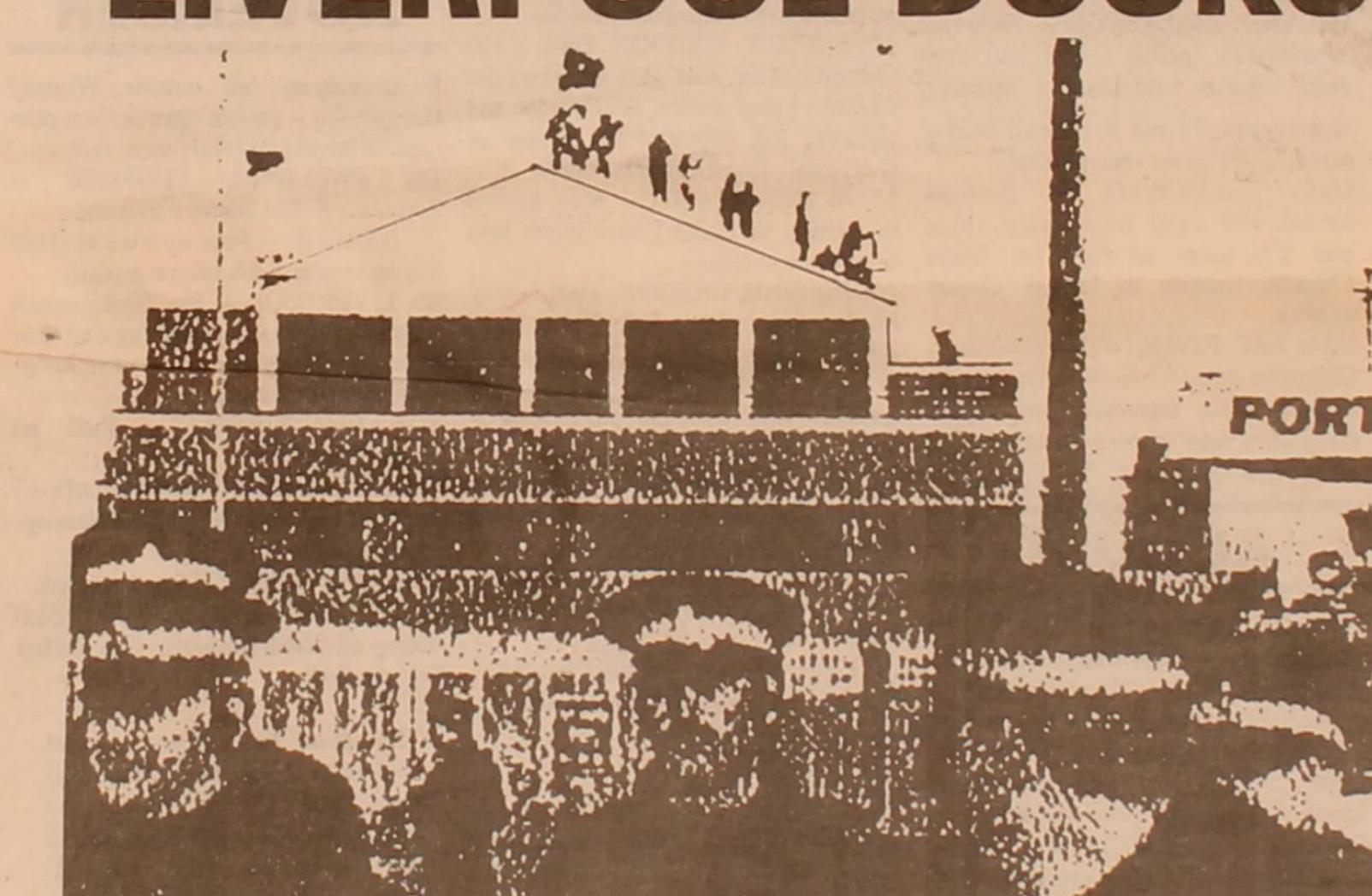




THE ANTI-IDEOLOGY DOUBLE ISSUE. FACTFILE ON SOCIAL SECURITY. LIBERATION TOUR POSTER. FENLAND JOHN ZERZAN ON SYMBOLISATION. REBELS. STUFF THE VOTE.

LIVERPOOL DOCKS



RECLAIM THE STREETS occupy the roof of the Rathouse

dockers dispute was marked by a was clearly to discourage RTS types since the tropical timber blockade of damage to the Institute of Anatomy & Street, London EC2A. up old bill.

Attempts to shut down the scab port started very early on Monday, 30th The crane occupiers were quickly and NOW WHAT? violently removed by scabs and there were confrontations with the 800 pickets a string brigade coming onboard' and at the gate too.

without arrests and the pigs were so fluffies in 1994. nicked and beaten up in the van for peeling peaches &c - picket-line and anti-capitalist. There'd been Reclaim The Streets, PO Box 9636, the High Count, London, this Baster out recognise such activity as revolutionary and anti-capitalist. There'd been Reclaim The Streets, PO Box 9636, the High Count, London, this Baster out recognise such activity as revolutionary and anti-capitalist. There'd been and anti-capitalist. There'd been recognise such activity as revolutionary and anti-capitalist.

The 1st anniversary of the Liverpool violence or what? The pigs' intention solidarity between dockers and Greenies the DBF (Swedish ALF) did 1m krona's Environmental Network, 87 Worship 10,000 strong rally on Saturday, 28th from getting involved in industrial stuff 1992. The fact is RTS see the docks September 1996, and the squatting of an in future but when the march reached dispute as a community issue, not a ex-Customs House a couiple of miles the customs house, the dockers conventional workplace one. Like the from Seaforth Docks by Reclaim The interposed themselves between miners' strike, it's about preserving Streets that saw a stand-off with tooled- protestors and police and when they community and the dockers called RTS couldn't get access to the squat, the in because they thought this would dockers put the protestors up in their mobilise youth locally. The M41 social club too.

September 1996, with a dozen We hear the pigs also attacked people on

squads in on the demonstrators during for the last two years. It's only when the the whole of their march back to the old guard see this in an 1980s-style More info:

customs house squat. People were industrial context that they can Reclaim The Streets, PO Box 9656, the High Court, London, this Easter but 66 Stevenson SGI 2RL.

showed they certainly had more to offer We're pleased to report the cops got latest attempt to criminalise fundamental

GENE WARS

Continued direct action against Imutran by the ALF have forced Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge-shire, to drop their disgusting plan to transplant pigs' hearts into people. The ethics committee said there was a danger of xenoviruses.

A more insiduous threat is from Monsanto's Round-Up Ready soya bean and Ciba-Geigy's mutant com. Unlike CalGene's Flavr Savr tomato puree, we're not being given the choice whether we want to eat it or not - 80% processed food could contain this genetically-modified crap and it won't 'proved' by 3 weeks of superficial Cell Biology. animal tests. We could be looking at the Because the Germans fought genetix

Greenpeace Inc occupied cranes at the 1980s and we didn't, UK has Seaforth dock to blockade the first become Europe's dumping ground for import of Monsanto's 'gene beans'. On such experiments with laughable in-16-18th December 1996, protests house / quango non-regulation. There against the eXperiment were held at 400 are dozens of field tests going on out supermarkets in UK - leafleting, street there - they'll be in the shops next theatre, trolley runs and stickering unless we fight GA can supply a list if suspect products. In Manchester, Ciba- you supply the SAE. Geigy's offices were sloganised; in Denmark, Monsanto's HQ was For more information: occupied; and in Gothenberg, Sweden, Test Tube Harvest Campaign, Womens



with lab bombings and occupations in

GANDALF UPDATE

than the usual dreary of bucket shakers. their arses kicked at the 9-13th freedoms of political expression and December 1996 commital hearing in association is faltering. A good turn-out occupying the cranes and more the way home, trashing cameras and Liverpool was important, but because it Portsmouth. The Special Branch officer for the Liberation Tour (see displaying a 'Sack the Bosses, Not the stubbing fags out on them. Ring Kev shows how resistance has changed fronting Operation Washington for centrespread) and at Robin's hearing Workers' banner from the roof of the Robinson (20151 207 3388) if you've across the generations - the dockers ARNI (Animal Rights National Index), could make the difference. Rathouse, the Mersey Docks & Harbour evidence to support defendants and sue look to negotiating over reformist DI Des 'Looney' Thomas, admitted the Company's admin block. Sixty more the arses off Merseyside Constabulary. demands and the solid, pre-1980s case was doomed unless ALF press Good to see Thomas admit 55 people working class communities that officer Robin Webb was tried alongside were raided, though he couldn't Thatcherism has atomised (resistance the other five defendants so he must remember why half the time (more than there is now about crime) and RTS are have been kicking himself when Robin even the defendants suspected!); that about direct action to smash this society walked on the last day due to his MI5 were involved, though he said it'd how the movement's now as swamped and counterculture recreating officers' complete contempt for the law. take a Public Interest Immunity hearing community. Those involving themselves The CPS admitted Robin shouldn't be to find out why; and that he and the CPS The port authority let occupiers leave by retrograde Trotoids as it was by in this new wave of resistance should tried twice on the same evidence on his come to learn and participate, not teach own - as if sitting in the dock with Looks like the secret state will be pissed off at this that they sent snatch RTS are doing what they've been doing and manipulate. The 1980s are over. others would make it any less a case of needing a new front man at this rate.... double jeopardy.

Ridiculously, the CPS are appealing to

Donations still urgently needed at:

DIARY OF ECODEFENCE

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

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

APRIL

FINLAND: IITTALA - ELF smash

FINLAND: IITTALA - ELF trash

Road 3 signs.

site by ELF.

Road 3 construction site.

Sea Shepherd's Agent 13.

Road 3 construction site.

windows broken.



FEBRUARY

For five digger windows at Road Environmental Protection sab seven construction site. diggers and heavy-duty lorry used for building Staustufe Wien hydro-electric

Stop Lambach.

Quartz sand - it depends what you do with it.

Construction materials should not be deposited careless in the landscape in the form of highways or powerplants, but in the construction machines dersigned for it. Seven diggers and one lorry were made harmless for a longer time by sand in the tanks.

Sand polishes the machine from inside within a few houses to a standstill. Five kilos are sufficient for eight vehicles,.

Detailed information obtainable from construction companies at the Staustufe Wien.

AUTONOMOUS INITIATIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

sloganise \$hell station; ELF trash eviction starts. road construction site.

FINLAND: IITTALA - ELF remove heart. Road 3 survey stakes.

trash machines there. Department (JD) post razor to Costain buildings.

Construction Division. UK: LONDON - JD post razors to pro-Newbury bypass Liberal Democrat MP, David Rendell, and Costain Group HQ. UK: MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE

JD posts razor to Costain House. UK: SUSSEX - ELF trash Forestry 13: SALISBURY - eCostain director be cut!" Commission equipment: £2,000+ Sir Christopher Benson woken by pre-

POLAND: BIALYSTOK - Zielonych Anarchistow (polish GA's) join mass demo against Cormoran, a company

demo, ELF slogans spraypainted. USA: CALIFORNIA - Ecoteurs 15: WANDSWORTH - Man injured Residents protest quarry expansion. remove 100 metal road survey stakes by bailiffs in TLIO Pure Genius land 22: BARROW - Four arrested at HMS and 21/2 miles of rope for Upper occupation eviction. Chiquita Canyon to Orange County 16: EUGENE, OREGON, USA - Five 30: LIVERPOOL - Six Greenpeacers

mine. They were worried about acid and McDonalds Day. copper pollution.

FINLAND: TOUALA - ELF throw cables into lake and break windows at FINLAND: JARVENPAA McDonalds and \$hell station trashed by 17: EXIT 104, I-5, OREGON, USA - they can find: Anarkistinen Suora Toiminta (AST = ELF glue and sloganise McDonalds. NORWAY: SENNESVIK - Attempt to Anarchist Direct Action). sink whaling ship using techniques of

FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA - ELF break 5 McDonald's windows; later smash windows and spray slogans. FINLAND: HAMEENLINNA - ELF trash digger on Road 3 construction site FINLAND: HAMEENLINNA - Shell previous open cast mine protests. FINLAND: IMATRA - 2km of survey stakes removed from road construction ad sprayed.

FINLAND: HELSINKI - 26 windows smashed at two McDonalds by ELF. FINLAND: IITTALA - ELF spray slogans and break 8+ plant windows at FINLAND: KUOPIO - ELF sloganise / trasah Shell ads.

UK: NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE FINLAND: KUOPIO - \$hell station Coach, generator and security lights 27: EXETER, DEVON - Amoured ads paintbombed and trashed. Forecourt trashed during mass daylight raid on personnel carriers donated by KLF Visualise Industrial Collapse", "Smash compound during Flim Flam festie on removed from A30 protest bu cops. Industrial Civilisation". £5,000 damage. the bypass route.

UK: BRIGHTON, SUSSEX - Traffic BNFL Sellafield via Eurocourt.

POLAND: BIALYSTOK - Zielonych meeting with MP's environment Anarchistyow hold small demo in committee over CEM fuel cement Muck Donalds.

USA: Greenpeace divers lock down 31: DETROIT / OAKRIDGE, factory trawler ships for nine hours.

SEPTEMBER

centre with 20' high wigwam as prelude stastion sloganised. to street party. 36 arrests.

contractors try sealing off yet more UK: HACKNEY CENTRAL, 21: LIVORNO, ITALY - Mall through this station" and interesting

building site trashed. Power station artwork grafitti. destroyed, caterpillar and steam-roller USA: CASCADIA FOREST -

diggrer and remove survey stakes from 26: BIOTECH - South African old car, literally hog-tied himself by

windows at road constructin site; ELF McDonalds and two \$hell ads. FINLAND: TOUALA - ELF remove Byrass logging site.

OCTOBER

10: EXETER - Yet more court bids to oust Fort Trollheim.

dawn chorus, Newbury protestors squatting trees in his posh garden. 14: EUGENE, OREGON, USA - For Columbus Day, ELF glue and sloganise 8: Incenduary left outside Wimpey

Chevron petrol station, McDonalds and Housing Co - protest against their plan logging primal forest in Poland. During Hyundai PR office: "504 Years of to build houses on local nature reserve. Genocide", "Fuck Corporations".

Chippewa stop sulphuric acid tankers Wendy's had toilets blocked and engineered soya bean. crossing their resrrvation to copper sprayed with fake blood on Anti- FINLAND: KUOPIO - \$hell ad

16: GRANTS PASS, OREGON, USA - FINLAND: LAHTI - McDonland's ad ELF glue and spraypaint McDonalds redesigned to read "McMurder destroys in soilidarirty with McLibel 2.

17: COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON, FINLAND: ESPOO - Digger trashed. USA - ELF glue and sloganise UK: COLWYN BAY, CLWYD - ELF McDonalds.

19: MANCHESTER - RTS block

19: BANBURY - Protestors invade Threnford Hall, Michael Heseltine's country house, in boring repeat of 21: SWITZERLAND - Row over US

against wind farm. 23: MEXICO CITY - Car ban as smog records in Cell Mutation Unit and levels rise.

genetically engineered soya beans

Several police vehicles damaged.

lights trashed during Reclaim The 29: SALISBURY - Bypass put on hold. 30: CLITHEROE - Residents' grudge

OREGON, USA - Incenduaries placed in Forestry Service vehicles and buildings on Earth Night. Oaskridge statyion entirely destrtoyed, preventing it being sold off as a prison. 14: CAMBRIDGE - RTS block town FINLAND: RIIHIMAKI - \$hell

FINLAND: JARVENPAA - \$hell sign 21: NEWBURY - More arrests as destroyed.

LONDON - "Nuclear waste trains go

Cascadia Forest Defenders (CFD) block 25: NABURN, YORK - Shopping US Foresst Service Road 701, leading to FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA - ELF centre development tree protestors controversial logging site Red 90. One activist, using a lock-on hidden under an scientists revive cryogenically frozen rat three limbs so all his weight was on his fourth limb cemented into the lock-on. FINLAND: KUOPIO - \$hell truck Four days later, CFD, EF! and Witness FINLAND: IMATRA - ELF smash trashed and sloganised; ELF smash Against Lawless Logging (WALL) blockaded the road leading to Horse

UK: MAIDSTONE, KENT - Justice road survey stakes and sloganise USA: COVE / MALLARD - Forestry Service and Shearer Lumber Co suspend all loogging and road construction in Cove / Mallard until June 1997 after fearsome campaign of direct action by EFI Idaho Sporting Congress said: "It may not be a victory in the books, but it is a victory on the ground. No trees will

NOVEMBER

19: PWLLHELI, PENROSS -

Vigilant nuclear sub launch protest. McDonalds, a Taco Bell, Taco Time, arrested after crane protest against first USA: BAD RIVER, WINSCONSIN - Arby's, Burger King, Carl Jnrs and import of Monsanto genetically-

destroy all Welsh Mountain Zoo leaflets

The action was taken to protest wildemess destruction. The ELF argue that if people want to conserve animals then they should stop destroying the animals' natural habitat and help recreate those that have been destroyed rather than imprison animals.

23: CARNO, POWYS - Protests UK: BRIGHTON, SUSSEX - Ecoteurs trash computer hardware and written Biology Department, Sussex University, and paint slogans: "Smash Technology,



EARTH NIGHT ACTION: Oakridge Ranger Station, Oregon, USA, entirely destroyed by fire.

DIARY OF AMIMAI LIBERATION

Dedicated to Rod Coranado, **Ecowarrior and Animal Liberator**

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JANUARY

NEW ZEALAND: HAMILTON -- ALF smash windows and paint walls of KFC. SWEDEN: UMBA - Fur stall chased off street by anti-fur militantys.

USA: MANKATO, MINNESOTA -ALF spraypaint animal transport

USA: SYRACUSE, NEW YORK -ALF slash furs, gouge cars, paint-bomb The ALF had also paintbombed Mrs exhibitors at Syracuse Northern Sports

FEBRUARY

CANADA: VANCOUVER, BRITISH USA: CICERO, NEW YORK - ALF processing plant. NEW ZEALAND: DUNEDIN - Three Farms Resturant.

USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - & Furs. meat market sloganised and glued.

USA: NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE ALF torch J Jackson Furs. It goes out of

USA: SOLVAY, NEW YORK - ALF spraypaint chicken resturant, then smash all its windows.

MARCH

6: OSLO, NORWAY - Dyrenes sloganise all walls, glue locks and trash and Albrechts fur shop. windows, glue locks and throw paint bricked, glued, sloganised, paintbombed - ALF glue Best Steak House. and stink bombs into Fur Breeders &c. Association office.

18: PISA, ITALY - Pisan ALF torch two cars owned by vivs: 100,000s lire

22: TONSBERG: NORWAY - DFF trash fur shop.

sloganised: "Milk is torture".

1m lire-worth of cages.

and butcher trashed by ALF. \$1,600 damage. CANADA: VANCOUVER, BRITISH CANADA: GUELPH, ONTARIO COLUMBIA - ALF slash tyres on fur Guelph Fashion Furs and car window of and leather cleaning delivery van. UK: LONDON - After picketing fur EIRE: 250,000 salmon freed from fish fur farm, costing them \$240,000:

shop manager Michael Hockley's home farm: £1m lost profit. and workplace, London Animal Action UK: WEST END OF LONDON - ALF recieved a letter:

Dear Sirs,

Our client, Michael Hockley, has instructed us to inform you that having given consideration to the overall position, your campaign and your recent activities have left him with no alternative but to resign his position as manager of Philip Hockley, No. 20 Conduit Street, W1 and to give up any and interests connections

whatsoever in and with the fur industry.

You should know that although our client is the manager of Philip Hockley of Conduit Street, he and his family have no beneficial interests of any nature or sort in the firm, he being merely an employee.

Yours faithfully, DAVENPORT LYONS.

Hockley's car.

NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST-CHURCH - ALF delay opening of MuckDonalds by gluing locks and leaving hoax bomb on doorstep. ALF also catapulted hunting shop and leather store.

COLUMBIA - ALF rescue hens from glue, sloganise, paintbomb and smash five windows of Plainsville Turkey

and a MuckDonalds USA: DULUTH, MINNESOTA - ALF times. glue Lake Superior Furs and USA Foxx USA: EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA USA: CHESAPEAKE, VERMONT -

Especially Leather by ALF. Brook Road ALF repeatedly catapult Hataway Meats. Taxidemy. Massive paint attack on USA: MADISON: WISCONSIN - USA: MADISON, WISCONSIN -Jean Benham Furs. Proprieter spends ALF constantly hit the same MuckDonalds constantly hit by ALF. \$1,000s on security video camera - MuckDonalds. useless, as ALF mask up!

and two dozen mice from experimental feed supplier) glued and sloganised. 23: MERCIER ISLAND, WA., USA - surgery lab: 100,000's lire damage. R&R Espresso and four other businesses 12: GERMANY: ZIRTOW, Cell 4 ALF torch two Egg Products stink sprayed into four fur shops by

31: VENICE, ITALY - ALF free ten smeared on accomadation building. thrushes caged by hunters and smasm 29: MERCIER ISLAND, WA, USA - USA: SYRACUSE, NEW YORK -Subway Shop bricked, glued and ALF glue and sloganise Shriner Circus. torch two furriers.

store owner trashed.

brick Zwims fur shop: £4,500 damage. NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST-CHURCH - ALF glue and daub GunCity hunting and fishing shop.

SOUTH AFRICA: STEYLERVILLE Spear Of The Tiger (ALF-SA) free hundreds of animals from 'game reserve' shooting range for trophy hunters by cutting holes in fence:

In the early hours of Wednesday morning, the barbed wire fences of two huge concentration camp 'farms' in the Steylerville district

shadowy new animal liberation movement - the Spear of the Tigers. Just as we as proud South African people did not want to be interned by apartheid, so Spear of the Tigers give expression to our animal brothers & sisters desire to be free from oppression. Spear of the Tigers boldly claims equality & freedom, justice & peace for all! This is the beginning of total animal liberation in Africa. This is the beginning of an African reinassance where all Africans, human and animal, will live as one with our Mother Africa. Beware trophy hunters, poachers, all

have been cut by activists from a

USA: ATLANTA, GEORGIA - ALF Federal Meats and Pollacks Furs smash brick or glue Atlanta Furs three bricked and glued. 11 other unspecified

oppressors! This is only the

- ALF glue Heavenly Hams, Bentley's ALF trash Central Meat Packing for Many small windows smashed at USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - Outfitters, Bakers Ribs and Ken's Fresh sixth time in 15 months: \$60,000

USA: MANKATO, MINNESOTA - ALF brick R Craigs Leatherworld USA: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - Animal transporters daubed by ALF. R again. Cell 4 ALF smash seven windows at Craigs Leatherworks glued and bricked. USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE Mierers Chicken and then a leather Chip Steak and Hilltop Meat Maerket ALF glue and paintbomb Jean Berham

Hickory House BBQ shut for two days - ALF glue Brother Halal Meat Market, A Wish Foundation HQ threatened with dressmakers window bricked. after ALF smash five windows, Crown (fur farm cage / fence supplier) bombing after they organise Alaskan FINLAND: TURKU - McDonalds Frigjorngs Front (DFF) smash 28 signs. Syracuse Mustards (hotdogs) USA: MOUNDSVIEW, MINNESOTA youth (not dead soon enough in GA's FINLAND: MIKKELI - McDinalds

> USA: RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA - USA: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH -ALF glue Simek's Meay & Seafood and Cell 4 ALF smash La Blanc furs Tandy Leather.

USA: St PAUL, MINNESOTA - ALF

glue City Meat Market and Pioneer 7: BOLOGNA, ITALY - ALF free pig Sausage Company. Heger Co (fur farm USA: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - 6: OSLO, DENMARK - Smorsyre MECKLENBERG-VORPOMMERN - trucks and building on ALF DFF. 25: PISA, ITALY - Viv phoned death ALF torch fur farm buildings and Appreciation Day: \$100,000+ damage. 10: UDINE, ITALY - Only 25 people vehicles. Slogans and non-lethal acid Cell 4 ALF brick two huge windows at turn up to Berlino Circus after Gluckman and Lois Armiger sent JD-Sniders.

31: VENICE, ITALY - Two furriers sloganised: "Meat is murder", "ALF". Home of Murray Dietchman, CEO of 25: MERCIER ISLAND, WA., USA - selling polar bear fur bricked twice. Bonwit Teller departtment store (sells fur) spraypainted. USA: VICTOR, NEW YORK -

> The ALF operates under the policy that life is more important than

release 3,000+ mink from LW Bennett

MAY

DRAMMEN, NORWAY - DF smash two fur shops. 5: REGGIO EMILIA, ITALY - 2,300 mink freed from farm: <60m

10: OBBOLA, UMBA, SWEDEN Empty fur farm torched: \$660,000 damage. Farmer's car also trashed.

11: VENICE, ITALY - Padoan ALF 23 hunting platforms. Each tower free 35 chickens from Ovomec battery destroyed had message left: farm. 1,000 cages opened, lorry and conveyor belts trashed, 3,000 eggs right contaminated: 10m lire damage. CANADA: CAMBELL RIVER,

Watch activists arrested for sabbing - ALF brick and sloganise Hibbards trophy hunt. UK: EASTON CASTLE - 60+ HRS and GunCity trashed. Two given fines activists do £1,000 damage to hunt and community services after being scum's cars with clubs and rocks at the nicked for this action. 150th anniversary Ledbury Hunt Ball. NEW ZEALAND: DUNEDIN - ALF

Elainten Vapautusrintama (EVR & Burger and twio Jack In The Box =Animal Liberation Front) glue fur burger bars sloganised: "Where's the store; EVR sloganise meat truck and Beef?", "War on animal killers", "Meat break its windows.

Nagerfront (Rodent Front) destroy 13 Same MuckDonalds continuously hit. NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - and ad banner paintbombed.

Auckland Zoo director Laura Manaw 1,000 mink from appalling conditions. more butchers glued. A week later, five coming. Murders beware". few more butchers daubed.

NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON -

for the 5th time in six months. Charcoal Chicken bricked and sloganised. KFC and Georgie Pie daubed. NORWAY: SENNESVIK - Attempt to whaling ship discovered Techniques similar to those used by Sea

Shepherd's Agent 13. SWDEN: ORIK - Fur shop sloganised and glued. USA: BUFFALO, NEW YORK - ALF paintbomb and glue Pallanker fur store.

USA: MANKATO, MINNESOTA -

USA: SYRACUSE, NEW YORK - USA: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA USA: PHEONIX, ARIZONA - Make FINLAND: HELSINKI - Fur brown bear murder for terminally-ill bricked: 50,000 FIM damage.

windows. NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON -

'Cancelled' notices flyposted. 17: MESTRE, ITALY -- ALF spray and Gluckmann's cars paint-strippered.

Subs, and glue a Baskin Robbins. AUSTRIA: 50 mink liberated in tye Fund charity shop and British Home country's first liberation raid. CANADA: ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Abandoned Coaspack post razor to Countryside Movement

ALF brick McDonalds and Subway

Meats warehouse destroyed by fire. 4th attack in two years. FINLAND: KUOPIO - Snelmann's meat office bricked.

FINLAND: IMATRA - McDonalds' UK: CAMBRIDGESHIRE - ALF torch two lorries owned by cattle haulier

Michael Speechley: £150,000 damage. MINSTERWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE - Two lorries and barn at H Lyes abattoir torched: £150,000 damage.

Jager Front (Anti-Hunter Front) destroy hunt fanatic I Hodge.

ANTI-HUNTER FRONT

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Six Bear NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST-CHURCH and three other butchers, fish shop glued

glues Muck Donalds FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA - USA: HUNTINGTON BEACH - Bun

is murder", "Next time fire". HUNGARY - Autonomous group USA: MADISON, WINSCONSIN -

hunting towers. Letter to Hungarian USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE newspaper promised further action until ALF daub and brick three Goldsmith hunting is recognised as real murder. (fur) delivery trucks. Goldsmith store Four butchers and KPC bricked, USA: RIVERTON, UTAH - ALF free

has her car paintstrippered, and three Slogan painted: "More actions are butchers bricked and ostrich farm USA: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH investment promoter Deirdre Goatley Cell 4 ALF glue La Blanc furs again. has driveway sloganised. Next ALF USA: SANDY, UTAH - ALF free 75 bricks four more butchers and sloganises mink used in nutrition research from milk truck. Lastly MuckDonalds and a Utah Fur Breeders Agriculture Co-op. USA: WASHINGTON STATE - ALF NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST- free 80 mink from fur farm.

CHURCH: ALF destroy fifteen duck USA: MINNEAPOLIS, MN - ALF shooting platforms just before hunting spray vegan slogans on two Marigold USA: St PAULS, MN - ALF glue

ALF sloganise and brick Preston Meats Steak House resturant.

JULY

20: VENICE, ITALY - ALF trash abbatoir and steal its records. CANADA: ABBOTSFORD, BRITISH COLUMBIA - Empty pig barn tortched: \$10,000 damage. CANADA: LANGLEY, VAN-COUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -ALF free 400 mink from Akagami Mink Ranch on Independance Day:

We liberated these mink to save them from a life of torture, enslavement and eventual death. If we would have left them behind, these innocent animals would have been grotesquely killed, through neck-breaking, gassing or anal

FINLAND: KUOPIO - EVR trash meat processor: 40,000FIM damage. FINLAND: TAMPERE - Fur store bricked repeatedly.

electrocution.

FINLAND: LOHJA - McDonlands owner complaints about continuous

ALF glue two butchers.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - 40+ butchers warned to close or be trashed. Later, four or more butchers and fish shops bricked on several occassions. NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND Vivs Bruce Bagulay, Robert Faull, Peter type mousetrap devices. Faull and UMEA, SWEDEN - Angling shop

UK: AVON - Justice Department (JD)

UK: AVON - Two ALF incenduaries

founmd in Imperial Cancer Research

UK: BARNSLEY - JD post razor to Anglers Abroad. UK: BERKSHIRE - JD post razor to R

B Robinson Fields Sports & Safaris. UK: CAMBRIDGESHIRE - JD post razors to Baily's hunt directory and Emap Pursuit Publishing. UK: CIRCENCESTER - JD post razor

UK: CLWYD - JD post razor to British Association for Shooting &

Conservation. UK: CORNWALL - JD post razor to

Publishing Ltd. UK: DERBYSHIRE - JD post razor to USA: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS Anglers World Holidays.

Shaftesbury livestock market. UK: ESSEX - JD post razors to London MINNESOTA - ALF free 1,000 mink Fish & Poultry Retailers Association, from Latzig mink ranch. Acevill Publishers (hunting) and Kings USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE -

Angling Holidays. UK: GUILDFORD - JD post razor to Chitty Group abbatoir.

UK: HAMPSHIRE - JD post razor to ostrich farmer Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Countrysider Audio & Visual, terrierman K Coker, hunter P Humphreys, Wickham Labs' Paddy Edwards and William Cartmell, Torbay Farm puppy farmer Simon Day, Chris Bishop and D Walker.

UK: HARROWGATE - JD post razor top Arthur Oglesby.

UK: HERTFORDSHIRE - JD post razor to J Gildergsdleeve Group buying director of Tescos, which sell ostrich

UK: HULL - JD post razor to C Smales, Faroese Island fish seller. UK: HUMBERSIDE - JD post razor to

M Yates Livestock Transport UK: IPSWICH - JD post razor to hunt solicitor D Barnes

UK: KENT - JD post razors to National Federation of Meat Traders, hunt solicitors Knights of Regency House and J McArther-Clark (viv)

UK: KETTERING - JD post razor to Richard Otley (live exporter) UK: LINCOLNSHIRE - JD post razor

to BPG Borne Ltd (hunting) UK: LEICESTERSHIRE - JD post razors to Museum of Hunting Trust and windows with airgun, paintbomb Motes

hunter D Owen. UK: LONDON - JD post razors to Goldsmith (fur) trucks: "This Is War!" MuckDonalds HQ, slaughterer Peter USA: NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE Bryne, J Cole Poulterers, The Really ALF glue and sloganise J Jacklyn Furs Useful Group (owned by ostrich farmer and the Fur Vault. Andrew Lloyd Webber), World of USA: Leather's managing director, the TENNESSEE - ALF raid Mack Ellis Countryside Business Group (hunting), Fox Farm, only to find it already out of 24-25: WESSELING, GERMANY -British Field Sports Society, The Field, business. Patey Ltd, the Country Landowners farm: Association, WH Smiths for selling hunt zines, David Steel MP (pro-hunting), Ravenhill Publishing, St Martins Publishing, G Mowbray Ltd, Harmsworth Active (hunt publishers), the Salmon & trout Association, Poplar Furs, Eker Furs, furrier M Michaels, the Fur Education Council, the Research Defence Society (viv front), Schuco Ltd (viv equipment supplier), Gilette director A J Redpath, viv A Lnsdown,

UK: MIDDLESEX - JD post razors to

Holidays and K Alexander, director of

UK: NEWBURY - JD post razor to D

Watts, managing director of Thames

UK: SOMERSET - JD post razor to

UK: SURREY - JD post razor to

UK: SURREY - Earth First! smashes

window of tour operator offering

UK: SUSSEX - JD post razor to

UK: WILTSHIRE - JD post razor to

Burger King's managing director.

shooting holidays in Africa.

Stonegaste Farmers Ltd.

Salisbury livestock market

the Leather Technology Centre.

A M Pascoe.

Valley Eggs.

Country Sports Alone,

razor to hunter RW Bird

Hounds magazine.

hunter J Peck.

the Institute of Neurology, the department of Medical Microbiology, Wellcome viv D Barry, the International Cancer Research Fund, the Cancer Research Campaign, British Heart Foundation snakeskin shoes retailer Amesbury, bullfighting travel agents PP Travel and the Back-packer Company, and LWT's J Phillips (police propagandist). UK: MANCHESTER - JD post razor to Casst Away Irish Angling Holidays.

KFC managing director A Engel and viv UK: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - JD

liberation. ALF till next time.

