, Newtonian science, culminating in the and the mechanistic organization of hierarchical forms of organization,

extracted from the environmental context the quark, contionues to engage the Econometric models and stochastics are human and natural ecosystems. Such a and rearranged according to a set of rules effoprts of the beast theoretical physicists. used to operate on statistical data in order restructuring of priorities may be crucial

it by psychological techniques as those spreading throughout culture. In the validity. Mathematical formalism Systems theorists claim for themselves a developed by BF Skinner are

> mechanistic mathematical model, the successful when applied to closed, backfired into disaster. The long-range economic intersts and public image of the power company and the reacvtor's designer were set above the immediaste safety of the people and the health of the earth. The hidden effects of radioactivbe emissions, which by concentrationg in the food chain could lead to an increase in cancers over the next several years, were initially downplayed by those charged with respnsibility for reghulating atomic

Three-Mile Island is a ... symbol of the eart's sickness caused by radioactive wastes, pesrticides, plastics, photochemical smog, and fluorocarbons. The pollution "of her purest streams" has been supported since the scientific Revolutiion by an ideology of "power over nature", an ontology of interchangeable atomic and once again be turned upside down.

should be based on the integrastyion of

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hence they become apathetic and no longer resist. To fight each of the threats seperately would be futile. Success can be technological invasions of freedom are what is currently happening with society. hoped for only by fighting the technological system as a whole; but this is revolution, not reform.

training) tend to be so involved in their through technological progress, most crumble. decide in favour of their technical work. laboratories, and technology as it organizations do not hesitate to use always more dependent on the system. that their work is more important.

generally work better and more engineering would begin to invade our in such a way as to reconcile freedom reformers do.

working to avoid a negative outcome, environmental legislation. A few years 141. People tend to assume that because consequently there are a few who work ago it seemed that there were secure legal a revolution involves a much greater persistently and well at this discouraging barriers preventing at least SOME of the change than reform does, it is mre

circumvent those rights. Most of these to uman beings, or prevent it from being freedom. educators, government officials and law applied in such a way as to threaten officers believe in freedom, privacy and freedom and dignity. Still the technology conflict with their work, they usually feel the social arrangement would break REFORM

persistently when striving for a reward sphere of freedom, and this invasion with technology. The only way out is to than when attempting to avoid a would be irreversable (should of a dispense with the industrial-tecnological punishment or negative outcome breakdown of technological civilization system altogether. This implies Scientists and technicians are motivated itself). Any illusions about achieving revolution, not necessarily an armed mainly by the rewards they get through anything permenant through social uprising, but certainly a radical and their work. But those who oppose arrangements should be dispelled by fundamental change in the nature of

131. Technicians (we use the term in the task. If reformers ever achieved a signal worst forms of environmental difficult to bring about than reform is. broad sense to describe all those who victory that seemed to set up a solid degradation. A change in the political Actually, under certain circumstances perform a specialized task that requires barrier against further erosion of freedom wind, and those barriers begin to revolution is much easier than reform. The reason is that a revolutionary a conflict arises between their technical attention to more agreeable pursuits. But 135. In paragraph 125 we used the movement can inspire an intensity of work and freedom, they almost alweays the scientists would remain busy in their analogy of a weak neighbour who is left commitment that a reform movement destitute by a strong neighbour who takes cannot inspire. A reform movement this is obvious in the case of scientists, progresses would find ways, in spite of all his land by forcing on him a series of merely offers to solve a particular social but it also appears elsewhere: educators, any barriers, to exert more and more compromises. But suppose now that the problem. A revolutionary movement humanitarian groups, conservation control over individuals and make them strong neighbour gets sick, so that he is offers to solve all problems at one stroke unable to defend himself. The weak and create a whole new world; it neighbour can force the strong oneto give proviodes the kind of ideal for which propaganda or other psychological 133. No social arrangement, whether him his land back, or he can kill him. If people will take great risks and make techniques to help them achieve their laws, institutions, customs or ethical he lets the strong man survive and obnly great sacrifices. For this reason, it would laudable ends. Corporations and codes, can provide permenant protection forces him to give his land back, he is a be much easier to overthrow the whole government agencies, when they find it against technology. History shows that fool, because when the strong man gets technological system than to put useful, do not hesitate to collect all social arrangements are transitory; well he will again take all the land for effective, permenant resraints on the information about individuals without they all change or break down himself. The only sensible alternative for development of application of any one regard to their privacy. Law enforcement eventually. But technological advances the weaker man is to kill the strong one segment of technology, such as genetic agencies are frequently inconvenienced are permenant within the context of a while he has the chance. In the same engineering, but under suitable by the constitutional rights of suspects given civilization. Suppose for example way, while the industrial system is sick conditions large numbers of people may and often of completely innocent persons, that it wre possible to arrive at some we must destroy it. If we empromise with devbote themselves passionately to a and they do whatever they can do legally social arrangement that would prevent it and let it recover from its sickness, it revolution against the industrial-(and sometimes illegally) to restrict or genetic engineering from being applied will eventually wipe out all of our technological system. As we noted in paragraph 132, reformers seeking to limit certain aspects of technology would be working to avoid a negartive outcome. constitutional rights, but when these would remain waiting. Sooner or later REVOLUTION IS EASIER THAN But revolutionaries work to gain a powerful reward -- fulfulment of their down. Probably sooner, given the pace of 140. We hope we have convinced the revolutionary vision -- and therefore 132. It is well known that people change in our society. Then genetic reaer that the system cannot be reformed work harder and more persistently than

# TEGHNOPHIA AN INFANTILE DISORDER

#### Bob Black takes the cult of scientism to task

If patriotism is, as Samuel Johnson said, the last refuge of a scoundrel, Karl Marx and Jules Verne mapped out does. The only reason he isn't on their scientism is by now the first. It's the only ideology which, restated in in a previous century. Evolution is payroll is why pay him if he's willing to cyberbabble, projects the look-and-feel of futurity even as it conserves unilinear, terchnologically driven and, for do for nothing? attitudes and values essential to keeping things just as they are. Keep on some strange reason, morally imperative. "Info overload is relative to your skill zapping!

revolutionary. The more things change -- slowely, but te grind fine. the more things that change -- the more As his pseudonym suggests, Walter Alter they stay the same. Faster, faster, Speed is a self-sanctified high priest of progress Racer! -- (but keep going in circles).

For much the same reason the privileging alter means "older"?). He disdains the of progress is also conservartive. Progress past the better to perpetuate it. His is the notion that change tends towards writing only in small letters -- how improvement and improvement tends to modernist! -- was quite the rage when e. be irreversable. Local setbacks occur as e. cummings pioneered it 80 years ago. change is stalled or misdirected ("rthe Perhaps Alter's next asdvance will be to ether", "phiogiston") but the secular abandon punctuation only a few decades tendency is forward (and secular). after James Joyce did. And well under Nothing goes very wrong for very long, so 3000 yesrs since the Romans did both. there is never any compellinfg reason not The pace of progress can be dizzying.

(but does he knoow tyhat in German,

Herbert Spencer and Karl Marx cobbled relative to his. He bounces from The abstract affirmation of "change" is to just keep doing what you're doing. It's them together. Alter's positivism is no technology to anthroplogy to history and conservative, not progressive. It gonna be all right. As some jurist once improvement on that of Comte, who gave back again like the atoms of the privileges all change, apparent or real, put it in another (but stasrtlingly similar) the game away by founding a Positivist Newtonian billiard-ball universe that stylistic or substantive, reactionary or context, the wheels ofnjustice turn Church. And his mechanical materialism is actually a retrogression from Marxism in. The breadth of his iognorance amazes, to Stalinism. Like bad science fiction, but a wondering world can only, with not as entertaining, Alterism is 19h Groucho Marx, ask: "Is there anything century ideology declaimed in 21st else you know absolutely nothing century jargon. (One of the few facts aboyurt?" If syndicalism is (as one wag about the future at once certain and put it) fascism minus the excitement, reassuring is that it will not talk like Alterism is empiricism minus the Walter Alter any more than the present evidence. He sports the toga of reason talks like Hugo Gernsback). Alter hasn't without stating any reason or doing so. written one word with which Newt He expects us to take his rejection of faith Gingrich or Walt Disnmey, defrosted, on faith. He fiercely affirms that facts arte would disagree. The "think tank social facts without mentioning any. engineers" are on his side; or rather, he's on theirs. They don't think the way he does -- that baely qualifies as thinking at Continued on p. 14

These notons were already old when level", intones Alter. It's certainly scientists, unlike Alter, no longer believe

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although, like Senartor McCarthy, he hunter-gatherers work harder than denunciations than name names. High the dearth penalty deters criome. But will take to amplify its well-being will be work as a healthier, more comfortable on the list are "primitivo-nostalgic" nothing is more obvious, if anything is, to increase the application of tool- "work station". If their culture should or are giving aid and comfort to "anti- Which is to say, they cannot qualify as that is to reify and mystify their nature. suicide. If by progress Alter means authoritarians" of the "anarcho-left". To "facts" within any framework which even the lay reader these myserious their proponents ackbnowledge as their hyphenations are calculated to inspire a own. Indeed, all the advocates (of such of vague dread without communicat-ing any these opinions as still have any) stridently information whom they are except dupes affirm, like Alter, a positivist-empiricist of the think tank social engineers and framework in which their falsity is capitalism -- which, he argued, did have (the only one our ethnocentric futurist enemies of civilization. But why could conspicuous. yhe tink tank social engineers want to destroy the civilization in which they flourish?

If by religion is meant reverence for something not understood, Alter is fervently religious. He mistakes science fior codified knowledge (that was natural history, long since defunct as phrenmology). Science is a social practice with distinctive methods, not an accumilation of officially cetified "facts". There are no naked, extracontextual facts. Facts are always relative to a context. Scientific facts are relative to a theory or a paradigm (ie. to a formalized cotext). Are electrons particles or waves? Neither and both, according to Niels Bohr -- it depends on where you are looking from and why. Are the postulates and theorums of Euclidean geoetry "true"? They correspond very well to much of the physical universe, but Einstein found the Riemann's non-Euclidean geometry better described such crucial phenomena as gravitation and the deflection of light rays. Each geometry is internally consistent; each is inconsistent with the other. No conceivable fact or facts would resolve their discrepancy. As much as they would like to transcend the inconsistency, physicists have learned to live with the incommensurable theories of relativity and quantum physics because they both work (almost). Newtonian physics is still very servicable inside the solar system, where there are still a few "facts" (like the procession of Mercury) not amenable to Einsteinian relativirty, but the latter isd definitely the theory of choce for application to the rest of the universe. To call the one true and the other false is like calling a Toyota true and a Model-T false.

Theories create facts - and theories destroy them. Science is simultaneously, So then -- to get down to detail -- forward not; Karl Wittfogel elaborated on the over a thousansd years, classical and necessarily, progressive and regress- into the past. Alter rants against what he insight in his Oriental Despotism. Our civilization flourished without any ive. Unlike Walter Alter, science calls the "romanticist attachment to a seer prognostiocates that "if that increase significant "application of toolprivileges neithwer direction. There is no 'simpler', 'purer' existencein past times stops, the culture will die". This we know extension". Even when Hellenistic or passive pre-existing, "organised, or among contemporary primitive or to be false.

Roman science advanced, its technology patterned and graspable" universe out 'Eastern' societies". Hold it right there. If Alter is correct, for a society to regress there awaiting our Promethean touch. Nobody that I know of is conflating past Insofar as the Universe is orderly -- or present primitive societies with which, for all we know, may not be all "Eastern" socieites (presumably the that far -- we make it so. Not only in the civilizations of China and India and their obvious sense that we form families and offshoots in Japan, Korea, Burma build cities but merely by the patterning Southeast Asia, Indonesia, etc). These power of perception, by which we resolve "Eastern" societies much more closely a welter of sense-data into a "table" resemble the society -- ours -- which where ther are "really" only a multitude "anarcho-leftists" want to overthrow than

ignoring the obvious is "obviously" the religion, which are absent from all band precondition of science. Obviously the (forager) societies and many tribal

before me is solid, not, as atomic-science societies have any common features of Kpelle are well aware that wet (irrigated) mystics claim, almost entirely empty any importance to his argument (had he rice farming is much more productive space. Obviously particles cannot also be troubled to formulate one) Alter does not than dry farmiong. But dry farming is Aklter is much too upset to be aerticulate, waves. Obviously human society is identify them. but at least he's provided an enemies list - impossible without a State. Obviously

sun circles the earth. Obviously the table societies. If primitive and Eastern development "experts" urge them to. The

For Alter it is a "crushing reality that the feasting and drinking, in a way which wet innate direction that any sentient culture farming cannot be -- and it's much easier "innate direction". As an ex- (or crypto-) because they're different, he can take his - Marxist Alter has no excuse for not progress and shove it. He defames science knowing this. Although Marx was mosty by defending it. interested in a mode of production -- Even the history of Western civilization an innate direction, he also identified an takes seriously) contradicts Alter's theory "Asiatic mode of production" which did of technological will-to-power. For well

conducted communally, with singing and

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of tiny particles and mostly empty space. they do any primitive society. Both Alter rages against obnosis, his ill-formed feature the State, the market, cl; ass neologism for ignoring the obvious. But stratification and sacerdotally cobntrolled

to a simpler echnology is inevitably suicidal. Anthropologists know better. For Alter it's an article of faith that agriculturalists who abandoned that life- in the long run, we will all be dead. must have adjudged qualitatively magazines? superior. The Kpelle of Liberia refuse to Alter must be lying, not merely mistaken,

usually did not. It created the steam engine, then forgot about the toy, as China (another counter-example to Alterism) invented gunpowder and used it agriculture is technologically superior to to scare away demons -- arguably its best foraging. But the ancestors of the Plains use. Of course, ancient societies came to Indians were sedentary or semisedentary an end, but they all do: as Keynes put it,

way because the arrival of the horse made And I have my suspicions about the possible (not necessary) the choice of a phrase "tool extension". Isn't something simpler hunting existence which they to do that advertised in the back of porn

switch from dry- to wet-cultivation of when he reiterates the Hobbesian myth rice, their staple food, as economic that "primitive life is short and brutal",

He cannot podssibly even be aware of the existence of those he tags as anthroromanticists without knowing that they have demonstrated otherwise to the most Pacific island societies really were from alone in this), purporting to oppose apple fall is not important. What's satisfaction of their fellow scientists. The closer to the easygoing hedonistic idyll Fascists, in fact equips them with a important is that these - any - triggers to word "priomitive" is for many purposes -- Mead thought she saw in Samoa than to cloaking device. including this one -- too vague and some Hobbesian horror-show. Alter rails Artists, wails Walter, "don't believe that desirable. overinclusive to be used. It might refer to against romanticism, subjectivity, technology is a good thing, intrinsically". Intuition is important, not as an occult aything from the few surviving hunter- mysticism -- the usual suspecs -- but I don't much care what artists believe, authoritative faculty, but as a source of gatering socieities to the ethnic minority won't look the real, regularly explicated especially if Alter is typical of them, but hypothesis in all fields. And also of peasantry of modernizing Third World facts about primitive society in the face. their reported opinion does them credit. insights not yet, if ever formalizable, but states (like the Indians in Mexicio or He's in denial.

