No. 57-58 AUTUMN '99 £1.50 / \$2 FREE TO PRISONERS £2,500 TO COPS

For the destruction of Civilisation MILLENNIUM DOUBLE-ISSUE. Y2K SURVIVAL

FERAL FAUN ON THE MILLENNIAL URGE. PATRICIA FREUND ON THE BOGOMILES. JOHN CONNOR ON JOHN BALL. STEVE BOOTH ON THE IRRATIONALISTS. JOURNOWATCH ON J18.

WORLD-FIRST TED KACZYNSKI INTERVIEW.

IN THE CITY During the morning, attempts were made to stop the Rush Hour-tube trains halted, bridges temporarily barricaded with trashed cars, and a bike blockade-as well as occupations and pickets by the Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT), animal

lib and workers rights groups. Towards the end of this, a 5,000+ strong crowd gathered in Liverpool Street Station. Instructions printed on the back of masks sensibly and defiantly distributed led most to the plaza outside the Futures Exchange, though some went to London Wall, two being run over by cop vans trapped there.

A few hundred trashed Bank McDonalds, posh cars, and the downstairs of the LIFFE Building. This went beyond our expectations, but the focus on the sound system kept 95% attending passive. Fluffies unmasked militants and even denied access to the Stock Exchange - scum! Some trading was disrupted and the City suffered £2+ damage - not bad for a 'one off', but hardly more strategic than the one-offs EF!UK were doing half a decade ago.

City cops wouldn't tolerate the Met on their patch, but hadn't dealt with demos for over a decade, the first Stop the City's having only 1/4 the numbers and all pacifist. They admit they lost control - their mounted cops were so crap they didn't even draw batons when they 'charged' outside the LIFFE Building! There were few arrests on the day, but 40+ since, mainly pissed-up, unmasked people caught on the few cameras now covered over by climbers. Though the media were generally deterred from collaborating as usual, profiles of 'organisers' presenting them as posher than City workers have appeared, suggesting retaliation from those in the security forces more sophisticated than City cops. This promotes a return to inert workerism within the movement. So expect more repression.

WORLDWIDE

1.50/\$2 ISONERS TO COPS

that day. The biggest of these were in Germany, though police blocked off the whole city centre so G8 could continue with business as usual. There was rioting in the Czech Republic, Athens, Greece, and ROB THAXTON Eugene, USA.



APFUUT trade union leaders protesting most of the day" in Eugene, he faces three Pakistan's bomb. They were tortured and counts of police assault (a minimum of 50 On 12th August 1999, farmer Brown finally threatened with execution for treason, months inside) and one of attempted cracked and the last breeder of cats for though their situation has eased recently. murder to force him to cop for the other vivisection in UK closed. This could shut down Brown realised that if he wanted to reach 62, The international aspect of J18 was CND was never like this! Robert Thaxton charges. The most he's alleged to have whole areas of pain-orientated research. impressive, with actions in 30+ countries in Eugene also faces substantial time. done was throw rocks at cops. Either cops Despite groups like the RSCPA muscling in

Nigeria (commemorating Ken Saro-Wiwa), JournoWatch exposes Toronto, Canada, and 10,000+ in Cologne, media distorters, p. 19. because their mishandling of J18 locally

Robert Thaxton [#1370036], Lane County Since 18th June, Robert's been on remand. Jail, 1901 W. 5th Eugene, OR 97401, Most dramatic was the arrest of sixty Despite playing "a peace-maker role for USA.

GENETIX UPDATE It looks like the end is finally beginning for within six months. As in Europe, once genetically-engineered crops. This July 1999's Amerikan consumers have the option and the New Scientist reported growing disillusion- debate associated with it, none will buy GE ment with GE crops amongst the Amerikan products if they can possibly buy anything else. farmers principally growing them. They were Monsanto, Novatis &c have already suffered disillusioned because (1). they've lost the plummeting share prices and big lay-offs.

European market thanks to the resistance there,
(2) seed contracts are restrictive and exploitative, and (3) the GE crops don't even work as specified. So-called 'pesticide-resisatant' Bt each destroyed an acre of DeKalb's Roundupcrops in fact needed a big pesticide input, Ready maize. More actions are likely and there whilst some beans were lower-yielding than are plenty of novel new species openly advertnon-GE varieties (only GE maize was ised on the Department of Agriculture website being tested as potential crops that can still be Despite the lying FDA, Monsanto money in his taken out before they reach the world market.

own back pocket, and rigged court judgements, For more on the struggle against Clinton is bowing to international pressure and genetix, see p. 4.

HUNT BAN DUE?

Wuth Lords reform rolling and £1m in his 66, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 2TR back pocket from the League Against Cruel 201442 240246) who will be touring UK Sports (LACS), Tony Blair announced on picketing pro-hunt MPs from 28th August to Question Time that a hunt ban would be law 20th October. Ring 'em for details. within the lifetime of this parliament. He's made such promises before and backed down
in the face of reaction - but we'll see.

PORTSMOUTH

has agreed to phase labelling of GE products in

substantially more productive).

The charlatans of the Countryside Alliance will be rallying at the Labour Party conference TWO VICTORY in Bournemouth next 24th September, but so denounce these "feudal relics".

eventually the Alliance fell apart under the defendants after the verdict. strain of its internal contradictions.

be the National Anti-Hunt Campaign (PO Box it won't, we will.

will most anti-genetix campaigners in UK and Only two of the Portsmouth Three made it to the Movement Against the Monarchy (MA'M, the start of their trial for trashing the vicious PO Box 14672, London E9 5UQ), keen to Hurslery & Hambledon hunt last December 1997 but, after a fortnight in the dock, sabs Martin Palmer and Nick Checkitts walked As Janet George herself admitted, the Country- free. Martin had actually been filmed booting side Alliance would tell everyone what they BFSS snoop Sally Baker's arse, but the jury wanted to hear, just as long as it bulked up thought the poolice set-up to discredit the numbers for 'pro-hunt' demos. Their big Foster Bill so dodgy and hated hunting so Countryside March had a good 50% anti-hunt much that thery thopught this wholly justified. people on it, including the whole of LACS, and Five of them even went to the pub withh the

This sends a strong message to hunts every-Also countering the Countryside Alliance will where: the State wants you shut down - and if

Capitalism' look stupid with the public and promotes a return to inert workerism within GREEN ANARCHY: Seen on the streets of Eugene, USA HILLGROVE CLOSED

We have had regular harassment for a couple of years now. My car hasd been firebombed, my house burnt [a lie] and the windows of my house broken on many occassions. I have been beaten-up, my wife has been attacked and my staff

have been attacked. I'm surprised by just how vicious some of these people are.

he should cut his loses and quit. The sacrifices of militants like Barry Horne are vindicated.

in Eugene are particularly delicate / PR-wise at the end, have no doubt why This is a great victory as it shows they cannot pathetic or they're making an issue of Rob Hillgrove closed. As Brown himself admitted: stop us. Jack Straw gave Thames Valley Police a blank cheque and suspended justice in local courts by drafting in stipendiary 'rubber stamps' but we still won. Shamrock and HDS look like next. And we won't stop until ever breeder and lab is closed.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - 'No

bailiffs face higher levels of threat dfrom

8: BRIXTON, LONDON - Man arrested after

mystery expl;osion at Kurdish emigre's flat,

8: CANASGORDAS, COLUMBIA - Mayor

8: NORTHERN ENGLAND / WALES - Food

8: BARROW IN FURNESS, CUMBRIA

Protests as 30mm cannon fitted to nuke waste

transporter ships. First armed Merchant Navy

8: POLAND - Nurses stage hunger strike and

9: COLUMBIA - Guerillas fighting 15-20

9: HUDDERSFIELD - Blair jeered whilst

10: TEHRAN UNIVERSITY, IRAN- - Three

10: DURHAM - Precott heckled at miner's

die in violent protests against closure of liberal

newspaper, force education minister to resign.

Tannhurst House, Redlands Way.

scare as needles found in asda bread.

against tobacco firms.

abducted and killed.

vessels since 1945.

miles from capital.

unveiling Harold Wilson statue.

sit ins over pay.

13: BODEGRAVEN, HOLLAND - 5 meast

trucks torched at slaughterhouse. £200,000+

18: CENTRAL LONDON - Six NatWest cash

21: OLYMPIA, USA - ALF torch Department

21: TOBERMORY, CANADA - Rabbit freed

23: DENMARK - ALF torch fur company

28: GANTS HILL, NORTH EAST

LONDON - Five animal abuse premises

28: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA - Two fur

29: LONDON - McDonalds and butchers

JULY

stoires and owners home daubed.

16: SOUTH LONDON - Butchers bricked.

dispensers glued. The bank bailed out HDS.

of Agriculture outstations.

from meat farm.

attacked.

protests bring wrath of vodka manufacturers. Tienamen Square protests. publisheed in LaRouchie Economic Intell- appear everywhere. igence Review conspiracy theory mag.

as end-of-term prank. blockade in city centre. More planned.

bombs found in home. 16: GERMANY / FRANCE - Five dead as plush suburb.

looney gunman goes on rampage. 16: TUEBROK, LIVERPOOL - Three die in pub shooting.

16: VLADIKAVKHAZ - Four die in

17: FASLANE, SCOTLAND - 15 arrests at anti-nuke sub demo 17: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND - Picasso

painting slashed. 17: BULGARIA - Girl makes topless bungee jump protest against US / NATO airstrikes. 17: LONDON - Disabled protest benefit bill

cuts at House of Commons. 18: LONDON - 20 mile tailbacks on TransAction M25 lorry protest. More planned. 19: LONDON - Protest against Jackboot

Straw's wheeze to abolish juries. 19: HOLLAND - Entire cabinet quits over refeendum plans.

19: WALES - Assembly demands masonic declaratyon.

19: M-WAYS - Another TransAction. 20: GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET - Park floral display sabotaged [improved, shurely... with cannabis plants.

former ministe, shot dead. GEORGIA, USA - Yet another school

20: ROME, ITALY - Massino d'Antona,

shooting, six dead. 20: WHITEHALL, LONDON - Protersts against US / NATO war at MInistry of 31: MINSK, BELARUS - 54 teenagers and 15: BAGHDAD, IRAQ - Small car bomb.

20: DJAKARTA, INDONESIA - CS gas fired at more student protests. 22: LITTLE HULTON - Joseph Eastham

school science block torched. illegal immigrant cattle ship scam.

follow-on contamination alert.

crowds as fans go wild after footie defeat. 22: NOTTINGHAM - Locals protest prison 1: KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA - Limo prisoners. pedophile hostel.

Girl pub arson attack.

holiday bookings.

Gwydir, puppet veggie meat gauleiter imposed landmine attack. by Tony 'Mr Latexface' Blair.

24: WARSAW, POLAND - Miners protest job 4: CHINA - Pro-democravy activists taken into 18: NOTTINGHAM - Residents rooftop

24: FIJI - Telecommunications crash during 10th anniversary. Y2K simulation.

25: MANCHESTER - Drug war brings NATO/US bombing.

Salford + media cover up. 26: DONCASTER - Armed police siege.

year Summerhill 'alternative' (haw, haw) shot public school [see GA53, p. 5] 26: HOLME NEXT THE SEA, NORFOLK - trying to suppress rave at former Hacienda debt protest outside G8 summit. Locals protest English Heritage removal of Club.

grudge meeting. 27: OLD BAILEY, LONDON - Drugs trial arrests and US embassy stoned in anti-NATO 20: HANGZHOU, CHINA - Five pro- held hostage. aborted die to blatant police corruption.

27: RAILWAYS - Protersts / objerctons to 6: GEORGIA - Student hunger strikeers crapdown. Railtrack, £428m profits.

Albanian police shhot man.

sick day cancels flights.

in bank raid.

28: WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE - Two fires in exhibition. royal barracks. 28: THESSALONIKI, GREECE - Grenade /

AK47 bus hostage siege lastyer ends when 8: ISALAKI, NIGERIA - 10 robbers burned to to Margaret Brown. death by vigilante mob.

incontrollable music piracy is doomed ro fail. gun attack on court. 29: HING KONG - Airline pilots' phone in

8: PUTIN JAIN, BRAZIL - 346 escape. 9: BAGHDAD, iraQ - Small tuck bomb. 4 defeat. 29: UCHIZA, PERU - Shining Path kills five dead.

29: PADIHAM - Ambulance smashed by

9: NOTTINGHAM - Anti-pedophile hostel intended for 2003 launch. in secessionist ambush.

13: MOSCOW, RUSSIA - Anti-Yeltsin 30: HONG KONG - 10th anniversary debt coffin protrst.

30: ROCHDALE - Anti-racism conference. infested with maggots breeding out of control militia

15: NEWCASTLE - TransAction lorry drive-on terminal in protest at working join hands to protest 3rd World debt. 15: SCUNTHORPE - Two more home-made 31: CALL, COLUMBIA - NLA kidnap entire shoot-up.

church congregation at La Maria exclusive 13: LONDON Jubilee 2000 anti-debt protest. break from le Bournette prison. Gun battle.

22: LOD, ISRAEL - MP hit by police rubber GERMASNY - Kurdish protest. 29: COLOGNE, GERMANY - Unemployed 10: EWOOD PARK, BLACKBURN - Steve bullet.

Bennett, rocket man, unveils private spacecraft 24: LONDON - Deraf-blind people loobby 11: CYBERSPACE - Zip Files / Explore Zip 25: CORDOBA, SPAIN - 73 die in figh

11: RHYLL & LIVERPOOL BAY - Bizarre 25: DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA - Farmers in 1880 and losdt on seabed.

12: SAO BERNARDO de CAMPO JAIL, 25: EAST AFRICA - US and UK embass 14: BURY - Church of England school 30: IRAN - 15 drug traffickers killed by BRAZIL - 23 women overpower lone guard closed after Islamic tourists seen filming them.

14L HONG KONG - Refugee camp riot.

4: EDINBURGH - 'Controlled explosion' on , car during Liz Windsor visit. 5: ONE LESS BASTARD, CHICAGO, USA -

Ben Smith, Church of the Creator race hate shootist, dead after police chase. between government and left-wing gueillas. 11: LONDON - Christian Aid Third World 25: PRISTINA, KOSOVA - Serb shops looted 5: LESKOVAC, SERBIA - Anti-Milosovic by Albanians.

explanation' rush hour pipe bomb on 14: USA - List of MI6 spies (see 12th) 30: MACEDONIA - Anti-NATO leaflers attempt to steal 'Resurgam', submarine sunk bypass police, forming self-defence squads 6: ACEH, INDONESIA - Cop and guard shot. Ongoing internecine conflict.

> 6: MAGISTRATES COURTS - Officials and 213 dead, 5,000 injured last year by bombs. 31: EUROTUNNEL - French staff block 12: EDINBURGH CASTLE - 10,000 people That New World Order is wafer-thin, suckers! 26: EDINBIRGH - Artists boycott Scottish vioent crims as consent withers. 12: SAI PAULO, BRAZIL - Seven die in bar pseudo-parliament gig.

6: BELFAST, N. IRELAND - Junior doctors BMA conference hours strike call. 26: MARSAILLES, FRANCE - Helicopter jail 6: SERBIA - More anti-Milosovic rallies 8: FLORIDA, USA - Jury finds class action 26: HONG KONG - Pro-democracy protests.

COMMUNITY COLLAPSE & RESISTANCE

We think that prior to general revolution, resentment increases, expressing itself in aimless and apparently random acts of destruction. Because of this, acts of community breakdown are listed with clear acts of community resistance; both are harbingers of the coming collapse of authority and civilisation.

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

two cops die in pop concert stampede.

JUNE

22: MOGADISCU, SOMALIA - Riots over 1: CLOTTERY - Stupidity tax profits slump Robettson affair. state letter openers hit by poisonous chemical / and cylinders found in Hiroshima, Shimane, Heresy removing it.

- 8 arrested at anti-NATO demo.

protest at Bank of Scotland link-up with US commits suicide.

23: CORNWALL - Eclipse hype kills August Rightist evangelist, Pat Robertson's anti-gay 18: GLOBALLY - Anti-Cologne G8 summit Sea Henge removal again.

and procession calling for Third World debt 2: TIMPERLEY, BIRMINGHAM - Railway City. Cops peltede with concrete blocks, deadline. and M62 transport brick bombings. 24: WALES - Angry farmers reject Christine 3: BIHAR, INDIA - 8 cops die in Maoist Cannon Street, Futures Exchange and Merc DESH - Road / rail blocked in wages strike for Hill high school closed after torching.

3: PARIS, FRANCE - Illegal (so what?) total attacked at LIFFE Building, etc. -24: DASKA, PAKISTAN - Market bomb, 11 Metro strike after ticket inspector dies. 18: HMP HIGHPOINT, SUFFOLK - Women

protective custody against Tianemen Square protest against pedophile hostel.

25: CARDIFF - Manic Street Preachers refuse boycott canvassing over imposed Tony cronies. ur Rehmen. to play Royal gig at opening of Welsh 4: HONG KONG - Tianamen commemoration 19: PLYMOUTH, DEVON - Man shot in sparking security panic at opening of Scottish £4m for its many mistakes. Staff turnover and

25: UNIVERSITIES - Tutors strike over pay. 5: GLASGOW & LONDON - Protsts against 19: BIRMINGHAM, W MIDLANDS - 3rd 1: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND - Small car 14: GLASGOW, SCOTLAND - Prof Jason shootings and abductions ib Eccles, Leigh and 5: SCOTLAND - Pat Robertson 'Bank of is not enough - scrap the lot!

Dark-ness' deal torn up after protests (see 19: BRUSSELLS, BELGIUM - Farmers shots fired. GA56, p. 3, 15th April). 26: LEISTON - Offsmeg want to close £6,000 6: AMMAN, JORDAN - Yemeni diplomat 19: DAGESTAN - Cops kidnapped on computer firms.

6: MANCHESTER - Riot Police attacked 19: COLOGNE, GERMANY - Jubilee 2000 rally.

6: PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC - 114 siege explosion.

brutally suppresserd protesting US art 20: GERMANY - Kurish protests in Hamburg, 3: BOOTLE, MERESEYSIDE - Workers stockpile of 40 guns.

6: MADRDID, SPAIN - Internet overcharging 21: STONEHENGE, WILTSHIRE - 23 arrests 3: MOSSLEY HILL, LIVERPOOL - Illegal Moroccan race riots.

28: JAPAN Internet crapdown on 8: SIDON, LEBANON - Two judges killed I protest.

9: LOCH GOIL, SCOTLAND - Three terrorist group threatens Clinton visit.

Interior inistry. 29: HEATHROW - Power cut / sabctage 10: SOLIHULL, MERSEYSIDE - Land 22: BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - Farmers protest peoples' court and burn him to death. disrupts Toddmass bank holiday flights from Rover workers strike against Friday eve ing dioxin scare.

15: NOTTINGHAM - Car lock-on protest at Small cafe bomb, 16 injured.

Human chain blocks rush hour traffic. 15: EDINBURGH - Shareholders slag attack.

15: HOLME NEXT THE SEA, NORFOLK - join queue. Diana who?

biohazard packet. Hospital sealed off in Okayama and Hyoge. Aum cult-style BW 16: DHSS - CPAG opposes workfare job 29: NIGERIA - Five Westerners taken hostage

22: NEWCASTLE - Riots. Police dogs set on 1: USAF FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE 16: HMP WORMWOOD SCRUBS - Prison hijacked. Cover-up instigated. guards sit in after 25 charged with beating up 29: KURDS - Protests at Ocalan death

17: HARROW, W. LONDON - Completely Rome, Greece &c. Heightened alert at US 23: SALTLEY, BIRMINGHAM - Country 2: SCOTLAND - Bank accounts closed in sad day for the world as Screaming Lord Sutch embassies.

23: LIVERPOOL - Two cathedrals services 2: MOLD, WALES - Unexplained explosion. 18: LONDON - J18, 15,000 protestors block Pro-peacxe protests against Blair's pseudo-Lloyds occupied, McDonalds trashed on 30: DHAKA, CHITTAGONG, BANGLA- 13: BLACKLERY, MANCHESTER - Plant showroom attacked, BBC camera crew 2nd day.

prisoners' roof-top protest.

18: OLDHAM - Protests against planned rush hour traffic.

World debt protests. £44bn debt reduction sop bomb, woman killed. protest dioxin scare at PM's residence.

Chechen border.

20: PETERLEE, MANCHESTER - Man Admiral Duncan pub bomber. Tree Henge as "controlled vandalism" at 6: MADRDID, SPAIN - Anti-NATO protest. injured and ffont of house blown out in police 3: LUANDA NORTE, ANGOLA - Russian found.

Nuremburg and Berlin. at Solstice protest. Exclusion zone ended thanx postal strike.

21: BELGRADE, SERBIA - Serb refugees .3: DUNBLANE → LONDON - March against 16: POLICE - CS gas banned in several areas 21: CALCUTTA, INDIA - Riot, bombs 3: ISRAEL - Small lifeguards strike. 15 MIBK causes brain damage.

thrown, shooting, three dead after cricket drown. 21: MACEDONIA - Uknown anti-NATO mobilised against farmers' dioxin protest.

27: MERSEBURG, EAST GERMANY

ail gate against prison pedophile hostel. 27: SUTTON COLDFIELD - £2.1m lottery winner Jimmy Horrocks, 36, dies of heart directors in 'Bank of Darkness' AGM over Pat 28: ALTHORP - Princess Diana World has

30,000 unsold tickets as necrophiliacs fail to bomb. 22: BOOTLE, MERSEYSIDE - Sorting office 1: JAPAN - Black balloons fitted with timers Druids occupy tree henge against English 29: INDONESIA - UN post attacked. 12

> on oil pipeline pumping station. Helicopter sentence in Turkey, London, Brunswick, Paris,

29: HOLME NEXT THE SEA - Hippies stop 29: STOIRMONT, NORTHERN IRELAND -

1: LIVERPOOL - Cop gun incidenmt halts to save 190 jobs.

4: EURO-ELECTIONS - Labour activists deportation of Islamic religious leader, Shafiq 1: EDINBURGH - Student fees protesters surrounded by 1,000 troops and captured. surge over barrier towards Liz Windsor, 14: CSA - Troubled agency has to pay out Parliament.

1: JAKARTA, INDONESIA - Riot. Police installed. Call for halt to all CCTV schemes.

2: TOKYO, JAPAN - Police raid Aum cult halted at border. Hijacker killed. 2: NOVI SAD, SERBIA - Anto-Milosovic Soldiers occupy barack as protest against lack

AN12 transporter plane shot down, four crew 15: BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON -

council lock-out UNISON rally. 3: MANCHESTER - Disabled people's rally.

4: BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - 3,000 riot cops reservists blockade two cities. 17: KENSINGTON, LONDON - Europe

4: TEMBISU, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH statue on Albert Memorial smashed. Plough-shares arrested in Maytime sonar 22: MOSCOW, RUSSIA - Small bomb at AFRICA - Crime-plaguied residents pay £425 17: SOUTH MARSTON, SWINDON, WILTbounty on crim Johannes Maherula, try him at SHIRE - School marquee used as classroom

10: DUBLIN, EIRE - 'Republican Revenge' water supply contamination plot foiled +

> 11: READING, BERKSHIRE - Taxi drivers blockade station after race attack. 11: SAITAMA, JAPAN - Aum cult computer

11: BERLIN - 1.4m attend Love Parade. 11: HAMBURG, GERMANY - Autonomen

claah with Neo-Nazis. 11: SCARBOROUGH - Pro-hunters attempt to storm Blair. Two arrests. 11: VAN, TURKEY - 14 hurt in small cafe

11: PORT STANLEY, FALKLANDS - Riot against sell-out deal with Argentina. 12: SIVAS, TURKEY - PKK kill two construction workers involved in building

12: POLAND - Nurses in pay award (see 8th) 12: TEHRAN, IRAN - Student riortuing, inc 10,000 burning Islamic pulpit. Tear gas fired. 13: JAMAICA -500 dead this year in drug

gang gun battles. 13: KAMENICA, KOSOVO - Albanians protest Russian 'peacekeepers'. 13: DUBNLEAR, IRELAND - Crane used in

tobacco heist. 13: NORTH BENGAL - Tea workers strike.

14: LEISTON - Summerhill School protest closure plan at Department of Education. 14: BATTICALOA, SRI LANKA - Small

bomb, one deead. 14: KIRKBY - Unions negotiationistic lobby 14: PERU - Shing Path leader Oscar Ramirez

low morale hit crisis-wracked department. Ditton survey finds crime went up after CCTV

15: GREECE - Abnother Albanian bus hijack 15: OUGAHOUGHOU, BURKINO FASO -

of pay. Chief of Staff taken hostagwe. 3: LONDON - Gay Pride masrch against 15: DARWEN, LANCASHIRE - Man arrested after home-made expl; osives and gun

Man climbs gates but is caught. democracy activists arrested in State 3: BARNARD CASTLE - Four escape from 16: STANLEY, FIFE - Gun control works! Elderly man dies, leaving illegal, unregistered

> 16: TERRASSA, SPAIN - Xenophobic anti-16: SANTIAGO, CHILE - Bus drivers' strioke after killing.

(eg Nottingham) after safety fears. Solvent 17: NIS & KRUCEVAK, SERBIA - Army

HANNOVER, MANNHEIM, 17: TARASSA - Large anti-racism demo.

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 3

17: RIJEKA, CROATIA - Fisherfolk blockade fears about 'terrorism'. 24: LIVERPOOL - Women protest at male harbour over fuel prices.

17: LONDON - Tribune Labour conference domination of churches. 24: COLUMBIA - US plane shot down by attack Blair for control freak tendencies. 17: KRAGUJEVAC, SERBIA - Largest anti- Marxist guerillaas. Milosovich demo.

18: WORCESTER - Anti-fascists protest Bilbao and Pamplona demand release of ETA against BNP meeting. 18: WALLSEND - Pig farmers mob veggie ruled 'unconstitutional'.

18: CROPTHORNE, WORCSTERSHIRE - Milosovichrallies. Ravers attack cops. 18: ROSTOV, RUSSIA - 6 dead, 80 ill in pension cut demo.

unknown biohazard weapon release. 19: STOCKPORT, GREATER MANCH- bomb suicide attack. cannabis network man in court. 19: KENNINGTON, LONDON - Classic gun- kidnapped.

traders occupy 'caves' at Herculaneum dock beaten up by mob. against developers. 19: THORNE, DONCASTER - Two police torched in internercine strife.

> attacked by mob. 19: NOTTINGHAM - Protests as first inmate up 3% even on last year's record. moves into perv hostel. 20: BRIXTON, LONDON - Tim Ellis gets torched.

free £200,000 council house after squatting 27: KASHMIR - Small bus bomb. there unchallenged for 16 years. 20: SHAGANU, NIGERIA - Riots.

20: CRUMPSHALL, LANCASHIRE Residents lobby council against casino. 21: TALLAGHT, DUBLIN, EIRE - In the Ging cult books. spirit of Albert Dryden: cop doused in petrol 28: KANO- Ethnic riots. and torched.

ceremony disrupted by peaceniks. 21: WINSFORD - Blair drowned out by boos, explosion. 2 screws hurt. cat-calls and jeers of traditional-style Labour 29: DARNALL, SHEFFIELD - Estate

locals during by-election rally. members beseige government offices after house torched. crapdown against their religion. Cult then 29: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA - Smal,1 banned and herded into stadia in usual tolerant suicide bomb. 2 dead, 2 injurted.

Chinese CP manner. 21: BUDAPEST, CZECH REPUBLIC - The office shoot-up afterstocks timble. 'Whiskey Robber', a notorious popular hero, 30: DONCASTER, SOUTH YORKSHIRE escapes prison.

22: MEXICO - Women houseworkers strike. 22: STOCKPORT, GREATER MANCH-ESTER - Colin Davis cleared, throwing 'sickness' last year. 22: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE - 16 year old missles thrown. girl charged with arson attack on Avalon 30: SARAJEVO, BIOSNIA - Shots fired packaging, a toxic chemical plant.

22: TOKYO, JAPAN - Computer game-crazed 30: THE LIZARD, CORNWALL - US flasg hijacker stabs Boeing 747 pilot. 23: LANCASTER - Besarded anarchist git 30: PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA goes shopping + to loibrary and causes cops unuiions protest low pay. 23: HIGH COURT, LONDON - Asylum injured.

23: FARMERS - Four pig farmers arrested internet messages hype festival to coibneide during pork import protest in Harlow, London, with eclipse. as others picket Sainsburys' in Yorkshire. 24: WASHINGTON, USA - FBI stopsguided by moderate suicide bomb. tours of J Edgar Hoover Building because of

their necessary end the transformation of

the entire nation into a concentration

24: SPAIN - Basque rallies in San Sebastien,

prisoners after previous 22 imprisonments

Agriculture minister at constituenmcy surgery. 25: NIS & SOMBOR, SERBIA - Anti-

25: ANKARA, TURKEY - Civil service 25: TRINCOMALEE - Pasasenger ferry diver

ESTER - Colin Davis national medicional 26: LONDON - Transaction lorry jam protest. 26: WARRI, NIGERIA - 64 Shell oil workers man on the motorcycle MO hit on Russ 26: WOODSTOCK, MAINE, USA - Concert

Newman and DJ Tim Westwood in. Yardies commemoration ends in burning, looting and riot 'in the spirit of the Sixties'. 19: ODSALL & PENDLETON, MANCH- 26: DOLE, FRANCE - Green environment ESTER - Motiveless phone kiosks bombings. minister beaten up by pro-hunters.

19: LIVERPOOL, MERSEYSIDE - Small 26: BRATISLAVA - Chinese ambassador 27: MAHUKU, INDONESIA - Buildings

> 27: GERMANY - Refusal of military service 27: ANFIELD, LIVERPOOL - School

28: AMBON - Smakll internecine, 24 dead. 28: ANAMBRA, NIGERIA - Small to medium in ternecine: 120 dead. 28: CHINA - Larg-scale burning of Falun

29: PRSTINA KOSOVO - Asassination 21: BERLIN, GERMANY - Army induction attempt on US gauleiter Madeleine Allbright. 29: HMP FULL SUTTON, YORK - Small

internecine riot. Hree arrested, 6 hospitalised, trashed. 21: CHINA - Out of nowhere, Falun Gong cult 100 cops called. CS gas used. Shirland Lane

> Market trasers use gravel skips to block council office over car park protest.

cannabis prohibition into chaos (see 19th July). 30: WOODCHURCH, MERSEYSIDE - M65 Tudman at start of summit.

burned over opastie criticism. and MI5 giards to rush around in frantic 31: MEDALIN, COLUMBIA - Small truck paranoid panic just before Liz Windsor visit. bomb againstanti-kidnap unit. Nine dead, 20

seekers win Euro 'pass the parcel' deportation 31: PENZANCE, CORNWALL - Security forces on red alert as 'anarchist jamboree'

31: SRI LANKA - Moderate politician killed

Mussolini, who entered into talks with them. 2: ALBEQUERQUE, USA - ALFtrash

CONCENTRATION CAMP STATE The techniques of the police have as Europe is on the march, with blatant NATO empire-building after the Kosovo war and talk 1: EAST LONDON - Fish sjop and vans various battery farms by ALF. of a unified European army. Nobody would sit trashed. next to the Tories in the Euro-parliament 1: YLIHARMA, FINLAND - Fur farm dry except the Italian neo-fascist heirs of feed store torched.

is out in force, 390,000 speeders were caught with only 166 strikes last year, the lowest since premises trashed. by traffic cameras last year. You can see the 1891. So much for Marx's "Ever it rises up 3: OUTOKUMPU, FINLAND - 14 hens 9: HILLGROVE FRM, OXFORDSHIRE way it's going, with total control when we again, stronger, firmer, mightier..." (he was fereed from battery unit. learn that now DNA profiles can be obtained thinking less of than his class than his cock, methinks - these Victorian patriarchs!)

Silence, nothing but silence from John 'Do

Only 45 attended the 18th July Liberty AGM, showing their uselessness + insignificance. UK!

from pieces of dandruff!

Manwhile Jackboot Straw announced plans to throw away the key on psychiatric patients even if they haven't done anything-while MEDAPHLA demanding your computer encryption keys. Lord Bingham called for judge-only trials Eire (15th), and a Newcastle girl was forced to showing a fuck lot more than that! have a heart transplant against her will. Operation Tourist (24th) saw 60 police Expect worse when Greg Dyke takes over as (27th). Baton rounds to be introduced to Labour's Year of Delivery! mainland UK (30th).

Nothing' Wadham and the Liberty bunker at 21 Tabard Street SE1 4LA. Welcome to Stasi

(22nd July), a tower at Capenhurst, Chester, <4,000 turned out on June 18th according to was used to intercept EVERY call to or from the lying BBC - their own TV pictures

checkpoints for coaches at motorway service BBC fuhrer. A Tony crony and colleague of stations. Lothian & Borders cioops want to ex-Searchlight editor Gerry Gable from when DNA everyobne arrested to boost crime they were at London Weekend Television statistics, Straw says all DNA mass screenings together. Dyke was the man that gave the can be databased (step towards DNA world Roland Rat. Expect dumbing down, the databasing from birth, and insurance same but worse, from the 'safe pair of hands' companies now creating genetic underclass that bunged New Labour £1,000s. 1999:

BERATION

For further information: ALF Supporters Group, BM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX and Arkangel, BM Box 9240, London WC1N 3XX.

5: REDBRIDGE, LONDON - Bomb taped to

7: MAIDA VALE, WEST LONDON -

feed and pelt store torched.

butchers window.

Butchers bricked.

MARCH

: LOBNDON - Three butchrrs bricked. 2: COPENHAGEN, SWEDEN - 5 butchers

8: EAST LONDON - More butchers bricked. 2: MEIJEL, NERTHERLANDS - Hundreds 10: EXETER, DEVON - Three Novacold mink freed from fur farm. 7: COPENHAGEN, SWEDEN - Three meat trucks torched by ALF.

12: PITEA, SWEDEN - Leather store closed butchers + van bricked. 11th: MINNEAPOLIS, USA - Six fur stores by protests. 12: ISLINGTON, NORTH LONDON etched and glued. 12: NEW JERSEY, USA - Macy's and Kebab shop and signs bricked; elsewhere leather and kebab shops also attacked. Winters Furs bricked and glued.

14: BELGIUM - ALF torch McDonalds 18: HOLLAND - Mink liberated from fur 20: GOTHERBERG, SWEDEN - 600 mink freed from fur farm.

21: TOWCESTER, OXFORDSHIRE Weddell Swift (meat) office torched. 28: AUSTRIA - 50 hens freed; three fur stores 29: EAST LONDON - Fish shop and butchers

APRIL 29: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, USA - 12 dead in SWEDEN - Four beagles freed from

GOTHERNBURG. SWEDEN 30: ABSTENTEEISM - £10.2bn lost through McDonalds bricked. 1: NEW JERSEY, USA - Coat factory paint-

> 2: NEW JERSEY, USA - Fur firm glued. freed from fur farm. 3: MIDDLETON, UK - Terrier man had jaw 20: WALTHANSTOWE, EAST LONDON broken in two places. 8: HOLLAND - Mink freed from fur farm. 12: STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN - DBF free 15 22: WIJNEGEM, BELGIUM - Shotgun attack Charles Rivers'-bred rats from train.

14: WESTERN SWEDEN - DBF free 24 hens 23: LINT, BELGIUM - Second fire attack on 14: UK - ALF attack home of Paul Sanders, 23: SCONE, AUSTRIA - 4,000 pigs freed viv breeder director. from piggery! 23: LEHTIMAKIO, FINLAND - Fur farm 24: MANCHESTER - Stopford Building

24: GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN - Beagle Three arrests, 12 evicted. liberated from Salgrenskla hospital. Three 30: NORTH LONDON - Home of fur dealers activists fined after allowing their arrests. Carol and Peter Bartfield bricked. 28: SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, USA THE SOUTH WEST - 114 battery hens freed.

- Attempt made to torch vivisector's home.

Refrigerated meat van's tyres slashed.

on McDonalds' windows.

butchers van torched.

cancer-burger resturant.

vehicles paint-strippered, bricked &c.

8: WEST LONDON - Cafes and butchers 17: NOOTDORP, HOLLAND - 3,000 mink

betting shop and KFC trashed.

21: SWEDEN - Leather store and fish van hit. had home daubed by ALF. 13: ANTWERP, BELGIUM - Meat van torched by ALF.

> scrapped after protests. 16: SMALAND, SWEDEN - ALF free 30

university viv labs broken into and occupied. battery unit, then smash eggs and vehicles. 19: LONDON - Four more animal abuse

LONDON - 11 animal abuse premises and barn, £125,000 damage. 21: LONDON - Three butchers an KFC LOWER AUSTRIA - 130 hens liberated from bricked in East End; butchers van trashed in

premises bricked

Kebab shop trashed. 24: LEYTONSTONE, EAST LONDON -



PHEW, WHAT A SCORCHER! Some of the 21 milk trucks torched by the ALF at County Dairies, Oxfordshire, last 31st July

4: WILLICH, DUSSELDORF, GERMANY 400 cages at broke mink farm trashed. 6: DALSTON, EAST LONDON - Butchers,

several hours.

5: SIKAARLEPYY, FINLAND - Fur farm 10: MALMO, SWEDEN - Attempted raid on

7: LONDON - Three more animal abuse premises hit. 7-9: PAMPLONA, SPAIN - Six morons gored and trampled in cruel bull run spectacle.

12: TOTTENHAM, NORTH LONDON Two mesat vans had tyres slashed. 12: MILL HILL, LONDON - MRC doctor

13: HOLTZHEIM, STRASBOURG, FRANCE - Monkey breeder centre plans

rabbits from slaughterhouse. 17: NOTTINGHAM - ALF free 82 hens from

20: EAST LONDON - McDonalds and EDMONTON, LONDON - Refrigerated butchers bricked and sloganised. 20: JUUKA, FINLAND - ALF torch fur farm

> the West. 23: DALSTON, SOUTH EAST LONDON -Three meat vans slashed; tackle shop daubed.

9: WALSGERAVE, COVENTRY - Blocked 31: OXFORD - 21 vans torched at United Big Brother, in his modern guise of Big Tony, Trade union uselessness was demonstrated, 2: EAST LONDON - More animal abuse toilet brings £10,000 fine to McDonalds Counties dairy, causing £500,000+ damage. 31: BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE - Two more trucks torched at meat plant. £200,000 Evil Katherine Brown tied to fence post for more damage.

details change rapidly and may be out of date by the time you read GA.

ECODEFENCE

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

For more information: Earth First! Action Update c/o CornerStone, 16 Sholebrook Lane, Leeds LS7 3HB; and Do Or Die c/o PO Box 2971, Brighton BN2 2TT

MAY

14: BRAZIL - Region declares itself a GMfree zone. 17: GENETIX - BBC reports sudden loss of interest in GMO field trials by pharmers.

GMO mortatorium. 21: GENETIX - Green Party calls for Europewide ban on Bt butterfly-killing plants.

7: GENETIX - BMA calls for indefinite

22: ONTARIO, CANADA - CASCO grain do it, stupid! supplier bans GM grain. 24: WEST INDIES - Environmental

canpaigners protest IWC greenwashers rubberstamping of Japanese and Norwegian whaling. 24: PRESTON, LANCASHIRE - Greenpeace anti-GM protest.

trash GE crops in Ariege and Montpelier and hold numerous demos.

27: CAMBRIDGE - CPB Twyford withdraws from GMO trials die to eco-decontaminations. 29: FARNHAM HALL, ESSEX - Inter-Continental Caravan squat Monsanto / Pioneer Seeds test site.

4: COLNE, LANCASHIRE - Grudge residents 6: DONCASTER, S. YORKSHIRE greenfields destruction.

: HANNINGTON, WILTSHIRE - Captain tolerance cops. 20 arrests. Fred Barker destroys his own GM crop with 11: PORCARO, RENNES, FRANCE

10: WORCESTERSHIRE - Malvern College 12: BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE - UK's only end GM trial - can't afford insurance against GM trees ring-barked at Zeneca agricultural

arrested trying to stop whaler.

sugarbeet at Vine Farm. 18: AVEBURY, WILTSHIRE - Stone painted New Labour / Monsanto government. red in anti-GM protest. This is not the way to 19: SHIRBOURNE, OXFORDSHIRE - 200+

22: GENETIX - Novartis sacks 1,000 from agricultural division.

24: GENETIX - France bans GMOs. 25: GENETIX - GMO labelling for animal

24-26: FRANCE - InterContintental Caravan 30: MANCHESTER AIRPORT - Arthury Wood eviction ordered in shock Lords ruling.

: GENETIX - Picnics at 50 test sites by anti-GMO groups. At Model Farm, Shirborn, Oxfordshire, this leads to full-scale occupation by Oxy-Gene

6: NEWSTEAD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE Protests against 1,500 new homes. lobby council over developers' bonanza oppose airport development of ex-RAF base.

10: BRISTOL, AVON - RTS clash with zero-Farmers trample GM crops.

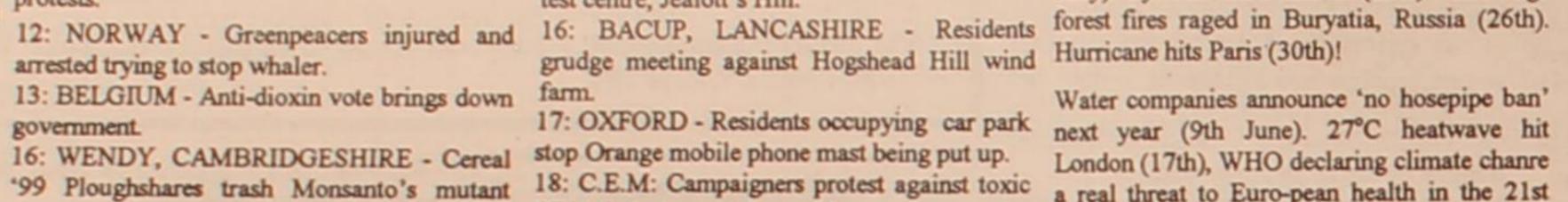
10: MONT BLANC - Locals protest group 12: CHERBOURG, FRANCE and Greens lobby for rail transport after two Greenpeacers arrested after anti-nuke waste alpine road tunnels closed by fires. shipment crane squat.

SCIENTISTS CAN HUG TREES TOO: Tearful scenes followed

the axing of mutant poplars at Zeneca's research plant at

to cause ecological catastrophe was reducing their lignin

content - exactly what Zeneca were doing.



CEM fuel. Amount burned has gone up under

test centre, Jealott's Hill.

trample farm-scale test field of GM rape. 19: BARROW, CUMBERLAND - Despite court injunction, Greenpeaxce block nuke Russian heatwave caused a series of murders,

out of his pocket!

ROOUM SENILITY?

Dolly the Sheep is said to be six years older than she should be, genetically (27th May).

all that DNA together in a bundle wear away with age but aren't put back when cloned, so phones (24th). Dioxin contamination meant the clone is genetically as old as its prototype that all chickens and eggs had to be withdrawn

Despite this disovery-disasterous to the covered it up for three months and were voted prospect of human cloning-a male mouse, out in consequence - Europe! as successfully been cloned on Hawaii despite 2-5% drop in Coca Cola sales due to scare that Manchester, now dead of cancer. parthogenesis (31st May).

ANOTHER DAY - ANOTHER

On 3rd June, GM soya was found in Tesco's pizzas. They're now removing all soya from scientists have found 20 ppm potentially cancer-causing glyphosphate weedkiller residues in GMOs, much higher than in conventional crops and 200 times above the level claimed by industry-controlled US scientists when the FDA first approved this crap over there. Oh those Rooumarhoids!

Blair and co are right up the US GMO now there's proof. They held 104 secret meetings in just 26 months of New Labour / Monsanto / Novartis government, almost weekly. What were they talking about?

Jealott's Hill, Berkshire, the last GE trees in UK. A few years ago, Jeremy Rifkind said the experiment on trees most likely A vegan peace camp's been established to fight Letters of support to: new housing and a bypass for the Carterton, Brize Norton and Witney area of Oxfordshire. Gary Lawson [CV6001], HMP Lincoln For more details, call 01993 846035

CLIMATE CHANGE

Men feared that the orderly procession of the seasons and the laws of nature ... had relapsed into eternal chaos; and they feared that mankind would end.

RALPH GLABER, AD1000 River Aare floods, Berne, Switzerland (15th

May). Cyclone hits Pakistan (21st) while huge

Water companies announce 'no hosepipe ban' 17: OXFORD - Residents occupying car park next year (9th June). 27°C heatwave hit a real threat to Euro-pean health in the 21st century. In 1993, there were 1/2m climate incidents, last year 51/2m (Red Cross, 26th). US South and mid-West devastated by flash floods - the polluter must pay (29th)!

waste shipment with huge white elephant usually domestic disputes over air conditioning crapping out nuclear bombs across the dock (3rd July). Floods in Bihar, India. 15,000 evacuated in Anhin and Hubai provinces, 21: WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF, WALES - China, as Yangtze overflowed (5th). Locals protest stillbirths caused by trituim (H Tambov, Russia, locusts attacked black soil region for first time. 7m hectares laid waste by 24: GENETIX - Despite massive opposition, them in Kazakhstan and Siberia. Floods killed drop in sales (17th May). 497,574 cars were government want to inclease farm-scale test 70 in Tajikistan. Heavy rain and severe weather hit UK, with floods in Andover, 26: LYNG, NORFOLK - Greenpeacers use Tornadoes in Midlands (!). 1,000 bathers destroy mauze and sunflower crops in Samara hear of 'Kosovo Wat Syndrome'? and Volga regions. Dried-up lakebed in Government finally admit OPs endanger Kenyan Rift Valley concentrated algae, poisoning flamingoes.