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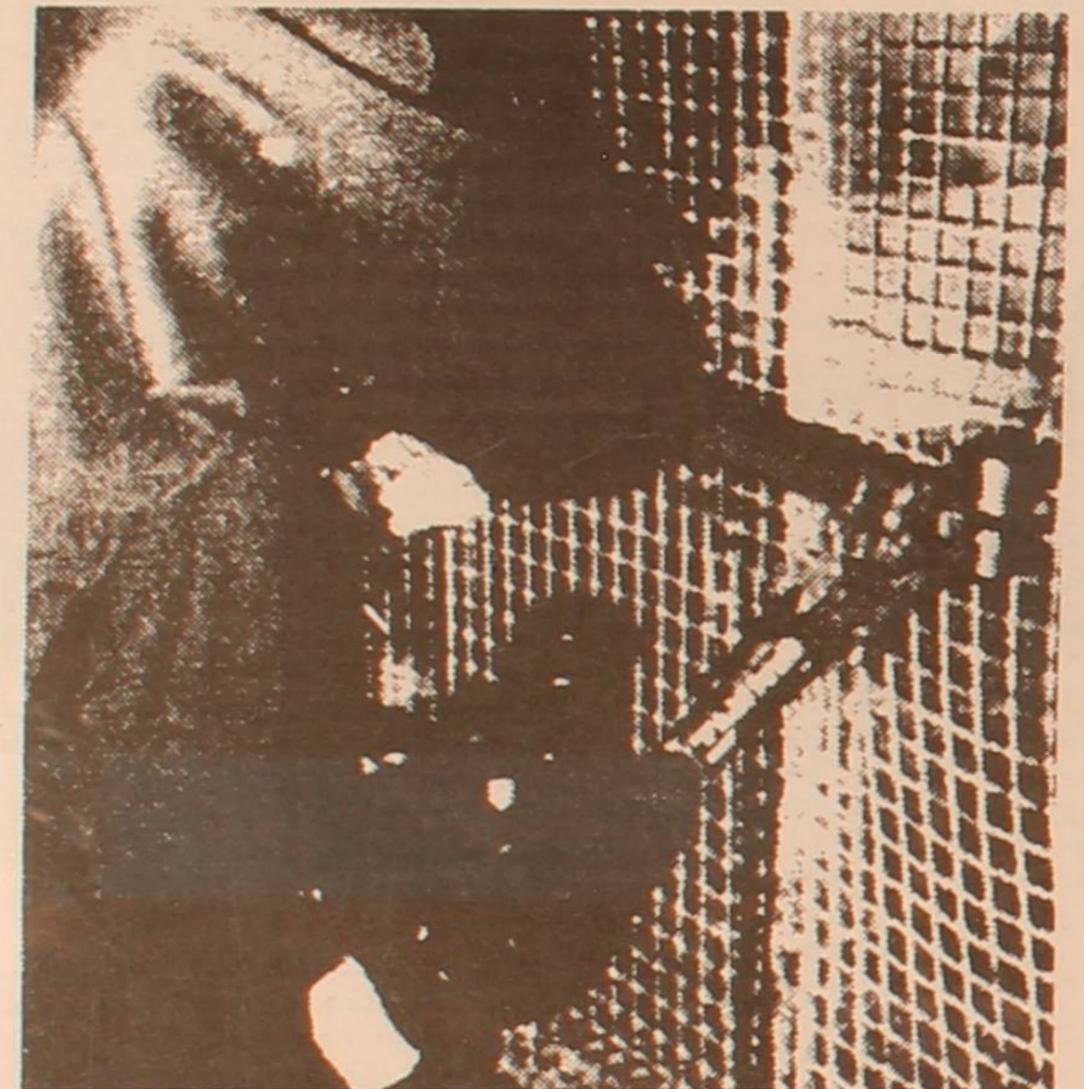
18: PORDENONE, ITALY - Birds fair UK: OXFORD - JD post razor to Leave 'Cancelled' by flyposting. 22: AUSTRIA - Empty bastlery hen UK: PETERBOROUGH - JD post units torched by ALF: 10m shillings damage. First such attack in Austria. UK: ROXBOROUGH - JD post razor 24: ROGALAND, DENMARK- 110 to Hobsburn House (pro-hunt hotel) black mink freed from five fur farms by

> of black mink live a good life in Norwegian naure. The mink has chicken factory farm. become a part of our nature as mink has gotten away from the death at norwegian fur farms, and suited themselves to fre surroundings. This is also the more than 20-25 animals in each

Sports Publications Ltd., hare murderer UK: YORKSHIRE - JD post razors to A Carter and Countryside Periodical hunters P Hill-Walker, J Snowball and J

- ALF smash sign advertising "Fresh UK: DORSET - JD posts razor to Killed Poultry". USA: HOWARD LAKE

ALF shoot out two animal abusers'



Furs and Dixie Meats, and torch eight

PLEASANT

Country Life editor C Aslett, The USA: SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH -Field's editor S Loveridge's home, ALF free 3,000 mink from Holt mink In the early hours of July 17 well

over 1000 mink were released from their prisons into the wild where they belong. The fur farmers are scared. They are all stepping up security. Mr Holt had just installed a new fence and used wire to lock each and every cage; but as you can see this proved to be useless. This new fencee was simply cut down and rolled up leaving the animals plenty of room to escape. The locks were cut or ripped open, causing plenty of damage to the cages. What Mr Holt did not or does not understand is that nothing will stop us. Original plans were to open every cage, but a cop arrived on the scene forcing us to leave. Breeder cards were also destroyed. Once again, more actions are coming. The time is now for animal

USA: WEST FARGO, ND -- ALF brick and sloganise Quality Meats and its post razors to Clifford Smarts Angling trucks.

UK: SHROPSHIRE - JD post razor to DFF:

DIRECT ACTION FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION WILL AND DO CONTINUE

151 minks fred from biggest mink farm in country. Owner Eberhard Huthmacher's fur collection destroyed by butyric acid. 100,000+ DM damage 25: DALLAS, TEXAS, USA - Fur van

paintstrippered by ALF. 25: RICHARSDSON, TEXAS, USA -ALF shoot out fur shop window. 25: PLAMO, TEXAS, USA - ALF brick fur store.

27: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, USA - Gillette president Micjael Hawley's home paintbombed by ALF.

The animals need all fronts abd the int[emational] ALF is an extremely omportant part of them.

liberated thousands of animals).

Many direct actions have also been

performed before these actions

occured, but by anonymous

person/s. amongst the earlier

actions we can mention: liberation

of two pigs from a farm who had a

lot of illegal practises, liberation of

mink, lots of fur shops locks

destroyed, fur / butcher shops have

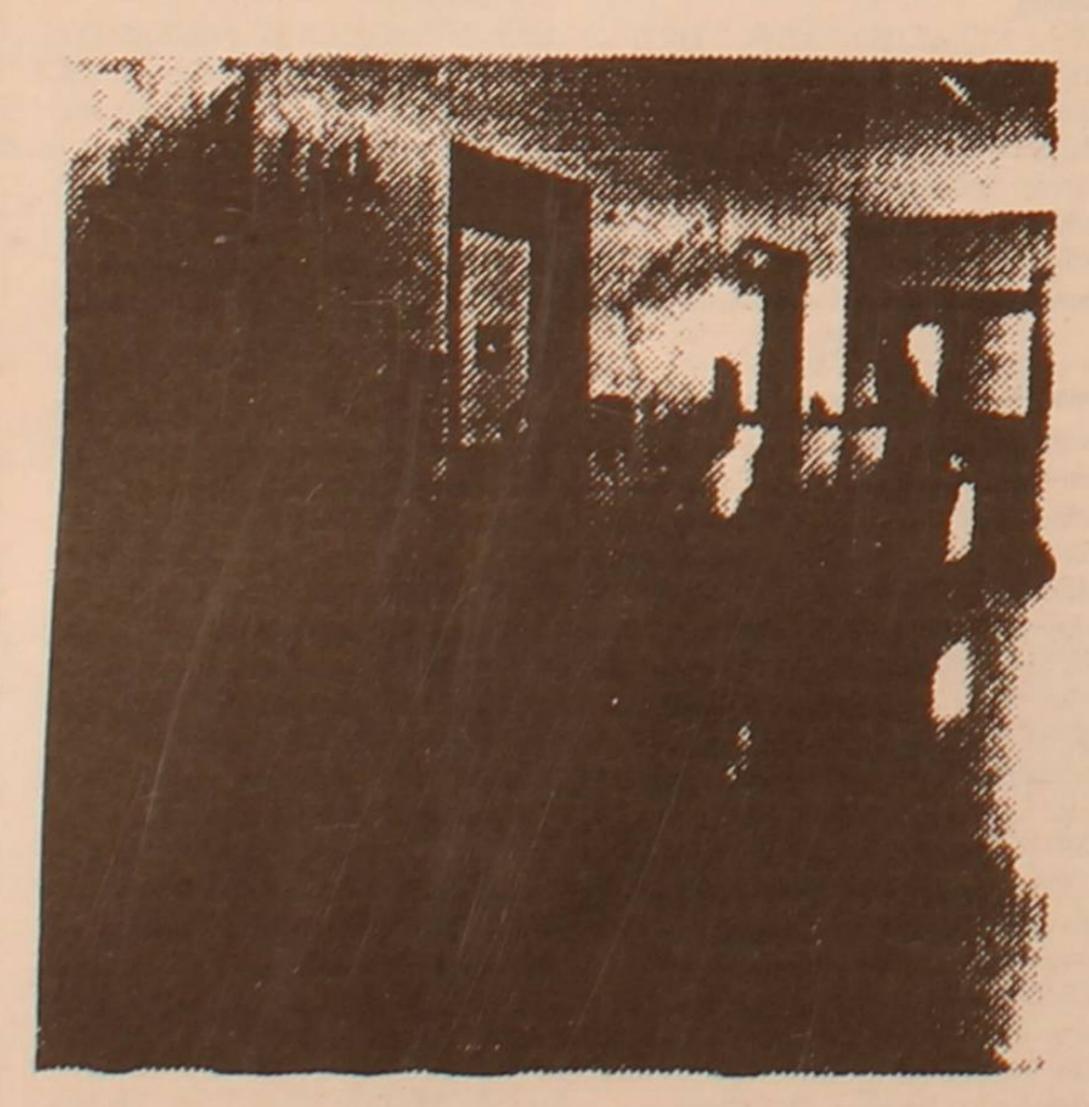
had their windows broken and the

list continues.

beneath their feet for the first time one". and splashed playfully through the

> As we skulked our way through mink were crammed five to a cage over three more fur stores. with no apparent source of food or

> > We refused to allow the barbario imprisonment and murder innocent creatures for the vanity of selfish humans. As long as there are animals suffering at the hands



In Norway mink isn't originally a 31: COLLIERVILLE, TENNESSEE, natural part of the faunas, but lots USA - Air conditioners trashed and incenduaries planted in four trucks at

FINLAND: HELSINKI - Two fur stores bricked. FINLAND: LAHTI -- Fur store bricked. FINLAND: HAMEENLINNA McDonalds bricked.

reason why the DFF can't release FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA - Two fur stores glued. area (or else we could have FINLAND: IMATRA - ALF trash

of humans, there will be the ALF. - ALF smash Macy's windows (fur) and trashed.

Rosenkrantz. USA: HINSDALE, MASSACHU- NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND -SETTS -- ALF free 1,000s of mink from Two McDonalds and leather shops Carmel mink ranch. First such raid in trashed. Massachusetts.

USA: MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - Animal libbers invade home of viv Ian ALF brick, glue and sloganise Grice.

Amerikan Association of Labnoratory NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - Cot Animal Science HQ. Goldsmith Death Society Building sloganised and department store's manager, Nancy piglet suffocating viv Shirley Tonkin Kelso, has car and drive covered in

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McDonalds and storasge building.

has car paint-strippered by ALF

windows smashed, all in one night!

ALF Grafitti leather shop; zoo.

takeaway outside MuckDonalds.

Trinity Foot Beagles Hunt kennels.

MuckDonalds invaded.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND

NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST-CHURCH

Animal libbers set up free vegeburger

rescue five 11 month old puppies from

UK: SOUTHAMPTON, HAMP-SHIRE

- Two pet shops bricked and sloganised.

UK: STANHOPE COMMON.

Hunt Retribution Squad (HRS) attack

gamekeeper and trash shooters' vehicles

GERMANY: WESSELING, Nr KOHL

Anarchistow (Polish GA's) organise

USA: ALLIANCE, OHIO - ALF free

2,500 mink from Jorney's fur ranch:

£42,000 fur pelts destroyed.

demo in MuckDonalds.

Cancer Society building daubed on USA: Press release:

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - USA: WEST JORDAN, UTAH -Happy Hen egg truck and two milk Three arrested for torching trucks paint-strippered, 'Sensatinal MuckDonalds due to open the next Sausage' truck and five butchers' month: \$400,000 damage.

USA: SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH -NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - After constant ALF hits, furrier puts up Four Animal Action activists barricaded sign reading: "We no longer sell fur or themselves inside Bruce Bayuley's fur products on these premises". Cancer Society lab on Daffodil Day. USA: SYRACUSE - ALF trash 'Murderers' painted on Cancer Society Skanaetlas Fur Exchange . Mustards

Hot Dogs goes ot of business after much NEW ZEALAND: CHRISTCHUCH - ALF attention. ALF attack Cancer Society buildings on USA: WASHINGTON - Greenpeace lock down factory trawler ships for nine NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON: hours. ALF trash Kudra Furs.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND - On the night prior to thye Fur Fashion Week activitiers in New York, ALF members were busy causing a small mess in downtown Manhatten. Two locations were targetted. One waas a future fur salon which is actually attempting UK: CAMBRIDGESHIRE - ALF to open its bloody doors in Greenwich Village, the 'bohemian' heart of Manhatten, albeit a very touristy heart. The second was a steakhouse in Soho hosting a dinner party for furriers the next DURHAM - As sabs disrupt shooters, evening as part of 'Fur Fashion Week'. Both locations had their locks superglued, were thoroughly splattered with paint and has many - ALF free 151 mink from fur farm. animal lib slogans wheatpasted to their outer walls. As expected, the POLAND: BIALYSTOK - Zielonych resturant was quickly cleaned, but the soon-to-open fur salon was a mess for 24 hours. Security was beefed up for the dinner party. Total damage costs unknown

As the cages were ripped open we USA: NEWPORT BEACH, OREGON were amazed at how quietly and - Crustacean Liberation Front grab crab patiently each mink waited for its from rersturant and return it to the turn to be liberated. They felt mud Pacific: "It made a difference for that

the corn and saw the ranch for the 1: DALLAS, TEXAS, USA - ALF glue first time, one word jumped into all and sloganise two fur shops. our minds ... Auschweitz. The 2: DALLAS, TEXAS, USA - ALF do

> 4: SEYCHELLES - Live exports outcry after ship with 70,000 sheep onboard abandoned after catching fire en-route between Australia and Jordan. 5: VENELIA, ITALY - 150 cattle freed from farm. Milk tank wrecked.

9: HAMM, GERMANY - Butyric acid sprayed into six butchers. 9: SOUTH St. PAULS, MN., USA -ALF try to torch major fur feed supplier. 20: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA -

more that month. 26: OSTRICH FARMS - CIWF reveal cruel ostrich slaughter methods on

ALF brick Atlanta Furs. It's hit twice

28: BRIGHTLINGSEA, ESSEX -Home office admit blockades cost £4.8m, Essex police are now 60 officers short, and crime detection rates are well down due to diversion of limited resources.

28: PROVO, UTAH, USA - 8,000 mink freed and breeding cards destroyed: "Many animals were left behind and for that we are sorry, but this war is far from over". \$20,000+

CANADA: ONTARIO - 100+ activists from 23 countries form a mass international demo against Marineland, protesting marine captivity. Some locked themselves to gates while others tried climbing in. Six arrests, one woman run down by park worker. Police not prosecuting this "upstanding citizen".... CANADA: TORONTO, ONTARIO -

Swiss Chalet resturant glued and sloganised by ALF. USA: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS - FINLAND: KOUVOLA - Fur store

paint home of furrier Amold FINLAND: JYVASKYLA - Four windows smashed at fur store.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND -

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5: RSPB - AGM protests against planned cull of ruddy ducks. 5: CERIGNOLA, FOGGIA, ITALY -Butcher and furriers glued and

5: ALLIANCE, UTAH, USA - 8,000 mink freed from farm farm by ALF. 5: REDMOND, WA., USA - KFC sloganised by ALF. LYNDEBOROUGH, NEW

HAMPSHIRE, USA - ALF free 35 foxes and 10 mink and trash Gauthier fur farm. 8: BELLEVUE, WA., USA - ALF brick Honey Bee Hams: \$8,500

11: BELLEVUE, WA., USA - ALF trash three more meat businesses:

\$2,000+ damage. 11: HINSDALE, MASSACHUSETTS, USA - ALF raid Cammel Mink Ranch again, freeing 75.

11: LOWER MAINLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA - Animal Avengers put out turkey contamination claim, targeting Safeways, IGA and Save-On-Foods:

Every year hundreds of thousands of turkeys are murdered for food and sold in neatly wrapped packages to the public while the butchers and meat industry pockets the blood money. The meat industry over the last several decades have poisoned people with growth hormones, additives and chemicals. At least we're beining honest about it. Wake up or die.

12: MILAN, ITALY - Two furriers 15: LONDON - Protest at Australia

House over death of 67,000 sheep in Indian Ocean ship fire - live export, Antipodian-style.

16: ITHACA, NEW YORK, USA -Band of Mercy glue locks and hang banner from roof of McDonalds: "McDeath: Killing Animals, the Earth and You!" 22-28: VANCOUVER, BRITISH

COLUMBIA, CANADA -- McDonalds billboards spraypainted: "Go Vegan", "McDeath", "Resist". 23: LEBANON, OREGON, USA

2,000 mink freed from Masog mink 24: COALVILLE, UTAH, USA -

1,500 mink and 150 foxes freed from fur farm. 25-31: PORTLAND, OREGON, USA -

Bus stop bench ads ammended from "Eat more rabbit" to "Meat means murder". 26: PHILADELPHIA, PENN-

SYLVANIA, USA - Flemington Furs billboard paintbombed. 27: TEXAS, USA - ALF block toilet pipes in rural McDonalds and sloganise

29: VICTOR, NEW YORK, USA ALF cut through three layers of fence to liberate mink:

We saw remnants of older fences

that had possibly been cut down on previous raids. The fence nearest to the shgeds had metal sheets on the top of it so as to make noise if they were being tampered with, but thius proved a frivolous security precaution as they were easily bypassed. Once inside the actual fur farm, we came across countless empty sheds, possibly 40 or 50, which each shed could have housed several hundred animals each, but all were empty. This could have been because of previous successful raids in the farm, or we may have been too late as the killing season may have already claimed the lives of our animal friends.

We continued onward hoping to find at least a few sheds with animals still in them. Nearing the front of the farm, we heard animal noises and followed them to a shed. Inside were dozens and dozens of silver foxes. They were making a tremendous amount of noise as we searched the shed. We opened a total of at leasdt 46 cages and destroyed the breeding cards on all of the cages inside that particular

shed. Liberation for all of the foxes would have been possible if we had not been interrupted by a security truck that forced us to evacuate.

This is the secvond known raid on this particular fur farm. All in all, forty foxes wre liberated, fencing was cut through and toem down, and ALF slogans were spraypainted on various sheds throughout the farm.

We will be back - as long as there are animals trapped inside that concentration camp - we will fight for their release.

Much more to come from ALF!!

31: RICHARDSON, TEXAS, USA Fur store bricked by ALF. AUSTRALIA: PERTH - Previously unheard-of Banshee threaten University of Western Australia with "reign terror" if they don't cease all vivisection

CANADA: TORONTO, ONTARIO -Two fur shops glued and sloganised. Six more sloganised by ALF: "Fur Is Dead", "Scum", etc; later St Andrews Poultry slaughterhouse glued and sloganised by ALF; later, two butchers and a KFC

and take out full-page ads denouncing

animal experiments. \$1,000s spent on

sloganised by ALF. FINLAND: ORIMATTILA - 150 fur farm cages opened but fasrmer recaptuere all but four foxes; next week, 300 foxes dyed with red henna: 200,000

stores trashed; later, two more and sign FINLAND: HYRYLA - Fur shop

FIM damage.

FINLAND: LOVIISA - Fur factory sloganised and billboard trashed. FINLAND: SALO - Four hunting

platforms destroyed. FINLAND: HELSINKI - Two fur stores paintbombed and sloganised FINLAND: NAANTALI - Hunting platform trashed.

NEW ZEALAND: SOUTHLAND Vegans destroy illegal leghold traps. NEW ZEALAND: WELLINGTON Meat shop and fish factory grafittied. UK: ALF press release:

In October twelve branches of WH Smiths were bomb hoaxed by us. A telephone call was made to each branch telling them a device had been timed to explode shortly and thast it would be found at the front of the shop.

This was a hoax.

The action was taken as WH Smiths are the UK's largest retailer of pro-hunt / shoot magazines.

UK: THE SOUTH - Incenduaries found in two Tescos. Action against David Smith's car trashed. ostrich meat. UK: LANCASHIRE - Angler killed by lightening whilst abusing fish.

UK: LONDON - Classic Bookmakers, Crafton Road, bricked. NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND Animal libbers invade home of viv Ian Grice again.

NEW ZEALAND: AUCKLAND ALF letter sent to butchers: Be aware that if, on Tuesday

October 1, you continue to trade as a retail butcher your business premises, content thereof and any vehicles associasted with your business will be considered legitimate targets.

8: BENSON, UTAH, USA: 1,000 ringnecked pheasants freed from Wild Ringneck Ranch, where they were penned for hunting: \$10,000 damage. 9: CHARLOTTE, USA - Fur store spraypainted by ALF.

10: NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK -- ALF brick fur store. 11: CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND,

The infamous Miller's Furs had the side of their building decorated in red paint in very large letters with the slogan:

FUR IS FOR ANIMALS NOT FOR

COATS. The A L and F were underlined.

All of the Miller's Furs parking signs were crossed out with red paint also.

Miller's Furs has been the site of many peaceful and legal demonstrations against fur by members of Compassion Over Killing. Apparently Miller's Furs felt that this made us suspects for any illegal activities.

Compassion Over Killing coheads, Paul Shapiro and Franklin Wade were listed as suspects by the Miller's. The police paid an early moming (before 7am) visit to each of their homes. Since Compassion Over Killing members only engage in legal acts, they werre unable to assist the police with any information as to who, as the police put it, "gave them the red paint treartment". We thank the police for letting us know

about the action.

Gartenhaus furs, which is twee doors down from Millers, was also paid a visit. There was red paint splattered over all the awnings as well as the sidewalk. This should delight local residents, who claim that Miller's Furs is being unfairly targeted and that Gartenhaus Furs is being ignored.

FINLAND: TAMPERE - Three fur 12: BLOOMINGTON, MINNE-SOTA, USA - Alaskan Furs firebombed: \$2m

15: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA -ALF brick Atlanta Furs. 19: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, USA - Vegan Supremacy bomb hoax World Trade Centre during big fur sale. 19: WREXHAM, UK - BSE

21: BODMIN MOOR, UK - Keith Jasper of Tremorland Farm fined £500 for allowing 410 deer to starve to death, £1.22 each. 24: CRAWLEY, UK - Hunt sab Neil

Slaughterhouse expansion opposed.

McIvor trampled by Crawly & Horsham hunt horse. NEW ZEALAND: CHRIST-CHURCH - ALF glue four leather shops, two butchers, fur shop and Cancer Society

shop on World Vegan Day. FINLAND: ESPOO - Fur dressmaker FINLAND: KARTTULA - EVR free beagle from viv breeder. First live

liberation in Finland. FINLAND: VANTAA - Two McDonalds trashed. FINLAND: TAMPERE - Fur store

bricked. UK: DEVON - GA local contact saves small wild mouse from traffic. UK: DOVER, KENT - Live export vet

HOUSE BASH

Whilst a British vivisectir was relaxing in his basck garden, 100 masked animal libbers broke in through the front and trashed the house.

[Source: Earth First Journal!]

HUNTING CHILDREN

A 10 year old girl, Emma Boughton, had to run for her life and seek refuge in a tree when a dozen hounds from the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale Hunt invaded her garden in Limington,

[Source: NAHC Campaign Report]

IN MEMORIUM

Hated blood-junky Nick Fawcett has died of a heart attack at the age of 53. During his life Fawcett became a focus for animal libbers who constantly trashed his property, ordered junk mail on his behalf, sent him hoax bombs etc.

[Source: Chichester hunt sabs]

PRISONERS OF WAR

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

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

EARTH LIBERATION:

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

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

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

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

Mike Roberts (UK) Mel Amold (UK) Rod Coronado (USA) Dave Callander (UK) Frank Kocera (Holland) Eric van de Lann (Holland)

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

ANTI-FASCIST:

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

ANTI-SEXUAL ABUSE:

Carl Robinson (UK) Gay Oakes (New Zealand)

ANTI-CJA RIOT:

Mark Skelly (UK) Trefor Harris (UK)

PRISONER UPDATES

MARCH

Polish anti-fascist prisoner Artur 'Kudo' Amerikan Ploughshares activist Carl Ates found guilty of assaulting a neo- Kabat is released from prison, only to be Nazi. However he's instantly released instantly arrested chasrged with pariole because of five months on remand.

APRIL

husband and Ploughshare activists Tom and Donna Howard-Hastings arrested after they cut down Extremely Lowe Frequency radio pylons in Wisconsin National Forest.

Amerikan Ploughshare activists Kathy Shields Boylan, Carol Gilbert, Ardeth Platte and Elizabeth Walters arested Pure Genius eco-village squatter after hammering 18 Trident submarines Kathleen Muller remanded for ABH at the naval base in Groton, after she bit a copper trying to evict her Connecticut.

Five British Ploughshares activists

arrrested inside BAe Warton and

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violation. By carrying out his 1994

action, Carl violated a probation term

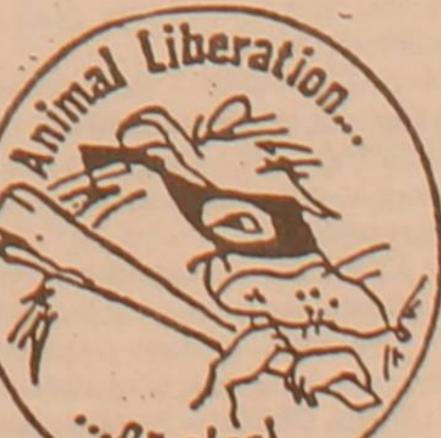
stemming back to a 1984 action. Carl

was found guilty of parole violation and

sentenced to a further two years.

charged with aggreivated trespass.

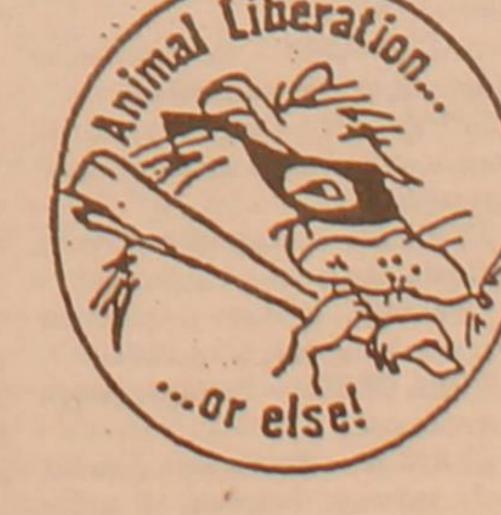
from the camp.



VEGAN PRISONERS

The Vegan Prisoners Supporters Group (VPSG) has told GA that they now intend to list down any vegan political prisoners regardless of whether they're animal rights prisoners or not. Any prisoners wanting their support should

Vegan Prisoners Supporters Group (VPSG), PO Box 194, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3HH.



SEPTEMBER

2: POST OFFICE - Yet another postal

2: HALIFAX - Ridings School strike Ford and Highpoint quit over Tory cuts. over pupil. Similar action in Worksop. 1: DEWSBURY - Armed cop siege of Constable. £170m loss admitted.

-school reopens after residents raise £400m tax. £40k.

5: LIVERPOOL - Parents protest after Minister Doug Hogg jostled and jeered 18: LEIGH - Twelve Apostles junior Labour renage on school closures. 7: BELMARSH - Maximum security show.

prison hostage crisis. 7: DISNEYLAND, PARIS - Hotel fire

evacuates complex 7: GERMANY - Austerity programme Under attack yet again for breach of scandal cover up. protests in Berlin, Hamburg &c.

8: PRISONS - Crisis deepens as a 5: MELLOR - Home of businessman at Albert Hall, protesting against knocked. Gang puts out contracts on quarter of prison governors apply for Bill Archer, director of Brighton PC, Romania's jailing of gay and lesbian specific Customs officials as reprisal for

9: NANTES - Cream cakes and 5: SCOTRAIL - Strike. condoms birth control protest disrupts 5: SHEFFIELD - Anti-JSA protests, rites at cathedral

school children in protest at disruptive commemoration pupil at Manton Junior School. 10: EWLOE - Public enquiry into Angel biker war continues when antisocial worker child abuse opens after tank rocket fired at biker party. Two die, riot. North Wales coucil supressed Gillings 17 injured.

calling for independent social worker by no warning, no explanation bomb.

11: RAILWAYS - Yet another rial resturant. 7 cops injured, 5 arrests.

12: GLASGOW - 'Remember protest against excessive security. Lockerbie' bomb hoax note diverts airliner.

13: ALEGOIAS PROVINCE, BRAZIL - Cops strike. Masked crims torch their

14: LONDON - 20,000-strong pensioner povery protest ifgnored by

14: SPANNER - SM Pride march in London as case reaches European Court 16: DISABLED - Organisations launch manifesto over education, health care,

employment and access. 17: MERTHYR TYDFIL - School arson threat boy in court

17: CROSVILLE, ROCK FERRY -Bus depot arson 20: ROTHERHAM - Gun incident at

Wingfield Comp. Hi-tech rapid response cops take two hours to arrive. 21: RISLEY - Two escape from

remand prison 23: MANCHESTER - Haemophiliac kids and their parents protest at Pendlebury Hospital against NHS denial of expensive new treatment.

23: BENEFITS AGENCY - JSA safety screen strike continues.

7: FASCIST TORIES - Talk of 22: ALGIERS - Mayor shot dead in rallies at Aintree and Wolverhampton 23: TYNESIDE - Nurses strike over introducing Workfare on Day One of firefight between local SS and Islamic 4: AIX EN PROVENCE, FRANCE derisory 0.7% offer. 24: TREORCHY - Rail sabotage halts

sprinter train 24: KERRY - Irish farmers break 8: HIGH COURT - Racist asylum councillors over £2m cost to fix a 4: WIRRAL - Students protest against through security cordon to disrupt policies defeat.

Europhile agriculture ministers' BSE 8: LONDON - Fire in Broadcasting 23: SRINAGAR - Car bomb against Metropolitan College. House basement disrupts programmes. politicians' hostel. 25: WILLINGHAM - Euro-Reich rules 9: ALGBERTH - Jim Thompson, 23: BURMA - First student protest for campaigners hand in petition after two 18: OLDHAM / NEWCASTLE disgraced ex-Liberal councillor, hit by several years. living in caravan on her own land

Timor peace campaigners awarded County Council, the Police Authority, strike. 26: HONG KONG - Man dies in island Nobel Prize.

27: KABUL, AFGHANISTAN -Taliban militia execute former 12: WASHINGTON, USA - Hispanic 23: WESTMINSTER - Farmers lobby 6: MERTHYR TYDFIL - Fireworks president, Najibullah, and suspend corpses from traffic platform. That's the

people protest US education MPs over BSE crisis. discrimination. way to do it! 12: MANCHESTER - Students protest protest against sick pay welfare cut in and two in London. 28: LIVERPOOL - Docks srike protest grant cuts and tuition fee hike. rally one year on from the start of the

strike, with dockers / RTS link-up. people on AIDS commemoration. 28: PADGATE - Kids pelt firefighters with stones in Blenheim Close. Two

convergence.

Cops blame 'outside anarchists'.

infiltration of Ploughshares attempt

30: AUDENSHAW - Hawthome

special school arson attack, the third in

13: BOUGAINVILLE - BRA shoot cops. Cop shot and buildings burned. premier Theodore Miriung dead. One 25: LONGSIGHT, MANCHESTER - Man wearing "bullet proof vest" killed injured, police protection saught. leader, one bullet! 28: AINTREE - 18 arrests, 4 cops injured in Parasdox night club riot.

14: HASLINGDEN - Residents object face by unlicensed kid on mountain to Grane Road quarry extension. 29: PAKISTAN - Womens' protest 14: SHEFFIELD - Cemetaries relatives 25: LINCOLNSHIRE - Phone box 7: HIGH COURT - Disabled people marches over marriage rights. protest at council threat to remove grave blown up. Two youths charged under 30: FRANCE - Teachers strike after 5,000 jobs axed over Euroshite

memorabilia. 15: TYNESIDE - Contract workers on 26: HADLEIGH - Armed cop siege. unofficial strike at Swan Hunter yard. 26: ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN 30: LIVERPOOL - Docks protest, 41 15: OFFSMEG - Water price review Trains and buses suspended to try to halt on boys. arrests on roof of MDHC Seaforth HQ. brings wonderful share price tumble. 30: LANCASHIRE - Special Branch

anti-government rally. 16: WREA GREEN - Residents protest 27: BUKAVU, ZAIRE - Martin now said to be downed by US Navy system in chaos as thousands queue for bus service cut.

17: FRANCE - Public sector strike; cameraman robbed and beaten up by claims. schools, railwasys, hospitals, air traffic soldiers. controllers all out over Euroshite cuts. 27: SURVEY - One in five kids believe

three weeks. **OCTOBER**

1: PRISONS - Governors of HMPs

3: PRIORS MARSTON - Village admits building scams lose the State sacking. 2: SHEPTON MALLET - Agriculture Official acton at A & P yard.

by 700 BSE protestors at agricultural school windows repeatedly ram-raided 30: OSLO - Biker gang HQ bombeed

3: MALMO, SWEDEN - Hells' Angel School closed. club bombing, 4 injured.

recieves protests after death threats. also in Cardiff and Newcastle on Tyne.

6: COPENHAGEN, SWEDEN - Hells

6: RUNCORN - Riot outside Aphrodite 6: HMP WHITEMOOR - Relative

civilisation.

demo at Tory conference.

DIARY OF

17: BANGALORE, INDIA - Women eledge to burn themselves to death in protest against Miss World contest. 17: NIMES, FRANCE - Court house

> and tax office bombed. 17: LIVERPOOL - Hillsborough Islamic militants. survivor sues South Yorkshire Chief

3: CARDIFF - Car tax evasion crisis. man in house. Unlicensed shots fired. 17: BELGIUM - Sex scandal protests 2: BLACK ECONOMY - Report against investigating magistrates'

and then car torched inside classroom. in ongoing Scandinavian biker war.

4: CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY - country) protest against pedophile sex 31: BRAZIL: Attack on laundered 21: LONDON - OutRage disrupt Aida 31: LANCASHIRE - The Knock

21: LONDON - MuckLibel closing arguments, longest civil action in British 9: WORKSOP - Parents withdraw 6: LONDON - Cable Street 21: HALIFAX - Teachers at Ridings

threaten strike if 60 pupils (= 10% of total) aren't expelled after classroom

22: INTERNET - MORI poll finds 6: BORDEAUX, FRANCE - French <10% use it. The rest ignore it. 10: HACKNEY - 18 councillors resign, PM Alian Juppe's constituency office hit 22: MAESTEG - Garth school parents protest at Welsh Office against class

> 22: NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME -70% of Knotty Bus & Coach Company torched in bus war.

GOMMINITY

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

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

governors threat to sue Liverpool register to vote.