I'd have thought it obnosis, ignoring the nonetheless meaningful and heuristic in Peru). Life expectancy is a case in point. Mead's findings as to sexuality and obvious, to believe in technology the hermeneutic disciplines which Alter wants his readers to suppose that maturation have been revised by "intrinsically", not as a means to an end frightfully refuse to concede thast if they longevity is a function of techno-social subsequent fieldwork, her or ends it's marketed as, but as some sort are not susceptible to quantification they complexity. It isn't, and it isn't te characterization of competition and of be-all and end-all of no use to anybody. are mysticasl. Many disciplines since opposite either. As Richard Borshay Lee cooperation in the societies she studied Art-for-art's-sake is a debatable credo but sdmitted to the pantheron of science (such ascertained, the Kung San ("Bushmen") has not. By any standard, our modern at least it furnishes items which for some as biology, geology asnd economics) of Botswana have a population structure (state-) capitalist society is what pleases by its beauty. Technology for its wouldf haver been aborterd by this closer to that of the United States than to statisticians call an outlier -- a sport, a own sake makes no sense at all, no more anarchronistic dogma. "Considerr the that of the typical Third World country freak, a monster -- at an extraordinary than Dr Frankenstein's monster. Tech- source" is whast Alter calls "bad

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As for whether their lives are "brutal", as compared to those of, say, Detroiters, that is obviously a moralistic, not a scientific, judgment. If brutality refers to the quality of life, foragers, as Marshall Sahlins demnstrated in 'The Original Affluent Society', work much less and socialize and party much more than we moderns do. None of them take orders from an asshole boss or get up before noon or work a five-day week or -- well, you get Alter insinuates, without demonstrating, behind Heisenberg and Nietzsche and the on his enemies list have in common is the idea.

rates.

Admittedly an occassional anthropologist and an occassional"anarcho-leftist" has in some respects romanticized priomitive life at one time or another, but nothing like the scale on which Alter falsifies the ethnographic record. Richard Borshay Lee and Marshall Sahlins today represent the conventional wisdom as regards hunter-gatherer societies,. They don't romanticize anything. They don't have to. A romanticist would claim that rthe primitive society he or she studies is oblivious as any medieval monk.

her pre-existent doctrine" (never speciofied). Mead was poorly trained

ethnographies (such as Robert Suggs' orders. There happen to be real-life terchnical journals. Whether Archimedes

are not all that short. Only recently have that pushes variance and vartiation far or I don't know reason from squat. the average lifespans in the privileged apart. There is no "double standard As a 21st century schitzoid man of wealth all bourgeoise [sic], capitalist, vocabulary. He assumes that babbleworks Alter denounced a yardstick as prejudiced mysticism or give me death.

> indicadication of even beginning to want no laws, but I am ready to bargain". authoritarians, understand any of them.

value judgment, not a scientific finding -- Fascism', which occassioned a great deal tolerance.

with its peasant majority. Foragers' lives distance from most observations, the sort for-tech's-sake is the antithesis of reason scientific method". We hear (too much)

spectacular, commodity factors" -- the like "good" and "evil" mean something departure is only as extreme as the more than "me like" and "me no like" but departure from community as irt's been if they do anything more to him he hasn't experienced by most hominid societies for distributed the surplus to the rest of us. the last several million years. It's as if He accuses his chosen enemies of [followng Lenin (author of Ultrabecause it establishes that objects of three Leftism: An Infantile Disorder) and matter, to accept it. feet or more are longer than all those that Freud, respectively. A typical futurist -- Alter is not what he pretends to be, a are not. If this is science, give me and the original Futurists did embrace paladin of reason assailing ther Fascism -- he's about half a century irrationalist hordes. The only thing those that Mead faked evidence. Even if sdhe rest of us. Moralism is retrograde. You that they're on it. Ayn Rand, whose did, we know that many illustrious want something? Don't tell me you're hysterical espousals of "reason" was scientists, among them Galileo and "right" and I'm "wrong". I don't care Alterism without the pop science jargon, Gregor Mendel, faked or fudged reports what God or Santa Claus likes, never had a list of irrationalists including of their experiments to substantiate mind if I've been naughty or nice. Just homosexuals, liberals, Christians, anrticonclusions now universally accepted. tell me what you want that I have and Zionists, Marxists, abstract Mendel, to make matters worse, was a why I should give it to you. I can't expressionists, hippies, techno-phobes, Catholic monk, a "mystic" according to guarantee we'll come to terms, but racists, and smokers of pot (but not Alter's demonology, and yet he founded articulation succeeded by negotiation is tobacco). Alter's list (surely incomplete) the science of genetics. Alter, far from the only possible way to settle a dispute includes sado-masochists, New Agers, founding any science, gives no without coercion. As Proudhon put it, "I anthropologists, schizo-phrenics, anti-

Alter clings to objective "physical reality" virtually free of conflict and violence, as The merits and demerits of Margaret -- matter in motion -- with the same fear did Elizabeth Marshall Thomas in her Mead's ethnography are less than a child clutches his mother's hand. And book on the San/Bushmen, The Harmless peripheral to Alter's polemic. It wasn't faith, for Altyer and children of all ages, People. Lee's laster, more painstaking Mead who discovered and reported that is always shadowed by fear. Alter is (to observations established per capita hunter-gatherers work a lot less than we quote Clifford Geertz) "afraid reality is extensions. homicide rates for the San not much do. There is something very off about a going to go away unless we believe very lower than from those of the control freak who insists that ideas he hard in it". He'll never experience an contemporary United States. Sahlins cannot accept or understand are Fascist. I Oedipal crisis because he'll never grow

Pangaia) as well as historical sources Fascists in this imperfect world of ours. actually gleaned inspiration from hopping from Captain Cook forwards confirm that By trivializing the word, Alter (who is far in the tub or Newton from watching an

of the conflict between evolutionism and ceationism. It takes only a nodding metropolis nations surpassed prehistoric employing an extreme criticism against and taste, Alter has an awfully retarded acquaintance with Western intellectual history to recognize that the theory of evolution is a secularization of the eschatology which distinguishes Christanity from other religious traditions. But having Christianioty as its context of discovery is a very unscientific reason to reject evolution. Or, for that

> Fundamentalists, think tank social engineers, Fascists, proto-Cubists... Round up the unusual suspsects. Alter's just playing a naming-and-blaming game because he doesn't get enough tool

"How many times a day do you really strike forward on important mattesd made clear that the tradeoff was for the cannot denounce this kind of jerkoff up that much. A wind-up world is the intuitively?" Well said -- and as good a leisurely, well-fed hunting-gathering life opportunism too strongly. "Fascist" is only kind he can understand. He thinks point as any to gve this guy the hook. was not accumilating any property which not, as Alter supposes, an all-purpose the solar system actually is an orrery. He Riddle me this, Mr or Ms Reader: How could not be conveniently carried away. epithet synonomous with "me no like". I has no tolerance for ambiguity, relativity, many times a day do you really strike Whether this is any great sacrifice is a once wrote an essay, 'Feminism Is indeterminacy -- no tolerance, in fact, for forward on imporant matters AT ALL? How many times a day do you "strike a distinction to which Alter is as of indignation, although it has held up Alte seems to have learned nothing of intuitively, ironcally, intellectually, only too well. But I didn't mind that science except some badly bumbled-up impulsively, impassively, or any damn [He accuses Margaret Mead of "fixing] because I'd been careful and specific jargon. In denouncing "bad scientific about identifying the parallels between method" and "intuition" in almost the that day follows day, and that's about it? fascism and so-called (radical) feminism - same bad breath, he advertises his That the only "important matters" that about half a dozern. That's half a dozen ignorance of the pluralism of scientific affect you, if there even are any, are more analogies between femionism and method. Even so resolute a positivist as decided, if they even arre, by somebody prior to her first fieldwork in Samoa, but Fascism than Alter identifies between Karl Popper distinguishes the "context of else? Have you noticed your lack of power to call the asuthor of a number of well-Fascism and anarcho-leftism or primito- justification", which he thought entailed to chart your own destiny? That your nostagia. The only anarcho-leftists with compliance with a rather rigid acess to "virtual" reality increases in well short of even semi-literate, it's just any demonstrable affinities to Fascism (to demonstrative orthodoxy, from the proportion as you distance yourself (a which, in Italy, they provided many "context of discovery" where, as Paul prudent move) from the real tghing? That Mead's major conclusions were the recruits) are the Syndicalists. a dwindling Feyerabend gleefully observed, "anything aside from working and paying, you're Samoans were sexually liberal and that sect, the last anarcvhists to share Alter's goes". Alter reveals how utterly out of it of absolutely no use to this society and they were, relartive to interwar retrograde scientism. It's Alter, not his he is by a casual reference to "true canm't expect to be kept around after you Americans, more cooperative than enemies, who calls for "a binding, methods of discovery". There are no true can't do either? And finally,, does Walter competitive. Mead -- the bisexual cohesive body of knowledfge and metodsd of discovery, only useful ones. In Alter's technophioliac techno-capitalist proteger of the lesbian Ruth Benedict -- experience as a frame of reference" -- just principle, reading the Bible or dropping caterwauling in any way help you may well have projected her own sexual one frame of reference, mind you -- for acid is as legitimate a practice in the interpret the future, much less -- and liberalism onto the natives. But modern "diagrams and manuals", for marching context of discovery as is keeping up with muich moe important -- to change it?

# THE GREEN REVOLUTION

#### In the 1970's, scientists thought they'd found the techno-fix to feed the world. Brian Morris tells this sad story

The world is in a sorry mess. Political repression and corruption is rife everywhere. Governments nowadays so blatantly support capitalist interests -- the rich, the landed aristocracy, the multinationals, and corporate interests generally -- that one is flabbergasted that there are still liberal scholars around who enthuse about the State. Bolstered by such a repressive institution, it is hardly surprising that the capitalist economic system is wreaking havoc everywhere. It has become a potential threat to the life-support systems of this Earth, and thus to human survival itself. As we look around the world we are thus struck by two things:

One is the increasing degradation of the There is no evidence to suggest that revolution, supported by the Rockefeller natural environment through eradication overpopulation is the reason why people Foundation and the World Bank, was not Nigel Dudley has summed up the results of forests, depletion of soil fertility and have insufficient food: in fact the FAO specifically aimed at improving the of the Green Revolution as follows (1992, its loss through erosion, increasing trends has estimated that the world produces wellbeing of people in the 'Third World' p.8): towards desertification in savannah enough grain to give everyone about -- though this was expressed in the regions and widespread pollution.

malnutrition and the famine conditions maldistribution of food resources, through maximising of the profits of rich farmers that exist in many parts of what is now social and economic factors, as Susan and agribusiness. Who really profited called the 'South'.

There has been some debate as to whether techniques responsible for the rural multinational corporations. the ecological crisis is as tragic or as poverty or famine. Throughout history, or serious as the radical ecologists make out. at least since the neolithic revolution, The first thing to be said is that the high widespread, and that around 20% of the provided them with their basic food them, selves high yielding at all. For they rural peasants, the increasing world's population are not able to satisfy their basic subsistence needs. The ecological and the economic crises are, of course, intrinsically linked, and have long been recognized by United Nations agencies. The Brandt Report (1980) dealt with the problem of 'survival' and the economic issues, while the Brundtland Report (1987) dealt with with environmental deterioration. The latter report came up with the concept of sustainable development', the assumption being that economic growth (ie. capitalism) and ecological security are perfectly compatible. Critiques of both these reports abound.