Two outbreaks of mad cow disease / mor admitted in France (17th May)-totasl now 14while 40 cases of nv-CJD now admitted i The ends of chromosones (telomers) holding UK. Swedish scientist Dr Lannart Hardell warned of brain tumour dangers from mobile Scallp from Scottish west coast unfit for from sale in Belgium, 200+ farms now found to be contaminated. The country's government

> of spread from Belgium to France, Holland and Luxembourg (12th). MRSA superbug found in Glasgow Infirmary (18th), 29 hit by e. col. break at school in Macduff, Scotland (2nd June). Listeria goats cheese panic spread to France, e. coli hit Winchelsea (10th), 16 cases after school trip to Foerl Farm, Anglesey, after kids stroked animals (20th), and meningitis hit a Rhyl school teacher (9th) and a school in (22nd). 100 cases a year reported and rising. There was even a food poisoning outbreak at zerland, caused by beans (23rd). BSE scare over wine and contact lenses (26th).

CROP CHOP 'CONSPIRACY'

shire police are prefering charges of 'conspiracy to cause criminal damage' to a maize field against the 43 arrested after lively At Fukia in Japan on 13th July, a radioactive written letters of support.

the government are now talking about incident to date. After Hiroshima, you'd think establishing a national 'gene fort' in the area to they'd have more sense... protect test fields from future trashings. It'll Meanwhile, certainly save us a lot of travelling about!

Greetwell Road, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.



Rover wanted to double car production despite massive car industry over-capacity and 4.8% sold in 1998. Northwest beaches worst-hit by sewage, particularly Brownpool Blackpool.

tractor etc to destroy farm scale test field of srtung by jellyfish in Marsailles (5th). Salmon seen alive in River Mersey (1st June). Greenpeace warned higher temperatures are Leak from ex-mustard gas factory at Parr, St 29: FAKENHAM, EAST ANGLIA -GM killing coral Rains failed in Somalia for 6th Helens, closed fire station. Locals have been year. Coastal erosion threatened Humberside nauseous and headachey for years (3rd). 12-29: INDIA - Protests at dam proposal which wildlife. Forest fire kill two in Portugal (11th), 15% increase in childhood asthma since 1990 force Yeltsin to flee his Zavidova dacha and (8th). Paper mill pollution in Lake Baikal, 29: HIGH MOWTHORPE, MALTON, many the St Petersburg's suburbs (15th), and Russia, kills seals (10th). Vehicle fumes kill YORK-SHIRE - 21/2 acres of GM rape destroy 6,000 acres of woodland in Provence more than car crashes (WHO, 15th), 10-(23rd). By 25th July, 149 dead in US from 14,000 a year in UK alone. Contaminated 31: SPITTAL IN THE STREET, LINCOLN - heatstroke, which saw 35° temperatures in water supplies reintroducing typhoid, hepatitus Mass trashing of maize field at Dewgood Chicago. Heat causes potato shortage in and cholera to eastern Europe. 12,000 hep field-as the farmer claimed-as it's still dosh outside in India. 20 killed in Swiss canyoning bombing of Serbia, heavy metals reported in accident after flash flood (30th). Floods in Timok river, Bulgaria (28th). With all that and Serbia (15th). Locusts depleted uranium about, how long before we

> farmers (1st July). Diesel spill damaged Eden Project, garden in St Austell (3rd). More protests at dioxin scare, Beligium (4th). 28 hospitalised as benzyl-bromide spilled from HEALT'H ALERT'S WortleyRoad plant, Leeds (7th). River Tamar seriously contaminated by slurgy (8th). Also seriously contamin-ated by slurry (8th). Also silt from Chunnel rail-link wiped out 5 mile stretch of River Stour, Kent. Rivers will take 20 years to recover. Experts now worried about 125m tons of rubbish in UK landfills. Cars caused air pollution alert in Paris (19th). human consumption. Scientific teams soil sampling in Pencova, Serbia, investigating ecological aftermath of NATO bombing Solvent spill at Aylesford, Kent (20th). Toxic dumps found in Mersey (25th). Six firefighters who attended 1979 chemical fire at Blackley,



FUKIA RADIATION

scenes on 31st July. One arrestee ('ACAB') leak friom a nuclear plant went unchecked for companiers' arses. We always knew this, but has been remanded to HMP Lincolnshire 14 hours. At first, the usual denials, but then it because of outstanding warrants and should be was found 11,500 x the maximum 'safe' levels had been exceeded. 89 tons of radioactive gas As another mark of their growing desperation, had escaped, perhaps Japan's worst nuclear

> Whitchurch, Cardiff, came underr criticism after local campaigner Hugh Richard analysed health stats. Micromed releases radioactive tritium into the atmosphere, thought respionsible for the surge of stillbirths in the

ANGIE ZELTER, HMI Cortopn Vale, Corton Powelton Avenue siege. Road, Stirling, Scotland FK9 5NU (remanded for trasahing floating military laboratory, Loch Goil - trial in Spetember).

PRISONERS OF WAR

We list revolutionaries have been jailed for their beliefs so you can write them letters of support (nothing compromising!). Those not

listed shouldn't take it as a sleight they've been excluded - just send us your details and we'll put you on our free mailing list! Prisoner

TED KACZYNSKI (04475-046], US Penitentiary - Administrative Maximum Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence, CO 81226, USA (convicted as the Unabomber - 5 life

EARTH

LIBERATION

Roque Kalea z/g, Irunea-Pamplona, Spain supporter and radical journalist jailed and (jailed for three years in 1997 for speaking out sentenced to death in 1983 after being framed against a dam under construction in the Basque for shooting a cop) country that was later sabotaged)

ROBERT THAXTON [#1370036], Lane JANET HOLLOWAY AFRICA [006308]. USA (remanded for Eugene J18 riot - All at SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton expecting 5+ year sentence).

CHARLES McBRIDE [DC8504], HMYOI Feltham, Bedfont Road, Feltham, Middlesex TW13 4ND (as NFA, remanded for affray at London J18).

Dixon, 3559 Highway G, Wincosnsin Delis, WI 53965, USA (US Ploughshare jailed for nuke-smashing action)

MOVE

Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, DANIEL UNZITYI, Iruneako Gartzela, San Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090, USA (MOVE Bristol &c - serving a gross 18 years)

> DEBBIE SIMMS AFRICA [006307], Easton, Portland, Dorset DT5 1DL. Avenue, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, GEOFF SHEPPARD [MD1030], HMP arrest. In typical US TV true-crime style, Mrs his formative influences as it shifts debate from

MICHAEL DAVIS AFRICA [AM4973]. Both at SCI Graterford, PO Box 244, most welcome) Graterford, PA 19426-0244, USA

EDWARD GOODMAN AFRICA [AM4984],

symbolic bank robbery whilst paroled for The MOVE Nine are radical, mainly Black, environmentalists all serving life after being

ELLEN MOXLEY, ULLA RODER and framed for the death of a cop during the 1982 supposedly shooting a racist cop beating up his

LIBERATION

Sutton, Moor Lane, York YO4 1PS years to mention this to anyone else, Bloch been enough to win him a new hearing had he

Bullwood Hall, High Road, Hockley, Essex. JUSTIN WRIGHT [GE3046] HMYOI testimony contradicted by hospital orderlies

CHARLES SIMMS AFRICA [AM4975] and (ending a 7 year sentence for possession of a FOP to the max in their attempt to push He'd also like to say that-despite garbled press shotgun and incendiary devices. London letters through Gov. Ridge's second death warrant. reports-he is on friendly terms with Timothy

WILLIAM PHILLIPS AFRICA [AM4984]. Hill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, Both at SCI Dallas, Drawer K, Dallas, Buckinghamshire MK4 4DA (7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions)

ROBERTO DURIA, Casa Circondariate, Via Puluzza 77, 33028, Italy (remanded for anti-GE Nestles contamination hoax).

MILLIONS FOR MUMIA

last 24th April for MOVE supporter and radical Black journalist Mumia Abu-Jamalframed and sentenced to death in 1983 for TED K UPDATE brother-must have got Philadephia's notoriou dug out one Philip Bloch, a former prison visitor who claims Mumia admitted to him was not helped by his lawyer, Prof. Richard killing officer Faulkner (ie. he supposedly said Bonney of Virginia Law School, flucking him "yes" in answer to a trick question put eight off within three weeks of the appeal. Ted K years after the fact).

claims he didn't like public criticism of not been such a high profile prisoner. As with Faulkner's widow. The cops pulled a similar Mumia, we have to say again 'so much for stunt at Mumia's original 'trial', though then it Amerikan justice!' BARBARA TRENHOLM [RL 1292], HMP took only three months for Faulkner's partner who said Mumia was silent the whole time he was with them, unconscious and near death Phily's 'Finest' had administered to him on Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 5NX Faulkner's been cynically exploited by the political to personal questions. Bloch isn't offended by this, of course, or the McVeigh and World Trade Centre bomber defenceless MOVE women and children RamziYousef since meeting up with them in incinerated by Phily filth on Osage Avenue on prison. He insists this doesn't imply support for

> the US equivalent of the freeing of the been misrepresenteed by the media. Far from Birmingham Six. Public confidence in them being a nutter and "neonazi racist", McVeigh will reach an all-time low and they'll finally be gets on well with Afro-American prisoners.

intimidated witnesses and destroyed key evidence, it's no surprise they should now also have proxies tell their lies for them.

Support Mumia via: the MOVE Organisation, The scale of solidarity expressed worldwide PO Box 19709, Philadephia, PA 19143, USA.

Ted Kaczynski, imprisoned as the Unabomber, had his first appeal turned down this June. He was forced to hand-write a 120 page submission to court himself, despite his lack of MUMIA ABU JAMAL [AM8335], SCI BARRY HORNE [VC2141], HMP Full In an attempt to explain why it took him seven legal training. Experts said that it would have

> Ted wrote to correct the captioning of GA56's 'Emporia State' pic. He insists no supermarket was a formative influence on him as a child. After the BS his grassing brother and mother put out against him-exploited to the max by media and Feds-Ted's shy of any discussion of

their ideologies or crimes they're alleged to The cops know that if Mumia walks, it'll be have committed and adds that McVeigh has called to account for obscenities like the Make of this what you will - Ted sounds a

RECLAIMING THE MILLENNIUN

Introducing the Millennium - and why we need to reclaim it.

NOTHING TO CELEBRATE

Reading about the Millennium inspires more boredom and / or sniggers about religious battiness way back when now, in the pre-millennial year of 1999, than at any preceding time.

This is probably due to hype on precisely these themes by the Establishment media now literally for years. People have come to distrust hype, but this particularly. Of all hype, this seems most empty in its failure to address the issues of the Millennium per se. Presented as little more than another, grander opportunity to consume, the standardised products-commemorative tee-shirts, stamp collections, blandly celebratory music and events-that come out for every other event, regardless of its content, are being paraded again.

acknowledgement of the achievements of that the Millennium spectacle, pathetically, is people of Naples against Spanish rule. Only autonomy and ability to attack existing society. Civilisation in the last 2,000 years, conducted being presented as a break from (of course, it's months after regaining his freedom in 1597, he on a 'gadgets and inventors' level and also actually only leisure, consumption being as was imprisoned again for continuing to recrui little more than another glorification of compulsory, false and exhausting as to the Solarian banner. the better to encourage production under Civilisation). consumers. Because considered discussion of all this is so un-fun and un-postmodern and THE UTOPIAN might encourage punters to 'think more, spend ALTERNATIVE less', it's all desperately superficial and trivial, Like the 1492 quincentennial, we anarcho- Millennium' (GA56, p. 18) argued that the Pursuit of the Millennium). primitivists say there is nothing to celebrate spectacle of boredom and vacuity was being here except resistance to the increasingly deliberately generated to bland out the UTOPIAN OR SCIENTIFIC? represented by official history.

product profiting the seller rather than lives. themselves. This feeling of duffness stems from the emptiness of the Millennium spectacle and The shit hit the fan when early-13th century people's mood of 'pre-millennium tension'.

found in the medieval millenarian tradition. Despite its religiosity, quietism and other As public rejection of the Millennium Dome dubious associations, Wayne Johns' suggests (see 'Talking Down the Millennium', 'Christianarchy' manifesto's been included to below), people generally don't see mass remind readers that Christians once gleefully consumerism and technical mediation of their anticipated the Millennium as the coming of lives in the way the spectacle-makers do. the Kingdom of God on Earth rather than They're uneasy about it. They feel they're dreading it as the end of the world. The losing control and lessened by it all. They feel Kingdom of God was seen as the realisation of they're being conned, served up something everyone's dreams, the most perfect society in they've had no real input to, a potentially duff which believers could lead the most perfect

a hokey optimism that's the opposite of the heretic Joachim of Fiore philosophised that this utopia could be achieved in the here and now, on this earth rather than in a heavenly afterlife, One attempt to tap into this is KLF's strategy and from then on those most alienated from of denunciation: 'Fuck the Millennium'. The this world tried to make a new one, by force of trouble with this is that it's wholly reliant on arms if necessary. Some millenarians-such as Establishment hype. It's OK as critique of the Saints in the English Civil War periodspectacle, but beyond that it offers nothing. In thought it enough simply to open war on the effect, it contributes to the emptiness, Anti-Christ for the Second Coming to dawn,

stormed through the City of London in 1657, for over wages and conditions that defused the also a creative urge", precisely because it taking on thousands of regular troops. Paris '68 revolt and encourages embourgeois- sweeps away all that constrains and oppresses Unsurprisingly 'King Jesus' failed to ment of the working class (one way of us, forcing us to make a new world in its ruins. materialise, but this suicidal gesture certainly improving wages and conditions is to become illustrated their unwillingness to continue bourgeois). Even at best, it proposes no living in an imperfect world. Other utopians liberation from the productive forces that such as Tommaso Campella wrote huge Marxians see as liberatory. In fact, as Fredy particularly the mythology of the Last Days. utopias-detailing everything down to what Perlman noted in his Reproduction of people would wear and how their capital city Everyday Life, "the daily activity of slaves should be built-as their way of organising the reproduces slavery". Moreover, because the new society. Campella's, The City of the Sun, existing means of production is needed t was written during his 25 year imprisonment create the new world, the proletariat are always under the most desperate conditions (he was hostage to it, their revolutionary activity What there is by way of a theme is an perpetuating the 'business as usual' mentality tortured four times) for trying to raise the limited and moderated by it, reducing their

the examples set were powerful enough to of Church and State wielded against them, revolutionism was also utopian, specifically ensure millenarian content in later revolution- whether or not you agree with her assessment that it derived from a utopia written by 17th ary doctrines, most obviously Marxism (see the that their parfait didn't hold to the same century scientist, Francis Bacon. His New a souvenir tea-towel history of official culture. Our opening essay, 'Reclaiming the closing chapter of Norman Cohn's seminal The sexually absternious standards of their Cathar Atlantis prophesied rule by an unaccountable

mediated, vacuous and oppressive world order revolutionary potential of the moment, as With the growth of Enlightenment rationalism, revolutionaries were increasingly embarrassed Primitivist' piece was because it shows that Royal Society, which did so much to shape the by the millenarian content of their creeds, to this uncompromising perspective is actually rationalist mind-set that made industrialism the point of Engels disavowing it entirely. more successful and more effective than possible. However, while Campella appealed Marx argued his revolution was instead based reformist, 'work within the system' ones. to the people, elitist Bacon petitioned his king. on objective, scientific principles. We're really Those that compromised and went home when who knew a new means of keeping the only talking economistic ones here, and his Richard II falsely granted them charters peasantry down when he saw one. United by a assertion left his opus wider open to the most betrayed the 1381 Peasants Revolt, whilst tradition of rejection and revelation, even a few awful, dogmatic vulgarisation by the Leninist those "extremists" like Wat Tyler and John hundred pre-industrial workers together were authoritarians that assumed his mantle in the Ball who massacred the Archbishop of feared as a mob, whilst in our atomised Brave

Christ descending to make the world anew. To their liberation. At worst, this degenerated into century, Bakunin (who Feral Faun quotes on this end, a few hundred 5th Monarchy Men reformism, the sort of commonplace arguments this page) acknowledged "the urge to destroy is

Patricia Freund's 'Heaven on Earth' monograph of the Bogomiles show them to be Despite the obvious defects of these attenants, completely uncompromising despite the power She goes on to note, however, that 'scientific'

The main counter-revolutionary consequence negotiations were going on and otherwise took between them. We have to turn to preof 'scientific socialism' was that it embraced what liberties they could whilst occupying industrial revolutionary models precisely out of Joachim of Fiore's 'Three Ages' provide a model of how true revolutionaries principles that have domesticated and exploitation that made this possible - and much the cutting edge of mass militancy in UK ensured that it would continue indefinitely into today! From the millenarians perspective, there the future. Rather than utopia, his 'scientific' was no point negotiating with the Anti-Christ followers focused more and more narrowly on or seeking to preserve his works or social the proletariat at the point of production, their arrangements that were merely a continuation Continued on p. 6 / ... demands more to do with their enrichment than of his earthly kingdom. As late as the 19th

'The Millennium: A Heretical View' says that millenarians were motivated by symbology. Superficially, this may be true, Merchant arguing in her Death of Nature that

Millenarianism represented a preindustrial form of social revolution. It differed from the movements of the industrial revolution by preparing people, through revelation, to accept revolutionary change, as opposed to politicizing the working class. Signs in the heavens, prophets, and saviours would appear predicting the arrival of the millennium.

devotees' lives, their food taboos certainly people as their whim dictated. Just as seem identical). One reason we included this Campella plotted to bring his City of the Sun alongside John Connor's 'John Ball: into being, so Bacon conspired to create the Canterbury and other architects of the poll tax New Atlantis, 10,000s can be passively yoked in the Tower whilst Richard's bullshit together without sharing a rebellious thought the myth of 'Progress' that, ironically, came London and when Power was in crisis still because rationalism has led to organisational schema. By discoursing on the elaboration of should act today. Compare what they did in the neutralised the proletariat. As 'Are You productive forces, Marx merely celebrated the City to what the J18 protesters did, pretty Ready...?' shows, it's not as if the mythology

EGALITARIANISM, INSTINCT AND THE STATE OF NATURE

is at issue.

Asahara - or VI Lenin. He dressed himself in ideology. the finest robes and enthroned himself 'king of all the world' during the last days of the 1534 MILLENARIANISM Munster commune whilst his followers were WAS NOT EXCLUSIVE reduced by his tyranny to grovelling naked before his dais and by siege-induced hunger to Those believing millenarianism is exclusive to eating their own dead. We recognise the reign Christianity need only look to the Ghost Dance of humanity to pre-ordained symbols, then as in Black Elk Speaks, the Tai'Pei ('Heavenly now. Though he preached equality, even Peace') revolt in 19th century China or-if Campella's City of the Sun reads like this, as a these still carry too Christian a resonancerigid blueprint to be enforced.

Against the worst excesses of the Anabaptists, we'd set the example of the Ranters the next messiah sent to rule the post-millennial world religions, Norman Cohn's Cosmos, Chaos and revelations spontaneously, each to their own. There's the difference here between what is of the unmediated touching of being Feral Faun uses in his 'The Quest for the Spiritual' very much pre-democratic. Alan Cohen's Those not prepared to accept advanced Books few worthwhile publications, and now instead insisting on their religious rhetoric as undoubtedly a great embarassment to its evidence of 'symbolisation' should bear in reference to a time when all had the same materialistic grounds for believing Civilisation communion with natural forces now claimed is in its last days, there have also been good, by ashamans alone, in other words priomal solid, materialistic millenarians. As noted in consciousness without boundary distinctions. GA56's 'Reclaiming the Millennium', the When we've killed the beast and claim the world as ours. Granting this, the millenarian messiah is as historian EJ Hobsbawn devoted a chapter of The urge to destroy is a creative urge. much a usurper and barrier to revolutionary his Primitive Rebels to the Andalusian consciousness as the shaman, just another peasantry as "secular millenarians". They were

As also discussed in 'John Ball: Primitivist those millenarians believing in restoring a prelapsarian 'State of Nature' were much more egalitarian and spontaneous than the sort of messiah followers mentioned above. The scriptural quotations, date-setting and so forth don't really matter - the Ranters always argued humanity by Civilisation their own revelations over tankard, pipe or even taking their ease were superior to any in THE END, A BEGINNING the Bible, and any date will do the oppressed as long as its now. In other words, they Beyond accusations of authoritarianism, rejected ideology as mediation, just as Bacon religiosity and other cultish appendages, asserted one, the better to justify his rule as millenarianism is criticised as an assertion of mediator of 'objective' reality. Its noteworthy linear time, a characteristic of Civilisation. Ranters and their egalitarian ilk called for In her Living at the End of the World, Marina toleration-of Catholics, Jews and other such Benjamin argues that religions with Creation faiths as well as their fellow sectaries-whilst myths inevitably tell stories about how Time persecution of all 'out' groups more typically will end too. John of Patmos did emergent characterised the messianic cults and pro- Christianity no favours be suggesting it would

what should be for all of us.

with the collapse of established social order but a return to Eden as our end. As well as during the English Civil War, the Ranters each explored their own way - and, unsurprisingly, most libertine these ways usually were too, to the outrage and disgust of the ideologicallyrigid Puritan ruling class. It's no coincidence Of course, as anarchists we're not arguing for a that the demands of a Ebeizer Coppe or a John dictatorship of Saints-as opposed to Bacon Ball are anarcho-primitivist ones, because they and Lenin's dictatorship of technocrats-and are the instinctive, perennial demands of the freely acknowledge some like the Fifth oppressed and dehumanised for their own Monarchists did. They also lauded Jan humanity. The 'scientific' rationalist view is a Bockelson, the 16th century's answer to Shoko perversion of this tradition, another oppressive

has its origins in the expressly anti-Christian 7th century prophetic Book of Zerubabel. Lest its Jewish authorship suggests millenarianism is a product of patriarchal, monotheistic origins in the combat myth of polytheistic (if good predicts the imminent coming of Maitreya in times of darkness and decay, to lead the righteous to the paradisical refuge, Shamballa.

Power-monger and racketeer monopolising the backbone of anarchism during the Spanish Revolution and had risen many times before it. All that mattered was their rejection of the existing world and their willingness to negate 'The Irrationalists 7', which sees spontaneous, unmediated, negationistic resistance as the way forward to the New Jerusalem for people no longer able to tolerate the negation of their

from natural-not supernatural-causes, albeit

with a hefty dose of human folly thrown in.

When the world was menaced with the Bomb the old form of Judeo-Christian myth of a turning History full-circle, it'll be the end of existing reified order. Precisely because we during the Cold War, many said they'd be return to the harmony of Eden, positing Time through the ending of all reifications as reject linear time, we call for an end to it. The happiest pissed and shagging when it dropped, Paradise as a well-watered garden where all people reclaim immediate, spontaneous lives end will be a new beginning, yet also an end to and this letting go to instinct characterises the believer's bodily needs will be satisfied and an ending of boundary distinctions ends as we re-enter the world of the immediate much of the best of millenarian fervour. Faced Anarcho-primitivism too sees not Civilisation, between self and Other so bolstered by the and eternal Now.

The New Millennium SHALL NOT PASS

Blind before our fate, we race into the 21st century at a speed which scoffs at the ages. The perfection of human domestication is closing in upon us. Become beast of burden or pleasant lapdog, sit up, play dead. All that is wild and aims to be free shall be destroyed, of Ideology when we see it, with its reduction cult disclosed by its Plains Indians participants the mad dogs to be put to sleep by lethal injection (the most humane form of capital punishment) if the kennels should become overcrowded. The abused will abuse and fear will be the dominant human condition. Safety will be sought in isolation. Too many lifetimes have been wasted in the labyrinth of servitude.

Islam, the Millenarian content of which clearly The body of humanity lies exhausted, a ghost of its former self, waiting for fate to be decided upon it. It seeks diversions to wile away its time and anesthetize the pain. But there is so much fun to be had in life! Why the fuck is it all so complicated? Why are

we being diverted? Who the hell rigged up these rotten rules anyway? They tell us life is great, that our lot is improving. Technology, control, organization but all claimed revelation and followed these the World to Come situates the tradition's everything will make it much simpler for us. Everything that is happening is for our own

admittedly still patriarchal) Mesopotamia and The more things seem simpler, the more complex they really are. We choose not to determine our own lives, not to see the processes by which a society usurps our lives; the organization of life becomes a mystery to us. We no longer feel that we can create the interactions we desire among ourselves, without mediation, without someone at the helm of

the machine. Our reliance is such that we are servants to a system that grows stronger as Decadence of the Shamans (one of Unpopular millenarians' spontaneous, instinctive acts and We grow weaker. We've become our own worst enemies. Then there are those of us who hate our servitude, who want back our privacy, our autonomy, our lives. We say no to the so-called progress of the computer age. We publisher) asays the 'decadence' of the title is a mind that as well as there being good, solid, refuse to go further down the path of dehumanization to embrace what the new millennium promises us. We are stronger than the forces that pull us. We can make our own rules, declare the year after 1999 to be the year 0, the dawning of a new era. All will begin then,

LONG LIVE THE URGE!



system millenarian movements like the various end in a 'City of God'. The Quran preserves early-Medieval Crusaders. ARE YOU READY FOR THE END OF THE WORLD?

A Survival Guide to the Millennium Bug and other Threats to Civilisation

Of what relevance is millenarianism to the end of the 20th century? Engels mythologies have taken their place. We'd say scarcely less terrible than a world war, unat capitalist society will collapse when it no was dismissive of that of medieval insurrectionaries, saying they "looked to the date-setting has also passed it's call by date. next world, not this" for their liberation. What gave weight to the medievals' vision of the End-Time, of course, was their belief that it was true, the endless nailed down to the second. Damian Thompson cycle of mystery plays teaching them annually that when the End-Time came, suggests that Y2K has seized the public's utility, the grant cheque that fails to its participants. Whilst it's true to say that the sky would really catch fire and rain down stars on the wicked &c. Engels imagination not from this but from the way arrive, the PC that crashes because of a enough talking-up of the End will provoke the cites the 19th century fad for 'scientific objectivity' against the mythic authority of the mystery plays, but science moves on and now we can cite the easily related to than, for example, the denialreality of the End in his terms. As influential 1980s anti-nuclear activist inspiring total obliteration of Schell's nuclear Jonathan Schell put it in his Fate of the Earth: "With nuclear weapons, apocalypse: 2 eschatology has re-entered politics". The apocalyptic assumptions that underlie revolutionary Marxism arc, if anything, less "scientific" and objectively real than the Limits To Growth-esque predictions that underpin modern political applications of ecology.

A MATTER OF CONFIDENCE

The cast of characters familiar from the Book These, of course, argue that the End will come of Revelation are absent, but more modern it hints at worldwide devastation

but that was before the Millennium Bug got it everyday lives, something so much more believes.

If this is apocalyptic fantasy, it requires far less of a leap of imagination than other examples of the genre. It does not ask believers to visualise the Beast of Revelation crawling down their high street - or, for that matter, to picture a mushroom cloud hovering over their local shopping mall. At its most extreme,

card, the permanently engaged public principally on the belief and co-operation of it's an End realisable in our immediate, power cut - things in which everyone runs on the banks and cessation of economic activity, hoarding and looting that will precipitate it, it's equally true that it's in the interests of the privileged to talk-down real about our almost total dependence on a threats in order to prevent us taking realistic techno-logical infrastructure beyond our measures to secure our survival at the expense

control, but presenting Y2K as a myth or of their ongoing social dominance. Even fantasy denies its reality and Thompson has

Thompson is eventually prepared to concede: the same reason as the State and certain computer engineers for taking this line. Already, the former is trying to defuse the Millennium as the province of religious nutters alone and the computer engineers have their dream of progress and efficiency still to

Our ability to spot millennial motifs in luridly titled books about Y2K will be of little use to us if the world's computers do actually crash on 1 January 2000.

sell. One truth of revolutionary Marxism is An irony of the 'talking-down' position is that

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 7

denials by the experts become meaningless, alternators fed. Vicious circle. The that they'd be issued whether or not we had anything to worry about. Are those and were out of action for months. questioning these denials deluded, disloyal and / or subversive-as Power presents them- There are other vicious circles too: for the starkest terms how all means of infrastructure of Civilisat-ion unravels. autonomous survival are denied us in modern Mentioning transport, your car (if you have techno-industrial society, and attempts by one) is stuffed full of imbedded chips too, so those profiting most from this situation to there's no guarantee that'll work. More to the rubbish such speculation shows that this is a point, the traffic signalling system in big cities power struggle, that there's nothing desirable or inevitable about it, Bug or no Bug. There are strange parallels with earlier millenarian key on which modern urban civilisation rests: thought here - in coming to see all religious 14 and worldly authority as tainted by the Anti-Christ, many rejected all authority. 4

In getting beyond this conundrum and assessing the level of threat the Millennium Bug poses to us, we have to seek out what doesn't fit. Needless to say, Power labels this theorising" simply because it challenges their monopoly when it comes to dictating social reality. This perspective gets into difficulties when it comes to the defection of their own:

Take the case of Steve Watson, a 45vear-old who until recently was i charge of debugging 10 million liners of code for a major American telephone company. It was a gruelling business hampered by all sorts of unforeseer glitches, but finally it was done and Watson felt he could relax. Then one of his colleagues came up to him and sowed a terrible seed of doubt. "Don't you realise that everything stops if the power grid goes down?" he asked. Browsing through the Internet, Watson decided that his friend was right: despite lavish spending on Y2K precautions, the byzantine electricity grid was still riddled with the bug. Moreover, it was powered by coal and fuel transported by microchip-operated railways. The more he read, the more worried be became.

Steve Watson now lives at a secret location in Oklahoma in a camouflaged bunker big enough for forty people. Four M-16 assault rifles are on order.

emptying their bank accounts before 1st stuck for a few hours in a big traffic jam: 16 January 2000.6 If you won't believe the programmers, then what about the opinion of senior Territorial Army officers, warning of a full six months of civil disorder following Y2K? Perhaps in line with this, all police leave over the Millennium has been cancelled.

CHIPS WITH EVERYTHING

Mentioning the TA, it's worth noting that whilst the government's pooh-poohing the survival guides of the religious Right, they're also issuing their own on the Net, strangely reminiscent of the notorious Protect & Survive manuals circulated in the early-

We got hold of the quasi-authoritative The Millennium Bug Crisis -complete with pic of happy, smiling, middle classed blonde family on the front cover-which was selling nine to a dozen from WH Smith's front counter when we encountered it. It's typical of the "panic free" stuff going about, obviously widely circulated and therefore likely to be

been proofed end to end and "Not one system ordinate their efforts too.

large turbo alternators at power stations were seriously damaged, merely because the pumps for the lubrication of their huge bearings were powered by hookup to the very network that the

pumps stopped; the alternators seized up

or is this undermining of Power's legitimacy example, rail transport will need an electricity justified? Just thinking through questions supply so fuel can be supplied to the around the Millennium Bug exposes to us in generators. Thus the whole interdependent

Planners often reach the decision-

frequently unjustified-that their budgets

prevent them from solving congestion problems with impressive works of civil engineering, such as intersections operating at two or three levels by means of overpass and underpass, and off-street parking for stationary vehicles so that the entire street area may be reserved for moving vehicles alone. The reasonable cheaper alternative, then, is control means of traffic lights. But once this decision is taken, too often the use of electronic controls provided trafficdependent real-time variable signa sequences is rejected, and low-reliability electromechanical fixed-time controls are preferred. In this way cities renounce using existing structures at maximum efficiency, and using their antiquated street networks satisfactorily.

has to be trucked in or motorised transport is needed to reach providers. Ominously, Vacca

History confirms what calculations indicate - that 2 million inhabitants was the maximum capacity of an ancient city where only pedestrians and vehicles drawn by animals circulated.

If traffic circulation is needed to keep a city larger than 2m inhabitants alive and signals are needed to keep it circulating, you'd better to AM2, 500 later. When this date came due trek the hell out of there as soon as the signals crap out unless you've got significant supplies Watson's behaviour is not that untypical of or you're very, very confident power will be restored within a few hours. Gridlock is a much more terrifying prospect than just being

It will be impossible to disentangle the mix-up in squares and at intersections, and many drivers will abandon their useless vehicles, locking the doors to express their irritation. Such a traffic block will last many days; perhaps weeks. The mess will be so huge that it improvised efforts may be made by volunteers to nibble at its mar-gins; the return to normality will be slow.

So grievous a crisis-which could quickly have the dimensions of a catastrophe-could happen now, at any moment; its secondary consequence would include the stoppage of much more than private cars. Neither fire engines, doctors, nor police would have free passage and access; and-much more serious-the transport and distribution of food to the large masses of people involved would be virtually impossible.

influential, as these things go. It's careful to and there are likely to be large, boisterous particularly ripe of apocalypticism, though the system to dig themselves out of the millennial supposed to enshrine, a withdrawl from list all the utilities and infrastructure that's crowds on the street, looting for supplies and millenarian movement Glaber reports isn't corner. Instead they're pointing to the 525 civilisation so that-like the Dome-it'll end as been bug-proofed and practical techniques for fires care-lessly lit to keep warm are likely to typical of those that followed in the Middle miscalculat-ion of Dionysius Exiguous an empty shell. coping with the consequences of stuff that lead to an uncontrollable situation with city Ages. Spurred on by Bishop Guy's ('Dennis the Small'), which means 2000 isn't. Despite that, a close reading is the opposite of reassuring.

centres gutted due to emergency services progressive monastics and an outbreak of 'fire passed four years ago.' Aside from illustrating plague'—ergotism, mass hallucinations caused official anxiety isn't a think of the past, so Thus, whilst we learn that gas supplies have the communication front needed to co- by mouldy rye bread-the Peace of God what? Millenarian movements arise in 1 Damian Thompson's The End of Time

months-but don't say why the power couldn't principle involving complex computerised Christianity. have resumed earlier. On his acclaimed study, stock-keeping and the bulk of food in trucks The Coming Dark Age, Roberto Vacca on the road on their way to outlets rather than explains that during the 1965 great New York stored in warehouses. There are additional problems to do with refrigerators being controlled by embedded chips and bar-coding leading to produce being rejected as 99 years past its sell-by date, but the industry is onfident these problems have been resolved

RECLAIMING THE MILLENNIUM we can't survive without after only a few circumstance-during the mid-1980s drought, OrangeTM - until you need to recharge),

A recent survey of water industry managers revealed that they estimated around 11% of systems could fail (one major water company identified a nondiseases with the health sector likely then too ARE YOU READY FOR THE sites which meant 90% of plants could

days, unlike food-are heavily dependant on Yorkshire came close to being evacuated-so money (get yours out early - but don't start a computers and the electricity needed to run this, too, is likely to be a city-killer. It's worth run on the banks...), your PC (if you've got rivers) is likely to be quickly contaminated due to no other means being available to It doesn't deal with macro issues like the dispose of sewage. This, in turn, could lead to global economy, maintenance of law and

adding that even non-piped water (eg. in Windows 98, you're fucked), &c. outbreaks of hepatitis and other water-borne

communications (stick to bug-proofed

The Millennium Bug Crisis goes through Continued on p. 8 /... other likely Y2K-related problems:

END OF THE WORLD?

TALKING DOWN

Tackling some perennial Millennial myths

The approaching Millennium is being presented as blandly as possible-just as an excuse for a big New Year's Eve party and to sell some stuff-to prevent the panics traditionally associated with such times. As well as insisting there should be no anxiety and disorder on 2000 AD, kept historians are now being trundled out to insist there was no panic in 1000 AD either. This is the opposite of the truth.

THE FIRST TIME AS TRAGEDY...

millenneil outbursts prior to 1000 AD that the Middle Ages 'progressed'. they actually changed the dating system a couple of times.1 St Augustine denounced scenes that accompanied the presumed concerns the world would end in 398 as 1,000th anniversary of Christ's death, 1033. "wicked pagan legend" and theologan This indeed featured unprecidented numbers writ large. Contrary to expectations, 75% of Hippolytus of Rome also pitched in, of pilgrims filling the roads to Jerusalem, eyes people say they won't be attending big 2000 calculating the End-Time as some 200 years fixed on the skies for sight of the descending Eve parties - they'll be staying safe and quiet hence from the dimensions in cubits of the Ark Christ. This panic may well have included all and the apocalyptic Jewish tradition (AMI). the 'jubilee' features of the traditional 1000 As this date approached, Hippolytus's AD mythology that conservative historians calculations were quietly forgotten or deferred scoff at: the forgiving of debts, freeing of during the tail-end of the Dark Ages, the Venerable Bede replaced era mundo (AM) paid for out of someone's pocket... system instead. It's worth bearing in mind that ... THE SECOND AS FARCE most dates were calculated in terms of the reigns of local rulers rather than the universal AD system, something that did reduce the

impact of 1000 AD.

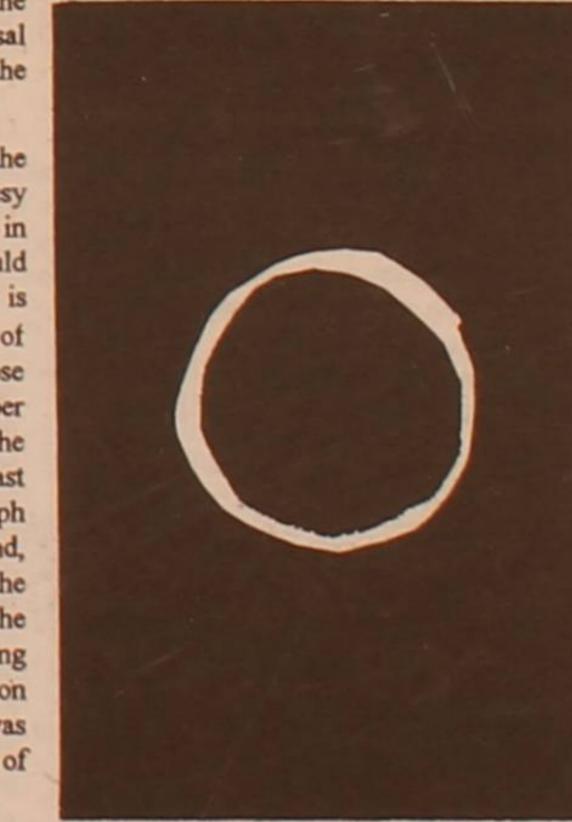
Although publicly professing a belief that the End was due in 1000 AD bordered on heresy and those exhibiting 'fear and trembling' in face of the Second Coming of Christ would just be advertising their lack of faith, there is will be impossible to clear it; rare and plenrty of evidence of both forms of behaviour. Abbo of Fleury admonished those preaching in Paris that "as soon as the number of a thousand years was completed, the Antichrist would come and the Last Judgement would soon follow" and Ralph Glaber of an astronomical portent of the End, a comet observed for three months by the monks of Lotharingia bringing "[f]ire in the heavens and on earth".2 As with the sighting of Halley's comet during the Norman invasion of England only 66 years later, this was evidently taken as a powerful omen of

movement involved 10,000s gathering in the response to social conditions and juggle (Vintage, 1999), pp. 29-34. fields, crying their entreaties to Heaven. figures to date-set accordingly + this time 2 ibid., p. 35. failed" on test, we also discover that it's all Food's been given passing mention above. Rather than being a bloodthirsty threat to the round have latched onto Y2K, making those ibid., pp. 49-50. dependant on electricity supplies and these The Millennium Bug Crisis's suggestion that social order, they were a nonviolent one, sort of quibbles irrelevant. seem likely to fail. 10 The authors are so every-one buy up enough supplies to last forcing peace between the turbulent and Instead of a comet, this time we're got the (Blackwell, 1994), pp. 20-22. alarmed by this that they recommend all through the five-day Millennium holiday¹⁷ rapacious barons that had reduced France to 11th August 1999 solar eclipse, also a terrible ³ Thompson, op cit., p. 42. readers that can should buy generators now, are, in them-selves, as recipe for disaster as chaos. Despite this, this influential movement omen from Revelation 8: 12 ("the sun was bidd., pp. 51-53. before they're all snapped up in the last- Campbell notes in Warplan UK:18 "Modern was denounced as heretical by Rome" - we smitten"). Official attempts to bland out 7 Norman Cohn's Europe's Inner Demons minute rush. They'd better buy up illegal and supermarkets only keep about three days' can only assume due to its implicit anxieties around this by presenting it as a (London, 1975) dangerous amounts of fuel oil too, because if supply of food on the premises". Even from millenarian content. Another menace taken as scientific curiousity, an opportunity to holiday Thompson, op cit., p. 47. the electricity fails, so will oil pumping and this, people will be chasing half the food fulfilment of the prophecy of Matthew 24, that rail transportation of basic necessities11. available before the crisis even begins - and "nation will rise up against nation" was the primal power the eclipse engages people with 10 Maybe this is the seed that grew into the Railway signalling could be fucked even if the that's not allowing for the disruptions and Vikings, particularly Danish raids ravaging in the first place. We hear during eclipses, one power to make it work was maintained. They shortfalls already caused by the Christmas the English coast. It's interesting to note that terrified Amazonian tribe shoots fire arrows at also mention the 1997 Auckland black out - holiday &c. But it's worse than that. As The 1000 AD was the year Iceland finally the occluded solar disc in an attempt to return where a single cable being accidentally Millennium Bug Crisis concedes19 converted from their own End-Time faith in it-and the world-to life.10 Anxieties come out

> by Glaber was Emporer Otto III6 who dug up a potential tourist boom - when these stories and reinterred the bones of Charlemagne in were circulated publicly enough, the majority Aachen ast Pentecost 1000 in an attempt to of those expected decided not to assume the role of 'Last Emporer', the leading Cornwall after all. temporal opponent of the Antichrist. When his All the millenarian features from 1000 AD attempt to take Rome was thwarted by are being replayed today-Jubilee 2000 internal revolt, Otto cast aside this role, winning Third World debt concessions,

nastiness that was to become a big feature as

Glaber's account concludes by the millenial siecle, fin de monde anxieties that directly prisoners, disbursement of wealth. Certainly, Leaving aside the Millennium Bug, people Glaber's "white mantle of churches" were have little time for the supposedly 'balancing'



Faced with massive turmoil following the fall This time round, the powers-that-be aren't have no control over. This, in its way, also Given that Y2K will happen in mid-winter of the Carolingian kings, France was crass enough to invent a whole new dating spells doom for the 'Progress' the Dome is

and party, and to sell souvenirs deny the bibid., p. 32. severed deprived the city of power for six supermarkets work on a 'just in time' Ragnarok, the twilight of the Gods, to in fears that Comwall's roads will be gridlocked and the food and water will run A bizarre but influential figure also reported out. These anxieties are real enough to destroy

Even more worryingly, water supplies-which entering monastic life the better to hasten the Ploughshares and others calling for the freeing Mount.

End. Paralling this, Glaber attributed the of political prisoners, the streets of Jerusalem outbreak of baby-eating heresy in Sardinia to swamped by pilgrims planning to be first to the increased activity of the Antichrist, a greet Christ's Second Coming 11-but there's an undertone of prophetic role-playing here, as with Otto III a thousand years ago.

More interesting and generalised are the fin de contradict the official version of the public mood, which is pretty much the eclipse script at home. This is a direct consequence of Y2K concerns, much like the chilling effect of apocalyptic rumour around the eclipse.

symbol of utopian hope, the Millennium Dome. The Earth First! Action Update announced their intention to oppose it through direct action as it's a temporary structure built of polluting and unsustainable materials, and symbolises Promethean arrogance generally. Aside from one spectacular blocking of the Jubilee line, this campaign's not been particularly noteworthy. The popular take on it is much more interesting, in terms of what it says about their attitude to the future. Aside from Peter Mandelson's hand in it-who's been characterised as a scheming, Antichristlike "prince of darkness" in a manner reminiscent of the worst Christian antisemitism-people smell hype and just don't want to know. This has led them to distrust experts, officials and their mythologies ("beef is safe" &c). To compensate them for the inconvenience of having it built on their doorstep, every resident of Greenwich was offered a free pass to the Dome. Most won't go because they think there'll be nothing in the Dome worth the hassle of seeing it. This suggests an alienation and weary disgust, a turning away from a future based on the technocratic deifying of gadgetry that we will

monsterous cult of human sacrifice in pre-Columbian meso-American civilisation [Marvin Harris' Cannibals & Kings (Fontana, 1977), chap. 8].