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

Euroshite convergence

Explosives Act.

bike, Stockport Road. Gang ambush.

the police should be ignored. Respect for 10: ROME, ITALY - Euroshite authority is crumbling in government austerity budget brings mass protests. moral vacuity panic.

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forensic laboratory.

Youths torch court building.

12: WARTON, LANCASHIRE -

13: DILI, INDONESIA - Youths stone

state legislature after government

attacks Nobel Peace Laureate during

Yet more riots after cop who shot Black

14: CHINA - Students smash up

15: SCOTLAND - Rail strike

15: ABERAERON & PRESTATYN,

WALES - Protests against proposed

15: SIRPURU, ANDHRA PRADESH,

INDIA - Peoples' War Party (Maoists)

15: BEDFORD - Sikh activist wins

Eurocourt challenge to illegal six year

14: St PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

14: FRANCE - Airline pilots' strike.

man acquitted. Two cops shot.

cinema after sex movie scam.

continues transport disruption.

sewage works.

11: LUSAKA, ZAMBIA - Riot in 27: ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN - More capital injures plots. riots. Police try to clamp down on 11: HARARE, ZIMBABWE - Protest march over health workers' strike.

27: LONDON - Anti-pedophile protest. 11: LIVERPOOL - 12-13 year olds 28: NOTTINGHAM - City centre slash bus driver, Dale Street. arson attack. Two youths charged. 11: NORTHERN IRELAND -28: WORKSOP -- Manton junior school Hospital workers strike over closed because of disruptive pupil. prvatisation pay cut.

18: TYNESIDE - More shipyard strife. 29: PRESTON - Health protests 12: WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE against county council Southport Major arson attack bums ourt police Ormskirk hospital cuts.

Ploughsharers protest commemoration 30: BURNLEY - Councillors bus sellof 300 East Timorese massacred at Dili 20: BRUSSELLS - 250,000+ (= 5% of off plans protest at Town Hall. 13: ROANNE, CENTRAL FRANCE -

Manchester police crime statistics. drugs bust. Customs & Excise on Amber

Car Bomb wrecks post office.

7: MANCHESTER - Firefighters' rally

benefitd legal ruling against Lilley could

7: ANCOATS - Residenmts trash

8: WHITSTABLE - 75 year old

woman poppy collector robbed.

deaths.

incident

over job cuts.

cost State millions.

Orville Bell, 17 year old driver, shot in with unlicensed shots, Brae Street.

: BMA - Doctors protest at excessive workload, and say 'no more' in collapsing health service. 1: BUNUEL, SPAIN - Four hurt by car

1: LIVERPOOL - Walton jail prisoners protest at reduced exercise times. 2: LIVERPOOL - 16 arrested during riot outside Rose O' Grady's pub. Hanover Street.

3: HAND GUN BAN - Shooters hold

15: COLSTREAM - Beginning of the end for UK as Scone stone hand-over is delayed by bomb hoax.

blow up police station.

16: SOUTHWARK, LONDON -Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement's 20th anniversary church service splits Church of England.

16: TOULON, FRANCE - Rap group NTM (Nique Ta Mere = Fuck your mother) jailed for six months over antipolice lyrics "give me some bullets so I can deal with the local cops". Their judge was a former sergeant in the French equivalent of the Special Branch. 16: SWINTON - Long Street armed hostage siege ends peacefully.

16: ASHTON-UNDER-LYME - Girl We think that prior to general revolution, resentment increases, expressing itself in aimless and hit in face with unlicenced shot. 17: PLATT BRIDGE -- Ian McCartney,

Labour MP, has nose broken and eye injured when head butted by club bouncer. 17: BISLEY - Licensed shooting

enthusiasts ineffectually protest proposed firearms ban. 17: ROME, ITALY - World Food

Summit inspires protests against useless talking shop. 17: BANGALORE, INDIA - 800 Miss 8: BOURNEMOUTH - Farmers BSE 22: CHILDWALL - Comprehensieve 4: MERSEYSIDE - One in three fail to World contest protestors arrested.

Swimwear competition has to be transferred to the Seychelles. 18: SALON De PROVENCE, planned visit of Gillian Shepherd at FRANCE - Bomb explodes screw's car outside prison. Three other cars

Customs & Excise lose £6m in drinks

23: LANCASHIRE - Letter bombs sent 5: ACCRA, GHANA - Five people shot 26: ARGENTINA - 36 hour general

11: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN - East to judge Reginald Lockett, Lancashire by cops during construction workers

19: CHANNEL TUNNEL - Fire in freight train. 34 evacuated. £10m local cop shops and Zero Tolerance 5: ISLE OF MAN - Four prisoners damage and Chunnel's closure to 12: BACUP - High School expulsion Campaign (definitely zero tolerance overpower guard in Douglas jail passengers could bust Euro Tunnel.

19: CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE - State lawyers low morale incidents, fire crews pelted with stones. over excess paperwork, bureaucracy and 24: GERMANY - 3m trade unionists School arson attemmpt in CARDIFF career blackmail yesmanship. 19: UNIVERSITIES - One day pay

6: LONDON - Six prisoners en route 13: WASHINGTON, USA - 150,000 25: St PETERSBURG, FLORIDA - from Suffolk escape. Boy escapes 19: St PETERSBURG, FLORIDA -Riot after Black driver shot dead by borstal custody somewhere on the M6. Black people boycott White busionesses 6: KENSINGTON, LIVERPOOL to protest police violence.

20: SCHOOLS - Statistically useless, anally retentive league tables slagged off by educationalists. 20: MASHWOOD HEATH -Supermarket shooting incident. Two hit

by unlicensed gunfire. 20: WESTHOUGHTON - Man hit by unlicensed shots on Namaby Road. pedophile's flat after attempted attack 20: LONDON - Evening travellers trapped in Underground by almost total 8: NEW YORK, USA - TWA jumbo power failure at 9.45pm. Transport

Dawes, BBC reporter, and his missiles, former White House aide taxis and buses. 21: SCHOOLS - Pyromania practical marks improve as arson costs rumoured to rise by a factor of 10 as kids move up the learning curve.

21: FRANCE - 50,000 lorry drivers property to protest conscription. block ports, main roads and fuel depots

DECEMBER

1: ILFORD, ESSEX - Doorman at

1: MACCLESFIELD - Car left outside

Gallery protest against Indonesiasn

school concert. Liverpool council

pensioners anger meeting over pension

students pelt Liz Windsor with eggs

student demonstrations, 263 arrests.

mistake, costing Turdoch £200,000.

companies millions.

policy caused by cuts.

because of IRA bombing.

4: BULGARIA - General strike.

company / millionaire tax scams.

in protest against low pay. 22: BLACKPOOL - CPSA stoppage over job insecurity at the National Savings Centre.

22: BORDEAUX, FRANCE - Fuel dead in 16 years. drivers blockade! 22: RAMSGATE, KENT - Licensed 1: CORSICA - Four bomb attacks on

pensioner Kenneth Speakman murdered banks. for his handgun collection by unlicensed 1: LIVERPOOL - Port manager negotiator Brenard Cliff dies after car 22: FIFE, SCOTLAND - Unofficial crash.

22: MERSEYSIDE - Admitted £1.8m Island nightclub shot dead with cost of diocks dispute puts cop budget unlicensed firearm. into crisis.

22: PETERHEAD - Fishermen protest cop shop blown up by bomb squad. at 20-50% Euro-quota cuts. 2: INDIA -- Train bomb kills 12. 23: BANGALORE, INDIA - 1,500 2: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

arrests and tear gas used as protests at Mass protests. Miss World contest become riots. 2: KENSINGTON, LONDON - Rats 23: EDINBURGH - Unofficial postal fall out! Tory MP Nicholas Scott strike escalates. 23: EALING, LONDON - Terence 2: RUSSIA - Miners strike over unpaid

Donovan, Royalty photographer, director of Saatchi TV 2: LLANDOVERY, WALES ads for Tory scum, kills himself. Pythonesque grudge meeting over rural Wouldn't you - who could live with the court closures: "We demand more shame? One less bastard in the world ha ha ha! 2: TREASURY - Fire in records

24: MANILA, PHILIPPINES section brrings six appliances and 30 Clinton's planned visit to China firefuighters out. attacked by human rights campaigners. 2: BURMA -- 700 arrested after protest. 25: OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE - 2: GATLEY - Church Road carpet Butchers, bakers and offie blown up by warehouse arsoned. mystery bomb on Clarkfield Road. 3 2: WESTMINSTER, LONDON

25: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE - Hawk deal. More info: Ploughshares c/o Poverty & Public Utilities grudge 55 Queen Margarets Grove, London N4 conference held by whingerist social 4PZ (\$\mathbb{2}\$ 0171 923 9511).

26: SCANDANAVIA - Danish and 4: LARISSA, GREECE - Angry Finnish truckers showe soidarity with farmers' week-long blockade of roads French protest by starting their own over government policies starts to cause blockades. Scabby British truckers food shortages. whinge as they back up the M20. 4: ANFIELD, MERSEYSIDE - Major

26: FRANCE - Air traffic controllers Lester nursery roof collapses during strike worsens Euro traffic chaos. 27: HINDLEY - All Saints School already being sued for zero maintenance staffroom torched. £5,000+ damage. 28: GREECE - General Strike over 5: WHITEHALL, LONDON: War

28: MARSAILLES, FRANCE - cuts. Corsican seperatists bomb shipping 5: MANCHESTER - Grant cuts protest 28: LIMOGES, FRANCE - Court during visit to city put off seven months

building also bombed. 28: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA - 6: LODON / NEW YORK / TOKYO -Series of 80-100,000 strong protests at \$26bn stock crash, 166 point fall. fixed election results.

6: WESTMINSTER, LONDON - Sir 28: FRANCE - 5,000 petrol stations John Gorast, Tory MP, resigns Whip run out of fuel due to truckers' over casualty hospital closure, knocking blockade. Belgian economy suffering. out Tory majority in worst week for 29: RIXTON - 2,000 shotgun Major since records began. cartridges stolen from farmhouse by 6: PAMPLONA, SPAIN - Five arrests thieves without licenses. after riot.

29: WIRRAL, MERSEYSIDE - 6: MANCHESTER - Royal Exchange Feminists' job ad for rape crisis centre Prudential office in arson attack. attacked by sexist bigots. 6: SCOTALND -- Rail strike.

29: FRANCE - Truckers win after 12 7: RANGOON, BURMA - More day dispute. 30: BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA - 7: GLOUCESTER - Two 14 year old 100,000+ continue protests over girls caught smashing city centre shops election ' result. State media HQ attack WPc. smokebombed.

7: BELGASRDE, YUGOSLAVIA -30: ALGBURTH - Man in kitchen 150,000+ strong street protests over suffers unlicensed shot fired from high election. calibre rifle by sniper. 12: FINANCIAL TIMES - Sabotaged

ALSO: VANTAA, FINLAND fax machine sends out £2m faxes by Anarkistinen Suora Toiminta (AST = Anartchist Direct Action) trash Army

stolen handsets with legit codes via a PC and plug-in unit called a dongle. Scams with phones are said to cost phone

PHONES

have to tally. When a phone is reported tracks. stolen, the central network computer The US scientists admit that they hadn't refuses to recognise the handset.

anarchists across Italy and informed Italy in the last decade at the arrestees. investigation. Some are now remanded, Disgracefully but predictably, the

The reason for all this was Judge arses. Marini's desire to "arrest a gang of terrorists before I retire" and his means Donations to: was the testimony of the 21 year old girlfriend of one of the Trento arrestees CDA c/o El Paso, via Passo Buole 47, who confessed to involvement in armed 10127 Torino, Italy. robberies by an "anarchist gang" from

Zion "are genuine and should be

was censured by the Party executive.

Julie Lowe, the Centre's supremo, then under another name.

claiming The Protocols of the Elders of Party as a whole.

The notorious Calegero Theorum that 1985 to 1995 (ie. since she was 10!). As 1: WORLD AIDS DAY - 6m people was used to suppress the Italian extra- with the Gandalf case, simply possessing parliamentary Left in the late-1970s is anarchist letters or leaflets is 'proof' of runs out across the region due to lorry 1: STATE - lose £120bnin mega- being revived to repress anarchists there connection with ORAI, an "anarchist gang" that doesn't exist outside police conspiracy theories. To clear their On 17th September 1996, 300+ armed books, the pigs are throwing every and masked Carabinieri arrested 29 political-sounding unsolved crime in

> others not yet arrested have fled into syndicalist Italian Anarchist Federation (FAI) are showing no solidarity with the arrestees in an attempt to save their own

ITALIAN REPRESSION

MOVE: MORE INJUSTICE

So much for Amerikan 'justice' - the 1c personal compensation from city officials responsible for the 1985 Osage Avenue massacre has been overturned on appeal. Also Judge Sabo has ruled Jewish journalist David Lee was Instead of pulping the offending issue inadmissable testimony of a key witness subjected to a vicious racist attack by and issuing a new one carrying Lee's to Mumia's innocence, Veronica Jones, David Icke devotees, Rainbow Ark, at right of reply, Betts just pronounced and had her arrested on the stand. A the Battlebridge Centre, north London. Green Wing dead and carried it on federal appeal is likely soon.

Philadelphia, PA19143, USA • Friends of MOVE, PO Bix 3069, London SW9 8LU.

For Dave Lee's full right of reply. London Green Party man Lou Betts' Green Party HQ, 1a Waterlow Road, Green Wing backed his pal Lowe and London N19 5NJ.

REMEMBRANCE

Gay and lesbian groups in Germany are campaigning for proper memorials to the 50,000 of their comrades killed by the Nazis.

Unlike other victims of the Holocaust, queers were given no compensation at the end of the war because their sexuality was still held to be a crime by the State.

LEGALISE PROS', SAY COPS

Police chiefs Pauline Clare of Lancashire and Keith Hellawell of West Yorkshire called for legalisation of of brothels and prostitutes clients as a way of reducing the exploitation and violence prostitutes have to endure (and to increase State control, of course).

The Association of Chief Police Officers warned the law shouldn't change without "detailed research" - what they've been saying about canabis for

PORN ACQUITTAL

A crown court jury in Essex acquitted a family running a porn mag busibness this August, despite it featuring explicit gay, SM and animal sex. The defence focused on the non-violent and noncoercive nature of the material.

The O'Sullivan family, being prosecuted for obscene vids and zines taken from their London stores, plan to put the defence that such porn is freely available elsewhere in Europe.

POLICE REPRESSION

Anvil Bar, very supportinve of SM, closed in November 1996 due to police pressure.

ACS, a club for rubber fetishists, closed down to protect its members. Similar clubs have been raided and members visited by cops.

Britain's first sex fair at Camden market was also prevented from happening on 28-29th September 1996. The Council is now considering action.

scanners to pick up billing codes from portable phones. These are then being programmed into stolen handsets and used to fool cell phone networks into Criminals have described the scheme as "champion".

ID cides and then reprogramme the police cars. Quick thinking - notl

STOP OR

billing legit customers for illegal calls. US scientists are developing a pulse weapon to disable cars during high

speed car chases. The weapons adapt Star Wars technology to fire a high

thought of the possibility of joy riders Criminals use the scanners to intercept using the same weapon back against

Sophisticated criminal gangs are using

Portable phone handsets have two chips, intensity radio pulse which fries the one identifying the handset and the other modem car's electronic ignition circuits being the account to be billed. The two and stops the pursued vehicle in its

the learning curve.

GREEN PARTY COVER-UP told contradictory stories about this in Rather than further censuring Betts for Greenline, Time Out &c, all at Dave this, his mate Penny Kemp had him Lee's expense. Lowe shares Icke and promoted to party PR officer, poor Rainbow Ark's anti-Jewish views, judgement that compromises the Green

FACTFILE:

THE SOCIAL SECURITY STATE

If a collapse of the benefit system is going to precipitate revolution, why stay our hand? Why not collapse it now rather than wait around for it to collapse all by itself decades off in the future?

from JSA: So What?

Anarchist involvement in the anti-JSA if so these are to be welcomed. The campaign is logically inconsistent in that problem is that many of these are just the campaign calls for a continuation of tokenistic stunts, gesture politics leaving motivated out of a wish for social justice, but this justice is sought within the system. Thus its aims are muddled market for them to sell their papers. and its methods inappropriate for achieving this.

counters) will rescind their oppression. Such a campaign has no chance of working because it has no means of affecting the policy makers.

social security state.

the next poll tax. There may be some Security State. acts of resistance against the system, and

our own dependence on the State, the system intact. These are the work of These are the people who produce the Street, London WC2N 6HT whereas we should be working for its Leftist groups like the SWP etc with no systematically false unemploy-ment abolition. The anti-JSA campaign is other struggle to clutch hold of and with statistics and so are a major motive force nowhere else to go. Unfortunately, there behind the govern-ment's 'Feel Good is no bandwaggon to jump on, no new Factor' lies No attention has been paid to the

The anti-JSA campaign assumes that In 18 months or so, computer terminals social security is worth defending, even will be installed in every post office. if it succeeds in this (which it won't) the Claimants will be issued with swipe HER MAJESTY'S State will be stengthened. The campaign cards. which, when read, will bring up STATIONARY adopts a mode of negotiation with the information on the terminal, telling the State, thinking that through post office staff details of the claimant OFFICE occuipations, threats to benefit counter and the payment to be made. No doubt staff ('three strikes and you're out' etc) atfirst this will be an anonymous DHSS Responsible for producing government that the policy makers (who don't sit card, perhaps with your name and reports and government forms. behind the unprotected job centre National Insurance number on it. The only way such a system could be rendered safe from fraud would be to have your photo on it too, and so we will have an identity card system by the back The anti-JSA campaign leaves the State door. This, together with the upcoming in place. It asks for easier dole workfare scheme, is going to make the conditions, higher benefitsd, less National Socialist Security State a very harassment of claimants, or other such nasty place to live in just three or four amelioristic demasnds. So, it leaves short years from now. How are they able people more dependent on the State. As to get away with this? The government long as you need the giro, they have you shits all over people, and knows it can in their grip. Better for us to abolish the get away with it because people in general do nothing to stop them. What will stop them? Only the complete and Anti-JSA campaigners think this will be total dismanting of the National Social

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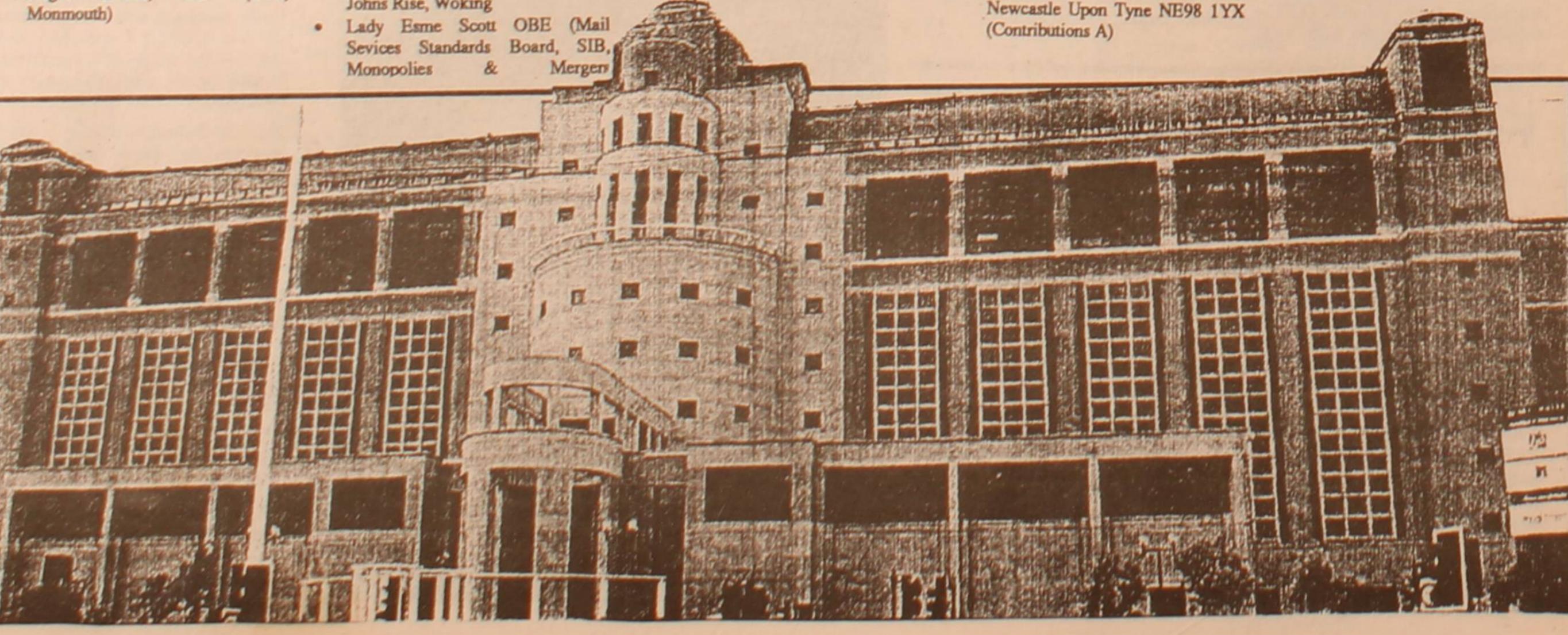
Will become more important to the system with computerised ICD card system, currently being privatised and farmed out. Five companies are in the AD1 East Anglia: Barrett House, running: Cardlink UK, BT, EDS, IBM

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AGAINSTIDEOLOGY

An introduction: ideology can never create a free society

Question ideology and some Leftists are so brainwashed that they'll assume you're questioning thought itself. Odd, really, as Marx argued ideology was the opposite of materialist reality, though we've had postmodernism &c since then ... Far from being synonymous with thinking, ideology is its virtual opposite - as Larry Law put it: "You have ideas, Ideology has you".

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zombie-Lefties all chanting exactly the contacts that recieved them, they weren't out who the cliques are as soon as you morte intense division of labour. same line, usually without even taken very seriously and, thank Gaia, start challenging their power by insisting Although, according to Foucault, the comes from. Rather than questioning whole areas of discussion become taboo or are colonised by stock phrases and sentiments which those uttering them don't even seem to be engaging with in a meaningful, personal way.

It extends to what we eat, wear, how we enjoy ourselves - all these phoney anarchists dressing up as Grant Mitchell in some sad 'prolier-than-thou' game or the 'Donga look', so voided of political content it's now just about conforming to counter/cultural fashion.

These people need to get a life but ideology is about someone else telling you what to think and running your life for you, about being someone else's object, not a self-determining subject.

The Bolton Evening Noosemen's Left-Wing Organisation (see p. 15) wasn't written about Trots, it was written about compel them to. paradox of anarchists organisationally mentality' either, though the dead readers discovered. make the Network a "well-oiled No, it's about controlling the faithful, shite about discipline, order &c around scientific management, Fordism, the whole.

pitching any line that will accumilate the world from there. Even anarchists mass media are more of this last, dark more Power to the ideologue. That's surcummed - Makhno and his century. what he means about ideology being a 'Libertarian Platform'. More numbers racket - whatever the rhetoric of means more power. The one controlling freedom, the practice is recieving and the mass gets the most advantage as s/he regurgitating the opinion of others. Too determines its ends but the mass at least often the 'line' is about political has a sense of achievement in reaching convenience rather than reality, even in those ends and our whole society works those mythical groups so democratic on the principle that you can do more No doubt you've seen for yourself dull machine" though, to the credit of the that they're free of cliques. You'll find with more people because there's a there was no enforcement mechanism to on the real, as Claudia Watson, Bob military organisation of Napoleon's

Obviously we're not going to be free if we rely on principles of 'line' and mass, freedom, this 'reality' mentioned above? It's certainly not 'common sense' as some poor sad burn-out at ContraFlow because they're sickened by the hypocrisy and lies of everyday life. They've at least seen that as ideological in the most reactionary individualist sense, the sense that insists that "gay sex is unnatural" when, clearly, what is possible with what Nature gave us is clearly more natural than ideological, culturally-specific social conventions like patriarchy, monogamy &c.

When Perlman says "resistance is the natural response to dehumanisation", we have to ask whether this is ideological or whether it's true, a cry to shed the repressive Reichian character armour Leviathan has encased us in. Zerzan's Age of Grief points the way to our liberation from ideology because it deals with our experience, in existensial terms. It's about uncovering ourselves, not burying us with another layer of alienation. Hakim Bey's ontological anarchy has much to recommend it - it calls for us to reconnect with our desires - though its roots in 18th century libertinage are clear. What we desperately need to do is to examine the sources of Power (clearly much more deeply-rooted than in superficial and recent Capitalism!) and purge ourselves Black and other authors of anathema Grande Armee laid the foundation for and our society of these influences. This Manchester Class War. We have the We're not going to rant about a 'herd texts reproduced here to provoke brain- mass organisation, Reich's Mass is a fractional process, not a simple all-Psychology of Fascism is relevant here or-nothing leap from what is to what stifling freedom, which suggests the movement's willingness to mindlessly We're not saying the mass of people are as he says to work as a mass, we have to will be or we're going to do it alone and practice isn't up to the rhetoric and that there's something wrong with unpalatable facts is contemptable.

We le not saying the mass of people are just passive dupes. Mass organisation is historically-specific and confers benefits free sexuality, Two Minute Hate-style, conformity, refusing to obey are all good historically-specific and confers benefits. Organisation par se. We're not picking Camatte and Colli's On Organisation on the mass, even if at the price of our but it's more than that, it's free choice steps in this direction, minor revolts that on CW - most anarchist groups are as makes it a lot clearer - it's not about the humanity. The Jesuits were seen as the and spontenaity in just about everything. will, step-by-step, regain ourselves as conservative / conformist as any other. specific content of the ideology, as first organised Party and Lenin modeled In a way, it's more a 20th century well as breaking the shackles of Even GA had our Contact Briefings to ideologists will change their line to suit. the Bolsheviks on them and spouted his phenomenon than a 19th century one - alienation forged over Civilisation as a

ANARCHY ANDIDEOLOGY

Distinguishing between Anarchy and Anarchism

As a concept, anarchy is free from any particular ideology. Various interpretations of this kind of society which would emerge through place to discuss how this should come sought to settle down into comfortable market place in order for it to work anarchy have been attached to the basic principles, leading to 'anarchist based' ideologies. In the same way as 'organic based' fertilisers are not organic, these interpretations canot truly be termed 'anarchist'.

abourt how society is formed. This is work.

To paraphrase the Oxford English autonomous individuals interact with Dictionary on anarchy, "absence of one another and that the mass of these government in a society doctrine interacrtions constitutes a society. The that all government should be first involves some great mind coming abolished". This implies freedom from up with as total theory of the perfect the constraints of a centrally organised society and then enforcing it until it state. Ideologies, on the other hand are works. This has, of course, been tried based upon any particular individual or ad nauseum throughout history and has groups conception of a utopian society. never worked. Given human diversity, There is a broad spectrum of belief it is highly unlikely that it could ever

it means woulsd be useful. In effect. It is at this point in the argument that anarchy contains all possible much 'anarchist' thought runs off the ideologies. It does not try to force rails. Anarchy would involve literally anyone to live their life in a particular removing all constraints, all structures way. It does not exclude or discriminate of authority. It would not mean in any way. The basic message of removing them except for thiose which anarchy is that people have the right to were 'necessary'. Any view of what is get on with their lives as their own necessary authority is ideology, abilities and moral codes dictate, not as dependant on someone's personal to the economy. the 'majority' or any other form of interpretation of what an anarchist This illustration should have shown central control would have them live it. society should be and therefore would that any interpretation of how an Again, this is not the place to go into a be inadequate to adapt to the myriad of anarchist society should be leads to discussion of social responsibility but needs of the population. By way of ideology. Anarchy at its purtest the old chestnut about laws being illustration. New Right liberalism rests involves no coercion, no dominance of necessary to prevent the mass of the on the belief that the market has one person'e belief over another. Any polarised between the view that a The second route to a fair, if not population from running amok have evolved naturally as a result of the 'brand' of anarchy is not anarchy and, society is almost an entity in itself necessarily utopian society, is anarchy nop moral justification. Indeed some necessary interactions between if successful, would only lead, Animal which shapes the lives and identities of in its purest form, unfettered by form of chaotic redistribution would members of a society. As a result they Farm style, to the replacement of one the people within it, and the view that ideologies abouit what society as a take place but it is a safe bet that some place great importance on the freedom repressive regime with another.

whole should be like. This is not the sort of stability would emerge as people of the individual to act freely in the about, but a fuller explanation of what ways of life. efficiently in the best interests of all. To some extent, this viewpoint could be called liberal anarchy. However, New Right thinkers also see the need for the market to be "protected from distortion". This means, at a bare minimum. the forcible protection of private property and the criminalisation of ways of life which do not contribute

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ON CAMATTE AND COLLU'S ON ORGANISATION

A review of the classic proto-primitivist text

This is a letter written by Jacques Camatte and Gianna Collu concerning the advisability of the formation of rdbolutionary groups and is written from a communist perspective. Camatte and Collu start from the Marxist idea that the capitalist mode of production sets the pattern for all other social structures. The most relevant aspect isd that of competition. Capitalism depends on competition in order to thrive and, as a result, social life is also competitive. Corporations compete with each other and the people within them make up a hierarchical division of labour as ach member strives to climb the ladder. This holds for individual businesses, political parties and the State, and all other formal groups in society including revolutionary ones.

dominance in the market or dominance capitalist game. of ideology, that is, about how power should be arranged in society. Members of the group gain prestige by association but are rejected if their face doesn't fit or their ideogisation is not 'correct'. For revolutionary groups this the 'correct' ideologies, rather than individuals thinking for themselves. It also leads to members wasting energy competing within the groups. Groups

The aim of formal groups is to compete with each other in the political power of some people over others. dominatein some way. For example, realm. Revolutionaries play the The element of competition cannot the influence of capitalism which is, in

speaking to gain a popular dominance Sociobiologists in particular would of ideologies, such groups would be point to the competitive reproduction leads to an emphasis on 'education' in seeking liberation from the unnatural rituals in most species, including those bonds of capitalism, achieving the closest to our own. This is not to imply any person over another, it woul;d fate. natural state of human beings which hat all humans arte innately destines to Camatte and Collu see as communism. be compertitive, but that it is an ability

goes but misses some important points: O Communism is itself an ideology

@ Modern power structures have not been formed by capitalism. Hierarchies have dominated much of human culture throughout history. For example, in precapitalist UK people were supposed to accept their 'station' in life as Godgiven. Hierarchies still exist in some non-capitalist cultures. What maintains hierarchies is not capitalism but the

overthrow of capital. Rather than correlation does not prove causation. prevalent an ideology it has become.

This position makes sense as far as it we can use when circumstances call be was superior to any other, no fopr it. The deciding factor in this is hierarchy would be formed. A group power. If competition gives a person which recognised that humans and their power, it is worth competing.

The most insidious effect of capitalism has been to validate and make morally defensible, in theory at leadt, the power capitalist societies. This occurs through the idea of merit. Some people are 'better' or worth more because they are supposedly more clever or more hardworking. Camatte and Collu recognise this in their criticism of groups but they make the mistake of not seeing beyond be ascribed solely to the capitalist mode effect, a sweetening veneer to the Camatte and Collu grope towards the of production. It is true that there are inequalities of power which pre-existed idea of revolutionary groups avoiding cultures which are both non-capitalist capitalism. Removing capitalism would these games by concentration on the and non-competitive (eg. Bali) but not necessarily remove meritocracy, so

> If the If the members of a group were to overthrowing power relationships refuse to recognise the formal power of would, by definition, escape such a this included an acceptance that no one set of ideas about how society should

neds and ideas are diverse, each beining unique, would be focused purely on delegitimising or refusing to recognise the formal superiority of any over others. The individuals may or may not choose to try to persuade the others of the logic of their own ideology but such competition wuld not be more than recreation where it didn't give

As Camatte and Collu say, groups formed for whatevwer reason within a context of accepting some ideologies as more 'correct' will lead to competitionm and hierarchy. A group formed of autonomous individuals possibly with widely varying worldviews, but with the aim of

THE AGE OF GRIEF

John Zerzan on the roots of modern misery

A pervasive sense of loss and unease envelops us, a cultural sadness one, a crisis of monumental see suffering as an ensemble of more premature death in 1940 at a seaked that can justly be compared to the individual who suffers a personal proportionsmight be turned towards a and more closely related aspects. Lasch frontier that prevented escape from the bereavement.

A hyper-technologized late capitalism thoroughly understandable, introduces presently practiced via postmodern an inability to feel, protective achieved a high point of critical effacing the living texture of existence, the question of refusal to come to grips fragmentation and superficiality, does shallowness, increased thinking. He saw the angel of history as the world's biggest die-off in 50 with the crisis occurring at every level. not extinguish the problem. According hostility, and a sense of unreality and blown by a gale out of Paradise. He plant and animal species disappear Ushering in the millenium are voices to Bollas [1995]:

postmodern exhaustion, with its made room for the apocalyptic; nw we unconscious, wishes and their wasting diet of an anxious, ever- are expected to hover forever - as if memories are ceaselessly shifting relativism, and that attachment much of even survival seems likely - in struggling to find some way into to surface that fears connecting with the a world of surfaces and simulation that gratification in the present -fact of staggering loss. The fatal ensure the "erasure" of the real world emptiness of ironized consumerism is and the dispersal of both the self and marked by a loss of energy, difficulty in the social. Baudrillard is of course concentrating, feelings of apathy, social emblematic of the "end of the end", withdrawl: precisely those enumerated based on his prefigured "extermination in the psychological literature of of meaning". mourning.

in its denial of loss, the refusal to Deutsch [1937] examined the absence black with grief and mourning and with personal loss, tragic and difficult as it mourn Devoid of hope or vision for the of expressions of grief that occur anger, as in "black rage". future, the reigning zeitgeist also cuts following some bereavements and Traditionally, grief has ben seen as also a vulnerability to sorrow over a opportunity to understand what has off, very explicitly, an understanding of considering this a defensive attempt of giving rise to cancer. A contemporary more general, almost trans-species loss. what has happened and why. There is a the ego to preserve itself in the face of variation of this thesis is Norman Walter Benjamin wrote his Theses on wherein needless loss is banished. companion to an insistence on the observed that grief is at first superficial, the fleeting, the experienced only in very small doses; if ungrounded.

a desolate, grieving common sphere are noted that often striking. Consider the following from therapist Kenneth Doka [1989]:

Disenfranchised grief can be defined as the grief that persons experience when they incur a loss that is not or cannot be openly acknowledged, publicly mourned, or socially supported.