When the economic and political mandarins look at the issue of rural poverty and malnutrition they tend to see this problem as having two underlying

One is the contention that the world is overpopulated. There are, they state, too many people, and there is thus not enough food to go round.

agricultural practices - they lack fertilizers and agricultural know-how -and thus do not produce enough food. Nigel Dudley, in the book Land is Life (1992), notes that this constitutes a kind of equation:

#### OVERPOPULATION + POOR AGRICULTURE = FAMINE

The answer to the problem is, it seems, population control and economic development through the promotion of large-scale capitalist agriculture. This simplistic solution not only blames he victims, but suggested a solution that in reality is a part of the problem -- namely. intensive agriculture.

ecolgical costs of this revolution are marginal land and the use of enormous, and on the whole it has done agrochemicals increases, poisoning the nothing to improve the average diet of landscape. It is estimated that around people in the countries where it has made 10,000 people a year die of pesticide the most impact. In the Sudan it could be poisoning and many people suffer from it. said to have caused the famines.

The problems associated with the Green Revolution are many, and have been outlined cogently in recent years by both Nigel Dudley and Vandana Shiva. It has genetic diversity and ecological diversity, to be recognuzed at the outset that this reflected in a varied landscape to which

3,600 calories a day, more than enough to rhetoric of the international The other is the rural poverty, the keep us healthy. What is amiss is the agencies. What was involved was the George (1976) long ago explained. Nor from the Green Revolution, Susan George are supposed 'poor' agricultural asked. In all cases, she replied, it was the Vandana Shiva calls the Green

But nobody has disputed the reality of the people have practised a form of yielding varieties of wheat and rice, Thus the outcome of the Green economic crisis. It is generally accepted sustainable organic farming that has, developed and promoted by the Green Revolution has been an increase in social that poverty and malnutrition is under normal conditions, generally Revolution agronomists, are not in inequalities and landlessness among the



rarely experience food shortages.

In seeing food shortages as essentially a technical problem, the Green Revolution was launched some three decades ago. In terms of raising per capita wheast and rice production this revolution has been hailed as a great success story, especially in Mexico and India. And there is no doubt that if you commandeer the best land and local water supplies, use high yielding varieties of rice and wheat, pour on the land expensive fertilizers and pesticides, use cheap labour, and mechanize the production process, that you can get high crop yields. Per capita rice production in Asia is thus said to have been increased by 27%. But as

The second is that rural people have requirements. Even hunter-gatherers only give high yields under certain As in Britain in the 18th century, the conditions -- if lavishly supplied with Gren Revolution is leading to the asrtificial fertilizers and pesticides and destruction of peasant society and it is given heavy inputs of irrigated water. All being replaced by large scale capitalist these inputs, of course, are expensive and agriculture. The peasants, however, are only the richer farmers and thwe large not giving up their land without a estates run by multinational corporations struggle. can afford them. Thus small farmers, lacking capital or credit, are forced out of REFERENCES business and the good agricultural land Nigel Dudley et al's Land Is Life: Land becomes concentrated into fwewer and Reform and Sustainable Agriculture fewer hands. As greater profits are (1992, London, Intermediate Technology obtained from growing cash crops for Group) export -- strenuously encouraged by the Susan George's How The Other Half Dies World Bank and FAO -- there is a move (1976, Harmondsworth, Penguin) away from growing local food crops to Vandana Shiva's Staying Alive: Women, crops such as tea, coffee, tobacco and Ecology and Development (1989, soya beans (mainly for animal feed). London, Zed Books) Monoculture takes over, poor peasant

Susan George discussed, the social and farmes and pastoralists are forced onto In this process agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry are ecologically separated -- whereas in organic farming they are intrinsically linked -- and both there is open access, are severly reduced.

An increase in concentration of land owneship; and a decrease in environ-mental stability and the sustainability of farming, through higher uses of agrochemicals, increased monocropping and the further displacement of poor farmers into marginal-

Revolution in India "a recipe for desertification" (1989, p. 143).

privatisation ofland, a decrease in the food supply to the poorest people -- those who go hungry -- and high hidden costs in terms of human health and environmental degradation. In addition, development policies involving intensive chemically based agriculture, run on capitalist lines, has been largely responsible for the creation of a huge debt problem in the 'South' -- on which Susan George has also written at length.

The main benefactors of the Green Revolution have been the multinational corporations and a few rich elites in the 'Third World'. As rural peasants have resisted the privatization of the common land and the social effects of the Green Revolution -- which has particularly undermined the role of women -- so the State has become more and more rwepressive, always supporting the large landowners and the interests of the multinatuional corporations. In India, Vandana Shiva suggests, the Green Revolution has become the breeding ground of civil unrest and violence.

#### FUCK THE VOTE

# WHATS THE POINT?

#### Why anarchists oppose elections

Most anarchists refuse to participate in elections. Does this mean we are colleagues, members of the sdame plitical with the choice 'do I represent the anti-democratic? So, far from it, but we oppose the electoral system party or boardrom -- these will be more peiople, or do I defend my own interests?' because it is a fraud, and we oppose the thinking behind the system important than abstractions such as The point here is that it isn't rational for because it is false. constituents or 'the people'.

In Britain we have a General Election once every five years or so. If a person then they get to write ten crosses X X X XXXXXXX. That is all the say you have got under British "democracy". Ten 300 crosses. It's pathetic...

#### REPRESENTATION ENTAILS BETRAYAL

The democratic swindle starts with the idea of 'representation', one person standing for many others. You vote for somebody twice a decade, John Major or Tony Blair perhaps, and this person represents your interests and thousands of other people in Parliament. Our experience through many years shows MP's only represent themselves and the interests of Big Business, the people who paid fort the electoral ad campaigns to put them there.

Already the fault with this is obvious. One person stands for many -- a whole swathe of disparate interests. All of these compete and there always will be some losers. The grosser the representation, the more losers there are, as a simple fact of electoral geometry. Before we start getting indignant about MP's, we see similar tendencies in all political organisations, Parish Councils upwards, even including radical groups using the method of representation. Outside mythology there are no saints. It is a simple fact of human nature that whenever you put one person in authority over others, that person will 'abuse' their

Indeed, there can be no such thing as 'right' use of power, for all power corrupts. Yet, the electoral system is the means by which political power is granted legitimacy within mainstream society. We have to think long and hard before we go anywhere near elections. If, after placing that cross, the government declares war on some group of people (the unemployed, travellers, ravers &c) then all those who voted (regardless of party) have something to do with the making of that situation and are to some extent implicated in it. Do you really want to grant it that legitimacy?

All power corrupts. This corruption individuasl and moving outwards; family, the MP, councillor, committee spreads through all levels, wherever relatives, friends, people they were at representitive or whatever, stands up to



TORY 36,597

LIBERAL 333,688

LABOUR 43,799

once had a job has walked off with the whole idea of political representation concerns, stsrting with those closest to the within the political system. In a debate,

pencils, taken stuff home from work. assumes 'the people' are not there to That's a trivial example but how much plead for their own interests. more so the politician? I'm not saying Representation depends on exclusion. We there is no such thing as alturism, but wouldn't need representitives if we all everybody has their own heirarchy of had the right to defend our own interesrts power is being exercised. Everybody who school of college together with, make his/her speech and is then faced

that 'representative' to adopt the first choice. Given the necessity of a decision between more hospital beds or my own company getting defence contracts to make Saddam's electrric torture batons, which do you think will win out? Representation entails betrayal.

#### POWER BRINGS PASSIVITY

Power takes away another person's ability to decide something, and rightly, anarchists will have nothing to do with that. Loss of power is the logical and psychological consequence of representation; one result of the power grasping politician is the passive powerless mass of people outside the halls of power. Anyone who has ever had the misfortune to canvass during an election as part of their political education will have probably experienced this disheartening lacik of political awareness in people. I remember talking to a woman who voted Tory in the 1987 General Election, saying "Well you'll get your bloody poll tax now!" She hadn't got a clue what I was talking about. This kind of story leads to the question: Should we trust the judgement of 20 million Sun

'Democracy' is the right of the majority to oppress the muinority. Just because some piss-pot political party was voted into power doesn't mean we have to go along with it. Two wrongs don't make a right and 13 million wrong opinions are still wrong. Part of the problem with electoralism is that it is an abdication of responsibility. After placing his / her cross the voter walks away and participation goes no further. This is wrong, an attitude to be exposed and

The danger of discussing the passivirty problem is that you are apt to sound elitist, arrogant, dismissive of people. If you have got this impressuion, I'm sorry. Often, businessmen way "You'll never. get poor underestimating the intelligence of people" and the politicians' arrogance is something of the same attitude. Unforunately things like the 1992 postpoll tax election and the lottery seem to bear this out. If anarchists really werre elitist, arrogant &c then we would probably jack the whole politics thing in and think up some sort of rip-off to make ourselves rich, buy an island in the Carribean, take up other activities more prevented. rewarding to our overblown egos.

not wrong to hope. The answer to it starts delusion that all count equally, on the seriously as a political force. All of these the 1920's.... with the declaration that this corrupt and other hand electoral arithmetic means the are good reasons, of course, but it has to POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES nepotistic system of representation is not individual counts for nothing. Ten ticks a be said thaty we do not need to stand in the best form of society that people can lifetime. Wow. Fair votes for all? It takes hope for. Do the passive mass of people an average of 36,597 votes to elect one there really is no hope, but we can't and a staggering 333,688 votes to elect people have a say in what goes on when exclusion. Ordinary people don't get a really want to stay like that? If so then Tory MP, 43,799 votes to elect a Labour believe that. Surely they have a right to be one Liberal Democrat. The reality is that told about the possibilities, to be shown it is a completely bent system. that other ways of living are possible?
They have a right to be made aware that they could be free of it. And again, we One argument (advanced even by same way voting does. Anarchist this representation principle, the whole ourselves have every right to try to break anarchists) is that voting is a positive candidates would not be part of the power thing is utterly disconnected from outside. free of this electoral tyranny -- we don'ty thing to do, a step towards liberation. We game at all, but they would join Not voting in elections is just one (small)

#### **ELECTORAL CONTRACT** = ELECTORAL CON TRICK

got. The problem is thart by voting you to be a better state of affairs than a worth taking? lend credibility to the system, in putting Conservative government. Therefore we The reason the Kabouters did so well was your cross on the piece of pasper yiou are have a civic duty to cast our vote in the Proportional Representation (PR). If you people passive. To some extent it is all taken as giving your consent to be hope of bringing down the Tory. This get 3% of the vote, you get 3% of the governed. The state takes heart from ther argument is not claiming that Labour is seats. With the British electoral system fact that 30 million people vote in a any good, just that it is less worse. I used even if you get 20% of the vote you still general electtion. On the other hand, to think like this, but now this argument only get 3% of the seats. This is a big what would happen if nobody voted? The no longer works because Labour are no reason why pasrticipating in elections whole illegitimacy of the state would be different from the Tories. exposed. From this we see that voting ANARCHIST only encourages them.

The voter enters into a one-sided 'contract' with the State -- a Mephistophelian pact. At best the X can only be a coarse, very coarse approximation, for nobody completely agrees with everything in the manifesto or with every policy decision taken in the next five years of rule. In exchange for that cross on that piece of papwer, the aspirations of the individual are effect of electoral dilution implied by the process of representation. Even within a candidates in elections either as serious is torn out (rather like a cheque book) and our expense. We need to create small but stamped with an embossed code active political structures, completely process of representation. Even within a candidates in elections, either as serious identifying the polling station, and hence outside that representational political single party, debate becomes channelled contenders or perhaps along the lines of your electoral roll. Each ballot paper is culture. It cannot be done from the inside. inside set limits, subject to the hidden or Screaming Lord Sutch. Often these would individually numbered. After the election We can see how this process is already not so hidden agenda. Remember that give a Sinn Fein style promise not to take is over and the votes counted, the papers, happening, effectively too, in the present. row when Claire Short tried to initiate a up the seat if elected. Any gain from this electoral rolls and ballot stub books are You never get a mainstream plitical party Labour Party discussion about drugs? Yet would be miniscule, as against the waste sent off to the Home Office, suposedly for voluntarily disbanding itself -- this another person who had their aspirations of effort and resources. The way the 'safe keepingh'. Teams of men from MI5 clinging to power has too hard a grip on quenched. Party constitutions, party system is set up this would be seen as yet will no doubt trawl through the whole lot, them for that. But with the same roadas whips, the electoral system, the way another fringe candidate. constituencies are gerrymandered (change Anarchists have even stood in elections candidates first. Unless anything goes people come together to do a particular the boundaries and you change the and won. In Holland, July 1970, yhe wrong, they've got five whole years to political task, and when it is over they ressult), all of these stem from that initial Kabouters polled 11% of the vote and work oyut the rest. They'll have computer disband the group, fgo on to other things. principle that representation entails took five seats on the 45 member scanners and electoral databases to speed If we put our energy into this it would be betrayal. 'Democracy' is the means by Amsterdam council. People in favour of it up. So any anarchist voters in a future a million yimes more productive and

Against the arrogance charge, I say it is because on the one hand it offers the to scrutiny and invites people to take us Grandfather's socialist stickers back in

need anyone else's permission to fight. live in the real world, the electoral system themselves with the deception and lend thing. What we need to do instead is exists and is there to be used. With whatever radical credibility they might build up popsitive alternatives of hospital closures and the like, which have to a flawed process. Perhaps they empowerment. We need to initiate party governs us is literally a matter of would be drawn into the power structure hundreds of small, inclusive, Ten crosses a lifetime is all the say you've life and death. In this, Labour is assumed itself and swallowed whole. Is that risk participatory democracies, where people