Lisa Beter's 'Target: Jerusalem' in Time, 18 January 1999, p. 47. Aside from mentioning the new wing of a psychiatric hospital being built for would-be prophets striken by 'Jerusalem Syndrome', this piece deals with the deportation of the Concerned Christians cult back to Denver. The Shin Bet discovered they were determined to start the war between Christ and Antichrist with an armed assault on the Temple

RECLAIMING THE MILLENNIUM

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 8

COUNTDOWN TO BREAKDOWN

tick or cross results as you go

☐ AUGUST 22, 1999

The Global Positioning System fails worldwide due to a known bug in GPS firmware that'll unexpectedly subtract 1024 weeks from the transmitted date beginning today. The US Navy has known about this for years and publicly disclaimed any responsibility for people who might get lost (eg. hikers). There will be a barrage of news reports that day, similar to the news when Galaxy IV went down, and a few ships'll get lost at sea. Air traffic will be affected. The military Ozone depletion's a good example. This one will likely be on full alert (as their guided missiles won't work!) but most regular folks won't isn't just about slapping on a bit more Soviet Union's massive BW stockpile held notice it. The more observant will realize this is a 'distant early warning' about things to come. sunblock. Wildlife can't, livestock can't and decades after the signing of the 1972 After all, if GPS is that fragile, what about the rest of society's computers? These people will the pollinating insects that are the basis of Biological & Toxin Weapons Treaty, then begin preparations for Y2K, adding to the pressures on the banking system (cash much arable farming can't - so people are demonstrating the hollowness of international withdrawals) and the supply business (food, medical, ammo, etc). A lot of suppliers will be out going to have to figure out how to eat without order' rhetoric. Particularly deadly munitionsof stock on some items or simply way too busy to fill orders.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

This date was used in many mainframe applications as an 'end of record' indicator, and as the source of this problem? People spraying through the insertion of a poison gene (eg. 9/9/99 shuts down critical database systems around the world, we'll get another wave of news their armpits + disposable plates and cups for Botulin or scorpion venom) or constantly reports, adding to the panic. Cash withdrawals and purchasing of supplies will intensify. People the convenience of fast food outlets. You'd changing organisms like 'flu, against which trying to buy what they need will now be greeted with busy signals or "sorry, we're out of that". think there'd be immediate action over a it'd be impossible to develop effective

OCTOBER 1999

Increased calls for immediate Y2K compliance. Banks, government agencies, and companies will all lie. They'll say they're compliant even when they aren't as they know saying they're "still working on it" amounts to financial suicide. It's possible that serious bank runs begin as people pull their funds out of suspected noncompliant banks. The FDIC will be busy and PIOIIL worried. The stock market-if it hasn't already crashed-will begin as massive downturn.

NOVEMBER 1999

A large meteor shower, already announced by NASA, may knock out communications satellites, giving the world another small taste of Y2K. Some religious cults will see the shower as a sign from the heavens, unleashing another round of panic buying from their members. Cash withdrawals continue and the White House may invoke the Emergency Powers Act at this point. If that happens, large cash withdrawals will be made illegal and the real panic will set in.

DECEMBER 1999

Assuming banks are still solvent, the most unusual Christmas shopping season in history will refused to countenance any block on begin. Instead of buying toys and cosmetics, there'll be record sales of 'practical' items such as Amerikan car production whatsoever. If we cooking utensils and camping supplies. There'll be isolated runs on groceries and banks. Y2K don't get this one sorted, short-term effects Of course, disease needs no human hand to replicators 'to wage a sort of germ programmers, now on over \$500 / hour, will be working 18-hour days and paid in cash. If the will include coastal lands (eg. Bangladesh, decimate our race. The worth of arrogant warfare;' with 'programmable. stock market hasn't already crashed, this will be it. Expect an initial 25% drop in one or two rock market hasn't already crashed, this will be it. Expect an initial 25% drop in one or two proclamations of progress are shown by the Computer controlled 'germs'. These valuation. The reasons are twofold: people will sell stocks to buy supplies, and widespread concern over Y2K compliance with companies will likely engage in massive sell-offs.

☐ DECEMBER 31, 1999

their candles and food supplies to see what happens. The evening news will report parts of an incidental of climactic change, it's an evolution applies as much to microscopic computer viruses &c are "a new life form". Japan losing power as they rolled into January 1, 2000. The reports also describe the lastminute cash panic that shuts down the country's banks. Throughout the afternoon and evening news pours in from the Soviet Union, Australia, the Middle East and Europe; the power grid wasn't 100% compliant after all. Cities are in the dark, and mass panic is starting to spread.

DECEMBER 31, MIDNIGHT

The fools of America are still in the streets when it hits. Half-drunk, they don't realize why the its control throughout the Aegean and how lights went out. As the poor quickly realize 911 doesn't work, mass looting begins. They start meso-American civilisations like the Mayans with TVs, VCRs and stereos, all items that are worthless without electricity. The smart ones go fell. The American Midwest-the grain basket for gun shops. Inspired by a new sense of lawlessness, gangs then go door to door, shooting first of the world, which fed the Soviet Bloc even and asking questions later. Police will be helpless, and any family who decided against at the height of the Cold War and still much of purchasing a firearm out of concern that 'guns are dangerous' now realize they're a lot more the Third World-is now dustbowling rapidly, dangerous when the criminals have them and you don't. Many will die that night.

☐ JANUARY 1, 2000

The President will declare martial law, with an 11pm curfew. He'll call in the National Guard Mollinson warns "The next big famine will be to try to control the rioting, but they'll have little impact. Guardsman can handle isolated in the West". Some agro-chemical outbreaks of violence, but find themselves spread paper-thin as rioting and looting take over in corporations are trying to convert to genetic LA, Detroit, Chicago, St Louis, New York, and other cities. Fires started by the rioters burn engineering to head off the crisis whilst others. through the weekend. Few realize why the fire department can't respond: their communications are as insistent as ever that the best answer to systems are down and effectiveness is reduced to a third normal. Even the Department of declining soil fertility is just more of their Defense suffers an e-mail breakdown. Chaos reigns.

☐ JANUARY 3, 2000

The first day of business in the new Millennium brings a wave of shock: international banking arsenal) both block the development of is dead. Wire transfers simply can't go through and international money activity halts. Bank organic alternatives, which will give more runs begin in the US as 'skeptics' finally realize Y2K is real. Power is restored in some areas, autonomy to small-scale farmers at the but the country as a whole is operating on 50% normal capacity. The President orders a expense of governments and corporations. nationwide 'bank holiday' until further notice. Depositors are turned away by the millions, and Nuclear weapons got a brief mention above, for the first time in three generations, US citizens discover what it feels like to lose your life savings in a flash. If the stock market has somehow managed to live through this, January 3 is crazed stupidity. Essentially militarily the day it collapses, perhaps to 25% of its 1998 peak interest rates shoot through the roof, into unusable under current world conditions, they the 50% range, as lenders and banks begin to realize the enormity of the crisis now being faced, Citizens will now find variable-rate mortgages impossible to meet, and the defaults begin. The ensure they can't be used! A pretty silly basis domino effect ripples through society. As companies shut down and mass layoffs begin, for inter / national prestige, but as 'top table' inflation eventually reaches triple-digit territory. Gold and silver coins start to appear as the currency of choice since green paper dollars lose value by the hour. Stockpiles of coal for the power plants shrink. They will run out in a fortnight. For those without a back-up heat source, the Winter of 1999 / 2000 may be their last. And that's just the beginning. Welcome to 2000.

... / ARE YOU READY ...? Continued from p. 7

concedes that the Japanese have been totally complacent about the Bug-only 11% US threatened to do over Korea, Cuba, compliant23-and if that folds, so will the rest Vietnam, during the Yom Kippur War &c, of the international economy, not least The nuclear / military angle is also deeply conventional warfare (NATO's Airland Battle order, the defence implications of Y2K &c. worrying. Reeve & McGhee's Millennium attempt to cope with loss of customer impossible. NORAD, the US nuclear attack accident provoking massive retaliation (back human species dying out through pthalateconfidence22 The Millennium Bug Crisis also early warning centre, is also likely to go

screwy - despite this almost leading to nuclear war twice in the early-1980s!

TOUR OF ARMAGEDDON

A WHISTLESTOP

But let's just suppose that the nay-sayers are right: that the power won't fail and everything It'll hardly make a difference. The dates might

always another End along sometime soon. nials about these as you do about the threat of Y2K - people with power generally don't want to deal with this stuff, unless they can rying to stave of socially disruptive millennia

a viable biosphere if the UVs really bite and -perhaps produced as last-ditch Strangelovean short of turning us all into astronauts. What's bacteria like e. Coli engineered to be deadly planet-threatening threat with causes so vaccines. trivial, but industry's got their kept scientist thing rather than forego a few months extra

If they can't sort this sort of low-grade with the much more substantial problems absolute minimum, whilst even prior to the presenting 5-15% cuts as "bold" and as much then-US president and oil man George Bush than a disaster. belts causing mass migrations and starvation. In the long-term, we could enter a runaway Greenhouse scenario like Venus, meaning the end of all life on Earth by 2075.26

rotation &c) impoverishes topsoil to the point advanced our medical technology:34 someone else's through war or trade for food.27 This is why classical Athens extended as much from agro-chemicals impoverishing the soil as from global warming.29 The situation is so serious that Resurgence's Bill NPK fertiliser. Commercial imperatives and, to a lesser extent, geo-political ones (food aid being just another weapon in imperialism's

but are another example of this sort of powercontinue to be stockpiled just to continue to countries have set the standard, now there's massive nuclear proliferation as smaller international standing. It's quite possible some 'responsible' power will deliberately30 use nukes as brinkmanship over-balances (as the even during the relatively stable bipolar Cold because of the scale of insurance pay-outs. War period) or as a tactical extension of port of call for the infective agent and those He suggests such accelerators could be built strategy throughout the closing period of East-The Stock Market and UK banks insist Bomb24 notes that many nuke codewords West contestation), but with hundreds of Concerns about how an increasingly toxified ARE YOU READY ...? they're proofed against all this, but that hasn't were written so long ago they've been 'Broken Arrow' and 'Bent Spear' incidents environment will impact on our health have Continued on p. 10 /...

to the Bug again?). Most uncool-as Nobel induced infertility (the sperm count is laureate Joseph Rottblat proved in the early- dropping 1% annually) or universal auto-1980s-is that it only takes a few hundred immune collapse,34 and there's also been missiles thrown either way to trigger an concern about GMOs without limiters to stop ecocidal nuclear winter. At one stage during their indefinite reproduction causing the 1990-1991 Gulf War, there were well- ecological chaos, the 'green glop' problem.33 atmospheric perturbation sufficient to bizarre man-made Ends. John Leslie argues

prestige is much broader and has reached sub-State levels. The more ruling powers use this to justify 'world policeman'-style inter-

science just ain't got the answer to that yet 'doomsday weapons'-would be commonplace

that in the next 400 years, we'll have mastered nano-technology, molecular-sized machines The 'poor man's H-bomb'-gas and germ which may be self-replicating, capable of weapons-don't have quite this potential but, redesigning themselves and of perform applied to major urban connurbations, could alchemical feats like little 'sorcerers' certainly pull down civilisation. 32 The il/logic apprentices', changing one form or substance governing the use of nuclear weapons applies into another within hours. The doomsday equally here, although proliferation-for- scenario with these is rather like that with

> when devices of this sort are able to make 'almost anything (including more of themselves) from common materials' then they will 'give nuclear war some company as a potential cause of extinction'. Artificial plants using solar cells 'could out-compete real plants, crowding the biosphere with inedible foliage', while tough, omnivorous artificial bacteria 'could spread like blowing pollen, replicate swiftly, and reduce the biosphere to dust in a matter of days' - a threat which has come to be known as 'the grey goo problem'. A disaster might arrive by sheer accident. Or it might be brought about by using

happening or its good for us, or any damn thing rather than forego a few months extra Emergency planning is geared around them surviving at your climactic shit out, how are they going to cope expense For precisely this raised by the Greenhouse effect? Scientists are calling for 50% cuts in carbon emissions as an reason, many revolutionaries 1993 Ric Earth Summit, politicians were see the coming Y2K crisis as a as popular (ie. industry) opinion would liberatory opportunity rather stomach. Detroit then put their oar in and

ongoing prevalence of Norwalk and could be much more useful militarily Rotavirus, diarrheal infections that have than real germs, until they went out of plagued humanity from the first domestication of animals in the Neolithic.33 Concluding his Famine, the second Horseman, won't just be historical overview, Arno Karlen notes that The more extreme cybernuts already insist

> their arrival is an ancient, natural process. It has risen to crisis proportions whenever people have made radial environment in order to live in greater plenty. Every age of new plenty demanded a price of biological readaptation. Diseases occurred in increased numbers when our ancestors left the trees for the ground; when nomads became hunters and spread across the world; when village life began and with the growth of cities; with the start of global Revolution; with the social and technological results of prosperity. The current wave of diseases has arisen with the acceleration of travel, technology, and social and environmental change in the past half-century. Attempts at plenty have a price, and always the human decision has been that the price is worth

The twenty-first century will bring a savage test. Infectious diseases remain the world's leading cause of death; they will remain so for a long time to come.

What's to say that tomorrow we mightn't face cyber-utopianism whose ironies Jacques Ellul a new plague of Antoninus, which infected would have appreciated. infected with it both-would also be first to

stopped them printing an extra £8bn in an forgotten, making debugging such weapons now on record,31 here's also the prospect of an also led to doomsday speculation about the

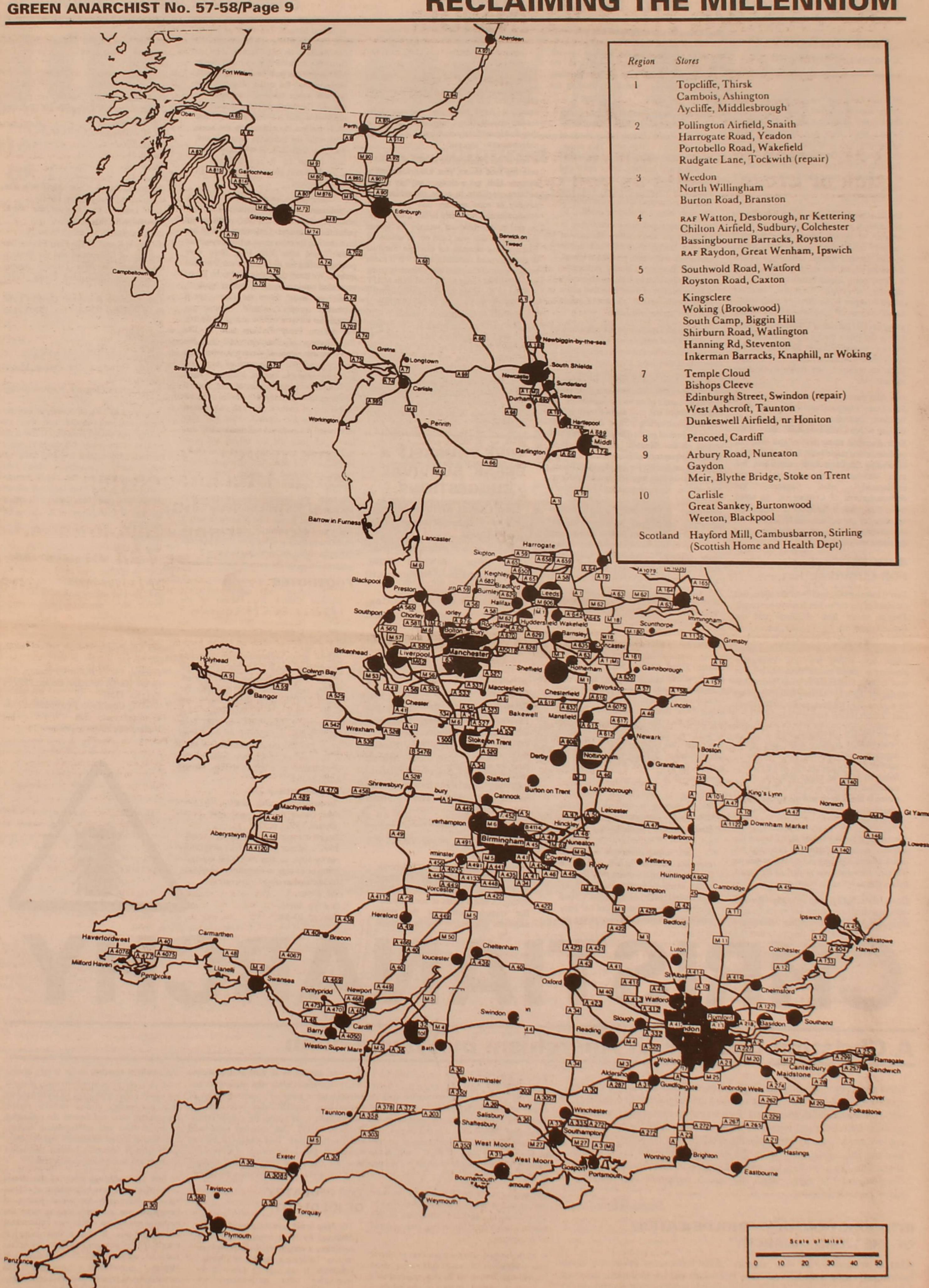
inevitable part of the cycle of Civilisation's disease organisms as any on the face of the Picking up on this, Leslie envisages a development. Unsustainable agricultural planet. As we adapt to them, they naturally Terminator-type scenario where humanity practices (eg. irrigation that silts up, poor crop adapt to our counter-measures, however develops artificial intelligence computers and becomes so dependant on them that they fulfil their programming by eliminating humanity in the name of 'efficiency'.37

> AI (artificial intelligence) systems which are clever enough to design and build still better AI systems 'will enable states to expand their military capabilities by orders of magnitude in a brief time'. [T]he world already holds governments which torture and spy on their citizens, and that advanced technology will merely extend the possibilities open to them: 'using an abundance of speechunderstanding AI systems, they could listen to everyone'. But ... they mightn't want to. 'With advanced technology, states need not control people - they could instead simply discard people.' Artificially intelligent systems could replace not only the workers who 'make, move, or grow things' but also 'engineers, scientists, administrators, and even leaders'. 'A state could prosper while discarding anyone, or even (in principle) everyone': prosper in the sense of beating other states in economic or military struggles.

Perhaps far-fetched, but a logical extension of

half the world's population in the 1st century Leslie's ultimate scenario (short of recreating AD and killed 95% of those infected?35 After the Big Bang in a laboratory - oops!) is the all, the Spanish Lady, the 1918 flu pandemic theoretical possibility of upsetting a that killed 40 million, was totally unexpected, metastable vacuum.38 Arguing that true came from nowhere, and killed faster than the vacuums contain only the lowest levels of plague.36 Maybe next time it'll be a vacuum, Leslie says that local to the solar haemorhagic fever from the tropics instead of system contains higher energies than this and Yersinia pestis from the depths of Asia. It'd is therefore only metastable. Using intensely be impossible to immunise even a fraction of powerful particle accelerators, this energy the population if the burn was fast enough, might be liberated with catastrophic results, especially as the hospitals and med labs-first the destruction of all local stars, planets &c.

RECLAIMING THE MILLENNIUM



... / ARE YOU READY....? Continued from p. 8

by 2150 and even that irrespons-ible highdevelopment of civilisations, maybe why we haven't heard from any alien ones! This speculation was taken seriously enough for the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (EONR) to out a limit on the power of acceler-ators being build now - so maybe we're one cat scientific curiosity won't kill, this way at least.

On the subject of cosmology, there's also the old chestnut about the Earth being hit by an asteroid or comet, something that could certainly end Civilisation or even the human species through nuclear winter-type effects following impact, but also a good example of a threat being hyped because it serves the based weapons are good for so all those young physicists that got rich at Lawrence Livermore labs in the 1980s are hyping this one to keep the pay cheques rolling in. Knowing that lot, space-based weapons are likely to be a bigger threat to humanity-and much sooner-than

One final threat to Civilisation, left off even John Leslie's long and exotic list, is the sheer boredom, frustration and unpleasantness of existing within Civilisation itself. Many of the Ends discussed above will trigger crises of confidence that might bring it down regardless f whether the threat itself materialises, but rebel against ehumanisations of Civilisat-ion. As noted with Y2K, all it takes is a tempor-ary cessation of production and breakdown of infrastructure and ingrained obedience, and the whole job's fucked.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SURVIVAL

in times of crisis, they become even more distribution centres and MAFF buffers (food planning is geared around them surviving at your expense - business as usual, just to the nth degree. Their mentality is well summed up by a quote from the preface of a 1980s North East Thames Health Authority warplan:39 summarily shot. We strongly suspect the ESR

If all the great trees and much of the brushwood is felled, a forest may not regenerate for centuries. If a sufficient number of great trees is left, however, if felling is to some extent selective and controlled, recovery is swift. In its way, a nation is like a forest and the aim of war planning is to secure the survival of the great trees.

The Millennium Bug Crisis didn't discuss the awkward question of law and order and we didn't discuss it during our review of that as it's best discussed here as part of the 'great trees' plan to 'clear the brushwood', us.

Given that cities will rapidly become unliveable in as a result of any major crisis, a significant omission from The Millennium Bug Crisis is any suggestion that people get the hell out of the cities. You don't have to be paranoid to appreciate the parallels between this and the 'stay put' advice in the overnment's 1980s civil defence briefing. Protect & Survive, and their 'clearing

Planning for Home Defence thus places a primary emphasis on the control of the civil population. British policy is one of no evacuation - 'stay put'. This policy, which will be enforced as far as possible by police and military, keeps roads and transport facilities free for the military logistic movements, which is a convenience. It maximizes civilian casualties in the early stages of nuclear conflict, by maintaining population concentration in urban target areas where chances of survival during an attack and in the immediate post-attack period are lowest. On the other hand, it may perhaps be a lesser number of mouths to feed and a consequently greater chance of stable 'survival' for the remainder.

Route (ESR) network shows, closing so many you'll need the numbers and firepower to key roads to civilians means trapping them in overwhelm those guarding them. Why should cities where they have a reduced prospect of they survive and not us? Their excuse for survival. Don't let yourself get trapped!

would be backed by the Territorial Army and special Police Support Units which-in addition to keeping civilians off major roadswould be responsible for guarding key points, monopolis-ing food supplies, and rounding up 'subversive and disgruntled minorities' Immediately following the passing of the Emergency Powers Bill, some 20,000+ individuals 'red flagged' by MI5 would be interned as "subversive"-another damn good reason for us not to 'stay put'-and others reservists, ex-Boy Scouts &c) would be called to the assistance of the civil power. All POL umediately rationed, a measure also likely to limit population movement; ships, aircraft and other vehicles requisitioned; and central stores) placed under central governme control. These, military bases, fuel depots, power stations, government buildings, &c would be designated 'key points', surrounded by prohibited zones in which members of the public found there by the military could be

Planning to provide an emergency feeding service is one of the local authority's principal emergency planning duties. Providing the food is

as a whole would be regarded as a type of

'key point', the better to contain and control

the population. Having monopolised food

supplies, the government is hardly likely to be

all major stockpiles would be requis-itioned and guarded by the government. Local authorities' only food stocks would be for their own bunkers, and central government would release supplies to the bunkers if need be. They would also earmark for themselves the

school meals service stocks - although any 'residue' could be kept for general

Emergency planners are quite clear that those (though they don't state it, we suspect this will also be the fate of internees not summari feeding anyone except themselves and those they find immediately useful, this is hardly an induce-ment to 'stay put'.

If you've got a place in the middle of nowhere with big food stocks, fine. Otherwise, get a shotgun. Hell, get a shotgun anyway as the eating. Ammo's not likely to last indefinitely, so get another hold-out weapon for lower grade threats that won't run out of ammo - a Black Widow catapult, for example. Survival into prohibited zones to get food from MAFF buffers &c (locations noted - see Campbell's Warplan UK for locations of key government As the appended map of the Essential Service &c) also worth turning over), and to do that, government is a social contract where they use their monopoly of force to protect us. As In a State of Emergency, democracy would be anarchists, we've always known this is a lie, suspended and governance transferred to but in the circumstances discussed above, it military, police and civil service regional and should be obvious to all that the ruling class

'GIVE YOURSELF A **BREAK' SURVIVAL** SUGGESTIONS:

- ation the officials want
- Lay in stockpiles and plan for your survival now, the last-minute
- including with weapons
- Break their monopoly of food, preferably through collective action
- Team up with a Boy Scout dodgy SAS Survival Guidetype publications for thereafter

In Industrial Society & Its Future, the Freedom Club say:43

we used an analogy of a weak neighbour who is left destitute by a strong neighbour who takes all his land by forcing on him a series of compromises. But suppose now that the string neighbour gets sick, so that he is unable

to defend himself. The weak neighbour can force the strong one to give him his land back, or he can kill him. If he lets the strong man survive and only forces him to give his land back, he is a fool, because when the strong man gets well he will again take all the land for himself. The only sensible alternative for the weaker man is to kill the strong one while he has the chance. In the same way, while the industrial system is sick we must destroy it. If we compromise with it and let it recover from its sickness, it will eventually wipe out all

rather than a disaster. Underclass Rising! has been pushing for mass street action throughout 1999 44 and after June 18th, there were postings calling for like action even from that quarter. We don't think this need to be hyped or worked out in advance as another 'protest' appreciate people's simple, spontaneous struggle for survival will be enough to destroy the system. Fredy Perlman said in The 29 ibid., chap. 10 Reproduction of Everyday Life that the 30 Leslie, op cit., pp. 31-32. everyday experience of slavery is what kept 31 ibid., pp. 32-36. slavery going. When 'the machine stops' and 32 Wendy Barnaby's The Plague Maker: the government's thrown back on more ancient, authoritarian means of rule, there'll be the epistemological break needed to throw people out of routines that can only thwart their chances for survival. This was very uch what the medieval millenarians felt, that they'd left their old life behind and were making a new world ('the Kingdom of God') in the here and now. And, of course, when events go beyond a certain point, what Authority-including Leftist authorities-fear the most will happen: like the generators discussed re. Y2K above, the Machine will be so ripped that it won't be possible to start it again, maybe for centuries, and by then people will have rediscovered the joys of autonomous existence where Authority has no place.

FOOTNOTES

- Millennium (Pimlico, 1993), Conclusion Damian Thompson's The End of Time 39 Campbell, op cit., back cover.
- (Vintage, 1999), pp. 338-339. violence. Arm yourselves - 4 Whilst many millenarian rebels became 42 antinomians (see A L Morton's The World

 43 Freedom Club's Industrial Society & II of the Ranters (Lawrence & Wishart, 1979)), many others sadly opted for the leadership of heretical clerics instead (see Rodney Hilton's Bond Men Made Free (Routledge, London, 1988), p. 229). Most disappointing was Cohn's disclosure (op cit., p. 220) that the Adamites were a cultin the modern, derogatory sense of the
 - Thompson, op cit., p. 336
 - The Millennium Bug Crisis: The Panic Free Guide for You and Your Family (Dennis, 1999), p. 12. Though it's worth adding that as a result of

word-under a prophet styling himself

- 1997's defence cuts, the TA's strength was cut by 50%, so their motive for saying this could be as base as opportunistic lobbying. 8 The Millennium Bug Crisis, op cit.
- 10 ibid., pp. 46-48. 11 ibid., pp. 83-84.

The word in Greek means simply 'without a packaged description of how a new society While most of anarchist theory is very diverse ruler, or leader'. In Latin during the Middle would operate. Unlike the definitive and and elastic, and there have been many currents Ages the word was used to describe God as authoritarian manner of statist socialism or and trends within anarchism, its understanding ;beginning'. Milton used it in this respect, and (Proverbs 29:18). They therefore must build of decentralised and self-regulating society,

The State is not something which can be destroyed by being overthrown. It is a condition, a certain relationship between human beings, a mode of human behaviour. It can only be subverted by contracting other relationships, by

agnostic, historically the initial source of inspiration was spiritual, coming from the medieval revolutions which were millennialist and apocalyptic. It was a later historical source, the Enlightenment, with its cry of 'no gods, no masters' and its rationalism and utopian romanticism concerning the inevitability of progress and the perfectibility of Man that rejected the initial spiritual source of inspiration.

13 Roberto Vacca's The Coming Dark Age (Granada, 1974), p. 58.

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 10

⁷ The Millennium Bug Crisis, op cit., p. 81. 18 Duncan Campbell's Warplan UK (Paladin,

1982), p. 282. 19 The Millennium Bug Crisis, op cit., p. 77.

Simon Reeve & Colin McGhee's The John Leslie's The End of the World (Routledge, 1996), . p. 52. 27 William H Koetle's 'The Final Empire: The

'cause' or 'issue'. From the above, you'll 28 John Seymour & Herbert Girardet's Far From Paradise (Green Print, 1990), chap

Collapse of Civilization and the Seeds of

the Future' in John Zerzan's Agains

Civilizat-ion (Uncivilized Books, 1998)

Amo Karlen's Plague's Progress (Indigo

ibid., pp 229-230. Of course, as anarcho "plenty" has always been for the few at the expense of the many. We doubt Karlen is seriously arguing that hunter-gatherer life was more unhealthy than the agriculturalist's or the 18th centur craftsman's poorer than the 19th centur factory hand (see Mark Cohen's 'Health & the Rise of Civilization' in Zerzan op cit

Martin J Walker's Dirty Medicina

Slingshot, 1995).

⁵ Leslie, op cit, pp. 90-94.

36 ibid., pp. 104-105.

38 ibid., pp. 106-122.

Future (Green Anarchist Books, 1995), 1

32 [para. 135] Working Class Earth First! position pape circulated at EF! Winter Moo Nottingham, February 1999.



CHRISTIANARCHY

A Christian Critique of Anarchism by Wayne John

I find myself in complete rupture with my epoch. I sing freedom, which my epoch hates. I do not love government and am religio-anarchist tendency, while the epoch deifies government. I am an extreme personalist, while the epoch is collectivist and rejects the dignity and worth of personality. I do not love war and the military while the epoch lives in the pathos of wart. I love the philosophic mind while the epoch is indifferent to it. I value aristocratic culture whole the epoch degrades it, and finally, I profess eschatological Christianity whole the epoch recognises only traditioncontemporal Christianity.

NICHOLAS BERDYAEV

INTRODUCTION: DEMYTHOLOGISATION OF THE WORD 'ANARCHY'

What do we mean by the word 'anarchy'? Most dictionaries define it to mean lawlessness, chaos, disorder, confusion. Politicians and the media use the word in this negative sense; thus it is a word that needs much demythologising, so as to distinguish it from, this semantic subversion of meaning.

primacy and sovereignty over all the powers from the centralised state, political violence whatever age, sex, colour, class or creed.

The prefix 'an' is the equivalent of the word THE IDOLATRY 'un', meaning 'not' - it dies not then have to OF IDEOLOGY mean 'anti' or 'against', but speaks of that which is more 'not' something than opposed to' or 'against'

It would be misleading nevertheless to offer a neat definition of anarchism, since most anarchist theory is in essence anti-dogmatic and anti-ideological, offering no manifesto, no party line, no economic blueprint and no pre-

and all economic domination and exploitation.

GUSTAV LANDAUER

being without a beginning. In the New communism, anarchy rather proclaims that of a free society always includes certain Testament 'arky' is usually interpreted as "where there is no vision, the people perish" assumptions, ideas and themes: the realisation the early Christians believed Jesus to be 'the and incarnate their own vision to become consisting of topless federations and voluntary beginning', 'the Arky of God' who holds themselves 'ends in the means' of a world free associations of mutualism between peoples of At first sight, although many of the classic anarchist thinkers have been atheist, or at least

living daily the one man revolution with the solution is autonomy of the self being a law which he faces a decadent, confused and unto itself. However, Christianity would dying world.

> The early Christians were known as 'people of the way' 11, believing Jesus to be the physical A Christian anarchy therefore derives from the incarnation of God's shalom. This is the eschatological 13 orientation of the Gospel, theologians to toy with. Hebrew word for peace and justice; a peace far change not being dependent on violent

shall be common and undist-

relationship between humanity and God. somebody with the tyranny of nobody. With this in mind, a radical, theistic 3 anarchism has as its starting point not a social, economic or common to all, nor parted out always be two pointing back. There is no political theory, but rather the desire t understand the nature of humanity. Without with walls or fences, shall then the enemy without. the link to any particular creed or sect, its adherents reject all denominationalism, bring forth of its own accord film which perfectly illustrates the monopoly of the grace of God. We should much fruit and life, and wealth Maria, the Christ figure, signals a curse on all never identify the truth with ourselves, but like John the Baptist, simply point to Jesus.

contend that such autonomy 2, as far as a

ultimately nothing more than a false freedom,

bearing resemblance to the biblical account of

the Fall, where through a misuse of free will

humanity is portrayed as being in a state of

self-imposed alienation from the Creator. It is

this sin that has caused separation in the

relationship with a personal creator goes, is

RECONSTRUCTING **CHRISTIAN ORIGINS**

nor anti-Christian, and a Christian anarchism is not an attempt to form a synthesis of two contradictory and opposed systems, but rather nor slave, no kings, no princes, absolute pacifism is to be rejected for being

history have attempted to do this; such as elements of the early monastic movement common and no more shall any final eschatological transformation into the Kingdom of God. which grew up as a prophetic witness against the popular religion of the domesticating statechurch alliance. It was not until Constantine in the 4th century that the Roman state became morrow, not it is was yester- incorrect; but love is not new, it is as old as Christendom, and absorbed the way of Christ into a legitimisation of the powers that be.

This was to further evolve and then split into the institution of the Papacy in the west, and the Orthodox church in the east. The western days church would then further split in the 16th century, during the Protestant reformation. We observe during these centuries Christianity recognise any other absolute primacy, on the resurrective power of the Holy Spirit. being co-opted by the dominant ideology of something for which early Christians were

The Kingdom of God according to the libertarian right with its heterodox doctrine state power. This was couples with the 'just violently persecuted. In refusing to comply war' theory and a progressive sacramentalism with the cult of the Roman emperor, the Way and clericalism, together with judicial, penal were seen as being subversive of both the and legalistic theories of original sin,4 the political and religious establishment. For them, atonement, free will and predestination, and the shalom had already come in embryonic form in an order on things. It is not concerned with world like the film Robocop, of privatised judgment to come. The theodicy of the early the person of the Son of Man. The Kingdom, of humanity's self-enlightened self-interest, but police forces where trans-national companies Church Father Saint Irenaeus inspired a God already existed within fallen society, and theological view of creation of God's eternal purpose.

Church Father Saint Irenaeus inspired a the ministry of the Holy Spirit was to competition? Global capitalisation with the vindication of God's eternal purpose. theological view of creation, the fall and the ministry of the Holy Spirit was to make it In this context therefore, the Second Coming of hence greater political centralisation. The irony redemption, more libertarian and at odds with more universally manifest to live by the spirit Christ is interpreted in a revolutionary and here is that such free market anarchy or big the later rationalisations of Augustine (which of Christ and not by the spirit of the fallen liberating way. There is no particular class, business minarchy saves capitalism and gives in due time became the standard orthodoxy of world. The ministry of Jesus does not church or organisation that will act as us friendly fascism, or one world government: the western church).

being the first protestant, and all Protestants realising their communal individuality. sinners in need if grace. being crypto-papists - the Reformation merely monastic movement to the heterodox Brethren based liberation theology in the spirit of early completely relativises all others. of the Free Spirit 3 and medieval mystics such Quakerism, which was a true prophetic as Margaret Poretti and Jaochim of Fiore to the synthesis of social and personal evangelision, including the Diggers, Levellers and the early

Further on, we find the visionary poet, artist secularisation of the Quaker concept of bearing and mystic William Blake inspired by this witness. tradition, with his concept of 'Albion'; 'the Russian writers Leo Tolstoy, Nicholas THE APOTHEOSIS Berdyaev and Fyodor Dostoyevsky's legend of OF ANARCHY then Grand Inquisitors; the Spanish Civil War veteran and philosopher Simon Weil; within I am absolutely certain that there is a God the Calvinist tradition, the writings of Jacques in the sense that I am absolutely certain tradition, the religion-less Christianity of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the existentialism of Soren Kirkegaard; and the Catholic Worker movement inspired by individuals such as Peter Maurin, Dorothy Day and Ammon Hennacy (with its 'houses of hospitality' and its personal philosophy), the Protestant version of this being the Sojourners, inspired by the prophetic activism of Jim Wallis. See also Process theology, Liberation theology and Situation ethics. Also worth mentioning is the contemporary 'Creation-Centred Spirituality' movement, the anti-militarist 'Swords into Ploughshares', Gandhi's 'Satyagraha movement, the novels of Nikos Kazantakis, the Jewish existentialist Martin Buber and the early kibbutz movement, and the Blakeian anarchist Anthony Roberts.

absolutely certain that there is not a God

in the sense that am absolutely certain

there is nothing real which bears a

resemblance to that which I am able to

conceive when I pronounce that name,

since I am unable to conceive God, but

that thing which I am unable to conceive

is not an illusion. This impossibility is

the feeling of my own personal existence.

Christian anarchy is never an end in itself,

for to enter the struggle for power would be the

more immediately present to me than is

SHALOM MY FRIEND

A Christian anarchist does not depend on bullets or ballots to achieve his ideal, and doesn't need a cop or a priest to tell him how to behave. He achieves his ideal by

represent a political other-worldly spiritualism, vanguard of change in the historical process, a liberal totalitarianism undermining national

replaced the infallibility of the Pope with the Jesus lived, taught and incarnated this one-man The Second Coming is not just an event to be New World Order; but they do so within a infallibility of the Bible, the paper Pope of revolution and showed what it is to be fully anticipated in the future, but now. It is a popularist obsession with conspiracy theories, Protestantism). God's 'underground' has and authentically human, loving and free. realised eschatology and it is only because of that can only producer a spiritual climate always been bitterly persecuted and branded as Because of this he was crucified by a political this eschatological orientation of the Christian heretical by the established churches, and religious establishment who saw him both faith, that we can afford to be anarchist in underdogs or victims. Friedrich Nietzsche 13 assembling under various names and in as a political subversive and a religious respect to this world's authorities. The only addressed such people in his book Th different ways: from elements of the early blasphemer. The need today is for a biblically real authority is the authority of God: this Humanity is now called to develop an roused up the lowly, the outcast, the sinners

various Anabaptist groups, 'spirituals' and changing and challenging both individuals and eschatological sense: an active comprehension within Judaism to oppose the ruling order, but radicals of the 17th century English Civil War, social structures: a realised eschatology. As early Friends would say: "Speak truth to judgment but also the illumination and acts of love, witnessing to a revolution power". The modern day concept of non- transfiguration of the world not only elsewhere, crucified between two thieves. violent direct action can be seen as a catastrophe, but also a continuation of creation, The whole world is an argument. Don't let the the re-creation in Christ of the whole cosmological 14 order. Now, then, is the moment of truth: the consummation of the The conclusion? There are no rights - all is historical process, when both humanity and the gift... individual are called upon to meet Christ as the Messianic hope and liberator of fallen reclaiming of this millennialist hope from its In God's service alone is true freedom found. right 15 and its Marxist and fascist Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus

We must also reject the various mysticisms

to reach God; however conceived or defined, to ADAM'S PLAYTIME? climb up to heaven on the ladder of our own mystical speculation is to bring God down to our own level, making God serve our own image and likeness. The Holy Spirit is not to be confused with the natural light of reason, intellect or conscience; neither should He be. equated with occultist terms such as the 'divine simply a way of making room for the person of spark', 'innate divinity', 'inner light', 'divine the Holy Spirit to lead. Christian anarchists essence', etc,. Human nature cannot regenerate would not even necessarily argue that such or save itself through a religion or any such enlightened anarchy is a realisable option for spiritual secular society now; political authority may be philosophies.

necessities of social life in a fallen world (but CONCLUSION: CHAOS nothing more than temporal necessities). When the state attempts to take the place of God, IS A DANCING STAR

Christians must obey God rather than man; but Christian anarchy does not need to explain or CHRISTIANARCHY it is no part of Christian anarchy to want to justify itself: it is not another system. There is Continued on p. 12 /... attack, subvert or overthrow worldly power, no sense in seeking neat answers, nor in

first step in becoming like the evil one opposes. desiring them there would only be lying words Can Satan cast out Satan? The way is not to describe such a perception. Such an about seizing power, but rather to live now 12 explanation and definition would deceive a according to the Gospels, within the shell of the person into thinking they possessed it; and so the end result of such systematic reasoning

Christian anarchy is not a cause. It is true that more cosmic in its scope than merely being the revolution or human goodwill alone to crate an one can use causes, however noble and true, to absence of conflict. The Way would not unrealistic, idealistic, man-centred utopia, but really escape or hide from something deep within oneself. We are to be aware in fighting the beast that we do not become like one in the was and is only the enemy within, before it is

revolutionary dynamic of a Christian anarchy), those who internalise and affirm fixation to rebellion against it. It rebukes those materialist anarchists who advocate authoritarian means urbed, for there shall be no of revolution: for the domination of the Anarchism is neither necessarily anti-religious poor man nor rich, no tyrant totalitarian than the despotism it seeks to replace. Also, no one can claim any moral high an attempt to live the way of the Gospels.

Many individuals and groups throughout but all men shall be together in towards the idea of government being

day, for he maketh no more of the cross that breaks the cycle of violence, whether it be the state or the cop in our hearts

The point being made is this: the battle was scriptural definition cannot be considered a of anarcho-capitalism, its idol of the free utopia, since it is no way a projection of man's market, free from statist intervention or self-willed ability to create an order or impose regulation. Do we really want to live in a unlike the extremes today within both the since all social, religious and political autonomy, seeking to impose a global Unknown to many within the institutionalised political and religious culture of either relationships in a fallen society share in the consumer culture of Americanisation. Sadly, churches there had existed a third way, neither collectivist mass conformity or extreme same spiritual condition. Whether we be only the reactionary right in America, the eat nor west, Protestant nor Catholic (the Pope individualism. His message was one of people master or slave, ruler or ruled, we are all citizens militia groups, and individuals like the 'uni-bomber' are bold enough to challenge the where they choose to liver in a world as

Antichrist, criticising Christians and anarchists as having a common point of origin. He describes Jesus as a "holy anarchist", who

From one who was an anarchist, but who now knows better: love God and do what you will.

AFTERWORD: THE that attempt to use s, ritual techniques in order END OF HISTORY OR

Saint Irenaeus once defined a heretic as someone who cannot accept contradiction or paradox; and this is where we are today called to be; a maverick by necessity. But where does one seek inspiration within the spiritual culture of today? Sadly, it is sometimes hard to find a spiritual home in the organised mainstream churches, who seem to have fallen into various contemporary errors, such as 'fundamentalism', 'liberalism', 'ecumenicalism' and 'charismaticism'. One may find oneself increasingly marginalised; nevertheless, this is no excuse for disillusionment, however tempted.

WHO IS THE **ANTI-CHRIST?**



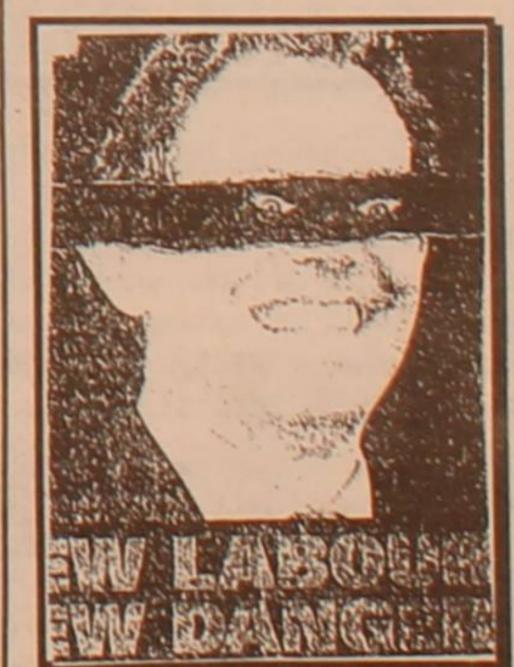
ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES



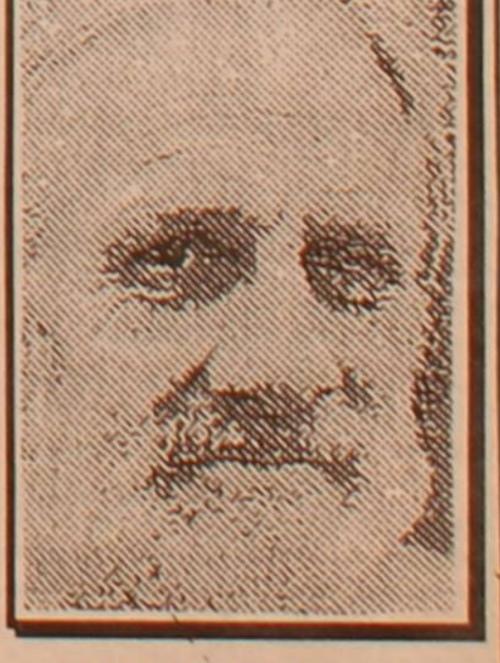
CHRIST



BILL GATES



TONY BLAIR



RICHARD HUNT

.../ CHRISTIANARCHY Continued from p. 11

So what about the contemporary radical oneself. Each individual is his own fate ... political scene? Faced with the cul-de-sacs of This, at least, is what I intend to bet all parliamentary politics or armed struggle, both my chips on ... The space and time easily recuperated by the powers that be, since allowed for life is very limited .. Yet both essentially rely on the system's own pre- nothing can stop me searching out that suppositions (see Joseph Conrad's The Secret strange crowd of people who inhabit the Agent). Some have found the path of shadows of the scaffolds, the darkness of nonviolent direct action to be the only answer. prisons and factories ... It is they who But is this just another cul-de-sac, again on the have lived and are still trying to live ... system's own terms of engagement? Others That crowd is a party of us, and lives speak not so much of direct action, which within us. To hear their voices we need denotes a confrontational basis, but rather only listen bellow the vain cawing of 'counter-power': communal living, credit death. unions, workers' co-ops, etc. This, instead, is about living as independent of the system as we And the earth shall be common to all, not possibly can,, forming small autonomous units parted out with walls or fences, shall then waiting for its inevitable downfall.