Denial on an individual level provides

each year [World Wildlife Fund, 1996]. whose trademark is opposition to The repressed signifies the narrative itself, escape from any kind of preserved: hideen away in the Our grieving takes the form of closure. The modernist prject at least organized tensions of the

We mayturn again to the psychological have anger at their root, consider, for The falsity of postmodernism consists literature for apt descriptive points. example, the cultural association of it were released full-strength, the and public spheres. Again, a likely subject would feel overwhelming connection among grief, depression, Parallels between individual grief asnd despair. Similarly, Grimspoon [1964]

> people cannot risk being overwhelmed by the anxiety which might accompany a full cognitive and affective grasp of the present world situation and its implications for the future.

mind, it is nonetheless obvious that loss unfolding. must be faced. All the more so in the

desire refuses annihilation.

Grief is the thwarting and deadening of desire and very much resembles depression; in fact, many depressions are precipitated by losees [Klerma, 1981]. Both grief and depression may be so extraordinarily painful". But tears past -- it reopens relations with it

Mailer's notion that cancer is the History few months before his unhealthiness of a deranged society, turned inward, bridging the personal and anger, and testimony, I think, to massive repression. Signs abound concerning weakening immune material toxins, there seems to be an

an inescapable metaphor for denial at realm of social existence, where in To look at narcissism, today's

transformative solution, if no longer [1979] wrote of such characteristic Nazis. Breaking the constraints of denied. Repression, most clearly and traits of the narcissistic personality as marxism and literariness, Benjamin emptiness. Thus narcissism, too, could saw that civilization from its origin, is be subsumed under the heading of that storm evacuating Eden, saw that grief, and the larger suggestion arises progress is a single, ongoing with perhaps greater force: there is catastrophe. something profoundly wrong, something at the heart of all this Alienation and anguish were once sorrow, however much it is commonly largely, if not entirely, unknown. Today labeled under various separate the rate of serious depression, for

In a 1917 exploration, Mourning and [Wringht, 1995]. Melancholia, a puzzled Freud asked the memories and hopes" that is ably, connected to the lost loved one "should Mourning does not destroy the of grief, it is said, are at base tears dfor and with the communities of the oneself. The intense sorrow at a past most certainly is, may be in some way

example, doubles roughly every ten yesrts in the developed nations

why the memory of "each single one of As Peter Homans [1984] put it very

been lost and why, also to demand the recovery of an innocent state of being.

A Journal of Desire Armed

defenses; along with increasing Towards a Society based on Mutual Aid, Voluntary Cooperation & the Liberation of Desire

rising level of grief and its concomitants. When meaning and is Amerika's foremost anti-ideological desire are too painful, too unpromising paper. It is also broke and urgently With these counsels and cautions in results only add to the catastrophe now needs donations to survive:

B.A.L., PO Box 2647, Stuyvesant large: personal denial, so often distriction to, say, the death of a loved bellwether profile of character, is to Station, New York, NY 10009, USA.

FIXED IDEAS AND LETTER BOMBS

Formerly Feral Faun critiques FC's Industrial Society & Its Future as ideology

Unfortunately, the response of american anarchists to the 'unabomber' depends on psychology rather than an base an analysis of the present social which provided their basic needs is (hereafter, FC') has mostly been one of knee-jerk disavowal verging on reactionary hysteria. It seems these anarchists fear for their good reputation by which they plan to convert the masses to anarchism. So there has not yet been an actual critical response from an anarchist perspective to FC's tract Industrial Society & its Future. Since FC claim to be anarchists (defining this in terms of favouring selfdetermination for individuals and small groups over the domination of large scale systems over our lives) and have involved themselves in doing something (whatever problems we have with their tactics), this non-response is absurd. Industrial Society & Its Future is an attempt to deal with some significant questions often ignored or dealt with by sloganeering in the anarchist press. FC's statement has many faults, often is shallow and inadequate to the challenge it is attempting to meet. This stems from a lack of thorough social analysis, reliance on concepts which seem to come from pop psychology and adherence to fixed ideas (a fixed idea is a thought or idea that dominates the thinker, causing her to channel all thinking and analysis through that one idea, eg. for the religious, god is a fixed idea, for the patriot, the country). FC correctly sees that the industrial technological system is a system of domination, but miss the fact that it is an integral part of a more complex social system which needs to be attacked in its totality. But let's examine FC's theses.

RESPONSE **THESES 1-32)**

FC's tract strangely begins with several pages critical of leftism. Stranger still, this criticism relies completely on psychology (and that of a rather crude 'pop' form). FC use this as a basis, later on, for a more general description of the psychology of people under the industrials system.

"ideology of victimism". This ideology feelings. hysterical varnmerings.

FC are correct in saying that most them to embrace victimistic ideology, american leftists come from middle or an ideology which begs those in power The first major fixed idea that upper-class backgrounds. But FC miss to grant 'equality', 'rights', 'justice', dominates FC's thoughts is "the power what may be the most significant etc. This practise of constantly begging process". This idea seems to form the psychology of leftism: namely, that those wants have been transformed into that's too bad because it's a flawed social power, and they feel guilty about feel weak and incapable -- and so help books. FC describes the power this. In a very christian, messianic inferior. Leftist activists promote this process: "Everyone needs to have goals manner, they "give themselves" to form of radicalism because it whose attainment requires effort, and christianist activism explain the leftist their own as individuals, it brings them things. Some effort is inherently FC's anthropology is about 30 years dogmatism quite well. Recognising the ideologues and with society, precisely course, I will be happier if I do get religiosity of leftism, we can see that it because they are no longer begging and them and if I determine how I get them. can be compassionate, morally based so no longer need the leftists to beg for But to transform this need for actual and hostile all at once - just like them. christianity which compassionately and FC's concept of "oversocialisation" morally instituted pogroms, also proves to be inadequate because it

A heretics and non-believers.

FC see leftism as having a that leftism affects the art preferences of violence, war - without realising that, psychological basis in "feelings of the leftist, it does not seem to be in the within this social system, these are a inferiority" and "oversocialisation". direction of embracing defeat or necessary part of the same mechaniasm Modern american leftism is certainly irrationalism, but of trying to get in of control of which anti-sexism, antibased in what Max Stirner called touch with' other cultures. This is racism, non-violence and peace are a "ragamuffinism" and Nietzsche called absurd and merely reinforces the part -- the one side needs the other, just "ressentiment". Some recent anarchist commodification of these cultures, but as the right needs the left and vice writings have referred to it as the it does not, in itself, indicate inferiority versa.

apparently so afraid of any sort of relying on authority. It is the leftist than FC's pop psycholgy. criticism, that they could only respond belief in a democratic social order - FIXED IDEA #1: THE POWER to FC's inadequate criticism with which is to say, a structure of PROCESS (FC'S THESES 33democratic authority - which causes 98)

Leftism is a form of liberal democratic / have goals, simply because I need or spent by the average perason in humanist politics -- that is, it is part of want specific things, but I do not need industrial society at work. In other the political system to which the rise of goals -- so I not need a "power words, primitive people got the things capitalism and the industrial system process". gave birth. So it is no surprise that The "power process" is a psychhlogical equality, fraternity which are the shibboleths of such politics. But the totality of the social system is far more complex and irrational than FC think. The real values of this system, the ones for which it sacrifices all others, can be summed up rather simplistically as follows: (1) the expansion of capital; (2) efficiency in production; (3) Freudians. It has no applicability ro increasing social control in the daily lives of individuals to guarantee the -first two. Beyond these fundamentals, the social system is quite irrational and has any application outside of pop full of contradictions. Thus, the social psychology, would also have to be structure is both anti-racist and racist as understood in terms of a specific social each of this tendencies may under context. FC's attempt to universalise it different circumstances better serve the above-mentioned values (and, of NEUROTIC inquisitions, wars and genocide against course, aspects of earlier social structures do not disappear overnight). PSYCHOTIC SOCIETY (FC'S FC's attempts to interpret every aspect. The same can be said about sexism / of the leftist's life in terms of a pop anti-sexism, violence / non-violence,

nearly everyone else in this society, lead conservatives, moderates or most very compartmentalised lives. I have radicals. Leftists believe that the known leftists who seem to 'like' the sopcial system can be rationalised, that blues or world beast music because its contradictions can be removed they imagine such music is a way to get without destroying the system as a in touch with the feelings of black or whole. So they try to convince the third world people. Thus to the extent authorities to abolish sexism, racism,

I do not deny the neuroses of leftism as does seem to reflect and promote Certainly, leftists spend far too much evidenced in its guilt, masochism and feelings of inferiority, but FC seems to time trying to prove the equality of moral stridency. But if we want to be unfamiliar with these ideas and oppressed groups and demanding that make an intelligent attack on the social adopt instead a methodology it be granted by the state, but this does system - as FC apparently does -- we reminiscent of pop psychology in their not so much prove the inferiority need to develop analyses of society and critique. Fortunately for FC, leftists are feelings of leftists as their adherence to the left's role therein that go far deeper

aspects of this in terms of the for what one wants (particularly when basis of most of FC's analysis, and many leftists believe that they are abstractions which one can never see idea -- pop psychology reminiscent of those who -- according to their ideology guarantees their role within the present needs to succeed in attaining at least -- have received the short schrift from social structures. When women, gays, some of these goals". But do I need leads to a sloppy understanding of people in our society find themselves so society. This guilt and secular blacks, etc., start taking their lives as goals? No, I need or want specific history and anthroplogy. masochism, self-sacrifice and into conflict equally with leftist involved in getting these things and, of things into an abstract need for goals, effort and attainment which are simply words that can be used to describe how one gets what one needs, and then to primitive people spent in activities

analysis of the social role of the leftist. system on this abstraction is absurd. I about one quarter of the amount of time

model and, like all such models, springs from and is only useful within a these activities, so they could be done specific social context. The 'oedipus complex' was a model developed in victorian Europe which worked well for explaining much of the sexual psychology of victorian Europe. Iver time it has prioved less and less useful and is nowe used only by die-hard ancient Romans, Hopi Indians, Mbute pygmies, medieval English peasants, this activity on a strict seasonal time etc. The "power process", assuming irt

they wanted with less effort than most of us expend to get what we want. In fact, since there was no time schedule which they had to follow to perform whenever one pleased (except in emergencies), it can be argued thast primitive societies were societies of total 'leisure'. With the rise of agriculture and cities about 10:000 veasrs ago, the new technological system doubled the amount of time that those who used it had to spend in meeting their basic needs and placed schedule - this could be considered the origin of work. Industrial technology drastically increased both the amount of work time and the rigidity of scheduling necessary for work. So most

IF THE UNABOMBER PREVAILS psychology inferiority complex severely war / peace, etc. Leftists are no more or weakens the argument. Leftists, like less "oversocialized" than AND WE RETURN TO WILD NATURE...



privileged, that they have an excess of accomplished) inevitably makes one 70's management strategies and self-

behind the times. FC seem to assume that primitive people needed to spent most of their time and energy satisfying biological needs. It has been pretty well established that even in harsh environments, the amount of time

exhausted by activities not of their own making that in what little leisure time they have they often choose to vegetate through passive entertainment. This problem is alienation. FC are not completely unaware of this: "...in our society people do not satisfy their biological needs AUTONOMOUSLY. but by functioning as parts of an immense social machine."

Alienation is not merely a corporation executives who psychological problem. Often the most provide the funds for research. alienated people are the most adjusted reality of a social system in which our is not just a surrogate activity to help a with making one's life one's own, but sacrificial and, furthermore, absurd. lives, our activities and our interactions are not our own to create as we choose. maybe shuffling papers or welding of society in this way. computer processing information that means nothing to me. I do not do these pleasure - usually they are miserably Civilisation as a system of social than we can know, their lives were their tedious tasks. In themselves, these Civilisation as a system of social own. But is it only industrial things because they give me any tasks serve no purpose for me. They relationships makes my life and my have already pointed out that hunter-serve to purpose of the boss or relationships makes my life and my have already pointed out that hunterand they serve the purposes of the activities alien to me, so that they are compulsion, except in emergency social system - in other words, they serve purposes alien to me. What I get not my own, but are molds into which doing them when they felt like it -serve an alien cause is money. So after _ the money I got from working to get job, this shopping time should also be counted as work time - and I must pay back my life. rent to a land-lord or mortgsage to a bank fdor shelter. In fact, with the exception of a few who refuse, most people sacrifice most of their lives to nature, at least of industrial technology vast social trends and express only the buy survival and a few plastic trinkets. (even though they don't make the most banal generalities about these Here there is a goal, an effort of the connection to the social system as a trends. The only positivbe thing I have most horrendous sort and the whole), yet they are so fixated on their attainment of basic necessities -- but pop psychology concept of the "power there is no life, not one that is my own. process" that they develop tunnel vision The technological system is an essential and interpret everything through this part of this alienastion but not the faulty idea. So thery end up lacking a these "principles" as dogmas ny which totality. A complex social system clear analysis of society. This fixation incorporating work, technology, capital, on the "power process" causes FC to authority, ideology (including religion) describe things as universal problems and so on, all of which are integrally which are only problems within this intertwined, this is what turns our lives present social context because of the

must be attacked in its totality by those Thus, "transexuality among American of us who want to take back our lives. Indian tribes" was no problem, because FC's "power process" seems to me to the tribes in which it occured accepted have a meagre, pathetic view of the it without censure. If FC were to study FC rightly recognise that the industrialworld as a constant struiggle for sexual anthropology, they would technological system is not compatible survival. This may well indicate the discover that many sexual practicee with self-determination, that it must, meagre, stingy social context from which are considered perverted by our out of inherent necessity, regulaste which it springs - for the present era society are prascticed by masny people's lives and thast the level of certainly is that But such meagreness primitive people without the stigma of regulation must increase as the system will never get us out of this mess. That perversion and so were no problem. expands, but FC do not recognise that will take something strong and lively. Such activities become problematic in this is true odf the system as an something so certain of its abundance this society because sexuality is most integrated whole -- including its that it has no fear of squandering useful to it when repressed and political, cultural and ideological Stirner speaks of such a thing calling it promoted at the same time - institutions. The whole is beyond one's "own might", the might of which transforming it into a hard-to-get reform and revolt against the totality is one makes one's life one's own, and so commodity and into an identity. Thus, necessary - which means thast attacks comes to have an excess of lie - and it the problematic nature of sexuality against any part of the social system is this, my life as my own, and not "the stems not from a disruption of can be worthwhile as long as they are freedom to go through the power the"power process" as FC would have aimed at taking back one's life. In the it, but from its commodification. Such same light, just as 'good' and 'bad' process, that I want. separation of sexuality from life is parts of technology cannot be seperated.

into mere resources for society. And it necessary contradictions of this society.

FC's reliance on their fixed idea, the rarely a problem in primitive cultures. neither can 'good' and 'bad' parts of "power process", makes for very poor -and, in my opinion, dangerous -- social FC define "freedom" as "the civilisation as a whole. analysis. I have already pointed out the opportunity to go through the power Throughout this section, FC describe fallacies this has caused in FC's process..." The only freedom I consider many horrble aspects or potentials of whom one fights. understanding of primitive societies to be worth pursuing is that my life be industrial technology, but provides no and the acquisirtion of necessities in my own to determine, that my social analysis, no recognition that industrial society. But FC take these interactions be my own to create, that there is an entire social context which fallacies further. We'll leave aside such my self-enjoyment be central to how I creates this technology. One is left to minor absurdities as FC's attribution of live my life. FC may try to claim that wonder of FC think social context has a lack of interest in having children to a this is what the "power process" is, but any significance. Several times, they disruption of the "power process". The their own use of the term proves bring up their beliefin the genetic basis danger of FC's use of the "power otherwise. It is a fixed idea through of human behaviour as if it were proven process" as a basis for social analysis which to interpret the world and fact. Stphen Jay Gould has effectively becomes evident when it is applied to w hich one should sacrifice oneself, argued that this is an unproven science. For FC, science is essentially a The desire for self-determination and hypothesis which does not explain surrogate activity. Scientists get self-enjoyment will move me to fight human behaviour very well. In any involved in order to "go through the for myself and possibly even to case, I wonder if FC's reliance on power process", and science is sacrifice some things, but I will psychological models might mot stem sacrifice them to myself and will never from their adherence to geneticism. It (emphases added): sacrifice myself. But adherence to a certainly impoverishes FC's argument

obedient only to the psychological needs of the scientists and of the government officials and

few people meet their psychological is a fixed idea to be served. needs. Science is an integral part of the FC'S DESCRIPTION but have been made for us in such a social system under which we live, an INDUSTRIALway that we become the property of ideological and practical tool for the TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY and wants become very convoluted and social system. It is this goal to which indirect, like a Rube Goldberg machine science is blindly obedient, and for the - but it isn't comical. I want food, social system, science is not a surrogate shelter, a few things to give me activity, but a necessary component for pleasure So I travel - by car or public its survival. Whatever psychological transit (which have become another fulfillment science masy provide to its necessity) -- to a place where I spend practitioners is simply, like the eight hours - not masking my own paycheck, part of the bribe necessary to food or shelter or playthings - but make people willing to serve the needs

FC's FIXED IDEA #2: THE OF REVOLUTION AGAINST THE INDUSTRIAL-TECHNO-LOGICAL SYSTEM (FC'S THESES 161-232)

fixed idea of the "power process" FC but technology and civilisation in their industrial- "revolution against industrial willingly sacrifice myself for the immense social system. The

CAUSE. As I will show, FC call for inadequate and unconvincing in many destablise the industrial system, just such self-sacrifice, showing that ways. And it leads FC to propose a support agreements like NAFTA and the "power process" has nothing to do revolutionary strategy that is self- GATT if they can maske the system topheavy and so easier to push over, and have lods and loads of children because children of revolutionaries supposedly become revolutionarioes (at least according to the genetic theories to which FC apparently subscribe). For FC, there is no social context in which these things arise and for which they occur - capitalism, technology, the state, the family - all are nothing for FC, only industrial technology and its

> significance of this for me is that it individuals against their own means that, to a much grweater extent alienation, not from a mass programme. FC's hatred of the technological system has my sympathy and agreement. But I technology that ends this ownness? I situations)eg. droughts, severe storms), more for the joy of it than out of need. Individuals werre constantly figuring ways of making these activities easier and more enjoyable, but these ways ools and methods that individuals could make and use for themselves. The rise of agriculture(not to be mistaken for small-scale gardening) was the intrioduction of a technological system. It created a compulsory seasonal schedule for the production of food. But agriculture did not rise in a vacuum. Archaeological evidence indicates that agriculture developed in conjunction with the rise of early cities. Cities may, in fact, have come first... the industrial system... There can be no doubt that a concept of

I have many problems with FC's ideas.

against the state (or any other aspect of against the state (or any other aspect of against the state). Their lack of a clear social analysis and the system of social control) and its their adherence to fixed ideas prevent them from making a coherent and accurate descriptions of industrial are wrong; Taking a life is not the

system - we have the whole civilisation to bring down and will attack it on asll fronts; the state and its protectors (cops, the military, bureaucrats...), economy (capitalism, work, property rights asnd so on), probing questions at themselves. technology, religion, education, the family, ideology.... And we won't do AFTERWORD: this as a cause, but selfishly, because THOUGHTS ON VIOLENCE we want our lives back. I want to determine my own life, create my own activities and interactions for my own enjyment. So any "revolution" that demands that I sacrifice myself for its

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FC'ss "only goasl". We have much

m, ore to destroy than the industria

cause is as much my enemy as the

social system which demands the same

of me. Only a revolution which attacks

society in a way that allows

vuiolence has come from nearly all sides. Even Tad Kepley's mostly sympathetic article in Anarchy: A Journal of Desire Armed #42 was tainted with moralisms regarding violence, in spite of Tad's claim to the individuasls to take back their lives interests me, and such a revolution The anti-authoritarian who makes would grow out of the revolts of

revolution. Nonethcless, FC has been doing sonething to fight the present social system. One may question their tactics, but those who do so from an anarchist armchair or from the position of typical, ineffective and unsatisfying radical activism had best direct equally

While there has been little response at all to FC's essay, the rwactiobn to their

use of violence ... must be aware of the contradictions in destroying to create, in using violence in the hopes of creating a world without

vehemently reject their adherence to There are no contradictions in fixed ideas, particularly their destroying to create -- Every act of dependence on a psychological model, creation involves destruction. When the "power process", as a means of one makes a meal, one directly or analysing the technological system. I indirectly kills or mutilates other living woncer if this psychological conception things; making a shelter will involve of the problem is why FC, who say that destruction of one form of thing to the destruction off the industrial system make another. But it is Tad's second is "the ONLY goal", has chosen to phrase that is more relevant to this blow up technicians, researchers and question. There certainly would be other human servants of the machine contradictions in using violence if what rather than large-scale industrial one wanted was a world without facilities which are more essential parts violence, but FC never claims to want a of the industrial system. Don't get me world without violence. FC want a wrong, everyoner who has been world without a huge global system attacked by FC has been working that destroys the artonomy of actively toward drastically increasing individuials and small groups. I also do social control and destruction of wild not want a world without violencde; I places. The few deaths are no loss to want a world in which individuals can me -- in fact, I smile, tghinking "One create their own lives and interactions less techniciasn to control my life". But in accordance with their desires -- and, kiling off technocians one by one seems in such a world, conflict and, therefore, like an externely slow way to destroy violence is inevitable. It is the state's monopoly on violence that I oppose, and when individuals use violence

convincing critique out of their often Tad Kepley and the critics of violence society. Furthermore, FC's fixed ideas ultimate act of domination. Forcing channel the whole into an authoritarian someone -- or hundreds, thousands, and very self-sacrificial conception of millions, billions -- into dependency on

cases, not even that) and possibly also a dominating institutions) sometimes kill will never willingly sacrifice myself,

a social system that bleeds their lives Domination consists of forcing people removal" of such a person takes away to reproduce itself and in to give away their life energy while they nothing away from me that I would exchange for survival (in the worst are living. Certainly, dominators (or want to keep. Because I am selfish, I

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few trinkets and glass beads - that is to enforce their power, but as the cliche the ultimate act of domination. The says "the living envy the dead". killer lavs no claim to the life of the victim until they kill them, and even then they lay no claim to the life but only to the ending of that life.

domination. The "absolute irrevocable alienated.

but I will gladly sacrifice anything or anyone that interferes with my ability to create my own life and interactions as I choose. 'Human community' is an abstraction. Real interactions and associations are those experienced by individuals -- either as self-determined creations or as impositions - not the mystical connections which spring from such abstractions as 'humanity' or 'species being'. My interactions with cops, high-tech researchers in social control, state bureaucrats, capitalists, religious leaders or any other authority figure, no matter how indirect the interaction, is one in which I am imposed upon, one aimed at making my life alien from me. Such an interaction can only impoverish me. The death of any such a figure of authoritty, therefore, does not impoverish me and may well enrich me. Indeed, it can add a little brightness to my life, knowing that I have successfully managed to attack, in however small a way, the structures of authority -- even if that involves killing someome who has willingly chosen to be a bully-boy for authority. Certainly, it makes more sense tactically to attack targets of more significance than anty individual can ever be in maintaining authority -- but such attacks on property also get condemned by those in power as "mindless terrorism". And they are equally condemned by those who prefer to do nothing but continually beg the state to, please, abolish itself and, in the meantine, be nicer to poor, sweet, harmless little anarchists.

I am not meaning to be overly harsh to Tad. His article at least shows some sympathy for FC's hatred of the technological system and avoids he reactionary hysteria found in Slingshot and numerous other anarchist periodicals. But in his assessment of violence, Tad seems to be kissing a bit too much pacifist ass. Destruction of a global social system will involve violence, and that violence would not be ironic or contradictory with its goal; it would be the unconstrained FC's targets are precisely people who expression of the passion that those choose, by their research or other work who are taking their lives back feel activities, to uphold and increase against the system that keeps them

BEYOND CRUELTY: BEYONDIDEOLOGY

The poverty of postmodernism: an intervention

INTRODUCTION TO BEYOND CRUELTY

by John Moore

In "The Catastrophe of Postmodernism", John Zerzan has indicated that postmodernism, instead of containing radical potential, is the dominant ideology of consumer capitalism, and as such is concerned with recuperating radical resistance, rather than promoting it. Far from radical, the intellectual architects of postmodernism--figures such as Derrida, Lyotard and Baudrillard--are exposed as promoting an ideology that perfectly expresses the bankruptcy of contemporary industrial civilization.

The following text, issued to postmodernism from

threaten that system. Talk about having history that Artaud wanted to abolish. the way in which it conveys this your cake and eating it!

an thought is reinforced by the fact that Cruelty also has anti-civilization participants at an academic conference anarchist/situationist perspective. The Homage to Chiapas was published to elements to its analysis (situating its at which some of the major occasion of the anononymous author's coincide with an academic event discussion, for example in terms of the postmodernist thinkers were speaking, (or authors') anger is the publication of exploring the work of French surrealist "three thousand years of darkness" that exposes the fraudulence of a book by Derrida and others, entitled writer Antonin Artaud. In The Theatre comprise civilization's history). But at

echoing the title of George Orwell's developed a theory of drama called the crucial to the anti-civilization project: book on the Spanish revolution, Theatre of Cruelty. The Theatre of "Ideology, be it the ideology of drugs,

Homage to Chiapas. Deliberately and Its Double (1938), Artaud the heart of the essay is an assertion

Although drawing extensively upon The bankruptcy of postmodernist anarchist and situationist ideas, Beyond

Homage to Catalonia, the text Cruelty deliberately deployed shock art, psychoanalysis, theosophy or purportedly aims to honour the tactics to break through the levels of revolution, is the one thing that never Zapatista insurrectionists in psychological conditioning and social changes history in the slightest". contemporary Mexico. But in actuality, control that are typical of life in Postmodernism is the dominant it serves the needs of postmodernist industrial civilization. Explicitly intellectual ideology of the present era, intellectuals who wish to assert their drawing on primitive cultures for and thus requires analysis. But it is just radical chie and at the same time inspiration, Artaud's ideas clearly have the latest model in a series of ideologies promote their careers as members of the a pertinence for anti-civilization whose aim is always the same: the international academic jet-set. In resisters. However, as Beyond Cruelty maintenance of systems of coercion and typical postmodern fashion, these indicates, postmodernism attempts to control. Beyond Cruelty exposes theorists want to retain their status and co-opt the radical thrust of Artaud's ideology in general, and postmodernist prestige within the dominant social project in the name of postmodernist ideology in particular, as justification system, but also celebrate those who civilization, celebrating the cruelties of for oppression and mass murder. But message is just as important as what it says. Refusing political discourse-the language of governance-Bevond Cruelty is written in a style that challenges us to rethink the ways in which we express our resistance. whether in wrtten form or in action.

society The ways of fulfilling our needs maintenance and expansion of that (FC'S THESES 99-160) having laid the groundwork wioth the I oppose not only industrial technology, parts to parts or serving food to FC are obviously aware of the systemic abstractions. They are concerned with which I am to tryu to fit. I would never themselves to become dependent on an

to say on it is that they would lead

anyone who desires individual self-

determination to conclyude that they

now present their "analysis" (more a totality. So why do I call FC's technological society. FC introduce technology" a fixed idea? Because my this part of their essay with fieve opposition to civilisation is based on a FC make an important point when they "principles of histiry". As with most recognition that civilisation as a system tell us that primitive people as radicals for whom "history" is a central of social relationships makes my life individuals were actually much better concept, they refrain from defining it. I and my axctivities alien to me, so that able to take care of themselves than find the five principles to be useless they are not my own, but are molds into industrialised people who have allowed

work, I have to go out to the shops with I am to try to fit. I try to destroy the food, clothing and pleasure items I system for myself as a way of taking were not immense systems, but merely want - since it is as compulsory as a system for myself as a way of taking were not immense systems, but merely individuals destruction of civilisation. Rather I try

> the destruction of [the industrial] system must be the revolutionaries' ONLY goal no other goal can be allowed to compete with that one.

to destroy this system for myself as a

way of taking back my life. For FC,

they interpret industrial society. So I am to be second to the goasl of Nonetheless, this is the best section of destroying industriasl technology. FC's essay. Their descriptions of this Haviong a goast for which one is society are often accurate, though their willing to sacrifice oneself changes the interpretations are ferquently shallow nature of the battle against the sociasl and poorly thopught out because of system. FC's strategies, aside from their dependence on fixed ideas and being frequently absurd, are also strategies on an immense scale. One almost gets the impression that FC expect to convert a large number of people to their cause who will then be willing to participate in a unified comparisons to the French and Russian revolutions, it seems that this is their model for revolution, sufficiently. modified for use against industrial technology. But both of these revolutions actual moved in the opposite direction to that which FC calls for. Each created modern states which made transition to an industrial system easier. I would argue that a unified revolutiion of the sort for which FC call can most likely only lead to the creation of a unified system, not to the destruction of one. If the goal is individual self-determination, then the

fixed idea (such as the "power by causing them to ignore the social process") moves one to fight for the syystem of which technology is an to support dictatorships if that will our lives back annot limit ourselves to CAUSE, to sacrifice oneself to the integral part, making their argument

who united only as one chooses with

further qualitative change in the nsture Those who have a cause with which to of alienation. Though farmers are fight rather than fighting for themselves forced to comply with a time schedule want converts. So FC recommend a rather than doing things in their own method of propagandising which time, they still (in peasant cultures, not involves inventing an ideology of in agribusiness) are directly producibng "Wild Nature vs. Industriasl their food. In industrial society, the technology". This manipulative strategy activities into which one is forced in hardly seems conducive to promoting order to earn survival are not even individusl (or small group) autonomy. directly related to one's survival needs FC's strategy seems to promote a large in any way. They have become groupp dynamic whee a few would lead complexely alien. But once again, the and most would follow. If this did not technology is only part of an entire seem mostly like FC's fantasy, I would complex, integrated social system, all find this part of FC's ideas detestable. of which acts together to guarantee that But FC are explicit: rthe destruction of we can only gain our survival by giving the industrial system must be the top up our lives to the reproduction of the priority. For this, we should be willing social system. Those of us who want

exclusive (private or communal) property must have coincided with the development of agriculture. There is also evidence of a connection between religion and agriculture. The carly cities already give evidence of structured hierarchies and a specialised warrior class which can rightly be called a state and its army. In other words, the technological system of agriculture arose as pasrt of an integrated social system -- whast we call civilisation. This system, in its totalirty and through all of its structures (technology, the state, economy, religion, the family, work, exclusive property...), took the lives of individuals from them and made these lives the property of society. John Zerzan has presented evidence in

a number of his writings that this alienastion began well before the rise of civilisation, but this system of social relationships called civilisation changed life qualitatively in ways that made alienation a central defining quality of life. The fatalism and religiosity that are so much a part of agricultural; societies can be seen as an expression of this alienation. Peasants struggle must start from the individual feel more as though things happen to them than that they do things. Industrial technology certainly made a

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For further info contact ... better still. why not stop wallowing in your oh-sovicarious-&-voyeuristic artistic & intellectual pretensions. & go & join the Zapatistas (as many - but not Artaud - joined the revolution in Spain in the 1930s - see, for instance, Orwell's HOMAGE TO CATALONIA)

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What do YOU think? And just who are you?

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There is a turbulent frontier of subjectivity afflicted by the sickness of power. This zone is rife with undying hatreds, inhabited by the gods of vengeance, the tyranny of envy, the snarls of frustrated desire. Its corruption is a marginal one, vet it threatens on every side. It is an interworld. The interworld is the wasteland of subjectivity. It contains cruelty in its starkest form - the cruelty of the cop & the cruelty of the rebel, the cruelty of oppression & the cruelty of the poetry of revolt. Resisting spectacular co-optation yet never turned to the ends of insurrection, the dreamer's superior space-time takes monstrous forms as the norms of individual will are warped by the perspective of Power. The growing poverty of everyday life has ended up by making it a completely public realm. open to every kind of experiment, an exposed battlefield between creative spontaneity & its corruption. Being an

The unconscious belongs to me only in dreams, & even there I cannot tell if what I see lingering is a form marked for birth or filth that I have rejected. The subconscious is what emerges from the premises of my internal will, but I am very unsure as to who reigns there, though I suspect that it is not I, but rather a pack

intrepid explorer of the mind, Artaud is

able to describe this uncertain combat

with great clarity.

of adverse wills which, for reasons unknown to me, think in

right in attacking surrealism's failure to down there by means of dreams, drugs, suddenly erupts & sweeps oppressive found its revolutionary coherence on its alcohol or the disordering of the senses. structures away. The play of pure most fruitful demand, on the primacy it Its violence asks only to be freed. A violence is transcended by the pure accorded subjectivity. But no sooner good climate in which to steep oneself, violence of revolutionary play. The had he made his break than he if only to reach the consciousness that shock of freedom works miracles. completely lost himself in solipsistic dances & kills -what Norman O. Nothing can withstand it - not sickness ravings & thought. He abandoned all Brown calls the "Dionysian of mind, not remorse, not guilt, not the notion of realising subjective will consciousness". through the transformation of the

world. Instead of externalising what The red dawn of riots cannot banish the Power. When a water pipe broke in thought than that of usurping my lies within, he sought to make it holy, monstrous creatures of the night. It Pavlov's laboratory, none of the dogs very own place in my body & in to discover a permanent mythic reality clothes them in light & fire, strewing who survived the flood showed the my self. But in my preconscious in the rigid world of symbols. The only them across town & countryside. The slightest trace of their long where all these same adverse wills road to this kind of revelation is the new innocence is baleful dreams conditioning. Can the high tide of seek to abuse & distract me with road of impotence. Those who hesitate becoming reality. Subjectivity cannot social upheaval have less effect on their temptations. I can see them to cast out the flames that devour them construct itself without destroying people than a broken water pipe on clearly once I arm myself with my within can only burn, can only be whatever stands in its way; the violence dogs? Reich recommends explosions of full consciousness: what do I care themselves consumed in accordance

100 YEARS OF CRUELTY: ARTAUD CONFERENCE

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WHAT IS THERE TO CELEBRATE?

came to feel that I must travel it the ideology of myself evolving & DESIRING.

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peyote that got me there".

The itinerary of the hermit of Rodez sounds a dire warning. Artaud's break with the surrealist movement is significant. He reproached the group for allying itself with Bolshevism; for putting itself at the service of a revolution (a revolution, be it said, that was caked with the blood of Kronstadt) instead of putting the revolution at its

for all their harassment, so long as with the laws of consumption, in necessary for this it draws from the most succinct form, is our future penal I feel myself THERE ... I thus ideology's tunic of Nessus. Ideology, be interworld. The new innocence is the code.

upstream. & delve into my drugs, art, psychoanalysis, theosophy or annihilation. The most peace-loving of preconscious until I could see revolution, is the one thing that never people are haunted by dreams of blood. changes history in the slightest.