#### ELECTORAL ALTERNATIVES

anarchist ideas acrioss to the wider same sort of thing was going on (at a The electoral contract is one-sided public, exposes the anarchist movement much slower pace) with regard to

involves so much effort for so little gain.

thatradical candidates in elections too lazy to take charge of our own lives, In the old days, people like my compromise all their supporters. It would so we place the cross and walk away. This Grandfather wanted to vote Labour but be an act of gross stupidity for is how and why the sleazy politicians therre was no Labour candidates, so they anmarchistsd to participate in elections. have wormed their way in there. used to write Socialist slogans on the You see, the ballot is not secret at all. ballot paper, or stick stickers on them. Elections provide the Staste with the This would be a positive alternativbe to perfect way of trascking dissidents. When attitude, as wide a selection of the simply staying at home and not voting, you go to vote, your number on the ppulation as possible needs to change One thing is sure though -- you never get electroral roll (and hence your name and their way of thinking. Participating, 'NO GOVERN-MENT' as an option on address) is written on the stub in the book whether by standing or by voting in of ballot papers, and then the paper itself elections, only enhances their power at doubtless looking at all the interesting model, the sort of pattern to aim at, which the wishes of the people are this say it gives us as chance to put election would very quickly find reqarding than wastying our time with themselves on the black list. I expect the electoral politics...

elections to put our ideas across to people. The idea of representation is the main The object of elections is for politicians to problem with elections. Representational gain power and to create the illuson that democracy is grounded in the principle of they do not. Were we to stand in them our look in, you don't get members of the motives and objectives would be different, public making speeches in the House of but how would they be interpreted? To Commons, nor are we allowed to vote in participate also implies consent in the thoswe division lobbies. Because there is

are involved in all decisions. The fault with representation is that it makes our own fault, because if people kept active the parliamentary, representational processes would be bypassd. The system is predicated on people staying passive, but the tendency of the last decade and more is for greater and greater activism and this is stasrting to pay off. Voting, Something else which is often ignored is however, is a kind of abdication -- we are

We need to break out of that passive

#### A prankster's guide to anti-electoral mayhem

During an election campaign, there's all sorts of potential for chaos to make this countries grotesque spectacle of representation unworkable.

#### ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

The drawbacks of standing as a protest vote candidate have been discussed above - but if you do it, do it well. In the 1987 general election, a guy changed his name by deed poll to Margaret Hilda Thatcher and stood as the Conservative Party Candidate in Finchley, the other Margaret Thatcher's constituency. Loyal Tories had only a 50/50 chance of voting You can put up your own flyposters, print

for the PM!

Parody parties don't have to pay to have name on the ballot to spoil it. The more other parties and huff and puff about out with it themselves. Just make sure you ridiculous or offensive the name, the electoral law &c -- amazing how media end up using them and not them you. better! The disadvantages of this have and public officials are intimidated by GOING UNDERGROUND also been dealt with above.

manifestos, do interviews &c whether meetings, into TV studios during other you've actually got a candidate running politicians' interviews &c. or not. Just as long as what you've got to If the 'real' parties know they've got you say is worth hearing. The long-running as a rival, don't be too quick to shun 'Vote For Nobody: Nobody Cares' them. All established parties have got dirt campaign works a bit like this

someone stand as candidate -- that's what If you want to be a real pain in the arse, it on to third parties (usually the media --'write-in' candidates are about, writing a insist on equal time and coverage to the but maybe you!) to put about than coming this crap. If they're not, you can always If there's only a few of you, you could do

on the others and they're happier passing

force your way onto the platform at public without putting your faces about or don't

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think you've got the personality to carry election time so it's easy to persuade for the sabotage if you're good enough at canvass in them for the fave party. This clandestine option.

Find out where the candidates and their supporters live from their nominations at JOIN THE PARTY the Town Hall. Sending 'em unwanted Volunteer for a political party. Destroy it mail order sex aids &c. Writing their from within like a cancer. Canvass their names and phone numbers in red felt tip voters. Just wierd them out ("Hello, I'm on postcards.

Get hold of their election literature and children you have...") or offer to get the WHAT TO DO ON ERECTION DAY use DTP and copier to put out your own vote out and then not bother on the day, Mess with polling stations as much as his birth certificate), that can force a birth version -- have the politicians admitting pocket donations to the party, spread ugly what corrupt bastards they are and what rumours on the doorstep &c. they really stand for. Put these through If you actually get into the party HQ, you letter-boxes of press or politicians of the get access to all their confidential info parodied party guarantees outraged and dirt. Learn the art of leaking, even if media coverage.

political meetings or HQ's are at and unplug phones and put acid in their remember everyone hates canvassers at cocoa. They'll all be blaming each other

off a public campaign, there's always the people to turn them away at the door or it -- all politicoes are ambitious and can all disqualify a successful candidate. chase them down the street, either by quietly hate each other, so just bring this If you can stop people getting into them flyposter or force of example.

your Liberal candidate -- what sexy little

that means using flyposters to bypass the Glue locks and phone venues where media. Lose records, nick party funds,

out. A really good 'un is to get hold of (gluing locks &c), all the better. their headed notepaper -- you can write If you can get into the count, you've disturbing letters to party supporters or cracked it. Steal or burn ballots. The supremos in Westminster ("Dear John -- I whole election in that constituency will am considering defecting to Tony...") or have to be re-run. If you can find manufacture scandals in the press.

possible -- put up posters in them, certificate), that can force a re-run too.

technical inaccuracies in the elected MP's nomination (eg. his name on the

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An alliance of groups opposed to electoralism and the State. There could be a general election in UK this autumn and there will be one by spring 1997 - start organising now!

# TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE UNABOMBER

#### Lydia Eccles on your presidential write-in choice for '96

THE BOYS. Clinton, Gingrich, Powell, Perot, Forbes, Dole, Gramm, Lugar, Alexander, Dornan, Keyes, etc.

HE'S HOT! His favorability ratings may be low, but his name recognition is close to 100%. We won't need to hype him--he's already hyped. A Unabomber write-in campaign can surf the media wave. He's the perfect imposter to undermine the presidential election process as it unfolds, and turn the fraudulent election process against

THE VISION THING. "The Industrial Revolution and its consequences have been a disaster for the human race." Regardless of what you think of the Unabomber and his analysis, the right issues are finally raised. Can you even conceive of any legitimate candidacy, election, or debate which will allow the real questions to be put on the table? We need to dish them out before they cool off... They're giving an election, but we can crash it and have our own referendum on corpo-technocracy. If the Unabomber put a hairline crack in the myth of progress, we should apply a wedge now-the Unabomber's fifteen seconds are just about up. But an election lasts a year. An anti-technological rallying point only came into being because of the criminal chase. There's not going to be another opportunity.

CRASH THE PARTIES. The election offers a "choice" once all the real decisions have been made. On top of being an anti-republicrat vote, the Unabomber campaign is a counterfoil to faux "populist" outsider-insiders like business magnate Ross Perot and Gulf warrior Colin Powell (a.k.a. the military-industrial complex.) The third party "alternative" is designed to safely channel voter alienation into a centrist, media-sanctioned agenda and immunize the system against real change.

IF ELECTED HE WILL NOT SERVE. It's a nobody-for-president vote. He's not running, so this can be a bottom-up free-for-all campaign. Campaign literature, posters, sound bytes, platforms, pranks, the rest: have it your way.

DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE. The media's like a psychiatrist--and you can't NOT communicate in an election. If you boycott the polls, you'll be counted as apathetic, complacent, or still worse, contented. If you vote for the mainstream lesser of evils, who don't actually represent your views, you've affirmed the political system and buried your voice. Either way you've wasted your vote. To vote for the Unabomber is to vote and boycott at the same time. If nothing else, it's a vote against the election charade. It can be only seen as absolute protest, ridicule, or a "none-of-the-above" spurning of the political menu. You can cast an anarchistic vote you feel good about, and send the message that the presidential elections are a fraud. And you can still vote in local races and referendums where your vote counts for something.

VOTE AGAINST THE PROPAGANDA MACHINE. The Unabomber did an end run around the media monopoly, and published without editorial clearance. The Unabomber has, by the magnitude of his plan, exposed the media as a closed communications system, making it very clear--in case anyone hadn't noticed--that it's a communications war. Mass media are launched from a heavily-secured fortress. Other terrorists seek publicity as a means to other ends. The Unabomber used terrorism to gain publicity as an end in itself. Notice how the press seeks to channel interpretation of the Unabomber story, covering it as a serial-killer story of crime and insanity, while excluding consideration of the ideas themselves. They would have us believe that it would be disastrous if media weren't controlled from the top. Op-ed pages resounded with journalists lamenting, "Why didn't he have to get editorial approval? What if copy cats are aroused, crazies who actually want access to the media, rather than simply being passive target markets for political and commercial propaganda?" Imagine mass communications not subject to corporate control. People might say anything...even things not "fit to print". Exactly. When ABC Nightly News gets renamed Disney World, you'll cherish the memory of your Unabomber vote.

HE'S GOT THE CREDENTIALS. The Unabomber's use of violence should not disqualify him from consideration. His willingness and ability to effectively use violence to achieve strategic political goals merely demonstrate the essential qualifications to be president. After all, Colin Powell's ONLY qualification is his performance as an effective killer. No one's called him a serial killer, or said he craved attention. No running candidate has condemned the Gulf War genocide. This is a country that played war like a video game in a high-tech funhouse. We aren't even allowed information as to how many Iraqis, civilian or military, our tax dollars blew away. That Bill Clinton avoided the draft and hadn't killed was considered a lack of qualifications. Luckily he picked up points for presiding over numerous executions in his home state of Arkansas. Occupational deaths and diseases... Violence? Cancer deaths caused by toxins in the air, in food, and workplaces... Violence? A minimum wage that is half the poverty level, with the hunger, stress, disease and early death that ensue... Violence? The media just finished re-elaborating the rationale for bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki... Violence? Terror? Anyone bringing up violence should put it all on the table, not just select attacks on the power structure. Anyone who can truly take a stand against violence in any form-- and that would include the American Revolution-- can say the Unabomber shouldn't be president on that basis. But he's not running anyway, and even a landslide wouldn't actually put him in office. That's the beauty of voting for a fugitive from the law.

ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. Watch your favorite TV pundits try to swallow, digest and regurgitate a Unabomber constituency. It's a message that can't be neutralized or explained away. The most minimal Unabomber returns would disrupt the usual discussion of false problems and false solutions (usually known as "reform".)

DON'T BLAME ME-I VOTED FOR THE UNABOMBER. You can sport your bumper sticker after the election...but not on a car!

The player who trespasses against the rules or ignores them is a "spoil sport". The spoil sport shatters the play-world itself. By withdrawing from the game, he reveals the relativity and fragility of the play world. He robs play of its illusions.

TO THE SPOILER BELONGS THE VICTORY

#### Send your letters to Oxford Green Anarchists, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX, but remember:-

- We print all letters recieved on a 'no censorship, no endorsement' basis. Your people interested in anarchism. So it is should be responsible for its life, for life letters are your responsibility, not ours. We think readers are grown up enough important to have a consistent on Earth. to think for themselves, so won't usually comment on lettrers we print -- even programme. Over the last two years three those we don't agree with -- unless asked. The only exception to this are letters advertised speakers have failed to appear I don't need to follow any group, I don't from fascists and other such bigots and piss-takers. These will be binned, hence our wish to have a tighter need any rules or dogmas. All the actual though we will note their arrival.
- We will ruthlessly edit all letters we think too long or boring. So keep 'em short anarchist movement looks sloppy. If we dogmatics, or just brainless materialism so everyone can have their say too. Cut letters are marked with a [] with the appear to organise badly it looks as if and consumerism. I don't want to be part original number of words inside the bracket.
- · If you don't want your letter, your name or your address printed, make sure we know.

## COMRADES!

Dear Green Anarchist,

letter from Liam (somebody or other) who were pretty scathig about what the LGFM anarchist and popping up on the lies, and fight for life. We must walk the complains about an apparently hostile had said. One Forum member, Mary occassional activity is not enough. You walk as good as talk the talk!!! I want to reception given to the Lesbian and Gay Quintana, who has some difficulty getting have responsibilities too as the follower of live the way I want to. I don't need the Freedom Movement at a meeting of the around and had made a special effort to a philosophy and being part of a public plastic consumer society, I don't need London Anarchist Forum which was held attend to hear Michael, was clearly very movement. If you do not behave money. I want to live in, for, and with the on the 14th July 1995. Whilst I am not disappointed and it showed in her very responsibly you marginalise the rest of us Nature. Does anyone still care about saying 'Liam' is lying about what critical response. I have to say we in the and make that process of change which that??? i'm looking for other people with happened he is somewhat economical Forum use argument to clarify ideas and we call the anarchist revolution just a similar ideas. Worldwide. with the truth or to put it in the terms of do not suffer fools or dogmatists. If they little less attainable. the Scott Report although he purports to had written confirming the date and we Peter Neville, Middlesex. be reporting in good faith he "designedly" had been able to properly advertise their misleads but no doubt without meaning meeting they might, as expected invited fto. The truth is rather different and guests, have been given a slightly easier entirely the LGFM's own fault.