The British radical tradition needs reclaiming today. Names worth mentioning here include George Orwell, William Morris, Jonathan Swift, and of course William Blake. Unless we can create a vision, the people will perish, along the lines of Aldous Huxley's fictional technocratic monoculture. Where now can we look for vision, for renewal? Dada and then Surrealism spoke of "Power to the Imagination"; the Beats, the Hippies and Pinks attempted to take the romanticist vision further. All good theology and politics should end in poetry, in celebration of life and the art of living. "The glory of God is man fully alive", as Saint Irenaeus said.

The future belongs to the trickster or holy fool, The best scripture-based case for Christian with arts of the court jester and the troubadour invoking the spirit of chivalry and courtly love. Raoul Vaneigem in his Outline for an Alchemy of the Self says:

The Philosophers' Stone is at the heart of the experience of Love, recalling humanity to the life from which it had been separated ... There, finally, in outline, is the universe of the gift. It is not the sacrifice implied by the law of

exchange, but love of the self emancipated from individualistic selfishness ... self-love that is enriched by what it offers .. it takes an absolute love of life .. to reach the heart of love. To arrive at oneself one must begin with

bring forth of her own accord much fruit and life, and wealth shall be common and undisturbed, for there shall be no poor man nor rich, no tyrant nor slave, none great nor small any longer, no kings, no princes, but all men shall be together in common and no more shall any man say night is come, nor the morrow, nor it was yesterday, for he maketh no more of days, nor of Spring, nor Winter, nor Summer, nor Autumn, neither marriage, nor death, nor selling, nor buying, nor set of sun, nor rising, for God shall make one long day.

THE APOCRYPHAL APOCALYPSE OF PETER

anarchism is Vernard Eller's Christian Anarchy (Eerdmans, 1987), which provides a balanced biblical exegesis of passages like Romans 13:1-7 and other related scripture. The book also provides a constructive

critique of Christian leftism. Blind Alley Beliefs by David Cook (Intervarsity Press) and The Dust of Death by Os Guinness (Intervarsity Press)

Freedom, Justice and Christian Counterculture by Michael C Elliott (SCM

⁴ The Eastern churches in general don't believe

in 'original sin' in the Augustine sense (a term not found in scripture). The Eastern church speaks rather of sharing in Adam's 'weakness' rather than his 'guilt', although this doesn't lessen the seriousness of sin, nor its inherited power. Also, the Eastern tradition to some extent has been critical of Western theories of the atonement where Christ is seen as the 'penal substitution' to 'satisfy' the retributive wrath and justice of God. This can lead to a dualistic Fall / Redemption scheme of salvation where the coming of Christ is seen as a rescue plan because thing have gone wrong. The Incarnation would have happened anyway, independent and quite apart from a fall; and so death itself is not seen as a punishment inflicted on mankind for sin, but rather as part of a positive divine plan. The Radical Evangelical by Nigel Wright (SPCK).

The movement of the Free Spirit was 'antinomian' (one who believes Christians are free from all moral laws). This is clearly against scriptural teaching concerning progressive sanctification. See also Demanding the Impossible by Peter Marshall (Fontana Press, 1993) and The Movement of the Free Spirit by Situationist Raoul Vaneigem (Zone Books, 1994).

6 It is tragic that the contemporary Society of Friends has largely lost its Christian basis, and has become liberal, humanistic and Unitarian in its most basic leanings.

See Camelot and the Vision of Albion by historian Geoffrey Ashe, and William Blake, Visionary Anarchist by Peter Marshall

Also worth mentioning is Vladimir Solovyev's A Short Story of Anti-Christ in which he prophetically foresees the path of history in the light of the biblical tradition concerning the Jewish people and the unity of the church.

Jacques Ellul's Anarchism and Christianity

Karl Bary's Commentary on Paul's Epistle to the Romans. The early believers had no Bible in the sense

the Bible is not the word of God: Jesus is the word of God - this avoids bibliolatry (making the Bible an idol). The source of the Scriptures is the Holy Spirit, and 17 whereas the canon is closed, the inspiration of the Spirit continues.

We live now in the tension between the 'now' and the 'not yet' of the Kingdom. 13 Eschatology is the study of 'the last things', ie death, judgment, heaven and hell, and prophecy as related to the Second Coming of Christ and the Millennium.

14 Most historians maintain that the earlier Celtic Christian church, with its links to the ancient Coptic churches, was a fusion of certain druidic and bard traditions, with the wisdom tradition of Judaism, and its deep reverence and respect for creation and the feminine; and its decentralised selfgoverning forms of church organisation, which led to it becoming the first church to the individual's "walk with God". What is resist the external claims of papal Rome and its centralised authoritarianism. For a liberating view of cosmology see The Cosmic Trilogy and other works of CS Lewis and his mentor George MacDonald.

One thinks of the book The Late Great

recommended only in a qualified way because it was exploited by the fundamentalist right in America during the Republican administration of the 1980s. Lindsey's follow-up Countdown Armageddon was even more ideologically captive to the political and evangelical right. Nevertheless, the basic testimony of The Late Great Planet Earth is worth of consideration, even if we are to reject some of the reactionary political conclusions drawn from it. The popularist obsession with various conspiracy theories is a modern day secularisation of apocalyptic themes that are covered in The Late Great Planet Earth, such as the trend towards world

government, the revival of the Roman

themes can be traced back to the Adventist

movement of the 19th century. recognisable today. Indeed, one could say 16 Norman Cohn's Pursuit of the Millennium

(Paladin, 1984) and Christopher Hill's The World Turned Upsidedown (Penguin,

See Anthony Duncan's The Christ, Psychotherapy and Magic (Element Books, to be re-issued) for a constructive and positive critique of such terns and their associations. See also No Other Name: Can only Christians be Saved? by John Saunders (CS Lewis Press) for an 'inclusive' view of salvation as related to faiths other that Christianity. The mysticism of Jacob Boehme draws much from the doctrine of the underground or abyss, a concept similar to the void or 'no thing' of Eastern thought. Here we see an apparent similarity between atheism and the god of the mystics. Meister Ekhardt once prayed "God, rid me of God" and Simon Weil wrote of a necessary purgative atheism in atheism but that which sings God's praises by calling him by another name? "For the wrath of man shall praise God". God is hidden and unrecognisably present in those who quarrel with God, who wrestle like Jacob with the angel, destroying all icons of Planet Earth by Hal Linsey, which can be God. They are never satisfied with the God of conventional religion, transcending both the submissiveness of the institution and the false rebellion of atheism, being against God for God's sake. We can discern elements of mystical anarchism in other spiritual traditions - particularly in Zen, Sufi and the Tao (Sacred Drift: Essays on the Margins of Islam by Peter Lambourn Wilson and George Tarlenton's Birth of a Christian

Anarchist, Pendragon Press, 1994). One thinks of all the other causes such as feminism, animal rights, black and gay rights. Berdyaev in his book Slavery and Freedom called anarchism a truth of apophatics, and tended towards a perception of anarchism as aristocracy universalised over and against ideological leftism. He also Empire in Europe, the coming of a false suggested that anarchism tended towards a messiah and the emergence of a universalist monism, unless rescued by a true Trinitarian religion uniting all faiths. Many of these view of Creation and humanity's place

A HERETICAL VIEW

Hopes the system will collapse because of the Millennium Bug are unfounded. We need to work for revolution.

The Millennium will not bring down the system. The banking world will not collapse because of it, nor will the multinationals. The Y2K bug will cause some problems; it might cause a few life support machines to fail, a signal fault may cause the odd train crash. Perhaps we'll get some power cuts, a bit of hysteria panic, but nothing more serious than this. The system will cope and continue to assert itself, just as it rides out normal disasters like snow, floods, stock market crashes and hurricanes.

thinking People believe the system can't go blaming the Christians. This started stalled. The beheaded King Charles I was on as it is. Well, it will, until enough people persecutions, which continued under other replaced by Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell. actively bring it down with their actions, and Emperors like Domitian. In a coded way, John The movements for the necessary social replace it with something better. Anarchism. of Patmos terms the Roman Empire 'the changes were defeated at Burford and on St Certainly, their problems are mounting up. Beast' or Anti-Christ. The logic of this George's Hill. Yes, the facade is wafer-thin. Yet, it is not opposition is not followed through. going to come crashing down because of two missing digits in a computer programme, for Apocalyptic prophecy is like a safety valve. all the devout hope that it might.

popular dissent sees society as the responsibility. The purpose of action is not We get parasites hanging on the fringes with embodiment / expression of negativity. It is a correction but shifts into the register of no commitment to the revolutionary social form of self-hatred. Examples are cited; the revenge God will take revenge for the ills of project. Hedonistic freeloaders and shallow greed of fat cats, corruption of politicians, society, crushing it down in his bloody wine Micah the Space Bunny types, only along for drug-taking by celebrities, kitsch materialism, press of wrath. This not the believers' the ride. When things get hard they'll lunch or urban angst in general. Partly, this is a responsibility. And so, the situation continues out or disappear. projection of the personal - the lightbulb unchallenged, the day of revenge is forever blown in the fridge, the overdraft letter from deferred, the correction of the fault not even The system is more resilient than a few the bank. Wouldn't it be nice if the power attempted. stations themselves blew, if the bank computers were all eaten up by a virus?

Patmos was writing the book of Revelation another aspect of this. We see this in Thomas of increasing complexity, system overload, (the Apocalypse) predicting a bloody end to Muntzer (1523) and then in the Anabaptist technology log jams and under-investment. human civilisation in fire and brimstone, and uprising in Munster (1534) with John of Technicians can improvise temporary the eternal; torment of heretical churches in Leyden and pageants, Spectacles, hedonism; solutions to keep things moving, the Asia Minor. On the 19th July 64, Rome while the forces of reaction lay siege outside. proverbial metal knife iammed in the railway

Take a look at the part Apocalypse has in social solutions through direct action, and so mytholo-gical language is arbitrary and populist mythology. Religion as a vehicle for shift the locus into the spiritual. It is God's subjective, it can mean all things to all people.

things by circum-locution? Why talk in obscure language when you could express your thought in plain talk?

We see this in the English Civil War period too. There were many Millennial groups around, perhaps the best known being the This idea of the Y2K as a panacea is wishful; caught fire, and Nero needed a scapegoat, Ranters, yet the political and social revolution.

> We need to put our aspirations in plain language. Abolish the state. Dismantle the The believers are unwilling to seek political pr multinationals. Because symbolic and

technological hitches - it can absorb damage. Bureaucrats can operate without computers -This shift from plain words and a physical most of their activity is useless anyway. Riot programme to symbol, prophecy, mythology police don't need computers. The system is This type of thinking goes back a long way, and that whole apocalyptic genre runs through vulnerable to the collapse of its About the end of the 1st century, John of history. This latest millennium panic is just infrastructures, but this is a cumulative effect

revolutionary weakness. Why else evade panacea for all the world's ilis, but it ain't like be here.

The shift into symbol is indicative of switchgear. The Millennium is a hoped for that. Come the year 2001, the system will still



HEAVEN ON EARTH

Patricia Freund on Anarchy as policy under the Bogomiles in 10th century Europe

The Bogomiles, an influential Christiasn sect later demoted by church obvious chanfre in seasons. Our most sacrec possible analytical hobbles? Mere speculation? all terms and conditions of employment. Enter authorities to heresy, declated as doctrine that anarchy was the only acceptable scriptures posit that Mankind separated from Perhaps. The case may also be made that in the Bogomiles who held that manual labour form of human existence, all other alternatives being open or disguised systems of enslavement. The Bogomiles preached a divinely mandated revolt against the State and all forms of authority and social and economic controls. These "Darkness" was synonymous with separatuiion precious to be wasted on the brutish peasantry constrictors, they said, imposed dangerous constraints on humanity And were from God, fro spiritual light. Progress, the creatures with souls, perhaps, but only contrary to heavenly intentions. men and women were born free and thus, one forward movement of spiritual technically human. The Bogomiles did, by could not be more equal than another, direct or control one another, speak or incrementalism, does not include Nature in its contrast, take the time. think for another. Consequently, authority and discipline were not only a gross transgression against the divine but an attempted assumption of the Good God's manifest power. The Bogomiles proposed to free all mankind from manual labour, State and social class servitude, obligation to pay taxes, and all compulsory activities such as military service, they further called for the release of all prisoners; questioned the necessity for and use of temples and religious images, a nd condemned the socially sanctioned practice of marriage. with the arrival of the Bogomiles, life in the "Dark Ages" was simply not the same.

spiritual communion, the Bogomiles insisted dualism. The Hermetica, a body of writings tree rooted in God's force, etc. The Bogomiles were not necessarily ones of destruction but show that these planets have long since gone. Merchant caravans itinerant craftworkers and had numerous and descriptive means of understanding the natural world about them but in reverential and non-controlling terms. The Bogomiles objected to the Old Testament's conxcept of environmental stewardship; indeed, they rejected the Old Testament in its entirety with its Ten Commandments, patriarchal power systems and unabashed subjugations. the Bogomiles, in addition, felt morally obligated to edit out much that was considered offensive in the new Testament such as the ambiguous directive to render to Caesar, rendering to Caesar was ultimately just so much bad advice, they saidd.

Like most religious theorists, the Bogomiles predicted the apocalyptic end of the world but did so in terms that were eerily descriptive of a nuclear winter. they envisioned a world caught on fire, spread by stuopendous winds, with the resulting holocaust levelling mountains and valleys, leaving only a white, lifeless flatness. However, the Bogomiles did not appear to dwell on the Endtime. having stated their prediction, these dualistic missionaries moved on to the achievable positive, life on earth.

The Bogomiles strenuously resisted the incroachment of unrbanisation, an ominous development incrementally expanding Europe. They preached that only through small independent communities could the social equaluity of the early Christians be allowed to lourish unmolested.

seginning in 10th dentury abnd continuing for several centuries, the Bogomile doctrine gave the creation of exclusive homosexual identity. Eastern and Western Christianity serious competition, anarchy offered a popular path to grace and the concept played well in the

The Bogomile religion originated in Bulgaria out by its undeniable appeal was not destined o remain a regional speciality. The Bogomile core beliefs in divine dualism and earthly marchy were fundamentals that incoropate incompromising class liberation. Historians define the Bogomiles as being of a spiritually 3nostic origin which genmerally differentiated igid Zoroastrians ir Carthari dogmartics. Mich forces of fruitful joy and energy. Creation also We are strangely comfortable with this 'fact' persons, then as now, travelling from point A

of the core elements of its dualism were based contained the grotesque and irrational as despite the evidence of our eyes for we know to point B, carried this revolutionary creed in observable natural phenomena sich as elements of the mix. Bernard Silvestris, in the that Creation occurred but only once and only wiith them. Despite the absence of mechanized seasonal changes, light and darkness cycles 12th century, wrote aboyut the two intrinsic the change of dissolution or death awaits all transportation, the Dark Ages and the and sghifting climactic movements. However, principles to all things, unity and diversity. matter. Anything else is chaos which, by subsequent Middle Ages were times of the essence of Gnostic dualism was the These concepts are sufficiently dualist and definition, is evil and dangerous. Despite surprising mobility. Despite the absence of the distinction between light and matter, described counter to Christian views of creation to offer a Christianity's decline of influence, these world wide web, the word was out. Contrasting in religious terminology as the powers of light complimentary consistency with the "traditional attitudes" towards chaos remain. strongly with the misery and exploitation of the and darkness, ordet and disorder. It is beyond Hermetica's celebration of chaos and change. The Dictionary of the History of Ideas underclasses by the regional landholders, the scope of this essay to attempt a Such Gnostic thinking bears the Bogomile observes that comprehensive treatment of dualism in all its stamp. historical incarnationsd, yet there are some belief system to Western thought. Such Christianity, limits chaos to solely being a outstanding contributions by this near Eastern Christian mainstream assumptions and give us

Christian mainstream assumptions are character assumption assumption assumption assumption assumption assumption a understanding of our own subservient century erhaps even better than it explains the erhaps and change is patently contrary to the Genesis account of Creation which explained that God account of Creati

Much of the radical departures involve the nor does the Earth recreate or even nature of matter, the "dark" element of fundamentally renew itse 1f beyond the powerful new explanations, override these

could be performed in one's own dwelling or alleged to have originated in Egypt, merged even better outside upon the footings of the with similar Gnostic concepts to form what has planet, described as a marvelously complex been termed a "chaos syndrome", elements of series of interdependent ecosystems. earth which confirm chaos, mutability and darkness floating on a vast ocean which, in turn, rested as sources of life. Creation is viewed as the on a rocky plain; the plain, for its part, upheld result of a cataclysmic (or sexual) encountert upon four peaks arisibng from a river of fire of two majot forces and the natural world born

equation for it catalogues the processes of

God is worthlerss and its punishments terribule this operational time period, religion was the was an invention of the devil and trouble was for it would, for all eternity, wander intio the exclusive province of the monasteries and of inescapable. homeless chaotic void of darkness. the socially poweerful and far too esoteric and Constantinople's first response, a conventional

mankind's reunion with God. The process then The Bogomiles asserted that the forces of light converts), they were confined to ther own stops. Nature is matter, the "dark" side of the and darkness were in constant flux in a divine ghettoes. When needful of army recruits, equation. Man's fear of Nature, the panopoly that was rich in allegorical ferocity: Byzantium conscripted and segregated by indomitable, uncontrollable, chaotic force of Father of Light vs. Son of Darkness, Sones of heresy. Exclusively Bogomile regiments were creation, can only be expiated through the Light vs. Sons of Datkness, Mother of God vs. sent to frontier outposts far from the capital. imposition of his destructive sense of 'orderly' Hell Itself. Satan and Christ were depicted as However, if Byzantium thought to contain this patterning. The living quality of Nature's brothers in a fratricidal struggle of conflicting troublesome new heresy by these measures regenerative movements impels frighteed agendas with Satan deemede to have the then it was sorely disappointed. Clearly, human reactions to either destroy or harness. superior business acumen. At the time of his stronger repression was indicated. Chaos, the lifesource of a living Earth, is too fall, Bogomile legend had Satan polling the contrary to Creation of Genesis that we angels to determine how much they owed God comfortably know. Science has exploitated this and promising to reduce their debts. Genesis comfort zone by accomadating techno- Reportedly, in this fashion, he purchaeed a science within its parameters. For example, third of the angelic ranks. Thrilling some modern scientists theorise that many of storytelling, parables, predictions, sparkling the stars we see are actually "dead" and that interplay of matter and light made the so-called only the extinguished light, in this celestrial Dark Ages a time of hope and wonderr, course, the Eastern and Western Churvyes.

one, was to segregate all non-Orthodox 'heretics' such as Bogomiles, Paulicians, or Monophysites. If Bogomiles did buisiness in the city (and many did, being Byzantine

alliances where disparate forces, often sworn enemies, acknowledge a common ad versary whose stated philosophy threatens the vested business interests of both. In the histiry of the Bogomiles, the threatened parties were, of existence was clearly out of the question. From the outset, the Bogomiles rejected miracles as

being alternately performed by demons or by human frauds, or both, quite aware that both churchyes derived substantial revenue from pilgramage centres, shrines, saint's bones, indulgences and relics of all kindfs. Most of all, the Bogomiles reperated instistence on anarchy and their opposition to manual labour caused terror among the nobility and landed gentry, the financial bebneficiaries ofr their enslaved tenants, and crucial patrons of the church hierarchy. The actual and psychologucal defeat of the Iconoclastsw by the Icobnodules was the last straw. The time had come. The Bogomiles were subjected by both churchers to first a feropcious disinformational campaign followed by a programme of mass extermination. Surviving Bogomiles scattered throughout the Continernt. Some fled to the East where they encountered and subsequently ran afoul of a new collection of laws and regimentation, Islam. Bogomile exspansion eastward vanishes at this point and is concurrent with the rise of mkilitant Islam so one can assunme that countless numbers of these earthly anarchists were lost upon alien roads. Westward turning Bogomiles, almost retracing the steps of their ereligion's original path, took their beliefs and went undeerground throughout Europer where presumably the concepts were nurtured in secret. Centuries later, Bogomile dualism and earthly anarchy were concepts that remained substantially diluted but alive despite the most severe repression. Yet the residue of the Church's semi-successful campaigns to discredit the Bogomiles persists to the present.

THE WORLD'S FIRST 'BUGGERS': During later Medieval persecution, the Bogomiles were accused of homosexual orgies and their name corrupted to 'buggers' (their country, also, came to be 'Bulgaria'). This, in turn, let Henry VIII to pass his laws against buggery in the 16th century, laying groundwork for Though there's no evidence Bogomiles were more inclined to engage in such practices than anyone else Elemenrs to this disinformation campaign need in this period (less is more likely), the Drummer of Niklashausen is another case entirely. In 1476, this to be cfritically examined for jkuch of the simple German shepherd lad suddenly started articulating egalitarian millennarian prophecy. His vitrioloic church propaganda on the Bogomiles prophecies draw thousands to his village. Critics suggested that though articulate, the Drummer was hardly sponteneous, instead corrupted by an older man, a Beghard who's shown suggestively standing behind him in contemporary woodcuts (above, from Cohn's Pursuit of the Millennium). Consistent with this was the Drummer's occassional nakedness, attributed to latter-day Adamitism, with its rejection of sexual taboo. It all ended with the Drummer imprisoned in nearby Wurtzberg and his besieging followers dispersed with cannon shot. However, as Genet said in the Thief's Journal, the queers and young men were bravest - in this case baecause they needed to tear down an entire patriarchal social order to

startling ideas sped through Easten Europe to

that most minutely regulated business mecca of

the Near East, Byzantium.

a negative attitude towards chaos ... in the

Conventional thought, borne of orthodox name of order and truth, encourages a

has beenb regrettably preserved as truth by unanalytical historians. While asdmitting that the majority of source material on the Bogomiles was written by their enemies, nonetheless, few modern written accounts of the Bogomiles have attempted to sift through the slander. Much has been made of the Bogomiles rejection of marriagte. While there Bogomile adepts, known as the Perfect Ones, renounced most earthly pleasures and adopted the animal product-free diet known today as vegan, their adoption of the contemplative life was no more unusual or strange than the lifestyle of Church recluses and holy ones of the same period. The Albughensians, later dualists and assumed heirs of the Bogomiles have been described as being unusually chaste and also rejecting of marriage and by implication, procreation and children. In this they are often described as retaining Bogomile Central and Southerrn Eyurope and, finally, to practices. I believe such a position is substantially, if not totally, false.

wal Genesis, which they spurned, inculcated a human movement was understandabler, but the Bogomiles constructed a Shaker-like series of

created the world from nothing but did so only and any other challenges to conventional socialist police state was remarkable.

Socialist police state was remarkable.

Bzyantium rigorously controlled religion as and any other challenges to conventional once. God does not repeat the act of creastion, and any other challenges to conventional fiercely as it controlled its corporate capital wisdom'? This concept of being treated more fiercely as it controlled its corporate capital fiercely as it capital fie

John Connor on the Peasants' Revolt and the State of Nature

NO POLL TAX: THE PEASANTS' REVOLT

When a third poll tax in five years was levied to fund the failing war in France, the peasants of the hundred of Barnstaple, Essex, were first to rise up on 29th May 1381. Soon the peasantry were on the march through the Kent countryside too under Wat Tyler, sacking the manors of unpopular landlords, burning court rolls, breaking open prisons and forcing all they met to swear allegiance to "King and commons". They took Rochester castle with hardly a fight on 6th June, Canterbury on the 10th and Maidstone the next day as they began their march on London. In Canterbury they barged into the cathedral during a service, threatening to have Archbishop Sudbury, who they deemed "traitor" misadvising Richard II on the French war. He was in London at the time, but propertied classes of London to surround and ultimately found no refuge there.

Kent", enters this story on 11th June, when he palace of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaster and ordered the rebels hunted down. was broken out ecclesiastical custody in military leader during the war in France. The Maidstone. He'd been banged up there for Anonimalle Chronicle gives a particularly When London fell to the rebels, peasants also unsanctioned preaching in April. By his own lively account account, he began preaching in York, then Colchester (where Wat Tyler came from), then spent 20 years tramping round Kent spreading his unorthodox gospel, being imprisoned twice for it. After releasing him once, archbishop of Canterbury Simon Sudbury complained

he had slunk back to our diocese, like a fox that evades the hunter, and feared not to preach and argue both in churches and churchyards (without the leave or against the will of the parochial authorities) and also in markets and other profane places, there beguiling the ears of the laity by his invectives, and putting about scandals con-cerning our own person, and those of other prelates and clergy, and (what is worse) using concerning the Holy Father himself dreadful language such as shocked the ears of good Christians.

What with the Church's heavy embroilment in cup from the Savoy secular affairs-to the point of its leader in England approving the poll tax-and the Papacy divided between Rome and Avignor and at war with itself due to the Great Schism. it's no surprise such criticisms were voiced in England decades before Wycliffe.

Historia Anglicana, Ball began his sermon²

Whan Adam dalf [dug], and Eve span, Who was thanne a gentilman?

He then explained that

from the beginning all men were created equal by nature, and that servitude had been introduced by the unjust and evil oppression of men, against the will of God, who, if it had pleased Him to create seris, surely in the beginning of the world would have appointed who should be a serf and who a lord

and ended by recommending

uprooting the tares that are accustomed to destroy the grain; first killing the great lords of the realm, then slaying the lawyers, justices and jurors, and finally rooting out everyone whom they knew to be harmful to the community in future.

Walsingham concluded by noting the rebels' beheaded the present incumbent.

This is probably not what he intended (see below), but following the king's failure to negotiate, the insurgents went on to destroy homes of the Treasurer and the Mayor of London before entering the city proper unopposed on 13th June. Historians argue fate - surprisingly, only a few hundred? whether the London mob or guild factions records and law books they could find to first, and John Ball had considerable input.

it was marvellous to sere how even the most aged and infirm of them [lawyers] scrambled off, with the agility of rats or evil spirits.

Excommunicate John Ball, "the mad priest of They then turned their attentions to the Savoy, charters he'd granted two days earlier and

at last they came before the Savoy, broke open the gates, entered the place and came to the wardrobe. They took all the torches they could find, and lighted them, and burnt all the cloths, coverlets and beds, as well as all the very valuable

The emphasis was on destruction rather than looting, punishing "traitors". One rebel was killed by the others for taking a single silver

Sudbury and Hales had taken refuge. Unable realisation of peasant aspirations since before to support Oman's view that 11 the Black Death, but the charters later proved not worth the vellum they were written on.

One demand Tyler did win, through direct action rather than relying on the king's word, The threats made in Canterbury only four days Ball's contemporaries made against him. jeopardy amidst the mob at Mile End.

the clerks". A chronicler described the scene: law except that of Winchester, of all nobility it to England en masse and the last noteworthy and the distribution of all Church estates Pasteureux crusaders in the previous century, amongst the laity. With some political who were quickly seen off. This doesn't mean astuteness, the king tried to disarm Tyler's that the odd friar couldn't have worked it out demands by saying he would "grant all that for himself from first principles and passed the the beginning of the 14th century and this time, could not compromise.

good but meant fuck all, as the sovereign couldn't grant any of this without Parliamentary approval and the nobles there were hardly likely to agree their own abolition. The negotiation closed when Tyler tried to pick a fight with one of the king's retinue, but was run through repeatedly by the Mayor of London. Richard II could have gone down to the mob at this point-Oman notes the presence of "John Ball and other wild extremists ... in the press" -but conned them to follow him mercenary Sir Robert Knolles, rallied the granted mercy, but he later revoked the

rose in Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire (the University being a particular target in the latter county) and trouble eventually spread as far as Bridgewater, Somerset, and Beverley and Scarborough in Yorkshire. This was all put down quickly enough when the king regained control of the capital, the only pitched battles being at Billericay and North Walsham, head-boards All the napery and other 26-28th June, the rebels being chased from goods they could discover they carried behind their ditch and cart defences on the first into the hall and set on fire with their charge. John Ball escaped the debacle of torches. .. It is said that they found three Smithfield, but was captured hiding in barrels of gunpowder, and thinking it was Coventry in July 1381 and taken for trial in St gold or silver, they threw them into the Albans. Working in conjunction with Jack fire so that the powder exploded and set Straw and the other London rebels during the the hall in a greater blaze than before, to rising. William Grind-cobbe had humiliated the great loss and damage of the duke of the abbot, Thomas de la Mare, for keeping the town to feudal exactions over a century behind the rest of England. He was adjudged a "traitor" alongside John Ball and also hung. drawn and quartered on 17th July.

THE COMING MILLENNIUM

Their first day's destruction in London done, What were John Ball's "ravings", so the peasants camped beneath the Tower where furiously denounced by Walsingham, which the young king, advisors and retinue including led to Ball's persecution in life and ultimately violent death? Church chroniclers put much to escape, Richard II agreed to hear his 'most effort into smearing Ball as a Wycliffite, loyal subjects' demands at Mile End the next conveniently forgetting Ball's preachings Ball distinguished himself when the peasant day. There Wat Tyler demanded the abolition preceded Wycliffe's by over a decade. More to armies of Kent and Essex rallied on of serf-dom and all feudal dues, a general the point, though both call for radical reform Blackheath on 13th June. According to hostile amnesty, the abolition of monopolies and a 4d of the Church, Wycliffe counsels obedience to Church chronicler Thomas Walsingham's per acre rent for all free tenants. The king said those secular authorities he thought could he agreed to all this and handed out dozens of realise his vision whilst Ball more radically charters saying as much. If he'd been sincere, dismisses them as "tares". Also, Ball nowhere Richard's actions would have destroyed the shows the materialist contempt for the Host feudal nobility as a class that day, the that Wycliffe was so renown for. I'm inclined

> His inspiring idea was the 'evangelical poverty' which had been preached by the Franciscans in the previous century

was an end to the "traitorous" architects of the to the point of even calling for the exemption poll tax. Whilst the king was still at Mile End, of the friars (great enemies of Wycliffe, inci-Tyler led a few hundred supporters into the dentally) from the general purge of clergy on Tower and beheaded archbishop Sudbury, occasion, but I would add to this that this does HEAVEN ON EARTH / Continued from p. 13 treasurer Hales and a couple of hangers-on. nothing to refute the accusations of heresy lives. If they had, it is even more unlikely that immorality in addition to practicing magic and

was in [my] power to grant" - which sounded word to Ball - or that Ball might have thought they wrere accused of sexual promiscuity and



heterodox 'hedge' nature of his vernacular common people, as children of the preaching. Norman Cohn argues strongly that Kingdom, to carry out the annihilation of Ball's reference to the "tares" was millenarian the demonic powers which was to usher

in the Millennium.

By proclaiming that this prophecy is now He also 'cites one of Ball's letters, arguing on the point of fulfilment, that the "God give redress, for now is time" as harvest-time appointed by God has come indicative of the imminence of the Second

their ideas would have achieved such reviving pagan rites. Maintaining consistency previously had been made good. The guard did Dismayed at the degeneration of the significant popularity and retained that appeal in slander was never mandatory. nothing to stop them being dragged from their monasteries into worldliness and affirming the for centuries. Furthermore, as a social state. apartments, fearing this would put the king in poverty of Christ, St Francis rejected virtually 'Marriage' was simply not an issue for the all property and possessions. In 1211, canny majority of non-wealthy, non-noble human Many peasants were conned into returning Pope Innocent III decided it'd be better to beings of the period. Marriage was a home with their worthless charters, leaving have St Francis inside the Church pissing out, contractual arrangement for the purpose of London to "the demagogues and the criminals than outside pissing in'. By allowing advocates creating or strengthening alliances between rapturous approval of John Ball. They said and the fanatics" who exploited Authority's of Christian poverty within the Church, he powerful families and involved complex only he was fit to assume the Chancellor palpable weakness to the max. Tyler's made possible counter-attacks against heretics agreements and transfers of property, cadh archbishop's office when they'd found and lieutenant Jack Straw-a man of quite different like the Cathars outside it living lives of downies and trade righyts; not for the commoncharacter to the current Home Secretary!- poverty and attacking the Church for its folk either, were the insipid, brainless pairings torched the Prior of St John's manor in worldliness. This-and wanton massacre at the passing as romance iin our own puritanical Highbury while looting swept the city. The hands of crusaders-proved pretty effective in age. The Bogomiles mocked marriage as yet warden of Marshalsea prison was dragged countering Catharism, but St Francis rather another aspect of commercial control and not against the Bogomiles vigorously aided and from the sanctuary of Westminster Abbey and mucked things up by leaving a personal because they shared a distate for Marshalsea prison, Lambeth Palace, and the beheaded and blocks were set at every major testimony trying to hold his followers to his companionship, sex or the chuildren resulting. street corner where all who would not affirm extreme personal example and so stop his order. In the remorseless exploitation of the support for "king and commons" met the same degenerating into worldliness too after his peasantry, inadequately fed, clothed, housed that confident? death. When this degeneration inevitably set in, and worked to early deaths, love, sex and A 13th cenury Bogomile tombstone in a friars under Peter John Olivi of Narbonne children would have constituted most of the cemetery in the former Yugoslavia depicts two hostile to the Mayor opened the gates, though The occupation of London culminated in a stuck with St Francis's testimony and formed a few happy positives in their short, misderable figures: one larger, one smaller. Their faces are the former certainly participated in the second meeting between Tyler and Richard II 'Spiritual' party which was denounced as sojourn on earth could turn potential true deliberately carved into stylized abstraction, extraordinary scenes that followed. After in Smithfield market. The king was treated heretical at the end of the 13th century. Fired believers unto opponents. Voluntary concealing markers of age and gender. They crossing London Bridge, they broke open Fleet most disrespectfully (by a commoner, no less!) up by the millenarian weltschalung of Joachim renunciation? Unlikely. Some of the vitriol both wear leggings and tunics without adornprison, destroyed all property of the knights of and it was later claimed he intended to seize of Fiore, the persecuted Spirituals argued they would have been funny had we not have been ment, similarly masking indicators of rank. Is St John (treasurer Hales' order), and sent the the monarch there to use him as puppet and were the true inheritors of Christ and the painfully aware that thousands lost their lives this scene telling us that death has erased all lawyers and professional perjurers fleeing from hostage throughout England. Tyler's second Church that ejected them were impostors of because of this campaign. For example, differences or is this a deliberate exprtession of the Temple and made a bonfire of all the legal set of demands were even more radical than the Anti-Christ. They got quite violent about it 12. Bogomiles were accused of shrinking from Bogomile first principles of equality and children "as from a bad smell". But despite freedom? The pair stand with forearms raised, delighted cries of "Away with the learning of They included the abolition of outlawry and all the Franciscan tradition never made their alleged dislike of sex and of our ancestral palms open, fingers spread in traditional rug rats, the Bogomile activity in Bulgaria greeting. These guardians are positioned in except the king, and of all bishoprics save one; incursion of heresy had been a smattering of actually became more numerous after the 10th imposing wholeness, carved in rock, with a century asnd since not all were converts, joyful stance transcending the centuries and, something was indeed happening. There was despite the odds, an unfettered hope for the

In breathtaking inversion of the truth, the Bogomiles were accused by their accusers of concealing a "ravening wolf" behind their outward "lamb-like", gentle exteriors as well as being masters of deceit and hypocrisy. The Bogomiles must no doubt have observed that Church and State didn't do too bad for themselves in this department either. The final destruction of Byzantium by the Turks in 1453 left the Roman Catholic Church fre of its chief rival and the cleansing and containment policy abetted by vested State and property interests. At this juncture, the Church may have believed that it eliminated its chief heresy. Or were they

an upsurge of Bogomile activity in Bulgaria at future that even the awesome force of Death

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 15

Coming. Rodney Hilton also spots apocalyptic how far from cap-doffing petitioners they were. even free love-was included in the basic content in Ball's couplet 14

Johan the Mullere hath yground smal, smal, smal

The kynges son of hevene [Christ] schal pay for al

and suggests this mentality suffused the However, my purpose here is not to establish revolting peasantry rather than being the millenarian credentials of John Ball and his idiosyncratic to Ball himself. The strange revolting peasants, but to draw out the general forbearance from looting at the Savoy primitivist content of his gospel. Strangely and wholesale massacre of "tares" in London Hilton leads in here by noting 18 support this view, reminiscent as they are of the Biblical example of Joshua's storming of Jericho. 15 Moderate historians like Oman

There were no attacks on the clergy qua clergy (though plenty of assaults on them in their capacity of landlords), no religious outrages, no setting forth of doctrinal grievances, no iconoclasm, singularly little church-breaking

to dismiss religious elements in the revolt and to present the rebels as moderates with purely economic grievances. We've seen already that most millenarian movements are provoked by the worldliness and carnality of the Church ("in their capacity of landlords") and Tyler's demands for the smashing of the Church at Smithfield. Certainly the "wild extremists" still remaining in London that phrased these demands wanted more than revocation of a few feudal dues. A curiously anti-egalitarian anomaly-applied by the peasant mob to Ball himself after his great sermon on Blackheathwas the retention of one representitive of nobility and clergy when all others were to be swept away. Hilton suggests17 Why the medieval church was beset by endless 13th century with the Brethren of the Free revolutionary desire for authenticity and true

Was this illusion or a practical recognition of the ultimate need for power in the state to reside somewhere? They seem to have envisaged a people's monarchy (or monarchies) in which there would be no intermediary between the king and his people, that is, no class of landowning nobles and gentry controlling law and administration. Similarly, there would be a people's church whose basic unit would be the parish, again with no intermediate hierarchy between Christians and the single bishop or archbishop who, as head of the church was the ecclesiastical equivalent of the people's king. Somehow the people would make the law and administer justice.

That the insurgents argued for restructuring Nor was he alone in this opinion, Through a their whole society rather than just suggesting route too unlikely to go into here,20 a passage new counsellors replace the "traitors" shows glorifying the communistic state of Nature- Also noting Ball's26

They certainly went further than the Canon Law text, Gratian's Decretum! There 'revolutionary' Levellers two centuries later - appears to be nothing between the sentiments though, of course, they could have gone even of St Ambrose and John Ball (or Gerrard

THE STATE OF NATURE

Sermons in denunciation of the rich were not exclusive to heretics or other conscious rebels against occlesiastical or secular authority. They were a commonplace of clerical moralists who selected the characteristic crimes of every estate in the social order for castigation. Walsingham was no doubt right in attributing to John Ball the sermon text 'When Adam dalf and Eve span, who was than a gentilman', but it was already a commonplace in this or similar forms, as

is shown in an early fourteen-centur

eruptions of egalitarian heresy is because Spirit.24

egalitarianism was an intrinsic-if awkward-

part of their own ideology. The very basis of

monasticism and the mendicant orders that

followed them was Acts iv, which describes

had all things common ... and distribution

was made unto every man according to

Looking back to Eden-and the Stoics-St

The Lord God specially wanted this earth

to be the common possession of all, and

to provide fruits for all; but avarice

produced the rights of property.

Ambrose (no less) said19

how the primitive Christian community

When Adam delf and Eve span...

Whare was than the pride of man?

Winstanley, for that matter), but in fact the Church fathers did create a distinction. In his Perlman places himself firmly in City of God, sourpuss St Augustine argued²¹

inequality, slavery, coercive government

and even private property had no part in the original intention of God and had come into being only as a result of the Fall. Once the Fall had taken place, on the other hand, a development began which made such institution indispensable. Corrupted by Original Sin, human nature demanded restraints which would not be found in an egalitarian order, inequalities of wealth, status and power were thus not only consequence of but also remedies for sin.

Just as Ball took conventional Church doctrine on the millennium and radicalised it by making lords, lawyers and judges, masters and it imminent, so he took Church doctrine on the merchants. commutarian state of Nature and radicalised it

"When Adam deft and Eve span,

Who was thanne a gentilman?"

primitivist. In advocating equality in an

abundant Nature. Ball came close to anarcho-

primitivism, though we've already shown the

reside of hierarchical thinking in his worldview

and in the earliest communities, people

gathered the fruits of the Earth rather than dug

Looking for a utopian element in the Peasants

The poor priests are read aloud about a

place called Eden where there were no

priests or lords or merchants, where

human beings were kin and shared all

things in common.

Revolt, Fredy Perlman also looked to Eden

were those in the Spiritual Franciscan tradition through the annals of history, this one-and

that had-perhaps-come to this same none less-is still worth hearing. Not of

conclusion, 23 but this is more typical of the moderation, of putting limited demands for

In looking to the origins his society-albeit courage to fight for ourselves and our visions.

antinomian tradition beginning in the early- financial improvement, but

nythical ones-in order to explain and REFERENCES

Good folk, things cannot go well in England nor shall until all things are in common and there is neither villein nor noble, but all of us are of one condition

RECLAIMING THE MILLENNIUM

millenarian, primitivist camp, arguing this is about the supercession of class society, utopia not workerism²⁷

The English insurgents announce the end of the Leviathanic world, not its completion. The condition the insurgents want is not universal villeinage but universal freedom; it is the condition of communities of free human beings in the state of nature, unencumbered by Leviathanic separations and usurpations.

The rebels say common people can cast off their yoke if they will; they can all gather the wheat and burn the tares. The wheat is Eden. The tares are priests and

human community that underlay them, of the

Charles Oman's The Great Revolt of 1381

² RB Dobson's The Peasants Revolt of 1381

Not all were as scrupulous or as unlucky. In

1382, a small group of Rochester men were

indicted for sneaking the Duke's strong-box

out by boat over the Thames to Southwark,

making themselves £1,000 the richer

prostitutes under Hales' licence, but many

(Greenwood, New York, 1906), p. 42

(Pitman, Bath, 1970), pp. 373-375

Oman, op cit, p. 59

[Oman, op cit, p. 58].

to those guildmen that'd sided with the Dobson (op cit, p. 164n) suggests the "law

simply because they were commercial rivals

of Winchester" was about converting the punishment for some offences from death to blinding or mutilation. This trivial demand hardly goes with "the rebels [attempt to] wipe out the whole legal system" (Hilton, p. 227). I think Tyler were instead demanding a return to pre-Norman law, once seated at Winchester. That serfs would cite the Domesday Book as proof of no serfdom in their areas immediately following the Norman Conquest suggests a lively mythology of a golden age of liberty before the 'Norman yoke' was common currency as early as the 14th century, an attitude reinforced by all legal proceedings still being conducted in Norman French

during this period. Oman, op cit, p. 77

Dobson, op cit, p. 375

Oman, op cit, p. 42

Malcolm Lambert's Medieval Heresy (Blackwells, Oxford, 1994), chap 11.

Norman Cohn's The Pursuit of the Millennium (Random, London, 1970), p.

A Rodney Hilton's Bond Men Made Free (Routledge, London, 1988), p. 223 Joshua vi, 18-24.

Oman, op cit, p. 19

Hilton, op cit, pp. 225, 229 by rejecting the Fall and Original Sin22. There If John Ball has passed any lesson for us down

22 Hilton, op cit, makes this point eloquently,

pp. 222-223 I'm thinking here particularly of Fra

Dolcino and his followers at Monte Rebello. 1307, extreme even by Spiritual Franciscan standards and-strictly speaking-not of that order [Damian Thompson's The End of Time (Random House, London, 1999), pp.

²⁴ Cohn, op cit, chaps. 8-9. The best-known examples of this tradition are the Ranters of the English Civil War period [see AL Morton's The World of the Ranters (Lawrence & Wishart, London, 1970)]. Lambert, op cit, p. 130, refers to Cathar bishops that may have thought themselves enough above sin to have sex (usually

25 Fredy Perlman's Against His-Story, Against Leviathan/ (Black & Red, Detroit, 1983), p.

some because they were trading as 26 Dobson, op cit, p. 375

taboo) as early as the 12th century. One of the more regrettable excesses of this third day was the massacre of 160 Flemings,

THE IRRATIONALISTS 7

Steve Booth restates his controversial 'Irrationalists' article, which has so upset the anarcho-establishment

INTRODUCTION

What a fuss and a bleating of sheep there was over my Irrationalists article in GA51, pp. 11-12 (Spring 1998). Mind you, it took those whining counterrevolutionaries long enough to wake up: that article was originally published in April 1996, and the first Irrationalist article published in 1993. Duh! Slow

whole thing is about:2

Irrationalists commit acts of intense violence against the system. There are no obvious motives, no patterns, warnings. There is no organisation to control the Irrationalists, no organisation making claims, offering apologies or explanations. Irrationalists are not seeking publicity for their actions, nor are they intent on negotiation with the system. They have no demands. Physical destruction of the system is all.

The fact I title these the Irrationalists with a capital 'I' indicates I am using the word in a special sense,. In some respects, the Irrationalists are supremely rational, a fact Another point which ought to be stressed is that which infuriates my opponents. Now, I have to I personally don't like my theories about the say that here, I have no concrete examples of Irrationalists. The issue is not whether you or I what I have termed "Irrationalism". As far as I like it, but is this true? Hampshire police type know, there have been no real examples. If it prosecutors and their ilk might run away with happens, it might be 20 years or more in the the idea I am inciting you all to become future - or it may already have started, but we Irrationalists. I am not. I urge you to try other don't know about it. This puts me at a ways. Work at your campaigns against road disadvantage, for if I begin to discuss examples developments, genetics. Do everything you can of real events, like Oklahoma or the Aum cult to prove me wrong by your actions. Build a Perhaps the first Irrationalist was Lucy gas attack, which could resemble Irrationalist strong protest movement. Perhaps that way, the Parsons, at the end of the 19th century. People actions, zero integrity opponents of GA like the Irrationalists will never happen. If it does, it were starving in Chicago, and instead of killing lying Neoists, the fabricating Freedomoids, or will be because all our present day campaigns themselves, Lucy suggested they take some of bullshitting Black Flaggists will jump on them and such have failed, and the state / system will the bastards with them first. This at least is a and say "He is endorsing militias", "He

Best to start with a clear definition of what the supports crazy Buddhist gas cults" etc. This is

Supposing I said "Boadicea had the right idea" sensible people would understand this well enough. I'd be writing about that chariot with the knives sticking cutside to slice off the Romans' legs, and saying the chariot was an effective vourselves and the Neoists would misrepresent this as an endorsement of Boadicea's Iceni nationalist politics, or social policy of infanticide, or some other

IRRATIONALISM' AN OUTWORKING OF ANARCHIST THEORY?