> science of possible solutions, not a to use kindness to disarm those one parallel world granted to the mind in cannot disarm by force. I have a great p.mcgregor@uws.edu.au]) was handed compensation for its real failures. It is a debt of hatred towards those who have [September 1996]) at Derrida's session

clear-sighted construction of an How hard it is to be solicitous towards And, as Artaud added later, "It was The world of imagination is the exact those whom one cannot kill on the spot;

force destined to bridge the gap very nearly succeeded in enslaving me. [at the 100 Years of Cruelty conference between internal & external. A praxis How can hate be destroyed without in Australia, to the consternation of the condemned for now to inaction. With destroying its causes? The barbarity of conference organisers. The main its phantoms, its obsessions, its riots, the arson, the people's savagery, graphic used is a reworking of Nancy outbursts of hate, its sadism, the all the excesses which terrify bourgeois Burson's Big Brother - composite of interworld is like a cage of wild historians, are exactly the right vaccine Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler, Mao & animals driven mad by their against the chill atrocity of the forces of Khomeini -juxtaposed to the list of law, order & hierarchical oppression. events of the last 100 years.]

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own service. Artaud was absolutely imprisonment. Anyone is free to go In the new innocence, the interworld sense of importance, not the brutalisation produced by the world of anger for neurotics with emotional blocks & muscular armouring. This kind of neurosis is, I think, particularly widespread today; it is, simply, survival sickness. And the most consistent explosion of anger will probably bear a suspicious resemblance to general

insurrection. Three thousand years of

darkness will not withstand ten days of

reconstruction of society will

necessarily entail the simultaneous

of everyone's

revolutionary violence.

reconstruction

unconscious.

The revolution of everyday life obliterates the notions of justice, of punishment, of torture - notions determined by exchange & by the reign of the fragmentary. We do not want to be judges but masters without slaves, rediscovering, beyond the destruction of slavery, a new innocence, a life of grace. The point is not to judge the enemy but to destroy him. Whenever he liberated a village, Durruti gathered the peasants of the place together & asked them to point out the fascists. These he summarily executed. The coming revolution will do the same. With equanimity. We know that there will be no-one to judge us thereafter: judges will be no more, for we shall have eaten every last one of them. The new innocence means the destruction of an order of things which has never done more than impede the art of living. & which today threatens what little remains of authentic life. I have no need to justify defending my own freedom. Not a moment passes without Power's putting me in a posture of legitimate self-defence. The spontaneous justice of the new

& the cop sent to arrest him "Duval, I arrest you in the name of the Law !"

innocence is well-expressed in this

exchange between the anarchist Duval

"And I suppress you in the name of freedom!"

Things don't bleed. Those who weigh with the deadweight of things will die the death of things. Victor Serge tells how, during the sack of Razoumovskoe, some revolutionaries were criticised for smashing some porcelain. Their reply

was: "We shall smash all the porcelain in the world to change life. You love things too much & people too little. you love people too much as things, & people as people you don't love enough." Everything we do not have to destroy should be saved: such, in its

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HEEMING ORGANISATION

BEN argue they're inherently counter-revolutionary as they mimic the authoritarian structures of existing politics

Left-Wing Organisations, those groupings that claiom to speak for the needs of the downtrodden and fight dfor their true interests, claim that they are making progress towards abolishing the injustices of this present society by replacing it with a society where nobody is kept down in order to serve the needs of a powerful minority. They maintain this in the face of the evidence that Left-Wing Organisations themselves are one of the reasons why this oppressive society remains in place.

DEFINITION

All Lrft-Wing Prganisations, be they unions, parties or federations share the same basic features: written 'Aims and Principles', subscriptions, formal membership, rulebooks, endless meetings, discipling procedures, 'the paper', a vertical structure (more or less 'democratic' but a vertical structure all the same), some form of executive committee, control of the minority by the majority (sic), and the strict enforcement of a 'line' on every issue under the sun (acceptable

The basic effect of these structures and features is to minimise dissent, to regulaste opinion, concentrate decisionmaking in a small number of hands (those prepared to sit through hours of meetings); to maintain the organisation in its present form and act against any change. Now, this is fine in any other organisation but the essence of a Left-Wing Organisation is supposedly not to resist change but to help transform society and individual human beings at a basic level. But what do we have to help acvhieve this transformation? We have structures derived from Capitalism structures duplicating some of the worst features of authoritarian control. In other words, the bedrock of values of this oppressive society are enshrined in the very organisations which purport to be the battering rams which are to destroy oppression.

During periods of mass revolutionary

upheaval, Left-Wing Organisations continually act to try to re-establish the status quo. And they usually achieve this -- even in the most extreme case, at the end of the day the individuals controlling decision-making in a society might be different, but nothing else is: Property, Authority, all remain in place and the poor consequently remain in their place (those still alive). The reason is that Left-Wing Organisations carry within them the Authoritarianism from the old society into the potentially new society: rulebooks become lawbooks, the THE DISAPPOINTED executive committee becomes the MEMBERSHIP national executive authority, subs become taxes and expulsions become executions: in short, nothing changes precisely because of those who claim to

change everything.

are not 'normal' occurences and rules of the game. Firstly they will therefore require abnormal structures to merely be warned, then if they persist help them to succeed: insurrecytion is they will be disciplined and if all else movement and exhilaration as opposed fails (after all, every member counts in to the paralysis and depression which this numbers game), then they will be we have served up to us as 'normal' in expelled, though usually on a our everyday lives. We don't need technicality so as not to alarm the flock.

to authority figures. All in all, abiut as alternative as different coloured money. A small minority will not adjust, they will make demands, they will ask that Capitalism, to 'normal' folks. However, claims of its propaganda. These insurrection and social transformation recalcitrants haven't understood the

adjust to their new 'alternative' lifestyle or unless it is to give orders to ensure a Insurrection, of course (unless its a (a bit of comfort in a cruel world). It's swift transfer of State power to form of coup d'etat) involves fluidity easy to adjust to such unchallenging themselves. attitudes, Lefty moralism and deference

THE PSYCHOTIC REVOLUTIONARY

their Revolutionary Organisations often being the result of stale, abstract, the organisation live up to the high do not graso the reasons why the 'objective' written theories which organisation has failed and wrongly emerge into the light as bureaucratic assume that the faults are solely those policy. In a committee room, the full of this particular organisation. So the 'lunacy' of the subversive project can poor fools join another one, one which be 'exposed' by those lulled into the perhaps cynically promises to be the comfort of their own importance as Real Deal. Of course the higher their power-brokers. It is within these hopes, the further they'll have to fall committee rooms that the attractions of into a pit of disappointment. So it is Powert become revealed to those who important to understand why have become scared or tired of the organisations even apparently with the struggle on the streets. Within these 'normal' people -- we need fucking In their desire for respectability, these gremtest will in the world continually rooms is born the Counter-Revolution

and autonomy: it is preciselty the of Organisational Bureaucracy. It is born of certain social conditions, certain lived experiences of Many who become disillusioned with masses of individuals, as opposed to

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that to do so is the only 'realistic' way counter the interests of the leaders); hopes are quickly disappointed. The made by people other than the tailored to people who prefer inaction to talk and lack of effective action very structure of the organisation. being awake; they are suited to the majority will meekly accept the leaders' policy out of violence under democracy typical social invalid produced by explanations for inactivity and happily unless their very survival is threatened

rehearsed sloganeering. To do anything Part of the answer lies in the nature of thjeir local initiative or even to take All the same, many people do join Left- direct action would be to counter the Wing Organisations in the sincere hope interests of the organisatuion (that is, to to tackle the system. But any high direct action involves decisions being Left-Wing Organisations are ideally endless meetings, paper sales, 'big' committees and soclearly threatens the (a)ction, meetings to riots, sleeping to produce one of two reactions: the Indeed, organisations never make a

activities, unthreatening routines and social change.

else, to encourasgemembers to use the subversive project: in any organisation, reactionary arguments will always win through at the end of the day for the same reason that you cannot learn to swim by reading a THE PERFECT book. Because on paper, whether its ORGANISATION swimming or insurrection, the entire venture appears very chaotic, untried and even insane; because such a 'dangerous adventure' seems somehow 'unscientific' and irrational.

wierdos and lots of them if we are to organisations limit themselves to 'safe' in practice act against insurrection and as the bureaucrats, jealously guarding their positions, feel threatened by those making decisions without their blessing and realise that these people must be silenced in order to 'save the Revolution' -- that is, to save

LEFTY.

CHANGE THE SCRIPT

As has already been mentioned, there are many who, disappointed with their own organisation, jopin another thinking it will be different. Still further

DEFEND THE GANDALE SIX

Green Anarchists and ALF supporters on trial for free speech.

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- 21: LANCASTER University, 7.30 pm
- 22: LIVERPOOL (tbc)
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- 24: NOTTINGHAM The Community Centre, 7.30 pm
- 25: WOLVERHAMPTON University, Wulfruna Street, noon
- 25: BIRMINGHAM The Aardvark Centre, 115 Alcester Road, 7.30 pm
- 27: OXFORD Ruskin College, Headington, 7.30 pm -- with Mackating
- 28: PORTSMOUTH The Gravediggers Arms, 7.30 pm
- 29: BRIGHTON The University of Sussex, Falmer, noon
- 29: BRIGHTON The Unemployed Centre, 7.30 pm
- 30: CANTERBURY East Kent University, 7.30 pm -- with Active Video
- 31: CAMBRIDGE The Bath House, 25 Gwydir Street, 7.30 pm
- 31: LONDON Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, 7.30 pm

BRUARY

1: LONDON: The Red Rose Club, Islington, 7.30 pm -- with Bryan Wilson & the Sounds of the Earth

3: END OF TOUR (venue to be announced), 7.30 pm







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down the line, there are those who ammendmennt corerectly worded THE ALTERNATIVE? believe that it is possible to mould a enough to secure a majority at militant organisatujon free of any conference. Liberal party conference. These action. retentives think that the world can be

changed by having the words of an

bureaucracy, only one that takes even linking arms aropund it: wishing same conditions in miniature. boring twits you could not meet at a effect - action will only be born of

Even if the structures of an irganisation are mace more 'accountable', it still authoritarian tendencies; they believe it is possible to bring into existance the perfect organisation through the enactment of hundreds of 'libertarian' changes are bold, 'insane' acts, on - it will continue its bureaucratic, already there within the individual. structures should only be set up for safeguards and checks against courageous, sometimes symbolic reactionary behaviour. After all, we And so we must mot forget that even specific purposes and then dismantled potentially ambitious groups and attacks by autonomous individuals and asre all products of an authoritarian the most autonomous of groupings individuals. But even with all these groups. Passing 'revolutionary' upbringing and environment - this consists of these same individuals. measures, these people don't appreciate motions at meetings is about as much reactionary inheritence will not be products of authoritarian social the last thing we need is for everybody that you are still left with a use as trying to levitate the Pentagon by challenged by reproducing those self-

> formal structure, there is always an alternative. This has got to change. embryonic tendency to erect authority

this be so? It is true to say that weakness of being prepared to be organisational structures encourage a subjugated by others. In practice this bureaucratic mentality but they are able merans no permenant structures above to do this partly because of what is autonomousd groups and individuals; need to be conscious of the fact that On the one hand, the old conflicts of

structures above the autonomous units We must be aware of the basic

control (always, of course, in the name this sick society, the weakness of of 'greater efficiency'). But why should wanting to subjugate others, the immediately. To wreck this system, we certainlyneed to be highly organised but

longer to do ... nothing. Theree exists something will happen will not make it present its credentials as 'the only been replaced by the struggle of today these democratic masterpieces happen - this is verging on Religion. organisations fail purely because of the choice'. Unfortunately it is often 'right' autonomy / organisation: on the other full of small-minded, nit-picking Practical measures are needed - this is way that they are organised. Even in the sense that people don't get their hand, if we are not aware of reactionary fools - more uninspiring, real 'science', this is real cause and within autonomous groupings with no act together enough to present a cogent authoritarian tendencies within autonomous groupings, then we should not be too surprised when our new and generally to exert a conservative weakness of human beings produced by labels become just as jaded as the old

ANARCHISM AND OTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO ANARCHY

Bob Black's vintage polemic, virtually unobtainable since Loompanic's pulped his Abolition of Work & Other Essays

There is no need at present to produce new definitions of anarchism -- it would be hard to improve on those long since devised by various eminent dead foreigners. Nor need we linger over the familiar hyphenated anarchisms, communist- and individualist- and so forth; the textbooks cover all that. More to the point is why we are no closer to anarchy today than were Godwin and Proudhon and Kropotkin and Goldman in their times. There are lots of reasons, but the ones that most need to be thought about are the ones the anarchists engender themselves, since it is these obstacles -- if any -- it should be possible to remove. Possible, but not probable.

scrutiny of, and sometimes harrowing that all these ideologues were which was genuinely anti-statist. least the top-heavy 'federations' of activity in the anarchist millieu, is that hypocrites (sopme were). Rather, they Them-selves follower-types, they would workerist organisers have collapsed in more readily criticize the Fifth Estate or anarchists are a main reason -- I suspect, a sufficient reason -- why anarchy remains an epithet without a anarchisdts are, frankly, incapable of living in an autonomous cooperative manner. A lot of them aren't very bright. They tend to pursue their own classics and insider literature to the exclusion of broader knowledge of the world we live in Essentially timid, they associate with others like themselvers with the tacit understanding thaty nobody will measure anyone else's opinions and actions against any standard of practical critical intelligence; that no one by his or her individual achievements will rise too far above the prevalent level; and, above all, that nobody challenge the

shibboleths of anarchist ideology.

Anarchism as a millieu is not so much a challenge to the existing order as it uis one highly specialised form of accomadation to it. It is a way of life, or an adjunct to one, with its own particular mix of rewards and sacrifices. Poverty is obligatory, but for that very reason forecloses the question whether this or that anarchist could have been anything but a failure suspicion that the anarchists, like they reacted with fear and revolution, consciously or otherwise, "invisible government" which in their premises yet balk at their logical everyone else, think the only good anarchist is a dead one. Revolution - Revolution - Revolution - defeated revolution - is glorious, but it Revolution belongs in books and psmphlets. In this 1968 are especially clerar cases - the status and initially nonsupportive or worse.

outdistanced their rhetoric.

anarchism and anarchy, most

events which without them might have In other words, given a choice between pausing to replay the ancient Marx /

anarchists would go for the anarchism In truth the anarchists who assume the ideology and subculture rather than name have done nothing to challenge profound ideological differences, have take a dangerous leap into the the state, not with windy unread jargonunknown, into a world of stateless riddled writings, but with the liberty. But since anarchists are almost contagious example of another way to the only avowed critics of the staste as relate to other people. Anarchists as such, these freedom-fearing folk would they conduct the anarchism business inevitably assume prominent or at least are the best refutation of anarchist undermine their common class interest My considered judgment, after years of The reason is not far to seek. It's not publicised places in any insurgency pretensions. True, in North America at in hegemony over the anarchist rank-

prayer of a chance to be realised. Most Lock, Stock And Barrel in association with Ideology Of The Month Club presents:-

Buy any two political celebrities and get the third absolutist free It takes a nation of anarchists to hold us back

regardless of ideology. The history of had worked out a daily routine of find themselves the leaders of a ennur and acrimony, and a good thing industrial technology, hierarchic organanarchism is a history of unparralleled anarchist militancy, one they revolution which threatened their too, but the informal sociasl structure of isations) are not necessary but rasther defeat and martyrdom, yet anarchists unconsciously counted on to endure settled status no less than that of the anarchism is still hierarchic through antithetical to the satisfaction of real venerate their victimised forebears with indefinitely since revolution isn't really politicians and proprieters. The and through The abnarchists placidly needs and desires. Unfortunately, most a morbid devotion which occassions imaginable in the here-and-now, and anarchists would sabotage the submit to what Bakunin called an brands of anarchism endorse all these

official, organised anarchists flat-footed politicians and proprieters.

case consists of the editors (in fact if dispensed with the state without even not in name) of a handful of the larger and longer-lasting anarchist

These publications, despite seemingly

similar 'father-knows-best' stances visa-vis their readers as well as a gentlemen's agreement not to permit attacks upon each other which would expose inconsistencies and otherwise and-file. Oddly enough, you can much Kick It Over in their own pages than you can there criticise, say, Processed World. Every organisation has more in common with every other organisation than it does with any of the unorganised. The anarchist critique of the staste, if only the anarchists understood it, is but a special case of the critique of organisation. And, at some level, even anarchist organisations sense this. Anti-anarchists may well conclude that

if there is to be hierarchy and coercion. let it be out in the open, clearly labelled as such. Unlike these pundits (the right-wing 'libertarians', the minarchists, for instance) I stubbornly persist in my opposition to the state. But not because, as anarchists so often thoughtlessly declaim, the state is not "necessary". Ordinary people dismiss this anarchist assertion as ludicrous, and so they should. Obviously, in an industrialised class society like ours, the state is necessary. The point is that the state has created the conditions in which it is indeed necessary, by voluntary associastions of their powers. More fundamentally, the state's underpinnings (work, moralism, conclusion; the state.

settled If there were no anarchists, the state would have had to invent them. We the know that on several occassions it has done just that, we need anarchists unencumbered by anarchism. Then, and only then, we can begin to get serious about fomenting anarchy.

THE HYPOCRISY OFFEMINISM

Extracts from Claudia's controversial Love Lies Bleeding

I have often met men of remarkable intelligence and culture, capable of task to make men and society change to offspring of violent homes will grow up the most feminist of discourses, who turn out to be veritable petty meet their demands is entirely self- to be 'anti-social'. Much was made of domestic tyrants, pure products of their social environment.

> ISABELLE DELOYE Des Femmes d'Afghanistan

Why is it that all these desperate socialists and communists are, at the same time, also such incredible misders, such acquisitive fellows, such believers in private property, and indeed, the bigger the socialist, the more extreme he is, the stronger is his instinct for private ownership. why is it?

DOSTOEVSKY, The Devils

Politicians profit from human suffering bleak future to womenkind. Over the example, set their caps for a man whom dropped her habitual view of woman as by promoting the myth that only social years I have come to notice that the they know to have a history of domestic passive victim and castigated the action can allieviate personal misery. more ardently a woman proclaims her The latter, however, remains the feminism the more miserable are her the power to reform his ways? How murder of their daughters6. experience of disparate individuals, no personal dealings with men. It is, of many more stay with a man who batters Determination of 'guilt' or 'innocence' matter how common their 'type' of course, far easier to fulminate against them in the vain hope that 'proof' is unimportant; it should be recognised problem may be in society as a whole. haslf the human race than to examine Radicals advocate the suppression of one's own motives for tolerating illstop? Such insanity has traditionally the abuse of their children by their Once governments came to realise that to the higher calling of political activism. Private tribulation is regarded Feminists are quick to justify their as self-indulgent in the face of mass personal passivity with the argument suffering. Such intense self-repression pushes the already disturbed to the

point of derangement. It is small The utilitarian tenet that the good of sychiatrists. unappealing characters. Radical the many takes precedence over that serves as a panacea for a system that when it is discovered that serves as a panacea for a system that proponents engage in wife-beating and of the few, has had a consistent shore up the system of family the rest cover up for them for the sake of unity'. Such hypocrites arte the secular counterparts of the child- appeal, for political ideologues have The family is the fundamental unit boys' homes. Those who profess to want social

change are among the most determine precisely what the 'good' direct challenge to their private domain. Individual rebellion has social may be. Individual repercussions, not leady on political organisations. For this reason the latter suppressed in the name of defending from education and the work-would have the individual wait for the Suppressed in the name of defending place - have been growing. repercussions of social rebellion. The utilitarian tenet that the good of the a Class, sex or race.

many takes precedence over that of the few, has had a consistent appeal, for it their concern to determine precisely what that 'good' may be. Individual dissidence is suppressed in the name of defending a class, sex or race. I once protested at a house party given by communists that everyone was hanging onto their own bottles instead of pooling them. I was sternly told that this is how 'the workers' hold parties as they cannot afford to share their booze (which runs totally contrary to my experience). Predictably enough, these sybarites consisted mainly of It is certaionly denying women any university lecturers and doctoral personal autonomy to view them as students.

days of George Eliot and Currer Bell.

If, as feminisdts contend, the personal enough to go out with them. is political, then their politics offer a Feminism's proposal that it is women's

This marianistic striving to 'rescue'

devoted woman does not get hit.

defeating. It merely reinfiorces the the fact that Marc Lepine had often ideals of passivity and self-sacrifice been beaten by his father

that have long encouraged women to Consequently women are being bear ill-treatment. Preoccupation with reminded that their duty to their others rather than the self is deemed an children takes precedence over their essential attribute of 'womanliness'. obligation to help a violent husband. it perpetuates the syndrome whereby responsible for the welfare of others. In prevailing women allow themselves to be her book based on the Hedda victimised. How many women for Nussbaum case Susan Brownmiller

violence, in te faith that they alone have mother for complicity in her husband's enough of their love will induce him to that many women turn a blind eye to been reinforced by all those who accuse partner out of desire to preserve their shelters exist to preserve family life the woman of somehow provoking her relationship with him at all costs. An rather than destroy it, as it had initially ill-usage. The implication is that a truly acquaintance told me she had remained feared, they provided financial backing

dissidence

End Family Violence

BILLBOARD BESIDES TEXAN FREEWAY

Battered women and their friends originally established shelters as a practical means of escaping violence in the face of poverty and housing shortages. By now they have become others through the power of love and Marianismo produces the twisted logic yet another means for feminists to profit understanding is the life-work of that, while a woman is incapable of from other women's misery. An honest millions of women. It is not only futile, acting on her own behalf, she is always shlelter worker admitted to the

> belief that staff are different, unlikely targets for male violence. while battered women choose men poorly and irresponsibly ... taking over for the women meets our ego and power needs; it's hard to face this honestly because it contradicts our philosophy.

with her husband who often beat their in order to gain control over the service. Feminists now fill the parasitical posts _of shelter directors, social workers and

upon which society is built. When always made it their concern to families are unable to function as the healthy, protective nurturing institution thast America has always depended upon, it should come as no surprise that community problems -- crime, drug and alcohol abuse, drop-outs

Feminists in the field of therapy also profit nicely from the myth that women are incapable of taking care of political idealogues have always made that it is blaming the victim to ask. For decades, agony aunts, those children in drunken rages because themselves. I heard a feminist therapist accurate barometers of public opinion, (ironically) she "wanted to give the at a WAVAW meeting state cattegorically that without the help of husbands in order to 'save' their Celebration of the infinite nobility of therapy (naturally) women can never marriages. Nowadays therapy has the female soul is part of a overcome the injuries dealt them by become the fashionable rescue sophisticated exercise in human men. She went on to say that she advice columns emphasise the need to to conform to a preconcieved ideaal. No take a bath when alone in her flat. impress a violent man with the moral They channel their energies into trying would hasrdly set myself up as a unacceptability of his actions. Latin to induce men to at least attempt to live counsellor to air-cradh survivors. To Americans, on the other hand, suggest up to this image. Feminists criticised tell a battered woman that she needs men for doing the same thing towards therapy is to tell her that she is sick women yet they refuse to re-examine (and it implies that the therapist is not). their own expectations of the male sex. A woman who has gone to a shelter Not content with concentrating on would derive most benefit from individual men, feminists have permanent housing and a reasonable

> utterly futile, having as their goal the Violent men are encouraged to get redemption of family life and 'loving counselling through the cynical logic that most women return to their batterers, who in any case, would go on to abuse other women without the intervention of therapy. Predictably BELIZE WAVAW STICKER enough, men have not been slow to

women to change;

It is 'blaming the victim' for a society that has brought up and still brings up women to focus on love as their basic goal and selfdefinition, their basic identity (especially with women still under economic pressure) to then put women down for being 'too focused on love, too obsessed by love' etc.2

mere dupes of their upbringing. Such moralising is an excuse to wallow in The same line of reasoning has been misery. It is diversionary to consider used to dismiss my writying as 'anti- the issue in terms of guilt or innocence, woman'. Some contemptible fools have yet feminists appear to be doing just A Mexican magazine advises women to actually believed my publications to be that. In fact they are angling for certain convince a drunken, violent husband the work of men. A customer in a men to come acrosss with apologies for that his behaviour is harmful to his London bookshop declared that I, the 'crimes' of their sex, in anticipation health. All such attempts to influence Claudia "could not possibly have been that such men would make good male behaviour are as effective as written by a woman". It seems that prospective mates. Invariably such pissing in the wind. some things have not changed since the 'anti-sexists' end up by physically or Domestic violence has become such a psychically battering the women naive

have urged women to devlop a better kids a normal family life". operation. British and North American manipulation. Most women expect men

more pragmatic methods:

Men must be convinced that male violence only serves those above, that it breaks the necessary unity between men, women and

public issue not so much through concern for battered women as for their children. Popular theory has it that the

unleashed their zeal onto society at income; the last thing she needs is to be large with a plethora of measures that leeched off by some member of the are supposed to combat domestic 'caring' professions. violencee. These range from shelters and therapy to legal reform and Wife-beaters constitute a growing educational campaigns, and are all source of clientele for therapists.

Real Men Don't Abuse Women

We should not expect women to end male violence... (M)v ongoing involvement in this area as a group leader and therapist has been my way of trying to contribute to the reduction of social inequality that exists for women.°

Not content with reinforcing the idea of female passivity such men enthusiastically promote tired old gender stereotypes:

The feminine qualities of care,

should be taught home and child-care around it'). in order to countertact the overdeveloped masculine tendenheies that Feminism's central bone of contention led them to break the law.

The sinister side to these comedians is A Canadian WAVAW group spent a uneducated. Although 'authorities' on might think it a good idea to maintain a und Make Violence, pp. 283-284 that they try to extend false hope to year trying to sue police over their the subject are now furnishing statistics healthy suspicion about anyone who a David Currie's foreword to women that they might be able to failure to warn a rape victim that she to show the irrerlevance of class to the shows too much enthusiasm over Understanding Wife Assault by prolong their relationships with their was a 'high risk target', since she lived incidence of battering mst social efforts looking after them. However, most Deborah Sinclair batterers: "the wife too, should be alone Doubtless all women living on to combat domestic violence in Britain people allow themselves to be decieved informed that the program does not their own would welcome police to and North America are aimed at the by images. work miracles" Stupidity and come knocking with warnings of their working-class and non-Anglosaxon arrogance render therapists blind to the foolhardiness.

The concept of equality between men. popularised by eighteenth century. fact that anyone with an ounce of cunning can quickly learn the 'correct' Besides promoting the insidious myth Besides promoting the insidious myth cunning can quickly learn the 'correct' responses to trreatment. When therapy is mandated either by a court or by the insidious myth cunning can quickly learn the 'correct' on Indian reservations, but not in the marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Besides promoting the insidious myth on Indian reservations, but not in the marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. Many is marble fovers of downtown office that enshrine the contrary. is mandated, either by a court or by the wife as a precondition to her return, it domestic violence backfire on women. would not be hard for a man to This occurred in Britain in 1989 when a fresh from the cricket fields of Eton, convince a therapist that he has mended woman was jailed for refusing to testify publish Rules for Fair Fighting to his ways. After all, therapists have to against he violent boyfriend for fear enlighten their brutish brothers. 14 show a 'success' rate. Women would that he would retaliate. have to be gullible indeed to believe the Feminist attempts to make Sir beating will prove as ineffectual as the today:

erdict of a professional whose claim to Galahads of policemen and judges are 'say no to drugs' programmes. Their expertise is most likely only justified by pathetic in their naivete. The police use most vociferous exponents will be those his own domestic practices. Yet people 'suspected domestic violence' as an who practice all that they condemn. of both sexes crave false hope that they excuse to enter homes and harass their There is a popular notion that some sort against a person. Family life may salvage their 'love relationships'. inhabitants if they don't like the look of of 'true' equality between the sexes would be open to community Violence, p. 239 Therapists follow astrologers, tarot them. They would remain as would put a stop to wife-beating. The scrutiny, because the family readers and quacks of every description uninterested in the plight of poor couple / family relationship is regarded would be part of and accountable in making fortunes out of telling the women as they were in that of my as a potentially idyllic arrangement to the community. Communitynaive what they want to hear. neighbour who once called them in marred only by its inherent power based institutions could hear

We are the only ones who can SAO PAOLO POLICEMAN TO

believes that the legal and educational their articulate, 'respectable' batterers. systems exist for the benefit rather than Wife-beating amongst members of the readily moulded into conformity with prevailing legal and ethical values. Hence feminists bang their heads against brick walls trying to change male behaviour through re-education

and legal reform.

wives because patriarchal society them. allows them to do so. However, to say Englishmen may no longer chastise who beast them is that leaving would criticised 'love' for being the trap that nurturance and cooperation are that men beat their wives because they can does not explain why they do. The their thumbs. This does not mean that as it seemed in the relationship. implication is, that without restraining they have stopped doing so. Nor will These days the feminist's ideal mate escape this sydrome. The theory follows that men become laws and ethical codes, men would give the prospect of a jail sentence deter a has to prove his belief in equality by violent due to an over-developed sense way to their "deep-rooted impulses to

is that society is not living up to its. There is a prevalent myth that wife- what a good catch she has made. Given supposed obligation to protect women. beating is the preserve of the poor and the high incidence of child abuse, one quoted in Susan Schechter's Women

campaigns to impose legal sanctions on

do anything?" she asked, to be told realised: "basically, ves". Even middle-class women might have their faith in the legal system dented when the court Feminists are of that class which defends, as it almost invariably will,

the control of the individual. These security services is notoriously rife. innocents assume that people can be Latin American newspapers frequently carry stories on police rapes of shanty town dwellers; in Britain cases of make the headlines. Like most of the rest of the middle-classes, feminists prefer to believe in the readiness of the Feminism contends that men beat their forces of law and order to look after

of masculinity. To countert this they savagery 13. This nonsensical man intent upon hitting his wife. The diosplaying a keen interest in 3 Jornada de Demuncia de la Violencia Canadian legislature recently rejected a childcaste. It is no longer enough for an Contra la Mujer (Dominican Republic) should be encouraged to become "self Hobbesian notion is crowned by the proposal to impose heavier sentences directed individuals capable of empathy infantile belief that people actually obey on wife-beaters on the grounds that this and gentleness. This reasoning is laws. In reality, society operates on a would increase women's reluctance to derived from conventional criminology, system of fatta la legge, trovato take their abusers to court. Women's which deems that female prisoners I'mgamo' ('make a law and find a way groups may howl in outrage, yet legal his bicycle, and pose with the infant at crying "You're all feminists! I hate strictures are useless, when ultimately women can only protect themselves.

murder me and the kids before you'll needed before the romantic idyll can be

course non-patriarchal relation-ships do exist. A small minority of couples might even be termed egalitarian. The task is to make this type of relationship the

A display of egalitarianism is thus presentexd as yet another prerequisite for domestic bliss. As long as the world NOTES knows that daddy changes the nappies 'Freedom bookshop, September-1988. played out away from public view. men. Preservation of a happy public face is of paramount concern to couples. One of 2 Shere Hite's Women and Love, p. the reasons why women stay with men 123. Some radical feminists have their wives with sticks no bigger than be an admission that all had not been leads womern to subordinate

> anti-sexist man to mind his language Cosas de Mujer, February 1990 and his bank balance. He now has to wine and cheese parties. After all, the feminists!" feminist has to show all her chums o Susan Brownmiller's Waverly Place

assault -- it is a crime' posters in bars popularised by eighteenth century 10 ibid, p. 158 blocks. 'Anti-sexist men', as though Wollstonecraft and her successors were in Our Blood quick to lodge appeals to include women in the embrace of this Raven Collective of St Louis's Rules

> the community norm ... abuse Against Wives, p. 241 would be defined as a crime
>
> 15 Schechter's Women and Male

community networks could ghold individuals accountable for their behaviour and offer protection to

witch-burning. lynching, knee-capping, and tyrenecklaces are all products of 'community justice'. The feminist utopia is not mine.

while mummy works on her tghesis the Certain people also assumed Class real battles between the two can be Whore magazine to be the work of

> themselves to men. Those who seek to love other women, however, do not

prance around Sainsbury's once a week In 1989 Marc Lepine gunned down with a baby in tow, fix a child-seat onto fourteen female engineering stidents,

- Edward W Gondolf's Men Who

hypocritical equality. Feminisdts For Fair Fighting; or How To Have An Publuic campaigns against wife- continue with this useless exercise Argumernt With Your Partner and Still

Male-female equality would be 14 Dobash and Dobash's Violence

desperation: "You mean he's got to hierarchy. A few social adjustments are complaints, dispense justice, and BECOMING PART OF THE PROBLEM

Animal Liberation: Devastate Devastatingly Liberal, a text anathema to animal libbers, who denounced it as the product of Special Branch (too stupid!) or sexual repression (so what?)

The fact that each and every aspect of animal persecution can be shown to be intricately linked to a web of hierarchical domination stretching right across every aspect of society, is ignored by animal rights groups. There are a million good reasons to be violently angry with those who make the decisions and wield the power in this world. Certainly the abuse of animals is one, but it's not necessarily the most important, or worst symptom of this sick society.

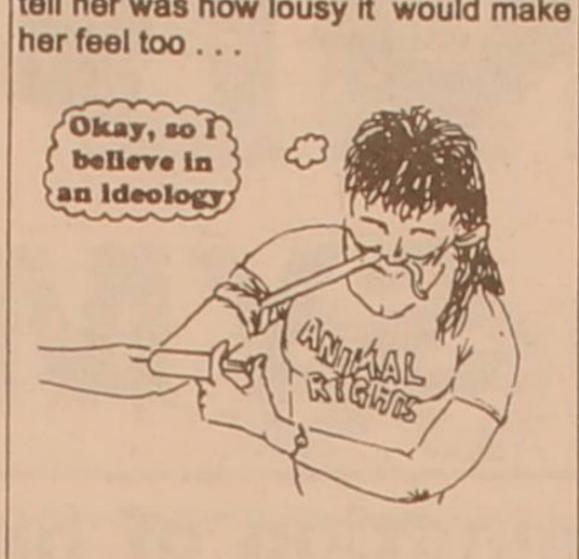
In all their opposition to animal abuse, linked and because, once isolated and people, that the co-operative, the however sincere, the animal rights specialised, a movement is weakened. collective, welfare or community group movement has done little to avoid the deadly trap of fragmentation. Whilst fighting 'their' particular oppression it Whilst all around us the traditional terror of living in the modern world seems that, generally, individuals in the forms of social control and organisation (which is why they repress the faintest movemenmt have lost sight of the fact like the family, corporation and even thought that what they're doing is that it is part of the total oppression. the state begin to lose their total power changing nothing). In the past the

from all the other problems a solution voluntary forms appear to fill the gap. really is impossible since they are all It's a distressing concept to some

they're involved in, functions perfectly as a pacifying pressure release from the Whenever one problem is separated over the individual, moderm, more political left was responsible for this,

When the Left told Jane how Ideology would sort her head out, make things appear clearer and make her feel good about herself, what they didn't tell her was how lousy it would make

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whose morality is it okay to endure the

living death of prisons and all the

from the rioting prisoners.

along with it for the ride anyway.