After we had a very successful meeting brought the criticism on their own heads. with Feminists Against Censorship it was We are not hostile to homosexuality. A Dear GA. suggested the LAF might like to invite few years ago we drew up a series of talks the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Movement on relevant introductory topics in Re. your review of Peter Mason's so I wrote offering a number of dates, anarchism such as communism, There was no reply. I mentioned this syndicalism, individualism, etc., later not enough on the Rastafarian tradition of omision later in two letters to FAC as I followed by more general talks on understood they were in touch with anarchist approaches to life. Each week's LGFM, yet there was still no reply. introductory talk was followed by a more Assuming they were not coming the space general discussion on that theme the was given to another speaker, Michael following week. I, for instance, gave a Murray, to lead a discussion on talk on Anarchism and Love (mainly "Arguments Against Government". This based on Sal Restivo's ideas as expressed was widely advertised in Freedom, Peace in his book "The Sociological News, Time Out and a number of other Worldview"). This was well recieved. publications.

On the evening of 14th July there was a national transport strike and most of the LAF regulars were late. Imagine our suprise to find that the meeting had already started and had apparently been hijacked by a group of four strangers who had arrived rather earlier and had begun without us. It was somewhat difficult to get a word in edgeways but we eventually asked who they were and pointed out that the room had been booked for a meeting of the LAF, not them, and that another speaker was booked for that evening. One The same problem appears ro be I'm Wally Rat, i'm an anarchist punk to take my dog to England, and I won't of the newcomers, who it turned out were happening again. David Murray (no rocker from Berlin / Germany. i'm go without my dog. They expect me to put from the LGFM, said that someone called relation to Michael), who recently gave us looking for friends, I need contact to punx the dog in some animal jail, and I won't Peter Neville (myself) had offered them a talk, has written to tell us he had met a or other individuals. this meeting date and they intended to member of LGFM at the Spanner Benefit carry on. I said who I was and pointed out and said she would like to come to the We must stay strong & unite and resist before they're 'allowed' to enter Britain). that when LGFM had failed to confirm LAF to give a talk on Sadomasochism. the booking another speaker had bween The Forum discussed this and decided, booked for that evening and this had been with some trepidation, to take up the publicised widely. Despite this offer. I sent her an invitation indicating explanation they said that they had got the first available date. There has been no there first and would not relinquish 'the reply. Did she get the letter? Is she platform' and intended to carry on coming? If we assume not and book regardless of the published program. Our another speaker and advertise this fully speaker, Michael Murray, walked out in might she turn up as well? disgust and they carried on despite now having a rather hostile audience.

they insisted on running in a very When I volunteered to take on this job I really left alone here. i'm not only against formalistic manner, which was quite thought it would be easy. In fact it is a the gvernment, but afgainst he whole socontrary to LAF practice, and as if it was very disillusioning experience since so called 'society' and the whole so-called their meeting, a number of Forum many people who call themselves 'modern civilization'. I reject science, members made it quite clear this was not anarchists appear so unreliable in the technology and all the other plagues the meeting they had wished to attend, flesh. Commitment and consistency we're supposed to believe in. We must In your Spring 1996 issue you print a felt the LGFM were marginalising us and please comrades. Just saying you are an resist, stay positive, fight against their

ride but I feel, by their rudeness, they

The following week's discussion was largely attended by a gay and lesbian audience which had not attended my initial talk and did not really appear to and the herb to these shores. despite the fact that what rthey said was Degsy of North London. not relevant to the intended theme but to a quite different agenda. The Forum, as a group, have no problem with gays and lesbians. But we do expect people to behave in a reasonable manner, as they did, despite the apparent confusion.

people, some of whom have attended all about getting drunk, paying money for When it came to question time, which regularly for many years and others clothes + music or blaming people who

whom have come more recently and as refuse to conform to their stupid dogmas. anarchistsd cannot organise properly. We of that fake! do not wish to appear rigid but is it not It's not enough to be anti-fascist, antireasonable to expect people to confirm racist only in discussions. Now, i'm in the their intentions?

#### NOTHING ON ITAL

Caribbean Cookery for Vegans, there was Ital -- ie. entirely locally grown organic society. delights for those who remember the old worser!) country and those of us new to one of the So, we must try to survive with very few most interesting non-exploitative cuisines money or with no money at all. in the world. Some people argue the entire green myement despite its white Are there any communes, travellers, middle class manifestations derives from back-to-Nature groups lweft in England?? the 50s exodus that brought rice and peas i'm prepared to die for what I believe in.

know what we were on about but we Mason's cookbook isn't exactly dreader money, no electricity, no running water nevertheless treated them with respect than dread but is a good source of ideas.

#### CALLING **ALL PUNX**

and fight against all the evil shit going on OK, i'll stop now, any other good today. i'm very much into earth liberation. We need real freedom for anarchist mags there? every creature on Earth. i'm very much Back to Nature!! anti-work!!! We must stop working, we Live wild or die!!! must stop being slaves for big corporate Bye. business, stop being producers and

it's enough!!!!!!!

The LAF consists of a varied group of Most punx here, are just consumers -- it's

the meetings are advertised publicly this All that PC bullshit!! I mean, i'm into

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is often the first point of contact for individual anarchy, I think everyone

programme. If we look sloppy, the punk 'scene' here is closed minded, rigid

daily life involved in that fight but I feel

i'm looking for open minded people, who are ready to reject money and the fake 'values'. We must turn our backs on that sick nightmare called 'society'. Yeah, I would say it would be even better to live in the Stone Age again.

Better than the actual sick, evil, technology terror. Soon, therte will be no cash money anymore, just one plastic card for everyone, and anyone who refuse that card will not get anything in this

food, some Rastas eat fish, all reject meat Maybe they give everyone a tattoo later and many are vegan. In fact nothing on (after the plastic card), and there you Ital!, does he know it exists! A good have it, the slave system, as described in range of traditional vegan Jamaican Orwell's '1984' (but it's gonna be

i'm trying to live in the woods, with no and none of those modern comfort

Are there any relatively safe places to live there without police harassing you every day? is it worser since the 'Criminal Justice Act'? is dumpster diving possible there, or other ways to get free food (or at least very cheap)? I would like to visit do that. (it's a 6 months jail time for dogs

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#### RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Dear Sir

MPhil Dissertation

M.Phil at the University of Humberside. think about, or try to create alternatives to My research question will aim to look at the System? Remember the Marxists and to what extent are the religious, political, their 'iron laws of historical social and economic beliefs of Gerrand development' which would 'inevitably' Winstanley (1609-1676?) shared by lead from capitalism to socialism? groups who resort to 'direct action' as a Now for those glorious warriors, the FC. system than Zerzans. mode of protest in contemporary Britain.

and animal export protests.

If any of your readers who have been involved in this type of protest are willing wouldn't show up in x-rays).

go away in reality. to be interviewed as part of my research. So selective assassination to prevent Anon., postmarked 'London' project, I would be grateful if they could greater crimes is morally justifiable (it's PS: I'm not seriously suggesting that and gave what they didn't need to others. write to me at the address below.

Campaign'

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

HU11 4EJ.

## US FORWARDS

heat (ie. infra-red) radiation. But that worth any amount of killing. happens to all solar radiation anyway. No energy conversion system can produce more energy as its output than is put in. Thats what the Second Law of out (what's source for the goose...) should "objective backing for anti-racism" -- arses but don't turn and fight unless Thermodynamics says. If you've we hunt down and kill GA's editors, the most see his claim those most gene- they're well outnumbered as it'll only performed some brilliant experiment perpetrators of these blasphemies? Or, tically similar seek to eliminate slow you down. proving otherwise let's hear about it. Or being unable to trace them, how about a those less similar as scientific justif- Remember there's always more cops stop preaching ignorant and/or few bombs in bookshops selling the rag? ication for racism. Either way, it's coming. No matter how many of you ideologically motivated nonsense. Solar One of FC's victims was apparently an ideological question, not a scient- there are and how high your barricades, cells can no more 'generate' additional connected with a firm doing PR work for ific one, and Dawkins is so embarr- they'll always be more of them in the end. heat than can vegetation.

I haven't read every book relating to after that shattering blow. Don't be too You accuse us of misrepresentation when Molly Toff, postmarked London. science, the environment etc, but I've sure the whole thing isn't a State or you claim GA promotes a "comforting" read a few including critiques of The capitalist inspired black propaganda scam fantasy of the benign mother-Selfish Gene.

analgam technique.

biological theory using the slogan 'the Jerusalem? away with it, as it still does.

Far from promoting racism, Dawkins vital. gene-centred viewpoint, stressing the You recommend 'plain common sense' as racism, anti-aspeciesism and Green ideas authority and capitalism are innate to Dear GA,

This outlook is politically flawed anyway. If people really believe that the system is inevitably collapsing why bother to fight it? If all it takes to reach utopia is to I am currently preparing to start an allow Mother Nature to look after us, why

There are plenty of people whose space is Yes, science is complicated but so I am particularly interested in anti-road preferable to their company, including nature, especially biological nature. developed plastic shrapnel so that it our minds won't make the complications

effectiveness is more debatable). What is In addition, I would be very interested to not justifiable is FC's targetting of hear from any of your readers who were anybody vaguely connected with science look that way using the same kind of means that they always retreat -- easier to or are involved in 'The Land Is Ours' or terchnology. This smells of the medieval witch-hunter and has nothing to do with building a free society.

be done face-to-face, to make sure of the but you've still got a long way to go. We a scaffold pole to break their arms if they D R Borrill, 21 Galfrid Road, Bilton, Hull proper target, not by the cowardly and reckless tactic of the letter bomb.

DAWKINS LEADS about posties, secretaries or bystanders were referring to the 3rd law about are cowards - they'll run when you stand being killed. It's all for the love of Gaia entropy (the tendency of systems to up to them. Only when you've seen them and speeds the collapse of civilisation, or disorder -- unuseful energy) and refer off should you barricade, loot etc. at least gives the likes of GA something to you to any basic biology textbook on the Only run from cops when you're trashing Yes, solar cells ultimately convert solar to snigger over and that sacred cause is

Strictly hypothetically, suppose we 'technophile' in the Bob Black sense. 'science fanatics' decided that GA was a threat to our faith and should be rubbed You see Dawkin's sociobiology as over and torch them to keep cops off your Exxon after the Alaskan oil-spill. I bet assed by it he now insists genetics Whatever you're doing, do it fast, hard the US war machine is half paralysed has no affect on our free will!

To equate Dawkins with 'Social Science is power? Was there no such "following Zerzan, GA explicitly Dear Green Anarchist, Darwinism' or Nazi eugenics is classic thing as government, exploitation. rejects religious mystification as a slavery, genocide before the rise of prime source of alienation". Also We write with regard to the article Social Darwinism was and is a crude modern science? Ever heard of the that "science is ideological, the third A Bosnia Of Consequence in Green ideological hijacking of Darwins Crusades and what happened in leg of the same tripod of domination Anarchist issue 40-41.

survival of the fittest' (which even now is If each and every rain-forest dweller for about the sum total of most peoples millenia has been able to use 1000+ knowledge of Darwinism) to 'justify' plants how did they acquire this Right-wing economic and social policies. knowledge? Were they born with it? Or The technophobic ignorance of the anti- was it a process of empirical observation capitalist opposition allowed them to get and testing? The scientific method is as natural to humans as language and as

common ancestry of all humans and, a substitute. H'mm. The 'plain common further back, all living organisms, sense' of most people I know says that provides objective backing for anti- social change is impossible because about the unity of all life. Could it be that 'human nature'. Although he has been Whoever did the Riot Police review is no member of Class War we do not Dawkins view of nature as neutral and accused of genetic determinism and other anarchist if he thinks "looting ... make[s] expect to be dragged into this indifferent (though not hostile) to the fate atrocities Dawkins points out that rioters look like thieving scum-bags". The dispute again. of humans and other organisms genetically influenced behaviour is not police exist to protect private property -undermines your comforting fantasy of fixed like a computer program. Every the essence of capitalism -- so once Yours, the possibility of a techno-fix for global own interests not those of our genes. He do but to take it back? It's our labour BM Box 357, London WC1N 3XX.

'inevitable' decline of authoritarian (not the faith) that we can rise above our that are "thieving scumbags", not genetic endowments and our cultural rioting against them. conditioning and 'free ourselves from the This about the "racist attack on a White tyranny of the selfish replicators'. Your truck driver in the LA riots" shows you answer to that? Crude ansd inaccurate just don't get it. It was bad he was demonological labelling, sneers about attacked but don't equate it with the cop 'pop science' and the touting of one attack on Rodney King that started the Zerzan who apparently wants to abolish agriculture! Common-sense? Or crackpottery?

> Somehow I think the spread of Dawkins while the attack on the truck driver was ideas would be more subversive of the incidental to anti-System violence against

scientists. (Especially the creep who Obliterating scientific knowledge from

you're a bunch of Nazis, just trying to His tactics were crap too. Saying people science and scientists.

neg-entropic characteristics of living organisms. You don't even understand the science you champion, you're just a

goddess"! Last issue, you read as capitalism and authoritarianism" Firstly we are aware, as you are, of so you can't pretend we see it as the the "joint intelligence operations" sole source of global oppression. between Leeds AFA and Searchlight How can you speak of "the birth of (see for e.g. Searchlight April 1994, modern science" in one paragraph p. 3). Such matters are for Leeds and then that "[t]he scientific AFA and Paul Bowman to explain. method is as natural to humans as language" in the next? Carolyn Por the record though, Paul Merchant's Death Of Nature should clear up your confusion here.