IN WHAT WAY IS

not about ideology but about which methods of outworking of anarchist theory, in response to litmus tests of revolutionary intent. Though we way to refute it. In the meantime, do you see activity will be effective, or even possible, in a particular situation. As the state changes, so need to be critical-not everything in the any slackening off in the car culture? Is must anarchism. What is relevant in one Manifesto is correct-knee-jerk dismissals show Prescott reversing his developers' bonanza? situation is useless in another. How does up their reformist, liberal character. The Did Mary Chipperfield get jailed for hitting anarchism respond to an absolute, totalitarian dogmatic passivists disguise their do- Trudy the Chimp? Is the rainforest still and all-controlling system? Feebledom, Yellow nothingism under a carpet of whelping. Rather burning? Is Des Thomas a policeman? Flag, the Edinburgh Automatons Centre and than dismiss FC out of hand, these creeps

LIBERALISM Workerist Tapeloop don't have any answers. should suggest better ways, That they never Accept the cyborg implants, suckers!

> During the 1880s and 1890s, there were many examples of 'propaganda by deed', in France and the USA. In March 1891, bombings were carried out by Ravachol and others. In 1894, Caserio stabbed President Carnot of France. Emile Henry threw a bomb into the Cafe THE STATE WE'RE IN AND Terminus. Leon Czolgosz assassinated the US WHERE IT'S ALL HEADING president McKinley in 1901. If anarchists criticise these examples, they can also be used The activity of the state / system is directed 'Democracy' is designed for paralysis, to to show right from wrong. Few anarchists towards control. This is achieved through would not rejoice at the death of a president, bureaucracies, taxation, regulations; but also but it is quite possible to criticise Henry for the through propaganda, the media, brainwashing institutions, TNCs, bureaucracies, the military indiscriminate restaurant bombing. Perhaps There is an inevitable tendency for this control nobody would think that to be morally to intensify. Today, surveillance is them outworkings of the liberal paradigm.

moral act, for if each individual killed at least garden. Or what about the Internet, mobile

have systematically blocked up all the roads to two or more components, then the possibility of phone tracking and other stuff even worse than defeating it comes into view. There are more this? oppressed than oppressors; though the actions of Feebledom, Yellow Flag and Workerist staggering, but it's getting worse. The future is Tape Loop would seek to smudge the

distinction and even reverse that fact.

Unabomber. How utterly predictable. The won't be any 'Irrationalists'. So if you are believe that Irrationalism is a logical reaction to the Unabomber is one of those really opposed to what I write here, that is the

> Revolutionaries must form a movement that is exclusive to the extent that it incorporates none but

everywhere; CCTV cameras on every street, every main road, motorway. There are computer data bases and systems geared to reading, satellite cameras capable of reading Continued on p. 16 /... newspapers or crazy paving slabs in the

a nightmare. Today, there are protest movements, and to the extent that these can be The automatons recently slagged off the effective and change things for better, there

BECOMES TOTALITARIAN

Liberalism inevitably becomes totalitarian.

The liberal is a control freak. A look at the Labour Party shows the way it is all going; the puppets read out the script dictated by central office, straight off the windows of their pagers. Europe - a superstate without even the pretence of 'democracy'. The stitched-up devolved (ha!) assemblies of Wales and Scotland. totalitarianism is found in the non-democratic industrial complex and the secret state - all of

publicity or blackmail. Those aims are wrong.

publicity-the Baltic Exchange, Bishopsgate,

Canary Wharf-they even named them

'Spectaculars', and by that, observers could see

they were being sucked into the publicity

Behind the Mardi Gra, or each group with a

noticed. Look at me! Whenever something like

this happens, it's generally a day or less before

the perpetrator rings the papers, claiming the

action on behalf of some hitherto unknown

seen and the state can begin to trawl through its

data base. With surveillance technology, they

can watch everybody. The actor begins a

Suppose nobody claimed the action? Suppose

nobody explained? No silly names. No phone

calls to newspapers. No voiceprint. No call

traces. (Soon they will put a camera in every

Then, many different unknown groups would

rush in and claim it. Cranks. Perhaps even the

state would invent a group. It might even call

them 'the Irrationalists' but that misses the

point. If you hear of a group called this, you

OFFICE BLOCK, ONE BLUE

ticket Big Mac buyers? Do they delude

themselves that the Toddmass will rush to their

defence when radicalism is finally suppressed,

In 12 Club and the rest lose their grants? Do

Taxpayers one and all. How just and show trial...

confidence during of mainting and are-

proportionate that they should breathe sarin.

streets when EMI quit funding Chumba- JUST ONE DAMNED

Bungah and their patronage pyramid thing AFTER ANOTHER collapses? They didn't for the GLC. Do the

the Workerists think the masses will riot on the

it? DREAM ON SUCKERS!

A MEASURED AND

PROPORTIONATE

RESPONSE

series, falls into a pattern, becomes predictable

and so is caught.

publicity stunt.

TRUCK!

will know it's the state.

ONE GOVERNMENT

DESPERATELY

SEEKING CLOSURE

group with a silly name. So, the purpose

name, there is an egomaniac, trying to b

counter. We know all about negotiations.

ON THE EGO TRIP

- STRAIGHT TO JAIL

.../ THE IRRATIONALISTS 7 Continued from p. 15

brainwashed into voting for. create illusion of choice in elections.

Liberalism hates protest and seeks to stamp it other, across this wasteland of automatons. out because protest shows that everything in TYPES OF the liberal garden is not rosy. Police violence at Hillgrove is morally justified, because the PROTEST GROUPS nasty violent protesters challenge the liberal So much for the future, what about the

WHAT DO WE WANT? WHAT DO WE REALLY, REALLY WANT?

The need for change is desperate. At the top of control, isolation, diversion and containment. It our problems is the de facto, emerging all- is no coincidence that protest meets with the world state. The answer is the opposite to this - media blackout. With tunnels, bailiffs and Men devolution of power out to the local level, the in Black are sent in. To the state, it's important village, the street. We seek the free political that new initiatives with real potential are activity of all, local autonomy, local control marginalised. over the use of resources, an end to the state and the superstate.

We need appropriate technology, a halt to this familiar with tree houses, tunnels and 'D insane destruction of the rain forest, the end of locks, and know how to deal with all this. the car culture, pollution, the wanton Protest itself then becomes institutionalised. destruction of wildlife and consumption of We get long-standing groups like Greenpeace natural resources.

We need justice between all people, an end to

These groups go up and go down - CND had a racism. Instead of this insane competition, let us have free co-operation, mutual aid. We need the elimination of the profit motive, an end to capitalism, its replacement with the gift

AN END TO **GESTURE POLITICS**

This is the choice. Try this experiment. Write down your political ideas as a list of simple Make a list of about 10 things. Then ask yourself "Will any of these be achieved in my lifetime?" Do we stand the slightest chance of any of these things coming true? No. Instead, what we will be getting is more of the same only worse. You had better understand that things will become a whole lot worse than they are today. People had the chance to change, but the Amex Gold Card, the BMW, and trip to Disneyland seemed so much more important to

transforming itself - this is the error of the reformist. Instead of changing the system, the system changes the reformist. Now parts of our protest movement are bloody brilliant, lets strengthen them and go for it. The rest, Feebledom, Edinburgh Automatons Centre, Machine. Yellow Flag and Workerist Tape Loop are all so busy shoving their heads up their arses that THE USELESSNESS they aren't doing anything. We need an end to OF TERRORISM gesture politics and a serious movement for Terrorism is a substitute for revolution. Instead

THE FUTURE - MORE OF THE SAME, ONLY WORSE

Listen - this is the future! Jerry Springer and programmes. East Enders will be a cheerful soap opera. The M25 will be twelve lanes each way. Everywhere will look just like Basingstoke. The hyper-market, the B&Q superstore, DFS furniture warehouses crowd against the edges of the bypass. The Internet! Ah, the Internet will be even more accurate as powers. The liberal state becomes ever more a source of information. Unemployment in the UK will reach 20m. They will still be bombing Sloddodam Husseinovich, or if not him, they'll invent someone else, war is good for business and capitalism needs its wars like goes on. a vampire needs to suck blood. The stock AN END TO NEGOTIATION market will go on rising, the Dow Jones index will pass 20,000 on the same day that 22,000 Most present campaigns exist to negotiate with campaigners, and the rest of you can just fuck STUDY OUR ENEMIES businesses are announced to have folded in the the system. In some cases, negotiation is off and fill in the standing order forms. You are last quarter. And on top of all this, more gloss unavoidable. The campaign to release the already defeated. paint, politicians with even more latex on their Gandalf prisoners had to negotiate with the faces than Tony Blair, and what isn't housing legal system. Thus some good can come of it. MELTING MEDIATORS estate, bypass or shopping complex will be a The problem is that negotiation leaves the Take Liberty, the chocolate teapot, for Such a diaspora of groups would not be about golf course. Er - that's it folks, your future. system intact, able to jail other magazine More of the same, but much, much worse.

And this is how much say you have in the future as a liberal. XXXXXXXXXXXXXX And graze in their Disneyland pastures, watched Even if we don't get double-crossed, all we Once Upon A Thyme M15 bugged NCCL and implications of the term 'class war'? Warfare there will come a point where protest groups

cars up the motorways. Somewhere in some then, should our protest movements ever mediate the limits of dissent. dark, irrelevant Angel Alley, train-spotterish weaken or be neutralised, the state will still be DEMOCRACY - People get what they are old men will still be arguing about Kropotkin, intact, and the whip applied with greater A LARGE, ACTIVE and what a fascist misanthropist Steve Booth severity. We need revolution. PARTY - Deceptive institution calculated to was. Conformist liberal-workerist sects will Even if the protests movements were massively still try to pinch the last few members off each effective, all we would get is an endless round -

illusion. So what will the state do in the future, present? We need to think long and hard about when the cameras follow every protester along what it is to protest. What constitutes effective every mile of motorway, though every street, action? Now, there are different groups with back to their own front door? What of protest, different methods, and they get neutralised in when every phone line is tapped? Every different ways. So, at a low level we could start conversation listened to, with powerful with small groups protesting on local issues, directional micro-phones aimed at the like parents and residents campaigning for a windows, every letter and e-mail read? East zebra crossing near a school, perhaps. Further Germany had nothing on the liberal future, so on, we might have people protesting against don't even think of trying for meaningful that new bypass, first in the public enquiry, then later, more protesters with different methods; banner waving at AGMs, up to digging tunnels and tree camps like Newbury. All of these are good.

The state / system will use strategies of

There is an unfortunate tendency for types of protest to fall back into ritual. The police are and CND, with a core of committed members who pull stunts like the Brent Spar occupation. big surge in the early-1980s over Cruise. The Spar, the Ken Saro Wiwa execution back in 1995 focused attention on Shell. Then there are many animal rights campaigns, the hunt sabs and then animal liberation militants who are on the edge of terrorism with arson, sabotage, letter bombs and even-if genuinethe Bristol University bomb incidents in 1989.

in anti-poll tax groups. With those numbers, a wide range of activities and initiatives ought to have the whole fuckin' bakery? 10 Let us put understanding of what is and what isn' be possible. The problem is that mass an end to negotiation.

of directly taking over the bakery, or burning down the torture baton factory, the violence of the 'terrorist' group is a means of pleading ordinary people, as if the state cares whether beckoning at the door for revolutionaries to people are frightened (terrorised). Voters can only influence the system once every five look at the October anarchist bookfair lately, years, and so terrorism is useless. Always, the suckers? state uses 'terrorism' to strengthen its laws, GREENPEACE give MI5 more powers, a bigger budget, etc. See the effect of the Omagh bombing, August OR GREEN POLICE? 1998, in rushing through yet more Draconian intolerant. Terrorists want to change the state

editors, censor, oppress. Negotiation doesn't cancel the right of the state to do something, standing orders are sincere, but whatever Feebledom, Edinburgh Automatons, Yellow rather, it affirms it. Negotiation acknowledges happens in the sphere of 'civil liberties' will Flag or Workerist Tapeworm understand the Somewhere in between the all-out

of negotiations, proposals, counter-proposals

surveillance networks. Everytime they go past present conditions within the system. The iron government and MI5's own Anne Machon is in At first the NATO bombers hit the radar and the end of the street, sensors will log the knot grows ever tighter. You cannot negotiate the Liberty office. How compromised does it defence missile sites so the Serbs couldn't see movements of their cyborg chips, computers with a systematic, total network of have to get? Groups like Chocolate Teapot are where the next attacks were coming from or bill them their toll charges as they drive their annihilation. Back negotiation and reform, and part of the state, they exist to police and prevent them. Then they went for

REVOLUTIONARY MASS MOVEMENT

Thinking about long-term possibilities, we might get a large, active, genuinely RETREAT! and stalemate. As the Unabomber says, in the revolutionary mass movement, but if we did, RETREAT! RETREAT! long run, revolution us easier than reform. it'd have to be on constant guard against



CYBORG IMPLANTS - PASSPORT TO THE REICH

In the near future, chip implants will be fitted to every baby at birth, enabling the Machine to The best kind of political group or campaign is completely track everybody. Every movement will be watched, every word monitored, every word monitored, every The hope is that large numbers of people will the mass movement. The poll tax was perhaps financial transaction recorded. In such a future, freedom will be an impossibility. The demands for change - you might start with say the last example up until now [1999]. Large Freedom magazine review writer, and robot, Kevin McFaul sneered at my previous numbers of people get involved. 11m were description of the systemites as "automatons" (4th July 1998). Similarly, Donald Rooum prosecuted for not paying, perhaps 250,000 pushed GMOs in Freedom. McFaul and Prooumetheus's roles in moderating anarchism are were on the March 1990 Trafalgar Square therefore clear. Perhaps eating Monsanto's bullshit has affected their minds, or perhaps protest, perhaps 50,000 were actively involved cyborg implants inhibit frontal lobe activity in the brain.

Moving over into terrorism, there are isolated and wrote of 'the Spectacle'. The system This fact is probably immediately obvious to that remains to be seen. You and I are individuals like the Unabomber or Mardi Gras. absorbs protests into itself - even ETA, even even the most intellectually challenged We get small groups like the Justice Sinn Fein can sit at the table. Everything can Feebledom reviewer or moronic Yellow Flag Department, moving up to quite large become part of this huge circus of alienation. editor. organisations like the IRA, traditional terrorist We are all passive members of the audience, No matter how nice and fluffy a mass social entity. The revolution will never come out of groups who use guns and bombs to obtain and the show ineffectually washes over us. movement might be, the state will physically the presses in Angel Alley. political ends. Even groups like the IRA can be Even worse, acts of revolt become part of the bought off by being drawn into the political Spectacle-punk rock in the 1970s, for movements tend to collapse, leaving behind WAR OR REVOLUTION? example-things to be commodified and sold either nothing or a small remnant who become The devout revolutionary hope is that the

SYSTEMATIC

Reformists and recuperators are ever come and join the circus. Have you taken a

Existing compromisers and good collaborators all, the Office First! type bureaucrats are It is not going to be a single organisation or always ready to turn your new protest group army, with a unified command structure. This or some policy, or even become the state, and into a smaller negotiationistic campaign. just would not work, for the New World Order thus the wheel of oppression is turned. The lash Watch the rigid raider inflatables race towards would only have to penetrate one point, follow the Brent Snar. Buy the video. Once you get it, and roll up the entire organisation. So it the office, fax machine, telephone, council would be cellular, self-contained. grant (!), you get the hierarchy of professional

example. For sure the aims of Liberty are negotiation, for we have all seen the futility in HOW WOULD laudable, and the grass roots activists with the that. It would be a war. Do you think the IT BE POSSIBLE? always be mediated through central office, concept of war? Have they ever considered the revolutionary war and where we are today,

revolution. Most of this would be a mass social individual activist. I am responsible for what movement, putting into effect social change. Assuming it were effective, the system would The Situationists had it right when they talked oppose this with propaganda and armed force.

terrorists or guerrilla fighters. Perhaps moronosphere doesn't go on forever. That

the Vichy French and the Gestapo.

Only a fool refuses to learn lessons about effectiveness from his / her worst

over by the hi-tech cameras and data ever get from negotiation is an amelioration of spied on their officials like Harriet Harman is about destruction. If we study what the become massively ineffectual, and somebody

communications, command and control stuff, Serbian army and government ministry buildings, radio aerials. They hit bridges, transport infrastructure. They hit oil refineries, chemical plants, power cables. Then they knocked out Slobbo's TV station.

Yellow Flag / Workerist Tape Loop paradigm, and it consists of retreat, retreat, retreat, retreat, retreat, retreat! Never make a stand. Never do anything to stop the oppression. Never do anything real. Well, as yet, we don't have the revolutionary capacities to make war. Freedom ought to have a bit of a head start in this - it was founded in 1886. During the 1930s, anarchists went and fought against Franco in Spain. Imagine the condemnations issuing from Angel Alley and Black Flag if anarchists fought for the Albanians in Kosovo today! 13 Retreat, retreat, retreat!

Let us try to walk before we run. We are nowhere near where we should be. So far, this class war has always been one-sided. The system goes on kicking, the exploited never fight back. One reason this is so is they are continually being disarmed by traitors like Yellow Flag and Feebledom, whose false analysis blinds people to the real situation.

THE ANARCHO-**ESTABLISHMENT:** FRIENDS OF THE STATE

A real war is where they kill one or two of us and we kill 5,000 of them. A real war is where one of our facilities is destroyed and so 1,000 of their facilities are destroyed. This is war. Wars are won when the capacity of one side to inflict lethal damage on the other is so great that they are unable to continue. We have to be honest about this. The oppressor state continuously inflicts harm. We must see the role taken by liberals, reformists and recuperators like Freedom and Yellow Flag in this. They continuously inflict harm too.

NO CLASS PARADIGM

What is so wrong with idiots like Yellow Flag fight it. We can't rely on this, however. The or the Edinburgh Automatons? How is it that class paradigm plays its part in disarming they so love their oppressors? People like the revolution by telling people to wait, to be Edinburgh Automatons are so very selfpassive, that revolution is inevitable, that they righteously upset about the thought don't have to act - the revolution is somebody government office blocks being blown to bits. else's responsibility. The class dogma tells As shown by GA's Arsewipe & the Militias them the working class as a whole will do it. leaflet, the use of Oklahoma as an example Against this, I say the revolution is down to the doesn't imply support for the US militias. Take the example of Princess Diana. Perhaps she THAT MIGHT HAPPEN. happens, and whether or not the revolution is was killed by MI6. If this is true, then how effective. You are responsible. As to whether or hilarious! The scum are killing the scum/ A NEVER A DULL MOMENT not any individual really is a revolutionary, government building can be replaced in six months. It takes 25 years to replace a Somehow, deadly poisonous contaminated responsible for the revolution, the revolution is government automaton. the sum total of what revolutionaries do. It's What is wrong with these people? Why do the not the work of some abstract, non-existent Are they trying to curry favour with the lottery

would by just too awful to contemplate. Perhaps it will be replaced by a free. Something else might happen to disturb its So, we get a revolutionary war. What would repose. Fighting could break out between the this be like across a modern urban landscape USA and Europe, or USA and Asia. Perhaps a like the UK, Europe or USA? We don't have number of internal wars will develop in some any models to go on. The French Resistance of or many of the developed countries. Perhaps World War 2? 55-57 years ago, hardly a we will see the poor fighting the rich. Perhaps urrent example. The New World Order has factions within the New World Order will fight vast technologies of surveillance and each other for supremacy. Perhaps the Third repression available to it, never dreamed of by World will attack the developed world with plague bombs. Perhaps a renegade in the former Soviet Union will launch nuclear missiles. It might be that crises like these will be the catalyst. Best of all, a combination of these, for I have learned that the system can cope with one crisis, but if several happen at once, their effect is much greater. Edward Heath's government fell because of an oil crisis, a power workers' dispute and coal miners' strike all at once.

Perhaps we will get a nihilistic war where large groups of poor people smash it all to pieces, just for the sheer joy of smashing it. Even this would be preferable to the Machine continuing

and Patricia Hewitt.11 Now, Harman is in the NATO bombers did in Serbia we can see war. becomes an Irrationalist. This will be

Even big groups like the IRA seemed to aim at inevitable.

MET POLICE SPOKESMAN after the 1990 Trafalgar vortex. The spectaculars were publicity stunts, Perhaps the Irrationalists will adopt the same

not qualitatively different from the Greenpeace logical and focused target criteria as the New rigid raiders racing towards the Brent Spar. World Order does. As the US did when it choice is going to be to collaborate, to do The bombing was essentially as negotiation bombed that pharmaceutical factory in Sudan nothing, or to fight it. And if only a few are (August 1998). As the US did when it bombed fighting, these kind of events are more likely. the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade (May 1999). As the US did when it fired missiles into Not all of these events are of equal value, but Pakistan, thinking it was Afghanistan, or when even the bad examples serve a purpose here, in the US fired missiles into Bulgaria, thinking it that they point to better. Even the nihilistic war was Yugoslavia. "Procedures have been of destruction is preferable to the Machine tightened up, and this will not happen again" continuing unchecked, that Iron Jackstrawboot (until next time). Collateral damage is also a grinding down on the human face forever. form of protest, a way of conducting a 'campaign'. Anarchist Scrapyard and other 'AND THE INNOCENT? Irrationalist target methods might well be some innocent victims". 14 Sartre is wrong here, yet against the system. form of satire (although I decline to draw this he has a point. The world is made up of as a firm conclusion for to do so would be to collaborators, and those fighting it. try to interpret these events).

> No. The objections are a way of camouflaging babies, children, mental cases, but the vast their essential passivity. Rhetoric of class war. majority of people have their eyes wide open Whenever somebody does something, trot out and have made their choices. Part of the objections to specific aspects of their actions, function of the liberal propaganda of pseudobut never admit to the fact that you are passive, revolutionaries is to obscure that distinction, inert. Example: the Feebledom response to the but you really can't get over it. Having your Unabomber. What will it take to meaningfully eyes open is a defining characteristic of entry

public phone box). This wait between the ANOTHER

explosion etc and phone claim is always the most interesting because the event is still unexplained. Suppose that call never came? No call, no claim, no explanation. No pattern like that. The cameras and phone taps really The spectacle hates the unexplained - loose There might be a whole range of things. Even ends left dangling. Perhaps the media if one group were killed or captured, it are on every street corner or in every exchange. In this total, all-enveloping negation of wouldn't report the event, but that doesn't wouldn't matter. There's always another one freedom and value, neither my life nor my matter. The event itself was the end, not a along in a minute. (In my opinion, these people death count so much as the war to destroy all means to an end and not a negotiationistic would first strap explosives to themselves and that. There are only two classes of people their houses, vehicles, etc, detonating them at collaborators and resisters. the moment of capture, taking themselves and many of their would-be captors with them). What sort of events would they be? Perhaps there might be a truck bomb against a government building. Many automatons would In the earlier articles, I wrote about die. Immediately, the collaborationists at Angel Stauffenberg's attempt to kill Hitler. Naturally, Alley and in the Yellow Flag magazine would rush to condemn the atrocity. Perhaps the Stauffenberg's politics, which it was not How SIVALL ADS unknown psycho-paths would put anthrax can anybody inside Hitler's bunker be spores in the Underground. Some politician innocent? Stauffenberg should have stayed could be shot down, flying in a helicopter or with his briefcase, to be sure of finishing the Learjet. Then at a big media event like the Brit job. Activists need that degree of commitment Awards or National Lottery, a huge tanker of to their projects.

NOT SAYING THAT THESE EVENTS

warfare attack on Wimbledon.

conditioning system. Poor Chumbawamba WHO CAN BE INNOCENT, never even got a chance to reach for the ice INSIDE THE GRAND bucket that year! And all the time, no claims, no explanations, no oxygen of publicity. I AM.

To put the same point with a different example. Who would cry for the October 1984 Brighton PROVIDING EXAMPLES OF THINGS bomb victims? To stand inside the hotel during a Conservative Party conference is to support their policies, and brings with it certain consequences. Remember, a 9 second phone call is all it takes to be jailed for conspiracy. drugs, fake ecstasy tablets, got into the drug

No motives. No patterns, no warnings. No

EAT SHIT OR FIGHT BACK

Is it ethical to attempt this kind of war? The

The higger the movement the less the violence

There are a few innocents in the middle;

into any putative moral community.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

organisation. No demands.

market. Film stars and celebrities were all THE WORKER IS anarcho-conformists defend the passive mass? sitting in some plush London restaurant when ALWAYS RIGHT?

in walked those masked Irrationalist gun men, firing Kalashnikovs, throwing grenades. The It cuts across the Workerist dogma that Thames was clogged with hundreds of very whatever the worker does is always right. Even small, smart, hi-tech mines, which the Oxford poll tax bailiffs, Men in Black tunnel evictors, and Cambridge boat race rowed into. BOOM! and the JCB operators who dig the mass graves and the Cornerbrook Resources Centre, the 1 GLUG GLUG! Then there was a biological in Kosovo are workers. The JCB shovel blade is the cutting edge of totalitarian oppression. Tax payers finance CCTV's and those cyborg implants. The fuhrerbunker extends almost everywhere. Any response which doesn't deal with that passive mass who permit and tolerate anarcho-establishment think the passive A crop sprayer or microlight aircraft sprayed all this will be incomplete, and will fail. Toddmass will physically halt Operation botulin across the city. Random jamming of

Washington, phase 129, and defend the TV programmes began to upset the remaining INDISCRIMINATE hallowed precincts of Aldgate Press when the couch potatoes. Subliminal, swirling patterns -ATTACKS ARE MORALLY

Hampshire Gestapo finally get round to closing caused by a 'defective' microchip in TV set top decoder boxes made people go epileptic. WRONG Hackers interfered with the satellite control It is wrong to spray ebola virus from telemetry, sending them all crashing down into microlights over cities. Indiscriminate attacks the atmosphere, burning them up and blanking are wrong. We must take care that we don't TV screens. Poor Rupert Murdoch! Perhaps become as ethically void as that thing we fight. criminals will be supplied with mass-produced Yet, if this happens, it's quite understandable. What's wrong with these people that they so hand-held rocket launchers, making the inner We can see why groups like the Aum cult love their oppressors? ACE and the others are cities no-go areas. Perhaps a group of would do this. Inside the torture house of so very upset about Aum Shin Rikyo. executives and fat cats will be kidnapped. At modern cities, events like these are inevitable. Commuters and city of London financial sector first, their friends and relatives all hoped it was Part of the reason why these indiscriminate components, dedicated to turning the wheels of just an extortion attempt, but no demands were attacks are wrong is pragmatic - they alienate capitalism, rushing to work on the ever received. Later, they were all found public support. Groups like Aum Shin Rikyo Underground. All those big multinational hanging from isolated motorway bridges and care nothing for public support. It's naive to global system. Or perhaps civil servants in the fast food restaurant. Perhaps there will be a action. Yet in the nihilistic war, there will be CSA. Home Office (take off your balaclavas!) sarin attack on a public school. Hackers might indiscriminate attacks like those described or Sandline, or security companies making the spread sophisticated computer viruses, above. Everything depends on hope, with hope cameras and the cyborg implants. Or perhaps paralysing communications or engineering a things pull together and are more focused. they work in the media, pushing out yet more global series of stock market crashes. Perhaps

lies, bullshit, propaganda, pacifying chat there will be a suicide bomb attack on the state. We know that whenever something happens, slander the perpetrators. At the same time, the IMr Beeching (50p). pseudo-radicals will do the same. They always

of the or production a contract of the production of the productio

All of these terrible events are quite possible in do this. They are responsible for the lack of the future. No named groups. No explanations. hope.

Irrationalists commit these actions (whatever they will be) for the sake of the actions themselves, and not some end / purpose beyond proportionality between the material help the passive mass gives to the system and the event. "W B Yeats' The Great Day: "The beggars The best events will be like pin pricks, have changed places / but the lash goes on" precisely aimed at some vital part of the 10 The Unabomber's Industrial Society & Its Machine. Radical resources are precious and Future (Green Anarchist Books, finite, there must be an economy of effort and Camberley, 1995), s. 140 ff., p. 33 cost here. We cannot afford to make mistakes 11 This came out in 1985 with the revelations or piddle around. And as for those pseudo- by MI5 rebel, Cathy Massiter. Blacklist by revolutionaries who carp and whine against Hollingsworth and Richard Norton-Taylor every real event which advances hope and (Hogarth, 1988), p. 132 brings forward the possibility of real change - 12 Letter printed in Organise 50, p. 21. The they forget the anarchist principle that it is not Organisers claimed the Irrationalists had liberals aren't alive to the possibility that : What about the innocent? "In war there are no for you to dictate to me the limits of my revolt been repudiated by myself, repeating the

1 The six previous Irrationalist articles were (1 Anarchist Lancaster Bomber 4, August 1993, p. 7; (2) LB7, Autumn 1994, pp. 9-11; (3) LB10, Summer 1995, pp. 8-9; (4) LB12, Autumn 1995, pp. 12-14; (5) LB14, April 1996, pp. 3-6 (reproduced in GA51, Spring 1998, pp. 11=12); and (6) LB17, January 1997, pp. 12-15. ² 'The ABC of Irrationalism' in ALB24,

TWO CLASSES OF PEOPLE February 1999, p. 15.

It's necessary to have an objective 3 Zero integrity opponents of GA pretend that understanding of the state. The system really is The Irrationalists is some sort of 'official' GA policy, or representative of anarcho-Primitivism. They know full well that this is not the truth. The Irrationalists is my own opinion, it is not any 'official' GA party line, indeed there is no such thing: "anarchy is about thinking for yourselves"; neither am I a Primitivist. Letter sent to Black Flag, 26 October 1998.

Ted Kaczynski in Earth First/ Journal 19/5, May / June 1999, p. 3

A note to my enemies: Instead of making up stories or slagging GA, try attacking this premiss of my argument; that within the liberal state, control remorselessly intensifies. But observation of the liberal state over many years shows that control does indeed intensify.

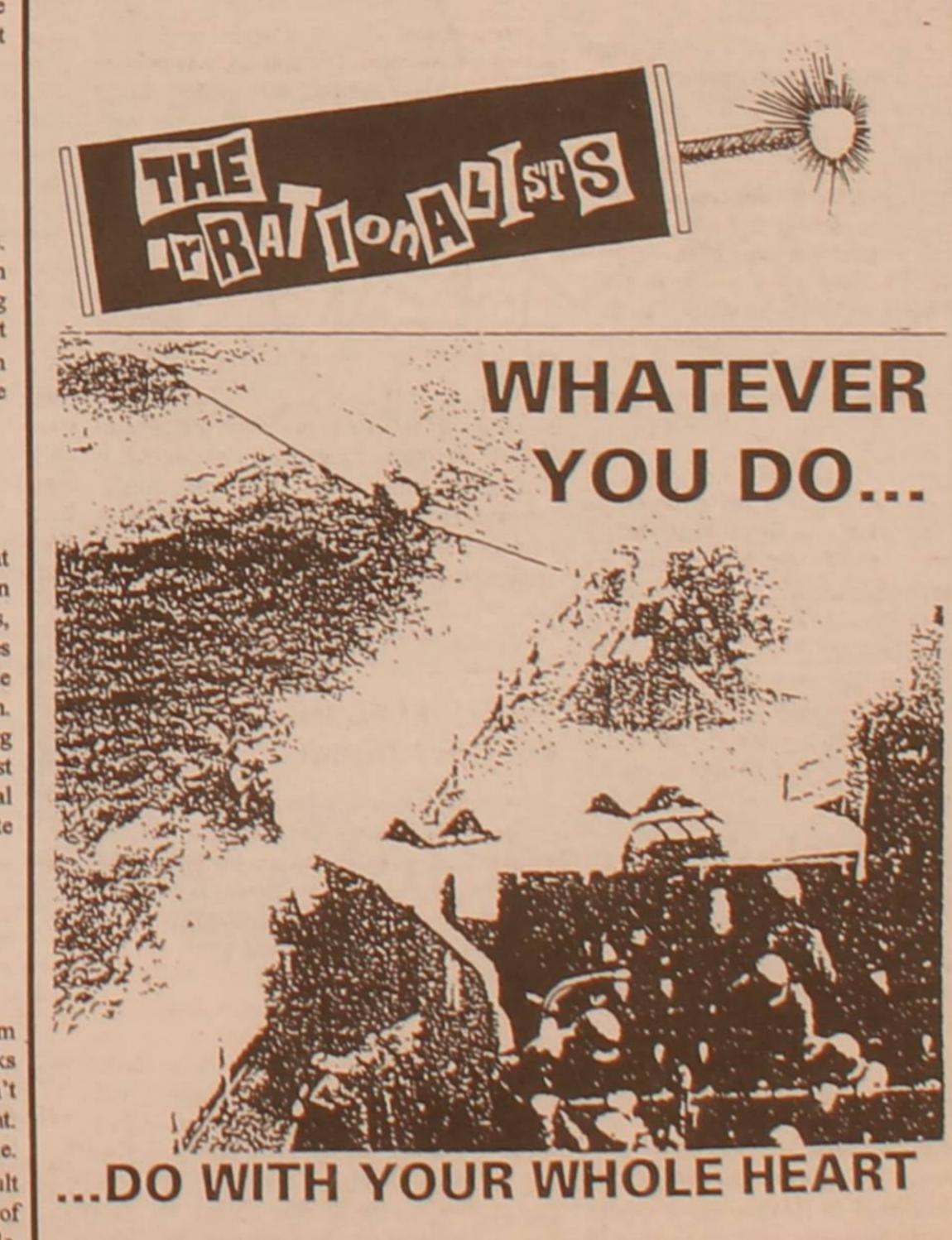
William Morris's News from Nowhere - see GA40/41, Spring 1997, pp. 12-13.

false claim earlier made by Black Flag.

13 It's important to point out that I assert the right of Kosovars, Albanians and anybody else to use armed force against genocide. This doesn't imply support or endorsement of the US / NATO actions in Yugoslavia,

Kosovar nationalism, etc. Jean-Paul Sartre's Being & Nothingness (Hazel Barnes tr), p. 554, quoting J





PUBLISH AND BE DAMNED!

companies concentrated in the Square Mile of broken down CCTV camera poles. A new, think the system will permit public support for We're issuing Steve Booth's Irrationalists in pamphlet form the City of London; tearing down the rain artificial intelligence robot road sweeper even the best action. I want to go further than as a big 'fuck you' to all the so-called anarchos who can't forests. Shell in Nigeria backing genocide, the machine might be used to deliver a bomb to a this, there has to be an ethical content to an face the future and don't understand what free speech is. With all the fuss they've kicked up, it should sell like hot cakes - £1.20 via GAMO, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

ALSO AVAILABLE BY STEVE BOOTH:

shows, crap shows, soap opera for the sheep to opening of Parliament. Maybe there will be a like the Unabomber, the state propaganda City-Death (£5), Even Eden (£3), Four Brothers (6), The consume; all travelling on the Underground. missile attack on a court building during a machine steps in to attack the event and Ethical Void (£1.50), and Thomas the Tank Engine Meets

Media coverage of June 18th was predictable in that it focused on the violence.

Fairly typical of the bunch, underneasth the ad for the Sophie and Edward

wedding vid, the Express had 'Mayhem' by Tom Rawstone and Alex Hendry,

ANARCHIST INTEGRALISM

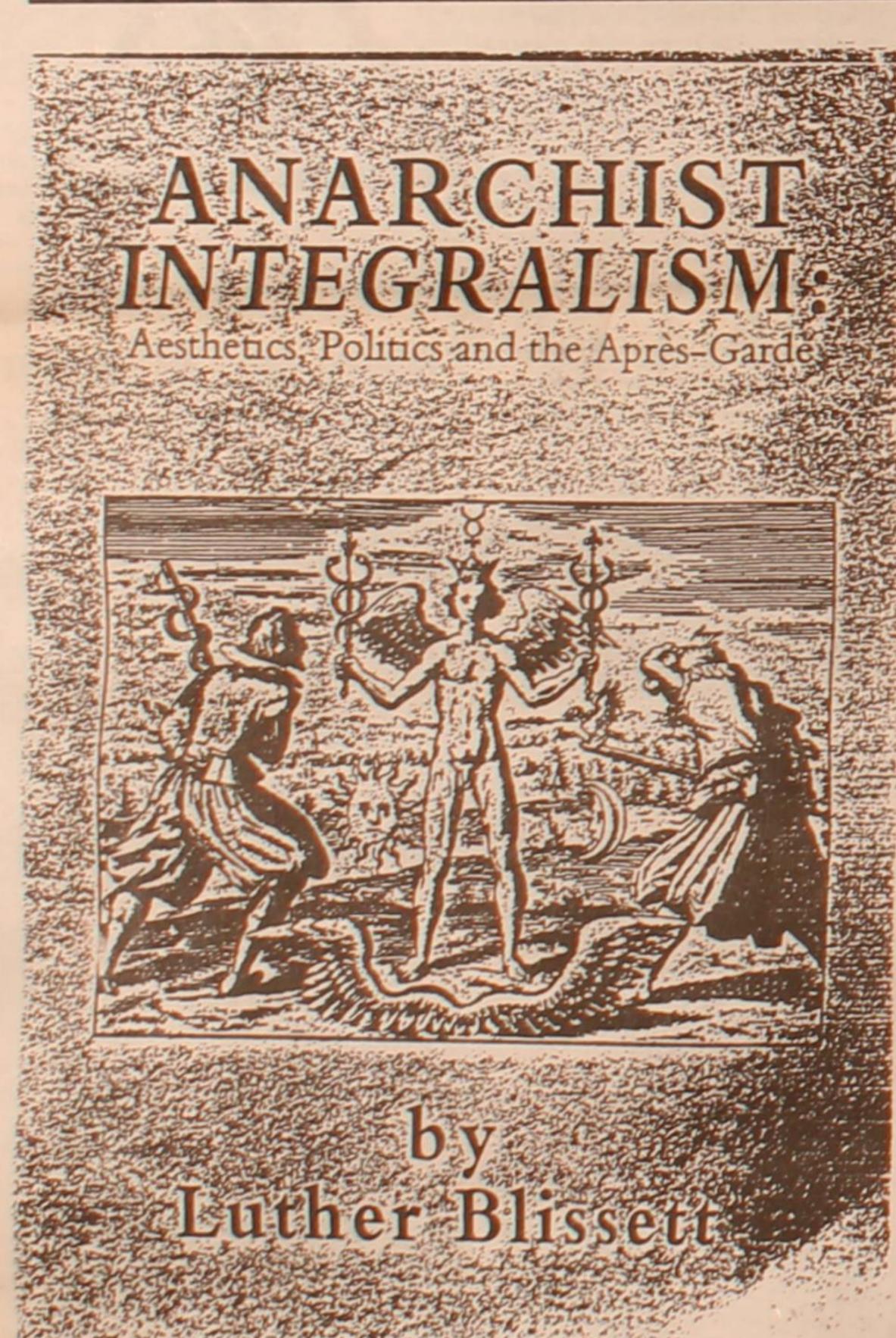
A study in Neoist falsehood

INTRODUCTION

Anarchist Integralism was the culmination of years of baseless smears thrown at GA by Stewart Home and his pseudy chums in the Neoist Alliance. One, Fabian 'Fuckwit' Tompsett, was upfront enough to admit their aim was "to undermine any lingering sympathy for GA, who are trying to muster support during their current court case" (Militias: Rooted in White Supremacy, p. 16).

Their motives went beyond sectarianism or promoting themselves through scandal. Readers will be unsurprised only Fuckwit and the commander of Operation Washington, Des Thomas, were nuts enough to suggest 'conspiratorial associations' between GA, the Angry Brigade and the Oklahoma bombers - or gay. that Home's earlier leaflets included info about GA only Special Branch would The argument is false, but that is how Home's to anarchism? One can be an anarchist without have been party to at the time they were published. Given this, they'll also be technique of guilt by association works. What deference to any of these. First comes Home's Home's former friends in the ICC are attacked unsurprised to hear that Anarchist Integralism was launched at the 1997 is it that defines a fascist (see Lancaster assumption that anarchism and fascism are (p.7), the ACF are "ignorant" (p. 29), CW are Anarchist Bookfair, when both the cops and Neoists thought the Gandalf trial Bomber issue 19)? We have to sort out integral, a whole, aone thing. Then the finding "politically illiterate". Albert Meltzer is an would be over and GA's editors safely jailed.

only anarchists facing potential life sentences in a prosecution that could have an illegitimate shift from some to all. severe implications for the whole extra-Parliamentary movement, but all CONFUSIONISM anarchists as indistinguishable from fascists into Conway Hall, let alone to host A large part of Home's intention in saying Home uses a scatter gun approach. Thus the a workshop on their unlikely amalgam, 'anarcho-fascism'. Also surprising the anarchism and fascism are an integral whole is Anarchist Studies journal for association with Neo-scum made it out of the building in one piece and that the more gullible, to spread confusion (Home in G-Spot, Summer John Moore (p. 14-15): provincial or opportunist anarchists and anti-fascists are now cosying up with 1995, p. 26): them. Anarchist Integralism should be the antidote to all this.



SMUDGES AND SMEARS

Is the anarchist 'movement' aware of Anarchist Integralism? Does it care about the lies published in Home's shitty booklet? Do they even understand the implications of what is being said? In Anarchist Integralism "anarchist integralism" to "fascist modernism". Home writes:

While the majority of modernists and anarchists have never adhered to full blown mystical fascism, certain strands of anarchism embrace far right individualism, while yet others promote ideologies of integral nationalism.

Anarchism is to be defined in terms of fascism. FALSE ARGUMENT Right at the start we find the context Anarchism is tarnished with the same brush as Heidegger the Nazi philosopher and the collaborator and apologist Paul de Mann. The rest of his book is a smudging together of

things that don't belong together:

Kropotkin's pro-war position is by no means unique among anarchists. For an extreme right-wing variant on it see Thoughts on the Gulf War by Richard Hunt in GA28...

that led to Hunt's departure from GA. We have Max Stirner smudging ro Proudhon (pp. 5-6), Proudhon smudges to Bakunin (p. 6), Bakunin to Kropotkin, as though by We sent a two-page response to ACE's

'Integral' - forming a whole. Bakunin was anti-Semitic, Home claims, plagiarising

disavow it. Bakunin was anti-Semitic. means fuck all to Home. anarchists are anti-Semitic. Something similar basic dishonesty behind his principle seems to be going on regarding Kropotkin and retrospective contamination. Home smudges

PREMISS ONE: Bakunin fancied Nechaev. PREMISS TWO: Bakunin was an anarchist. PREMISS THREE: Therefore all anarchists are is based on circular reasoning.

put the same form of argument another way?

This is a very worrying situation because if people can't tell the difference between the left and the right, they might end up supporting Nazi ideas without even knowing what they are doing.

This is exactly what Home is about.

Home believes things can be retrospectively contaminated with fascism. Thus Action there is an equally bizarre piece credited Francais citing Proudhon in the 20th century to Derek Gatherer ... In this Gatherer (p. 6) is used as evidence of Proudhon's own mobilises the New Right ideas of 19th century fascism. Kropotkin in World War geneticist Richard Dawkins in a manner One retrospectively demolishes whatever was that parallels the contemporary version of good in his earlier work, just as Richard Hunt in 1991 knocks down The Natural Society in like Radical Shift. the mid-1970s, but also by temporal osmosis

Home's guilt by association argument in for knocks down GA both in the 1980s and 1990s Home, of course, is much more closdely him- or herself, so that Home can later after the split away from Hunt. Chronology associated with Radical Shift's editors in the

Bakunin was an anarchist. Therefore Home smudges cause and effect. This is the nationalism. Kropotkin was a nationalist, from Stirner to Proudhon, from Bakunin to therefore anarchists are nationalists. Shall we Kropotkin / Hunt with no real explanation as to why he follows this ideological nomadism. assumption, not as something to be proven. I

What relevance have Proudhon and Bakunin

GUILT BY ASSOCIATION

When not attacking welfare claimants in leaflets such as JSA: So What? or penning articles for the eco-fascist Green Anarchist newspaper, Moore sits on the editorial board of Anarchist Studies alongside the likes of Noam Chomsky.