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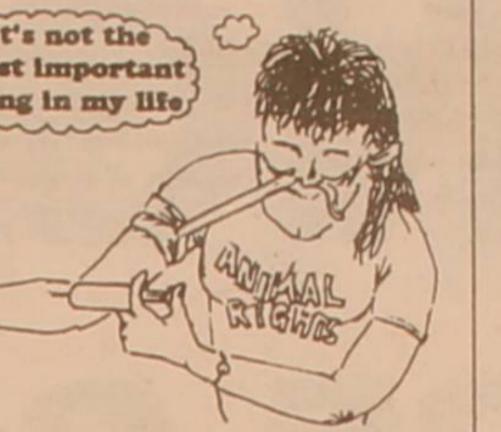
thing in my life

than the rigidity of traditional politics, exploitation. Those that get involved all of the single issue and right-on are initially people who sincerely want organisers do the job for them. It's the change, but as time goes on... What same process, just dressed up in d'ya know, nothing's happened, different clothes. ACT UP, a campaign nothing's changed. People drop out, group on the issue of AIDS and HIV, drop inmto the martyr role or see some protested about condoms and clean other career niche (socially or syringes not being allowed in prisons. economically) and remain quite Some demand, making the living death content, professionally campaigning of prisons slightly more tolerable By their guts out.

doesn't amount to much

In the same way that the left (in UP SHIT'S CLIQUE

tensions in the workplace (to a superficial extent) by enabling things are getting better is nothing swallow any arrogant boast. more than a way of catering for all tastes and making a killing in the 57 process. If you can more easily tolerate It's a microcosm of something much



How, slowly she'd come to see things more and more through a narrow, single minded perspective, how gradually all her thinking would be done for her, how the Ideology would become the most dominating aspect of her life . .

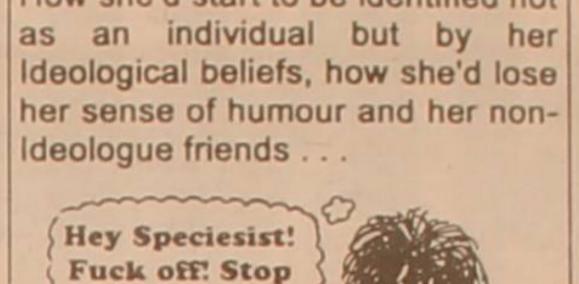
but now with liberalism far morte trndy world, a world free from this one's demonstrated his historical those who know and those who are seen to be animal rights then

threats to life that involves but not okay Simply by concentrating on one of if there's a chance of dying of AIDS? class societiy's repugnant features (the Looking at the cosy careers of ACT- abuse of animals) and ignoring the UP, it's certainly not based on the relationship of that to the whole of morality of those who have to suffer in society and all of the relationships them. On the rooftops of Strangeways within society, is exactly what those in and through the dense smoke of a power demand of their opposition. burning HMP Wymott, there were no This ignorance necomes acutely cries for clean works or some rubbers apparent when the everyday activities of people in the animal rights movement are examined. There is an incessant chattering about this or that Today, in the strive for a more tolerable aspect of animal abuse, right down to away. Sure enough men in animal patterns of organisation of the very society, the individual is misled into the latest nick-name for this or that rights groups have been challenged in society which abuses animals? giving themselves up for the terrier man, buying Meat Trades their attitude and behaviour. glorification of an abstraction. Be that Journal or Horse and Hound to check partuicularly by strong and assertive wehich gives them the illusion of self- abstract subject becomes all-important, anyone) before there are men crawling activity. So many individuals remain drowning out all of the subtleties and all around them, trying to be the most to change society are permitted and talking to people worthwhile. Soon you so radical and ALF' in order to attract even encouraged, as long as they alter get to realise that all you have in their attention and hopefully get a fuck relationship basded on negativity, it competitive with petty basckstabbing a

particular the unions) used to ease WITHOUT A PADDLE

this society by using non-animal tested larger, bigger even than the left wing, bleach, then the middle class people anarchists and trade unions put who make the decisions about product together, who in somewhat different, production are happy. And you who but no less debilitating ways, are struck accept this, at the expense of working with the same crisis. out a theory and practice for destruction

when the sexual divisions of credibility reflection of the rest of our are brought into focus. Some people specialisation-based society, where the genuinely want to live in [a] better (writing in Arkangel magazine) once the elite, the officer class. There are unwilling to deal with all this or come



eating and

wearing dead

How she'd start to be identified not



I'm alright. I've just got a touch of alienation today, that's all How in the end she'd lose herself.

dragged down into the abstract cocoon of Ideology, into a mere shadow of her potential, having merely swapped one brand of alienation for another.

continually be in vain.

efforts of libertarian liberationists will

It must be remembered that the animal

rights movement exists within capitalist

society. Its members enter into it

preconditioned and, since most come

from the middle class (whose class

greet each other and natter on, leaving

the rest feeling as if they're missing out

on something, don't belong or worse,

are useless and juast there as cannon

fodder for the pigs or heavies. The

author of this writing doesn't claim to

have been untainted by this sickening

behaviour but at least had recognition

'understanding' of women's struggles known for being well known. In a hierarchical tendencies will crop up and by suggesting that "the 'suffragette' sense, it's even more nauseous than the be tolerated. As long as individuals movement, whose tactics ... included more obvious power of parents, refuse to think about what exactly arson, criminal damage and sometimes teachers or cops, as it comes dressed up hierarchy is, and recognises that violent assault" somehow gained a in the clothes of libertarian politics. But hierarchy is the crucial king-pin victory for women! Incredibly, the authority is authority, whether holding all of us, and animals into roles article was called Who Are They psychological and informal or blatant of the oppressed, then the well-meaning Kidding! As if being granted the right order-giving. to vote so that you can choose your oppressor (like Shirley Williams or Of course there have been and still are even Margaret Thatcher) is a victory? a lot of good people in the movement

The sexist behaviour of men out be wrong to be merely critical and sabbing was discussed in a guilt- belittle their attempts simply because soaked pamphlet called Hunt Sabbing they have evidently not worked. But and Men (which did at least raise the why hasn't it worked? Could it be due hierarchical organisations), then it's issue) but, whether it's the macho to a perspective, that views the issue of hardly surprising that divisive, informal posturing with the big sticks and big animal rights as 'all-important', that hierarchies develop. Who you know is boots or the slimy inference that will argue that in order to achieve because you're a sab, a bloke who cares animal liberation then efficiency is sabs, all the 'names' gather together to about animals, then you're alright, required and will, to achieve this, adopt somehow different -- it hasn't gone the objectives, methods, philosophy and

oblivious to the fact that their attempts other interesting things that makes knowledgeable, most vegan, most I'm or challenge nothing fundamental to common with these people is that you and a comforting relationship out of it the maintenance of class society, or also disagree with animal suffering, because they have something in worse, realise this, but cynically go and if you look at that kind of common. The situation is all pretty Perhaps the blokes wouldn't make such arseholes of themselves if acting that Cost of ourselves? way didn't get results? A friend once pointed out that in one sab group they management to manage dissent easier. The tyranny of the clique, so common were involved in, none of the women

with so-called equal opportunities (to in animal rights circles, is perhaps one had boyfriends who weren't sabs or exanti-homophobic legislation, electoral wishy-washy analysis the whole wouldn't like it. She expressed how fed an animal liberation comrade who had own commitments, made them more reform (to be more democratically movement peddkes. There, in the up she was with this: "If they expected oppressed) etyc. the animal rights suffocating atmosphere of group me to get involved in that incestuous movement is being used to build a politics the bizarre divisions are clearly and boring way of life then thanks lads cleaner image for capitalism. Free visible - the self-righteous organisers, but no thanks. I'll fuck who I want." ranghe eggs, cruelty free products etc. whose articulate egos dominate the are just as much illusions as are equal group and below them grovel the

of this shitty class and their society, are This situation is brought to fever pitch overview that the majority lacks. It's a Of course when I first got involved in like to think that women who are totality is made to seem, through the animal rights I didn't see things so involved in political groupings like saturation with trivia, an impossibility clearly at the start. It was just a way of animal rights are somehow liberated to grasp. Here the nitty gritty takes on expressing the fact that I didn't want to but unfortunately the deep separation te utmost importance. Those who know have to use living beings, kill them and between women abnd menn doesn't all about hunt sabbing tactics, all about cat them to survive. Animal rights is, at just disappear as soon as people get the Lethal Dose 50 test or whatever -its best, an expression that people do involved in politics. Brendan McNally the animal rights specialists - become

who are trying to eliminate or minimise hierarchy as much as possible. It would

animal liberation, socialism, anti- up on the specified opposition. To an women but the division is still there. As soon as any movement around a sexism or whatever. People seem to extent it's understandable, but it Some of the worst and most active specific cause develops committees. have unconsciously assumed that their becomes really tedious after a while. letches are those who go out sabbing. officers, group contacts etc. it starts to lives' desires are unattainable so It's the same kind of trivia you Few women are givenm the chance to develop a division of status and its of what was going on and took the instead of fighting for themselves, they encounter within drugs circles, football get their feet (in what is, after all, a new campaigners begin to behave like sensible move to get the fuck out of this end up fighting for an ideal or a cause. fanatics, workaholics etc. Here one and often frightening experience for governments. As long as the issue is scene. SACRIFICE

make la vegan police also used as a way to eliminate opposition through ridicule. revolution only at the

Like Chronos, the revolution eats its own children.

be exploited), anti-racist, anti-sexist, of the biggest contributors to tyhe sabs. Quite simpy the male sabs Last November, I went to the funeral of out and say it because it undercut their

Everyone desperately needed to affirm Because of ideology, they had divided her political activity. This wasn't a themselves from their cause. They were crude matter of propaganda or even an prepared to sacrifice themselves to this indication of the willingness of those cause but not to look within themselves opportunities. The illusion that some spineless clique, who'll idolise and Despite a lot of animal rights groups' present to ensure their comrade's lifes- to understand what was in there claims to be free from hierarchy it has work had not been in vain. It was a motivating themselves to take the sneakee its way back in through the genuine fear that her fate would be their actions they were doing. Something like

> positions (ie. those who've been would turn inwards on themselves if they failed the cause by dropping out. sabbing the longest, say the most 'radical' things, look after all the files, Martyrdom is a complicated thing care for the most animals, have done there was a wierd undertone that whilst time for anm ALF offence etc.) will our comrade may have lived for animal have their views accepted because they lib, she might not have died for it, let alone been killed for it, which is what it are understood to have access to some usually takes to fully qualify as an I don't think there's much they have to animal lib martyr. Our comrade spent worry about. As the SPK demonstrated, the last year of her life attempting to our sufferings have common cause to come to terms with horrendous abuse that of others - they are social products. she'd experienced as a child. The Coming to terms with that can only implication was that this, her own strengthen us, our understanding of the parents, killed her and even that her System and our willingness and ability motives for animal lib campaigning to fight it. It's not a matter of choosing were somehow impure, undercut by between fighting for ourselves and merely personal suffering with the others - fundamentally it's all the same

SOME FRENCH REVOLUTIONARY

door of credibility or never really went fate, that the anger they felt able to the Romantic myth of the tortured artist, express in the cause of animal liberation it was almost as if they were afraid that if they resolved their personal suffering, they wouldn't be able to fight for the animals, that they'd be betraying them and, though past it, would deserve to suffer for that. A deep ecology-like belief system dividing good Nature from bad humanity doesn't help here, either.

animals as surrogates. People were fight, overcoming this age of alienation.

RUNNINGON THE FAILURE OF SYM

John Zerzan's critique of symbolisation, the culmination of his

caves with the images of animals.

To what degree can it be said that we are really living? As the substance of culture seems to shrivel and offer less balm to troubled lives, we are led to look more deeply at our barren times. And so to the pl ace of culture itself in all this.

An anguished Ted Sloan asks (1996):

What is the problem with modernity? Why do modern societies have such a hard time producing adults capable intimacy, work, enjoyment and ethical living? Why is it that signs of damaged life are so prevalent?

According to David Morris (1994):

Chro nic pain and depression, often linked and occassionally even regarded as a single disorder, constitute an immense crisis at the centre of postmodem life.

We have cyberspace and virtual reality, EOIOΩF instant computerized communication in instant computerized communication in the global village; and yet have we ever

Just as Freud predicted that the fullness currents are growing in response to the $45\pi0$ χ π β psychic immiseration that envelops us. Thus symbolic life, essence of £9 civilization, now comes under fire.

It may still be said that this most familiar, coherent a world view, and is itself a communion with the world that Shreeve as time, language, art, number, and then if artificial, element is the least world view based upon withdrawal from suggests we once enjoyed, much less agriculture. understood, but felt necessity drives immediate and intelligible human embark on the project of seeking to The word culture derives from the Latin deep sense, only what is repressed is critique, and many of us feel driven to get meaning. to the bottom of a steadily worsening mode of existence. Out of a sense of being trapped and limited by symbols symbolism is the measure by which earlier, non-symbolic consciousness decided that the key to philosophy lies in ansence fills the inner world and destroys the outer world.

We seem to have experienced a fall into representation, whose depths and Symbolic consequences are only now being fully reality and then replaced it. At present we directly with each other.

us. Other connections, other cognitive myriad representational devices have betrayal of reality.

a primary and original sense; every subsequent ideology is an echo of this Oneone. Debord depicted contemporary society as exerting a ban on living in favor of its representation: images now in the saddle, riding life. But this is anything but a new problem. There is an imperialism or expansionism of culture from the beginning. And how much does it conquer? Philosophy today says that it is language that thinks and talks. But how much has this always been the case?

Symbolizing is linear, successive, substitutive; it cannot be open to its whole object simultaneously. Its instrumental reason is just that: manipulative and seeking dominance. Its

approach is "let a stabnd for b" instead of "let a be a". Language has its basis in the effort to conceptualize and equalize the unequal, thus bypassing the essence and diversity of a varied, variable richness.

Symbolism is n extensive and profound empire, which reflects and makes

But perhaps they had no need to distill life into representations, because its essences were already revealed to their senses. The sight of a running herd was enough to inspire a surging sense of beauty. They had no drum,s or bone flutes, but they could listen to the booming rhythms of the wind, the earth, and each other's heartbeats, and be

symbolize and live in a symbolic world developed symbolic world is not, in is, like aggresson, a human need so basic Northrop Frye's bald claim (1981), in that "it can be denied only at the cost of sum "the charter of our freedom", severe psychic disorder". The need for anthropologist Clifford Geertz (1965)

symbols - and violence - did not always comes closer to the truth in saying that obtain, however. Rather, they haver their we are generally dependent on "the origins in the thwarting and fragmenting guidance provided by systems of of an earlier wholeness, in the process of significant symbols". Closer yet is Cohen domestication from which civilization (1974), who observed that "symbols are issued. Apparently driven forward by a essential for the development and gradually quickening growth in the maintenance of social order". The division of labor that began to take hold ensemble of symbols represents the social in the Upper Paleolithic, culture emerged order and the individual's place in it, a formulation that always leaves the artrangement 19 [Φ) ρ; οτωεφ, σδ unquestioned. How did our behaviour come to be aligned by symbolization?

domination of nature, its growth a X.28M 23 measure of that progressive mastery that unfolded with ever greater division of ΦN labor. Malinowski (1962) understood symbolism as the soul of civilization chiefly in the form of language as a means of coordinating action or of standardizing technique, and providing , Av. K.ZK. rules for social, ritual and industrial behaviour.

> 43196 It is our fall from a simplicity and fullness of life directly experienced, from leaves a gap that the symbolic can never bridge. This is what is always being covered over by layers of cultural consolations, civilized detouring that

advanced and eventually began to erode the autonomy of the individuas and a face-to-face mode of social existence.

The virus destined to become full-blown as civilization began in this way: a victimizes us now. From initial alienation dependence, bureaucratization, spiritual

Little wonder that the question of the of civilization, arises with some force. Why culture should exist in the first place appears, increasingly, a more apt way to put it. Especially given the enomous every antiquity of human intelligence now persuasive demonstration (1989) of what a million years ago. There was a very evident gap between established human capacity and the initiation of symbolic culture, with many thousands of generations intervening between the two.

oldest cave art, for example, is in the neighbourhood of 30,000 years old, and agriculture only got underway about 10,000 years ago. The missing element during the vast interval between the time when IQ was available to enable "philosophy, in its very diachrony, is the It is past time to see such symbolizing, and its realization, was a

M. θΚΛΘ; Server a gap that the sumbolio can revise M. θκον (1997)

Jamers Shreeve, at the end of his might have been like, he calls forth the answer to the question "What is the important distinctions and possibilities:

recover it, the use of symbols is of course widely considered the hallmark of human cognition. Goethe said "Everything is a Neandertal Enigma (1995), provides a symbol" as industrial capitalism, beautidful illustration of an alternative to milestone of mediation and alienation, symbolic being. Meditating upon what an took off. At about the same time Kant

cultura, referring to cultivation of the symbolized, because only what is soil; that is, to the domestication of plants repressed needs to be symbolized. The and animals - and of ourselves in the magnitude of symbolization tesrtifies to bargain. A restless spirit of innovation how much has been repressed; buried, and anxiety has largely been with us ever but possibly still recoverable. since, as continually changing symbolic modes seek to fix what cannot be Imperceptibly for a long while, most redressed without rejecting the symbolic likely, division of labor very slowly ground of the relation of that in us which

communication plumbed. In a fundamental sort of falsification, symbols at first mediated myriad representational devices have tentative thesis supported by all that live within symbols to a greaster degree accomplished an alienation from and to advanced civilization, the course is than we do within our bodily selves or accomplished an alienation from and marked by more and more reification, reality. This betrayal of coming desolation, and barren technicization. distanced we are from the reality around between and concomitant distortion of civilization, arises with some force. perspectives are inhibited, to say the least, as symbolic communication and its and distancing is ideological in accomplished an alienation from and primary and original sense; every established, chiefly from Thomas Wynn's This coming between and concomitant subsequent ideology is an echo of this it took to fashion the stone tools of about distortion and distancing is ideological in

> ... where the modem's gods might inhabit the eland, the buffalo, or the blade of grass, the Neandertal's spirit was the animal or the grass blade, the thing and its soul percieved as a single vital force, with no need to distinguish them with separate names. Similarly, the absence of antistic expression does not preclude the apprehension of what is artful about the world. Neandertals did not paint their

Unfortunately, he divined for modern Following Durkheim, Leslie White Culture is a fairly recent affair. The thought an ahistorical and fundamentally (1949) wrote: inadequate answwer, namely that we are simply not constituted so as to be able to Human behaviour is symbolic understand reality directly. Two centuries latyer (1981), Emmanuel Levinas came human behaviour. The symbol is much closer to the mark with

consciousness".

consciousness of the breakup

we call 'representation' to the object?" and its estranged world.

behaviour, symbolic behaviour is the universe of humanity.

pronouncements as ideology, serving to shift in our relationship to nature. It seems shore up the elemental falsification plausible to see in this interval, on some underneath a virtually all-encompassing level that we will perhaps never fathom, a others in declaring that the need to false consciousness. But if a fully refusal to strive for mastery of nature. It

'Origins' essays in Elements of Refusal may be that only when this striving for Kung in Africa, prompting Richard Coan As with animals and plants, the land, the mastery was introduced, probably nonconsciously, via a very gradual division of labor, did the symbolizing of

> soul enjoy by the senses. They are the gates and windows knowledge, the organs of its delight.

In fact, the "I", if not the "soul", doesn't William J Perry (1927) studied various exist in the absence of bodily sensations;

contrast between an agricultural group But it is all too evident how our senses division of labor, humbles one's own and a non-domesticated group. He found have been domesticated in a symbolic somatic sensations and fundamentally the latter "greatly inferior in culture, but cultural atmosphere; tamed, separated, distracts from the basic rhythms of one's lacking [the former's] hideous customs". arranged in a revealing hierarchy. Vision, life. While virtually every society that under the sign of modern linear adopted a domesticated relationship to perspective, reigns because it is the least nature, all over the globe, became subject proximal, most distancing of the senses. to violent practices, the non-agricultural It has been the means by which the knew no organized violence. individual has been transformed into a Anthropologists have long focused on the spectator, the world into a spectacle, and Northwest Coast Indians as a rare the body an onject or specimen. The exception to this rule of thumb. Although primacy of the visual is no accident, for essentially a fishing people, at a certain an undue elevation of sight not only point they took slaves and established a situates the viewer outside what he or she very hierarchical society. Even here, sees, but enables the principle of control however, domestication was present, in or domination at base. Sound or hearing the form of tame dogs and tobacco as a as the acme of the senses would be much now indicting the senses with a false. less adequate to domestication because it

development. It is anything but that, and more. Smell, which loses its importance understanding. The philosopher Richard Rorty (1979) separation and atrophy under civilization. The sensual is not considered a legitimate We humans once allowed a full and

appreciative reception to the total sensory input, what is called in German unwelt, or the world around us. Heinz Werbner (1934, 1940) argued that originally a single sense obtained, before divisions in Tactile experiences or practices are this sense is all but indistinguishable between people who wish to connect with society ruptured sensory unity. Surviving another sensual area we have been from that of alienation itself. If, as Levinon-agricultural peoples often exhibit, in expected to relinquish in favor of Strauss put it, "the characteristic featuerd what need not be spoken to be aid. That the interplay and interpenetration of the compensatory symbolic substitutes. The of the savage mind is its timelessness", senses, a very much greater sensory sense of touch has indeed ben diminished living in the here and now becomes lost awareness and involvement than do in a synthetic, work-occupied, long- through the mediation of cultural domesticated individuals (E Carpenter distance existence. There is little time for interventions. Presentness is deferred by 1980). Striking examples avbound, such or emphasis on tactile stimulation or the symbolic, and this refusal of the as the Bushmen, who can see four moons communication, even though such contingent instant is the birth of time. We of Jupiter with the unaided eye and can deprival causes negative outcomes. fall under the spell of what Eliade called hear a single-engine light plane seventy miles away (Farb 1978).

communication by blocking and sensory awareness. An increasingly declaration comes to mind:

it has taken away.

source of claims to truth.

experiences begin to take hold.

But, it is so often argued, the violence of

primitives - human sacrifice,

cannibalism, head-hunting, slavery, etc -

can only be tanmed by symbolic culture /

civilization. The simple answer to this

organized violence was not ended by

culture, but in fact commenced with it.

stereotype of the primitive is that

If the doors of perception were cleansed, everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. For man has closed himself up, 'till he sees all things through narrow chinks of his

Laurens van der Post (1958) described telepathic communication among the me...

(1987) to characterize such modes as rivers, and human emotions, the senses representing an alternative, rather than a come to be isolated and subdued prelude to the kind of civilization in Aristotle's notion of a "proper" plan of which we live". the universe dictated that "each sense has

-BOLIC THOUGHT

EMPINESS:

1623 William Drummond wrote:

of the proximity senses so that the

New World peoples and noted a striking there are no non-sensory conscious states.

We succumb to objectification and let a surrounds and penetrates the speaker as web of culture control us and tell us how well as the listener.

we should be clear about what culture / only when suppressed by culture, was civilization has in fact given us, and what once a vital means of connerction with deem-seated reaction is dawning a gainst the world. The literature on cognition described culture as the assemblage of smell, just as its role is now so circumscribed among humans. It is, after all, of little use for purposes of If we do not 'come to our senses' depreciated, because of their symbolic domination; considering how smell can so directly trigger even very distant memories, perhaps it is even a kind of anti-domination faculty. Lewis Thomas (1983) remarked that "the act of smelling life in our current 'Civilization of something, anything, is remarkably like the act of thinking itself". And if it isn't it The first separation seems to have been

> infants and children who are seldom perceptual experience. touched, carried and caressed are slow to Mircea Eliade's Myth of the Eternal develop and are often emotionally

its proper sphere". Freud, Marcuse and others saw that civilization demands the individual can be thus converted to an instrument of labor. Social control, via the network of the symbolic, very deliberately disempowers the body. An principal means of establishing, defining, and maintaining the cultural world and of greater estrangement by ever-greater

The definitive mind-body split, ascribed overstatements and see the distinction, for no place in this barren techno-schema. to Descartes' 17th century formulations, one thing, between the cultural Lieberman (1975) provides a concise and is the very hallmark of modern society. importance of language and its inherent fundamental correction: "Human What Richard Bernstein (1980) referred limitations. To hold that we and the language could have evolved only in to as the great "Cartesian anxiety" over world are but linguistic creations is just relation to the total human condition". the specter of intellectuasl and moral another way of saying how pervasive and

The original sense of the word define is, chaos, was resolved in favor of controllinbg is symbolic culture. But suppression of the sensual and passionate Hegel's claim goes much too far, and Language seems often to close an dimension of human existence. Agaion George Herbert Mead's assertion (1934) experience, not to help ourselves be open we see the domesticating urge underlying that to havbe a mind one must have a to experience. When we dream, what culture, the fear of not being in control, language is similarly hyperbolic and happens is not expressed in words, just as vengeance. Henceforth science and technology have a theoretic license to Language transforms meaning and

deerp-seated reaction is dawning a gainst almosty completely ignores the sense of ther vast symbolic enterprise that weighs those elements (Lecours and Joanette us down and invades every part of us. As David Howes (1991) judged:

sublimation or repression of the pleasures

alienated counter-world, driven

soon, we will have permanently forfeited the chance of constructing any meaningful alternatives to the pseudo-existence which passes for

very likely used to be and should be the sense of time which brings a loss of social reality, making feasible physical being present to ourselves. The growth of separateness. The word always stands

Return (1954) stresses the fear that all to be "touched" is to feel emotionally voices of civilization have tried to granted. Blake moved, a reminder of the earlier potency celebraste our immersion in this most of the tactile sense, as in the expression basic cultural construct. Leroi-Gourhan Culture and technology exist because of observances designed to hold together a "keep in touch". The lessening of this (19634), for instance, saw in time language. Many have seen speech, in communal life that was beginning to category of sensuousness, among the rest, orientation "perhaps the human act par turn, as a means of coordinating labor, fragment. It wass a key means of has had momentous consequences. Its excellence". Our perceptions have that is, as an essential part of the facilitating social integration and renewal, in a re-sensitized, reunited become so time-governed and time technique of production. Language is economic differentiation (Dickson, world, will bring a likewise momentous saturated that it is hard to imagine time's critical for the formation of the rules of 1990), probably by encoding information improvement in living. As Tommy cried general absence: for the same reasons it is work and exchange accompanying to register membership, status, and out, in The Who's rock opera of the same so difficult to see, at this point, a non- division of labor, with the specializations position (Lumsden and Wilson 1983). name, "See me, feel me, touch me, heal alienated, non-symbolic, undivided social and standardizations of nascent economy Prior to this time, somewhere during the

anguage is perhaps less than 50,000 and sensuous individual. vears old and arose with the first impulses toward art, ritual and social differentiation. Verbal symbolizing is the structuring our very thinking.

language is to question being. It is very strings of symbols and manipulate them. important, however, to resist such Concepts like origins or alienation have

knowledge having been effectively with them. Thought, as Vendler (1977) really advanced the human spirit? In to live, as if this were a natural Other sensual faculties are discounted far eradicated in terms of claims to truth or understood, is essentially independent of 1976, von Glasersfeld wondered language. Studies of patients and others lacking all aspects of speech and language demonstrate that the intellect remains powerful even in the absence of 1980: Donald 1991). The claim that Numerical symbolism is also of Kertesz 1988, Jansons 1988).

Verbal communication is part of the movement away from a face-to-face each other, facilitating the diminuation of we have declined from a nobn-linguistic state begins to appear a sane point of George W Morgan's 1968 judgment that "Nothing, indeed, is more subject to depreciation and suspicion in our The sentinent that "the only way we truly

Nuances of sensitivity and tendemess the "terror of history" as representations Communication outside civilization become lost, and it is well kniown that effectively oppose the pull of immediate involved all the senses, a condition linked to they key gatherer-hunter traits of openness and sharing. Literacy ushered 1985), that is, belonging to a separate us into the socuiety of divided and sphere, testifies to its original status or reduced senses, and we take this sensory function. primitive societies have had of history, deprivation for granted as if it were a Touching by definition involves feeling; the passing of time. On the other hand, natural state, just as we take literacy for Art is among the earliest forms of

parralleling those of language. Now Upper Paleolithic, devices for social

History, according to Peterson and guided by symbolization, a new kind of Goodall (1993), is marked by an amnesia thinking takes over, which realizes itself about where we came from. Their in culture and technology. The timulating Visions of Caliban also interdependence of language and pointed out that our great forgetting may technology is at least as obvious as that well have begun with language, the of language and culture, and results in an originating device of the symbolic world. accelerating mastery over the natural Comparative linguist Mary LeCron world intrinsically similar to the control Foster (1978, 1980) believes that introduced over the once autonomous

Noam Chomsky, chief language theorist, commits a grave and reactionary error by portratying language as a "natural" aspect of "essential human nature", innate and independent of culture (1966b, 1992). His Cartesian perspective sees the mind as an abstract machine As Hegel said somewher, to question which is simply destined to turn out

those in love communicate most deeply without verbal symbolizing. What has sensual communication but is not synonymous been asvanced by language that has

> whether, at some future time, it will still seem so obvious that language has enhanced the survival of life on

language greatly facilitates thought is fundamental importance to the likewise questionable, inasmuch as development of a cultural world. In many formal experiments with children and primitive societies it was and is adults have not demonstrated it (G Cohen considered unlucky to count living 1977). Language is clearly not a creaturess, an anti-reification attitude necessary condition for thinking (see related to the common primitive notion that to name another is to gain power over that person. Counting, like naming, is part of the domestication process. Division of labor lends itself to the quantifiable, as oppsed to what is whole in itself, unique, not fragmented. Number is also necessary for the abstraction inherent in the exchange of commodities and is prerequisite to the take-off of science and technology. The urge to measure involves a deformed kind of knowledge that seeks control of its

disenchanted world than the word". apprehend things is through art" is a underlines our dependence on symbols and representation. "The fact that originally all art was 'sacred'" (Eliade,

> ideological and ritual expressiveness, developed along with religious

1848. Ground level.

(51 ft. above mean

sea-level in 1936

Art, like religion, arose from the original sense of disquiet, no doubt subtly but powerfully disturbing in its newness and its encroaching gradualness. In 1900 Him wrote of an early dissatisfaction that motivated the artistic search for a "fuller and deeper expression" as "compensation for new deficiencies of life". Cultural solutions, however, do not address the deeper dislocations that cultural "solutions" are themselves part Conversely, as commentators as diverse as Henry Miller and Theodor Adorno have concluded, there would be no need of art in a disalienated world. What art has ineffectively striven to capture and express would once again be a reality, the false antidote of culture forghotten.

of grammar to ritual", and Frits Staal's studies of Vedic ritual (1970, 1980, "interdependent aspects of one and the same symbolic domain".

only a means of aligning or prescribing emptions; it is also a formalization that is intimately linked with hierarchies and formal rule over individuals (Sperber 1980). As Irving Goldman (1993)

the hierarchical organizations of all tribal societies and of early integrated with a ritual structure and accompanying conceptual

Examples of the link between ritual and agriculture, are widespread (Shennan 1996, Mellars 1985, Conkey 1985). Rites serve a safety valve function for the discharge of tensions generated by emerging divisions in society and work to This original specialist became the religion or culture. They are seen as create and maintain social cohesion. regulator of group emotions, and as the immoral Earlier on there was no need of devices to shaman's potency increased, there was a unify what was, in a non-division of labor corresponding decrease in the psychic context, still whole and unstratified.

It has often been said that the function of the symbol is to disclose structures of the real that are inaccessible to empirical observation. More to the point, in terms of the processes of culture and civilization, however, is Abner Cohen's contention (1981, 1993) symbolism and ritual disguise, mystify and sanctify irksome duties and roles and thus make Religion, like art, contributed to a symbolic being is an enormously them seem desirable. Or, as David Parkin common symbolic grammar needed by prominent reality and a and a question (1992) put it, the compulsory nature of the bnew social order and its fissures and mark to some. Commenting on this

cohesion were unnecessary; division of individuals by placing them at the service

against the current of historical direction. But, again, this is a delusion, since ritual It is the answer to insecurities and facilities the establishment of the cultural tensions, promising resolution and order, bedrock of alienated theory and transcendence by means of the symbolic. practice. Ritual authority structures play Religion finds no basis for its existence an important part in the organization of prior to the wrong turn taken toward actively further the coming of The American philosopher George the domination of wopmen proceeds, a meran by religion". development brought to full realization with agriculture when women became essentially beasts of burden and / or sexual objects. Part of this fundamental shift is movement towards territorialism

According to James Shreeve (1995), "In

Ostensibly opposed to estrangement, the counter-world of public rites is arrayed evident as impetus to religion.

with domestication / agriculture / Clive Ponting (1992) has shown that everything is trapped.

Art is a language and so, evidently, is the ethnographic record, wherever you The native denizens of Africa's Kalahari

verbal stem denoting attentiveness to of the most profound enigmas known to having no respect for any life other ritual, faithfulness to rules. Social archaeological science". But the than his own. integration, required for the first time, is longevity of this stable, non-cultural epoch has a simple explanation: as l Goodman (1988) surmised,

> It was such a harmonious existence, and such a successful adaptation, that it did not materially alter for many thousands of years.

every civilization has diminished the

But the limited of the dominant

religare, to tie or bind, and a Greek years", Tim Ingold (1993) called it "one the penalty man has to pay for

Violence directed outward is at the same time inflicted spiritually, and the outside world becomes transformed, debased, as surely as the perceptual field waas subjected to fundamental redefinition. Nature certainly did not ordain civilization; quite the contrary.

Culture triumphed at last with Today it is fashionable, if not mandatory, domestication. Symbolic categories are Santayana summed it up well with domestication. The scope of life became to maintain that culture always was and set up to control the wild and alien; thus "Another world to live in is what we narrower, more specialized, forcibly always will be. Even though it is divorced from its previous grace and demonstrably the case that thewe was an spontaneous liberty. The assault of a extremely long non-symbolic human era, SinceDarwin's Descent of Man (1871) symbolic orientation upon the natural perhaps one hundred times as long as that we have understoof that human evolution also had immediate outward results. of civilization, and that culture has greatly accelerated culturally at a time of Early rock drawings, found 125 miles gained only at the expernse of nature, one insignificant physiological change. Thus from the nearest recorded trickle of water has it from all sides that the symbolic symbolic being did not depend on waiting in the Sahara, show people swimming. like alienation - is eternal. This and warfare; Johnson and Earle (1987) for the right gifts to evolve, we can now Elephants were still somewhat common questions of origins and destinations are discussed the correspondence between see, with Clive Gamble (1994), that in some coastal Mediterranean zones in meaningless. Nothing can be traced intention in human action did not arrive 500 BC, wrote Herodotus. Historian further than the semiotic in which

rationality and the costs of civilization ritual, among the earliest cultural and get inequality, it is justified by invoking Desert, as studied by Laurens van der And cultivation definitely did not provide are too starkly visible for us to accept this symbolic institutions. Julia Kristeva the sacred". Relatedly, all symbolism, Post (1976), lived in "a state of complete a higher-quality or more reliable food kind of cop-out. Since the ascendance of (1989) commented on "the close relation says Eliade (1985), was originally trust, dependence and interdependence base (M N Cohen 1969, Walker and the symbolic humans have been trying, through participation in culture, to recover an authenticity we once lived. tanscendent testifies that the hegemony of Thomas McFarland (1987) found, synthetic, "culture primarily witnesses the abscence of meaning, not its presence".