#### RIOT VIDEO

warming threatens your faith in the concludes The Selfish Gene with the hope that's produced it all so it's capitalists

LA riots, like the media tried to. The attack on Rodney King was the System's violence to preserve the rule of property the rule of private property i.e. driving the cops out and the looting. What happened in LA was about class, not race, it's just most Black people are poor because US society is racist. Looters took what they needed but couldn't afford because of capitalist property relations (eg. mothers took nappies for their kids)

show that you could easily be made to should keep their distance from riot cops 'commonsense' that you display about 'rout' and disperse. The poll tax riot showed you get better results if you • GA replies: Blake said "If the fool charge them. Make sure everyone does If someone should be got rid of it should persisted in his folly, he'd become wise" and that you've got something heavy like showed you knew fuck all about thermo- try using shields to ward you off. You can dynamics last issue and your reply this grab shields and twist them to break their Fanatics of this type don't give a shit issue shows you still know fuck all. We arms too -- turn them against them! Cops

> an area, not holding it. Scatter through the streets, smashing windows and chucking in mollies etc, any heavy damage that can be done quick. Turn cars

and keep an escape route open.

#### JUST IN!

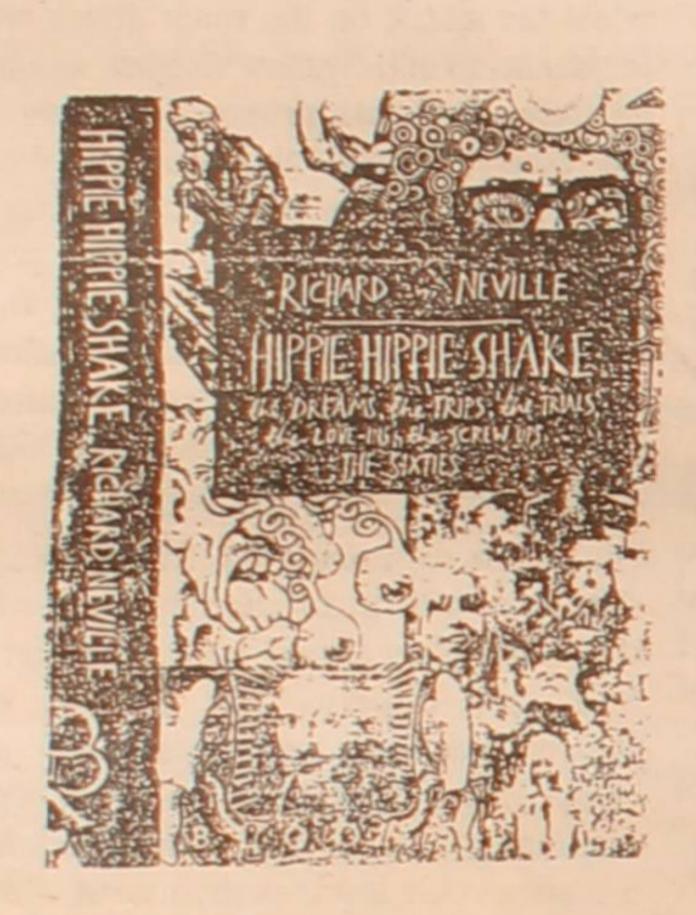
Bowman has never admitted to us that he is a Searchlight asset, nor has he admitted to working with Searchlight. We would be grateful if you would stop putting words into our mouths on this issue.

As Paul Bowman is no longer a

the benign mother-goddess, just as even time we use contraception we follow our they've been fucked off, what is there to Paul Marsh cc. London Class War,

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#### BOOKS



RICHARD BLOOMSBURY, £18.99.

Perhaps this is a story of lost innocence. Odd isn't it how books, zines, records and films sometimes capture the spirit of a particular time? Think about 1967-70 and many people The Summer of Love couldn't last. It would think of Oz. This book is the is fair to say Oz had quite a strong story of the man who brought Oz from political awareness even at the start. Sydney to London and made it the They covered such movements and flagship of the late-1960's hippy people as the Black activist Michael X

The book starts out with Richard Neville as a student trying to subvert cock". Marxists, Trots and anarcho's PAMPHLETS his college rag at the dawn of the 1960's, rebelling against his iown edge of the party but then things narrow middle class background. By September 1966 he had back-packed his way from Australia through all the usual ippy hauns in Asia -- Nepal, Turkey to Holland Park, where he May 1968. In UK, cops repressed antistarted a London version of his original mag, pitching it somewhere between Private Eye and New off. Later, students were shot at Statesman.

postcards to mail to politicians, boutique and a cabinet minister's demanding Reginald Maudling update house. Jerry Rubin organised a sit-in the abortion laws. A piece denounced on the David Frost show. Feminists MP's as "fat pompous dying smoke bombed the Miss World alcoholics" underneath a montage of a contest: "We're not beautiful, we're nude woman dumping into a lav not ugly, we're angry". suspended over Parliament.

Having a go at authority was all good Pepper, was the tendency towards innocent fun. Oz's artwork was bloody exploitation. Here we come up against LIFESTYLE ANARCHISM: AN "the dream of Reason [that] brings brilliant - Martin Sharp and Jon the essential problem of revolt. UNBRIDGEABLE CHASM BY forth monsters") and that classic Goodchild -- particularly the cover of Recuperation. Yesterday's avant garde MURRAY BOOKCHIN. £5.95 authoritarian oxymoron, representative #7, Blowing In The mind, the becomes tomorrow's orthodoxy. Back FROM A K PRESS. archetypal psychedelic design, a yellow at the dawn of the 1960's Richard Bookchin's hysterical polemic against One thing that seems to particularly and brown bespectacled face / sunrise Neville and his contemporaries bought primitivism is his attempt to replay his horrify Bookchin is that the Kalahari surrounded by an eye-confounding into rebellion. On The Road, choosing 1990 trashing of those scientistic, San (Lee's example of "the original mesh of circlers like minature bacon English Lit or Arts degrees against inarticulate rednecks of Earth First!, affluent society") supposedly slicers, razor-wheeled bubbles bursting stodgy Accountancy or Law. By the the Formanistas, with his Which Way descended from some East African like silver froth in place of frizzed end of the decade it was all looking a For The Ecology Movement? This mini-empire based on trade a few hippy hair. Another high point of bit jaded. Jack Kerouac died. Many of time, however, Bookchin's social centuries earlier. Ex-Marxist Bookchin cover art, #10 had the famous photo of them quit the alternative scene or ecology is the conservative, has trouble stomuching them "rolling that Vietnam-ese man being shot in cashed in on it. Sickened by the marginalised current and this back the wheel of History", climbing

cover spattered with blood and the handwritten caption, "The great society blows another mind".

In this book, in Oz itself, and in the alternative society too, I suppose, three trands (hedonism, politcs and commerce) clash and mix. First there were the flower people, the Woodstock Nation, inspired by Dylan. Oz's arrival was timed just right there. It rode on the crest of the whle hedonism thing of peace 'n' free love. drugs and music as a counterpart to the draft, Vietnam, and all the conformirty of the 'Norman Normals'. The hedonism was empty, unproductive, Revolution for Show, but it attracted people. "Can't you realise that twenty miles north of Oz, IT, Art Labs etc NOTHING HAS CHANGED" an irate correspondent wrote to them. Sure, the hippies had

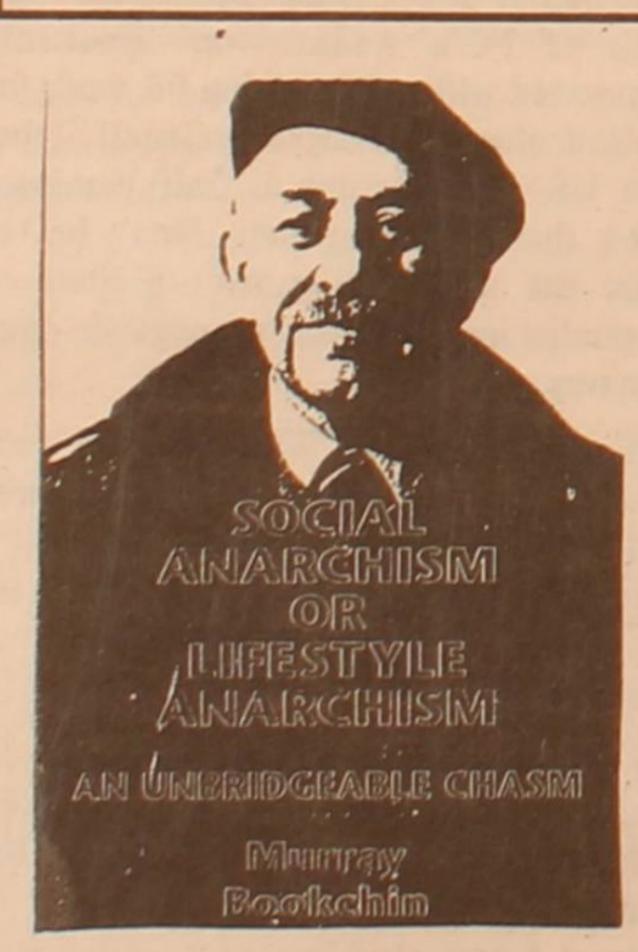
(hung in Trinidad), women's rights, Germaine Greer's call to "defuse the were waiting in the shadows at the turned frantic. In the US cops used tear gas and riot sticks against protestors at the Democratic Conference, Chicago. Students and workers rose in France, Nam protestors in Grosvenor Square, the Northern Ireland troubles kicked Berkeley and Kent State, Ohio. The US had its Weatherman, UK the Oz scored early hits with pull out Angry Brigade, bombing Biba's

The third strand, Cashing in on Sgt

End Noel Coward revivals (p. 235). primitivism Stateside. Always the danger of the sell-out. As Bookchin's doctrine of libertarian the Angry Brigade said: "In fashion, as in everything else, capitalism can only go backwards".

Russell, Lady Chatterley and Gay outrage at John Zerzan's short review News. Maybe nobody but the ageing in Demolition Derby, Murray hippies would remember it but for that. Bookchin's Libertarian Municipalism, Fearfulof becoming out of touch with shows ("repulsive"), ol' Bookworm their readers, the Oz editors handed just can't take radical criticism. over the mag to a group of teenagers for one issue. On the cover, blue writhing lesbians tounged each other while inside, one of the school kids. Vivian Berger, chose to depict one of the last remaininf bastions of Empire & Decency, Rupert the Bear, with a huge erection, engaging in sexual acts. The Obscene Publications squad raided Oz and put the editors on showtrial. Defended by John Mortimer (Rumpole of the Bailey) the editors were jailed and, even more traumatic, had their long hair shorn off. Effigies of Judge Argyle were burned outside the court,

turned against the values of Mom, Dad I said this was a tale of lost innocence, address primitivism at all with this and apple pie, but failed to look after and we all lost out when Oz was criticism. In the early chapters of his their own and failed to replace the suppressed. Freedom was lost. Hippy own seminal work, The Ecology of rejected values with others. An idealists were a soft target when Freedom, Bookchin argues the NEVILLE. epidemic of clap stalked the beaches of gangsters paid off the smut squad individual / collective duality was Ibiza, treated by a doctor, Sam Hutt detectives. They'd run out of porno superceded in primitive ("organic") (later Hank Wangford). An Esher publishers to raid. This said, Richard society and it is to here that writer commented "If all god's chillun Neville does not seem to have been primitivists look for revolutionary got the clap, maybe they ought to stop made bitter or cynical by his exper- models, not to Stirner, the slaveiences. Ushers in the court sported Oz holding ancient Greece polis or even badges under their robes. A juror later down Memory Lane to the Spanish commented "The alternative society Civil War. It must be deeply sounds good -- much better than ours". embarrassing to this pampered Hippie Hippie Shake is unputdownable academic that the people he dismisses -- one of the best reads I've had in in ethnocentric terms ('ignorant



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headed for the staklls in those West action against the dominance of

municipalism and it's practical Roussopoulos's Ecologie Montreal Of course, Oz is up there with the have discredited social ecology as other literary trials, Ulysses, Betrand fundementally reformist. As his

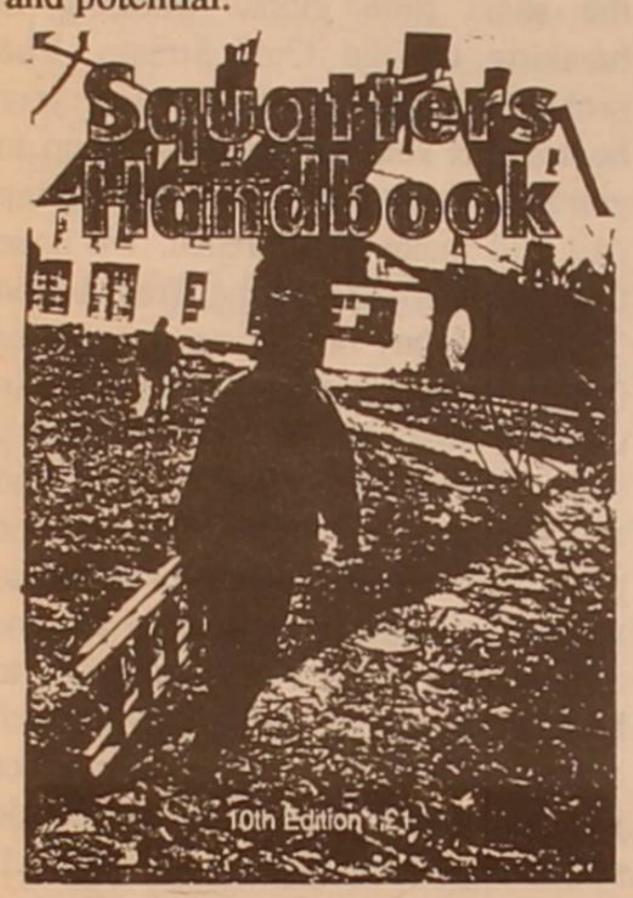
Central to Social Anarchism or

Lifestyle Anarchism is the claim that anarchism is either social (collective, proletarian, Steam Aged) or lifestylist (individualistic, yuppy, frivolous). Although an improvement on the dogmatic workerism of some in UK (if your anarchism's not their brand, you're "not anarchist"), Bookworm presents only a parody of anarchism's history, for example forgetting the French Illegalists were generally more authentically working class and practically revolutionary than the mass organisations he counterposes them to. More to the point, Bookworm doesn't natives with bones through their noses') have sussed out a fundemental problematic that he and his oh so superior social anarchists can't.