Derek Gatherer is condemned for mentioning

fascist modernism being pedalled by rags

Trans-Europa Collective than Gatherer ever was. Similarly, Noam Chomsky is condemned for defending the Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson when Home's sidekick, Fabian 'Fuckwit' Tompsett, also defended him - and not on Chomsky's 'free speech' grounds either. The Anti-Election Alliance condemned for association with GA (p. 16). Class War (p. 16):

Times change, and now defunct Class War destroyed itself over unsubstantiated allegations about a Leeds member run in

relevant from irrelevant criteria. Even fascists of 'facts' to suit. Many movements produce anarchist, and so must be guilty (p. 16). have a head, two eyes, ten fingers and so on. facts we disapprove of. Does the decapitation Freedom are guilty because they display the What may surprise is that Bookfair organisers allowed scum denouncing not Why Home's arguments fail is that they make of the little mermaid on Copenhagen discredit anti-Semite Bakunin, and Proudhon, along mural (n. 22). South Place Ethical Society is denounced for its links to freemasonry (p.18) so everyone who goes to the Conway Hall anarchist bookfair must be a mason, but that doesn't stop Home's shite being sold there. Rudolf Rocker is condemned for Eurocentrism (p.20). Zerzan is condemned for daring to write about the Ku Klux Klan (p. 28):

> Zerzan fudges the issue The effects of such pieces ... are more serious due to their author's unwillingness to deal frankly with how reactionary movements

Home even goes to the extent of reproducing Zerzan's own disclaimer condemning the Klan as "an odious secret organisation". And so Home goes on. Everybody is contaminated. It is clear from reading Anarchist Integralism that Stewart Home himself is the poison. Anarchists, wake up!

FALSE FLAG - AGAIN

We expose the disinformers

'The Return of the Irrationalists' [see GA54/55, p. 12] suggested attacks on GA were his excesses, and those with the MayDay network probably a concerted campaign. Now we know they are, and that it centres on Neoist mouthpiece Micah / Space Bunny at the Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh (ACE). Realising it was being orchestrated by those who'd made absurd attacks on anarchists--including themselves-the ACF dropped out and Freedom's contribution has only been occassional (unprecidented?) cheerleading of Black Flag through its Bookchinite reviewer Kevin McFaul (not that he will argue such a discredited ideology directly with us) and Donald Rooum, whose thrown a tantrum ever since we exposed his pseudo-debate around GMO technology [see GA54/55, p. 17].

MOUTHPIECE MICAH

n 'Let's Get This Straight' [GA52, p.12], we support, but contempt. said ACE showed "intolerance, credulity and accusations made against Space Bunny". Our J18-which shows what a faker he is. "accusation" was that [GA52, p. 12]

when it comes to Home, the lad has a cult-

discredited whinging [see Paul Rogers' Grassy their letter to Larry) and that Bernstein is now campaign is now over. Noell are not Neoist smears against GA. As associated with Searchlight [see 'False Flag', Micah posted it all there (inc ACE's statement), GA54/55, pp. 12-13]. Micah attacked Larry for this fairly accurately characterises him and shows contradicting his Neoist god, Fabian 'Fuckwit' how credulous ACE are.

Micah devoutly insists all Home's written about GA is true even when self-contradictory or-as with Green & Brown Anarchist-admitted hoax material by Home himself! Fuckwit when visiting London.

just as they scrapped the speaking tour on the basis of Neoist BS that they didn't bother to examine and allowed a statement to be written in their name that made them look like fools.

whispering campaign in classic Leeds AFA style. We can't challenge what we don't know about, but we know about his ludicruous claim that GA supported Dunblane child-killer Thomas Hamilton. In fact, we denouced him as "sick and evil" [see GA42, p. 3]. Micah just makes it up. computer. We're sure glad we're not in their **FUCKWIT, HIS GURU** "movement" - such opportunism deserves not

As Micah's smears are so inept, he needs input Of the score of documents on the website, only Golden Angels, as saying Rosser died deny calling GA "rightwing idiots" and only took the ACE statement and Noel Molland's mysteriously (something Black Flag agreed in Gandalf material off their site as our defence

> Faurisson as Chomsky did (though Chomsky Tompsett, whose letter to Black Flag [213, p. spoke for the Gandalf defendants and Fuckwit 34] called Larry "half-baked". Amazing BF take didn't). Now they'll say he never spoke for him

no surprise from cultist Micah, who stays with

Black Flag and the ACF being in on his smears.

over Larry's-or even Meltzer, their founder-but Why's Micah so dependant on Fuckwit? Probably something to do with his involvement Dressing himself up as an authority, he passes off Psychogeographical Association when he was a disinformation to the uncritical. At MayDay '99 student and having no other mates then. He ran at ACE, he even ran an anti-GA workshop. favours for the Neoist early, trying to scare were "loo busy with other things" to consider it - Micah plugs into the anarcho-orthodox establish- Cambridge Anarchists into disaffiliating from the ment: he's great mates with the Leeds Search- Green Anarchist Network after Operation light / cop collaborators behind MayDay '98 [see Washington started (contrary to his lies in Green the latest Red Action on their relationship with Apocalypse, they were of sterner stuff than him), Nick Lowells, Searchlight's new editor], AK's as well as soliciting GA back issues supposedly The bottom line is that as Micah controls ACE's Ramsay Kanaan and Here & Now (also for the Spunk Press archive but really for his computer, he controls them. They'll let him do as embarassed by their defences of Paul Bowman), Neoist masters. He did this whilst campaigning he pleases if they can only continue to have as well as Neo-slime. Micah's contacts help with us, Larry, Derek Wall and others against access to it. Half of ACE's activity is Micah's explain ACE workerist wannabes' toleration of David Icke, which now looks like a cynical ploy

cut image is far removed from the with the commonly seen pic of three people dancing on a police van roof. The stereotype of the anarchist demonstrator. Mail kept the riot off its front page, pushing the Royal; wedding instead. Inside JUSTIN DAVENPORT the Express, 'Mayhem and Anarchy in the UK' on p.2, p. 3 by 'sound' Danny Penman with 'Day of Chaos that was plotted oin the Internet'. The editorial on Yet more media lies. Even the carnival masks, to gulping up every last piece of excreta from A while later, the NUJ site was monitored, p. 10 also blamed the Internet. Other papers blamed drink, drugs or the London with legal advice pronted on the back indicates the Searchlight sewer would swallow so Underground system (!) - anything but look at what was really happening and the cleverly co-ordinated and sinsister uncritically a lie like this? Who else claims to

was hijacked by extremists .. any anarchist trial. The BBC lied that only 4,000 people

group you want to think of, they were all

there" (Special Branch). The police whined

about 'distractor' information being put out on

aire in City Riot Quiz'. The Standard played

Watch and TLIO. This is a familiar media

trick to distract attention away from the issues,

by concentrating on personalities. This variant

is called 'Pillory the upper-class twits', as used

after the CJA riot, for example (Mail, October

interesting how the Net gets blamed for every-

thing these days. A recent soccer riot in Cardiff

(8thy August) was said to be co-ordinated

More myths were being pushed by the Evening

Standard (Justin Davenport and Nigel Rosser,

9th August). There is supposedly a central

fund, part financed by the mystery upper class

out the usual Neoist style guilt by association CN THE

trick, highlighting alleged links to Corporate

JOURNO WATCH

Hysteria, cover-up and fear of more coloured the mainstream distort-

None is known to police or recognised as

mental or anarchist group, and their clean

conspiracy. Much the same rhetorical tricks as be an authority on fascism, with such obvious

used by prosecutor Onslow in the Gandalf connections to journalists?

acknowledge its legitimacy. CARNIVAL

AGAINST CAPITALISM

ing of J18

TURNED NASTY TV news bulletins predictably concentrated on the Internet. A "cynical and deceitful attempt the violence "Dozens of police officers to hide informatioon". As if! injured", "protestors intent on taking it out on THEATRE OF RETRIBUTION police", "scenes rarely experienced here in the City of London" (ITN's Andrew Simmons), The Mail on Sunday (good ol' Chester Stern, and "the trouble started when the crowds former Metropolitan Police prtess officer) seperated into different groups" (BBC's John wheeled out the rich kids caught rioting, Macintyre). Pictures showed images of crowds making an appearance at Bow Street Court.

attacking police vans, burning, a burning car, Similarly, the Evening Standard (9th August) Nigel Batchelor the smashed Merc showroom paid a lot of attention to some member of the manager snivelling aboit how the "hordes" had Vesey meat dynasty, Mark Brown: 'Millionattacked his shop.

VIDAL IMPORT TRANCE

The Guardian was little better. On p. 1 was a photograph of a ruck. "Battleground protest in City ends in riot' with the news itself making p. 5, showing their priorities. Large pictures of a youth throwing a stone towards police, and the woman in agony after being run over by a 11th 1994). police van dwarfed the text. The writing was a OPEN GROUPS description of the events (Vidal and Libby Brooks), with Vidal proving his radical COMPROMISED credentials by leaving the last word to voice of As a result of publiciding the event, much of the Establishment, Lord Peter Levine, Lord the follow-up by the media concentrated on Mayor of London, who elsewhere called the RTS and especially Corporate Watch. Lazy protesters "terrorrists": "the whole point they slob journos didn't need to go further than a were trying to make has been lost". Keep it click on the mouse to get the idea of blaming fluffy and mediated through the Guardian Corporate Watch off the Net. Indeed it's Environment column, comrades!

NCONVENIENT? through the Net; the gullible public expected to

The streets of London had to supporter with a can of lager on one hand and be hosed down with disinfect- a lap top in the other. As if... ant after rioters pissed and MYTHS shat in bank doorways...

OUTSIDE AGITATORS

The Islamic Iranian authorities and their tame twits and partly through arrestees suing the media recently claimed the rioting Tehran police. Presumably this slush fund pays the students were nothing but puppets of Amerika. £30 and sandwiches for the Nottingham The 'outside agitators' myth is the same the University students, but it also buys up old cars whole world over. With J18, some people to block the streets to police, and hire flat-bed claimed the rioters were brought in from lorries to deliver sticks and scaff poles to werre there, yet their own film footage showed IF IT SMELLS LIKE

After the event, always the same lies. That spook outfall, the Sunday Times (the notorious David Leppard, Gareth Walsh and Paul Nuki) lies are the same, only the details change. say 'Protestors paid to riot in the City' (20th CUMULATIVE EFFECT June 1999). Does this not seem depressingly familiar? £30, free transport and a packed Another urban myth is that J18 was secretly seen. Only lies and bullshit. Fuck the media. recycled. Students from Nottingham Univers- disguise: ity, unnamed ("A man told me in a pub"). "It Little is known of their background.

between Neoist approval and the movement's.

We thought Black Flag learned their lesson aff

'False Flag' [see 'Liar, Lar', GA56, p. 18], only

to find a 4-page attack in BF217. Like

Bookchin's follow-up to Social Anarchism or

Lifestyle Anarchism, they think a louder and

longer repeat adds to their argument. It only

discredits them further. Instead of repeating our

earlier arguments, we'll show how Black Flag

Despite denials, under 'Dancing with the Devil'

[BF217, pp. 33-35, 38] lies Fuckwit's Cult-

Watch. Like Fuckwit, they present the London

nail-bombings as an 'Irrationalist' act, even

FALSE FLAG

further discredits itself.

rioters, as well as sound systems. This kind of the falsity of this. BBC journos and film crew lie is as old as the hills. Didn't the Luddites were attacked near the Futures Exchange. The SHIT AND COMES have a central fund paid for by Napoleon? The bias of the media is shown - plenty of police FROM A SEWER... and aggrieved Merc showroom managers shown commenting, but no voices protestoirs, no spokespeople from RTS were

Two months after Saxon, Noel and Steve were

lunch, no less! The same old lies as before co-ordinated by smart-suited City types in

jailed, the NUJ published supportive articles in Case closed, or so we thought.

due to of population pressure, they're Malthus-

commentators hostile to anarcho-primitivism who suggest that the population levels envisaged by anarcho-primitivists Black Flag is. To take one example, they insist

> same software, and are not even printed the same country.

and slag-artists getting their comeupance at last, arrogant Leftist vanguard. Not that they'll free conned by their bogus public image.

NUJ deputy general secretary said:

individuals or organisatons.

It is not the intention of the NUJ to

misrepresent the views or position of

RMS aloft and servaming defiance, a pro-ester stands on the roof of a police van is

As a critique of primitivism, 'Dancing...' claiming Zerzan sees all activity as reifying, BF expose their own instrumental mentality, only to quote the offending passage half a page which'll forever deny us freedom. Zerzan later ("the fascist bombings of Bologna railway actually says revolutionary action comes from station") proving we were right and they used the overcoming reification. By displaying incompreplural after all. Though trivial, this shows the flat hension at GA's anti-ideological stance, BF denials of the accompanying 'How wrong can shows themselves up as ideologues. As antithey be?' [BF217, p. 32] really show how wrong ideologists, our main role is to critique them as counter-revolutionary racketeers. They say we've no agency for social change save-as they admit production are free to smash it from without, to John Moore argues, ourselves and our desires- live their own lives autonomously and still eat. but then conceed their agency, "a working class Because BF are buried in Victorian dogma anarchist movement ... does not exist now" contrary to this, they are counter-revolutionaries Anyone with eyes can see they're laid out the Instead of people realising their desires, they see and their shallow, Fuckwit-driven intervention same, that claims of publication in different revolution coming from their manipulative shows how desperate a last gasp it really is. countries are a tad disingenuous. "Anyone with anarcho-syndicalist ideologising. In other words, nouce for the scene" knows 'False Flag's 95% they intend to "force people to be free" ("in upset by our reporting on these outrages as State- smallest point, no matter how ridiculous they on target and was pleased to see BF bullshitters Roussseau's evil phrase") just like any other

its journal. At the same time (January 1998) The next time the NUJ website was monitored the NUJ put out the lie that GA had "over the (http://www.gn.apc.org/media9801webb.html) years been duped by the likes of Patrick the offending piece had been deleted. John Harrington". On learning of this, GA wrote to Fray said in his letter the matter would be the NUJ to challenge this lie. The idea of taken up with Bernie Corbett, the organiser of smearing anarchists is obviously Searchlight the Freelance NUJ website.

> only to find they'd been and gone and done the same thing again. As a 'right of reply', a letter from GA had been put on the site, but mangled. References to Hepple had been deleted, and details of Larry O'Hara's articles and books

At the same time, the NUJ claimed that Gable strenuously denied circulating the lies. So, get this, the NUJ prints bullshit that GA is the 'dupe' of Patrick Harrington in a supposed solidarity statement, right, but never checks this out with GA, or-later-others like Larry O'Hara we referred them to in order to establish our bone fides, yet at the same time deletes references to Hepple and Searchlight on the say-so of Gable who "strenuously denies these". How very one-sided.

WHAT USE IS A 'RIGHT OF REPLY' IF CRUCIAL FACTS ARE CUT?

The Gandalf case was all about censorship. The NUJ claims it is against censorship. Yet, at the same time, it censors this letter from GA. What use is a 'right of reply' if the crucial details of it are cut out?

We call on the NUJ to:

- Name the supposed 'green anarchists' they claim told them the lie. Failing this, they should provide details of the supposed green anarchist faction they claim supplied them with the bogus information. We say there is no such group. It is always open to the NUJ to prove us wrong.
- · As a sign of good faith, name the journalist who wrote the Harrington smear on the internet. We say this anonymous journalist is either a member of the Searchlight 'team' or some outfall close
- We also ask the NUJ to provide details of how they checked this false story: who did they contact? When? In what way was this checked? The NUJ have a code of conduct, Point 3 of which says "A journalist shall strive to ensure that the information s/he disseminates is fair and accurate, avoid the expression of comment and conjecture as established fact and falsification by distortion, selection or misrepresentation".

In this case, we see how evwn the NUJ website has become a tool of the state, part of the Gandalf prosecution. Putting out the Harrington lie was a blatant attempt to reduce support for people in prison. (And they didn't even try to check it with GA!) Part of the problem, the NUJ. At one with state censorship In a letter (10th March 1999) John Fray, the and black propaganda, the NUJ. What hope is there for mainstream journalism when even the NUJ website doesn't follow its own Code of Conduct?

> All the more reason why we need an independent, radical free press!

BF's comments are directed at the naive still them and not everyone either, only the classical proletariat, who they hilariously quote Bakunin as "the great Satan". If they'd read John Moore's analysis of Paradise Lost in Anarchy & Ecstasy remarkable in never mentioning the Primitive. In [pp. 4-14], 'they'd appreciate primal chaos is counterposed to all of Milton's angels as the true alternative. Meltzer was wrong to say the working class is the only one that "does not need to exploit", in fact the industrial proletarial beloved of syndicalism implies a ruling class to coordinate and maintain mass production just as "the great Satan" theologically implies a God to order Heaven. Only those breaking free of such

(Autumn 1997) Home begins by comparing This article, of course, was precisely the one

A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

mentioning as many anarchist sages as statement, documenting the lies in each Neoist possible in his long footnotes, Home can text cited. ACE's only response was that they delude himself that he somehow proves that anarchism and fascism are one and the same.

article from Anarchist Studies. Perhaps the reader is then left to fill the blank part of

More usually Micah circulates off-the-record letters and encrypted e-mails to generate a

His smear campaign goes beyond ACE. He does from fellow slummin'-it Cambridge old boy in public histrionics (as at Bradford Fuckwit, Hence Cult-Watch, micro-circulating cultist Micah's say-so. Having seen ACE's MayDay '98) or throwing questions at people he through Scotland. The 'cult' of the title is contradictory postings on their website-which know he won't get answers from, such as at Neoism and its 'watch[ing]' is of others. Fuckwit Derek Wall at the WordPower do in Edinburgh uses Micah as his mouthpiece as Fuckwit's now whilst expressing 'support' for the Gandalf last May 20th. Micah does no such thing when as discredited as Home. Cult-Watch makes no he runs into people from GA-undeed, he runs comment on Home's relationship to neo-Nazi from us rather than answer our questions, as at Tony Wakeford as it's indefensible. Attempting to explain away his support for Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson and not Gandalf defendants On WordPower, he claimed that in Turning Up Fuckwit flip-flops between total denial, diversion the Heat, Larry O'Hara said Louise Bernstein into irrelevence, and repeating the pro-Faurisson killed Leo Rosser. Larry said nothing of the sort, arguments he put back then. As with Micah and as Micah knows. Larry just quoted Albert Dublane, there are also blatant lies Fuckwit Meltzer's autobiography, I Couldn't Paint hopes 'provincial' Scots won't notice. SchNews

the word of a known hoaxer and shit-for-brains at all. The usual Neoist 'doublethink'.

in the Cambridge branch of Fuckwit's London

to worm his way into our confidence. Micah no orchestrated: we're on the right track. Like look. 'Dancing...' says [p. 33] doubt thinks he's 'big' as Neoism's only Fuck-wit, BF attack GA as Malthusian, though untainted mouthpiece, but must now choose by saying primitivist society will be impossible

> ian. We attack 'overpopulation' ideology yearly; BF mention it only to attack us. They know our position, and BF also mention John Moore's Primitivist Primer, which says Ignore the weird fantasies spread by some

would be achieved by mass die-offs or nazi-style death camps. These are just . This refers to Home's hoax Green & Brown Anarchist, not "Brian Morris". BF can't deny their connection to Fuckwit, the Kate Sharpley

though Steve's 'The Irrationalists' emphasised Astronauts office at the 121 Centre for years. Statists as targets. We're pleased Fuckwit's so They will, of course. They'll not conceed the

they have a go at point sscoring about how we appear to believe there were several Bologna bombings, when the article clearly employs the word "bombing", in the

DA and Black Flag are not laid out on the

Library sharing his Association of Autonomous

VIEV

the first one I invented was Grandfather

Rabbit. You know the snowshoe rabbits

were my main source of meat during the

winters. I had to spend a lot of time

happiness

future,

always

isation,

system

become

apted

now.

TEDSPEAKS

This June, Ted Kaczynski-the State-styled 'Unabomber'-gave an unprecidented interview to an ex-EF! Journalista. Below is Ted's story which we publish jointly with Anarchy: A Journal of Desire Armed.

Cutting the bloody cord, that's what we feel, the delirious exhilaration of says he began an intensive study of how to independence, a rebirth backward in time and into primeval liberty, into freedom in the most simple, literal, primitive meaning of the word, the only meaning that replicate primitive technologies, approaching really counts. The freedom, for example, to commit murder and get away with it scot-free, with no burden than the jaunty halo of conscience...

My God! I'm thinking, what incredible shit we put up with most of our lives-the domestic routine, the stupid and useless and degrading jobs, the insufferable arrogance of elected officials, the crafty cheating and slimy advertising of the businessmen, the tedious wars in which we kill our buddies instead of our real enemies back home in the capital, the foul, diseased and hideous cities and towns we live in, the constant petty tyranny of the automatic washers, the automobiles and TV machines and telephones-! Ah Christ!,... what intolerable garbage and what utterly useless crap we bury ourselves in day by day, while patiently enduring at the same time the creeping strangulation of the clean white collar and the rich but modest four-in-hand garrotte!

Such are my thoughts-you wouldn't call them thoughts would you?-such are my running water. It was this lifestyle and the feelings, a mixture of revulsion and delight, as we float away on the river, leaving actual cabin that his attorneys would use to try behind for a while all that we most heartily and joyfully detest. That's what the to call his sanity into question during his trial. first taste of the wild does to a man, after having been too long penned up in the It was a defence strategy that Kaczynski said city. No wonder the Authorities are so anxious to smother the wilderness under about the particulars of his daily routine. He asphalt and reservoirs. They know what they are doing. Play safe. Ski only in a said proudly clockwise direction. Let's all have fun together.

EDWARD ABBEY, Desert Solitaire, 1968

I read Edward Abbey in the mid-1980s and that was one of the things that gave me the idea that "yea, there are other people out there that have the same attitudes I do". I read The Monkeywrench Gang, I think it was. But what first motivated me wasn't anything I read. I just got mad seeing the machines ripping up the woods and so forth ...

> DR THEODORE KACZYNSKI, in an interview with the Earth First! Journal, Admin Max Facility prison, Florence, Colorado, USA, June 1999.

Kaczynski's story represents a parable.

not faring well. All around us, as a result of

human greed and a lack of respect for all life,

wild nature and Mother Earth's creatures are

suffering. These beings are the victims of

Theodore Kaczynski developed a negative

attitude towards the techno-industrial system

very early in his life. It was in 1962, during his

last year at Harvard, he explained, when he

began feeling a sense of disillusionment with

Back in the 1960s there had been some

critiques of technology, but as far as l

knew there weren't people who were

against the technological system as such.

It wasn't until 1971 or 72, shortly after I

moved to Montana, that I read Jacques

Ellul's book The Technological Society.

This book is a masterpiece. I was very

enthusiastic when I read it. I thought

"look, this guy us saying things I have

the system. And he says he felt quite alone.

industrial society.

been wanting to say all along".

Once upon a time there was a continent Why, I asked, did he personally come to be covered with beautiful pristine wilderness, against technology? His immediate response where giant trees towered over lush was "Why do you think? It reduces people to mountainsides and rivers ran wild through gears in a machine, it takes away our deserts, where raptors soared and beavers autonomy and freedom". But there was laboured at their pursuits and people lived in obviously more to it than that. Along with the harmony with wild nature, accomplishing rage he felt against the machine, his words Kaczynski lamented never being able every task they needed to accomplish on a revealed an obvious love for a very special daily basis using only stones, bones and wood, place in the wilds of Montana. He became walking gently on the Earth. Then came the most animated, spoke most passionately, when merchants and immigrants with their advanced created there and sought to defend against the technology, guns, and government. The wild encroachment of the system. life that had existed for millennia started dying, The honest truth is that I am not really killed by a disease brought by alien versions of

politically orientated. I would have really progress, arrogant visions of manifest destiny rather just be living out in the woods. If and a runaway utilitarian science. nobody had started cutting roads through In just 500 years, almost all the giant trees there and cutting the trees down and have been clear-cut and chemicals now poison come buzzing around in helicopters and the rivers; the eagle has faced extinction and snowmobiles I would still just be living the beaver's work has been supplanted by the there and the rest of the world could just Army Corps of Engineers. And how have the take care of itself. I got involved i people fared? What one concludes is most political issues because I was driving to likely dependent on how well one is faring it, so to speak, I'm not really inclined in economically, emotionally and physically in that direction. this competitive technological world and the level of privilege one is afforded by the system. But for those who feel a deep connection to, a

Kaczynski moved into a cabin that he built there he concentrated on acquiring the love and longing for, the wilderness and the primitive skills that would allow him to live uncomfortable crowded in cities, poor and oppressed, unable autonomously in the wild. He explained that the urge to do this had been a part of his psyche to find a clear target for their rage because the system is virtually omnipotent, these people are

Unquestionably there is no doubt that the

reason I dropped out of the technological system is because I had read about other ways of life, in particular that of primitive peoples. When I was about eleven I remember going to the little local library in Evergreen Park, Illinois. They had a series of books published by the Smithsonian Institution that addressed various areas of science. Among other things, I read about anthropology in a book on human prehistory. I found it fascinating. After reading a few more books on the subject of Neanderthal man and so forth, I had this itch to read more I started asking myself why and I came to the realisation that what I really wanted was not to read another book, but that I

just wanted to live that way. After leaving his job teaching mathematics at UC Berkeley, the then 29 year-old Kaczynski

He readily admits he committed quite a few

Many years ago I used to read books like, for example, Ernest Thompson Seton's Lives of Game Animals to learn about animal behaviour. But after a certain point, after living in the woods for a while, I developed an aversion to reading any scientific accounts. In some sense reading what the professional biologists said about wildlife ruined or contaminated it for me. What began to matter to me was the knowledge I acquired about wildlife through personal experience.

Kaczynski spoke at length about the life he led in his small cabin with no electricity and no

I have quite a bit of experience identifying wild edible plants, it's certainly one of the most fulfilling activities that I know of, going out in the woods and looking for things that are good to eat. But the trouble with a place like Montana, how it differs from the Eastern forests, is that starchy plant foods are much less available. There are edible roots but they are generally very small ones and the distribution is limited. The best ones usually grow down in the lower areas which are agricultural areas, actually ranches, and the ranchers presumably don't want you digging up their meadows, so starchy foods were civilised foods. I bought flour, rice, com meal, rolled oats, powdered milk and

'fixing' the system were not enough, and he professed little confidence in the idea that a mass change in consciousness might someday be able to undermine the technological system.

acts of monkeywrenching during the 1970s,

but there came a time when he decided to

system. He describes the catalyst:

devote more energy into fighting against the

The best place, to me, was the largest

remnant of this plateau that dates from

the tertiary age. It's kind of rolling

country, not flat, and when you get to the

edge of it you find these ravines that cut

very steeply into cliff-like drop-offs and

there was a waterfall there. It was about

two days hike from my cabin. That was

That summer there were too many people

around my cabin so I decided I needed

some peace. I went back to the plateau

and when I got there I found they had put

[Pauses] You just can't imagine how

upset I was. It was from that point on

decided that, rather than trying to acquire

further wilderness skills, I would work on

wasn't the first time I ever did any

sort of thing became a priority for me... I

made a conscious effort to read things

that were relevant to social issues,

specifically the technological problem.

that purpose I read anthropology, history,

but mostly anthropology and history.

a road right through the middle of

the best spot until the summer of 1983.

explorers, conquerors, missionaries, soldiers, relating stories about the mountain life he with their advanced created there and sought to defend against the What has to be done is not to try and convince or persuade the majority of people that we are right, as much as try to increase tensions in society to the point where things start to himself near Lincoln, in 1971. His first decade Situation where they're going to rebel.

> accomplish three things to his satisfaction: because of the human tendency, for most building a crossbow that he could use for people, there are exceptions, to take the hunting, making a good pair of deerhide path of least resistance. They'll take the moccasins that would withstand the daily hikes easy way out, and giving up your car, he took on the rocky hillsides, and learning how to make fire consistently without using matches. He says he kept very busy and was happy with his solitary life.

One thing I found when living in the woods was that you get so that you don't worry about the future, you don't worry about dying, if things are good right now you think "well, if I die next week, so what, things are good right now". I think it was Jane Austen who wrote in one of her novels that happiness is always something that you are anticipating in the future, not something that you have right now. This isn't always true. Perhaps it is true in civilisation, but when you get out

your television set, your electricity, is not the path of least resistance for most people. As I see it, I don't think there is any controlled or planned way in which we can dismantle the industrial system. I think that the only way we will get rid of it is if it breaks down and collapses. That's why I think the consequences will be something like the Russian Revolution, or circumstances we see in other places in the world today like the Balkans, Afghanistan, Rwanda. This does, I think, pose a dilemma for radicals who take a non-violent point of view. When things break down, there is going to be violence and this does raise a

to call it a moral question, but the point is that for those who realise the need to d away with the techno-industrial system, if you work for its collapse, in effect you are killing a lot of people. If it collapses, there aren't going to be any more spare parts or fuel for farm equipment, there won't be anymore pesticide or fertiliser on which modern agriculture is dependent. So there isn't going to be enough food to go around, so then what happens? This is something that, as far as I've read, I haven't seen any radicals facing up to.

question, I don't know if I exactly want

At this point he was asking me, as a radical, to face up to this issue. I responded I didn't know the answer. He said neither did he, clasped his hands together and looked at me intently. His distinctly midwestern accent, speech patterns and the colloquialisms he used were so familiar and I thought about how much he reminded me of the professors I had as a student of anthropology, history and political philosophy in Ohio. I decided to relate to him the story of how one of my graduate advisors, Dr Resnick, also a Harvard alumni, once posed the following question in a seminar on political legitimacy: getting back at the system. Revenge. That Say a group of scientists asks for a meeting with the leading politicians in the country to monkeywrenching, but at that point, that discuss the introduction of a new invention. The scientists explain that the benefits of the technology are indisputable, that the invention will increase efficiency and make everyone's life easier. The only down side, they caution, is For one thing, my concern was to try to that to make it work, 40,000 innocent people understand how societies change, and for will have to be killed each year. Would the politicians decide to adopt the new invention or a little bit of sociology and psychology, not? The class was about to argue that such a proposal would be immediately rejected out-of-Kaczynski soon came to the conclusion that hand, then he casually remarked "We already reformist strategies which merely called for have it - the automobile"

> He had forced us to ponder how much death and innocent suffering our society endures as a result of our commitment to maintaining the technological system - a system we all are born into now and have no choice but to try and adapt to. Everyone can see the existing technological society is violent, oppressive and destructive, but what can we do?

The big problem is that people don't believe a revolution is possible, and it is not possible precisely because they do not believe it is possible. To a large extent I think the eco-anarchist movement is accomplishing a great deal, but I think they could do it better... The real revolutionaries should separate themselves from the reformers... And I think that it would be good if a conscious effort was being made to get as many people as possible introduced to the wilderness. In a general way, I think what has to be done is not to try and convince or persuade the majority of people that we are right, as much as try to increase tensions in society to the point where things start to break down. To create a situation where people get uncomfortable enough that they're going to rebel. So the question is how do you increase those tensions? I don't know.

Kaczynski wanted to talk about every aspect of the techno-industrial system in detail, and further, about why and how we should be working towards bringing about its demise. It was a subject we had both given a lot of thought to. We discussed direct action and the limits of political ideologies. But by far the most interesting discussions revolved around our views about the superiority of wild life and

Towards the end of the interview, Kaczynski related a poignant story about the close relationship he had developed with the snowshoe rabbit. "This is kind of personal," he begins by saying, and I ask if he wants me to turn off the tape. He says "no, I can tell you about it", and laughs.

While I was living in the woods I sort of invented some gods for myself. Not that I believed in these things intellectually, but they were ideas that sort of corresponded with some of the feelings I had. I think

and then the tracks disappear. I invented a myth for myself that this was the Grandfather Rabbit, the grandfather who was responsible for the existence of all other rabbits. He was able to disappear, that is why you couldn't catch him and why you would never see him... Every Jane Austen ... time I shot a snowshoe rabbit, I would always say "thank you Grandfather wrote in one of Rabbit". After a while I acquired an urge to draw snowshoe rabbits, I sort of got involved with them to the extent that they her novels that would occupy a great deal of my thought. I actually did have a wooden object that, S among other things, I carved a snowshoe rabbit in. I planned to do a better one, just Some- for the snowshoe rabbits, but I never did get it done. There was another that sometimes called the will o' the wisp or thing that you the wings of the morning. That's when you go out into the hills in the morning anticipat- and you feel drawn to go on and on and on and on, then you are following the wisp. That was another god that

not So Ted Kaczynski, living out in the wilderness, like generations of prehistoric peoples before ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE A lot of the techniques above came out of the something that him, had innocently rediscovered the forest's gods. I wondered if he felt that those gods had Even more dangerous are attempts to create You have right forsaken him now as he sat facing life in prison artificial intelligence. Cybernetics is, in closed to policy-makers through a complex with no more freedom, no more connection to essence, the science of control and as around MIT, Los Alamos, etc. now. This isn't the wild, nothing left of that life that was so Taylorism ('scientific management') is its Another product of this 'hot house' was on arrival. Richard Feynman's 1960 paper, 'There's One vision nature, his love of knowledge and his commit- for our future humanity. Consciousness is Plenty of Room at the Bottom' which called true, ment to the revolutionary project of hastening seen as just information processing, just as for the sort of miniaturisation that laid the way the collapse of the techno-industrial system. I genetic material is in some quarters. Kevin open for modern computing and potentially S asked if he was afraid of losing his mind, if the Warwick [March of the Machines, chap 1] Al. Eric Drexler, a member of MIT's Space circumstances he found himself in now would says this can only be modelled to insect level Habitat Study Group, expanded on this with break his spirit? He answered

> No, what worries me is that I might in a sense adapt to this environment and come to be comfortable here and not resent it anymore. And I am afraid that as the get years go by that I may forget, I may begin to lose my memories of the mountains and the woods and that's what really worries me, that I might lose those memories, and lose that sense of contact with wild nature in general. But I am not afraid they are going to break my spirit.

Way Earth-destroying juggernaut of industrial Never lose hope, be persistent and

> stubborn and never give up. There are many instances in history where apparent losers suddenly turn out to be winners unexpectedly, so you should never conclude all hope is lost.

right - See p. 5 for Ted's prison address - letters of support much appreciated.

learning what they do and following their credit GA and Anarchy (POB 1446, control, interlinked, artificially intelligent tracks all around before I could get close Columbia, MO 65205-1446, USA) including machines will come to dominate us. By this enough to shoot them. Sometimes you our full addresses if you use it and send us a stage, we'll be so dependant on them for the air [Regis, p. 220]: would track a rabbit around and around copy of your article.

THE END OF HUMANITY? / Continued from p. 26

research or the sort of elitist desocialising effectively opposed. 'hothouse' learning that guarantees future generations of highly educated moral imbeciles [Walmsley and Margolis' Hot House People]. Equally, it can be controlled by chemical or electronic means [Armen Victorian's Mind Controllers]. Here the words of the Socialist Patients Collective are resistance unthinkable. This is the same man Its lethal uses have no doubt also already

9.20 C1998 Wiley Miller / Dist. by Washington Post Writers Group E-mail: wiley@wileytoons.com See HOMER on the web: www.wileytoons.com

Take the medical map and see your brain colonized and governed by names (and by the correlated medical methods!) like Parkinson, Alzheimer, Bleuler and imagined. so on, your stomach by Billroth, your neck with the thyroid gland by Basedow, your muscles and your (perhaps socalled hysteroid) behaviour by Charcot and Freud and associate what marxians have taken down about imperialism - yet far away from a so-called free market, an imperialism done all around the transplant banks now.

now, but equally ex-Whole Earth Review his seminal 1986 work on nanotechnology, editor Kevin Kelly [Out of Control, p. 56] Engines of Creation, his personal answer to says the insect level cracked the evolutionary the Club of Rome's Limits to Growth. No, he question of complexity in the natural world:

networks modelled from the brain, Japanese taken a step or two further. Using the most few, intensifying production and control and scientists have already developed a robot as apocalyptic language, Drexler predicts "an making us less and less human. As you've And finally he offered the following advice to smart as a cat. He accepts that it won't have end to poverty, disease and death - within our seen, our view is that this will accelerate the green anarchists who share his critique of the cat-like or human-like intelligence, but lifeimes" [Ed Regis's Nano, chap. 16]. At technological system and want to hasten the equally if it does its job, who cares? Just as last-when they finally manage to get it off the collapse of, as Edward Abbey put it, "the human learning has become more artificial, so drawing board- humanity will be completely be within our (extended?) lifetime. machine learning has become more human. unrestrained by stubborn Nature, though the It may sound old-fashioned to talk about Warwick's 'seven dwarf' robots communicate 'grey goo' mentioned elsewhere in this issue their experiences and so learn together, the might be a problem whole greater than its parts. Also, the greater the numbers involved, the faster all learn, To achieve this, Drexler looks to protein exists. Carolyn Merchant's The Death of including learning to act together in a swarm- synthesis as a first step in making the wature points out an older, more humane like manner (see - a 'useful' application of nanomachine molecules, in fact as pre-nano structuring of the universe that recognised chaos theory!). Hype-meister Kelly sees this autonomy and loss of human control as again (ie engineering DNA to engineer the took its recognition of human limits to the liberatory, but he forgets the machines might proteins). This, in turn, will radically upgrade point of regarding mining as an assault of the learn what we don't want them to know, Warwick is more realistic, predicting robots more intelligent than humans in the next 50 could be crammed into a space occupied by a origins and the intrinsically human - a years and, as intelligence is why humanity This interview is @nti-copyright, but please currently dominates Nature, so these out-of-

Warwick's March of the Machines opens with a chapter painting the grimmest picture of 2050, humans retained as livestock / slaves just because they can reach into awkward spots the robots can't, altered electronically neurologically and hormonally to make

Macy conferences of the late-1950s and get

didn't suggest we miniaturise the human race

The Terminator scenario is at the back of even Kelly's mind, though his suggestion is that there will be no war between humans and machines as, by 2050, we will have followed half-machine implants by then anyway. Maybe as much as half-human, too ...?

NANOTECH CORNUCOPIA

When the iron paw of Brooks's sixlegged Genghis hunts for a place to grip, I see not workers relieved of robotic jobs, but joyful baby squirms of a new

basics of life that a takeover could hardly be The Fog can act as a generalized

infrastructure for society at large. Fog City need have no permanent buildings of concrete, no roads of asphalt, no cars, trucks or buses. It can look like a park or forest, or if the population was sufficiently whimsical, ancient Rome

one day and Emerald City the next.

still relevant today [Turn Illness Into A who had himself implanted with microchips so occurred to non-Californian readers, and so he could be tracked round his lab at Reading the need for its use to be restricted to an all-University and interact with electronics there, powerful technocratic few. There's more an intensification of surveillance that paves a even futurologist Alvin Toffler could hardly road to a hell for all of us he has already suggest we'd cope with the 'future shock' of such the Moorcockian malleable of such an artificial environment, and Drexler concedes the nanobots learning in a swarm-like way and having a 1011 prospect of error, mutating

> 'cyborg' Warwick's example and will all be This is a big risk, given that he sees the universe filled with them. Part of his rejection of natural limits is space travel so the prima materia of all other worlds can be artificialised, not just Earth's. Not the bother of designing compact, viable interstellar ecosystems as Biosphere 2 [Kelly, chaps 8-9] to facilitate this for him, just a matter of redesigning people so they don't need air. gravity, etc and can eat moondust or methane

or even reproducing sexually in consequence.

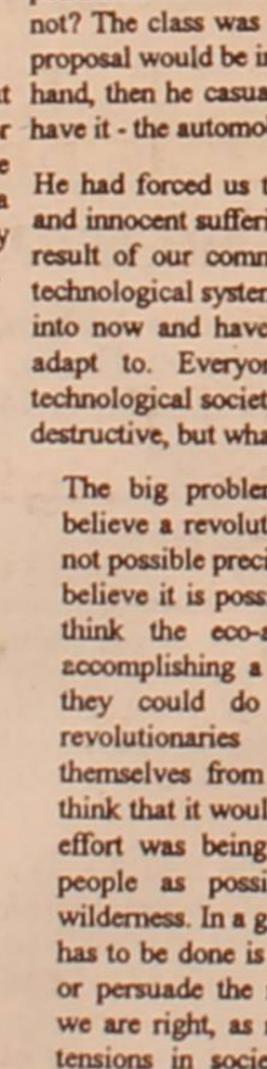
One vision of post-nano "sunset humanity" is of people choosing whatever body forms they desired ("monster penises and dump truck, four-wheel drive bodies") but another is equally sad, a failure of imagination leading to the continuation of boredom and businessas-usual, a "Sunday afternoon in the American suburbs" [Regis, chap. 16] like the opening scenes of Blue Velvet.

so the resources go round that bit further (no WHOSE FUTURE?

doubt someone at MIT will!), he suggested molecular-sized machines which will be able We're inclined to agree with Jacques Ellul to transform one thing into another in best and FC's Industrial Society & Its Future: alchemical fashion, waste into steak, dross whatever technical innovations are made 'for into diamonds. An infinitely malleable Nature the good of society' actually only concentrate Warwick further notes that using neural is very much the dream of genetic engineers - power more and more into the hands of the artificial to the point that humanity will disappear entirely - and that point could well

> values, but an ethic to prevent the piecemeal imposition of this future on us is needed - and machines, so the circle turns back to genetix humanity wasn't the pinnacle of Creation, and computers. Equipped with switches the size of body of Mother Earth. Fundamental to single atoms, all current computer memory anarcho-primitivist analysis is the idea of medium-sized table. Matter would also necessarily bulwark against extropian 'chaos', become 'smarter', one nanotech enthusiast actually technocracy's bid for omnipotence.

> even suggesting a "utility fog" that could Send your contributions to BCM summon anything you wished for out of thin 1715, London WC1N 3XX before mld-February 2000.



most green plantys, trees, shrubbery, weeds ad

immune to glyphosate. None of this I knew

when I started using the stuff. My reasons for

usding it are that peasants like myself are

safe and easy alternative to back-breaking hard

economy etc. So basically, Monsanto's 8 page

PIPE DREAMS OF AMAZONIA

dupliciousness of shamans

Ayahuasca's being sold as the latest, greatest thing from the Amazonian Their reliance on the shaman to impose his shamans, complete with its own imbibing rituals and etiquette. Using it means interpretations on their trips (as well as going to special seminars in Amsterdam or a marquee in some field somewhere, trooping up and down the line with his bucket, dressing in white and being ordered about by the 'shaman' so you get to see keeping everyone in their place and puking to 'totem' eagles, jaguars and all sorts of other jungley Amazonian stuff that'll supposedly change your life.

from being the "latest, greatest thing", their way around with, to attribute meanings free, wild and harmonious with Nature. ayahuasca's been around for a very long time, and pattern to &c. Just as the uninitiated Ironically, all they rediscover is the authority even getting a mention as "the South American believe those using magic mushrooms think of the shaman who, by employing "the first jungle vine, yage" at the end of William they become mushrooms, so those considering technology, magic" (Ellul) and imposing Burrough's Beat Generation (ie. 1950s) ayahuasca think they'll acquire its much-hyped 'spiritual' dualism, ended the boundary-free classic, Junky. It was floated as the miracle Amazonian characteristics and, as they authenticity that best characterised the smack cure, hence Burrough's original interest expected, this is the sort of hallucination many Primitive. in it (evidently it never did him any good).

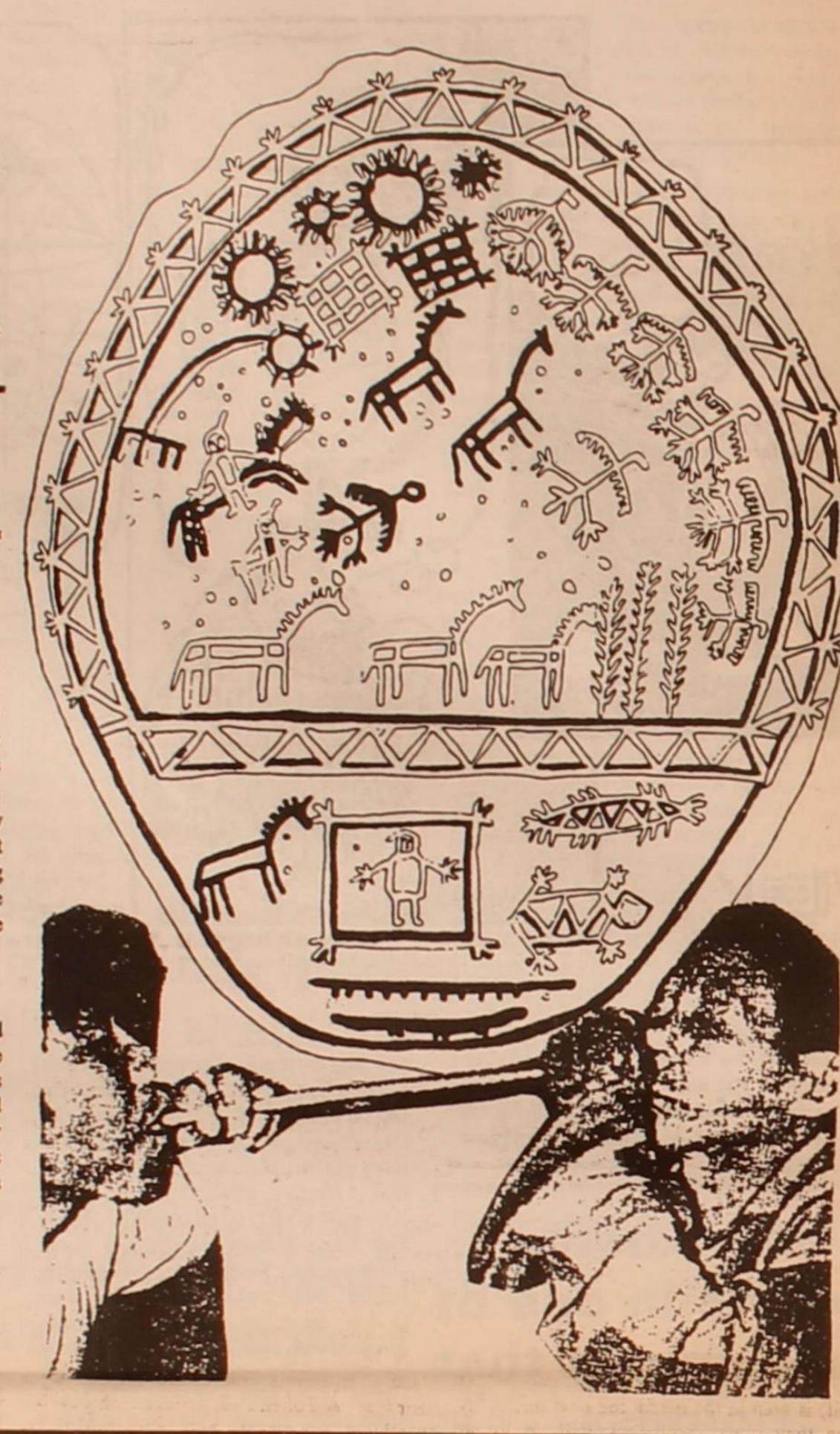
is how it illuminates modern ideas of the Primitive. In Burrough's generation, there wasn't really any of that and so, while he was prepared to concede it was a potent hallucinogen that caused the user's whole life to recap before their eyes, there's no suggestion of all this South American imagery. Reflecting his Christian fundamentalist upbringing, the dominant myth system in Burrough's mind was Judgement Day and the possible miraculous salvation for the damned junkies, a harrowing of Hell through the grace of yage.