> Massive, unfulfillinh consumption, within the dictates of production and social control, reigns as the chief everyday consolation for this absence of meaning, and culture is certainly itself a prime consumer choice. At base, it is division of labor that ordains our false and diaabling symbolic totality. "The

We are caught in the cultural logic of objectification and the objectiying logic of cilture, such tyhat those who counsel new ritual and other representational forms as the route to a re-enchanted existence miss the point completely. More of what has failed for so long can hagrdly be the answer. Levi-Strauss (1978) referred to

a kind of wisdom [that primitive peoples] practiced spontaneously and the rejection of which, by the modern world, is the real madness.

Either the non-symbolizing health that once obtained, in all its dimensions, or madness and death. Culture has led us to betray our own aboriginal spirit and wholeness, into an ever-worsning realm of synthetic, isolating, impoverished estrangement. Which is not to say that there are no more everyday pleasures. without which we would lose oir humanness; but as our plight deepens, we glimpse how much more must be erased

1986) demonstrated to him that syntax Culture has led to a betrayal of our own The constant urge or quest for the meaning of ritual. As Chris Knight aboriginal spirit and wholeness, into an abscence is a cultural constant. As ever-worsening realm of Essential for the breakthrough of the cuiltural in human affairs, ritual is not isolating, impoverished estrangement.

nothing without ceremonies".

who was not only the first specialist hunting at all prior to the Upper because of his or her role in this area, but Paleolithic (Binford 1982, 1984). the first cultural practicioner in general. The earliest art was accomplished by An instructive look at contemporary shamans, as they assumed ideological primitive societies is Colin Tumbull's leadership and designed the content of work (1961, 1965) on pygmies of the

vitality of the rest of the group (Lommel, 1967). Centralized authority, and most elevatedposition of the shaman. The specter of social complexity was incamated in this individual who wielded symbolic power. Every head man and chief developed from the primacy of this figure in the lives of others in the group.

Out of ritual action arose the shaman, and there is no conclusive evidence for

Ituri forest and their Bantu neighbours. The pygmies are foragers, living with no agriculturalist Bantu, but enjoy much greater individualisdm and freedom. To the annoyance of the Bantu, the pygmies irreverently mock the solemn rites of the latter and their sense of sin. Rejecting territorialism, much less private holdings, they "move freely in an unchanted, unsystematized, unbound social world", according to Mary Douglas (1973).

The vast era prior to the coming of ritual bluntsd the national autonomy of anxieties. The word is based on the Latin "period spanning more than a million

religious symbolism. Social inequality with nature", which was "far kinder to Shipman 1996), though it did introduce seems to be accompanieds by subjugation them than any civilization ever was". diseases of all kinds, almost completely in the non-human sphere. M Reinach Egalitarianism and sharing were the unknown outside civilization (Burkett (quoted in Rtadin, 1937) said "thanks to hallmark qualities of hunter-gatherer life 1978, Freund 1982), and sexual magic, man takes the offensive against (G Isaac 1976, Ingold 1987, 1988, Erdal inequality (M Ehrenberg 1989b, A Getty increase in specialization...", wrote the objective world". Cassirer (1955) and Whiten 1992, etc), which is more 1990). Frank Waters' Book of the Hopi Peter Lomas (1996), "undermines our phrased it this way: "Nature yields accurately called gatherer-hunter life, or (1963) gives us a stumning picture of confidence in our ordinary capacity to the foraging mode. In fact, the great bulk unchecked divisuion of labor and the live". of this diet consisted of plant material, poverty of the symbolic: More and more they traded for

> drawing away, step by step, from the good life given them. A pertinent chapter from The Time Before History (1996) by Colin Tudge bears a title that speaks volumes. "The End of Eden: Farming". Much of the underlying epistemological distinction is

> > In short, whereas for farmers and herdsmen the tool is an instrument of control, for hunters and gatherers it would better ber regarded as an instrument of revelatuion

things they didn't need, and the

more goods they got, the more they

wanted. This was very serious. For

And Horkheimer (1972) bears quoting, in terms of the psychic cost of domestication / domination of nature:

the destruction of the inner life is

FENLAND REBELS

Steve Booth on the enclosure of the Fens resistance to it

The fens are flat, low-lying areas of land found south of the Wash, in Only the high ground offered any sort of parts of Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, and also south of the River Humber, near its confluence with the River Trent.

now, which resemble the original fens; and beggarly People" (1662). and a re still home to bittems, sedge-

Prior to modern times, the fens were tailed butterflies and otters. The people of two such places. Abbeys were set up on places where the ground was flooded the fens were distrustful of outsiders, and raided grounds, cut off from worldly most of the year. Willows, alders and strangers passing through the area distractions, and a rhyme lists their The Isle of Ely was reputedly the last osiers would grow, and people there were considerded them surly and ignorant: relative generosity: independent minded, moving across the William Camden saying they were marshes on stilts or in small boats and "Rude, uncivil and envious to all others living by their wits off the land and the whom they called upland men" (1507) or water. Wicken Fen and part of Holme & Sir William Dugdale saying they were "a Woodwalton Fen are the only places left rude and almost barbarous sort of lazy

refuge from the innundations and marsh sickness. In the south, the Isle of Ely and in the north, the Isle of Azeholme were

Ramsey, rich in gold and fee, Thomey, flower of many fine tree, Crowland the courteous of meat and

Spalding, the gluttons as all men do

Peterborough, the proud as all men Island was taken.

Sawtry, by the way, that old Abbay Gave more alms in one day than all

plasce where the Saxons held out agasinst were started. These met with stiff the Normans, the marshes proving opposition from local people who had impossible to cross except by secret long enjoyed rights of commons; with the pathways. William the Conquerer tried to taking away of willows for basketcross the bog at Aldreth, but Hereward making, reeds for thatching, and others. set fire to the reeds, roasting therm alive. The drainage schemes deprived them, the In the ebd, Abbot Thurston and the other enclosure of common land with fences,

THE 17TH CENTURY

Around the time of the Civil War, systematic attempts to drain the marshes monks betrayed the pathways, and the hedges, banks and ditches took away

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The trouble started in 1607, when James I appointed a commission to examine the drainage of the fen, after heavy floods "For the honour of this Kingdom," James declared "I will not suffer these counties COURT OF SEWERS to be abandoned to the will of the waters". The Commission resilted in the Opposition suffered a setback in 1637, at John Lilbume and John Wildman, two Londoners' Lode date from this period.

VERMUYDEN

After this, attempts at draining the fens got more serious. Dutch experts were called in - Comelius Vermuyden from Maartensdijk in Zeeland; Michael and imperfect. Abraham Vernatti; Matthew van In the period prior to the Civil War, there Valkenburgh; Cornelius and Marcellus were many riots and disturbances, van Bueren.

Vermuyden was brought in during 1621 and was knighted by Charles I in 1629. He divided up the Great Level, the tract of land from Peterborough across to Manchester's estate at Somerham, cattle and property belonging to people Norfolk, into three areas, the North, Holywell, Colne, Bluntisham and Earith. who violasted the enclosures. In May Middle anmd Soth Levels. The Attacks on earthworks were preceded by 1660, a confrontation took place in Adventurers' efforts had not got them, the ringing of handbells and later Hatfield between a 2-3,000 strong mob very far, and so Francis, fourth eael of messengers attempting to arrest the and Reading together with his cronies, Bedford, was brought in to oversee the rioters were assaulted. In August 1641, one of whom, John Patterick, was killed

River, a long straight ditch 70 feet wide, (bundles of straw) was directed down the thigh and died of gangrene about a week 21 miles long, runniong from Earith to channel into the gate. Other attacks were later. Salter's Lde near Downham (1631). made in 1642. During this first period of work, trouble stasrted on the Great Level, in May 1632, CIVIL WAR at Soham. The enclosures made by local After the 1638 Huntingdon Sewer Court landowner, Sir Robert Heath, a friend of judgement, work fell into neglect. Ten, Vermuyden, were levelled by commoners with the civil war, traditional authority and ditchers filled in. When the local was undermined. A series of riots took sheriff tried to exercute warrants against place on Whittlesey Fen starting with the wreckers, a mob surrounded the 15th May 1643, where ditches were sheriff, who was consulting his undermen damaged and the local magistrate inside Soham church. At about the same threatened. Later, houses put up by land time, skepmakers rioted near Sutton, owners George Glapthome and Francis

legal moves would be made against ISLE OF AXEHOLME enclosures and drainage. These would fail, and so local direct action would take The Isle of Asxeholme near Doncaster Reading died in Belton in June 1' its place. Action might take the form of was also the scene of a lot of anger old age.

THE SOUTHERN

FENLAND

To Show the Main Drains.

The Upland & Islands are shaded

Site or Whittlesed Mare

important resources from the rural where people from two or more villages would meet together at some open air spot, ostensibly for a game of football, but really to attack drainage works and enclosures. Opposition to the work was claimed a larger than usual tract of land. so intense that the courtier 'Adventurers named the locals 'Fen tigers'.

perhaps the best example being at Whelpmore Fen, Isle of Ely (4th June Nottinghamshire. 1638) where a 'football crowd' levelled Many of the actions were carried out

THE WASH

Fig. 3.

The approximate dates of the drains are given. In some cases there was an

appreciable interval between the start of a project and its completion.

having been denied access to willows. Underwood were pulled down. A rick Trouble tended to follow a cycle, where owned by Sir Peter Brettagne was fired.

attacks on work, mass attacks, masked against the draining and enclosures. Near equipment. 'Fen football' was popular, and 8,000 acres or more were flooded in

disguised mob in 1697 and so on. After the Restoration, the General Five were hung, many were transported

was set up to manage the Bedford

dependent on the fickle wind.

LITTLEPORT RIOT

shillings and many people starved.

Littlepprt on 22nd May 1816. A mob

driven pumps.

Later, steam engines were installed by

engineers like Telford and Rennie. In the

1920's, these were replaced with diesel

attacks, threats to workmen, mobs, the start of the Civil War, Bycker's Dyke THE GREAT LEVEL noctumal sabotage to sluice gates and and Snow ewer sl;uices were pulled up Work resumed on the Great Level after century, it became obvious that commoners rights. Partly they were

Behold the great design, which they

Will make our bodies pine, a prey to crows and vermine,

All will be dry, and we must die, 'cause Essex calves want pasture.

fly to other nations the Napoleonic Wars. The price of wheat But we have no such things to help our transportations.

We must give place (oh grievous Except that we can all agree drive them out by battle.

the developers. Armed guards under Thomas Peacock and Thomas Burton prevented the gates being closed, and then once the level had been filled, closed the gates and kept them closed to retain

so-called 'Little Bill', and Gentlemen St Ives, where the Court of Sewers leaders of the Levellers, were involved Adventurers set about draining 6,000 judged the work satisfactorily completed. with the fenlanders' cause. After the acres of Waldersea. The drainage At Glatton on Holme Fen, a lergal fund defeat of the Levellers at Burford, their channels named Popham's Eau and was started. Oliver Cromwell spoke on efforts followed a legal path. Axeholme behalf of the femmen. Almost at once, the later became a centre of Quakerisdm and court ruling was seen to be flawed when Nonconformity. Outsiders wrere brought land normally dry even in winter was in to work on the drainage, particularly flooded. In 1638 (April 12th) the Court Dutchmen. The church at Sandtoft of Sewers held in Huntingdon declared became a focal point in the struggle and Bedford's drainage of the level to be was repeatedly smashed, set on fire and desecrated. In September 1659, a tax collector was murdered in Haxey Carr, aka North Carr, a disputed piece ofr land

December 1642, supposedly to prevent

the Isle falling into Royalist hands. The

real purpose was probably to flood out

the water.

ditches. In 1641, actions were taken against one Nathaniel Reading, a tax against enclosures on the Earl of collector and bailiff, who sequestrated Littleport Sluice was sabotaged when a in Hatfield churchyard. William Lockier, Vermuyden built the great Bedford boat packed with burning hassocks one of the attackers, was shot through the

During the years following, Reading seems to have been repeatedly attacks. People from Belton also attacked other tax collectors, freed cattle which had been sequestrated, tore up crops - to such an extent that attempts to levy taxes were abandoned. Reading's house at Sandtoft was attacked in 1661, 1666, on 19th August 1668 it was destroyed. In 1670, his rebuilt house was stormed, in Martch 1672 he was shot in the legs, 1687 he was shot at and his crops burned, cattle slaughtered. His house was pulled to the ground in the 1690's, burned by a shuices.

Eventually, despite all this, Nathaniel Drainage Act of 1663 superseded the to Australia.

the Civil War, with the Bedgord Act of Vermuyden's scheme was flawed. The motivated by resistance to change, with 29th May 1649, after intensive lobbying drainage of the land relied on gravity. As drainage works seen as a form of of Parliament. William, 5th Earl of the land dried out, the peat shrank, and witchcraft. People acted in large groups Bedford was put in charge. Cromwell, the ground level lowered. Pumps had to against officials, bailiffs etc because the who had earlier supported the fenlanders be installed. As early as 1678, windmills (and earned himself the nickname 'Lord were built, but it took until 1726, with a of the Fens' in the process) betrayed ruling on a mill at Hadeenham, for these them. It seems that his earlier actions had to be accepted. The windmills worked in simply been a shrewd political move to pairs, a smaller mill ast the head of the bolster up his own local support. The dyke lifted water a short height into the Cromwell of 1649 no longer needed subsiduary channel; at the bottom of which a larger mill lifted the water to the main channel, but both of these were

do now determine

For they do mean all fens to drain, and waters over master

Perhaps one of the last riots in the fens The feathered fowls have wings to

The riot started in te Globe Inn in

went through the town blowing a horn and attacking, looting and stoning the Powte's Complaint c. 1630 shops. Travellers were robbed, the local The long Bedford River had been vicar fled for his life and the contents of Keith Lindley's Fenland Riots and the declared imperfect and so in 1651 his home turned out and smashed against Vermuyden began work on the Bew the grasves in the churchyard. Most of Bedford River, a 100 feet wide chasnnel the anger seems to have been against dug parrallel to the first. Scottish Henry Martin, a local politician and prisoners captured at the battle of Dunbar dandy, who claimed the poor rate (1650) were put to work on the drain. allowances were sufficient. Four large Many of them deserted so Dutch punt guns were put on a weagon and the prisoners were brought in. There were mob stormed south to Ely where bakers' riots at Swaffham in 1652 where shops were looted. A smaller riot also womens' clothes were wom as a disguise. followed in Doswnham. Te rioters In August 1653, troops under General eventually barricaded themselves inside Whalley had to be sent to the Isle of Ely. the George & Dragon Inn, but put up Two guards were wounded and other little resistance when the militia arruived soldiers got lost in the fens at Swaffham. from Bury St Edmunds. The rebels werte In 1654, a bridge over Beville Leam, captured. One, Thomas Sindall, tried to

Gordon Fowler 1932 = 11 ft. 4 ins. near Whittlesey, was burned down. There escape and was shot dead. The rest were were many other acts of sabotage to tried at a special assize in Ely, one of the many blots on English judicial history.

'Pretended Act' of 1649. A Corporation CONCLUSION

Levfels, and this lasted through until The attacks on the drainage works were a 1914. Towards the end of the 17th response to the injustice of the removal of draining and levelling was widely seen as unjust. People acting alone or in small groups sabotaged sluices and other equipment. People often masked up to prevent their being identified. When people chose to act, they often proved effective. On the whole, the draining of the fens and the enclosures proceeded because the acts of revolt were sporadic and not consistently carried through.

Many of the attacks were motivated by practical objections to draining - thast to drain one parcel of land would cause worse floods in others. Often these views were correct. The land grabbing Adventurers were like the privatisation fat cats of the present, with the economic benefits of drainage being passed to just a took place in 1816, during the few, while the rest of the people in the agricultural slump following the end of area remained poor.

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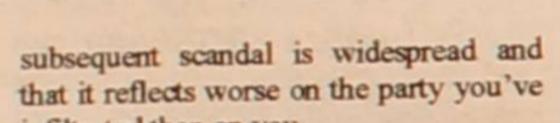
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STUFF THE VOTE

The Green Anarchist election-stuffers pack

The System's set up to benefit those that Somerset House) and the electoral roll rule, not you. Voting's just part of the set and if the same full name isn't there, up - the only people you get to vote for leak this to rival parties running ... want the System to keep on running as usual, at your expense. This isn't democracy, it's just a con to make you think you've got a say in the System so it can carry on controlling you. Direct action - doing it yourself rather than giving up your power to politicians and suchlike parasites - is what can make a difference so they're making it illegal with the Criminal Justice Act etc. If you want to break free of the System's control and fuck up one of its key control mechanisms, this pack's for you!



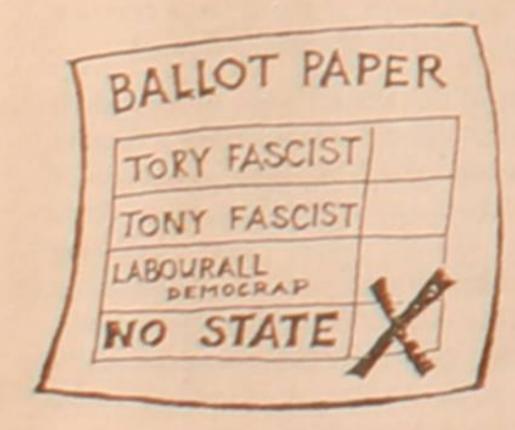




STARTING OUT

Before you start campaigning, get secure postal address, where public, press and politicians can leave messages for to sue or strangle you by campaign's end. The idea of running a candidate is to rip The local alternative bookshop, college the piss out of the other parties and the or advice centre is good, care of a mate's house less so and a PO box is a liability (they can find out your name and address through it just by asking!).

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SORTING STRATEGY

When you've sorted the basics, decide your strategy. Three options are (i) running your own candidate, (ii) infiltrating other parties, or (iii) guerrilla action. Co-ordinating these strategies is difficult and must be clandestine.

Whatever you choose, go to the Town Hall when candidate's nominations come in. You can find out their names and addresses this way, and their twelve sponsors. These are usually the candidate's most loyal party workers but They'll probably have you canvass for do check - the BNP have the nasty trick them - going door-to-door to ask people of picking 'sponsors' at random from the how they're going to vote or putting crap phone book. If candidate or sponsons through their letterbox if they're out. falsify their details, they can be You could behave badly on the doorstep disqualified from the election. Check ("hello, I represent your local candidate -

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the same access to the media as the other mayhem - party workers making all the tricks' campaigns on each other. politicians but it's not as it you want to
get elected, is it? The best 'official' or trying to knock up people on election
day that have a deep and abiding hatred
candidate we heard of changed his name
of their party &c. The longer they take to poll and stood as the Conservative catch on, the more damage you do.

election - have you got the personality carry it off? The Monster Raving Looneys have been doing it for years but they're a bit lame now, just another British institution. You don't have to register - you just have to ask people to write in your name on the ballot, spoiling equal access easier.

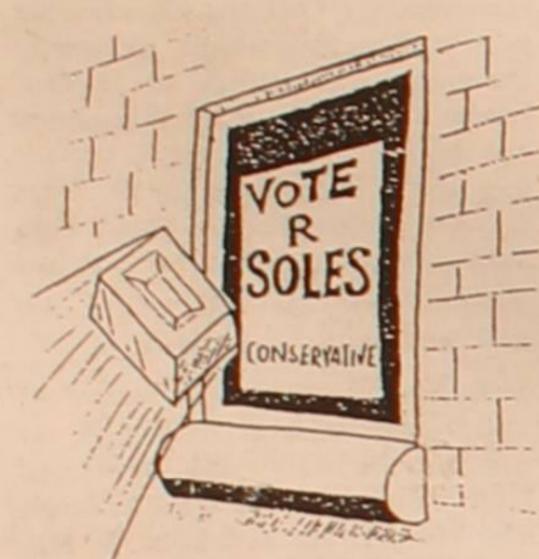
Put up posters and write manifestos parodying the other parties. 'Vote For local press. The key with all this is to set Nobody: Nobody Care' is such a longrunning joke campaign. The media should pick up on it. The public, sick of the other parties' shallow electioneering. will love it.

The other parties may quietly bung you their dirt on each other, particularly if you've made trumpeting political corruption and suchlike scandal a feature of your campaign. Dirty LibDems aside, the other parties will prefer you come out with this stuff so they can pretend virtue while you get the writs (another reason to be pseudonymous). Do be careful you end up using them and not them you!

- INFILTRATING OTHER PARTIES

If you're sneaky enough, infiltrate a political party as a party worker. Destroy it from within like a cancer. Let them recruit you. When they put crap through your letterbox asking you to join their party or help their campaign, do so (not using your own name, of course - no post-election comebacks that way!).

names against birth certificates (from - we want sex with children") but ensure



infiltrated than on you.

politicians but it's not as if you want to wrong predictions based on your results

Even in this age of mass the election by a narrow margin, they

for corrupt patronage and un-PC opinion. Dem and Green middle class hypocracy and worse than petty nationalism from public. authority of a party worker!

door canvassing and storming other insult party sponsors by phone. Use party candidates platforms &c demanding stationary to cause dissention between local party activists and Westminster or to augment disruption and scandal in the Paralyse 'your' party with paranoia.

GUERRILLA ACTION

Knowing where the candidates and their

cronies live means you can have lots of

fun. Why not flypost their details

already!) or post all their election crap back to them? We're sure they'll be keen on recieving all sorts of mail order crap too, especially if their election literature allows you to reply FREEPOST. Dickheads who put posters in their windows are asking for similar treatment.

Political parties need canvassers to mobilise support but most people hate them. Supply them with 'No Canvassers' notices - good enough flyposting or force of example can even get them chased down the road. Cover 'em in flour and have their clip-boards off them so they have to risk doing the same road again or alternatively invite them in for an afternoon-long chat about their party's policies and get them pissed!

If you get hold of campaign literature, tosh up your own version with DTP having the politicians admit what You can probably do more damage by scumbags they are &c. Make sure some count. Because of heavy-duty election noting who's offering to vote Tory, for of them end up going through the law, messing with either can invalidate example, and then flyposting this letterboxes of the parodied party or local the election's results, forcing a re-run in You could get your £500 deposit embarrassing information in a Tory- press people. There's bound to be a that constituency. together and get nominated like the other hating area or promising to get the vote scandal. Either claim it for the AEA and If people can't get into a polling station candidates but where's the advantage? out on election day and then not use this as an opportunity to publicise to cast their vote - because all its locks You get a free mail-out to every house- bothering &c. Just being 'inventive' with anti-electoralism or let rival parties take have been glued or you've barricaded hold in the constituency and supposedly your canvassing records can cause the blame and launch their own 'dirty inside - then the party due the most votes

to 'Margaret Hilda Thatcher' by deed of their party &c. The longer they take to if you're witty enough. Disrupt public you're an infiltrator - is to put up meetings by gluing locks, by phone or by election literature in or damn close to the candidate against the other Margaret Offering to stuff envelopes should get siezing the platform or otherwise polling station, or hanging around in the theorem the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station, or hanging around in the state of the polling station in the state of the state of the polling station in the state of t the 1987 election - loyal Tories only gossip damaging to 'your' party or others numbers and a quick getaway route. A intend to vote. All this is undue influence had a 50% chance of picking the right - amazing what politicians will say in bit of mayhem like this guarantees or intimidation under electoral law and you but can't find you - some will want one on the ballot!

front of 'friends'! All politicians are good political parties find it harder to book can also fuck the election as above. venues for meetings in future - and Listen out for Labour vote-rigging, Lib-candidates less willing to appear in If you've uncovered vote-rigging as an

> of leaking (to press, rival parties or even adding their weight to local campaigns - then tell the press. Beautiful if you prove scurrilous flyposters) - if worst comes to usually aren't pre-announced and are vou were put up to it by the winning worst, you can always speak with the staged for the media rather than to party.
>
> authority of a party worker! actually 'meet the people'. You'll have to be lucky to catch them and quick to Cops aren't usually stationed by polling the vote. Your candidate doesn't even Then there's quiet sabotage: 'lose' vital trash them but if you do, the politicians stations unless they're expecting trouble. have to be human - the Yippies ran records, unplug phones, spike the candid-humiliation will be prime-time, a If you can get a crew in and out with a Pigasus the Pig for the Democrats in the ate's cocoa with LSD before important highlight of your campaign. Decide ballot box (or maybe even just break the US, 1968 - but it does make door-to- TV interviews &c. Cancel venues or what's the most humilating thing possible seals), the election's fucked locally -- but for each local candidate before you get you'll be heavily done for this if caught. caught on the hop - and remember the The count's always good for a bit of media usually turn a deaf ear and blind eye to simple sloganising.

> > it up so someone else can always The nerve centre of each political parties results are televised. If you're a plausibly be blamed. All political parties campaign is its HQ. Give it the same candidate, they can't keep you out. If have their rivalries and personality treatment as you do public meetings - you're not, pretend you support one of clashes - study them, then forment them. remember that a campaign with-out its the parties standing to win admission. records goes nowhere. If you can get hold Again, the dream disruption is to leg it of them, you can have great fun, as in with a few ballots as they're still being Infiltrate Other Parties above.

in that area is going to fuss. If they lose

infiltrator -- usually party supporters being registered to addresses other than anti-European parties. Master the fine art Walkabouts - especially by party VIPs their own - get in on it, cast your vote,

mayhem, especially if you're in one of those marginal constituencies where the counted - even set them on fire! - as this means the whole election's going to have to be re-run. Watch it though - there are always cops at the count as the incoming There are two key targets on election MP has to thank them for 'keeping order' day: (i) the polling stations and (ii) the during the election campaign (ho, ho!).

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ANTI-ELECTION ALLIANCE

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suggesting people pissed off with Disclaimer: Whilst the AEA are aon-sectarian alliance open to all those opposed canvassers talk to them about politics at to electoralism and the State, they do not necessarily endorse the tactics discussed 3 am (as if they weren't exhausted enough in this pack.

JSAFSOWHAT?

The Primitivist Network's expose of the campaign against the Job Seekers Allowance as a political racket

dependancy on it. Any disruption caused

We laugh at the Trots when they appeal to the unions ('TUC Call A General Strike!') but their demands at least have the virtue of cynicism. They don't really believe the unions are going to do a damn thing and demanding the impossible of them both to make people aware that the unions are just another party of the system -- hardly news to us - and to trump sincere campaigners with the pseudoradicalism of their demands and pick up the pieces for party-building purposes when they cause the campaign to collapse.

Allowance is doomed because its keynote of the petty criminal who will insist withholding it. Again, direct action slips is a sincere appeal to a civil service individual cops or screws are 'alright' or into negotiation-by-proxy (at best - and union (of all things!), the CPSA, to not and play games between them, rather they have the whip hand) and revolution oppose the JSA. For all efforts to claim than challenging the system they into a reformism that perpetuates a otherwise, the interests of claimants and represent as a whole. Claimants could system that daily exploits and CPSA are not one. Whilst claimants are exert some influence on the DfEE by dehumanises us. concerned about having their benefit cut imposing a constant turn-over of As with equally pathetic 'Defend The the JSA. It's pretty much conceded that participated in industrial disputes upon in a screened-off environment"). The anti-JSA groups are actively appealing to CPSA take it for granted that the JSA is CPSA people to stay in place rather than going to come in and they are going to quit with the arrival of the JSA because the extra paperwork and the possible replaced by bad ones'! Although a vast physical consequences. They have no improvement on the stuntism and appeals great problem with becoming an to the good nature of the CPSA extension of the State's repressive mentioned above, intimidation tactics are apparatus because they've always been more stop-gap than genuine part of the State's repressive apparatus. revolutionary strategy. They just don't like the way the JSA ANOTHER GIRO OR makes this even more obvious than usual to claimants.

Repeatedly approached by claimants groups to take action against the JSA, all the CPSA can do is timidly go through the CPSA can do is timidly go through the CPSA can do is timidly go through the control of the motions, trotting out the usual demands they put give little sign of this. called on to assist the civil power. One PROSLETYSING demands about wages and conditions to It is to their credit that contempt is obvious effect of this is that inhibits the their employers, the Department for expressed at the TUC's 'Jobs Not JSA' growth of an underground, unofficial Employment & Education, rather than slogan (the purpose of the JSA is economy where revolutionaries can We have to ask why they're trying when Jacques Camatte uses the term in his On addressing the real issue, the supposedly to force people off the dole conceal themselves unsurveilled between there are so many more important Organisation) to sell the ouvrierist non/implimentation of the JSA. What into shit work) but an anti-work/leisure actions, something the Angry Brigade campaigns, with so much more message - in the name of the working more could you expect from a union? revolutionary analysis is rarely found out to their cost. This is the system revolutionary potential, going on - class as a whole, no less! - to activists Unions exist to moderate and mediate, articulated by anti-JSA campaigners. The administered by the CPSA, our supposed against the Asylum Bill (which threatens involved in more relevant revolutionary after all! The CPSA no doubt much reason for this is because they're not allies against the JSA.

all - and the price claimants have to pay

The only reason we can think of that the

worst strategy for fighting the JSA disempowering claimants - was decided on as the best is because of an archaic and dogmatic ouvrierism that struggles must be fought through the workplace ('at the point of production') and through established union structures. This is the sort of bullshit you'd expect from purpose of hammering claimants, that has campaign look weak and unattractive to having trouble even with the current the final say. For all its stunts (eg. token potential activists, this reinforces the number of claimants but, by this logic, • GA notes: This article was first week (the pre-JSA actively seeking work office occupations), carried out more to dread of unemployment that the Tories they're having even more trouble with published in Earth First! Action Update requirement!) would be suspended from to the media) than to cause any genuine to make them passively accept 'little' as perhaps we'd be better off organising disruption to the ironically-named the only alternative to 'nothing'. 'benefits system', this is about as far removed from direct action as you could

Some may argue that direct action a institutional relationships around the JSA system', actually perpetuating their But let's look a bit more objectively at

A WHOLE NEW WORLD?

appreciate the support they get from appealing to the sort of unemployed claimants on strike days - strengthening people the JSA is targeted at, they're preserving or even taking over such communities, techno-fascist encroachment reproducing their alienated ideology, just their demands whilst claimants get fuck appealing to the general public (ie. the

> for getting an 'LT' (long-term shock bloody horrorl theoretical concerns about superceding obviously quite ridiculous to pretend the this age of toil. So much for solidarity - 'benefits sysem' as any sort of working but how many of his colleagues share such conservative prejudices about 'dole scroungers' and the sanctity of labour?

Militant. No anarchist current should find By presenting opposition to the JSA as a exercise. The other argument, usually put this acceptable, even syndicalists, and it survival issue rather than the defence of a by Trots (some calling themselves goes against plain common sense. By chosen and desirable lifestyle, anarchists) is that claimants present some opting for this futile strategy of struggle campaigners are playing up to 'Arthur sort of 'impossible demand' to the by proxy, you'd have thought claimants Fowler' stereotypes of the unemployed as benefits system, that so many people on had surrendered their power to the CPSA. powerless, broken victims of economic the dole will eventually bring down the In fact the struggle is being fought at two circumstance, desperate to play their part economy, that there won't be enough removes because it's the DfEE, those that in a system we actually despise and want surplus tax to cover all their giroes. We'll bought the JSA in with the express to destroy. As well as making the willingly concede that the Treasury is 'raise the campaign's profile' (ie. pander and bosses have drummed into workers the rising numbers of pensioners so -- no-one else had the bottle to.

place in the anti-JSA campaign - system for our giros - this is precisely out' - but all this is about is an attempt flawed. Because they're dependant on it, to modify the attitude of individual the anti-JSA campaign is fundamentally Employment Service officers, leaving the about defending the State's 'benefits

to the 'benefits system' has to be temporary and designed to persuade their oppressors to treat them more 'fairly' as claimants will be worst affected if it collapses. It's not like the poll tax where all everyone had to do was to not cooperate, not give the State what it wanted - here we need something off them and we have to win them over The campaign against the Job Seekers otherwise intact. It's rather like the case somehow because they can fuck us up by

We're never going to make revolution by building, toxics poisoning whole only really interested in endlessly

repressive machinery remains the same) - engineering. to win solidarity with them, the tacit This writer found himself being pulled up - they must be smashed and a new society The answer's immediately apparent when agreement not to bash them over the JSA. by a zealous young member of the CPSA built where no-one is dependant for the you look at who is doing the organising — still dreaming, or the 19th century not the you look at who is doing the organising — 21st. We hope this leaflet's made you the claimants only true sanction against down his local DSS and quizzed about basic necessities of life on another. And, what's left of the ideological ouvrierist aware of this and that they'll now let you with his actively seeking work - he was restructuring of society than most obviously more interested in the bounty 'anarchists' have the stomuch for unemployed) off benefit than any In view of what's been said above, it's

> class gain worth having or that defending it is in anything other than a false (ie. them for the coming revolution instead of

Some might object that the system would younger State-dependants! If a collapse collapse if everyone went on the dole - of the 'benefits system's going to about time too! A more substantial precipitate revolution, why stay our hand? Why not collapse it now rather objection is that we're dependant on the than wait around for it to collapse all by itself decades off in the future, dismantled Eduinburgh's 'three strikes and you're where the anti-JSA campaign is most piecemeal by a State that will milk every reduction in benefit and cut to the max in terms of scapegoating propaganda?

'A "wargame" was conducted by the Department of Health and Social Security a year ago on the basis of an interruption to all benefit

How long would it be, the game's central question ran, before moneyless people became desperate and ransacked their local shops? The answer, which Lord Soames will no doubt be considering in his bunker, was three weeks.