Bookchin goes on to crudely reduce or reject all that's best in his Ecology of Freedom -- rather than recognising the dialectic between technology and society, he now pretends technology is 'just neutral tools'; rather than accepting primitives have resolved Nature / culture dualism (the living embodiment of his anti-heirarchical "new ethic"), he now dismisses them as "superstitious" using a critique plaigarised from his bete noire, John Zerzan, and as Earth rapers using the most dubious and selective paleontology. Bookchin then goes on to get all hot and bothered about Culture, mass organisation, the division of labour, instrumental Reason (yes, Murray, as the rising tidal wave of tetramorphism and genetic tinkering proves, it is the

the head during the Tet offensive, the violence, the empty hedonism, people pamphlet is a desperate rearguard down racist Henry Morgan's

heirarchical ladder of culture, for a life of harmony, authenticy and leisure instead of competition, alienation and exploitation. Well, Murray, that's where the tide of History's really flowing, where the future lies for the rest of us too -- not as 'good citizens' in your shit cities. Have the good grace to accept this rather than making such a sad spectacle of yourself, a public laughing stock impotently spluttering abuse and shouting half-remembered Leftist slogans, voiding even your own earlier thought of revolutionary insight and potential.



SQUATTERS HANDBOOK. FROM ADVISORY SERVICE FOR SQUATTERS, 2 ST. PAUL'S ROAD, LONDON N1.

It's been nine years since the Squatters Handbook was last updated. The 9th RED SAILS IN THE SUNSET? AN edition was written because of the ECOPOLITICAL CRITIQUE OF 1986 Public Order Act and this one THE SOCIALIST INHERITANCE because of the 1994 Criminal Justice BY SANDY IRVINE. £1.25 FROM Act. Then as now, the key point is that ECO -- THE CAMPAIGN FOR SQUATTING IS STILL LEGAL.

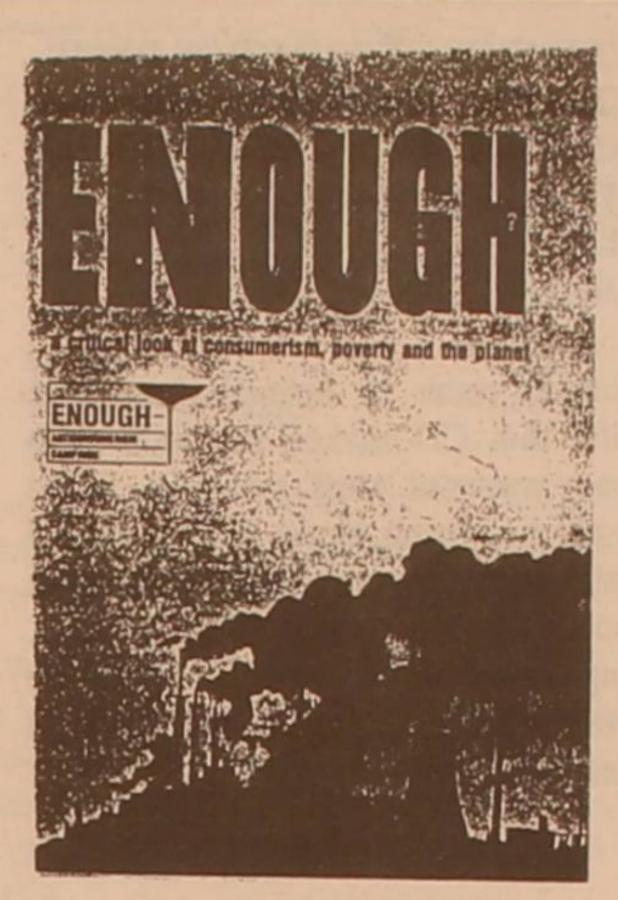
There's a lot more on the law, new stuff about Interim Possession Orders (IPO), the new CJA procedure, and Sandy Irvine is Britain's Eco-Trotsky about Protected Intending Occopier to a small and dwindling band of selfshould be "kept secure at all times".

References to local groups helping squatters find a place have been dropped in the 10th edition -- aren't there any around no more? The 9th edition's advice on signing on's gone too -- we all know how to do that now!

The new Squatters Handbook is an essential tool in taking direct action against homelessness and liberating our own space. Get yours now!

STREET, MANCHESTER M2 5NS. merely meeting consumer demand.

have been named as 'Scrooges of the ecologist but believes that progress can Faslane Peace Camp, Justice?, etc. Year, 1993' by Time Out for only come through one leader, one If you're for direct action and feel Blackwidow slingshots. There's also They're linked to the New Economics action for the planet is rejected. Irvine people should stop in-fighting and prisoner lists and a short diary of Foundation and the glossy but wants strong rules, immigration recognise the real enemies, Earth Dyrenes Frigjorings Front (DFF = excellent consumer-parody zine, entrols and general no fun all round. Adbusters.



trip down memory lane to the lifestyle politix of the 1980's. There was a lot of stuff about 'setting an example' and moral superiority in it but relieved by a humour absent back then:

a local DJ began our interview with the immortal line "But you look like normal people...." To which the only possible reply was "Only because our hairshirts are in the

pricking the advertiser's 'commodityas-image/personality' bubble.

The numerous toons and quickfire Basic objections that vegan food is quotes in Never Enough? will ensure more expensive, less healthy or fun are it's a valuable campaigning tool, dealt with and then vegan equivalents particularly to those new to the to animal products and where to get

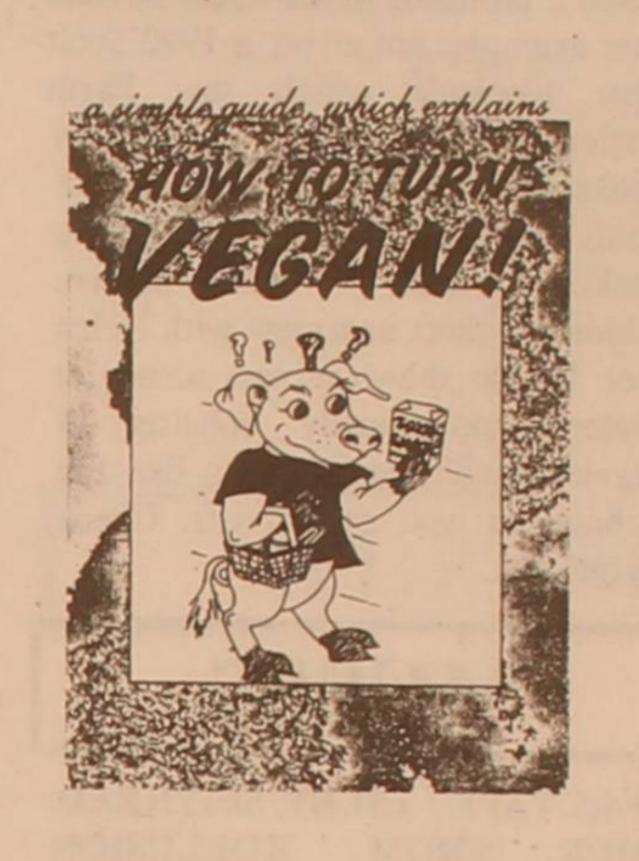
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(PIO) orders which London councils styled conservative Greens. Take the were using for short-cut evictions Socialist Workers with all their before the CJA. We were surprised to Leninism, love of centralised see no reference to reinterpretations of leadership and add right-wing Greens the 1977 Act that allow landlords to who endlessly moan about population 'brush aside' squatters beyond the (note they believve in birth control solid and sensible advice that squats fiorus but daren't promote safe, nnprocreative or gay sex amongst themselves), blame the poor for environmental destruction and lve centralised leadership. You have Sandy Irvine, Sara Parkin's right-wing theoretical advisor and a former fulltime organiser for IS (International Socialists -- the old name for Socialist

Irvine slags off the Left not just for The lead article is a challenge to their ove of environmental destruction Snorky and his idea EF!UK is dead. Irvine believes that multinationals and animal liberation action. The zine NEVER ENOUGH? BY THE obsessively selling us crap, devastating is worth reading for these lists alone. ENOUGH ANTI-CONSUMER the ability of ordinary people to live in CAMPAIGN. £1.50 FROM ONE a Green way and ruling the world via WORLD CENTRE, 6 MOUNT the IMF and the gun, are angels who

Direct action that erodes laws and is Reading their 46 page pamphlet was a enjoyable is out! Irvine is entirely

ignorant of groups like GA and MOVE who fight for the Earth, reject simplistic right-wing analysis and suffer at the hands of the State.



HOW TO TURN VEGAN RONNY. PRICE FROM CAVY PO BOX PRINT, MANCHESTER M60 2DJ.

This short and simple guide takes it for granted that its readers know why to The humour is very important in turn vegan (a dozen books and groups are cited if you don't!) and so explains

> them are listed (still problems with cheese and eggs!) or advice given on cooking up your own to save money. Do vegans really need to substitute one of their products for an animal product? Why can't we have our own distinctive cuisine? The booklet ends by listing of dodgy E numbers and non-vegan, non-food products ("most brands of condoms are not vegan but some are (eg. Jiffy)" -- phew!) and reminding readers that animals aren't the only ones exploited consumerism and recommending the Ethical Consumer for other boycott information.

#### NEW ZINES

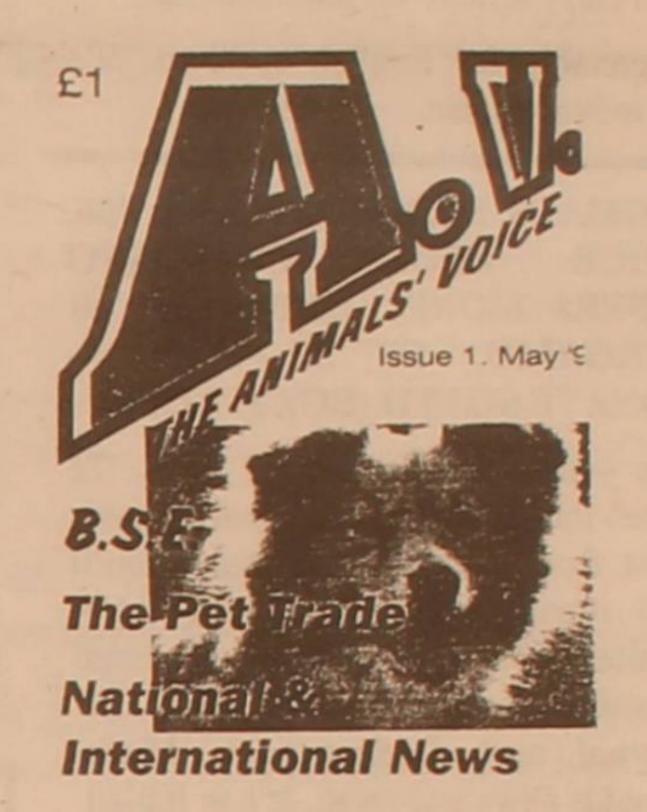
DIRECT @CTION DIRECT PRICE FROM CHICHESTER EF!, PO BOX 99, CHICHESTER PO 19

The latest publication to come out of EF!UK Its stated aims are to bring together all forms of Earth, animal and human liberation.

but because the Left attack capitalism. Next there's an excellent list of Earth

There's also a bit about hunt sabs and how police may be planning to target BCM GRUEGT 23, 0652 OSLO, them as thery have GA. You'll find NORWAY. articles on alleged Unabomber Ted Very pro-ALF, #1 has articles about Manchester-based Enough are proud to Pathetic! He claims to be a deep Kaczynski, anarcho-insurrectionism, the first ten years of Sweden's DBF,

rapers and animal abusers, this is the ALF) actions.



ANIMALS' VOICE #1. £1 FROM CAVY PRINT, PO BOX 339, WOLVERHAMPTON WV10 7BZ.

A new animal rights monthly coming from a local groups perspective. Its editorial sections make clear AV's commitment to animal freedom and that this freedom includes the freedom for animals to live wild in their natural environment. This stand is emphasised with a long article by anti-Crufts veterans Midlands Animal Rights Coalition criticising the keeping of

There's a very broad range of informat-ion but, Paul Gravitt's article on BSE and the Death of Modernity aside, not much depth. Surprisingly, there was no coverage of direct action more militant than sabbing and the ALF's address was not listed anywhere

**VEGAN PRISONERS SUPPORTERS** GROUP NEWSLETTER. PRICE FROM PO BOX 194, ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX EN1 3HH.

The Vegan Prisoners Supporters Group (VPSG) has one of the most misleading names out. Rather than supporting all vegan prisoners, VPSG is only concerned with vegan animal rights prisoners (veggie animal rights prisoners are not supported by VPSG).

The newsletter talks about problems vegan animal rights prisoners face when jailed, what VPSG has done to help them, and letters from prisoners.

The zine format is quite good but VPSG should stop excluding vegan prisoners jailed for non-animal rights reasons. I also feel they're treading a very dodgy path excluding veggie ALF activists. All jailed activists have made the same sacrifice and should be supported as equals, regardless of their

FORANDRINGENS FRO: FOR DYRS FRIGJORING. PRICE FROM

against angling, and using

As well as caring about non-human animals, FF warns people against neo-Nazis going vegan and future issues will carry articles on feminism &c.

Regretably for English speakers, it's all in Norwegian.

ANIMALS INTERNATIONAL '96. PRICE FROM COMITATO LIBERA-ZIONE ANIMALE DI BERGAMO, CP 15 24040 --BONATE SOTTO (BG), ITALY.

The yeasrly publication of CLA. 72 pages-long, it's packed with news, most from other publications. You'll find reports about hunt sabs, ALF, Justice Department, a diary of animal liberation from GA, stuff from ELP Journal and Underground, Muck-Donalds news and more. It's in Italian.

#### THE ACTIVIST. PRICE FROM ARK II, PO BOX 687, STATION Q, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA M4T 2N5.

A small newsletter from a leading Canadian animal rights group. This Spring '96 issue had news on zoos, seal slaughter, environmentalism and animal rights, fur etc. It has a political prisoner update section on Rod Coronado, Mia & Minna from Finland and Captain Paul Watson. An incredible amount of info packed into one A4 piece of paper.



GOKROP-SU 6C, 90651 UMEA, SWEDEN.

Vegan straight edge mag from Sweden, the last ever. A benefit for Sea Shepherd but lots of nice letters, likens to the Ramones, Queers, who knows? Lots of photos, interviews, going vegan articles and Hardons but it sounds like Snuff to me. hardliners showing themselves to be This band aren't overly serious but this the arses they are. ALF report, Italian tape's really rather fun and comes with scene and even Hare Krishna waffle. A a lyric sheet so you can sing along really good mag, well worth checking

#### VIDEO

SLAPPS (STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPAT-ION) BY SOFT FOCUS FILMS, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY WALES. 2 01222 224 957

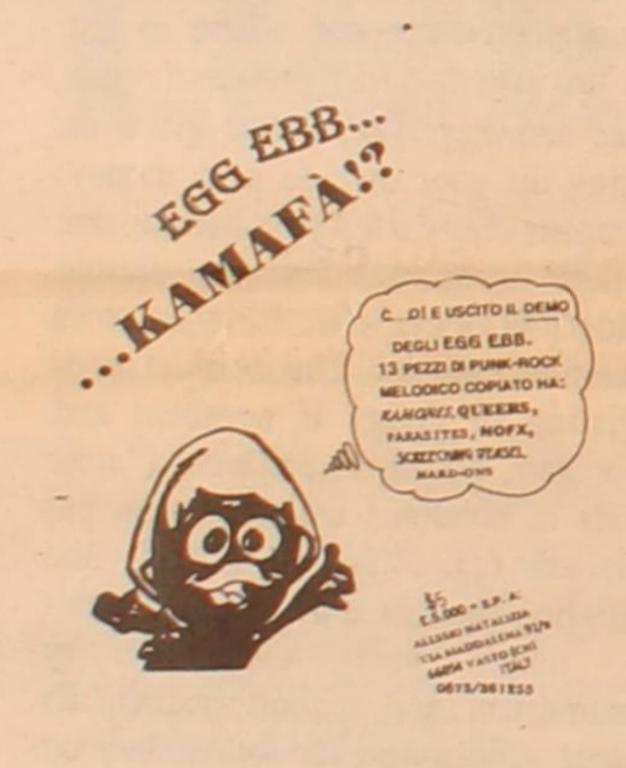
This is a short video documentary about injunctionms being used as a political weapon to try to stifle dissent. Twyford Down protestors, for example, who were supposed to owe the DoT £1.9m rising to £3..5m (take it out of the giro at 74p per week!). The whole idea was to stop protests by intimidating people. Take rthe

example of a Twyford resident who naively gave his own name when complaining after a security guard kicked a protestor in the head. Several other examples are given, a 1992 Scott Paper blockade which saw Earth Firstlers injuncted while a £60,000 cop protection farce kept protestors out of 'Fortress Bog Roll'. The long-running MuckLibel case is also shown, including a short interview with Helen Steel. It also shows protest scenes at Twyford and mostly consists of interviews with legal experts like Liz Lochran, as well as activists. Check this one out...

#### MUSIC

SWAG TAPE / CD BY SPITHEAD. PRICE FROM KOLLUSION RECORDS, P O BOX 2717, HARLOW, ESSEX CM1 6SQ.

Bloody ace! Hard-hitting band from Brum with an additional organ and female vocalist since their last tape, Sorego, on the environment, work, police and religion. This is angry stuff to the moon-stomping beat. They're probably one of the best bands around today and you'd be mad to miss out on this tape. It makes consumerism domewhat less alienating.



KAMAFA TAPE FROM EGG EBB. \$5 FROM ALESSIO NATALIZIA, VIA MADDELENA 91/B, 66054 VASTO (CH), ITALY.

13 melodic punk songs which the band Parasites, NOFX, Screeching Weasels, about wanting to be a Wrangler boy or being fucked up. If you like slowish punk, check this out. This isn't the bgest recording standard but it's very DIY not EMI.

#### JIVE HIPC165 LP BY KRS1

KRS1 or Chris Parker, MC of the mighty Blagic Down Production's (BDP) latest LP is more old-school than the hardcore of BDP. Perhaps this is a more self-centred LP than before, • To help co-create and support Earth maybe due to going solo. He does remember his MOVE beliefs in Free Mumia. KRS1 may be representing the real Hop Hop. Songs like Ah Yeah and Reality are good but I prefer Edutament or WorldWide Hardcore

CEREBROS EXPRIMIDOS DEME-NEIA CD FROM SEMAPHORE, ANDERNACHER STRASSE 23, 90411 NURNBERG, GERMANY OR GRITA, P O BOX 1216, NEW YORK, NY10156, USA.

Whether punk in Spanish has more balls, this CD makes its point with some powerful stuff which I found myself humming along with though I can't speak Spanish. Produced by Spot who produced Black Flag's stuff. Songs about raves abd deastroying the system and a cover of the Drone's Bone Idle. Check it out.

#### PROJECTS

EARTH VILLAGE NETWORK, 6 CRESCENT, EDINBURGH LEAMING-TON SPA CV31 3LL.

A worldwide charitable foundation to co-create ecologically sustainable village communities and a network to link these with people and information. Projects will be created on land held in trust and systems will be based on Nature's design.

All the land obtained will be held in trust for the Earth herself; by this is meant that the land will not be bought or sold again. Those living and working on the land will act as caretakers and Earth stewards of that land with responsibility for the wellbeing of the land for the next seven generations.

Central to its Eaerth care metjods is When you visit the Job Centre to sign Permaculture (Permenant Sustainable Agriculture) which entails the creation of design based on nature. It is the harmonious integration of landscape and people, providing their food, energy, shelter and other needs in an environmentally sound way.

At the moment main aims are:

- To help set up permaculture villages, gardens and farms for people to learn, practise and teach living in balance with nature
- To set aside land that will become biodiversity sanctuaries to guard plants, birds and animal species from genetic ersion
- To obtain barren and unfertile land to regeree and cover this land
- To set up and run healing and education centres, usually in nature To help and support existing
- communities via the network To connect with existing tribal societies to learn from them and to support them in keeping their land
- and way of life • To set up a regular newsletter, computer networks and communication channels to support all the above and connect people with land, information and communities
- Village projects at Marses (in the Rude river bioregion), Southern

Also they plan to help set up Earth Village projects at Homby Island (Cascadia bioregion) in Canada, and in rims

Mexico, Columbia, South Africa and Uganda.

The Earth Village Network needs permaculture designers, people familiar with Agenda 21, peple good at organising and pulling a group together to form small teams to create project briefs for pieces of derelict land in inner city areas. They hope this will spread from the cities soon.

#### TREE ACTION GROUP c/o BCM 1715, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

"The South Pole is melting while at the same time global warming is breaking up the Gulf Stream. The problems are all around even in your homes this very minute so it is up to you to do something, some small thing that will make a difference. We hope that you will support the Tree Action Group and buy one of our magazines (60p), the mag itself is quite unique in the way that all, yes all the money collected goes to the buying up of land to make tree and animal preservation parks. This is not a trick or a con to make you cough up more but a genuine organisation in need of real funding to help in the good fight against rich corporate bastards. Buy our mag or join in the fun -- whatever you do, do something to stop the MEGA!! companies from destroying the Earth

#### SURVIVAL

#### ECONOMIC WARFARE PLEASE TAKE ONE

on, everyone should make sure they take out a good selection of leaflets from those racks near the doors. Don't bother reading them but just think -- if everybody does this, it will eat into the DSS budget as they keep restocking the racks. Then write letters to the DSS criticising their leaflets and telling them to use recycled/sustainable paper sources for their leaflets.



#### HEDGEHOG'S REVENGE

Many people think it's fun to run down hedgehogs -- but not anymore.

If you find a dead hedgehog in the road, take it home, skin it (no, don't complain!) and fill it with a brick.

Put the 'fake' hedgehog in the road where it could be easily avoided if the driver wants to. If hit by a hedgehog killer, it'll puncture tyres and wreck

#### THE EDITORIAL

G.A.: THE ZINE

At the first hearing of four alleged GA editors, Simon Russell and the ALF press officer on 17th April, all we got was the pigs asking for more time -- they say they've got 10,000+ pages of documents to process but we reckon it's because they still can't figure what's subversive in that copy of Wittgenstein's Philosophical Investigations they siezed! Sickening how the pigs turned up in uniform even though they're all detectives -- conning people they're not secret police just the same as Erik Honeker's Stasi. Our next hearing before Portsmouth Magistrates is on 27th June, but at this rate we won't be tried before summer '97.

Thanks to all the brave readers that have stuck with us, the bookshops that've paid regular (but do ask readers to ask you if GA's under the counter!) and everyone that's donated to the bust fund (more please!). We're planning a spealking tour next spring to warn others against the politically-repressive potential of the conspiracy laws -- if you can find venues, do publicity etc, let us know before we publish the itinery in GA43!

#### YOUR BERNSTEIN PROBLEM

Black Flag (207, p. 1) claims we think they're "in the pay of Searchlight" when in fact A Bosnia Of Consequence (GA40/41, p. 25) said they were subsidised by AK Press, something they can't deny. We thought their crap review of Larry O' Hara's Turning Up The Heat was just AK's anarcho-conservative, commercial interest working its way through but it turns out it's more serious than that.

Larry's repeatedly been refused right to reply in Black Flag as they've been deferring to the advice of Louise Bernstein, partner of the late Leon Rosser. This is the same Louise Bernstein that published a 3 page article in March 1996's Searchlight, Hate On The Internet (pp.12-15), a fave theme with the security services at the moment. This same Louise Bernstein once shared a flat with a certain person late of Class War, last seen at a London meeting of the Scargill Labour Party in the company of Steve Tilsey, of Searchlight's Northern Office (congratulations to those Class War comrades that made a principled stand against the dear departed). Perhaps it was their common interest in European anti-fascist activity -- seeing as Bernstein maintained close links with Reflex in France, Searchlight regulars.

Or is it that they're both interested in animals? Bernstein's review of Henshit's Animal Warfare is hostile enough -- until it comes to "how the ALF used fascists in their fight against animal exploitation" (Black Flag #196, p. 8), total bullshit but this smear sources straight back to Searchlight, as A Lie Too Far convincingly demonstrated. We still remember Tim Hepple lying to us and WARFARE at Glastonbury '92 that ALF SG founder Dave Nicholls was the same as Dave Nicholls, Essex organiser for the British Movement. Makes you wonder whether they were more concerned about revolutionaries in the ALF than fascists not in it.

Which brings us on to Vi Smith and Keith Mann's Arkangel. They may have been mistaken allowing fascists to abuse their open forum but when you find 'minor characters' like Ross Bradshaw (whose Germany Calling is all Searchlight-sourced and introduced by Searchlight's Michael Billig) sending circulars round the Federation of Radical Booksellers seeking to ban it, you've got to ask why. AK were first to drop Arkangel and spread the 'awful word' but you'll have noticed by now how they always jump when the wrong people shout 'hop'.

We're not saying AK or Black Flag are 'MI5 agents' (stuff that straw man!) or anything at all except easily led. It's just that if Black Flag wants to spout platitutudes about "the usefulness of open debate, how we think we can push things forward, strengthen a broad anarchist movement etc", we must ask "why bother?" until they get their house in order.

#### STUPID AND COWARDLY

No, not Freedom's reaction to the Unabomber (although it was) but some FoEfanciers' to Snorky's Earth First! Is Dead, published way back in GA39.

Although FoE's reaction to the 12th February 1996 Tarmac trashing (see p.1) proves everything Snorky said about their reformism and the constraints they were trying to impose on EFIs revolutionary activity, the FoE-fanciers have threatened to letter bomb him. Snorky doesn't have a letter box -- but we do.

But if they're too stupid to understand the debate, they're too stupid to build any device worth worrying about. And if they're too cowardly to put their point in public, they'll be too cowardly to put anything in the post either.

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