But, you know, it's not actually like that. Far work best when there's a 'key' users can find of them experience. Those that don't just think they haven't experienced the drug 'properly' or What interests us about all this ancient history find its a strong enough trip not to care.

> The point is that if they're not getting their visions from the drug, where are they getting them from? Certainly not from Amazoniadifferent way-but from the Emerald Forest marketing strategy is. and Guarana cartons, the cod-psychedelic shamanism scamsters like Leary made so much of in the 1960s. Notice how even the name's been changed to make it sound more South

exotic 'spiritual masters' of the Lopsang Rama school than encountering what the users really desire, Amazonia as last wilderness, what is

A footnote: peyote, a hallucinogen derived from Central American cacti, causes the same sort of puking &c as ayahuasca does, but users aren't much interested in ritualising its use and don't generally end up in some sort of equally bogus Carlos Castaneda-world. This just goes tribal people there see their world a whole to show exactly how compelling ayahuasca's



LETTERS

Send your letters to Oxford Green Anarchists, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX, but

We print all letters received on a 'no censorship, no endorsement' basis. Your letters ar your responsibility, not ours. We think readers are grown up enough to think f themselves, so won't usually comment on letters we print - even those we don't agree with - unless asked. The only exception to this are letters from fascists and other such bigots and piss-takers. These will be binned, though we will note their arrival.

We will ruthlessly edit all letters we think too long or boring. So keep 'em short so everyone can have their say too. Cut letters are marked with a [] with the original only to damage them. number of words inside the bracket.

If you don't want your letter, your name or your address printed, let us know.

DEFEATING KEATING

Dear GA,

In Brighton in 1997 outside the Labour from Harassment Act 1997 was used against allegedly said a woman was a bad mother, Hello There-Conference I mentioned my criminal me for an alleged blockade, which can sparing him the long-term blushes of a Recentl; y read the interview with John Connor proceedings to GA's General Editor, allegedly contravene the Telecommunications wedding photo. Let's hope Keating's not a bad in Anarchy #47. I was very impressed by both "DEFEATING KEATING" is a good heading Act 1984. Unlike the Telecom Act, the father to Amy Lauren Keating, now nearly the questions asked as well as the responses. for the crushing defeat suffered by Sergeant Harassment Act grants police arrest powers 31/2). How odd that I don't see him. I certainly This doersn't however mean I was in complete Gary Keating, terror of various politicos in which they can use as a ruse to raid your flat. saw the crafty look on his face asd he took my agreement with the response. A dose Brighton & elsewhere, in his feeble attempt to This way they can be as heavy and intrusive as address 2 days before he burgled me, as well as skepticism is always healthy. As for why prosecute me, which resulted in June 1998 in possible. When the case came to Charges and I eavesdropped him writing down my name decided to take pen to paper.. well I thought I the CPS offering no evidence against me as the Court, only the Telecom Act was charged! exactly as it is on the Voter's Lists "You've might offer a few ideasd for features etc. My

Shin and use the cosmic as forms of protest. result of 3 charges, 9 months' work, 8 They might not have got a summons for this as been there a long time now, haven't you?" first primary suggestion is to perhaps devote an

Here are some observations on the case.

1) A good tip is to have your house in a mess and keep your curtains closed so the cops can't see inside. I kept my place curtained to stop kids peeping in. This way when the cops find a ruse to make a s. 32 PACE search of your home, they'll look as aghast as Keating did at read the SchNews as well! (He knew that). the mess and give up searching after less than 5) It just wasn't Keating's day. Even the local doesn't know GA! /2 hour, unlike when they did a drugs raid next court reporter, who your / my solicitor loathes, door they were there all afternoon! This way still watned me against commebnting to her Unsigned, postmarked 'Brighton'. too they don't find your drugs (sorry, Gary, I and harming my defence! Unusual that, but. destroyed them all after my release: none there then again she never ripped your shirt off in a now). And that charge I'd have had to plead nightclub, did she, Gary? Our latest info is that

home address, makes the cops disinterested in forlorn gloom upon Keating's usual charmless, Dear GA. your post. Insp. Simon Preddy, sued for a slimey witty smirk.

professionals are the Met Police although their So why should it be so wrong for a BLUE USA. record defeat is equal to Wimble-don's record PETER presenter to take cocaine? The total

8) I was acquitted over 10 months ago now

and I've not seen Keating since. Maybe he's knew that no one had lived here before me for match. Geographically I'm much more likely J. AUBREY-YEN, postmarked 'South- You speak the truth! years: "You've been living there a long time to see him than anyone else. Anyway he ampton' married wife Heather in Eastbourne in August 3) It's often used: phone / fax blockades, 1994 (coincident-ally with being on the front wasting the costs of a sponsor of a free-phone page of the EASTBOURNE HERALD after like Monsanto. Well, be warned: the Protection his leg was bitten in a pub brawl after he

or Socialist Worker, Fighting Talk or Searchliar, Militant or CARF, but he was Good lick, glad yopu were acquitted, Des continually promote the creation of an embarassed when I pointed out that he must Murphy reckoned there might be a link with ecological society in abstract theoretical

Keating has been transferred, this was just after 2) The usage of a false name, even with your my acquittal, and you should've seen the

baton assault on an Eastbourne Hunt Sab, said 6) Telling the joke about Mr Hardman, of the attem, pted conviction of you under conspiracy today's 'masses'. This vision could serve as "Was this stuff on your door mat post for now-defunct Project Work providers Training laws, here's something you'd never read in inspiration to those lacking vision + potentially someone here before you?", shoeing as little Networtk, that "Hardman is an English term THE GUARDIAN, or any paper obayed D- propel others to strive beyond 'what was', interest in it as his old Eastbourne pal Keating, for a rough sopcoer tackler such as Vinnie Notices. It's an Official Secret! who'd examined the Electoral Register and Jones, who has viciously assaulted pressmen"

been transferred, or perhaps he's met his conspiracy of silence! Prosecution Witnesses, and a file 5 inches the CPS offered no evidence for it. Was no "Have you made any malicious phone calls entire issue to practical 'how to' skills.'

> this to your case (he was very surprised I was treatises (which is also sorely needed). Green charged) but I don't know, remember Keating Anarchist has been more inspiring in the sense

SQUADDIES ON SPEED

turns out to be the perfect excuse they need to A soldier I know who served in N Ireland tells 'what is' and look towards 'what could be' (to nick and ruin your typewriter to excuse them me that the Army authorise the (illegal) use Bookchinite terminology). charging you with 'threatening letters' so distribution of amphetamines, to troops on Anyway, thank for listening + good luck. avoiding a lawsuit for malicious prosecution duty. He says they gave out mauve triangulat etc, what a pity the strongest footballers after methylamphetamine tablets which he took. Anthony W of Merrimack, New Hamp-shire,

hypocrisy of anti-drugs laws thus, if revealed 7) Don't wear sunglases - the Police keep them in the mas media would ruin the scandal-value of drugs exposes, ruining the careers of many journoes who build their careers on the ruins of , others, maybe the media is guilty of a

harassment charge brought because it was only lately?" - and that was days after Princess coyuld conceivably include lost arts such Diana's death. You can hound a Royal to constructing a house / dwelling from scrap death with allegations like this, Gary, but material, etc. I realize there are countless 4) Keating may be known to GA, but he that's an old one and I'm made of stronger books on such subjects, but it seems as ' Green Anarchist, Fifth Estate and Anarchy that incorporated into each issue is Survival section.

Another potential theme could perhaps be along similar lines of John Zerzan's Postscript to Future Primitive: On the Transition. PS: To 'invoke' you must not invoke. Though I certainly am in disagreement with Zerzan on key points stated in the essay, it however does offer a visionary example of the future. The need for such is necessary in my

NIRVANIC ANARCHY

Dear GA

But some speak of revolutions. Sadly human revolution ushers in bloodlust and despots. The rsal revolution is organic, and metaphysic. The n and out work togethjer, look at the Fufth Monarchists of old or the White Lotus Society. We must not be Christian Demons of the monkeys with car keys' will scream all the more louder in tyheir suburban jungles. We must come to them in dreams as organic political immortals. The yon yang shiows us revolution, the spiral of the cosmos; creation follows uncreation, equilibrium with Nirvanic Longago Sakya sat hitting his member with a stick, high on ganja. Later he emerged from the forest, thin and mad, long of dread locks. He became an anarchist then, leaving not the technocracy but the manacles of superstit-ious Sanskrit fascism. No disneyland Buddha or their clawing oriental friend teachers will tell you this. The money still piles up in Sakya's name. We see now, though, that revolution is ontological. The old sage rode west, not to save people but the universe. Nirvana / anarchy is organic. Remember this. Till the green tigress rides again!

Ancestor Doglord of the Cosmos.

ON THE FRONT LINES

I sent you a c opy of Uncommon Sense [...] a

LANDRO WALKY

MISREPRESENT-ATION OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT

at first glance, they really liked the book and Dear Friends,

GREEN ANARCHIST No. 57-58/Page 23

few weeks aho to consider for review in your

I did forget to relate my first experience when

trying to get a distributor for this book, which

was somewhat strange. I had sent a copy to AK

Distribution a week before the 1998 Anarchist

Book Fair and got the instanmty feedback that,

could I take some stock to the fair to supply

violent approach to change. I was told that

saddening and simultaneously laughable.

MEDIA GRASSES

Gregory Sams, London NW10.

trial, can anyone answer me this.

End of addeendum.

Best wishes,

Dear GA,

If there is one thing that we all agree on

at AK, it is the violent overthrow of the

there are 3-4 involved) approving it.

next edition [see GA56, p. 15].

them - subject to the whole collective (think letter. My letter was in no sense a defence Moore's MOSREPRESENTATION of the srepresent and malign an earlier generatiopr of anarchists, setting up, in a rather dualiastic intellectuals?) post-whatever anarchists of the present (in which he includes himself course). I have, however, the distinct impression-tell me if I am wrong-that most and proceeded to hear their views on nonviolent direct actioin protesters as being selfacademia, are "leftists" (ie socialists and antiindulgent temporary revolutionaries, who capialists). They include class war anarchists, would soon revert to type and become yuppies. pacifist anarchists, the direct action movement Having spent much time on the front lines, in anarcho-syndicalistys, anarchist communists fair weather and foul, with such as LeeTree, social ecologists and worker's solidarity, as thus feel on my pulses the necessity to rebe Martin Healer, Old Mick, Animal, Big John, well as tyhe Anarchist Informatiobn Network. Arthur Pen-dragon, Susannash Lafond, and other committed people, I found this somewhat followers of the free spirit, and anti-socialist (- If-and I am dubious about the accuracy of because I am one of them. leftist) anarchists (some supporting private Brian's claim-"most anarchists these days property) are also around. They have, of are 'leftists' (ie socialists and anti-capitalists)", course, always been around, and there were then more fool them. For now, at least, they are plenty of them at the end of the 19th century. part of the problem, rather than any kind

Nobody on earth has ever suggested that the enlightenmenrt thinkers were anarchists (apart from Godwin) - where did John get this strange idea. Bakunin long ago lampooned the statism and fraudulent liberty of Rousseau and his ilk. Neither myself, nor anmy of the so-called noting the concern expressed by journalists (incl. NUJ-Brighton) over the GANDALF classical anarchistsd, have ever suggested that state power ias the only form powrr.Kropotkin repudiated the nascent power A demo (eg Hyde Park 1994; Trafalgar Sq. af shamans and prophets god knows how many 1990) turns into a riot. Cops are injured. Yet years before Zerzan. Of course many 19th journoes carry on taking fiolm, hardly any (if century anarchists shared the prejudices of at all) is seen in the media the next day. Why, their time, and often took positions which other when they must know they will go to jail anarchists repudiated, but anti-semitism unless the footasge is handed over to the pigs nothing new, and to infer that an earli and Courts? And be used to jail demons- generation of anarcgists weerwe unaware this form of power is to defame the memory of the many "leftist" anarchistsd who suffered and died at the hands of the Nazis.

Similarily, when people are in Court you see on TV reporters pestering Defendants for

about Trade Union rights of journoes in this individuals. psition - as the NUJ does, speaking out against John. I have come to terms with "post-leftism" violence inflicted on journoes and cameras, eg or "post-structuralism" or "post-whatever". Welling 1993. No one likes a grass - remember simply find this recycling of the ideas Jill Dando! An interesting situation could Nietzsche and his acolytes, hardly new, ariose if the NUJ-Brighton affiliated to the original or particularly enlightening at a time local TUC (which Militant controls) - Militant of capitalist triumphalism, when global might find themselves carrying out their capitalism, aided, abetted and supported by alleged threat to shop rioters (ie in 1990!) real state institutions are "meddling" (like yours etc,

Sailor Aiden, Sussex

recruit informers, by force.

DICE WRITES

(I'm not 100% anarchist because growing experiment with their shadows; some sensitive exerted by power and authority" does not take I would like to ask support from youir re, the Moot and failed to print an oft- were the type of 'ordinary' people who join

policing is better than lynch mobs; but in a perfect world I wouldn't start here).

About DRUGS: Sugar is the worst. Some of my friends are junkies but it hasn't just echo those of Bakunin and Kropotkin. But improved them (but alcoholics have caused me more trouble)

Cannabis herb is illegal in britain which is and peasants organisationsd, voluntary Dear Green Anarchist this leads to millions of lies and truth-decay

and disrespect in general day to day life.

I haven't taken acid for quite some time now, a few weeks, there was a lot of us, it was great in the kitchen, I was fluting so good when sufddenly I realised

what a worthless lump of shit I am and that I should go crawl off and die quietly bummer!

not a suicide". But I am going to change a little bit, and try to be a bit less grumpy

and a bit more open, just a bit.

[www.dicegeorge.com]

• JOHN MOORE REPLIES: The question of the Enlightenment does not interest me in the Later my impy instinct emotional side said to least. I am only concernmed with the issue whether a revolution can be brought about manifold daily, micro-fascist manifestations -

aesthetes and trendy philosophers.

faxced with such intrusive power, we need

local ciommunities, social networks, work

socialist anarchists have always affirmed.

Always thought that this was what the "Green

Anarchist" stood for?

All best wishes

Brian Morris

the individual. I start with myself and other individuals who share the common project of wanting to realise their potentialities among others realising theirs. In other words, I am interested in what Julian Beck called "the urge, primal in all life, to experience life free". I want a life characterised by autonomy, adventure, surprise, joy, dreams, visions, selfrealisation and fulfilment. In order to create such a life, I must join with other active projecting individuals in order to launch projects. Because Power seeks to control evolution of everyday life, the goal of which is Glad as I was to read your article however ne creation of communities of free individuals. there are one or two factual errors in it thart I basically lazy, and if can be shown a cheap, whether it is the State, Capital, or the multitude You say that ex Class War tried to foister their work, will be easily conned into taking the of everyday mechanisms of oppression-is the organisational principles (a bureacratic federat- 'easy' option by clever, stage by stage, year by enemy and thuas needs to be abolished. The ion) on to Earth First!, through their "Leeds year marketing strategies. Nowe I'm wising up otality of social relations-Society or EF! proxies", by means of arguments from to Glyphosate I think that it is about time Civilisation-not merely State and Capital, is Leeds EF! at the Winter Moot which "reeked somebody told me exactly what it is. I've set over and against this project, and thus it is of Class War' failed organisational principles". presumed that it must be some kind of this totality that I and others seek to undo. I do not need "the obscurantist musings of aesthetes

recognise Power at work on me everyday and

solution. Anti-capitalist struggle is important, project I've outlined above. But the kind of anarchist socialism Brian affirms in his letter is to asdmit our mistakes rather than just the kind of political racketeering that dogmatically to them). importance of an anti-politics of anarchy. It abandoned, but politics itself. Political forms of thinking, behaving, relating and intervening are incompatible with the kind of liberated life comment outside, but as any fool knows sub To dismiss mutual aid, voluntary your 57 varieties of leftist anarchism, and you There is no conspiracy of bureaucrats judice law means that only "NO COMMENT" associatuions, social movements and the life- can keep your ragbag of classical anarchist Leeds! can be published, and furthermore one's world of ordinary people as simply abstractions. These are all just what Perlman Defence can be harmed by commenting as ther "talismanic" icons is elitist, obfuscating and called "the will to impose mental constructs on Yours in love and rage, Plice can get a Court Order forcing the reporter unhelpful. One gets the decided impression that living people". There is only, and has ever only Jat Leeds Earth First! to reveal it. Would anyone like to comment John accepts the ideology of state capitalusm, been, one agent of social change: you, me and why comment was asked for? Most of us just with its "high modeernism" and utopian other individuals committed to projects of wouldn't want this choice of jail or being a "tiotalising" vision, as if it was the only reality, radical transformation and self-realisation. It is GA replies: Our 'Reformism or copper's narc - this is how the police usually and that social loife has been completely precisely this insight that is so important at this oblated. In John's inverted Hobbesian world time of global capitalist triumphalism and+ Moot details why your motion looked like an I don't see how revolutionaries should care all we have is Leviathan "power" and asocial increasingly integrated power systems. Free of externally-inspired attempt to reduce EF! to Dear Green Anarchist Collective, workerist illusionsand political racketeering, we can develop insurgent projects aimed at idea. the free creation of life.

Kropotkin long ago put it) into all areas of our Dear GA,

life. Books like James Scott's Seeing like a After reading 'Demonstration or Direct projects &c), as well as into publicising J18 radios etc etc) it was a rude reminder of the State, though not written by an anarchist, seem Action?' in GA56, where the demo of 18th &c. This isn't an indictment in itself as EF! has authoritarian beast at the heart of 'mainstream' o me far more insightful and far more June 'Stop the City' is described as something always got dosh from the most appalling society. These people weren't the miniscule germane to anyone interested in ecological that "has no chance of direct disruption", and sources without necessarily being adversely nazi terror gangs of C18 or the electorally issueas, than the obscurrantist musings of once the results if that demo are known, I hope influenced by them. However, when you incompetent goons of the BNP. rather, they that whoever that wrote that article will rectify started using their traditional racketeering were something just as nasty and perhaps even "To create our own lives free of the controls his / her point of view with a nerw review. Also language ('tyranny of structurelessness' &c) more frightening. It occured to me that these place in a social vacuum, nor are social lives magazine to everyone who had troubles with requested and justified right to reply to Noel anti-traveller vigilantism, who attack road rom completely determined by power - however this the pigs for making 18th June a great day for Molland's factual inaccuracies and protest and peace camps, and who spit at is theorised. Is there any anarchist anywhere the working class.

who would disagree with John? These words Mike B. Scotland

surely to defebd, support, develop and create JUNE 18TH 'ERRORS'

associations and movements of resistance, as

I am writing in response to your article Dear GA, 'Demonstration or Direct Action' in issue 56.

Firstly it was good to see some criticisms of street parties, anti-globalisatyion campaigns and so on. I was particularly pleased to see you say that, in the current movement against lobalisation, terms like 'capitalism' 'community' and 'globalisation' have been "voided of any analytic content in the interests of alliance building". I have a few thoughts on this which I would like to add:

"nah, george, smile, keep larking about, you're which dismantles Power in all its forms 1 - Globalisation is not the root of all our (including State and Capital, but also in all its problems, it is merely the latest stage of compound-speaking, the moment it hits the strengths they least understand and can least do

in other words, a revolution against the 2 - Capitalism is not the root of our social asnd plants. Spray drift hardly affects surrounding Liberation, totality) and how this is to be achieved. For ecological problems either. It is merely the plants that you don't want killed except for one me, the basis for the necessary insurgency is most recent economic form of class rule. noteable exception. Cannabis. A couple of Dave.

Capitalism is one thing that will have to be dope plants I had hidden in a pot in oong grass overthrown in order to build a green and several yards from the area I was sprasying anarchist society - its overthrow will not were killed outright, whilst the long grass and automatically create that society, other weeds surrounding the pot are still Deforestation and patriarchy for example thriving. So, just the slightest sniff of exiasted before capitalism and have done Monsanto's Glyphosate seems to kill off dope since the advent of agriculture and possibly plants; a moderate amount moderately kills off

- The city of London is not the "heart of the vegetables; and a strong dose completely killsd beast". The heart of capitalism is the the toughest of weeds, barring Horse-Tail, relationship between capital and labour, the which needs several hits (Horse-Tail's been private ownership of property. It cannot be around since the dinosaurs and has as Latin attacked at its heart other than in a general plant classification all of its own). But no seizure of the means of production, amount will kill Monsanto's genetically distribution and exchange. In other words a modified plants which are engineered to be

'naturally' occuring organic compound along discussion documenht circulated before the the lines of a plant growth-stunt hormone? Moot which advocated EF! becoming a One of this Summer's marketing strategies by federation. In fact that document was not the US chemical giant Monsanto us to sell it to written by Leeds EF! as a whole but by two British wheat growers as a dessicant to be individuals attached to it. I know this for a fact sprayed on milling wheat pre-harvest, to ripen the lasst remaining green grains, greatly increasding milling value, profitability,

At the Moot, no-one from Leeds EF! argued for the proposals in the document, not even the two of us who wrote it, as we had both been persuaded otherwise by then. This was made of course, but only as a component of ther clear by both of us when it was brought up in discussion. (Yes we felt a bit daft but it's better

Anarchy & Ecstasy I've been averring the advised against EF! becoming a federation.

which I desire and the projects that aim to Leeds EF! does not want the EF! network to associations and movements, and you can keep from them but we are not trying to copy them. scumbags to grow half-decent food, 'bio-

old forms and why that would have been a bad

OF ROUNDUP

Biactive-Pro', as manufactured by Monsanto,

soil. It only works if it hits the leaves of target battle with.

leaflet to farmers, playing upon and pandering to their traditional paranoia that a slow wet growing season will mean that British wheat won't be up to milling standards (as measured by the Hasburg Falling Number and also moisture content), Monsanto have splashed the back page of their leaflet with a golden Black exposes in Anarchy After Leftism. What Fair enough, the document did "reek of Class glowing can of Roundup Biactive" (the "Pro" has Brian's list of dreary leftist anarchists in Wars' failed organisational principles". How- bit seems to be dropped this year), with a huge common with my project? Thankfully, very ever, it was not written in collaboration with headline saying "SUNSHINE IN A CAN". little! Black's notion of a post-leftist anarchy Class War or ex-Class War, nor following This means wheat milled for bread is in effect moving beyond leftist anarchism is useful, but advice from them. In fact, when I discussed the DEAD by the time it is harvested, probably in fact it doesn't go far enough. Ever since issue with former members of Class War they won't germinate if planted, definately won't

grow much before dying if it does germinate, and in Britain we are already eating this stiff I don't know where you got the idea that Leeds following 3 years of secretive 'successful' EF! are proxies of ex-Leeds Class War. One or trials - without me or anybody else in the two of us know one or two of them and that is movement knowing about it! So come on all you pen-pushing, posh-knob, intellectual, Green Party office-post, careerist types. Do bring it about. So, Brian, you can keep your repeat the mistakes of the 'old school your job and do some research. I'm living my communities, networks, organisations, anarchists' and nor do they. Yes, we can learn bit, nicking our fuckin' land back off the rich

Psyklops Monkey

perchance?

AUTHORITARIAN BEASTS

dynamically'. What the fuck are you

intellectuals doing? Paying the rent,

On a bus journey through Bristol on the eve of the recent West Country 'Reclaim the Streets' eradicating the control complex and facilitating Whilst it's good to hear Leeds EF! repudiated action (July 10th) I was sickened to overhear all that, its worth adding 'Reformism or the bellicose rantings of a middle-aged couple Revolution?' also warned against the State- as they held forth at great length about their tainted workerist 'old guard' covertly buying hatred of the RTS "drop-outs", and elaborated up the cliques they were publicly complaining ever more intemperate and violent schemes to about and trying to control the movement "deal with this scum". As someone who lives hrough back channels instead. Their and moves in the DIY counterculture (I don't bankrollers at Chumba-wamba have certainly watch TV, read only the underground press, put bungs Leeds EF!s way (community shop at workers co-ops, listen only to pirate defamations in the EFIAU, what where we to mixed race or gay couples in the street. And it posed me some questions - most notably, just how should the counterculture deal with such vicious people. Can we reason, debate and show by example, or do we (as a mate of mine when hassled for wearing an ALF T-shirt) give a mouthful-or more-back? It occurs to me these questions might just be rehashes of the interminable 'spikey-fluffy' arguments which Some years ago I wrote a piece for GA about abounded in the wake of the 1994 Anti the wonders of Glyphosate, 'Roundup Criminal Justice Bill marches, and that there may well be no one answer.

> and now other companies, presumably under Nevertheless, we should all ponder how we license to Monsanto. This stuff glyphosate I've respond to the petty-minded verbal (and, alas, been using on land squats for quite a while, sometimes physical) attacks that the shock and on the face of it, it seems OK. Organic troops of rightist, ecocidal society continue to farmers and the Soil Association (dodgy gits make against us, and, whatever course of anyway) turn a blind eye to its use on organic action (or non-action) we choose to take, we land being, as it is, undetectable as a parts-per- should continue to support, care for and give million residue etc. It breaks down, chemical solidarity to each other, for these are the

anarcho-syndicalism".



MOVEMENT BY DEREK WALL, £15.99 belief in dominion theology (p. 9): FROM ROUTLEDGE, NEW FETTER LANE, LONDON.

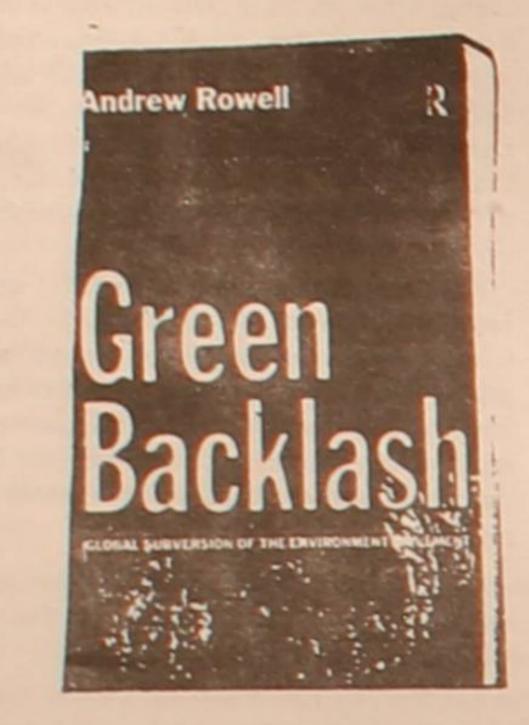
Derek Wall is a long-standing Green activist, member of the Green Pary (GP) and a friend of Green Anarchist. Derek's latest book is every bit as good as his previous history of the GP. Wearing a Bower, reviewed in Spring 1995 (GA37, p. 18). In this new one, Derek describes how EF! is part of a long histioryu of Green protest, going back at least to Edward Carpenter. By the 1970s, we see John Tyme, a polytechnic lecturer, disrupting public enquiries, taking direct action against these puppet shows, inspiring the Tom Sharpe novel Ultimately discredited, Watt was succeeded by one inasmuch as he thinks legislation and Blott on the Landscape. By 1989, the GP his biographer Ron Arnold as figurehead of govern-ment intervention are key to effecting scored 15% in the Euro electtions, but went eco-reaction. Learning from Watt's downfall social change. Consequently, he has trouble into decline thereafter. Thatcherite that no one trusted industry anymore, even in dealing with violence orchestrated by the State authoritarianism and Big Business demanded a Amerika, Arnold argued in the late-1980s that (eg. the Bari bombing, SaroWiwa's execution) chalk canyon be cut through Twyford Down, "It takes a movement to fight a movement". beyond implying this is a fault of officials whole Green 2000 demanded "just one more Backed by big tycoons like Bill Coors and cult rather than intrinsic to their office. He seems futile push with electoralism".

abortive attempt to start EF!UK un 1997, but Biblical-sounding Wise Use movement. it' that the mopst erffective counter-measures Through them and the gun lobby, there are against this are taken by the environmentalists Torrance took up the EF! idea in Hastings also links to the militias and archaic groups themselves, either by SLAPP-backs or early in 1991 that the British mutation of EF! like the Klan). Polarising issues into 'jobs v. imposing the same (generally nonviolent) got moving. Goldsmith money provided environment', Wise Use often concealed how standard of conduct on contra groups as they George Marshall with the office, and Marshall industry itself was fucking the workers over. practice themselves. This works because pushed the tropical hardwood theme. Timbmet Until Redwood Summer 1990, the eco ultimately they are in the right and are strong at Cumnor near Oxford was an early success, the Office First! ecocrats expelling Davey Garland, and then came Twyford.

fortuitous coming together of factors - the corporate backing, harassment has been legal unresponsive political system, slump in peace as often as physical - SLAPPs &c. There's also movement post-Cold War, and readily been manupulation of public perceptions identifiable issues around which to coalesce. through careful media management. Partly, it's a background thing - increased awareness of ecologucal issues. Partly it is sab types, unwelcome to the Office First! strategies. tendency. Later on, 1994, the CJA brought A third element in industry's attempt to links and cross-over with ravers, then RTS, marginalise Greens and set them up for

day-to-day and places EF! in broader context. zines like Executive Intelligence Review and you is logged. Data on credit cards, who you It is an overview. What is EF! doing? Who are 21st Century Science & Technology. EF!? Who do they appeal to? How do they Despite being bitterly anti-semitic himself, stuff you key in yourself goes into their data organise? How are they successful? It is a LaRouche also stoops to presenting Greens as banks. Scumbag Megacorp Inc then sell it on problem is pitched in the wrong register.

The Reagan era saw the deregulation across nuclear power:



hands of secretary of the Interior James Watt more explicit about State orchestration of this be hidden inside graphics, but therre are sharp piece of social commentary. A little gem. EARTH FIRST! AND THE ANTI-ROADS had a Chrisdian fundamentalist aspect, his + 'eco-fascist' smears) and even a passing always human factors involved, like people ______

> "You can't really hurt the planet because God wouldn't allow that. God wouldn't matter if 'man' makes species extinct through the rural gun lobby). through industrial activity.

leader Sun Myang Moon, he recruited workers strangely surprised by the violence meted out Derek tells of GA co-editor Chris Laughton's in eco-destructive industries to form the on environmentalists and doesn't seem to 'get movement wasn't really equipped to deal with enough to prevail over the reactionaries. this thanks to its own single issue limitations and lobbyist links to the federal establishment. When Judy Bari did link up with forestry How to account for EFIs success? Partly the workers, FBI proxies bombed her. Due to

Just as Hitler's 'national socialists' presented youth unemployment. Themes that resonate. themselves as the 'true' socialists, so Wise We are left with the clear impression it is also Users present themselves as the 'true down to hard work, commitment, push from environmental-ists', labelling other the activists as well. At first, reformists like 'preservationists'. They are much aided in this FoE ran away, and wouldn't touch EF! with a by PR corporations like infamous apologists bargepole. The Thorne Moor peat trashing for Bhopal and the Exxon Valdez tragedy gave EF! some initial credibility, drawing in Burson-Marstellar and corporate greenwashing

itself a reiteration of the pre-EF!UK violence is to present them as 'eco-terrorists' 'Carmaggeddon' theme. The Internet and through their use of (generally nonviolent) mobile phones made links between eco- direct action, thus legitimising violence and NET SPIES BY ANDREW GAUNTLETT. This book is typically postmodern in its protestors easier worldwide. Swampy and the State intervention against them. The originator £9.99 FROM VISION PAPERBACKS, 20 approach, the representations are wholly eco protest characters in TV soaps follow on of this-and still most prominent-was Lyndon QUEEN ANNE STREET, LONDON W1M divorced from their physical and factual from the increased media profile of EF! type LaRouche, a former Leftist who now promotes OAY. groups. The Dongas look became a fashion bizarre conspiracy featuring the Queen as the First of all, the internet threat. Big corporations world's biggest drug dealer a global pro- are collecting informatioon on evertybody Derek Wall's book steps outside the immediate industry, pro-nuclear power agenda through Everytime you use the Net, information about

serious sociological study, useful as an 'eco-fascists' and eco-Nazis', often meaning no to others, or the info is vulnerable to criminal introduction or primer, for information more by this than characterising their attempts hackers. Or at least you get deluged with Spam THE LADY IN THE VAN BY ALAN these are still locked into negotiation move excluded from 'official histories', to people to reduce environmental degradation as (junk e-mail) and pomo ads. who want to know. It is committed work, coercive or authoritarian (Greens relying on So this is one of those romps through LONDON ECIN 8LX. written from a Green point of view, but well- federal legislative intervention do leave cyberspace. This book starts slow, but gets balanced, avoiding polemic and stridency. themselves open to charges of better as you read on. It could do with more An unusual book review in GA, but wirth demands, colour photos of the Diana fuck: authoritarianism, but that hardly equates to detailed information about how the Net works. checking out thisa - first published in the posted to newspapers through the mail, etc. fascism in any meaningful sense). It's Some of this book is repetitive, cle arly London Review of Books, and then as part of Blakelock, Harry Roberts, Revenge interesting to speculate how much of this designed for Netheads with goldfish-like Bennett's popular 'Writing Home' auto- Beanfield, celebs murdered. Without rea GREEN BACKLASH BY ANDREW comes from his current politucal orientatiion or Nevwellian attention spans. This is a snapshot biography. This is the story about Miss ROWELL £13.99 FROM ROTLEDGE, 11 his original, equally productivist Leftism. of a rapidly changing field. NEW FETTER LANE, LONDON EC4P Certainly, it's a commentary on the inadequacies of German politics that they were Threat #2: The state is listening / watching. Written shortly after the judicial murder of more receptive to the lies of a pro-nuclear Mobile phone tracking, the London #'Ring of

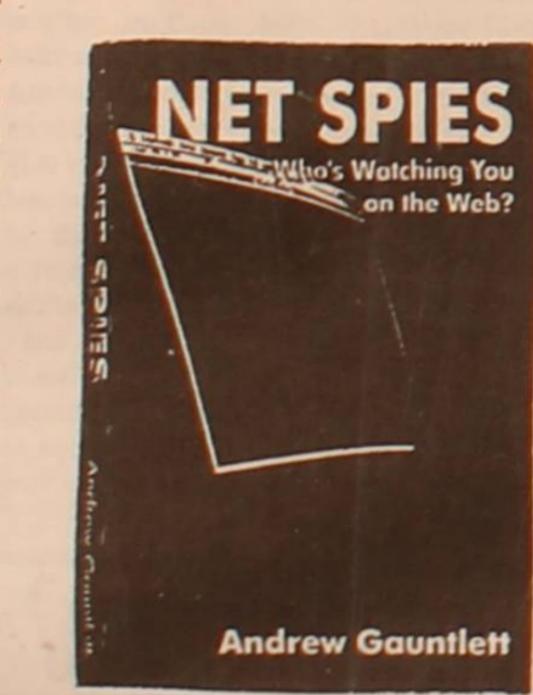
detailing victims as diverse as anti-logging Finally, there is the junk science eminating snoopers at 8 Palmer Street, ondon (near activists in the Philippines and anti-toxic waste principly from these sources. Calling itself Scotland Yarsd and the Hiome Offuice) are 'contrarian', it involves the automating nay- reading your e-mailed. Bob Cryer MP for important than that. In going into the whos and saying of all claims of environmental damage. Bradfgord, askeed too many questions about whys behind the global anti-Green backlash, it A prominent LaRouchie contrarian, the late Menwith Hull in Parliament and so later came Dixy Lee Ray, typically argued in defence of to an unfortunate end in a car crash. Watch out

We would be better off-ie. be healthier, live longer, have fewer genetic defects-if we had more exposure to radioactivity than we do now, up to 10-times more ... exposure to the fallout from Chernobyl will actually prove to be a net health

Those contradicting these patent absurdities terminals and video conferenbeing stuff into are presented as 'unscientific', 'unbalanced', bugs / cameras, to film Sharon and Quentin 'eco-fanatics' and Nature idolators. An bonking on the desk top. Then the opervy interesting parallels with other branches of snoopers are doing a brisk tyrade in pedophile pseudoscience, contrarian thought is most often stuff and scenes of grisly murder. Once irts on encountered not in the original but popularised a computer net, its insecure. Next they'll be through far-Right talk radio (Rush Limbaugh rippin' off pics from those fibre optic drain &c), grassroots Wise Use briefings and cameras - the Internet, it's a sewer, folks! conspiracy theory.

against the anti-roads movement in UK and try to fob people off with Clipper Chips, (though quoting Larry O'Hara, ex- statwe-controlled 'back door' decryptioon environmental legislation in the US at the Greenpeacer Rowell could have been a bit ketys, or just making it illegal. The codes can stocking filler, as well as being a crafty and reference to the Gandalf prosecution. Of writing the combiniation for the safe door in personal interest was Rowell's identification of the old datys. Then there are the wonderful Forests Forever as a Burson-Marstellar hasckers: people brteaking into the CIA White industry front group, key to smearing EF!UK House pager system reading messages like have given man chain-saws if he didn't as 'eco-terrorists' during their initial 1991-3 'send more toner' and 'how do we get this stain think they were benign" says Chip Berlet, tropical timber campaign (what first got MI5's off this dress?'. If they are listening to us, we a leading expert on the political Right, ball rolling on this front too ...). Written before ought to be listening to them. Big time. explaining the thinking behind dominion the Countryside Movement, this is a prime So it's an infowar, folks. Pollite those theology. This belief is also held by many example of anti-Green coalition building in computer data bases! Jam their ECHELON in the Christian Right, in business, and UK using US techniques. The resourcist / keyword monitoring syastems with 'gun bomb the anti-environmental movement in the multiple use rhetoric of Pauline Hanson in drugs' in every trivial message. Tap into the US, who also argue that because 'man' Australia is also a classic Wise Use export (the Eklectronic Freedom Foundation at was given dominion by God, it does not LaRouchies hasve already had input there http://www.eff.org or hackers group Phrack at

Rowell's perspective is ultuimately a Statist off the Net completely and get a life!



contact, or even names, addressess and other

Ken SaroWiwa and the MOSOP 9, this book materialist nutter like LaRouche than the Steel' camera number plate checkers, Newham some-what resembles a 'book of martyrs', German Green Party he ludicruously smeared. council CCTV face recognition software, Menwith Hill, that old chestnut, Or GCHQ fort the 13th pillar.

the state of the s

Not satisfied with snoping on those giggly girl students (too much Philadelphia), Joe Spook and his other Chamber of Commerce chums have taken to putting pervy 'pee cams' in the toliet bowls and stealing Pamela Anderson's bonking hiome videos. 'Back Orifice', a virus piss-take of Microsoft's 'Back Office' turns

Sewer or just market foirces? Where there arte As noted above, the picture here is a global problens, there are also opportunities. PGP one, though all this evidently did originate in encryption - part of the solution. Or so he Amerika. There's a review of tactics used thinks. State agencies don't like encryprtion,

http://www.phrack.com. Or better still, keep



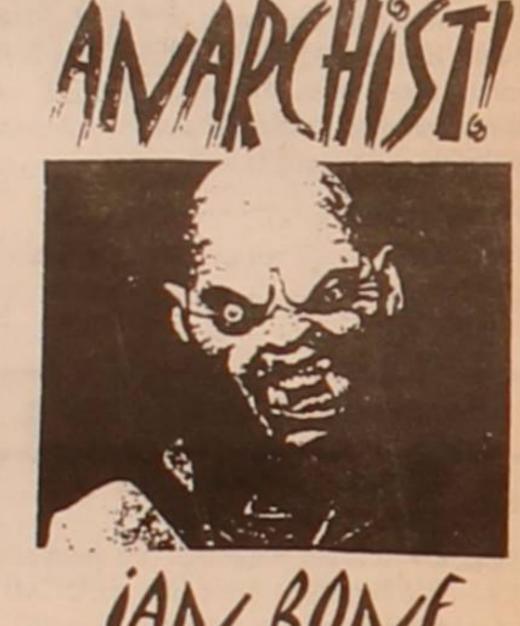
AESTHETICS OF DISASTER BY TEW H LEE. £9.99 FROM CASSELLS.

beauty, according to Lee. Chemobyl, Herald of Free Enterprise, Challenger Space Shuttle. Kings Cross Undeground fire, the October unspeakable necrophiliac purposes. The bod 1987 stiock crash, El Nino - all of these events is taken hostage, the Queen Mum is shot an express curves, ellipses, parabolas, or other beheaded, the State topples.... chaos theory shapes, which are of themselves At some points it almost touches on the aesthetic and Spectacular. So plans ofthe 'Irrationalists': "Fuck public sympathy disasters are deconstructed; eg the tracvks of snapped Trevor "It's material facts that chang the victims are plotted through the history..." (p. 41). At other points the boo undeground station or across the ttrading floor. acknowledges the end of class struggle: "Class Even something like the photomicrographic struggle-the bedrock of his politics-ha representations of the activities of the HIV vanished with the end of history" (p.18). The virus have a strange and rather alien beauty, death of the urban rioter is mourned (p. 17): like watching an avalance from a safe distance. contexts of human suffering and exploitation. Disasterrsd are treated as choreography instead of being evaluated ethically as systemic events, the creations of defective thinking, laziness, The urban anger all lost in regeneratio morally culpable bureaucracies and schemes "and the happy feeley smiley face corporations, corrupt politicians, or aas rthe the ecstasy tab". outworking of propaganda lies (eg BSE). The

The book ac knowledges the necessity

BENNETT. £3.99 FROM PROFILE claiming credit for stuff, Angry Brigade-srt BOOKS, 58A HATTON GARDEN, communiques, messages about the 'Can-

Shepherd, an urban eccentric, who from 1971 RTS against all the usual fluffy tendence until 1989 lived in a clapped-out van parked on Alan Bennett's drive in Camden Townm. seven dead cops. Exposure of establishm All at once funny and sad, Miss Shepherd lives out her solitary loife with her strange toiletry off into the mythical revolutionaryu golprocedures and odd eating habits: Mr Kipling era. Vile and violent, obscene, violent, fun apple pies, ginger nut biscuits and whisky 'to violent, entertaining; probably the best rec rub on'. Eventually, the old lady is persuaded to go to a day care centre, but the next morning is found dead inside her van, and Alan Bennett has to clean out all the mess inside in order to piece together the little that is known about SELLING SUICIDE BY ANDRE who she really was. Now issued as a 92 page, SIMMS. PRICE FROM CHRISTL 4" by 6" book, this would make a good AID, PO BOX 100, LONDON SE1 7RT.

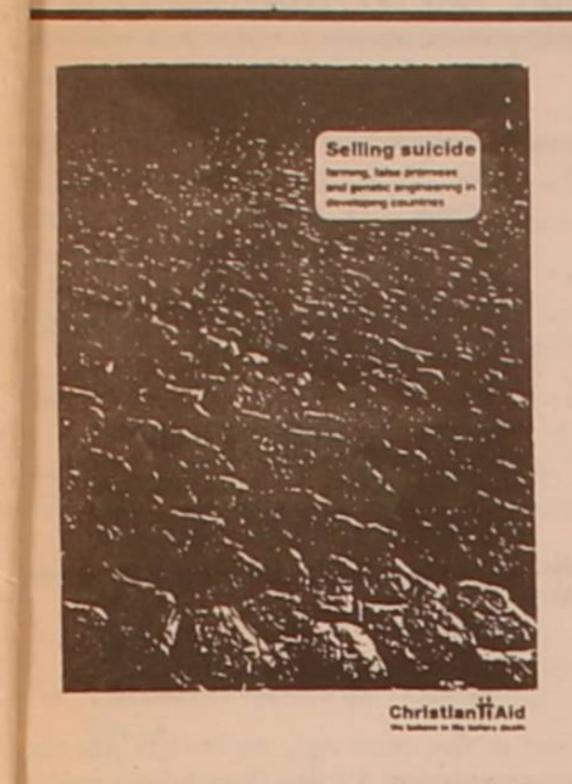


ANARCHIST! BY IAN BONE. £3.50 FROM IAN BONE, PO BOX 14672 LONDON E9 5UQ.