From Larry Law's The Spectacle / The Skeleton Keys

off under the new regulations, the CPSA Employment Service staff - even staff NHS' and 'Save Our Schools' demands, it's going to save the Treasury bugger all. which hung the fates of tens or hundreds are only concerned about how claimants shortfalls as new recruits become those calling themselves revolutionaries It's not even going to affect a lot of of thousands of workers, even the will react when they enforce these unwilling to take the place of the old - find themselves defending the State's people - most poor sods on the dole want government of the day, but now regulations (they present this concern by but rather than trying to make the repressive apparatus. Labour's post-war to work and already do more to seek organised labour's been smashed, they've fussing about "the difficulties of working 'benefits system' unworkable this way, reforms were a case of 'reform or employment than the JSA will ask of been reduced to raking around to find a revolution' and they knew that a welfare them! The more advanced anti-JSA few dozen jobs to defend. Frenetic antiapparatus was just about reducing campaigners have argued it's there for fascist activity was their political life resistance-born-of-necessity, increasing social control purposes, to neutralise a support machine in the early-1990s (if have to enforce it - they just don't like 'if we lose good ones, they'll only be people's dependancy on the system (pre- counterculture of disruptive dole- you can't fight for your own politics, at figuring Blair's 'stakeholder society'?) dependant activists, getting them off the least you can fight against someone elses) and making capitalism work more streets and into work. So we're talking but now the far-Right's grassroots have efficiently. In Nazi Germany, the benefits about a very narrow sectional attack defected to the Tories over the asylum system there was key to ostracising (OK, on us!) utterly unlike the poll tax issue and as anti-fascism lacks a coherent minorities and surveilling / controlling and probably not even like the CSA - so critique of the State, the anti-fascist the population as a whole in preparation there's no way this is going to mobilise milleau has degenerated to the point of for the Holocaust. In Britain today, our the masses. The JSA just doesn't need an tail-ending a sectarian, politically records are routinely red- or green- organised response - its targets are illiterate clique into electoralism just flagged - in a state of emergency, red- already sussed enough about the new because they're 'hard'. History has To be revolutionary, the campaign flags would be interned without trial regs to bend the 'benefits system' double! passed them by.

lives, not just giroes), against road- activity. Like a virus, the ouvrierists are institutions (a change of guard as the on the very stuff of life through genetic like the Trots and the absternious Steam

> groups whose political focus was alone and shuffle off to join all the other workplace and street in the 1980's and faiths mouldering in the Museum of early-1990's. Under Thatcher they Dead Religions.

Blair (unlikely, as he's as racist and antiunion as the Tories) but the JSA looks like a last gasp, a racket (in the sense that Age religious sects they originally

PRIMITIVIST NETWORK,

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Reactiion to it was quite telling. On the evidence of his own area only, one individual insisted, without irony, that pointed out that no-one capable of fundamentally trivial. buggering up two job applications a

benefit anyway, he insisted ordinary people weren't up to that and this was all an unacceptable and additional

"we work with dole workers, not the You can tell from the complete lack of CPSA" (same difference, for the purposes sense of proportion his comments of the article) and then proceded, again illustrate, he'd invested a lot into the antiwithout irony, to equate the deportation, JSA racket and so didn't appreciate it torture and killing of asylum seekers with being blown but all this does just go to claimants being suspected from benefit show how some people need to get a life ("it's like death to them"). When it was rather than devoting it to something so

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help me to make people understand why

COME OUT

I usually ignore articles and letters that are

people have convictions, yet not the

Dear Editor,

clear up a few points.

animal lib is important.

PATRIARCHY, NOT MADNESS

Dear GA.

Dunblane in GA42 seem faulty.

the Nazis at Nurembury would not have them? Even if its just for a loan. been accepted. Hitler committed suicide Love and liberation, because he new he'd be executed - he was

Like gays, or Blacks, the mentally ill are a vulnerable group in society, subject to irrational prejudices - so the Nazis gassed

Thomas Hamilton's crimes are an extreme expression of paedophilia.

97% of paedophiles are male (say London Rape Crisis). His crimes are an expression of patriarchy.

What evidence is there Hamilton was they say is usually not worth reading. mentally ill? None - like only 2% of However as the letter from 'Battie' in rapists / paedophiles etc are mentally ill Green Anarchist No 43/44 was in response (say London Rape Crisis - see Sexual to one of mine there is some necessity to Violence: The Reality for Women).

Alan Ferrers-Guy, Southwick, Sussex

PHOTOS NEEDED

Dear friends,

I am writing with the hope that you can respond.

upgrade one's mode of transport and use a helicopter. I use a car. I have to. I am Peter Neville, Isleworth. registered disabled and an orange badge holder. Amongst my various conditions I lack binocular vision which means although I am allowed to use a private car __ I am not allowed to drive a public service vehicle nor to hold a pilot's license so, even

Deasr Green Anachist, Arthur Mix, assuming 'Battie's' comment was serious Thanks for sending me the info on and not facetious, even were I to be able to Thought Police & STUFF THE VOTE. I Best Wishes afford to own a helicopter, I would be thought I'd write because I wanted to put unable to train to use it or fly it. Also as I one or two ideas into your "mix". suffer from osteoarthritis in my knees (and elsewhere) and being diabetic with a blood The way I think of voting is this: circulation problem which results in very Its basically similar to me with my painful vericose ulcers on my feet I am children. I know they don't like Spaghetti unable to use a bicycle. Perhaps I should & they don't like Baked Beans - they may taxi everywhere but being a pensioner want something else but which puts me to a A few people here are sympathetic to the would find the cost prohibitive.

Cause, but others are naive ebnough to are treated. Can you believe the Subversion referred to but I do not usually I know that they're going to say No. Nor Direct Actionm Direct (no. 3) it was Another letter. Your comments on intelligence of some people?? I have tried read Marxist publications nor am I do I say "would you like Spaghetti for recently reported that the Earth Liberation to explain about what goes on (particularly particularly interested in the so-called class tea?" cos again they'd say no. To call mass killer Thomas Hamilton in labs) until I'm blue in the face but to no struggle approach because, as a retired So I say "what would you like. Baked 'sick' or 'mad' seems to blame mental avail. If you have any photos available I Sociologist, I know how factually Berans or Spaghetti?". That way they will illness for his crimes. A plea of insanity by can use as evidence, please would you send inaccurate these ideas actually are, merely choose one, ie. the most liked or least The posting of the razorblade was the contininuance in doing the donkeywork for anything. the London Anarchist Forum. I do feel M@rk Heightley [TN2277], HMP Camp Hill, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5PB. weeks ago members of the Forum were for no-one wins hands down every time. appalled and begged me to continue. Personally speaking; bearing in mind that I

> unsigned or under nom de plumes feeling if sense of humour although nobody ever others from anonymity is the way of the according to the deviation curve. laughs at their jokers. There was no theme coward and will be unlikely to bring about or coherence. Nevertheless I will try to meaningful change.

The writer (he/she/it?) says one must Yours sincerely.

BAKED BEANS OR SPAGHETTI?

lot of hassle. So I'm crafty. I don't say doubt how badly the animals can be and I am afraid I have not seen the copy of "would ypu like baked beans for tea?" cos In the British Earth First! publication

a lot of ideological hot air. As to my disliked. This crafty way always works for responsibility of the pro-violence animal

spreading the work around is an excellent I think that's the same at the Vote. And if idea, preventing the development of power you think about it every timme there is an bases in the hands of the few but when I election, the greatest 'vote' is the people uggested I might wish to stand down a few who do not vote. This no vote, ie. voting

Perhaps if 'Battie' were a regular attender really like the Green Anarchist booklet at the Forum or more in touch with the about History & Green Anarchism cos it movement he/she/it might have known this. was the 1st time I'd read anything that corresponded to my own views of history; What all of this has to do with a more I've never heard of a culture or a tribe of disciplined approach to corresponence or humans that didn't have cultural codes of taking over other's advertised meetings I conduct, laws, that they all try to abide by. cannot say. I recall an equally facetious What I find wrong with our culture is that comment to 'Battie's' in response to a there is no sharing space at all ie. it is all piece which appeared in Freedom some competition and money of that competitive years ago which brought a very level- exchange (exchange is inherently Hit the Earth wreckers where it hunts them headed futher response from a comrade, competitive), but by my reckoning and most. In their pocket! I must admit I had to read it several times Philip Sampson, whose title summed it up anthropology it is shown that tribes Damage property, not people. over a couple of days to try and make sense in a very precise way which I think said it basically divide into two types of it. It appeared to have been written by all: "Seated One Day at the Organ". Cooperative (sharing) and Competitive, The Earth Liberation Front. someone who was either mentally ill or Perhaps if 'Battie' has nothing to say, this coming about naturally depending under the influence of something. Or he/she/it refrains from saying it or if they whether the majority of the tribe is of a someone who mistakenly feels they have a have to say it, COME OUT. Sniping at sharing bias or competitive bias ie.

> Theefore it follows that some way has to be found to help cooperarive sharing people

"come out" (bit like gays). They will come out, they are there - that is why many people are quite happy on very little money and don't necessarily want work. I reckon we need land, that we have our own indiginous land rightys, cos the land was taken away from us too. From the land we can get our own food, warmth, shelter, etc. This is what we are trying to dio with Give & Take and Well Health.

Frank of Flint, Clwyd.

ELF PRESS

RELEASE

Front (ELF) sent a razorblade to the pro-Newbury bypass Liberal Democrat MP David Rendel. This is not true...

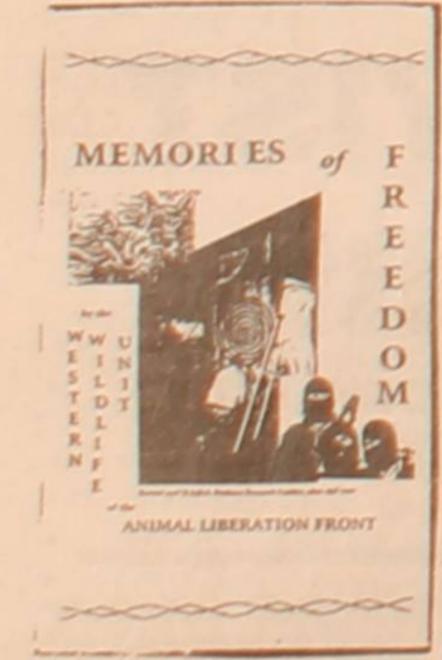
liberation 'group' known as the Justice Department (JD). Other Eaerth asbusers targeted by the Justice Department include the Newbury bypass construction firm Costain who have recieved three JD razorblade mailings.

Although the Earth Liberation Front welcomes and encourages animal liberation activists becoming involved with ecodefence - our concernsd are their concerns - the ELF itself is a strictly nonviolent movement. The Earth Liberation Front has never and will never resort to violence. However we do not view damage to property, including treespiking, as violence and regard monkeywrenching

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should be read by everyone.



The

thrower's point of view.

SEARCHLIGHT FOR BEGINNERS correspondence with an extremist BY LARRY O' HARA, £2 FROM Maoist sect [ed - what other sort is BM BOX 4769, LONDON WCIN there?], the Communist Party of

This 30 page pamphlet summarises the was Adamson killed? Was he set up? case against Searchlight from the early- Or was he killed because the CPE-ML 1970s to the present. This long time connection, at a time when hey played a span is helpful because it shows how highly visible and aggressive part in history repeats iotself, with the same English anti-fascist street demos? scams being pulled time and time again.

making revolution. Those that Readers of A Lie Too Far and its Gable) / Steve Brady's letter of March / April 1975 (pp. 9-12) on the killing of

UVF. Adamson had been in England Marxist-Leninist (CPE-ML), which Hochfelder once joined. Why

We see the Searchlight hyping of Another section concerns the strange Column 88 / Combat 18 parrallel death of Leon Ropsser, a contributor to between the 1970s and 1990s. In 1978. the early-1980s Black Flag, who wrote 81, hit liosts of Nazis were circulated in consistently incisive articles on the Forewarned, so retaliatory hitlists of secret state, but who mysteriously fell to

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his death from a tall building in 1990, - the first attacking recuperation of the one criticism is they don't have any Spanish police links with drug dealers. created 'star' system, the second on the Rosser's partner, Louise Bernstein, has same sort of theme from Hakim Bey, what's happening in New Zealand. published pro-Searchlight articles and Back To Basics Cooking in the curently works for United For tradition of 5th Estate's Eat The Rich Intercultural Action, a Europe-wide Gang, &c. Hilarious toons, free antianti-racist / fascist network based in work stickers - we'd printed the cover too but GA sells for over 50p and the Amsterdam. bumph at the back says that's a no-no.

The more recent material concerns Searchlight's assistance to the state agenda on censoring the InterNet, and Searchlight's attempts to ingratiate themselves with the trade unions, as perhaps one of the few places on the Left where they will still be able to gather intelligence and funding. (Much good it will do their paymasters). Much of the rest of the booklet will be familiar to GA readers, Searchlight For Beginners obviously being aimed at newcomers, and in the main it is clear and easy to understand. This would be a good read for as yet unconvinced naive anti-fascists, new people to politics, college anti-fascist SU officers, and other members of the 'Ostrich Left' still unaware of A Lie Too Far, Turning Up The Heat and the rest of Larry O' Hara's earlier work.

COLLECTABLEANORAK

graphix worth ripping off and recycling

As well as the old favourite anti-work

and JSA ones, there are some pretty

funny ones from Lefty: Change the

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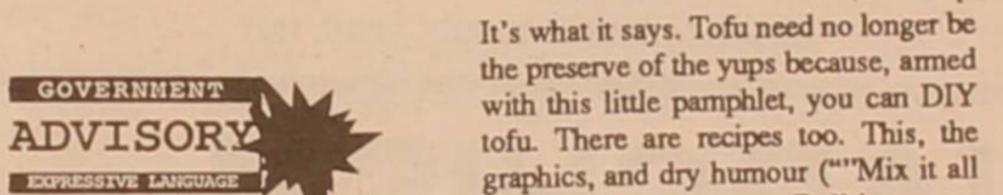
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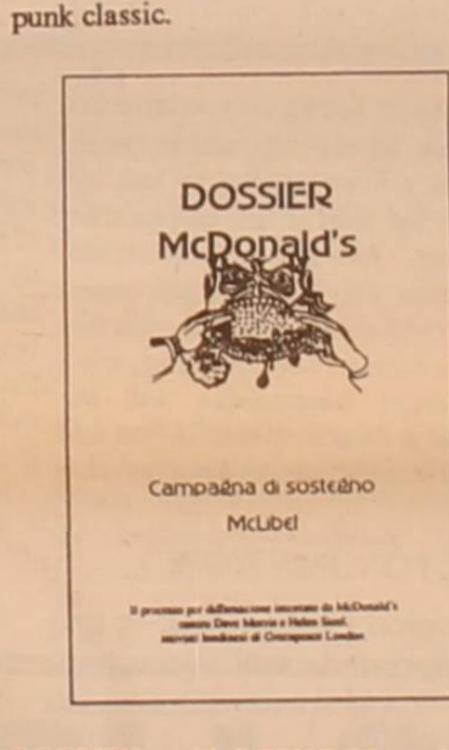
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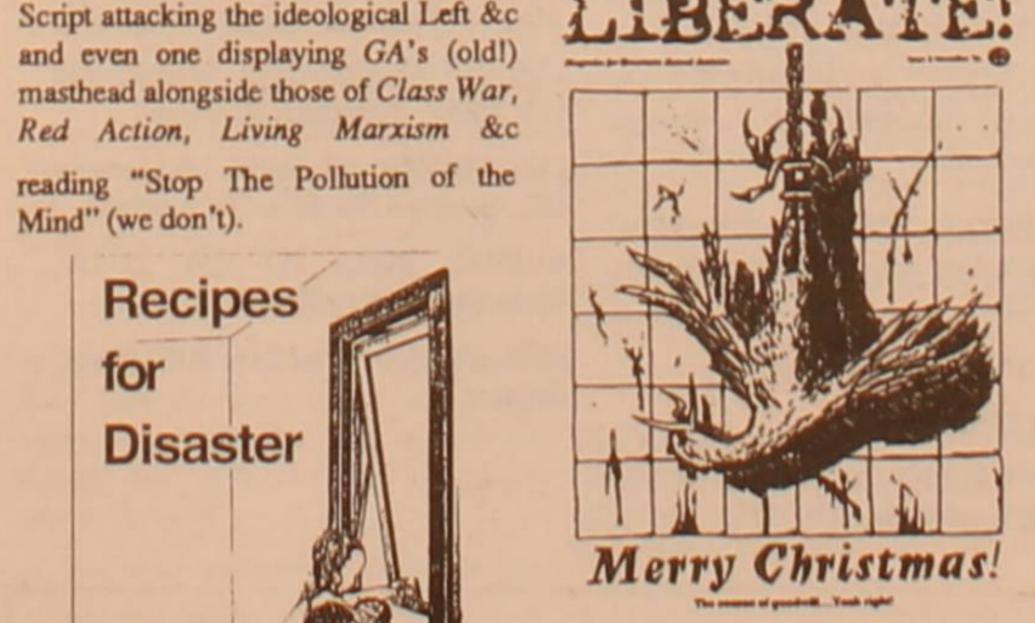
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68 page booklet in support of the EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS McLibel 2's history and why WRONG BY COLLECTABLE McDonalds are so crap. Recommended ANORAK. PRICE FROM PO BOX if you can read Italian.

A wierd-shaped self-destruct booklet do another mag too, so if you're in containing all sorts of situ-influenced Italy, they're a usefu; contact.

NEW ZINES



GRASSROOTS ACTIVISTS. AUCKLAND ANIMAL ACTION, P O BOX 34641, BIRKENHEAD, NEW ZEALAND.

Liberate is a very pro-ALF animal rights publication. It has all the stuff C/O BOX B, 111 MAGDALEN you'd expect to find in an animal rights zine including news briefs, local group front, so endlessly mouthing the same A compilation of amusing little essays - reports, letters page, articles &c. My ol' dialetrical materialist mantras

after announcing he was investigating protest movement through a media-prisoner news. Still, it's a great read and should interest anyone interested in

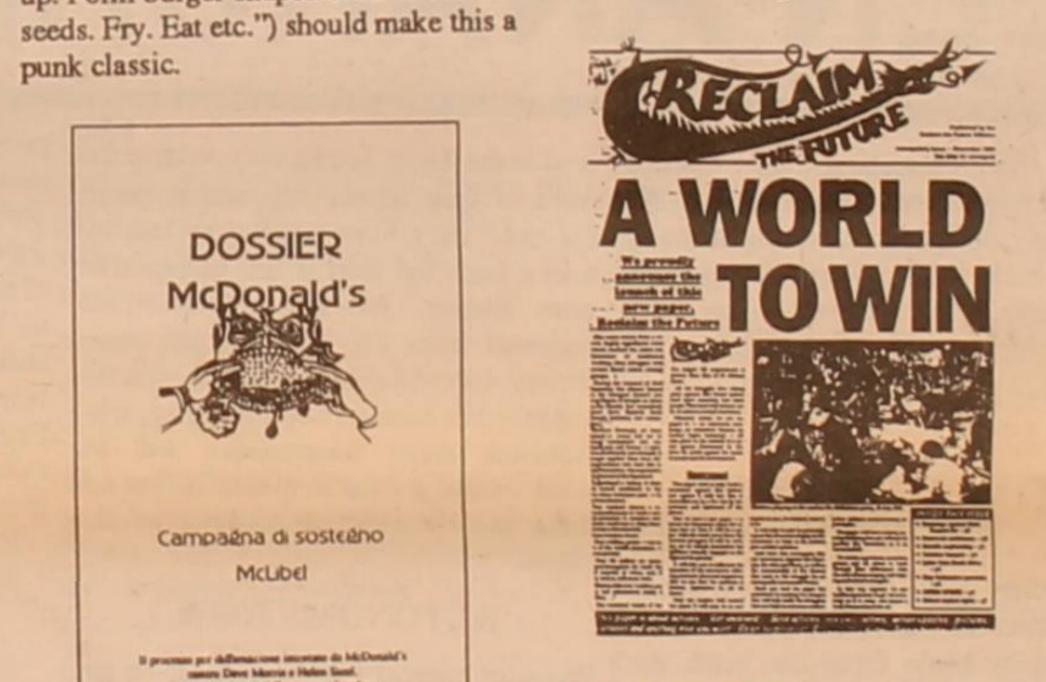
> WOMENWITH NEWS, AUGUST **'96. PRICE FROM WOMENWITH** HILL WOMENS PEACE CAMP, OUTSIDE MENWITH HILL US / N S A SPY BASE, A59 KETTLESING HEAD LAYBY, NR. HARROGATE, YORKSHIRE NG3 2RA.

A new pubication from the women at Menwith Hill spy base. As you'd imagine, it's full of anti-militarism based news, including a direct action report against the spy base, an expose of police informer Justine Taylor (also known as Justine Woods), a report Get this if you're a clubber, fetishist, about environmental pollution caused sexpot, swinger, nudist, stripper, by the spy base, a 'First Impressions' of prostitute or client. I think anyone and the peace camp article by one of the everyone should get it. An excellent women, legal news, &c.

If you're interested in the anti-spy activities at Menwith Hill, this zine is sure to inform.

THE D.J.Y. SOY FACTORY. PRICE POLISH ANARCHIST UPDATE. C/O BOX B, 111 MAGDALEN PRICE FROM BOX 21, 15662, BIALYSTOK 26, POLAND.

the preserve of the yups because, armed A great little read published by Polish with this little pamphlet, you can DIY Green Anarchists. The PAU reports rthe tofu. There are recipes too. This, the animal lib, Earth lib, anti-fascist &c graphics, and dry humour (""Mix it all news happening in Poland. Best of all, up. Form burger shapes. Roll in sesame it's written in English.



RECLAIM THE FUTURE #1. 50P FROM RECLAIM THE FUTURE ALLIANCE C/O P O BOX 9656, LONDON N4 4JT.

We picked up a copy of the introductory issue at this year's Direct Action Conference in Brighton and were most surprised to hear someone involved standing up in the closing plenary session suggesting it be made the voice of the direct action movement

We were surprised firstly because Reclaim The Future just doesn't cut it as a paper. It's bland ragbag of all the Write to this lot for tee-shirts and they usual news, the unacknowledged editorial contributions wheezing out a very old-style rhetoric that betrays its Lefty origins.

> The second reason is that Reclaim The tol Future is so obviously the Trojan horse of another Trotty front that thinks it LAST ORDER 7" EP BY SPITE. can infiltrate and dominate the protest movement post-Liverpool, a dying P O BOX 29, 82 COLSTON sect's attempt to revitalise itself through the political equivalent of vampirism ('all that young, fresh blood - slurp!'). The comment about having only one paper for the movement as some sort of authoritative voice shows they don't get it. It just illustrates the manipulative, monolithic way they see politics, as representation, as something best controlled by a supposedly 'enlightened' elite clique in the name o

popular aspirations.

Future's first issue being illusory -"using freedom to cage a bird" in Goebbel's phrase (he should know!) need us to flesh out their paper 'Alliance' but we need them like a hole in the head. As with the SWP's transparent 'Homes Not Roads' recruiting racket during the M11 campaign, groups like Reclaim The Streets have a politics more vibrant, lucid and revolutionary than any Trot

The diversity displayed in Reclaim The

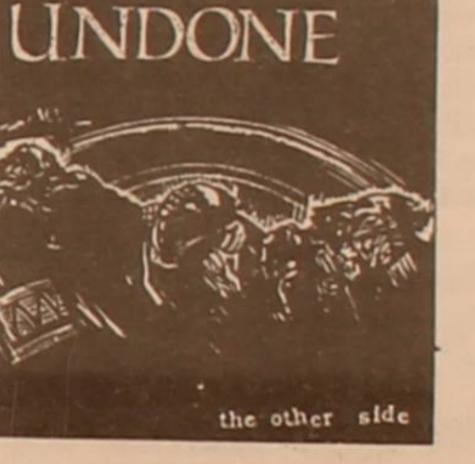
likely to cost the Kommissars behind Reclaim The Future recruits rather than

CONSENTING ADULTS PILOT EDITION. FREE AT CLUBS / 50p ELSEWHERE / £20 ANNUAL SUB FROM P O BOX 428, LONDON

The organ of the Sexual Freedom Coalition - when my girlfriend picked up a copy of their paper, she wanted a copy straight away.

Aims to fight hypocracy and prudery, combat police interference in clubs and publications, improve news reporting of police actions and sexual issues and get morality and obscenity laws changed. paper and we hope to see many more.

MUSIC



UNDONE'S THE OTHER SIDE EP. FR20 / \$4 c/o CHRISTOPHE MORA, 21 RUE DES BROSSES, 78200 MAGNAUVILLE, FRANCE.

Four brutal punk tracks from this French four-piece. Songs about doing something, speaking out, selling out and being true to yourself. Musically, they remind me of the US band Resist but Undone have a mellow edge too.

This also comes with a good booklet on what the band think in English, the language the band sing in, with a pullout in German, Spanish and, I think, Italian, so people who don't speak English can understand what the band's about. I'll be looking out for the band's LP. Check them out!

CHINEAPPLE PUNX / CIDERFEX SPLIT 7" EP. £2 POST PASID FROM CHILTERN HUNT SABS, P O BOX 116, HILL AVENUE, AMERSHAM, BUCKS

As Chaos UK would put it, this is 100% two fingers in the air punk rock. Three raucous tracks by each band, both from High Wycombe. The Chineapple Punx side is definitely the noisiest (and a song about growing your own food) but both sides are worth cranking your stereo up full blast and jumping round your room

BLID DESTRUCTION RECORDS, STREET, BRISTOL BS1 5BB.

More noisy punk, with ex-members of Ripcord & Chaos UK which gives an are. indication to how Spite sound. Songs cover pissed up arscholes who just want to get into fights, religion And all the 'freedoms' we're allowed. Well worth getting hold of.

WORDS THAT BURN 7" EP BY FOUR LETTER WORD. PRICE VIA 1 ABERDULAIS ROAD, GABALFA, CARDIFF CF4 2PH

Cardiff's Four Letter Word play a power-pop / HC / punk which pisses all but also explains their weakness. They over MTV trash like Greenday &c. Another slab o' vinyl to play at full volume, but go see them live to catch their full potential.

> RECORDS, P O BOX 312, 30003 HANOVER, GERMANY

When I was given this, my first thoughts were "Not another Discharge

rip-off" but, upon listening to it, I was quite surprised. Yes, they do play discore style punk, but there are plenty of interesting bits in the music that raise it above the rest of the DisBands. Lyrics cover typical anarcho subjects including war, cops and multinationals.

THE SYSTEM WORKS ... FOR THEM LP FROM AUS-ROTTEN. TRIBAL WAR RECORDS VIA ACTIVE DISTRIBUTION, BM ACTIVE, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

Aus-Rotten, from Pittsburgh in the USA, play aggressive anarcho-punk similar to Conflict (Increase the Pressure). Coming in a Crass-style poster sleeve, this LP also includes a flexidisc War On The Poor by Mumia Abu-Jamal, a Mumia poster and a zine with info on Mumia and MOVE, other political prisoners, vegetarianism and

THE ANGRY BUZZING OF A MILLION FLIES 7" EP BY MAGGOT SLAYER OVERDRIVE. £2,50 POST PAID FROM M S O, 43 VICTORIA AVENUE, REDFIELD, BRISTOL BS3 9NE.

Four tracks of chaotic metally punk mayhem. Songs cover Michael Jackson's habits, rain at festies, 'blind' leaders. Also includes the live favourite Dial B for Bernard.

ANARCHO-ASSISTANCE SUPPORT COLLECTIVE c/o 10 ORCHARD AVENUE, LYMN, WARRINGTON, WA13 0JX.

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Portable phones have a control channel. Each transmitter tower sends out a coded message at regular intervals. Each handset transmits a reply to the main aerial identifying itself. This is so the network can route any incoming calls to your handset as quickly as

You can see how this has other uses. The whole thing is computerised, and the system automatically keeps tabs on where you are. So all the Bookies' Runners (MI5) have to do is to hack into the computer system for your particular number, and every thirty seconds or every minute a position update will flash up on their screen.

Think of the possibilities. If somebody rings up subversive Y (known to the State), this will be logged on their computer. Then the system can keep tabs on the second person too, and anyone who contacts that person. At any one time, they can know within a few miles, or in the city, perhaps within a mile or even less exactly where you

It gets worse though. Those phone towers usually have three aerials. By comparing the gap between your call hitting each aerial, and the order in which the signal hits them, the bearing between yourself and the tower can be worked out. With those aerials above each other, maybe even your height relative to the tower could be worked out. By monitoring signal strength or the delay time from control pulse to reply, your exact distance from the tower can be worked out too. They've got it all worked out beautifully!

Think of the possibilities for surveillance this gives the State. Over time, your location can be monitored, your movements tabulsted and predicted. The possibilities for arrst or assassination will be infimmite. And don't even think about taking your portable phone with you if you want to do something illegal... (not that you would, of course).

the cover of what you're reviewing.

GA Mail Order.

BOOKS

Operation Biteback campaign, told by First published in 1909 and hailed by the activists involved.

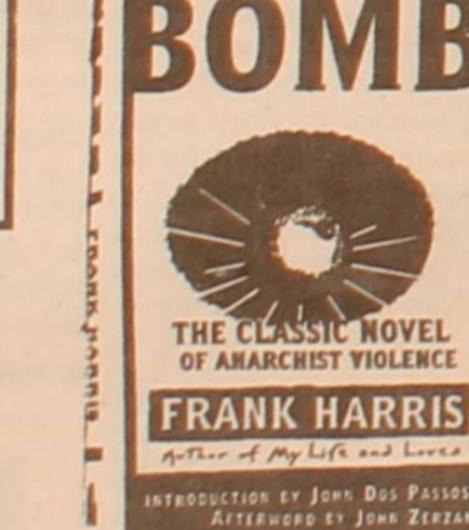
ALF. It tells you about the history of

We know in our hearts what is right, we must have the courage to follow it Now, Brave Hearts Forward! Coward Hearts To The

One thing I love about this book is it surprisingly modem in its description of makes no differentiation between what John Zerzan calls "no turning Animal and Earth Liberation. All back radicalism". For all it's faults, activists are Eco-Warriors, defending there is truth in The Bomb - you can Mother Earth and her children. As such, empathise with the anger of the this book is ideal for everyone and

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the London bohemian set includin Alisteir Crowley as "a masterpiece"



Haymarket Outrage from the bomb-

Despite the cringe-making romantic literary conventions of the time, the hero-worshipping of Louis Lingg and the rather confused and old-line socialism Harris declaims through the mouths of the characters, The Bomb is immigrant workers of Chicago, 3XX. exploited and starved and whose mere words of protest were met by police clubs and bullets, you can recognise those individuals then as now who wanted to take self-defence beyond mere rhetoric, and the costs of history, the State's gross reaction to this, hypocritic-ally labelling all those opposing its brutality by word or deed as "terrorists". Certainly, like Parry's

The Bonnot Gang, there's much in The

Bomb that challenges the dull,

mythology usually respectable associated with 19th century anarchism.

Why are Feral House pulping Bob Black's review of the current countercultural movement, Beneath The Underground, to revive a minor and quirky anarchist classsic? The measured against the anarchist movement's reaction to the Haymarket bombing and the framing of nine prominent Chicago anarchists for incitement to murder, the anarchist movement today's response to FC's bombings and the framing of Ted Kaczynski is contemptable and cowardly, reflecting a weak and interested in replicating itself than Lefties were published in fascist circles.

answer is in Zerzan's Afterword immature movement which seems more

continually harp on about being successors will recognise the game plan. 'keepers of the flame' of anarchist. The most sensational part is the tradition should read The Bomb and material on Sonia Hochfelder (= Mrs

Michael Adamson, a member of the PAMPHLETS Michael Adamson, a member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party by the

Searchlight for Beginners Larry O'Hara

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ELECTORALISM OR ANARCHISM?

oppose not only the national electoral with electoralism - to salvage their old it. They can't really believe this facile process but all delegation of power to politics and they have resisted that. specialists, or any beyond the local The tacics of the electoral groups are themselves 'golden men' rising above conventional politics or within the image over substance, assuming As noted above about resisting the readers will support Leftist national violence of the oppressed etc into context of 'revolutionary' organisations. 'legitimacy' and the right to represent (ie. election, anarchist ideas are not enough. liberation movements, either in questions of identity. What is there in We don't think it's enough to quietly order about, lie to, exploit etc) the Unless there's praxis, the ideas being themselves or because they feel their nationalism that is common to the abstain or just use the election as an working class (or whoever they've matched by action, they're either going to cause is just for other (eg. ecological) 'nationalisms' of class, race, gender etc opportunity to publicise contrary latched on to) rather than allowing people become empty words or the rhetoric of reasons, and will certainly not accept and what does this say about Progressive anarchist opinions by way of speeches, to act as they themselves see fit towards our new oppressors (like the old Fredy Perlman's critique, The and revolutionary politics as a whole. marches &c - the election is a key conning them that they're really participating in decision-making. The elections must be actively disrupted just as any other facet of Power should be.

All this said, we have the greatest respect

version in GA40/41, we apologise for groups participating in the Anti-Election (likely none) and their judgement and Observant readers might have noticed the judge of that!" but in a society as reprinting our election-fuckers guide, Alliance such as London Class War and Stuff The Vote, so soon but the General the Anarchist-Communist Federation. As shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored treated as responsible adults on a proposition of the system will be something screwy about the Survival as this one, you can't really expect to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown to be shown to be virtually non-existent if they section of GA43/44 – we were censored to be shown Election is imminent as we go to press workerist politics becomes more and don't think the way this complex society at the print stage as they thought the and we want to make our opposition to more exhausted, some are willing to try is structured, the way power is delegated, representitive politics crystal-clear. We anything - even throwing their lot in won't corrupt them as all others holding

> crassly manipulative, all concerned with other, more corruptable souls of lead? the end of their own liberation. It's ridiculous for them to claim they're aiming to overthrow a system that their participation in the electoral process only aiming to be a claim they are refusal of representation and otherwise refusal of representation and otherwise unplugging ourselves from the division of unplugging ourselves from the division of usefully go a lot further than staid c/o BCM 1715, London reaffirms. Like Blair, they argue all is labour as much as possible, all this is usefully go a lot further than staid c/o BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX. they have it, they are best able to use it cartload of mealy-mouthed manifestos,

'for the benefit of all'. Well, it'd be the first time in History and given the dirtydealing, the propaganda and petty deceptions implicit in getting that far, doubt they'll be up to it.

with any power they might win that way nonsense about 'goodies and baddies',

justified to achieve power because once anarchy in action, more than worth any

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acid test as they will have put power above principle. They can't be trusted above principle. They can't be trusted reduced down 70% from the UK edition. say "Hey, give us the option! Let us be

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CIVILISATION IS EXPLOITATION

co-ordinate production. Heirarchy replace heirarchy. You can't fight mass divides society into the powerful and the with mass. If our means and ends are to is destroying it. powerless. The powerless are treated as be consistent, we must organise in objects to be exploitated. Exploitation on networks of autonomous small groups to grounds of class, gender, ethnicity and replace mass society. sexual preference is intrinsic to mass society. Mass society cannot be reformed. LAND OR DEATH It must be replaced.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

REVOLUTION ON THE

the planet to survive. Those most

resources, the State controls society. We fruits of their labour exported to profit must share the skills needed to survive Mass society must be replaced with must end our dependence on the Staste by the rich. They have nothing to lose h Mass society is too complex to work communities small enough for each taking back the land and living self- taking back the land at the exopense of without specialisation. Specialised person in them to be respected as an sufficiently. By re-establishing our mass society. As less resources are division of labour alienates us from each autonomous individual. In small relationship with the Earth, we imported from the Third World, mass other and creates a heirarchy needed to communities, self-determinatuion would undermine the heirarchucal thinking that society won't be able to come up with the

Earth. By controlling the Earth's land in the Third World, only to have the periphery by making our own here. We resistance to free us from the alienation of mass society, live free of exoploitation

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