This is a short 'novel', a story on A4 pamphle form, something like Breaking Free or ever City-Death with a raw edge, humour, graphic violence, from a Class War point of view. A gang of seasoned rioters plan to storn Downing Street, and stomp Thatcher's hear into a pulp sduring the poll tax riot, but thi worthy ambition comes to naught when thei bag of CS gerenades is stolen in the pub. Th anti-hero, Steve Edwards, later invents th 'Cancer Liberation Front', who try to stee Princess Diana's corpse from her island grave Every disaster has a ceetain geometrical but the coffin is found empty, the cadaver itsel embalmed in the Diana-shrine and used fo

By 1997 the summer riots of '92 could be seen from a different perspective - the last splurge of the urban convulsions beginning at St Pauls in '79 and ending in some desultory skirmishing on a shithouse estate in Burnley.

violence, swinging between mass class acti of riots, TAZs, and individual action. Part Liberation Front' posted on the InterN changes into a full-blown insurrection, w complicity in the Diana necrophilia kicks it thing from what 'was' Class War. Cannot recommended too highly. Buy this!



food production using GE techniques will

for famine".

Alan Bennett

The Lady in

GREEN ANARCHIST No 57-58/Page 24

In many ways, thos is a key document in the over water resources. unravelling of Monsanto's GE hype.

Ridiculously, the US public and their dickhead president bought all the industry's 'feed the world' PR schmaltz. Here a world-respected Third World charitable organisation takes the assumptions behind this apart piece by piece. Selling Suicide points out that hunger is involved, ECAs are not as vulnerable to such its sold as such as a convenient rhetoric produced by political and economic factors intervention and are guided only by profit, maskl ongoing development, exploitation rather than natural scarcity. And-fair play to something we're sure dovetails neatly into the the natural world and its peoples. it-it cites the Irish Potato famine as its broader globalisation agenda. This is how the venerable example. All this talk of 'over- Three Gorges Dam goes on despite all Lohman concludes with over a page population' is Malthusian 1970s international objections. New Labour are sopecific proposals for stopping offest way of breaking through the Civilised environmentalism long cast aside by Greens reportedly "lukewarm" about action against

Case studies are gone over: the disaster of loans are the method to do it. supposedly pest-resistant Bt cotton in India which forced farmers so deep into debt buying pesticide for ailing crops that hundreds committed suicide. Monsanto's salesmen then had the gall to blame the soil, not their product. As indicated elsewhere in the report, traditional crop varieties on the Indian subcontinent like Thapachini and Jhumkiya and the organic farming techniques sused to grow them get higher yields than GE alternatives anyway. In the Amazon, an artificial 'black' market has been created from neighbouring Argentina so the whole country is now theatened with GE contamination. Cash-strapped local administrations are trying to fight back with law suits, but Monsanto have vastly greater resources and can keep the seeds coming in by the back door. It was in reaction to this that MST took to buying plantations in Rio Grande do Sul. Finally, Ethopia-synonymous with famine in the West-has been totally ignored by the GE industry, as they don't stand to make money

destroys fodder and medicinal plants. And on DT10 1YJ. corporation that figures it can refine it into a recuperated. psychiatric pharmaceutical.

Continue' statement by government delegates implemented. from 26 of the poorest countries in Africa, Of course, this implementation has all been intensify their poverty through imposition of carrying on as normal. So we have:

SNOUTS IN THE TROUGH BY NICOLAS HILYARD. PRICE FROM THE CORNER HOUSE, OI BOX 3137, STATION ROAD, STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET DT10 1YJ.

This quite useful challenge to New Labour's £38,000 a year. The schemer is backed "ethical foregn policy" points out that by the Mexican government [eds - no continuing arms sales such as the Hawks to doubt at gunpoint] and audited by a team Indonesia are generally sweeteners for less from Edinburgh University. obvious means of genocide - such as dams. With UK government backing, Balfour Beatty Turkey, which will ethnically cleanse 15- every car sold to 'offset' its environmental lot. 20,000 Kurdish people who can't protest impact. This, of course, is as environmentally because of the reign of terror against them in bogus as 'green' petrol and means car buyers that country. Unethical in itself, but a situation aggrevated by UN conventions prohibiting war



and now appropriated by industry. Increasing ECAs, even their own ECGD.

benefit the GE industry, not the Third World Of particular interest is the dogma amongst rest of his text. people it's exploiting. Selling Suicide is so ECAs that 'sovereign states don't go named because of the 'terminator techology' bankrupt', exactly the same principle that led that'll end the storing of seed corn vital to the to the massive debt crisis from the 1980s. autonomy of small, perhaps subsistence Through this, Hilyard does a good job of producers. Chrisian Aid conclude that industry showing how token New Labour's decision to monopolisation of food production is "a recipe wipe out the debts of the world's 30 poorest countries was - when so many others are around to be screwed instead and the ECAs'



ayahuasca has been patented by IPMC, a US assumptions and shows how they're being world' rhetoric:

The idea of paying carbon debt by growing The power of the GE lobby is explored, both in trees was first formally proposed by British terms of conning / coercing Third World physicist Freeman Dyson in 1976. Lohman farmers into signing up to GE seed contracts does us the favour of putting this in the context and also all the dirty money industry has of Dyson's other 'gee whizz' schemes such as funneled into the Labour and Democratic using nuclear explosions for space travel &c. administratioons and 'objective' scientific In other words, Dyson's perspective was advisory groups. Thumbs up to Christian Aid technocratic and as such failed to consider the Where this pamphlet's more interesting is in its

emphatically rejecting their exploitation as about exploiting the Third World but otherwise victims of the international trading system to

the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile has arranged for 30,000 trees to be planted oin Chiapas, Mexico, in lands inhabited by highland Mayan Tojolobal and lowland Mayan Tzeltal communities, to "offset" the 5,500 tonnes of carbon emitted annually by Formula One car racing, at a bargain price of

are currently building the giant Ilisu dam in ad campaign, saying trees will be planted with certainly a pointer in the right direction for that pumping pollutants (inc CO2) into the WOLVER-HAMPTON WV10 7BZ.

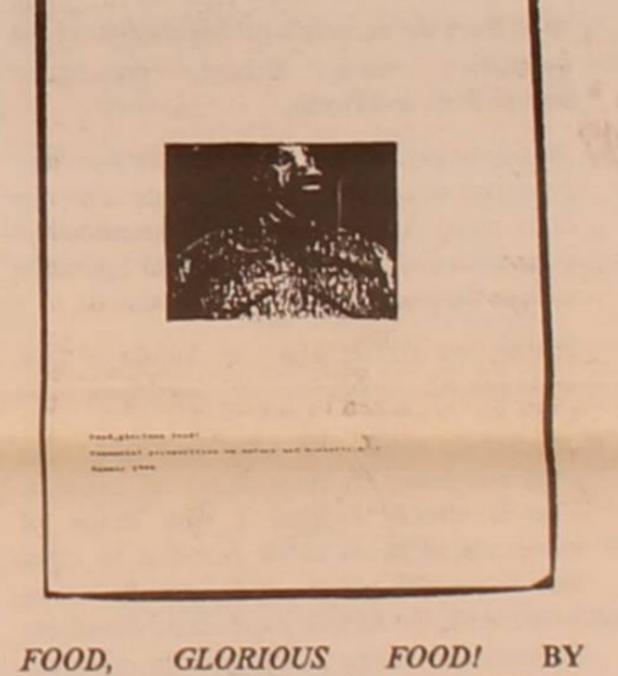
THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PRINC

atmosphere rather than reassessing their lifestyle.

Lohman quotes the US Department of Energy admitting that "tree-planting will allow US energy policy to go on with business as usual out to 2015" and then writes fairly of a "carbon imperialism". While this should be an inducement for the big industrial countries to pay carbon debts by cleaning up their act, they instead want to turn the Third World into one big tree farm. Where Lohman does everyone a big favour is to detail the mechanism for this which is, of course, through the cash nexus. At international summits, energy / industry lobbyists are now bartering carbon credits for 'green' development and a carbon futures market is in the offing. This isn't money for nothing - it is, as Lohman emphasises, "the pri vatisation of the atmosphere". How come they got to profit from the air we all breathe?

On another level, there is something surreal This 40-page pocket-sized booklet graphically about all this. Tree farming isn't about leaving illustrates how animals are tortured for science, Hilvard identifies the motor driving such existing trees alone. The Wise Use movement sport, fashion, entertainment and food, so indefensible development as the Export Credit in the US has said old growth forests should be readers can see and judge the worth of this Guarantee Department and a broader network logged and chipped as new, young trees absorb society for themselves. The author notes by of export credit agencies (ECA). Whilst public more carbon - and damn the consequences for way of introduction that pressure has stopped inappropriate biodiversity. It's hard to see such a resource development when the World Bank &c were extraction agenda as Green in any sense, but

> forestry', mainly about raising consciousness and calling for envronmental impact way that mere text fails to do. statements. These are not as interesting as the Dedicated to animal lib martyrs Mike Hill, Tom Worby and Jill Phipps, Betrayed closes



HASTINGS STEVE. £1 c/o GREEN ANARCHIST MAIL ORDER, BCM 1715, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

appended as return address, we'll send out THORPE ROAD, SHEFFIELD S6 3EB. copies for cost.

THE DYSON EFFECT BY LARRY communist perspective, Food, Glorious Food pressure to quit the Philipines. They're now There are sections on the threat to biodiversity LOHMAN. PRICE FROM THE CORNER reappraises many of the arguments and much using the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) as VACATION DESTINATION VOL. 2, #1. GE poses, as well as traditional resources and HOUSE, PO BOX 3137, STATION ROAD, of the info now familiar to us (CornerHouse's a way of easing themselves back via civilian PRICE FROM CASCADIA FOREST fasrming practices. Round-ip agriculture STURMINSTER NETWTON, DORSET excellent Food? Health? Hope? is ports. referenced). Good to see more focus on the This pamphlet outlines clearly and concisely connections between GMOs, animal feed and why the VFA should be opposed. As with all This scrapbook format zine combines cuttings, top of this, there's biopiracy, the patenting of We found this more interesting than Snouts in animal abuse than usual and-in view of imperialism, the US is the only one going to commentary and charmingly naive cartoons life to deny local people control of what the Trough (above) because it challenges some chronic landlesness in the Third World-the gain from the re-occupation. All the about opposing logging locally and eco-rape they've used for centuries. Even our old friend of the more simple-minded Greeny short shrift given to the corporations' 'feed the Philippines will get out of it is a rising tide of worldwide. Very pro-direct action and worth

> [W]hat about the farmers thrown off the such crap and the rest can go and rot in Rim region. some shanty town, This is what the corporations call 'feeding the world'.

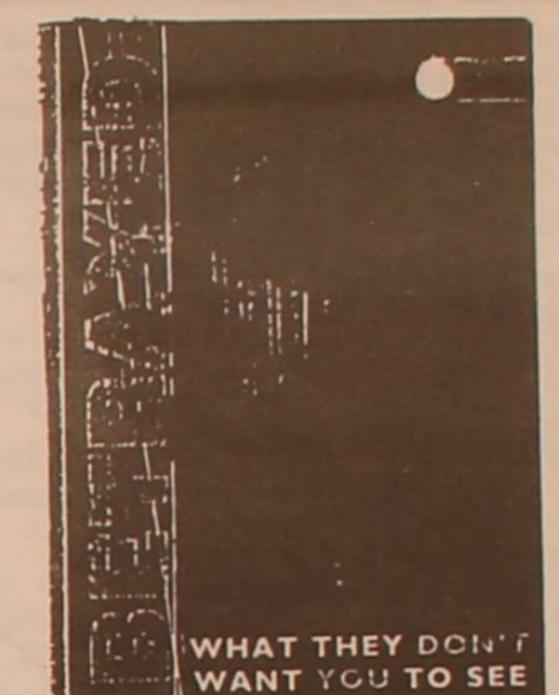
for naming names! Their most devastating social consequences of his suggestion or how- rejection of reformist lobbying of government riposte is the concluding 'Let Nature's Harvest in terms of real-world politics-it would be and corporations, instead suggesting direct action in the form of boycotts, growing our own food, and trashing GM crops. Steve feels bad about boycotts, but concedes:

> Unilever removed GM soya from all its UK products after consumer boycotts reduced sales of its product 'Beanfeast' by more than 50%.

As to "hippy-dippy" self-sufficiency, Steve rightly points to the MST in Brazil to illustrate how much more radical their struggle is than those in the industrialised world.

The exact concludes with a call for revolution ("take back the world!") and argues the communist project and sustainability are "one and the same". This analysis could go a lot further-exploring the Prometheanism Elsewhere, Lohman cites Mazda's new 'green' underlying most orthodox Leftism-but is

can contribute to the expropriation of Third BETRAYED. PRICE FROM ARC NEWS What's most fascinating about this well-written World peoples' lands for tree farms as well as PUBLICATIONS, P O BOX 339, and well-argued little zine is that far from



become more horrific.

even than these images.

review of Against Civilization; and local action reports and practical stuff. 'Certainly a useful new addition to Eugene's already lively rad zine scene.

anti-Civ milieu, it came from the IWW but

switched due to "growing disillusionment with

The author's 'What's Wrong with Anarcho-

-Syndicalism?' principally attacks it for its pro-

work, pro-techno-industrial orientation, as a

partial, therefore unrevolutionary critique.

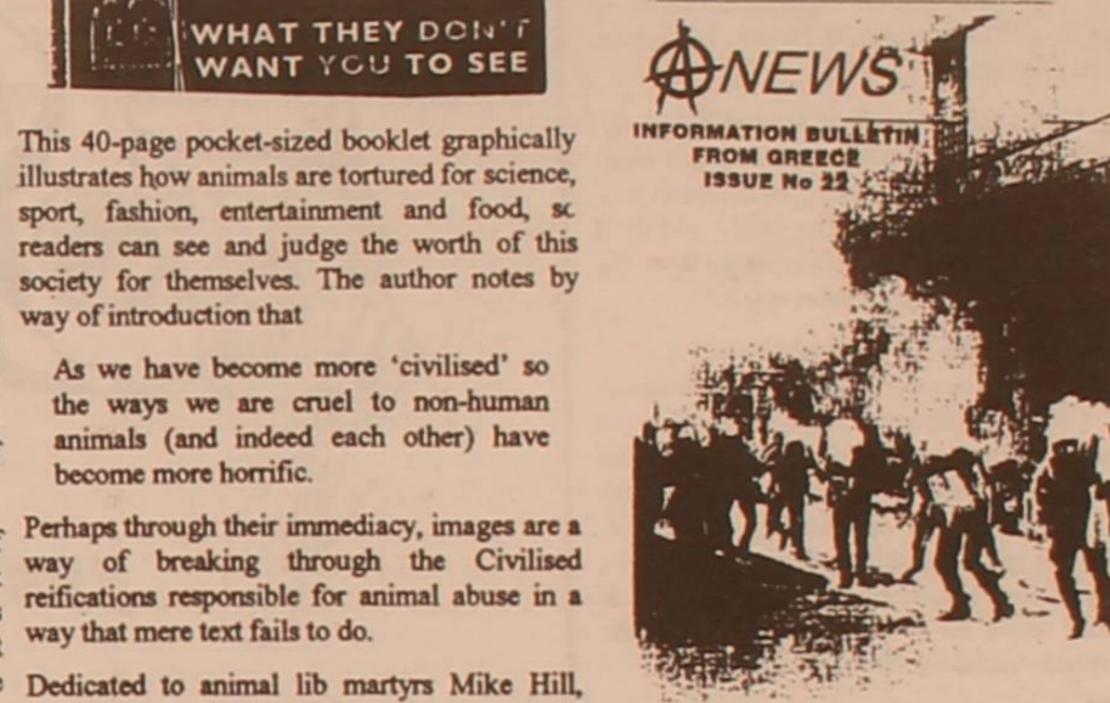
There is also John Zerzan / Brenton Gicker's

informat-ive and encouraging 'Anarchy in

Eugene'; Live Wild Or Die's Situationist-

echoing 'Outlawing of Adventure'; 'Lost in the

Fog', a challenge to mainstream rationalism; a



with a full listing of relevant direct action @NEWS INFORMATION BULLETIN groups for, surely, actions are more eloquent FROM GREECE #22. PRICE FROM PO BOX 30557-10033, ATHENS, GREECE...

> This really cool, 20 page, English language zine from Greece comprehensively lists acts of reistance from the Green anarcho-underground and has a special feature, a statement from imprisonment milirtant Nikos Maziotis, around whom there is now an international solidarity campaign. Well worth checking out!



JUNK THE VISITING FORCES AGREE-As this text's anti-copyright and Steve never MENT! PRICE FROM ANDY, 54 UPPER-

With the end of the Cold War and the eruption Discussing genetic engineering from a of Mt Pinatubo in 1991, the US yielded to

JUNK THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT

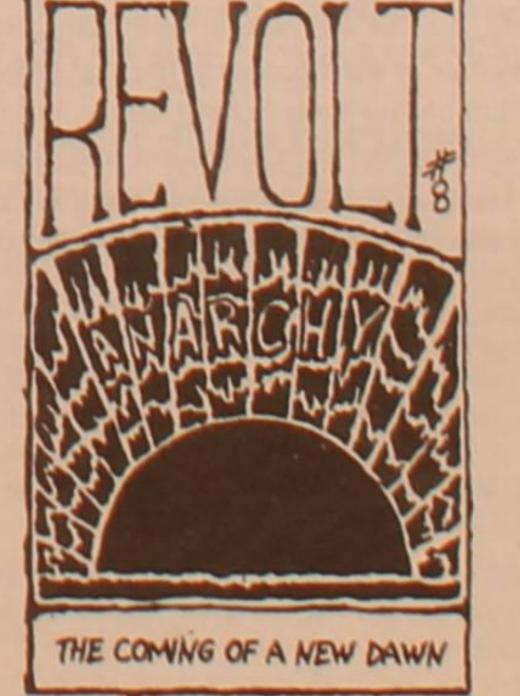
OPPOSE THE RETURN OF U.S. MILITARY

FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES!

A primer on the VFA

OR97440, USA. military threat, nuclear weapons, toxic waste looking up. and military-orientated prostitution, crime &c.

land? Well, the corporations could buy The tone of this briefing is not offensively uo thwe land and employ 10% of them naionalist and it's a useful little guide for all growing GM cotton or tobacco or some concerned about globalisation in the Pacific



REVOLT #8. \$1 FROM P O BOX 25706. EUGENE, OR 97402, USA.

originating in Eugene's anarcho-primitivist

MOBILE PHONES 'Hands-free' mobe accessories can cost £30+ and you still nhave to rest the phone somewhere when you're carrying it about (trouser pockets look like a good way towards DiY sterilisat-ion...). Anyone that's tried to kill their mobe's signal (eg. to stop being tracked) knows that wrapping it in bacofoil is enough. Similarly, line the inside of the pocket you're carrying the phone in with the same stuff (not the whole pocket, or it won't work) and for when you're using it, line your hatband with silver foil as that's where the aerial comes closest to your head.

Of course, this is only a partial solution to the mobile phone problem. Like e-mail, mobes are a good illustration of something that starts off as a convenience but which becomes an obligation, something you can't communicate without because everyone else is. With evben homeless people now using mobes, it's gone beyond a class issue into a 'necessity in making society work' issue. Reversing this trend means taking out phone masts. Bizarrely, industry has now accepted the phones themselves can be a bit dodgy, but not their much more hi-energy transmitters! You can go the way of Republican News and Red Action, raising community consciousness by challenging every phone mast mounted on a school or hospital - or you can just do it yourself, getting a staple gun and seeing to the coax of the nearest offending mast.

0

0

0 8

Upon Tyne NE99 1ED (e-mail:

info@gnosticgarden.ndirect.co. uk.

http://www.gnosticgarden.ndirect.co.uk)

Germany (fax: 030442 6057, e-mail:

elixier@snafu.de, www.snafu.de/~elixier)

Sebastopol, California 95473, USA (\$2

Allies, PO Box 2422, Sebastopol,

Botanical Preservation Corps, PO Box

1368, Sebastopol, CA95473, USA (43

GROW YOUR OWN

STRAWBERRIES

Four or five years ago, we brought just one

strawberry plant for 75p from a local garden

centre. Strawberries are like nettles, they tend

runners, so you put out plant pots, marg tubs ot

roots in the cartons. Thenyou can later

greenhouses. After that the only real problems

When you get fed up of eating strawberries,

either give them to your friends, relatives,

relations or neighbours; or be really mercenary

OPPOSING EVICTION

Outside big cities, most bailiffs departments

together a bunch of mates as a (non-violent

intervene...) reception committee saying 'no' to

obliged to let you know when they're coming

they'll be serving the warrant. This'll giv e you

and capitalist and sell them. Not bad for 75p.

CA95473, USA (\$3 catalogue)

catalogue) fax: 707 874 1910.

PROJECTS

SMASH CRAPITALISM! **GET RID OF NUISANCE** CALLS!

Every month or so a new 'call centre' is opened in some crap place like Sedgefield and trumpeted as "thousands of new jobs". This is of course total bollocks as the call centres exist to make junk phone calls trying to sell double glazing and other such consumer crap. This has got to be stopped, and one way you can stasrt is by registering upor own phone number with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS) 0171 766 4420, e-mail: tps@dma.org.uk or write to TPS, Haymarkwet House, 1 Oxenden Street, London SWIY 4EE.

When you have done that or even sooner (!) the fun really starts. When they ring you focus all your hatred of their crap system, anmd then take the initiative by asking really awkward questions in a cold voice. Don't give them the chance to even start their sales spiel:

"I'm Tracey from Ripoff Double Glazing - " "What did tou say the name of your company is?" (Write it down) "And where are tou based?" "What is your address?" - Write down the details and send them in to GA and perhaps we'll publish a lisy of offending companies. Every bot of bad publicity helps. If possible, get their phone numbers - you'll have to ask because while the're happy enough to abuse your phone number, they 141 theirs.

"And who is in charge of your compasny?" "What are the namers of your directors?", "Who owns this company?" - why not make your own list of awkward questions they won't Several versions avialable: knowe the answer to. Once you have worked through this list, close in for the kill:

"Have you ever heard of the Telephone . Princess Diana Preference Service? Are you aware that under . Gruesome Levers the Telecom Data Protection and Privacy . Unabomber is ace Regulations 1998, your company will be fined . Bookfaur hits the Buiffers £5,000 for making this call?"

But usually you won't get that far, because by the tinme you get to "What is your address?", . Norbert the Engine goers quiet

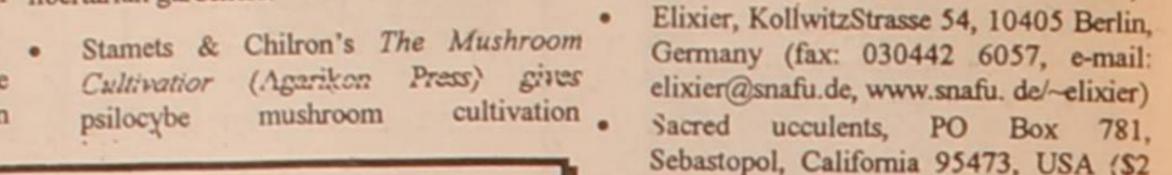
GREEN ANARCHIST FIGHTING FUND (GAFF), BCM 1715, LONDON WCIN Repackage back catalogue

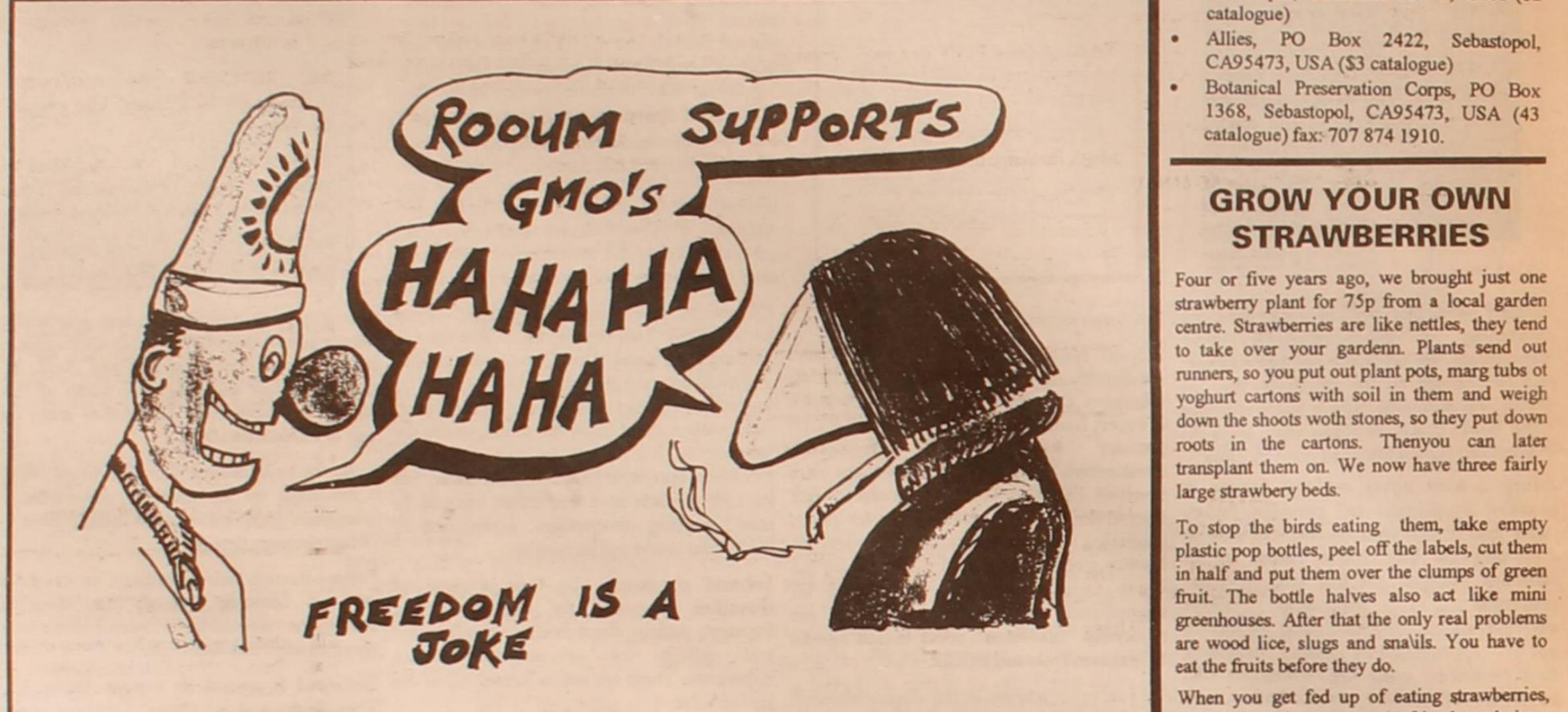
As a blatant atte,pt to commodify internecine politics, why not send a doughnation to the Green Anarchist Fightiong Fund (GAFF)? A £5 donation gets yoy a Freedom Press abuse-ogram with a cartoon taking the piss out of Feebledom, with a message on the back (eg. "Howe can Freedom have a 'Fighting Fund,? Since when did Freediom do any fighting?,) for you to post on to the senile gits, and annoy In your last paper [GA54/55] you asked for information exchanged.

NEXT ISSUE

the shit right out of them into their articles on drugs and how they can, depending Enough of the theory, and on with the action! incontincence pads. All donations are on the type of drug and how it is used, be a tool Below are listed books etc that are uaseful for guaranteed to be used to further Green of either psychological exploration or of libertarian gardeners: Anarchist, bring down Civilisation, and bring mental and social numbing. cheques payable to 'Green Anarchist'.

about the revolution. Pleace make your One could easily write volumes on this, the Cultivation (Agarikan Press) gives CIA's flooding of Black ghettoes with heroin





- Dinosaurs Prooumetheus

- V2 attack Women attack Angel Alley
- · Spies for Peace Armeed strugle not calmede bibble Deatyh to Reformists!

it doesn't do any fighting?

SURVIVAL

GARDENERS QUESTION TIME

and crack have been widely reported on, quiote apart from the entirely legal stipefaction of the • Uncle Fester's Practical LSD population wit h alcohol, prescription tranquilisers and Prozac.

Suffice to say, that as anarchists we shouldn't be reliant obn what didgy chemicals either the Good magazines that give up-to-date data, State or its drug puzhers-the pharmaceutical news and sources are: companies and breweries-or ullegal capitalists

such as the Mafia decide to ofload onto us. Rather, we should aim to buiold a DiY underground resistance of gardeners and chemists developing better strains of theclasic . Red Eve Express, 19 Worcester Court, arrive. You can't expect your mates to stay psychedelic plants and fungi that have been tried and tested by humankind for millenia. • Bush Telegraph, PO Box 176, Bicester when the warrant's dated by ringing the This is already happeni g with strains of How can Freedom have a 'fighting fund' when marijuana, it needs to be extended to other rtme-honoured plants such as Psilocybe ushrooms, the African psychedelic stimulants

Tabernathwe iboga and Voacanga africana Salvia divinorum, Calea zacetechichi, Coci erythroxylon etc.

Using this tactic we can create an undegroun immune from polixce pressure that high tech drugs are, seeds can be given to friends and

Manufacture (Loompanics) is available in UK from Counter Productions Jonathan Ott's Ayahuasca Analogues

are so small and ineffectual that just getting we don't want to give the cops an excuse to

- · Weed World, PO Box 1332, Coventry eviction is enough to make them throw in the CV8 3YA (tel / fax: 01974 821 518, email: weed1@dircon.co.uk, http: www.users. dircon. co. uk/~weed1/) The trouble is knowing when they're going to
- Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 1LF tht Sheriff's office. This is discretionary unless there are children amongst the occupiers. (anetmatters.co.uk)

Under the Childrens Act, the bailiffs are All the above are usually shopliftable from ripodff Compendium Books, 2354 Camden High to avoid unpleasant 'Kathy Come Home'-like Street, London, though dion't forget to post scenes. All you need do is ring them and tell do sh to the publishers afterwards! them kids are present and they're legally

Companies that do plants, spores, seeds and obliged to let you know the time and date

time enough to activate your phone tree and to Gnostic Garden, PO Box 242, Newcastle get the kids out of there.

G.A. MAIL ORDER

BOOKS

CITY-DEATH. Steve Booth's apocalyp-tic essays critiquing the 1990s from a primitivist A PRIMITIVIST PRIMER. John Moore's novel of social collapse. Critiques the city and perspective. advocates its alternatives.

Booth: a passionate, unrestrained celebration civilisation of sexuality.

challenging four-volume epic, 900+ pages mediation critiquing society in general and religion in BEYOND SEXUALITY. ANSLIM's book- Feral Faun challenges religion and materialism

LEVIATHAN! Fredy Perlman's key contri-bution to primitivism, an anti-history of expose of MI5's post-Cold War role.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. Pheonix lifestyle Press's collection of Perlman's essays - inc The Conti-nuing Appeal of Nationalism, The Reproduct-ion of Everyday Life etc.

ELEMENTS OF REFUSAL. John Zerzan's newly-reprinted classic, including the

THE BOB BLACK PACK ... £10 THE LOT

ANARCHY AFTER LEFTISM. devastating book-length response to Murray Gandalf trial Bookchin, pointing the way to a post-Leftist

to Bookchin's follow-up pamphlet, "Whither Anarchism?". Round Two to Bob too! £1.50

historiography of the Wobbles. Also includes General Strike.

THE ABOLITION OF WORK His classic lucidly arguing for ludic revolution. Includes THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE MEETS LANCASTER BOMBER #26. Workerism is GA-USA, PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR Italy

ARTICLES

'Origins' essays challenging the fundamentals INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY & ITS FUTURE LIVE WILD OR DIE #7. Huge anti-Civ #51 SPRING '98: Direct Action issue. declaration of war on technocracy

16 length challenge to conventional sexuality. £5 from an ecstatic, primitivist perspective. 75p

GREEN ANARCHISM: ITS ORIGINS & INFLUENCES. More history than manifesto, DEAR MOTORIST. Andre Gorz's Civilisation, Steve Booth on Love Is Not this charts the early develop-ment of GA' in a deconstruction of car culture.

THE ETHICAL VOID. Steve Booth's growing food revised, reissued critique of political technique, WITHERED ANARCHISM. A follow-up including his essays Letter to a Pacifist and Dogma of Class Denied.

LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH. Steve Booth's BLACK CLAD MESSENGER #5. Eugene's you want to be airmailed. BEAUTIFUL LOSERS. A controversial follow-up to PATEV, focusing on ethics £2

unmediated, revolutionary action. £1.20 Revolt! #9.

his follow-up essay, Primitive Affluence £1 DR BEECHING. Steve Booth's popular Dead. To Liberty. Who killed Jill Dando? 97440, USA. parable of steam engines

SUBS & STREETSALES

If you've got any opinions you want to share, If you want to streetsell or subscribe to GA, Send camera-ready ads to GA via the general

send 'em in to BCM 1715, London WC1N send the form and blank postal orders - not editor. We charge £60 for a full page, with

£5 accessable intro to anarcho-primitivism 30p 45 AGAINST CIVILIZATION. John Zerzan's THE BOOK OF LEVELLING. John EVEN EDEN. An explicit novel by Steve comprehensive anthology of writings against Moore's anthology of primitivist fiction. £1 RADIO SERMONETTES Hakim Bey on EF! is still dead.

£3 TAZ. Hakim Bey's key work, arguing for the importance of immediate experience and of FOUR BROTHERS. Steve Booth's temporary autonomous zones and an end to all the body as least mediated of all media £1 THE QUEST FOR THE SPIRITUAL. the Vote.

AGAINST HIS-STORY, AGAINST TURNING UP THE HEAT Larry O' Hara's AT WAR WITH THE TRUTH Larry O' Architecture. Politics & the Ethical Void. £5 Hara's follows up his expose of provocateur Civilis-ation from the perspectives of its 25 YEARS ON THE MOVE The MOVE Tim Hepple / Matthews, A Lie Too Far. £2

£5 Organisation's history, richly illustrated. SEARCHLIGHT FOR BEGINNERS. Symbolisation, Fenland Rebels, Stuff the Vote. G.A. STAR, black & green, enamel. £1 Organisation's history, fichly most devastating expose yet, Includes guide to MOVE philosophy and Larry O' Hara's most devastating expose yet, #47/48 SUMMER '97: Anti-Nationalism G.A. LOGO, 1" round, black on green. SEARCHLIGHT FICTION PULPED. Glenn Parton on Eco-Psychology. John Moore

Larry O' Hara responds to State-sponsored on Language. Bob Black on Factsheet 5. smears. Also exposes State manipulation of £1.50 #49/50 AUTUMN '97: Direct Action double-

broader green / anarchist context £1 CRITICAL MASS. A comprehensive, GRASSY NOEL. Paul Rogers' exposes of practical US guide to bike blockading. £1 A Noel Molland's grassing during and after the OUR ALLOTMENT Illustrated book for children, designed to encourage an interest in

ZINES

premier anarcho-zine. All the post-J18 news, We reserve the right to substitute items of a piece on Bill Benbow, inventor of the THE IRRATIONALISTS. An early version discussions of revolutionary violence featuring equal value if stuff is out of stock. £1.50 of Steve Booth's controversial essay for Feral Faun and John Zerzan. Incorporates

50p Kosovo: Campaign for real protests. £1

ADVERTISING

£2 Unabomber, ELF, ALF, sabotage etc £3 Zerzan on Reification. John Moore on

£10 Amerika's most wanted, the Unabomber's tabloid from the lunatic fringe of EF! USA; Gandalf Trial. Ted K on the Unabomber. John

BACK ISSUES 500 #52 SUMMER '98: Culture & Community

issue. Communist Headache on Punk, Death of #40/41 SPRING '96: Anti-Cities double- Workerism, Developers fact file.

issue. Unabomber, MOVE, Newbury, Leeds, #53 AUTUMN '98: Education issue. Leigh Starcross on the Unabomber, Bob Black on #42 SUMMER '96: Anti-Tech issue. Primitive Affluence, Genetic test site fact file.

Technocracy Is Tyranny, Unabomber, Fuck #56 SUMMER '99: Poverty issue. Ted K on his imprisonment. Pat Freund on Techno-#43/44 AUTUMN '96: Anti-Tech double- humanism. John Moore on Mall Culture. Mel issue. Against The Mega-Machine. Tyranny of Davies on Porn.

BADGES

FREE TED KACZYNSKI, 1" round, black

CRESCENT WRENCH, PO Box 30058,

Way, PO Box 204, Sather Gate Mall,

BARRICADE BOOKS, 115 Sydney Street,

Berkeley, CA 94704, USA

New Orleans, LA70190, USA (mail order)

MAIL ORDER

issue. Gandalf Trial. Richard Heinberg on

40p Enough, Bob Black on Bill Benbow.

#45/46 SPRING '97: Anti-Ideology double-

issue. Social Security fact file, John Zerzan on

40p Fill in this page, stating how many of what you want. Send it off to GA Mail Order c/o BCM WIND CHILL FACTOR, PO Box 81961, 1715, London WC1N 3XX with blank postal Chicago, IL 60688, USA (mail order) orders or cash - not cheques. Add 50% to LIVE WILD OR DIE, 2425 B Channing

DISTRIBUTORS

You are responsible for

C.P. c/o Silvestre, via Ficini 17, 56100 Pisa,

monitors and periodically steals our mail. again!

Brunswick 3056, Victoria, Australia.

DISCLAIMER

3XX. We'll eventually print anything that's cheques - to the general editor. Add 50% to smaller ads pro rata. We can be persuaded to When writing to us, use a false name or your Order are produced for entertainment purposes interesting, readable and short on a no cover postage if you're overseas or 100% if swap ads with other zines. Small ads cost 6p a forename only, and a PO box or c/o address if only. No material in it is intended to incite any you want a reply. If you want a reply but action liable to lead to criminal or civil

time you write for one.

an article you don't like, send in a better one If you're a prisoner or living in the former

SECURITY yourself. GA isn't published on Planet Trotsky Eastern Bloc, we'll send you a free GA each This is not a free country - the State regularly

haven't got one in six weeks, assume your charges. Can't you take a joke?

SUBSCRIBE!

Contact Address..

10 issues for £10. 5 issues for £5 starting with issue #...

Send to BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX

CIVILISATION IS

EXPLOITATION

specialisation. Specialised division of labour

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Send to BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

STREETSELL GA

Contact Address

10 copies for £7. 50 copies for £40. Cash up-front, non-returnable.

Send to BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX. THIS IS GREEN ANARCHISM

By attempting to become gods, we may end up less than human: a discussion topic for debate in our next issue.

THE END OF HUMANITY?

PRODUCTION LINE PEOPLE

Even if advancing technique-in the form of the Millennium Bug-doesn't end Future, thesis 157]. As clones are most standcomputer-intensive Human Genome Project to explosive (and so potentially controlling) issue Civilisation, it seems set to destroy our humanity.

An initial example: not an act of destruction, but the creation of new humanity. beyond his quantifiable technical parameters, explored by merchant-venturer scientists science was transplanting monkey bollocks As with animal tests [Hans Reusche's Slaughter of the Innocent], the real target reducing human discourse to technique too. pinning their flags to what is most basic of into people. Those not meeting expected of current genetic experiments is people - and not for their benefit either, but to make them more productive and controllable by the experimenters and those backing them. For years, scientists at the George Washington University under Helen Cauldicott argued that technical Jerry Hall have "clone[d] human embryos to twins and triplets" [Johannes von Buttlar's The Methuselah Gene, pp. 106-107].

Whatever thin justification's given for this-eg when spread around with the over-coming infertility, as if there weren't enough unwanted children already--we're horrified at this attack on unique identity, 'production line people'. John Harris, on the BMA Ethics Committee exactly when cloning became an issue in UK, dismisses this [Cloning, Genes & Immortality, pp. 31-32]:

universally attractive, are comprehens-

characteristic negligence of the average human male? UNESCO is scarcely more coherent: how does cloning affect 'the preservation of the human genome as common heritage of humanity'?

clones is that they're born of chance, not [WHO] appeals to human dignity, while ively vague. Whose dignity is attacked and how? Is the dignity of a natural twin threatened by the existence of her sister? How is the security of genetic material istic negligence" crack shows what he really around the privileged, eliminating rather than 'cyborg trope' of future human development. compromised? Is it less secure when can't stand not being in control. He wants us accommodating those who aren't. It's worth Related to aging is the question of physical inserted with precision by scientists or

ured ... product[s]" [Industrial Society & Its concentration of control: research like the about Wellcome's Viagra showing what ar ardised, they're also most predictable and pinpoint and patent genes best manipulated the latter is. As von Buttlar shows [Chap 3] controllable. He dismisses all objections means we're the new terra incognito, the height of early-20th century anti-aging

GENETICS IS EUGENICS

attempts to outdo Nature exhibit male 'womb Their reasoning goes on 'why lose what's envy', but they're more Baconian 'knowledge perfect?' and so back to the Baconian dream is power'. By having a more versatile of eternal youth. Who wouldn't submit to the reservoir of manipulative techniques, the rule of someone who could make you live THE HUMAN BRAIN: exclusive elite makes the general population forever? As Swift's Strulbruggs show though in awe of them, dependant on them to [Gulliver's Travels, part 3], that has to be a maintain their 'standard of living'. Of course, life worth living. A third of Jim Schnabel's Beyond the body, there's the brain as seat o in doing so, all become less, undergoing the Forever Young focuses on spare-parts surgery unique consciousness, so intractable a prob reductive brutality of objectification that to prolong life, whipping an old organ out for lem that Prof White calls his head transplant allows these techniques to function effectively. a new one, the allopathic model of the body as (currently limited to monkeys only) 'whole The difference between natural twins and Rifkind argues [p. 116] that "all genetic machine, just a collection of parts. A more body transplants'. We're less likely to view designed to order, possibly for the worst of some genotypes are judged 'better' than others eugenics, but as tempting to 'upgrade' a few one with a prosthetic body. ends. Dr Jon Slack suggested one clone might "in the interests of society" (ie. its rulers) and to superhuman as opposed to just quality exist solely as a living organ bank for another those refusing such intervention are stigmat- controlling the 'below par' to the same level. The brain can be improved by 'smart' drug [Jeremy Rifkind's The Blotech Century, p. ised as Luddites promoting disadvantage or The use of bionic prostheses has always been spun off from psychiatry and anti-ageing 31]. And why not, when GE pigs were created __maged by it. Eugenics is elitist and anti- on the cards-it more easily circumvents solely for heart donation? Harris' "character- human, as it causes society to be structured rejection problems-and some glory in this

all to be "reduced to the status of manufact- adding that the cash nexus also leads to a attractiveness and sexual potency, the fuss

IMMORTALISM

engineering is ultimately eugenics", meaning direct approach to human improvement than 'person' with an artificial brain as human than

with contempt. The spectacular excesses o beauty products market and the push to cosmetic surgery through crushed self-esteen is just a taste of things to come as more radica interventions become generalised.

THE END OF HUMANITY? Continued on p. 21.

can't fight mass with mass. If our means and exported to profit the rich. They have nothing ends are to be consistent, we must organise in to lose by taking back the land at the expense WANT TO BE A CONTACT? networks of autonomous small groups to of mass society. As less resources are imported Mass society is too complex to work without replace mass society.

LAND OR DEATH

alienates us from each other and creates a the powerless. The powerless are treated as controls society. We must end our dependence objects to be exploited. Exploitation on on the State by taking back the land and living grounds of class, gender, ethnicity and sexual self-sufficiently. By re-establishing our relat- We must support the revolution on the society cannot be reformed. It must be hierarchical thinking that's destroying it.

REVOLUTION ON THE PERIPHERY

communities small enough for each person in planet to survive. Those most exploited by it

MAKE ME A CONTACT!

Self-governing, self-sufficient hierarchy needed to co-ordinate production. Mass society alienates people from the Earth. communities will be more needed and easier to Hierarchy divides society into the powerful and By controlling the Earth's resources, the State establish as the State loses control overseas.

Mass society must be replaced with Mass society needs resources from across the

able to come up with the goods in this society. small WANT TO BE A U.A.B.?

AUTONOMY NOW

prefer-ence is intrinsic to mass society. Mass ionship with the Earth, we undermine the periphery by making our own here. We must WANT URGENT ACTION? share the skills needed to survive without the from the alienation of mass society, live free of exploitation by boycotting banks and UAB mail-out to support you. multinationals, building an alternative green

from the Third World, mass society won't be Agree with This Is Green Anarchism? Send off the form below and we'll send it on to other contacts so you can get active.

> If you haven't time to organise a local group, join our confidential Urgent Action list, also available via your Regional Co-ordinator. Your nearest local group will contact you when the next issue of GA is published and all contact groups will mail you Urgent Action Bulletins from then on.

State, create a culture of resistance to free us If you've got hassles as a result of defending the Earth, send us details, action suggestions and an address where we can put you in touch with our nearest contact. They'll organise a

and black economy and defending ourselves military bases and labs, developers and industry, exploitation and bigotry.

PUT ME ON YOUR URGENT ACTION LIST

Send to BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX