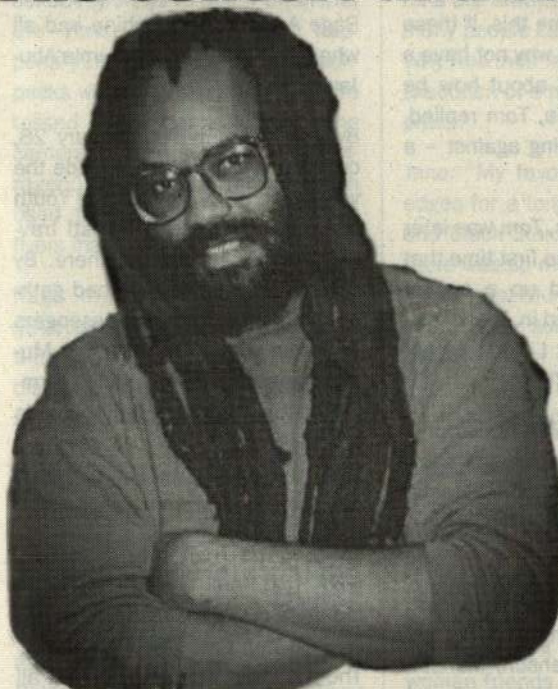

Taking The Stage For Mumia

The Concert and the Controversy

by C.J.



Beginning one morning a couple weeks ago, national shock-jock Howard Stern decided to turn his attention away from women's body parts for a few moments to spew some ignorant rants against the benefit concert in New Jersey that was being advertised on his radio station. In the days following, a tsunami wave of crude threats against the concert hit the airwaves from reactionary tabloid columnists, the Fraternal Order of Police, the New Jersey state troopers, numerous politicians and even the NJ Governor herself, Christine Todd Whitman. How dare these musicians hold a concert for Mumia Abu-Jamal?

I knew then that, to paraphrase Mao Tsetung, the people had ac-

complished a great deal in our work. Most especially, Rage Against the Machine, a band who has long supported death row political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, had managed this time to break Mumia's story into national headlines – as they gathered round other courageous artists to take their place on this stage to stop Mumia's execution. Over the next two weeks, in the face of open intimidation by law enforcement and politicians, the musicians persevered in staying the course and got out the truth about the political railroad of Mumia.

And on January 28, they gave us an unforgettable evening of music which was itself a transforming experience for many of the 16,000 people who dared to show up.

One cool episode in this tit for tat battle to hold the event occurred at 8 a.m. a few days before the concert when Tom Morello, the guitarist from Rage, along with Mumia's lead attorney Leonard Weinglass, appeared on Stern's show. On air they debated Maureen Faulkner, the widow of the cop who Mumia is accused of killing, and Hugh Burns from the Philadelphia DA's office. It was actually 2 against 4, counting Stern and his sidekick Robin ("We're a pro-cop show!"). Faulkner, who was to turn up in the days following on countless bottom-feeder TV tabloid shows like "Extra" and "Hard Copy," performed in split-personality style the role of both weeping-widow and rabid political operative. The Philly DA simply lied with abandon.

When the smoke cleared, Tom and Leonard had won in the opinion of most rational listeners. One interesting exchange with Stern: "Why not just take your own money and finance this? Why use the fans and the concert to raise funds?" Tom: "Well, that's something that we have done in the past, Howard. But one of the reasons why we're doing this is to raise awareness about the case and to get to people who are interested in the United States

government not executing political dissidents who speak up. For example, in 1975, Bob Dylan did a concert for Ruben Hurricane Carter who was accused of murder and later released because the trial was found faulty." Tom put the dividing line pretty clearly: "Tell me this, if these people are so sure of Mumia's guilt, then why not have a new trial?" When Stern started yakking about how he was sure this would be denied to Mumia, Tom replied, "Well, that's the thing that we're struggling against - a real lynching mentality."

Ever the master of revealing comparisons, Tom was later quoted in the New York Times: "It's not the first time that Rage Against the Machine has opened up a can of worms by standing up for what we believed in. We've had the Ku Klux Klan protest our shows, but I didn't expect this from the Governor of New Jersey's office."

The concert sold out within hours, which was not surprising: along with Rage, who are hugely popular, the show featured the progressive multi-platinum rappers, Beastie Boys, along with the icon-breaking punk rock new Brooklyn hip hop crews, Black Star.

The politicians and cops called for cancelling the concert, but they ran up against a recent court ruling involving this very same venue and rocker Marilyn Manson. Manson had won on the grounds that it was a First Amendment violation to ban their concert in this public venue. That twist was another reminder to me that, especially in these lock-down times, it's foolish to be indifferent to the censoring of art that might not be on-point politically, or just not your cup of tea. (Although there's something to be said for a band whose t-shirts read "American by birth, Anti-Christ by choice.")

When the authorities couldn't shut down the concert, the NJ Governor called on people to refuse to attend, and Ticketmaster made the unprecedented move of offering customers their money back. Two days later, the media reported that 2000 people had demanded their money back, but all those tickets were quickly snapped up again.

Tom reported that no bands turned down Rage's invitation to play and many others from Indigo Girls to Black Sabbath offered to play. In the face of all the controversy the LA band Ozomatli sent a statement of support to the artists, and actor Ed Asner publicly came out for the band: "Howard Stern's ratings must really be suffering. Why else would he be laboring so heavily to kill Mumia?

Sad to say, Howard's got a lot of imitators. He and they must feel very brave calling for the killing of an improperly tried man. God bless Rage Against the Machine and all who fight for justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal."

By late afternoon on January 28, crowds were gathering outside the venue. A crew of 25 from the Youth Network of Refuse & Resist! travelled by public bus out there. By the end of the ride they had gathered a number of other passengers to march with them and their Mumia banner over to the lines forming at the chain link fence. Loads of media who had just emerged from a packed press conference with the bands were hanging out.

Jana Astrea from the Youth Network told me: "We marched up chanting 'Mumia's fearless, so are we, We won't stop until he's free.' The reporters were immediately all over us - at one point I counted 13 of us speaking to media. They kept saying, 'Don't you think you people are pretty different from all the other kids who are just here for the music?' We said, 'No, we're here for the music too, and for Mumia. And, look at us, the only difference between us and everyone else here is we already know the truth about Mumia, and they just don't know YET.'"

"They really don't want all these people to hear the story of Mumia," Jana told the AP reporter, "They don't want to connect a radical youth culture with radical politics."

And, in fact, extraordinary measures were taken to prevent pieces of paper with facts on the case from finding their way into the hands of fans. In the parking lot

people were forbidden to openly leaflet and many had their flyers confiscated. A couple of the youth asked reporters to follow them into the venue, ("Watch what happens") and sure enough their backpacks were searched and all flyers tossed in the garbage. While the cameras were trained on this outrageous operation, other youth used the distraction to get their flyers inside without a search.

Rage themselves had been instructed by arena management that they would not be allowed to distribute any literature, either inside or outside the venue. Imagine - a concert where the artists are not even allowed to hand out their own program! The band's management brought in 20,000 copies of their leaflet anyhow - which listed 10 things to do about Mumia's case and reprinted "Who is Mumia Abu-Jamal?" from the Refuse & Resist! Resource Guide. They fought and won the right to have the flyer on tables staffed by International Concerned Friends & Family of Mumia, Amnesty International and other support groups. Arena security would not allow any buttons, R&R! Resource Guides or any political literature to be sold.

Even finding the lit tables was a challenge reminiscent of the police lines at the Million Youth March. Radical youth reported escorting numerous interested kids around endless metal barricades manned by hostile cops in 3 different uniforms (the NJ state troopers sported Royal Mountie-style outfits) just to sneak a look at the outlawed Resource Book under the table.

Who came to this concert? Mainly

white kids, the majority were guys, many from New Jersey suburbs. Any concert crowd in America that looks like this will contain plenty of unenlightened individuals. But Rage fans are always a more contradictory group. And tonight, many people came with an open mind, seeking answers. Why was their favorite band in the world trying to stop the execution of a man who was so incessantly villified in the press?

Jana: "My favorite kid was the one who hung on the edges for a long time. He loved Rage and Beastie Boys and Black Star, but he wanted to know why we thought there was so much controversy about Mumia. We talked about what Mumia's stand meant to us, how his life was counting for something, fighting for justice. Suddenly he began to pour his heart out: 'I want to go to school to make a difference, and if I can't do that there, I'll leave to do it. I want to change this world...'

"We met these 3 high school students from New Jersey who had been checking out both websites, Faulkner's and Mumia's, in their sociology class. Two white women and a guy. The women both bought buttons saying they felt that Mumia didn't have a fair trial. The guy then looked hard at me and said, 'Mumia unloaded his gun into that cop's head!' We got into it, and it was his two women friends who mainly debated him. By the end, he was convinced the trial was messed up. He bought one of our Resource Books and a button."

I was also told about a group of "6 or 7 huge white jocks" who appeared to be a quasi-professional crew all wearing "Death Penalty for Mumia" t-shirts. They roamed the concert halls barking threats at anyone who dared question Mumia's guilt. The level of debate in this neck of the woods: "I don't care if he did it or not, he should die because he's a cop killer." You can't make this stuff up.

All 16,000 people who came to the concert did so in face of scare rumors perpetrated by the authorities and the media - that there would be 1000 cops there who plan to beat people down on the way in, that the bands would start a riot, that one of the bands was backing out. One crew of three said they couldn't find a single kid in their high school (which was filled with Rage and Beastie fans) who had the nerve to buy their fourth ticket. A lot of people in the lines were outraged at the tabloids' treatment of Mumia, a human being referred to as a vermin and a bastard.

Zach de la Rocha, the lead singer of Rage, put the

authorities' threats into perspective at the press conference. A reporter asked, "In doing a benefit like this, does it make you a marked band in terms of law enforcement?" He answered, "I found it very surprising that the attorney general and the governor of NJ would denounce musicians who are doing a benefit for someone we consider an innocent man. To me, it rung of them trying to create a climate in which they would try to scare kids from coming to the show and getting the information. The case against Mumia that they're presenting is so thin that now they have to come after the musicians, they're coming after radio stations who play those musicians."

For many who came, the concert itself provided some answers in the magical way art can do. Each group presented through their words and choice of songs their own view of why they were there. Black Star which is two hip hoppers from Brooklyn, Mos Def and Talib Kweli, opened the night by saying: "In America there are two truths, the legal truth and the actual truth. Black Star is here tonight in support of the actual truth...They say Mumia killed a cop but that don't mean he did it..." They kicked hard with the track "(KOS)": "So many MC's focus in on Black people's extermination/ We keep in balance with knowledge of self-determination/We be in the house like Japanese in Japan, or Koreans in Korea/ Head to Philly free Mumia..."

Bad Religion introduced one of their songs by saying, "This song typifies why artists put together events like tonight... to exercise your art is to have a dream in your head, some ideal of what life should look like." The song was "Dream Of Unity."

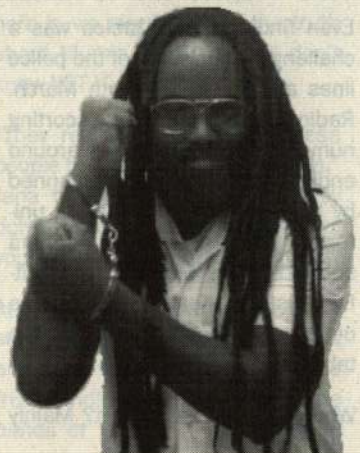
Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys, announced to loud cheering: "We all stand in strong opposition to the death penalty! Killing somebody else is really not gonna solve anything... The death penalty has to be erased from the world." After a set that also included some amazingly rich and complex instrumental tracks, Yauch returned to say, "Mumia did not receive a fair trial... that's one of the things that gives us our freedom. If you can't receive a fair trial, it's a police state."

Right before Rage hit, the MC's for the night, Dunstan and Danbert from Chumbawamba (the English band who gave a shout out to Mumia on David Letterman Show) brought Pam Africa from Int'l Friends & Family to the stage. She gave props to the bands "for standing up to the most brutal force in America that there is... This government is in a conspiracy to commit cold blooded,

premeditated murder and we are trying to stop them, we intend to stop them...We are asking you to stand up!"

Rage came on and the hall exploded as they tore into their set. After 6 or 7 songs, Zach looked out at us and said, "Acknowledge the power in this room...! 'Cause it's really only a few politicians and cops around the country who want to keep Mumia in jail and sentence him to death, and what can they do to [all these] crazy motherfuckers like ourselves?" He announced the next song, "There will be NO SHELTER HERE!"

As Rage left the stage, Chuck D from Public Enemy came on - "It'll take a nation of millions to hold us back..." - and the crowd went nuts. Someone who was standing in the mosh pit told me, "I think the people around me felt it was like an honor for Chuck to come to this event." Most of the kids were like 8 years old when Public Enemy first hit, but they are a legend, and Chuck did not disappoint: "The jail cells in America have been a one-sided crime all the way back to slavery. Until everyone is truly represented in this land as one peo-





ple, there's going to be a lot of fucking poison going on. Free Mumia Abu-Jamal. Free the mind. Use your independent thought and don't be a robot going into the 21st century!" Chuck made people know that by being here at this concert they had already accomplished something significant, maybe even historic.

It was at once exhilarating and moving to see Rage and Chuck jumping up and down together for the finale, "Killing in the Name of..." I'd say just about the whole arena was shouting along with them, "Fuck you I won't do what you tell me to!"

As the event ended, a hip hop song that came over the speaker system made people prick up their ears. It was a soon-to-be-released posse track called "MUMIA 911" featuring everyone from Zach and Chuck D to Poor Righteous Teachers, Pharcyde, Pharoah Monch, Freestyle Fellowship, Black Thought of the Roots, Dead Prez, Tragedy, and many other MCs. "Mumia 911" is also the name of the National Day of Art to Stop the Execution to be held on 9.11.99.

The artists are beginning to move on Mumia's case, and this evening gave people a taste of the potential power which can be unleashed.

News of the concert travelled all the way across the country. MTV news ran a piece over the weekend which featured some beautiful concert footage and interviews with band members, including some fast cuts between the Philadelphia DA and Tom Morello - who blasted major holes through the DA's remarks. The LA Times published a substantial article on the concert and it was all over local TV news in LA.

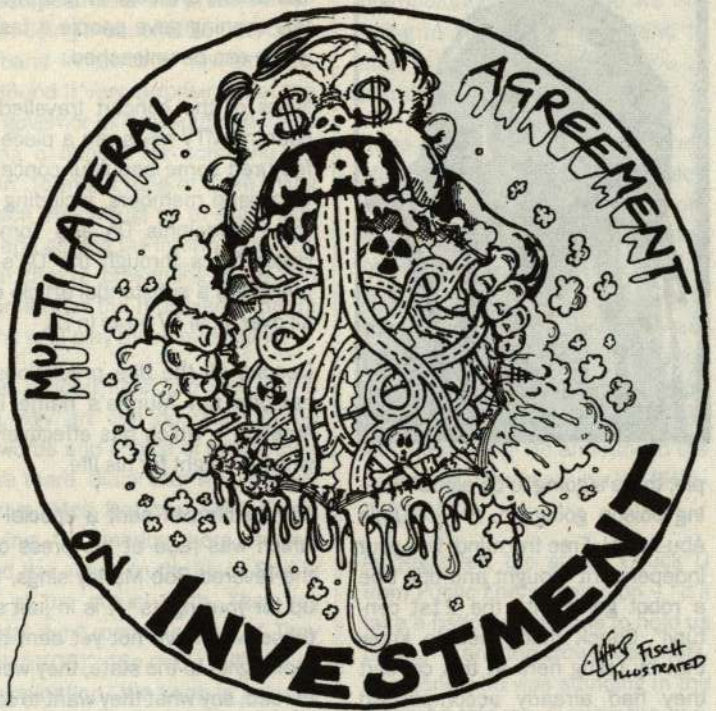
Despite all the dire predictions and threats, the whole episode put Mumia's name into the living rooms of America - which has effectively changed the terrain on which we fight for his life.

Mumia himself sent a special message to the concert which was read at the press conference: "Rasta rebel, the revered Bob Marley sings, 'Get up, Stand up, Stand up for your rights.' It is in just such a spirit that I salute those who have not yet bent their will nor surrendered their rights to the state, they want to read what they want to read, say what they want to say, and support what they want to support."

There was certain shift in the mood of the crowd as they waited in long bus lines to go home. Excited, intense discussions erupted everywhere, and by this time anyone who shouted out "He's guilty!" were confronted by someone else, often their good friend, urging them to check the facts before they believed the media.

As me and my friends made our way home, I thought about some other folks I wish could've been there to hear this amazing music and hang with these artists who had refused to 'surrender their rights to the state'... like the many Black and Latino youth on the subway trains that past weekend who had told the RW sellers about this concert when the subject of Mumia came up... or the crowd of hip hop kids at the copy shop earlier that day who had gathered round me when they saw Mumia's face. They had followed the whole thing minute by minute, they couldn't get tickets but they felt that somehow they had a stake in what went down at the Continental Arena that night. They were right.

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WAKE UP! WAKE UP! WE KNOW TRADE AGREEMENTS ARE BORING BUT..



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MAI THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"The government has no business in business and I would be the last person in the world to ever try to involve the government in a business of mine. But the business of government is business."

Joseph Heller Catch 22

Next Tuesday, Paris sees the next round of talks to try and put in place the global trade monster that will be the Multilateral Agreement on Investment

(SchNEWS 141)

The MAI is being written by the world's 29 richest nations and, if signed will transcend all national laws, rolling back all legal barriers to foreign investment everywhere. Under the MAI, public health and environmental protection, the formation of unions, health and safety at work legislation, state subsidy and protection for national and local industries are all considered as obstructions to investment.

Under the MAI, any nation that puts up trade 'barriers' will be liable for a flurry of multimillion dollar law suits. We only need to look at the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to see what's in store if the MAI gets the green light.

"The MAI is a multinational's wet dream"

NAFTA came into force in 1994. Its signatories are the United States, Canada and Mexico. Three legal claims issued by US companies claiming violation of NAFTA rules by federal governments provide a chilling preview of a world with MAI.

CASE ONE **In July the Government of Canada settled a NAFTA claim brought by the Ethyl Corporation of America, the company which gave the world leaded petrol. (SchNEWS 180) The Canadians had imposed a ban on a fuel additive called MMT, which was manufactured solely by Ethyl. The toxin contains manganese, which causes nerve deterioration leading to attention deficit and memory loss in children. Even car manufacturers discourage its use because it damages cars!

Never mind all that, thanks to NAFTA, the Ethyl Corporation said it had been mistreated, so a three member arbitration panel of law professors and trade lawyers, who rule NAFTA disputes were asked to look at Ethyl's claim. The panel's

'discussions' are held behind closed doors, its decision is final and not subject to appeal, and its records are not disclosed.

The Canadian government, realising its chances of winning were nil, decided to settle with Ethyl for \$13 million, allowed them to resume sales and announced that "MMT poses no health risk"

CASE TWO **Next came S.D. Myers of Ohio, a PCB treatment company who want an undisclosed sum from Canada for profits lost when the country operated a fifteen-month ban on the export of PCB contaminated waste. The ban came into force in 1995, but was revoked in early 1997 when ministers bowed to pressure from pollution industry lobbyists.

PCB's are organo-chlorines, (your novel food fathers Monsanto cornered the market in producing them for industry and is responsible for releasing 1.2 million tonnes of them worldwide since production began in 1929). The UN Environment Programme describes the 209 possible PCB's as 'persistent organic pollutants' to be phased out. They take years to bio-degrade because they are not soluble in water, but they are soluble in fat so they concentrate at the top of the food chain. Effects of PCB's in the body include damage to the immune and nervous systems, birth defects, reproductive disorders and cancer. How could anyone possibly complain about that! Well Myer can and did and have resorted to NAFTA, saying their right to free trade has been denied.

CASE THREE **Meanwhile, over in Mexico the Metalclad Corporation of Canada, has a case before a NAFTA tribunal in which it claims the State of San Luis Potosi 'effectively expropriated' its future expected profits from a toxic waste facility which the state closed down.

Metalclad had taken over a waste disposal plant, which had a history of contaminating the local water supply, with the obligation

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that it clean it up. However after an environmental impact assessment, the State Governor declared the site part of an ecological zone and closed the dump. Not to worry, the new laws of multinational trade says the polluter must be paid, and the Federal Government of Mexico is now facing a \$90 million bill.

The text and scope of NAFTA acted as a model for the MAI, but the MAI goes even further to empower megalomaniac profiteers. Thought we'd just warn you...

On Monday the World Trade Organisation (whose President once infamously said 'we are writing the constitution of the single global economy') ruled that the US government's ban on shrimps caught in nets without turtle excluder devices breached international fair trade rules. Some 150,000 sea turtles, an endangered species, drown each year in shrimping nets so in 1996 America banned the import of shrimps that were caught without the excluders. Tough shit turtles, the World Trade Organisation said it was against free trade.

"What then is a free market? The idea of half a dozen grocers in the high street freely competing with each other is one thing, but the spectacle of huge multinational companies, some of which now command resources larger than the budgets of many countries, impels one to ask 'where in trading terms is the freedom?' Such groupings express not freedom but licence, licence to exploit, manipulate and destroy any such free institutions that stand in its way."

John Papworth 'Fourth World Review'

Protest! Tuesday 20th Oct. Street theatre organised by ARROW outside parliament, where they are gonna be auctioning off bits of parliament in protest at MAI! Meet Embankment 12 noon 0171 607 2302

Discuss! Wed 21st MAI meeting @ House of Commons Grand Committee room 4-5pm

Info! Public Citizen Global Trade Watch www.citizen.org/ www.tradewatch.org World Development Movement, P O Box 100, London, SE1 7RT 0171 737 6215 www.wdm.org.uk

"In 1985, the 200 largest multinational corporations alone had combined sales of \$3 trillion, equivalent to one third of total global output, and also controlled over two thirds of world trade".

Michael Rowbotham 'The Grip of Death'

FUR FARM VICTORY

"She danced across the field towards me and said 'Would you like a veggieburger?'" Evidence from fur trader as proof of harassment.

Despite this blatant display of intimidation, three anti-fur trade activists were acquitted on Wednesday of harassing Peter Harrison, owner of a mink fur farm in Ponteland, Northumberland. Earlier this year, they had been barred from going within half a mile of the farm after being found guilty of harassing the owner. Their case was the first prosecution of campaigners under the Protection from Harassment Act, designed to protect people from stalkers, but (surprise, surprise) now being used to hassle protestors (SchNEWS 159).

The judge at their appeal, after sitting through eight days of evidence, decided to throw the case out, ruling that their conduct had been reasonable and the everyone knows that fur farms are bad!

The **Cornythugh Fur Campaign** said it hadn't been a personal vendetta against Harrison and his family, but a protest against the fur trade. A disappointed Harrison said "I will continue to ensure the highest standards of animal welfare are applied on my mink farm."

SchNEWS isn't too sure how locking mink up in small cages for the whole of their miserable lives equates to animal welfare.

GANDALF UPDATE

The 'Gandalf' trials continue - you know the one, get put in prison for reporting direct action. This, despite the three 'editors' of 'Green Anarchist' being acquitted on appeal after serving part of the sentence, the appeal judge described the case as "fatally flawed". Still, what the hell, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is going ahead with the prosecution of the remaining two defendants, Animal Liberation Front Press Officer Robin Webb & Green Anarchist General Editor Paul Rogers...with the original trial judge, Judge Sedwood! Seems that in the weeks following the successful appeal, the CPS came under intense pressure to continue prosecution from the Hampshire police force, desperate to save face.

*There's a mass demonstration outside Portsmouth Crown Court, Winston Churchill Plaza at the start of the trial Monday 2nd November 1.00pm.

Contact Gandalf Defendants Campaign, PO Box 66, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 2TR 01442 240246/01954 230542

* If you have experience of direct action, volunteer as a witness on your motives and the implications of the conspiracy/incitement laws. Contact Murphy's solicitors, 29 Kensington Gardens, Brighton, E.Sussex 01273 602111

"Everywhere I go there's one of you"

Yes, it's true SchNEWS scribes get everywhere. While one of us was in Canada, saving rainforests and chatting up bears etc, he went to Vancouver and did a workshop at an Alternative Media Gathering. One woman who'd met a couple of us at a fayre in New York asked if everyone who writes for SchNEWS had a drinking problem. A couple of hours of "informal networking" later and she got the picture. Listen, working here would drive anyone to drink. PS If anyone would like to pay us to go an alternative media gathering in Australia don't be afraid to offer *** So we'd better not mention the launch of **Miracle Beer**. Simply put some white powder in a special container, fill it with tapwater and leave it to ferment. Two weeks later and you've got 10 pints of premium bitter for only 65p a pint and taking of pints...Fancy a pint and a revolution? Or at least, come and talk about what pisses you off, what pisses other people off and what we can do about it. The all new **The Rebel Alliance**, made up of all the various direct action groups in Brighton meets last Wednesday of every month 7pm upstairs at the Hobgoblin, London Road. Next dates Oct 28, Nov 25, Dec 30.

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SchNEWS in saucy undies

A new anti-drug pamphlet produced in America is helping parents look for tell-tale signs that their children are using drugs. All the usual 'awake all night/need for cash' etc. but, (and get this), "...excessive preoccupation with social causes, race relations and environmental issues" *** **Hen Heaven** chicken sanctuary, home to 700 ex-battery hens, may face closure if it doesn't get full planning permission. The hearing is at Horsham Town Hall, Park House, North Street, next Tuesday (20th) 2pm - people are asked to turn up and show support. Horsham Council has condensed the 300 letters it received in support of the sanctuary into 3 sentences for its Report, whilst the 1 letter of objection got 8 sentences - so no bias there then. Contact Linda 01273 495 614. *** Last Tuesday people from **Uncaged** held an action on Proctor and Gamble (those veteran vivisectionists), turning up at company HQ in Gosforth with the Grim reaper and a coffin. For more info contact **Uncaged Campaigns**, 14 Ridgeway Road, Sheffield S12 2SS www.uncaged.co.uk *** The comprehensive **Animals Contacts Directory** is available online at www.innotts.co.uk/~rainbow/veggies/acdirec.htm. The 1998 printed edition is a snip at £4.50 from Veggies, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HW *** **Schwoops** - we got the name of Kate Saunders book mentioned in 'Chinese Balls' wrong last week - it's called 'Eighteen Layers of Hell: Stories from the Chinese Gulag' (cheery stuff) and is published by Cassell. *** **Spikey** and direct 'Zero Hour' benefit compilation LP. 57 minutes of eco anarchist punk screaming for a future - yours for a fiver (plus £1p+p) from Active Distribution: BM Active, London WC1N 3XX (send a large SAE and ask for a list of their catalogue of anarchist and situationist books) *** Anarcho-communist publication **Subversion** has folded, but their website is still going. Go to www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/8195 *** Latest edition (special BSE issue!) mag **TOXCAT** (that's 'Communities Against Toxics' to you) is out now; £2 from CATS, PO Box 29, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral, L66 3TX. Email: cats@tcpub.demon.co.uk. fone: 0151 339 5473, fax: 0151 201 6780. *** Attention anyone who's got an interest in alternative technology and loads of dosh to spare. The **Centre for Alternative Technology** runs lots of very sound residential courses (everything from straw bale houses to xmas veggie cooking) and the autumn '98 - 99 schedule is now available: contact Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AZ. fone: 01654 703743; fax: 01654 702782, http://www.cat.org.uk *** The 'Free Range' environmental activists network is 'a network of environmental activists working on different campaigns, providing the resources for people to fight on their own terms'. Get in touch via Paul Mobbs, tel./fax 01295 261864, or visit their website at www.gn.apc.org/pmnh/rangers/ *** Sunday 18 Oct (that's this Sunday kids!) **South Downs Day** talks, displays, discussion and music, including a guided walk to Blackcap in the afternoon. It's at the Rectory Building, Uni of Sussex from 11.30 am onwards. More details 01273 486 351 *** If you're into chatting about anarchism not pop along to the **London Anarchist Forum**. They meet every Friday 8 pm at Conway Hall, 25 RedLion Square, London (nearest tube: Holborn) *** And don't forget the **March on the Monarchy** Saturday 31 October. Meet in Hyde Park at 2pm before heading for Buckingham Palace. Contact them at PO BOX 14672, London E9 5UQ *** And for the morning after, Sunday 1st November, there's a **Anti-Military Critical Mass Trespass**, meet in vehicles, at midday, for re-direction at Reading Services, jnc 12 of M4

TASH TRIUMPH

In 1992, Avon and Somerset Police were a bit rude about SchNEWS's fave photographer Alan Lud, AKA Tash. He successfully complained about the abuse he received on his way to the Ingletstone Free Festival in May 91. The complaint was upheld and he received an apology. The following year the police 'intelligence' document **Operation Nomad Bulletin**, labelled him as drug dealer and general troublemaker, and a warning was published that he should "be handled with care". Damn right, too, 'cos Tash was anonymously sent a copy of the publication, took the police to task for 'Malicious Falsehood'...and won!

SchNEWS has been fortunate enough to peruse a copy of the **NOMAD Bulletin**, the document that charts traveller activity. This highly prized publication - complete with hand drawn caricatures of the intelligence team - has production values to rival...Er...well, suffice to say SchNEWS has seen better produced dog turds.

EVICION ALERT

The camp on the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, who are fighting Britain's first planned toll motorway, is facing imminent eviction probably in the last week of October. Tat and tings and most importantly a drop more people would be really welcome. A benefit to the campaign featuring the Head Mix Collective assorted DJs is happening on Sat 14 Nov at Screaming nightclub, Worcester St, Wolverhampton. All money to go straight back into the camp (assuming they're not been evicted!)

Lollipop crossing

Just what kids have always wanted to lug around - a two foot Portable Stoptlight. The blurb reads: "Children do not always remember to apply the traffic sign code, and this is an increasing source of anxiety for parents. But now they can relax - provided they have equipped the children with the Portable Stoptlight. The child in charge switches it on and, regardless of whether he or she remembers to look both ways, a bright red light beams in both directions halting the oncoming traffic (they hope!)... the spotlight only shines red. The danger of carnage resulting from an accidental green light is thus cleverly avoided". Forget to look, but remember to turn the light on ??

...and finally...

CENSOR THIS...

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNESCO) held a shoestring meeting last week in the shadow of the Monte Carlo casino to figure out whether new rules are needed to regulate (i.e. censor) the internet. And to prove that the internet was full of nasties, the UN went out of its way to get everyone - police, government and civil rights advocates - all singing from the same hymn sheet. Everything was all smiles and togetherness until senior official from INTERPOL gave an impassioned rant from the floor about how police should work shoulder to shoulder with civil rights advocates to achieve everyone's "common goals, shared visions", etc etc. At that point one of the speakers, Simon Davies from that well known consensus group **Privacy International**, decided the UN spirit of unity had gone too far, and broke every rule in the book by standing up on stage and accusing the police of "gross and endemic deception...lying barefacedly...and shamelessly exploiting everyone's good will". According to our sources in Monaco, there was an audible intake of breath around the auditorium as Davies continued to denounce the police and to declare "I'm taking my ball and going home. You'll never get cooperation from me or my colleagues - you can go and play that game with someone else".

Schnews 4th Birthday Party

Thurs 19 Nov Madiera Hotel.

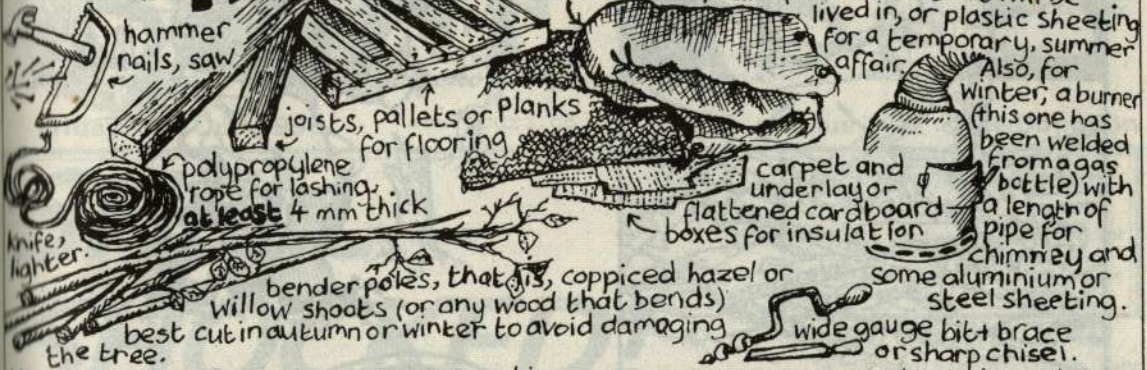
Gonna be a good one - watch this space!

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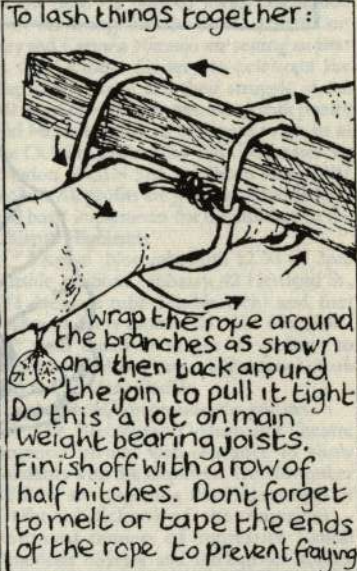
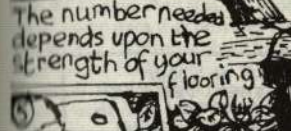
The SchNEWS team at no time intend to attend any illegal gatherings or take part in any criminal activities. Always register with the law. In fact please not at all, watch TV and go on online shopping sites, using your common sense and your own common sense. You'll feel better.

How to build a treehouse

you will need:



You will also need a long rope for hauling things up, someone on the ground to help, and a tree.



1) Climb the tree. You cannot see the structure from the ground.

3) Lash more joists across.

The number needed depends upon the strength of your flooring.

Drill or chisel holes in the edge of the platform. Trim the fat ends of the bender poles to fit the holes.

2) Find a place where your joists can be tied that is approximately level.

joists may also be suspended. Use strong 8mm rope for this.

build your treehouse as high as you practically can.

4) Split the pallets and nail the boards across the joists.

It is a good idea to tie a length of rope to your saw and hammer tie them to the tree.

Definitely time to go have a cup of tea.

6) Now nail in the bender poles and skillfully weave them into an organic whole. Or cheat and use string and gaffa tape.

Drape the tarpaulin over. Tie it on.

To lash things together:

wrap the rope around the branches as shown and then back around the join to pull it tight. Do this a lot on main weight bearing joists. Finish off with a row of half hitches. Don't forget to melt or tape the ends of the rope to prevent fraying.

Fit underlay and carpet. Move in.

Make sure anything near the burner is fire proof.

A HAT ON TOP OF THE STACK PIPE STOPS THE WIND BLOWING BACK.

a canvas tarpaulin for a house that will be lived in, or plastic sheeting for a temporary, summer affair.

Also, for winter, a burner (this one has been welded from a gas bottle) with a length of pipe for chimney and some aluminium or steel sheeting.

carpet and underlay or flattened cardboard boxes for insulation

wide gauge bit brace or sharp chisel.

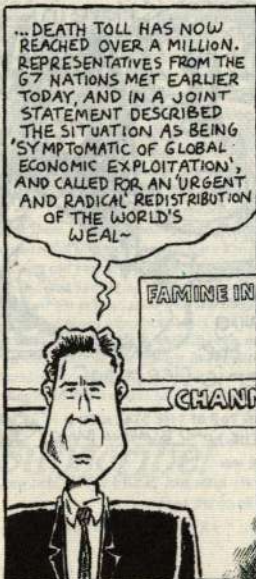
hammer nails, saw

polypropylene rope for lashing, at least 4 mm thick

knife, lighter.

bender poles, that is, coppiced hazel or Willow shoots (or any wood that bends) best cut in autumn or winter to avoid damaging the tree.

You will also need a long rope for hauling things up, someone on the ground to help, and a tree.



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER SLICK AND SLIPPERY



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SHELL SHOCKED!

"The multinationals, in collaboration with the military, have waged a very vicious and relentless ecological war on our land"
Oronto Douglas, founder of the pan-ethnic CHICOCO movement in the Niger Delta.

The fuse has once again been lit in Nigeria nearly three years after writer Ken Saro Wiwa and eight other Ogoni dissidents were hung for non-violent protests.

In the past couple of weeks more than 10 oil stations, two helicopters and a drilling rig have been seized by armed Ijaw tribesmen, cutting the country's oil output by more than a fifth.

On Saturday tragedy struck when over 300 people were killed when a sabotaged pipeline caught fire as local people tried to collect the spilt petrol.

Despite the protests oil giants Shell peddle the same old multinational bullshit namely, that the politics of a country no matter how dodgy the regime, has nothing to do with them'. The fact is, Shell make over \$300 million a year from Nigeria and is about to begin work on a \$4 billion natural gas venture with the regime. And it is this money from the oil companies that provides the military with 80% of it's revenue about half of which comes from Shell, helping to prop up the regime of "guns, boots, loot, whip, whims, decrees and prison bars".

Following the recent death of Nigerian dictator Sani Abacha democratic elections have been promised for May. However, the continuing environmental pollution and widespread cynicism about government promises to give an increased share of oil revenue to local communities has led to an upsurge in protests. As one BBC correspondent pointed out, many inhabitants of the densely-populated delta can see multi-million dollar oil installations from their makeshift homes where there is often no electricity or public water supply.

Once again multinationals like Shell are showing they dance to just one tune - the jungle of money. However, it is people like the Ogoni, who have chased Shell out of their lands, who show where our real power lies, and in a land which is one of Africa's largest military regimes.

Boycott Shell! Occupy on Nov 10th!
"Past action against Shell has been crucial to the morale of those resisting in Nigeria. We thank you for that and ask you to show solidarity again to keep the pressure on Shell and its military allies. Alata continua! The struggle continues!"
President of MOSOP-UK, Bari Kumba

- Shell now plans a 600 mile pipeline from Nigeria's neighbour, Chad, to Cameroon which could carry 900 million barrels. Backing the plan is a consortium including Exxon (a.k.a. Esso), Elf and, of course, Shell. World Bank officials are concerned about widespread environmental damage and disruption to indigenous tribes, Amnesty International have drawn attention to the 3 years imprisonment of an opposition MP by Chad's repressive regime for simply criticising the plans.

According to over 300 scientists on the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change we can only burn a quarter of known fossil fuel resources before climate change becomes intolerable if not catastrophic.

For news and background on Ogoni, Shell and Nigeria contact

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To find out about how multinationals operate contact-

CORPORATE WATCH, Box E, 111 Magdalene Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ, UK
tel: 01865 791391 e-mail: mail@corporatewatch.i-way.co.uk
Web: http://www.oneworld.org/cw/

And to find out more about sustainable lifestyles and how to save the world contact:
INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY, Myson House, Railway Terrace, Rugby CV21 3HT tel: 01788 560631

For a copy of the leaflet 'What's wrong with Shell' send a SAE to London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd., London, N1 9DX

CRAP APPOINTMENT OF THE WEEK

Richard Hardman(!), Director of Oil Exploration company Amerada Hess, has become a member of the Council of the Natural Environment Research Council.

DAY OF THE DEAD

The Mexico Support Group have organised an event during the Mexican day of the dead - a time of joyful celebration with the living and the dead. Artists Luis Rey and Carmen Naranjo are setting an altar in the October Gallery to celebrate the Zapatista women and their struggle in the Mexican state of Chiapas, along with poetry and Mexican music. If you want to go, its at the October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester St., London, WC1N 3AL (Holborn tube) £10/6 conc. All profits are going to provide food and basic implements for the children in the Chiapas Highlands.

* Protest! November 6th 12.30 till 2pm outside Mexican Embassy, 42 Hertford St., W1 (nearest tube Marble Arch) and first Friday of every month Tel 0181 679 6930

* send email messages of protest to Mexican Embassy mexuk@easynet.co.uk and to President Zedillo,

webadmon@pp.presidencia.gob.mx

* The Electronic Disturbance Theatre organise virtual web-resistance to show solidarity with the Zapitistas. On November 22 they are targeting the Department of Defence' 'School of the Americas' - notorious trainers of repressive Latin American military and intelligence forces. There will also be protests outside the 'school' on the day. More info www.thing.net/~rdom/ecd/ecd/html.

THE DYING ROOMS

Imagine an orphanage, baby girls in filthy clothes tied to wicker chairs, their legs splayed. No toys or distractions. Left to just urinate on the floor. Other babies are tied to beds, sometimes five to a cot, left to slowly die. A horrifying scene but it is in fact still happening in China today.

In chinese culture girls and in some cases mentally or physically handicapped boys are seen as a misfortune to the family, or worse sheer unattractive, and are therefore abandoned or left on roadsides, riverbanks, ... The government tried to hide this fact saying there wasn't anything wrong and

Dr Zhang Shuyun from the Children's Welfare Institute had to flee the country after exposing the atrocities in fear of punishment.

In the last years conditions in ONLY five in 100,000 orphanages have been improved! Put pressure on the Chinese government by writing protest letters to The Ambassador, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, 49-51 Portland Place, London W1N 3AH or if you even want to adopt a child contact Overseas Adoption Helpline, P O Box 13899, London N6 4WB

NEW BLOODY BYPASS

"I will like the new road when it opens it will go right through the countryside and it's nice and quiet there" **Child interviewed on TV about the opening of the Newbury bypass (honest)**

Yeah right. With an estimated 25,000 vehicles a day hurtling down four lanes (which in five years will increase to 50,000), it should be the quietest place in Britain. After three years of protests, the Newbury Bypass is nearly complete with only a bit at each end to complete. The Highways Agency (HA) says, "work is on schedule and it will open on time", although, as the Press Officer of W. Berkshire complained to SchNEWS, "They (the HA) won't tell me what the opening date is and it's our road. If you find out would you let me know?" Aside from feeling sorry for press officers, SchNEWS does know that the road will be opening this side of xmas but if your hoping to attend the opening ceremony, you can't cos there won't be one. The HA are shitting themselves there might be a repeat of the 'Newbury Rampage' (SchNEWS 103) where diggers spontaneously combusted and other things broke. Instead they held a 'Childrens Tree Planting Ceremony' a ridiculous televised PR stunt from which the above quote came from, (the children all came from a local public school which explains why they were so good at sticking to the script). The Third Battle of Newbury told us, "All the trees were dead, but they planted them anyway. All the trees the HA planted at Tynford Down are now dead". And the vultures are already moving in on the corpse of the forest. Local developers Trencherwood are applying to build a 'commuter village' in the infill (the land that runs along side a motorway), another wants to build factories and Vodaphone, one of the areas largest employers is threatening to pull out of the town if they can't build shiny new offices amongst the trees.

All this while car over-production continues worldwide. In a sneaky bid to get round an advertising ban on promoting speed, the industry is trying to persuade us faster is good. Honda is currently running an ad that says "For safer overtaking it has the most powerful engine in its class". And on a motoring program the results of a roadhandling test are supposed to persuade us 'slowing down going round corners makes the car unstable', motorists already know that but the way they tell it everyone should buy a faster car.

"There is going to be an 'End of the Road Reunion' on Sunday 10th January 99. For details of this and monthly meetings: 07000 785 20. IPO Box 5642, Newbury, Berks RG14 5WG.thirdbattle@hotmail.com

Birmingham North Relief Road: eviction any minute now as a mob of police & bailiffs start enjoying their work clearing the way for Britain's first privately funded motorway toll road. For direction of camp see SchNEWS 182 TEL: Brum F of E 0121 632 6909 camp mobile 07971 354045

Glen of the Downs - Eviction imminent, need climbers & walkway constructors NOW usual State/big-biz destruction of scenic beauty for consumer traffic Directions Delgany, Co.Wicklow, Ireland.

Avon Ring Road - crunch point looms nearer as contracts for clearance work get signed, today (22nd) Work starting mid-Nov or sooner. Ring 0411 21 41 68.

The Toytown camp in Cheltenham are having a Halloween party on Saturday 31st October, followed the next days with an action. The camp is defending the only piece of woodland left in the town from being trashed by a supermarket, cinema, car-park etc. 0797 1316597 email toytown@stones.com

More people are needed for actions to stop Pioneer Aggregates translocating a wildflower meadow in **Ashton Court Park** (see SchNEWS 183) There's gonna a Halloween party at the Craggy Island Camp Saturday October 31st. 0467 430211.

Eviction alert at the Radstock Railway camp in Somerset, where people are trying to stop Beazer Homes from building high cost fortified executive housing on a green open space displacing wildlife. 01249 701667

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INSIDE SCHNEWS

Animal Liberation Front prisoner Barry Horne who is serving an eighteen year sentence is now in the third week of his third hunger strike. His demands include an immediate end to all non-medical vivisection, and specifically that conducted at Portland Down warfar research establishment, the immediate scrapping of the Animal Procedures Committee (the gov'mnt-sponsored front for the vivisection industry) and a commitment for all vivisection to be stopped by 6th Jan 2000.

Barry called off a previous hunger-strike in February 1997 when New Labour promised to tackle vivisection. Surprise surprise, they still haven't got round to it, even after Home Office discussions with representatives of the Barry Horne Support Campaign.

* Write /phone /fax the Home office - Room 977, 50 Queen Anne's Gate London SW1H 9AT. tel:0171 273 2861, fax: 0171 273 2029 (for the attention of Ric Evans or Steve Wilkes).

Contact Animals Betrayed Coalition, PO Box 21330, London WC1X 0NJ Tel: 0181 208 3289 www.animal liberation.net/barry/

* write to Barry - VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, York, YO4 1PS.

* The recent demonstrations against Hillgrove cat vivisection farm, have resulted in loads of arrests and some people receiving prison sentences. Prisoner support, especially letters, is vital, and is being coordinated by the ALP Supporters' Group. They're getting skint & would really appreciate donations as well as people to write letters to those inside: ALP Supporter Group, BM 1160 London WC1N 3XX, Email 100302.161@COMPUSERVE.COM.

* Eddie Izzard and Robert Newman are among the comedians who are doing a benefit concert for Danny McNamee, sentenced to 25 years for conspiracy to cause explosions after some seriously dodgy forensic evidence. It's on November 2nd at the Jazz Cafe in London and tickets are available from 0171 916 6060

...and finally...

"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist because of the irresponsibility of its own people" **Henry Kissinger, ex-US Secretary of State to Richard Nixon.**

It made SchNEWS heart-bleed to hear that poor old General Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean military dictator, arrested in London while getting treated in a private hospital. In his frequent past visits to Britain, Pinochet had come to expect VIP treatment on arrival at the airport before being whisked off to five-star hotels or tea with Lady Thatcher and a shopping visit to everybodys favourite arms dealers.

Some are not best pleased at his arrest including the United States, who are apparently making behind-the-scenes gestures that the general should not be extradited to Spain to face charges of torture and genocide - maybe because it might expose the role the US planned in the coup that brought him to power?

What coup? Well, in 1971, Chileans elected Salvador Allende, a socialist whose attempts at wealth redistribution were destroyed by an unremitting CIA campaign of subversion. Economic chaos was achieved, Allende was assassinated and Washingtons man's, General Pinochet, began a military reign that saw thousands of Chileans murdered, tortured and 'disappeared'. However he became a darling of America and Thatcher with his free-market 'reforms' and support of our boys in the Falklands war.

Still, SchNEWS has its collective fingers crossed that Pinochet, in the twilight of his life, gets to experience some of the treatment he once seemed so keen to dish out to his opponents.

(we know we keep on going on about it, but to get a wider picture of what happened in Chile and generally what make the capitalist world tick, we highly recommend 'Hidden Agendas' by John Pilger published by Vintage). Can we have a free copy now please?

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oi, put this down, you don't know where it's been.

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ORWELL'S OSCARS

"Imagine the future as a boot stamping on a person's face" - George Orwell, 1984

The first annual UK Big Brother awards took place in London on Monday. Awards went to various government and corporate institutions - those forces of darkness that keep a shady eye on us all. They love to watch us, but we laughed to watch them exposed to the unwelcome spotlight, in a ceremony organised by watchdog group Privacy International and compered by Channel 4 comedian, yer man Mark Thomas.

Bigger and sexier than the Oscars or any other such pieces of tack, these awards featured a golden boot stamping on a head. For the truth is becoming stranger and scarier than the Orwell's fictional dystopia*. We are all being watched, every day by an ever-tightening web of video cameras, police systems, and a vast range of computer-based surveillance databases. Uh-oh: too many powerful people have been reading their Orwell and taking it too seriously. Time to kick up some fuss...

Earlier in the day, cameras followed an activist doorstepping the unwilling recipients with their awards. Among those upon whom the dubious honour was bestowed was Newham Council, winners of the 'local government' category for launching a digital facial recognition system that allows their 140 CCTV cameras to identify up to 1000 people per second as they walk down the streets, matching them against police databases. Council officials appeared disgruntled when the cameras were turned on them, but after half an hour of playing with PR men and invading council meetings, the receptionist finally accepted the award in the Council's behalf - just as two coppers walked in through the entrance.

Next was the Department of Trade and Industry, who want us to hand over to the government our key passwords so the security services can read encrypted email. Funnily enough, the impetus for this comes entirely from the US, who have been instilling in our compliant government their outrage at people's ability to send messages to one another that the authorities can't read. What's the difference between a Dti policy maker and a shopping trolley? - A shopping trolley has a mind of its own. Yet they were pretty quick to make up their mind when presented with their award this time a whole posse of police carried out the award bearer, still clutching the trophy.

Other award winners included arms manufacturers Procurement Services International (PSI) - featured on 'World in Action' selling surveillance technology equipment to the Indonesian regime with a nod and a wink from Tony Blair - scooped the award in the 'corporate' category. Another firm, Harlequin, took the 'product' award with their *Watcall* telephone billing software. *Watcall* allows UK police to analyse personal BT phone bill information to monitor links between friends and contact networks without a Home Office warrant.

But if you're really the sort of person who grew up looking through keyholes, opening other people's mail and listening at the bedroom door of newly-married couples, perhaps you too should consider a career with the US National Security Agency (NSA) winners of the 'Lifetime Achievement' award. At Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire they maintain the largest spy surveillance base in the western hemisphere since WWII, monitoring 'e-mails, telephone and fax communications' day in day out via 40,000 phone lines and satellites (see SchNEWS 160). Even Ladbrokes wouldn't offer odds on the American spies scooping this special golden boot.

Shouts went up as Mark Thomas presented the Winston ('Winnie') awards (after the character Winston Smith in 1984) to people who have been striking back a blow for the little people against these snooping bods. Peace campaigner Linda Percy picked up a 'Lifetime Achievement' award for her running battle with the US Menwith Hill spy base. Among the others, Tash Lodge received a Winnie for his work photographing police harassment of travellers and festival-goers, and

SchNEWS also scooped one, which made our bosoms swell with pride.

Having promised an annual awards event in the future, Privacy International are looking at doing the 'Brother's' in eight countries across the world, starting with the US in April 1999. Simon Davies, director of PI said "it's taken over 8 years to get here, but now we have a solid platform of campaigners, activists and people power to take it to them. We have a serious anti-surveillance movement on our hands."

*Dystopia, n. Nightmarish fictional world (opp. utopia). - SchNEWS VocabWatch

The Big Brother Survival Kit is now available, comprising a wealth of no-bullshit explanation, plus practical advice on how to protect yourself from the nosey-parkers. Includes Bloggers' guide to encryption - essential reading. Send £1 worth of stamps to SchNEWS with an SAE.

"EVERY DAY IS PIE DAY"

Robert Shapiro, Chief Executive of Monsanto, was hit in the face with a tofu creme pie on Tuesday night at the "State of the World Forum" (a mere \$5,000 a ticket), in San Francisco. Shapiro addressed the audience (with a little help from Burson Marsteller-the PR company responsible for making bad-nasty companies look nice and yummy) by explaining Monsanto's crucial role in saving the earth from soil erosion, pollution, overpopulation, famine, and the destructiveness of industrial society* (ehmm.) On leaving the stage, he stopped to chat with a heckler on genetic engineering and corporate crime. At this point the Biotic Baking Brigade (BBB) Field Agents Custard and Lemon Meringue approached him and let fly with tofu creme and sweet potato pies, before getting nicked.

The BBB struck another blow against globalisation in the same city earlier this month when one of its operatives threw a pie in the face of free-market obsessive Milton Friedman (friend of General Pinochet and adviser to Thatcher too boot) at a conference he organized on the privatization of public education. The fan-thrower cried "Mr. Friedman, it's a good day to pie!" before flopping the tasty coconut creme pie in his face. Pie-thrower Al Decker was arrested and charged with misdemeanor battery. The flapping incident is part of BBB's campaign of 'delicious mischief'.

*Check out the Biblical text for all creme crusaders, Noel Goddens book, 'Cream and Punishment, the inspiration behind the International Brigade Pattiserie, who's ultimate target is to pie the Pope!

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DOVERS RACIST SOLE

"While Labour luvvies dribble on at that most historic of northern pleasure outlets, Blackpool, we are left with the backdraft of a nation's human sewage and NO CASH to wash it down the drain." **Dover Express Editorial**

"They are 'parasites' who milk the welfare system, shoplift, pick-pocket, hang around insulting women and run brothels". No, these aren't crude lies about Jews from the pages of Adolf Hitler's "Der Stürmer" in the 1930s; they're crude lies about Roma and Kosovan asylum-seekers from recent issues of the **Dover Express** - Kent's premiere rabble rousing rag. Last week three families of asylum-seekers had their windows smashed, a missile narrowly missed a child and fireworks were thrown through the broken window; a sign left said, "we will burn you out". The addresses attacked had been printed in full by the Daily Mail in an article. **Dover Residents Against Racism (DRAR)** met to discuss their response, "...it's starting to feel like Montgomery, Alabama down here". Meanwhile the **Dover Express** reported that local, Paul James intends to stand for the BNP, and is refusing to do building work for anyone who supports the asylum seekers.

As racist assaults continue, DRAR is convinced that the **Dover Express** bears a large share of responsibility. The latest cycle of hostility began in early October when the **Express** ran a poisonous editorial on 'Scroungers Incorporated', arguing that **Dover** police were badly overstretched by refugees, bootleggers and drug-traffickers.

Ever since last year, when the first Roma refugees arrived in **Dover**, there has been a nasty undercurrent of racism in the town, with the National Front holding two minuscule rallies to help whip up racism. In August there was a successful Multi-Cultural Festival in the town, but in the past few weeks the bigots have gone back on the offensive, following the arrival of refugees fleeing the civil war in Kosovo.

But not everyone in the town is racist. One letter writer argued "We are supposed to be proud of British law which assumes anyone is innocent until proved guilty. But treatment of asylum-seekers in **Dover** assumes the exact opposite. It's no good saying we support genuine refugees when nobody wants to believe any of them are."

DRAR who have used leafletting in **Dover** told SchNEWS "The fascists are weak and poorly organised. Nevertheless, if they are allowed to try and exploit the present circumstances they could well have an influence out of all proportion to their size." More info: ***Dover Residents Against Racism** c/o Refugee Link, PO Box 417, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4GT 8 *Check out the campaign against the National Front in **Dover's** homepage www.canterbury-uk.net.com/Dover.

SAB SEASON STARTS

If you thought sabs would be relaxing this season, safe in the knowledge that the long-promised ban had freed this country of one of its most shameful traditions, think again! This season's killing is well under way. Some hunts around the country barely stopped over the summer and all have been out for weeks. Legislation has been so ineffective at deterring sabs that our worthy government have sunk to the pathetic level of trying to ban face masks! But sabs will be out there making our presence felt until the day hunting is banned. And shooting. And fishing. But we need you... For more info: PO Box 2786, Brighton BN2 2YD. Tel: 01273 622827 *A national week of action against the fur trade will take place from Monday 16th November till 21st. Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade PO Box 38, Manchester, M60 1NX / London Animal Action 0171 278 3068 ***Shoreham Protestors Meeting** - every Tuesday 8pm at Harbour Cafe, Hove Lagoon, Hove, East Sussex. ***The Shoreham Protestor**, issued fortnightly 30p + SAE from 7 Stoneham Road, Hove BN3 5HJ *National Demo against **The Meat Industry's Smithfield** show Sunday 29th November 9am - 6pm Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, London SW5 (Earls Court tube) 0171 278 3068

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A bunch of people from Brighton are gonna try and organise a coach to the appeal date of **General Pinochet**, the delightful ex-Chilean dictator who was recently told by the High Court that it was OK for him to murder and torture thousands of people in his country because he was a head of state! Ring the office and leave your phone number if you want to go *** SchNEWS was saddened to hear the departure of **Rank's Chief Executive** for an undisclosed sum because profits dropped 16% to just £11million. So what about the future of **Lyminge Forest** in Kent, where Rank want to build a massive holiday village. Seems the 'village' is on hold at the moment and the forest is safe for now *** They've got to be 'avin a laugh, but apparently Manchester airport has objected to the Romper public house expanding its kitchens near one of its dirty great hangers. It complained to the planners that it wanted the kitchens smaller to "reflect the importance of the Bolin Valley, an area of special landscape value." Excuse us, but aren't these the same organisation who have poured 750,000 tons of concrete into the Valley to build a second runway *** Bored, SchNEWS went to the **Labour Party** web site and tapped in the word 'socialist' on our search drive. Guess how many times it came up on our screen? Pat yourself on the back if you guessed the number as zero *** **The Birmingham Northern Relief Road** benefit will now be on 21st November at Screamers, Worcester St Wolverhampton but with no **Headmix Collective**. Other DJs are being sorted out - £3 in. With the eviction of one camp so close, the benefit needs to be a big one. **WARNING! Road protest has not gone away... 01902 771920*** Reclaim The Streets** - the movie will be showing at The Meeting Room, Friends of the Earth Warehouse, Allison Street, Digbeth, Birmingham - Wed 11th November 7pm*** Last week, the joint Master of the North Beaufort Hunt, Captain Ian Farquhar, pleaded guilty to poisoning a stretch of the River Avon to allowing a chemical to leak from the Hives kennels. Thousands of endangered white crayfish were killed and Farquhar was fined £6,000 and ordered to pay legal costs ***Brighton Theatre Events are putting on a national tour of "The Football Factory". A tale of football, fascism and police surveillance". For the tour dates ring 01273 821 054***Exodus are hosting a 'Week-end' of discussion on 'Freeing the Weed' starting Fri 13th Nov including a **Dubdiddly Extravaganza** starring **Headmix Collective** and **Tarantism** for details ring 01582 876 721*** **Brighton and Hove Green Party** are holding an Autumn Green Fayre on Saturday 7th November 10am - 5pm at the Friends Meeting House, Ship St. Come and say hello to SchNEWS

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The Police Federation this week lost a £1.2million libel action against Channel 4. Former inspector Trevor Gladding of Gloucester police sued Channel 4 after the broadcast of a 'Trial and Error' programme concerning an 'alleged' miscarriage of justice in the case of Tony Poole and Gary Mills. The programme suggested that Mr Gladding had told a key witness not to attend the trial, and later perjured himself when he denied doing so. Tony Poole and Gary Mills were jailed for life in 1989 for a murder they say they did not commit... Gary admits fighting with the victim, Hensley Wiltshire, but denies killing him. When Mr Wiltshire was taken to hospital for the second time by the police, he was found to have more injuries than the first time. Coincidentally he was not liked by the local force.

*Write to Tony Poole WM1030- HMP Long Lartin, South Littleton, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 5TZ.

*Gary Mills WM469-HMP Edeastoke, Earlestone, Devises, Wilts, SN10 STU *Or contact their campaign, c/o Garry Blossome, Robert Blackford & co. Hill House, 1 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA

AMNESTY CONDEMN US PRISONS

"Too often, human rights in the USA are a tale of two nations: rich and poor, white and black, male and female" Pierre Sare, Amnesty International Secretary General

This month Amnesty International reported systemic abuse of basic human rights in America.

Despite having the most powerful economy in the world it's people are marginalized because of race, poverty and deprivation.

Racist police persistently use force that is out of proportion to the threat faced. They use an arsenal that includes pepper gas, guns, electro-shock weaponry and batons. Young Black and Latino men are particularly at risk. Local community and civil rights groups say 'Zero Tolerance' has led to unacceptable levels of police brutality. No-one knows how many people the American police have killed, because of an effective internal 'hush-up' code.

There are 1.7 million people in prison in America. 60% are from ethnic minorities. Many are beaten, shackled, threatened with firearms or beaten up by other prisoners. Overcrowding has led to the increased use of chemical, mechanical and electro-shock restraint on prisoners; and physical and sexual violence, made worse by not segregating unsuited prisoners. Dozens of jails are reported to have overflowing toilets, rat infested cells and ventilation... and prisoners are forced to sleep on the floor. Public demand for harsher treatment of prisoners leads to such violations going unchallenged.

Since 1990, more than 350 people have been executed in the US. America has the highest known death row population on earth: over 3,300. America only comes behind China, Saudi Arabia and Iran in the total number of people it killed last year - 76, mainly by lethal injection or electrocution. The way the death sentence is used is shown to be racist: 82% of people executed since 1977 were for the murder of a white person.

Asylum seekers in America are often imprisoned and detained indefinitely. The number of asylum seekers detained has risen 75% in the last two years. They are frequently denied visits by lawyers, family and interpreters, making their claims for asylum very hard to process. Jailers do not differentiate in their treatment of asylum seekers and other prisoners. Despite America's leading role in creating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it seems to be doing it's damndest to disregard basic human rights for many of its citizens.

For a copy of the report contact **Amnesty**, 90-119 Rosebery Ave., London, EC1R 4RE 0171 814 6200

...and finally...

Y2K, or Year2000, and the idea of international chaos spontaneously happening over something so simple as a computer chip for some of us is poetry in motion. The panic is setting in. The news that 10 per cent of the US top executives are stockpiling canned goods, buying generators and even purchasing handguns gives an indication of the extent of a situation that looms within less than 15 months from now, yet is being hushed by fear of scaring the public. Of 330 executives surveyed, 86 percent said they believed the millennium bug would be fixed in time, 11 percent were buying generators and wood stoves, and 13 percent were upgrading personal security with alarm systems, fencing and firearms. Roughly 75 percent of the executives surveyed recommended that individual Americans check to make sure their bank computers are prepared for 2000, and others are being advised to have printed statements as proof of savings. In Canada all Police leave is cancelled for the first three months of the year.

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WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER POST BANG



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PIES FLY IN FREE-TRADE FURY



Tofu

Arguably one of the world's most powerful men, Renato Ruggiero, Director of the World Trade Organisation, received two cream pies in the face last Friday by anonymous activists from the Biotic Baking Brigade (B.B.B.) Ruggiero, in London to attend a conference on 'Trade Investment and the Environment' had just been hit by this double-whammy, when from somewhere behind him, whipped cream came squirting all over his bald head.

The WTO is one of the lesser-known UN agencies, but it has a bold mission; in Ruggiero's words, they have been 'writing the constitution of a single global economy'. As the organisation's first boss, he is charged with the job of knocking aside any obstacles to the corporations clamouring to rip out the resources from beneath the feet of peoples of all nations. Any problems with that? Campaign groups were welcome to discuss them with him at the London conference, for the once-in-a-lifetime, bargain knock-down price of £440. 'We're practically giving the tickets away!' cried organisers the Royal Institute of International Affairs. 'We must be mad!' (actually, they didn't say those things).

Gasps

You might have thought Ruggiero mad if you'd heard him outline his vision of how the environment will be saved by unshackled economic growth. All pie in the sky - but minutes later, outside the conference at Chatham House, he had egg, quite literally, on his face. 'This is a present from the disposed!' cried one of the activists, handy with a flan or two, before vanishing into the west London crowds. Gasps went up as the Ruggiero stumbled blindly back into the building, leaving his cream-spattered spectacles out on the pavement.

A BBB spokesperson active in the UK told SchNEWS; 'Ruggiero has been singled out by our crack team of pie-throwers armed with the latest in low intensity lemon custard device technology. Today we sent a sticky message to Ruggiero and his global elite. No token amendments to international investment frameworks that give all rights to corporations and none to people, are acceptable: they must be scrapped.'

He is the first to feel the power of the pie in the UK, but only the latest in a recent world-wide spate of pieings. Last Tuesday, genetic engineering supremo Robert Shapiro, head of Monsanto, got a pie in the face San Francisco (that one was made of tofu, kids) in the same month as did economist Milton Friedman, that infamous sucker of corporate cock.

All over the place activists have been taking a leaf out of Delia Smith's book, relieving powerful figures of their dignity and making them eat, in a very real sense, humble pie. Head of Microsoft Bill Gates famously became the first victim, and since then intrepid entarteurs* have been becoming increasingly bold in pursuit of their ultimate aim: to put a pie in the face of the Pope.

The General Command of the Biotic Baking Brigade (GC-BBB) have recently issued a communiqué following an emergency session, announcing two new global campaigns. The 'Pie Snowball' is a 'call to arms for revolutionary bakers across the world' and incites an 'autonomous, diffuse pastry uprising'. The idea is for one entarteur in every region to make the first throw, so inspiring others to do the same.

Pie2K

The second offensive, developed by a joint task force of disaffected computer nerds and GC-BBB military advisors, has been codenamed 'Pie2K'. This targets the computer industry execs and consultants whose short-sighted pursuit of profit has allowed the Millennium bug to arise, and will send a shower of pies across Silicon Valley.

The communiqué reads; 'Just Do It! We are all pie-throwing anarchists. There's an oven on every street and cooking materials in every home.' Let the games commence...

*Entarteur, n. One who throws pies. [F, coined by Belgian Noel Godin of the Pâtisserie Brigade Internationale] - SchNEWS Vocab Watch

'The How To Pie guide' and other pieing stories on...

<http://www.sfweekly.com/archives/1998/102198/bayview2.html?query=pieing>

Biotic Baking Brigade latest pictures -<http://www.undercurrents.org/>

www.undercurrents.org/

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For mistaken identity. Catalan activist Adolfo Montolin approached some Barcelona cops at a railway station and asked "Can I have two with cheese please?" The rozzers in their newly designed uniforms that make them look like workers from a local sandwich bar chain were not amused and dragged him off. He was charged with assaulting a police officer and the old Francesque law of 'showing disrespect to someone in authority' was wheeled out as well.

Yer SchNEWS man-on-the-spot tried to ask if these were the original vegan police - but the language barrier got in the way. The trial continues...

LEG IT

We know New Labour are threatening to crack down on pupils who bunk off school, but in Newry, Northern Ireland things seem to be getting a little out of hand. One lad was playing truant when two RUC men in an armoured car spotted him. The lad legged it, chased in hot pursuit by one copper while the other heavily armed constable radioed for reinforcements. The boy headed towards a housing estate, where seven RUC vehicles searched for an hour. He was eventually found by his uncle hiding in a wardrobe in his uncle's house, shaking and frightened. As Republican News points out 'Where would we be without this fine force?'

PINOCHET

Somewhere in the Palace of Westminster, a committee of Law Lords continues to deliberate over whether Chile's former dictator, General Pinochet, should be handed over to Spain for trial, or let off the hook. Helped into power by the US, this man could still be brought to account for mindbending atrocities we may barely glimpse in the faces of some of the Chilean people now holding vigil outside Parliament. If these people don't experience justice, we can none of us expect justice in the New World Order...

The Lords' conclusion is not now due until Monday at the earliest, and Chilean exile groups together with families of torture victims, are organising protests.

*Saturday, Trafalgar Square: rally from 1pm onwards

*Sunday, picket where Pinochet is being held at the Grovelands Priory Hospital (shout and he'll hear you!) The Bourne, 200 metres away from Southgate tube, 13:00 onwards.

*Keep your ears to the ground next week for news of the Lords' verdict. Phone 0171 2076417 (eves) or 0403 660128 (mobile)

UPPER HAND

The world's favourite 'peacekeeper' Uncle Sam has just announced a 10% increase in arms to **£165 billion!** That's about £660 per taxpayer and could prompt other countries into raising their defence budgets again. Russia's arms spending has steadily fallen to 80% since 1989, and Britain's by 30%, in line with the superpowers promise to demilitarise, but now everyone else is towing the line, America is busily doubling its missiles budget.

* \$2 billion slice of the extra defence spending will go to Americas spy network.

* In a recent interview with *Army* magazine US Defense Secretary William S. Cohen predicted the army will patrol US Streets "Terrorism is escalating to the point that Americans soon may have to choose between civil liberties and more intrusive means of protection."

** Campaign Against Militarism, BCM CAM, London, WC1N 3XX Tel 01993 703619

HOUSE HUNTING

Activists last week occupied the offices of Bryant Country Homes in Eynsham calling for Homes for Need not Greed. Campaigners told SchNEWS the destruction of miles of precious greenbelt land to build this type of luxury housing does nothing to address real housing need. Bryant were targeted because they refuse to take local opinion into consideration, and the group's Chief Executive, Andrew Mackenzie, is Vice President of the House Builders Federation - the industry lobby group that has been trying to persuade government that nearly 5 million new houses need to be built by 2016, at the cost of putting an estimated 1,000 square miles of green fields and woodland under concrete. However, even the national homelessness charity Shelter has concluded that there is no need to build on greenbelt land to meet housing need. Action for Social Housing 0378 454063

URGENT, Box HN, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford, OX4 1RQ 07000 785202 email info@urgent.org.uk

STUDENT GRANT

40 Cambridge University students occupied the Vice chancellors office last Friday to protest against tuition fees (see SchNEWS 185) as part of the National Union of students day of action (which is a bit of a joke cos the NUS don't agree with action and think the abolition of the grant is a great idea.) The registrar complained they were disrupting the university (silly old us, we thought that was the idea of occupations!) but then offered them the Senate House instead! One student told SchNEWS "there were meetings, banner making, hopscotch and football with sellotape. The hopscotch worried security a lot, since deary anyone who plays it is a dangerous troublemaker out to start a rave." * If any other students are doing stuff against tuition fees - let us know.

Time for lunch

A couple of days ago we received an email from the solicitor of an anti-roads camp complaining about us telling every body to get there for the eviction. He told us there isn't any eviction yet or even threatened and not to waste peoples time and energies, a fair point except that SchNEWS can only go on what you tell us and whilst we make every effort to verify stories, we have to trust sources, especially if we don't know the person 'in charge' of the mobile. So please, get it right! Which brings us to... A while ago we put out an appeal from the last two people left at the Bingley Bypass 'Rye Loaf' camp desperately asking for people to go and defend the fully equipped tree village and tunnels, well don't bother, Bingley Council, after getting the go ahead for the by-pass did a recon and finding a deserted camp leveled the place, taking out 16 mature trees at the same time. Not every camp can be as sexy as Newbury - please, please - check out the small ones. OK, Schmoan over.

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International No Shop Day 98 is on Saturday 29th November Join the anti-consumerism campaign, train yourself for the fall of consumerism due on the 1st of the new millennium. ENOUGH, One World Centre, 6 Mount St, Manchester M1 5NS tel: 0161 226 6668 www.envirolink.org/issues/enough/index. *** The trial of **Outrage!** campaigner Peter Tatchell for 'indecent behaviour in a church' (i.e. speaking out about sexual orientation) has been adjourned. He was one of a group of campaigners who upset anti-gay Archbishop Carey's Easter service at Canterbury Cathedral (Sch 163). He is fighting this prosecution on the issue of free speech and the right to peaceful protest. Peter will be in Canterbury Magistrates Court at 10.30 am on November 30th and would welcome your support. Outrage! 0181 240 0222 for more info. *** Michael Winrow is setting up a Brighton based web site to feature pictures and writing by **gay artists** get in touch at: michael@winrow.com *** Gen up! Loads on the latest developments in the nuclear industry by watchdogs **WISE** - PO Box 59636, 1040 LC Amsterdam www:http://antenna.nl/~wise** * O! Monsanto... **Food*Health*Nope. The Corner House** have a briefing on how multivitaminised mutant spuds will not feed Africa, as their slick PR campaign would like to disinform us all. An informative and reasoned criticism- PO Box 3137, Station Road, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1YJ *** The **Anarchist Teapot** is now open in dear old conservative Worthing. Go along and have a free tea and join the rebellion! It's off Montague Street, opp. Allied Carpets. *** **TO CAST OFF THE NORMAN Yoke BY 2066** In 1649 - at the end of the English Civil War - The Diggers asserted the right to rent-free land for all. Next April **The Land Is Ours** will be celebrating and reviving the Digger spirit. An events planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November 7pm. ASS Office, 2 St. Pauls Road London N1, Canonbury BR *** National demonstration against live exports Friday 20th November. A day of action from 8am at Dover Eastern Dock. **Kent Action Against Live Exports** - Tel: 01304 613904 *** **Hillingdon Hospital Strikers** who recently won their epic three year strike against low pay (see SchNEWS 188) are now lobbying Granada, who are not legally bound to give the women their jobs back. Bring your banners to Granada Headquarters, 13 Cleveland Row off Pall Mall, St James SW1 on Wed Nov 18th. 0956 135311 *** The next Trident Ploughshares 2000 Disarmament Camp will be at Culpport from 9th-17th Nov. *TP2000, 42-46 Bethel Street, Norwich NR2 1NR Tel: 01603 611953. *** On Wednesday, students and peace activists protested against the Oxford colleges' investment in arms exporting companies. While a banner that read '**Oxford Colleges Share in Murder**' was dropped out of the Examination Schools on Oxford High Street, others took part in a symbolic die-in with fake blood and scattered blood money. CAAT 0171 281 0297

Besetted

On Monday, 19 people were convicted of that well known law 'besetting', and received sentences averaging 100 hours community service. They had been arrested during a 'trick or treat' action on Halloween 1997 at the offices of HJ Banks, the despised open cast mining company (see SchNEWS 139). 'Besetting' - to watch or beset a house or premises with a view to prevent them from going about their lawful business - a common law offence until 1992, when it was made a statutory offence. It is an anti-trade union, anti-picketing offence and SchNEWS reckons it could be the first time it has been used against activists in this way. Go on clever clogs, prove us wrong.

Inside SchNEWS

"I am sorry that this court did not rule on the right side of history. But I am not surprised. Every time our nation has come to a fork in the road with regard to race, it has chosen to take the path of compromise and betrayal... a court cannot make an innocent man guilty. Any ruling founded on injustice is not justice. The righteous fight for life, liberty, and for justice can only continue." **Mumia Abu-Jamal**

Last Thursday the Pennsylvania Supreme Court signed away the life of Mumia Abul Jamal by denying him the right for a new trial. Mumia, a journalist and member of the radical black ecological group has been on death row for the fifteen years for a crime he did not commit. Protests are being organised as we speak and SchNEWS will keep you informed.

Fax letters of protest to Gov. Tom Ridge (00) 717 783 4429

Read: '25 years on the MOVE' £3 inc p&g from Friends of MOVE, PO Box 14129, London, W12 8GR

* In 1988 **Raphael Rowe, Michael Davis and Randolph Johnson** were found guilty of the "M2 Murder". During the trial even the judge said "So much of the evidence is itself tainted for one reason or another and there is considerable uncertainty and inconsistency in important areas." Like the fact that police were looking for three men, two of whom were white, one with fair hair and blue eyes - while those convicted were all black. The campaign to free the men is asking for people to write to the Criminal Cases Review Commission to ask why it has taken them nearly a year and a half to review the case and refer it to the Court of Appeal. In the letter mention that, "one of the reasons the Commission was established was to cut the deals in dealing with miscarriages of justice. In this case the commission has not only failed but has contributed to the mental torture of the innocent." Send protest letters to Mr. Karamjit Singh, Criminal Cases Review Commission, Alpha Tower, Suffolk Street Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1TT *M25 Campaign, 28 Grimsell Park, Camberwell, London, SE5 0TB

* Animal liberation prisoner, **Barry Horne**, currently serving an 18-year sentence for animal rights 'offences', is now entering his fifth week on hunger strike demanding that the UK Labour government keep its election pledges on vivisection. Next weekend there will be actions in support of him, beginning with occupation of local Labour Party offices on Friday 13th, and a day of action on the Saturday. Meet Junction 15a services on M1. Details 0589 026435

Letters of support Barry Horne VC2141, MMP Full Sutton, York YO4 1PS.

...and finally...

SchNews has some sad and sorry news to offer to its readers. (Cue violins...) Sir Paul Condon, Male man of the Met, said last week that he has been living like "a pauper for 30 years as a public servant." Apparently his paltry £95,000 a year job just isn't even enough to buy himself a new car. New recruits to the Met are on a starting salary of only £16,000, yet Sir Pood says this is almost "invitation to malpractice...if you are serious about integrity you must make sure there is a reasonable level of pay and conditions...". Right, we get it Pood. so the Stephen Lawrence murder investigation wouldn't have been such a corrupt shambles if coppers were paid more so they didn't need to be bribed. So. Oi. You claiming the sick when we dont think you are... You working in that cafe for £3 an hour cash in hand to top up yer £40 per week giro...NO! Thats corruption, but its ok, at least the Met understands you were 'invited' by your circumstances!

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SchNEWS warns all readers not to have pie-in-the-sky ideas. They get real, your stupid dreams won't change a thing. So why not just sit at home, watch tv, go on endless (crap-cake) shopping sprees and then you will feel content (and probably quite sick). Honest go!



wake up! wake up! it's yer chronologically challenged

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THE CHIPS ARE DOWN

"We are staring down the barrel of a national emergency."

Tony Blair, March 1998

Its January 31st 1999, the eve of the next millennium, you're at a party waiting for the clock to strike midnight. The countdown begins. Midnight and the sound system shuts down, the lights go out. Everyone pours onto the streets to total confusion. The roads are gridlocked, the traffic lights have shut down. No chance of getting a taxi so you walk home. It's freezing cold, the heating's packed up so you pick up the phone to complain. The line's dead. Welcome to 2000.

The 'millennium bug', or Y2K (year 2000) as it is now commonly called, is the failure of computer chips to digitally recognize the change of year from 1999 to 2000. At the turn of the century the computers' could think that time has returned to the year 1900. Many are speculating, but the truth is that no-one really knows what the consequences of this 'error of judgment' are going to be.

"Y2K is more than just a problem of computer failure. It is about legal dilemmas, insurance black spots, broken supply chains, public order and contingency planning. The bug has exposed the fragility of a just-in-time economy." Simon Davies, (The Independent) In a recent TV documentary the Head of the Royal Commission for the Effects of the Millennium Bug cited "6 months of major destruction as the best case scenario."

The Government is playing the situation down, pampering the public with the notion that the problem is merely a bug, and can therefore be swatted or squashed as such. Their recent toaster and video campaigns, (the latter alone cost them a ripe £8 million), only asks 'will your appliances survive?' Labour's latest scheme is to train 20,000 staff from small and medium sized businesses to create what Blair calls 'an army of bugsters'. And Gwyneth Flower, director of the Government body Action 2000, suggested that people at the most may stock up on a few extra candles.

So why is there this pre-occupation with the 'small' such as small businesses, toasters, and the stocking of candles? The supposedly 'independent' Bank of England has been silenced on the matter by the Government. One freelance journalist told SchNews that

he has received more than the one phone call from the Government concerning his Y2K scribblings, warning him of scaremongering the public. Why the concern? Maybe there's more at stake than just burnt toast and candle wax on the carpet. Could it be to do with the fact that punters may withdraw their shares in companies, withdraw their money from their accounts, or stock-pile a months worth of groceries...just in case? These sudden jolts in economic behavior would themselves cause widespread chaos.

A leaked Government memo last week admitted that troops may be needed to maintain emergency services. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, expressed concern over the disbandment of units of the Territorial Army as they might be needed to help the regular army amidst fears that key areas like electricity and telecommunications will be affected by the millennium mayhem.

Aviation authorities are admitting that the bug may well paralyze air traffic. The chairman of the Aviation Insurance Offices Association stated "It is impossible to say where the failures may occur...If air companies are not entirely sure, they won't go."

CND are "deeply suspicious" of the wherea-

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For shouting 'burn the pope' Steve who runs 'The Hemp Corporation' shop in Brighton was nicked at the Lewes Bonfire night for his outburst - despite the fact that there was a giant effigy of the Pope heading for one of the fires! Finding 1kg of cannabis on him, and obviously a danger to the public he spent the next 16 hours in the cells before telling them it was a fair-cop guv but 1kg was nothing compared to the 2 1/2 tons of cannabis back at his shop. Six officers rushed over to Church St where they did find 2 1/2 tons of Hemp...unfortunately for them it was all in the form of clothing!

(Interesting to see that Sussex Police have started to treat the fireworks display like just another protest - going mob handed, blocking off streets unnecessarily and perching on top of cherry pickers filming everybody. Don't the cops just love crowds.)

bouts of the date sensitive chips in regards to the worlds nuclear arsenal. Will missiles confused by the date change decide to launch themselves?

'The Bug in the Bomb', a report out this week by Basic, the British American Security Information Council, cites a test at a radar centre where the clocks were put forward to the year 2000. The results? Total Systems blackout! In Dublin recently, the clocks were put forward again to test the workings of traffic lights. The results? Unless they have a contingency plan, there will be chaos on the streets. But don't panic the Government says your toaster will still work.

It's looking increasingly likely that the UK economy will be thrown into turmoil. Gwyneth Flower of Action 2000 believes that 200,000 businesses could likely go under with an estimated 2 million job losses.

And what about the water supply? Water companies have refused to give any guarantees, while stock piling bottled water. Doesn't bode well. With water treatment plants being controlled by computers any hiccups in the system could mean sewage being discharged into our water ways and dubiously coloured water coming out of our taps.

So why is the Government playing down the millennium bug? Robin Guenier of industry-backed Taskforce 2000 doesn't believe they're sounding enough alarm bells. "I'm sure the Government is in agony over this. It doesn't want to be held responsible for any panic..."

So don't worry. For goodness sake don't concern yourselves with banks, oil rigs, nuclear missiles, supermarkets, power stations or public utilities. It's alright. Everything's alright. Relax. Have a piece of warm toast.

It's OK. It's fine.

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TOXIC SLUDGE IS GOOD FOR YOU

While the boss of British Energy pats himself on the back about recent 'interim profits' and the lack of greenhouse gases from the 'clean' nuclear industry (as for the waste products - 'safe as houses' says the Big Boss tells us), SchNEWS asks: Where does all the material that makes the nuclear industry tick come from in the first place?

Jabiluka is in Kakadu national park, a world heritage site in N. Australia, home to diverse landforms and species. It's also rich in uranium. Since the election of John Howard's Liberal government the mining of uranium is subject to no more restrictions than any other substance, a decision made without public debate.

The land is traditionally owned by the Mirrar Aboriginal people. Aboriginal systems of land use are hard to explain in Western terms but as they do not share our concept of ownership, it's easy to take advantage of them. Kakadu contains sacred sites and burial grounds, for the Mirrar to lose any of it would be a spiritual and emotional loss as well as a physical one.

Uranium was first found in Kakadu in the early 70s, and the Ranger mine, near Jabiluka, opened in 78. Although Mirrar people spoke consistently against the mine, their protests were ignored. Toby Gangle, then senior traditional owner, reacted by saying, "I've given up. It's been six years now I'm not fighting any more." He died soon after. In 18 years, the mine has had over 100 incidents of mismanagement and safety breaches, including the release of contaminated water into Kakadu. Workers' health and safety has also been a problem, with repeated strikes and disputes. In 1992 the Mirrar began the Stop Jabiluka campaign with actions all over Australia. Until May this year there was a blockade on the road to the mining lease. With the onset of the wet season the camp is no longer liveable and so actions are planned around Australia.

First Hand Account

Spending time at Jabiluka showed me more clearly why protesters felt so strongly. After being there three weeks and travelling around Kakadu I began to get more of a feel for the land and what we were trying to protect. Seeing the life a lot of the Mirrar have been reduced to in nearby towns, showed me vividly how much they had lost. If Kakadu could become so important to me in just weeks, how much more must it mean to a people who had been there for thousands of years and built up a way of life around it? Their culture is inextricably tied to the land, so they are losing more than a few hectares when the bulldozers move in - being paid off for the land is no compensation. The effect western land ownership ideas have had on the Aboriginal community is evident all over Australia on the streets and in job centres and pubs. Because of the damage alcohol has done to so many of her people, Mirrar elder Yvonne Marganila has banned it from the camp. After I left the camp, some British tourists asked me why I bothered with a campaign in a remote place on the other side of the world, especially when I could have been frying on a beach. Maybe these people had failed to grasp the essentially global nature of all nuclear issues. Uranium mined at Jabiluka could go on to uphold oppressive regimes or power games anywhere in the world and end up contaminating other places - quite possibly in Britain. Until all humans realise we share a responsibility for each other and the planet nothing will change until we have nowhere left to mine and no-one left to oppress. The Jabiluka Action Group website is at <http://www.jag.org.au>

SchNEWS in brief

So now New Labour are announcing plans to tackle the mass sickie - people bunking off work when they're not really ill at all. Absenteeism among public sector workers runs at an average of 10 days a year. But what do they expect when most work is dull mind-numbing drudgery that swallows up peoples lives. Expect for a shorter working week? *** Buy Nothing Day campaigners wouldn't approve, but the Japanese government is giving away £3.47 billion of coupons to children under 16, adults under 65 and those on benefits - so they can spend, spend, spend, boost consumption and revive the economy. Hey, have they been reading Victor Lebow's words of wisdom? The American retail analyst writes "Our enormously productive economy demands that we make consumption our way of life, that we convert the buying and the use of goods into rituals, that we seek our spiritual satisfaction in consumption... We need things consumed, burned up, worn out, replaced and discarded at an ever increasing rate." *** If you think that's all a bit much, maybe you want to earmark Saturday 29th November, which is International No Shop Day. Send SAE to ENOUGH, One World Centre, 6 Mount St, Manchester M1 5NS Tel 0161 226 6668 www.envirolink.org/issues/enough/index *** Demonstrators this week commemorated the 3 year anniversary of the execution of 9 Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People activists. In Newcastle, the gates to a sHELL depot were chained together. In Norwich, one garage was picketed while another depot had to close for the day due to a 6 hour picket and a tripod at the gates! In London there was a demo at the Shell HQ and a wreath left at the Nigerian High Commission. In both places the Ogoni National Anthem was sung (written by Ken himself). And in Brighton, a Shell garage was closed for over 2 hrs while the entrances were picketed, the pumps padlocked off, and the oh-so-faithful-MURDERERS banner, dropped from the roof! DELTA, 0116 255 3223 www.oneworld.org/delta *** Tools for Solidarity is a charity which collects old, unwanted hand tools, repairs and ships them out to skilled tradespeople in Africa and Latin America. Contact Unit 1B1, Enderbury Industrial Estate, 326 Cramlin Road, Belfast BT14 7EE. Tel 01232 747473 *** Brazil Network present a workshop on the Movimento Sem Terra land reform actions in Brazil, 24th November 8pm, Hobgoblin Pub, Brighton: Brazil Network, 1a Watdow Road N19 5NJ. Tel 0171 2812226 *** RASP, Rebel Alliance Street Performers are Calling All Artists! (writers, painters, filmmakers) to form an activists arts collective for stunts on our streets! Call James: 01273 203611. Next REBEL ALLIANCE Meeting is on Wednesday 25th Nov 7pm Hobgoblin pub, London Road. Come along, meet new friends and hear all about the radical side to yer favourite seaside town *** Movement Against Monarchy - a symposium 27th November 8pm, London Anarchist Forum, 25 Red Lion Square, (Holborn tube) Tel: 0181 847 0203 *** Know your enemy! Uncover the mad, mad world of the secret police. "Just who is behind the Paramilitary Red Commando?" Dunno Miss. Notes from the Borderland, £2.50 to Larry O'Hara, BM Box 4769, London WC1N 3XX. *** Animal Rights Calendar have changed their website address. They are now at <http://arcs.envirolink.org/arc/veggies/> *** If you want to learn about setting up a women's, housing co-op get along to a workshop on Sunday 15th November from 11am - 4pm at Montague House, Brighton. More details 01273 684736 *** ARROW have organised a demonstration outside Downing Street from 1pm this Saturday (14th) to protest against the military build-up once again against Iraq (SchNEWS 155) 0171 607 2302.

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Two weeks ago the Pennsylvania Supreme Court signed away the life of Mumia Abul Jamal by denying him the right for a new trial. Mumia is an African American journalist who has been on death row for the past fifteen years charged with murder of a police officer. If you scratch the surface, the evidence used to convict him just doesn't add up.

As a teenager he was a member of the Black Panther Party and his work found him a spot on the 'key agitators index' of the FBI. After the Party disintegrated Mumia's work continued and in 1980 at the age of 26 he received the prestigious Peabody Award for Radio Journalism and was elected president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Black Journalists. Despite this and married with children, Mumia was finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet because of his outspoken views and so took a job driving a taxi. Meanwhile, he'd also been highlighting the states escalating harassment of the radical black ecological group MOVE, and its attempts to crush it, eventually leading to the bombing of their homes and the imprisonment and death of most of its members.

As one magazine states "It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the authorities considered eliminating Mumia's reporting an urgent priority."

Opportunity knocked for the state on the morning of December 9, 1981. While driving his cab, Mumia saw a police officer beating a black man with a flashlight. Running to the scene, Mumia was shot by a cop. A few feet away lay a mortally wounded cop. Mumia was taken to hospital, kicked and beaten by police before undergoing intensive surgery. He was then charged with the officers murder. What followed was a trial of fabricated evidence, knobled witness, dodgy jurors and Mumia often gagged and unable to give his own defence. Unsurprisingly, he was found guilty and sentenced to death. There isn't space to go into the details of the trial but in December of last year an international tribunal of 23 prominent jurists convened in Philadelphia, to consider testimony by 'selected witnesses' and look into the evidence. The panel took just 2 hours to return a unanimous verdict that the US government had violated four human rights conventions during and after the trial. Mumia's work was dubbed "the voice of the voiceless." Now its our turn to pull out all the stops to make sure he is not executed. Last time world-wide protests stopped his death-let's do it again. Remember this is urgent - once the death warrant is signed he has just 30 - 90 days to live.

Demonstrate Picket American Embassy, Grosvenor Square this Saturday (14th) 11am to 1pm. Regular meetings are happening. Next one Wednesday 11th at 56a Crampton St, London 7pm. (nearest tube Elephant and Castle)

Send protest letters to Governor Tom Ridge, Maine Capital Building, Room 225, Harrisburg, PA 17120 fax 001 717 783 4429

Letters of support Mumia, S.C.I. Greene, 1040 East R Fuman Highway, Waynesburg, PA, Philadelphia 15370-8090

MUMIA HOTLINE — 0171 326 0353

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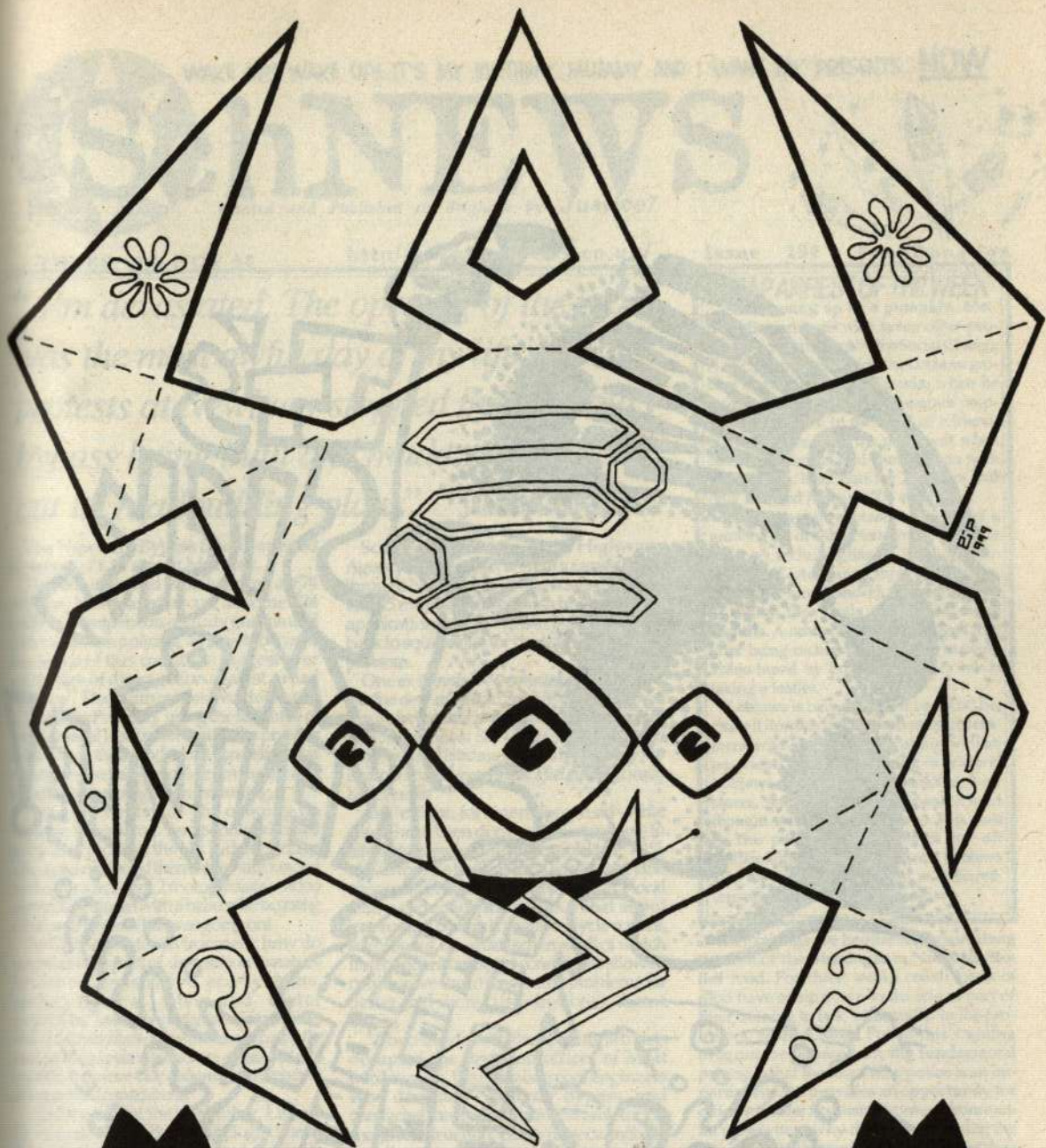
The French military has good news for soldiers: it has developed a blast-resistant shoe that will protect infantry from land mines. The bad news is, the four-inch thick soles are so heavy and cumbersome that "a soldier would walk so slowly that a sniper whose attention would be drawn by the blast would have time to put several bullets between his eyes before he took cover," said Michel de Lagarde of the French Defense Ministry's "Infantryman of the Future" program. The good news: researchers have also developed a bulletproof vest that stops virtually all military rifle rounds. The bad news: it weighs 28 pounds.

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"I'm devastated. The opening of the road was the most awful day of my life, but the protests at Newbury stopped the Salisbury bypass being built and made government cut its roadbuilding plans" **Janet, a local resident**

The Newbury Bypass finally opened in secret at 1.15 am on Monday.

The nine mile road initially priced at £74 million, had soared in cost as some £24 million was spent on security guards and £26 million on policing, as the site became the scene of this countries biggest ever campaign of direct action against a road scheme. The authorities reacted with 'Operation Prospect' using the full force of the Criminal Justice Act to stop the protests with over a thousand arrests and strict bail conditions banning people from the site and effectively stopping them protesting.

Even on the day of the opening no expense was spared. Two people who had gone for a picnic at the old Rickety Bridge site, suddenly found themselves surrounded by 6 cop vans, 2 cars, 2 motorcyclists a video surveillance team with a helicopter buzzing overhead to see what was going on!

As for the cost to environment; how do you count the cost of devastation to nature reserves, sensitive eco-systems, archaeological sites and water meadows. *"Instead of wonky lanes, gnarled trees and rickety bridges over streams and canal, the surrounding landscape has been engineered into smooth, anywhere-ville embankments, concrete structures and giant culverts."*

And this is just the beginning. Liberal Democrat MP and Bypass apologist David Rendell promised once the road was built, there would be no infill development - so what's all this then?

Stax Properties have put in a planning application to build a warehouse distribution point on a green site. Vodafone want to build a new HQ on 42 acres and are threatening to pull out of the town if they don't get their way. They've refused a move to the old cruise missile base at Greenham Common because it is not prestigious enough and fears of security because of the womens peace camp still at the base (basically a caravan with a couple of women living there) And at Trenchwood there are plans to build a new village with 1,800 houses on 352 acres.

And this is just the beginning.

So despite claims from the Highways Agency that the road will cut journey times through Newbury by two minutes off-peak and 15 minutes during rush hours, if these applications get the green light, it will be back to square one for the towns transport problem.

One ex Newbury protestor who went to see the new road told SchNEWS. *"The tree I was in during the eviction was still there, next to the road at the old Sea View Camp. It was the only thing that lifted my spirits. The landscape has changed beyond recognition. I feel gutted, it really has happened"*

£100 million for nine miles of road - what could have been done with that money to alleviate Newbury's traffic problem? 70% of Newbury's traffic is local so wouldn't the money be better spent on a package of local traffic reduction measures. What about improving public transport, cycle routes, school buses, car-share schemes all of which Independent transport consultants showed could solve the towns traffic problems far better and more cost-effectively than a bypass.

To co-incide with the opening activists occupied the Brighton offices of Mott McDonald's, the scumbag civil engineers who designed Newbury Bypass and contracted the companies responsible for the roads construction. Other projects include building power stations in Indonesia, Iraqi civilian airstrips, Sellafeld and Dungeness, as well as the road through Twyford Down. Over twenty activists strolled passed security and the receptionist (who cried 'I should have guessed this was going to happen today') and barricaded themselves into the finance office by re-arranging the furniture. After sending the staff home, and rummaging through the files, the computers' hard-drives mysteriously "malfunctioned". There were no arrests. Nice- One! The road may be complete, but the campaign' aint!

Third Battle of Newbury 'End of the Road Reunion' Sunday 10th January 1999. PO Box 5642, Newbury, Berks RG14 5WG Phone 0700 785201 www.gn.apc.org/newbury

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For dressing up as a pumpkin. Matthew Behrens was with seven other people from Toronto Action for Social Change (TASC) leafleting outside the Loblaws grocery store in Ontario, Canada, when he briefly stepped onto the companies property to say hello to the child of a friend. He had returned to the pavement when the cops pounced and charged him with trespassing, held him for 24 hours and only released him on \$500 surety bail.

The pumpkin protester now joins a growing list of characters arrested outside Loblaws, including Santa Clause and two elves, the Easter Bunny, three Bunny helpers, Robin Hood and Honest Shawn, all of whom face trials in the next three months. A school teacher also faces trial after being nicked for objecting to being video-taped by Loblaws security while taking a leaflet.

Loblaws is being targeted by TASC because it donates to a Conservative government who've been busy cutting welfare payments and introducing workfare. Loblaws also have food banks at their stores, and ask people to donate food (bought at its stores of course). This goes to the people who've been cut off welfare! Impressive logic. Oh and Loblaws also owes over \$56 million in deferred, unpaid taxes - bloody scroungers.

Wierd things are happening again along the site of the Birmingham Northern Relief road. For three weeks coach loads of plod have come down to the site as part of their training to talk 'informally' to the protesters. Staffordshire Police this training programme is based on the fundamental principle that the role of the police is an impartial one....it provides an opportunity for officers to hear first hand from environmental protewttors why they are occupying the site, what their intentions are and how they will react when they come into contact with the cops during the eviction. Think its wierd? Not as wierd as those on site find it. One told SchNEWS "We are the ones now lecturing the police. We have become advisors to our own eviction. Its all rather strange." Or just one big police evidence gatherers exercise.

Avon Ring Road.

Site clearance is due to start at any time now on Bristol's answer to the M25, and could last for three months. The largest Local Authority road scheme in the country, the latest section will ironically be built on top of a kilometre of Sustrans premier cycleway - the Bristol and Bath Railway Path. People are needed NOW to stop the work and set up camps. Ring Kebele Cafe 0117 9399469



Get Rich Quick

"You don't get rich by working, but out of other people's work. I should know". Alec Reed Chairman Reed International (the 360th richest prison in the country)

Claimants groups are targeting Reed Employment, one of the UK's biggest recruitment agencies, where you do all the work and they take half the wages. Great New Labour have developed a 'special' relationship with Reed not of course influenced by the company bunging £100,000 their way before the general election. Reed, are one of the companies involved in the 'New Deal' for under 25s in Hackney and City area of London and have been busy forcing claimants into jobs at rates as low as £3 an hour.

Some Employment Service staff regard this as the thin end of the wedge to eventual privatisation, and a meeting has been called by Brighton Claimants Action Group 'Privatisation of the Benefit Service - The Dangers' Tuesday 24th November Kennedy Palace Hotel, Marine Parade 6pm

To find out about the campaign against Reed send an SAE to **Haringey Solidarity Group**, PO Box 2474, London N8 0HW. Tel 0181 374 5027

No nukes in my backyard Thank you

Local residents have won the first stage of the battle to stop Omega Pacific storing intermediate nuclear waste at a site in Trecwn, Pembrokeshire. Omega originally purchased the site in 1997 pledging to build a Jet engine refurbishment plant which they said would have provided 300-500 jobs. However they announced in October that they had been approached by the Atomic Energy Authority to store the waste in 58 secret tunnels. Understandably locals felt they were misled and showed their outrage last weekend when 500 marched to the site with the women in traditional Welsh costume, to protest against the plans. Yvonne Fox who is employed to promote tourism in the area said if nuclear comes here "You may as well put a sign up saying Pembrokeshire closed". Few people are going to come and spend a pleasant fortnight on the banks of a nuclear waste dump. On the back of the promise of jobs Omega are essentially killing the thing that keeps Pembrokeshire's economic head above water. Protesters tied ribbons on the perimeter fence, their message to Omega "You aint seen nothing yet" Due to the mass local outrage Atomic Energy have pulled out but Omega say they aren't scrapping their plans they're just looking for different nuclear waste. Director Lawson Stebbings confidently reassured locals that the waste would become inert after about 60 years, a little worrying when experts tend to consider that would take thousands of years to occur. All this goes against the promise Welsh councils made in 1982 when they signed an agreement declaring Wales a 'nuclear free zone' promising no dumping, no nuclear weapons storage and no new nuclear plants. This is disaster waiting to happen, the waste will be transported to Trecwn from delightful places such as Sellafield by boats

* The £3 billion Jubilee Line Extension in London is being hit by a spate of sabotage attacks and wildcat strikes. The line has to open in time to carry 60 per cent of the 12 million visitors expected to the Millennium Dome, but it is already 18 months behind schedule.

** And for all of you who love writing us a letter on those very rare occasions we misspell words, the website address is right, we've got a new one so all the pissed

SchNEWS in brief

'Hell on earth', is a new hard hitting video highlighting the abuse of the Ogoni by Shell oil and the Nigerian military, the executions, and the wave of direct action protest from around the world! Available for £13.95 (inc.p and p) from Undercurrents, 16b Cherwell St, Oxfrd, OX4 1BG Tel 01865 203662 www.undercurrents.org

*** The hostility of some locals to asylum seekers in Dover, whipped up by xenophobic editorials in the Dover Express, has led to brick and bottle attacks on the homes of asylum seekers and threats to families. Now the bigots have organised a meeting on Tues 24th Nov in the Kings Hall, London Road opp the Beaconsfield Garag. A counter-demonstration is being planned www.canterbury.u-net.com/Dover.*** Mexican state terror, Zapitista and working-class resistance - a discussion about Mexican history and the prospects for socialist struggle* organised by Workers Liberty 7.30pm Wednesday 25 November Lucas Arms Pub, 245 Gray's Inn Road (near to Kings Cross)*** Friday 4th December at the Tower Theatre, Pelham Street, Brighton - Comedians Rob Newman, Alan Parker, Simon Munnelly, Benefit (with free tea of course) for the Anarchist Teapot and others. Tickets £7 / £5 available from Brighton Peace Centre, Gardner St*** Mass trespass on a council farm which permits hunting but forbids public access. Wear hunting pink, bring dogs & hunting horns! meet at Brighton Station, 10am on Sunday 22nd November. Rally ho!*** Date change - not our fault honest. Brazil Network workshop at the Hobgoblin pub, Brighton is now on 23rd Nov at 8pm. Details 0171 281 2226*** Workers Aid for Kosovo are taking a truck of supplies out to the refugees struggling to live what is often in sub-zero temperatures, please give them some dosh, you could save some ones life 0161 232 9801*** Usual call to arms for SchNEWS envelope stuffers in the Brighton area. Mail-our crew needed each and every Friday. Noon onwards. Ring office for directions.

In 1988, Sussex police marksmen shot and killed a fugitive monkey from Shamrock farm. Shamrock (GB) Ltd imports what they call captive-breed monkeys (not caught in the wild) from the Philippines, China and Mauritius and is the largest monkeys for vivisection holding centre in Europe. Monkeys are used in psychological and physical experiments. In some tests they are severely brain damaged so scientists can study the effect on memory and learning. In deprivation studies, babies are taken away from their mothers and denied all comfort so the effects of such neglect can be studied. They are also routinely used in medical, "traditional" warfare and chemical warfare tests.

National Demonstration, Sunday Noon 29th Nov, meet at Upper Horton Farm, A2307 Small Dole, Sussex (transport available) contact Save The Shamrock Monkeys PO Box 3090 Brighton BN1 3QU or phone 01273 298781

* The deadly Ebola virus, that literally eats the entire body has already been found in a laboratory monkey near Washington DC. Remote from human civilizations lie lethal highly infectious viruses. As the rainforests are destroyed, previously unknown deadly viruses come into contact with humanity.

Experts admit that it is becoming increasingly likely that the (Ebola) virus could follow in the wake of AIDS and find its way rapidly from Africa to the rest of the world. Daily Telegraph, May 11.

Ebola kills with devastating power, a gruesome assault on the body's organs and body tissue, reducing them to "digested slime", every opening of the body bleeds. Ears, eyes, even pores. The Ebola monkey in Washington was from the Philippines.

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As SchNEWS went to press a Home Office delegation will be meeting with four representatives of animal liberation from prisoner Barry Home, who is on his 44 day of hunger strike. The father of two, who is serving an 18 year jail sentence for animal rights activities has said the strike will not end without a firm commitment from the government to end vivisection by January 2002 This is the third hunger strike Barry has undertaken over Labours broken election promises on animal rights. His health is now rapidly deteriorating, he has lost 25 of his body weight, and is beginning to experience problems with concentration and eye-sight. In general he is physically very weak and consultants have told him that even if he ends the strike now he will only have a 70% chance of a full recovery. Animals Betrayed Coalition, PO Box 21339, London WC1X 0NJ. Tel: 0181 208 3289

The Government has just announced that animals will no longer be used for testing cosmetics after firms agreed to surrender their licenses voluntarily. The ban will spare the suffering of just 1,300 animals a year and campaigners are now switching the spotlight on to the use of animals for testing in medical and veterinary research. Cosmetics wise the next battle is to stop companies shifting their operations abroad - it's estimated that around 30,000 tests are performed on animals throughout the E.U. A recent action in Sweden led to 35000 e-mails being sent and crashing the computer system, whilst in Britain prisoners across the country have been on a forty-eight hour weekend hunger strike in solidarity with Barry.

Read 'Science on Trial: The Hidden Cost of Animal Experiments' (Awareness Publishing) available from Animal Aid 01732 364546

* Furriers Calman Links, is getting its fur coated knickers in a right royal twist after its client list - containing names, addresses and phone numbers of every one of its customers - was leaked to Fur Free London. The leak comes before a Week of Action against the Fur Trade (16-21st November) where fur farms and shops all over Britain will be the target of protests. This is timed to coincide with the annual gassing of mink on the UK's dozen fur farms.

Mrs Betty Ford (not the famous alcoholic) said "I think these animal rights activists should all be shot. Fur is the most becoming thing a woman can wear, but at the moment you cannot wear it because public opinion is so strongly against it."

* Fur Free London, BM Box 2248, London, WC1N 3XX 0171 278 3068

...and finally...

Tony Blair's employment revolution took a bizarre turn in the North East last week. Reeling from a post gig knees-up in Darlington, agro-pop group Flannid decided to take out their come overnos on scabs at Magnet Kitchens, who replaced the 300 skilled workers sacked by management three years ago. "I would have a Magnet kitchen fitted in my own shithouse", explained bassist Bloke to customers, as they invaded the showroom in drag and serenaded people with Spanish love songs. Jumping on a display bed, Fat Stan and Cosmo cried "We were gonna have a bit of nookie on this but we don't think the workmanship's up to it!" Police eventually bundled them out, but a local boy who has ensured there's only about two customers a fortnight. The previous day, the band blagged a gig at Sunderland's New Deal Employment Revolution Showcase, where they were hoping to play their anti-work song *Hold It Down*. On arriving however, they found a few displays and a crowd of 30 people, so they quickly set up a SchNEWS stall and distributed anti-casualisation leaflets from the Simon Jones Memorial campaign. Two middle aged suits from the local enterprise services came by saying "Aye, we looking agree with you! Thatcherism totally fucked this part of the country up!" and proceeded to play Black Sabbath songs on the band's equipment. *Watch out for the Surreal New Deal for musicians in April. Sex and drugs and on the beds?*

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GOING DOWN

"My first reaction was to shout 'Victory!' and ever since then I have been laughing and crying to think that we will have justice for the victims." - Anna Maria, Chilean exile and victim of torture

History performed a shuddering gymnastic twist on Wednesday, as a committee of five Law Lords ruled that General Augusto Pinochet, former dictator of Chile, be extradited from Britain to face trial in Spain.

Outside Parliament, the crowd erupted as hundreds of Chileans, many of them exiled victims of Pinochet's brutal regime wept with joy and relief. There, where Chilean groups have maintained a constant vigil since Pinochet's arrest, the scene moments earlier was frozen like a photograph as the seconds shivered forward to the verdict. The Lords' ruling was achieved by the narrowest possible 3-2 margin, and in principle could still be overruled should the Home Secretary so choose.

This doesn't at first seem like such a tough decision for Jack Straw, who now is in the position to see justice is served to the tyrant, three times winner of the international 'Biggest Nastiest Bastard' award.

Isobel's parents fled Chile in 1975, to where she grew up in Britain. "My father was detained twice, beaten to within an inch of his life, tortured and electrocuted", she says. Her case echoes those of the 130,000 people who were murdered, tortured and 'disappeared' by Pinochet's secret police as the military took grip on the nation's public life.

Not such a tricky one then, Jack - send the man to Spain. So why, have almost the only voices of power to have supported Pinochet's extradition, come from the Law Lords?

Perhaps because, ever since he seized power, our western leaders have been sleeping with him and having his children. Of course they would, so pleased were they with him for usurping his leftie predecessor, President Salvador Allende. In the years preceding the coup, Allende attempted massively to redistribute wealth, and had nationalised the copper industry which until then profited the US multinationals that owned it. Pinochet was given a leg-up into power by the US, which had made every effort to destabilise Allende's elected government. Resorting to economic strangulation and subversion, the strategy was, in the words of US Ambassador Edward Korry, to "...do all within our power to condemn Chile and the Chileans to utmost deprivation and poverty".

Once the military regime was installed, the country became a model for policies of 'structural adjustment' which the US

continues to push on developing nations through the IMF and World Bank. In Chile, with direct guidance from free market guru Milton Friedman and his disciples at the University of Chicago, such policies saw the number of poor rise from one to seven million while the population remained stable at twelve million. Still, free market enthusiasts continued to masturbate over the 'Chilean Miracle', once the country thus had been set on the right course by US intervention.

"Pinochet has done his work; they don't need him any more", says Berenice, an exile whose sister 'disappeared' in Chile in 1974. Even so, Margaret Thatcher has continued to admire Washington's favourite stooge, dining with him even since leaving office.

For her as for the US establishment, the choice between liberal democracy and fascist dictatorship is secondary; economics is the bottom line. For the US, it was from the start to finish an exercise in realpolitik, carried out in the name of economic dominance. The game goes on as always: it's a war waged by the rich, on the poor. People continue to die for what is considered economical. Tory ex-Cabinet minister Malcolm Rifkind recently argued against extradition for Pinochet on the grounds that it could open the way for other ex-leaders, including Britain's, similarly to be prosecuted for crimes they committed while in office. SchNEWS says: just keep pursuing that logic, Malc. People everywhere are beginning to get their heads around the sheer vastness of what it would mean for Pinochet to be brought to justice.

"Can you imagine the frustration of growing up here while all the time Pinochet continued to rule at home?" says Isobel. "I feel this finally is recognition of why we've been in exile all these years, of what we've been through."

You don't have to be Chilean; we all have the right to be ecstatic if he goes down. Her words echo those of exiled Chilean playwright Ariel Dorfman, in the afterword to his play *Death and the Maiden*; "what we feel when we watch and whisper and ache with these faraway people from faraway Chile could well be that strange trembling state of humanity we call recognition, a bridge across our divided globe."

* 7,000 demonstrators gathered last Sunday in the largest ever protest calling for the closure of the US Army's School of America, Fort Benning, Georgia. Dubbed the "School of the Assassins" it specialises in training a stream of Latin American dictators and their horrid mates. www.soaw.org

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For possession of a multi-coloured plastic toy ray-gun! Self declared super-hero and freak, Starpower, was approached by police in Australia who spotted the 'alleged replica firearm', unregistered and unlicensed, protruding from his boot. "I was wearing full superhero outfit, including a skirt, full glitter make-up, glitter hair and diamonds. I told them I was using it for a performance the night before but they didn't seem interested and kept hassling me." The case should have been laughed out of court but due to the principle of 'strict liability' and "gun laws exist for a reason" the judge found the case proven but ruled that the conviction need not be recorded. A party was waiting for Starpower outside the courts, layed on by Astro Wow Kapow and Barbie Bliss, complete with mobile disco and mirror ball!

Stop press: reports are coming in that six children caught playing cops and robbers are now on death row after being found in possession of deadly spud guns.

AROOGA - M.A.S.H UP

Evictions of squats at the Birmingham North Relief Road began officially last Tuesday, as police, paramedics, the full team of Welsh bailiffs and Manchester security surrounded Moneymore Cottages and began assembling a compound and press tower, giving a press conference and verbal warning to the activists. A Highways Agency spokesman said to expect a 'low-key' eviction in their campaign to build a 6 lane toll motorway through the West Midlands Green Belt. As SchNEWS went to press there was access to the site and Greenwood camp, but media access has been blocked with BBC Midlands and Birmingham Live having their press passes confiscated and being banned from site!

Construction of the 27 mile road is due to start in January 1999 and will cost £700 million to destroy miles of Green belt, 2 sites of special scientific interest, archeological sites, sites of ecological interest, homes and farmland.

Codename 'Operation Encompass' is taking the issue of safety into a new realm with dialogue between police and protesters resulting in the threat of manslaughter and aggravated criminal damage charges with potential life sentences for activists should anything go wrong in the tunnels! Whilst campaigners have dubbed this as scaremongering, police state that the only way to

absolve their criminal liability in the event of an accidental injury is to avoid the risk entirely.

Midlands Against Super Highway (M.A.S.H) have assembled specialist treehouses, tunnels, bunkers and towers, and believe that although the possible charges would be very difficult to prove, if they do pull this one it will have considerable consequences on the non violent direct action tunnel tactics implemented by us in this country.

NOW IS THE TIME to step up the campaign large style to Britain's first private toll motorway the scale of Newbury or Fairmile. Get down there for a bit of the old eviction fever....NOW.....

Camp Mobiles; 07970 301978 07971 354045

Barry is Dying

As SchNEWS went to press animal rights prisoner **Barry Horne** was entering his 52 day on hunger strike. Barry who received the last rites on Sunday is in an extremely critical condition slipping in and out of consciousness. He will only end his hunger strike if Labour fulfil their pre-election pledge of a Royal Commission on animal experiments. Bizarrely, Labour call this request 'blackmail', and that they will not pledge to keep their pledges!

National and international protests for Barry continue despite a virtual media blackout on the hunger strike. On the day of the state opening of Parliament, people unfurled 3 banners in front of the Queen as she made her way to Parliament. Later, activists blockaded Downing Street with two people swinging their vehicle across the gates, slashing their own tyres, and securing themselves to the steering wheel with D-locks. It took police an hour to remove them. The Friday before people carried out their own advertising campaign on behalf of Barry, spraying over 80 walls around East London, and messages appearing along the M1 and M25.

The government's announcement that no more licences for cosmetic testing would be issued, covers just 0.3% of the over 2.6 million animals that are used each year is a lame gesture. Since 1990, experiments in genetic engineering have increased 650%. The gross inequity of torture carried out in vivisection "procedures" also means over 5 million animals bred for scientific experiments each year are killed by gassing, lethal injection or by breaking their necks before even reaching laboratories because they are "surplus to requirements". The horrendous wastage of millions of animals including dogs, cats, monkeys, rabbits, mice and rats is just one aspect in an industry where species difference makes results unreliable: vivisection told us thalidomide was safe and that the greatest elixir of conventional medicine, penicillin, was unsafe (penicillin kills guinea pigs). Do not allow the government to continue this scientific fraud and ignore its pledge which concerns the lives of millions of animals and the life of Barry Horne.

Animals Betrayed Coalition PO Box 21339, London WC1X 0NJ tel: 0171 278 3068

Read **'Science on Trial: The Hidden Cost of Animal Experiments'** by Dr. Robert Sharp £7.99 from Animal Aid, The Old Chapel, Bradford St., Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1AW

Demonstrate against **Shamrock Farm**, who import monkeys for vivisection. Meet Upper Horton Farm, A2307 Small Dole, Sussex. Contact 01273 298781

GANDALF VICTORY

It's over! The conspiracy trials against editors of Green Anarchist (GA) and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) magazine finally collapsed on Wednesday. Paul Rogers co-editor of GA and Robin Webb from the ALF had their charges dropped, leaving Hampshire constabulary with serious egg on their face with an estimated bill fast approaching £10 million spent during the four and a half years of Operation Washington.

Six people had originally been charged with 'conspiring to incite persons unknown on unspecified dates over a five year period to commit unspecified criminal damage', for basically reporting the facts about direct action. Three editors of GA were found guilty and each given three year sentences. However they were released after serving just three months and their convictions quashed (SchNEWS 161) Robin Webb told SchNEWS "I'm delighted at what the National Union of Journalists referred to as 'an extreme vendetta against me by Hampshire Police' has finally come to an end."

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There's a Full Moon Frenzy party at Ashton Court Park, Bristol on December 3rd. Protestors have been trying to stop Pioneer Aggregates digging up 20 acres of the wildflower rich meadow (see SchNEWS 183) Most of the meadow has now been 're-located', and the ground could start to get dynamited anytime soon. 07970 423834 for directions *** Next South Downs Land is Ours Mass Trespass 6th Dec. Meet 10am Brighton Station -WRAP UP WARM! *** Brighton and Hove **Palestinian Solidarity Campaign** will be having a Palestinian party night on Sunday 29 November at Portslade Town Hall. 01273 602168 *** On Wednesday December 2 there will be a benefit gig for **Workers' Aid for Kosova** at the Volks Tavern in Brighton, with Blatantly, Halo, Kyra's Tortoise, and DJs. 10-2 am, £3 *** There's an international day of action on December 14, against the proposed European Bank for Reconstruction and Development funding of two new nuclear reactors in the Ukraine. Like Chernobyl, these reactors are based on outdated Soviet technology and therefore unsafe. They will also be completely useless as there is a big potential for renewable energy in the Ukraine. Contact A SEED, Postbus 92066, 1090 Amsterdam, Netherlands. www.antenna.nl/aseed *** Protest against the delivery of more **Hawk jets to Indonesia** on December 7th, the anniversary of Indonesia's invasion of East Timor where 200,000 people have been killed. The Campaign Against the Arms Trade will be demonstrating outside the Department of Trade and Industry, 66-74 Victoria Street, London (just off Parliament Square) at 12 noon, and the entrance to BAe Warton (nr. Preston) at 5 pm. More details CAAT 0171 281 0279 *** **The Espionage**, those naughty Brighton play putter-oners are beginning casting for the next one called 'Tick a Teenth' any of you bods out there fancy treading the boards, auditions are on Monday 7th December 2-5pm/6-9pm at The Marlborough in Pavilion St, Brighton, 0411 809 438 *** **GreenLine Magazine** has been publishing for over 15 years and their next issue will be their 150th but they are suffering from a lack of help! So help make their next issue a special bumper one. Send news, articles, events, artwork etc asap to CATALYST PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, Cornwall, PL22 0YT; Tel: 0870 733 4970 email home.clara.net/greenline /

Colin Davies, the founder of a co-operative to give free cannabis to people with multiple sclerosis (MS) and other diseases to use as a pain killer, was arrested last Tuesday at his flat in Stockport, Manchester cops turned up at his flat with two vans to seize his paperwork including details of co-op members and 28 plants, they charged him with possession, cultivation and intent to supply. Davis himself smokes cannabis to alleviate a painful spinal condition and has previously been arrested and acquitted. He was held and questioned for 8 hours. Even a House of Commons committee agree that cannabis has significant pain relieving qualities yet the government won't listen and say there needs to be more research. Meanwhile Scientists at the University of California have announced cannabis affects the brain in the same way as morphine which is legal, and even the The MS society with over 85,000 members, reckons an estimated 10% smoke to relieve their pain. With evidence like this is it not time the government relaxed it's drugs policy at least for medical use?

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Burma

"Throughout Burma an estimated 5 million people have been forcibly exiled in 'satellite townships' where they have been compelled to silently construct Burmas new facade of 'economic growth'." (John Pilger)

As Chileans were rejoicing yesterday at the Governments decision to refuse General Pinochet immunity from prosecution, Britain this week played host again to a senior member of another military dictatorship. The foreign minister of Burma's military government, U Win Aung, flew into London this week, despite EU rules banning senior members of the military Government from entering into EU states. Britains feeble excuse for letting U Win Aung into the country is that he is still officially Burmas London ambassador, and therefore has every right to be allowed in, even though on his return to Burma he will be celebrating his promotion to Foreign Minister.

There are two sides to Burma. You may enter the ancient world and see the glorious temples of the giant Buddhas, travel freely on the convenient railways taking you across the plains, to spend nights in hotels and be guided around by polite Burmese natives. If you have money, Burma will provide.

Yet, behind this 'o so beautiful facade' is a disgusting military regime supported by the cash brought in by foreign investment and tourists. Burma has been by the military dictatorship since 1962. Thousands of people have been shunned from their homes onto squatter settlements, out of site, out of mind, to make way for the tourists and foreign investment by multinational corporations. Surveillance is a fact of life - public gatherings are outlawed, to utter words such as 'democracy' in public is punishable by 5 years hard labour and talking to the BBC is worthy of 14 years hard labour. Burma is characterized by fear, where hundreds of people have 'disappeared' mysteriously in the night, or forced as 'volunteers' to work on the road and railway constructions in a country that is rapidly resembling a large slave labour camp. Troops patrol each village to hand pick the 'volunteers' who will be anyone from young children to pregnant women, many of whom are chained together while labouring and watched over by the troops. As one survivor of the railway work explains, "prisoners are used like cows and buffaloes, having to pull rollers. If the rollers don't move, the soldiers beat them with huge canes. I saw this. They were shackled and given no water."

Tourism is one of the major investments into such a hideous regime. If New Labour don't see the contradictions in allowing such scumbags into the country, at least we have the power, as tourists to avoid countries like Burma.

...and finally...

"We've done parties in weird places but this is something else" said one of the Exodus soundsystem crew as they wiped up a storm in Dillons bookshop, Covent Garden. *"We've never had a book launch quite like it"* confessed the shopmanager from the stage. The launch party for the latest edition of the Index on Censorship was a wild mix of radical journals, band muso's and Red Bull and Vodka. Entitled "Smashed Hits: Music so good they tried to ban it" it covers the world of music which they claim is the most censored art form ever. There's an excellent global round-up of stories on this subject covering everything from the BBC banning ABBAs 'Waterloo' during the Gulf War to the suppression of 'Music of African descent in Peru'. It also comes complete with a CD with such names as Hawkwind, Nigeria hell-raiser Fela Kuti and several Tibetan singing nuns recorded live in jail. Well worth the price of £8.99.

* If you wanna find out about the Exodus collective listen to Radio 1 Nov 30 & Dec 7 11pm

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Jack boots -by- Sea

"The crime of the Nazi leaders had squalid beginnings. Once a handful of policemen could have suppressed it. Instead it grew to its dangerous might through the wickedness of a few and the complicity, the cowardice and the laziness of the many."

Daily Express Nuremberg 1946

"Most asylum seekers come here for purely selfish reasons - to escape death" Advert from the Refugee Council

This Saturday (5th) the National Front will once again march through the seaport of Dover riding on the crest of a racist wave that is sweeping through Kent. The fascists are clearly hoping that despite their two pathetic marches over the past year, (only 30 last time), and thanks to the hysteria whipped up by the local press they can get a foothold in the county. The local rags have been accusing asylum seekers from Eastern European countries of everything from shoplifting and mugging to setting up brothels and drug-trafficking.

Meanwhile, following the publication of a white paper *Fairer, Faster, Firmer* New Labour told the world just what it feels about asylum seekers.

The paper outlined

- * Withdrawing benefit rights from all asylum seekers and introducing a system of cashless vouchers.
- * Compelling asylum seekers to live in designated accommodation in any part of the country.
- * Extending the use of immigration detention.
- * Requiring financial bonds from visitors needing a visa.
- * Granting police powers to the immigration service.
- * Reduced appeal times

Fairer? Withdrawal of benefits from all asylum seekers with food vouchers only, leaves nothing for bus fares, writing letters, newspapers, haircuts, toys, nothing to maintain human contact or self-respect.

Faster? Asylum seekers will only get five days to submit evidence of being tortured. However, this is a joke as there are waiting lists of two months to see doctors at the Medical Foundation, where you need to go to get confirmation that you've been tortured.

Firmer? Shunting people off to sink estates hundreds of miles from legal representatives, vulnerable to racist attack, social isolation, poverty and despair.

As John 'O' from the National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns told SchNEWS "It's firmer and faster but certainly not fairer."

"They are parasites who milk the welfare system, shoplift, pick-pocket, hang around insulting women and run brothels... While Labour luvvies dribble on that most historic of northern pleasure outposts Blackpool, we are left with the backdraft of a nations human sewage and NO CASH to wash it down the drain."

Dover Express Editorial 1998

So where will that leave people like Azad, a Kurd who in 1993 fled Turkey to the UK to escape torture and persecution? He was persecuted for supporting a banned political party and the rights of the Kurdish people. During 4 years of constant harassment and intimidation by the Turkish authorities he was detained on over 20 occasions. He said "I was subjected to falaka (beating on the soles of the feet which sends very sharp pain up the spine) and was beaten by truncheon and iron stick." He was lucky - he escaped. His father didn't and died under torture. However when he arrived here, he was initially denied asylum. Under these new proposals what chance would Azad have of staying? People escaping persecution are hardly likely to approach the same people for documents so they can flee the country.

"Virtually all the expert groups, from Amnesty International to the Medical Foundation for the Care and Rehabilitation of the Victims of Torture, argue that the vast majority of people arriving in the UK and claiming asylum are genuine refugees. Their views are dismissed...as the ill informed opinions of middle-class do-gooders."

Don Flynn, Chartist magazine

Whenever fascists think people are angry enough to embrace their ideas they will rear their ugly heads and try to muster support. They've already tried this year to recruit farmers, now its back to Kent to play on peoples fears there again. Fears that New Labour are fanning with their racist policies. They might talk about ethical foreign policy and human rights, but when it comes to protecting individuals who resist tyrannical regimes then its 'sorry mate you can't stay here there will be a counter demonstration against the NF on Saturday, and transport is going from Brighton. Meet 8 am St.Peter's Church. Tickets £3.50 from the Peace Centre.

SchNEWS rang the Dover Express to ask whether they supported the NF march. 'Of course not!' they spluttered. We then asked if any refugees have had their say in their paper? 'We can't find any' they whinged. Funny that, when the rag is claiming the town is 'flooded' with them.

CRAP REQUEST OF THE WEEK

From a letter sent out last week by Hackney Neighbourhood Offices: Transforming Hackney.

"Many squatters are coming onto this estate to cause criminal damage to council property while (sic) living rent free at YOUR expense. If you find any squatter breaking into any flat please dial our emergency squatline immediately on : 0800 622872. This is a free confidential line. A team will attend immediately. If the squatters are caught in the act they will be arrested by the police for criminal damage."

SchNEWS says: please don't waste Hackney Council's time and money by ringing the freephone number in a payphone and leaving it off the hook. Certainly don't even think about ringing them up with hoax squatter sightings. You can instead send donations to the well skint Advisory Service for Squatters who give free legal advice and can tell you a fing or two about Hackney's appalling record on leaving homes empty. ASS: 0171 359 8814

"ONE BIG HAPPY COMPANY"

Some of the largest deals in history are taking place lately amid merger mania. The mission of monopolism marches on. This week, the BIGGEST MERGER EVER, has created the mega-oil giant Exxon Mobil, in a \$75 billion deal. It will now be the world's largest company with revenue of \$182 billion!

The poor old oil companies are reeling over the financial collapse in Asia which has cut production. Daniel Yergin author of 'The History of Oil' (SchNEWS is rushing out to buy itself a copy now) also partly blamed a warm winter. Is this due to global warming, partly caused by the burning of fossil fuels like oil? We think we should be told, but Yergin just rabbits on about the billions of people around the world still waiting for their first car. And the likelihood remains that the car will be powered by petroleum products."

Meanwhile Exxon Mobil chairman Lee Raymond recently told SchNEWS "Our day is coming when we will have refined the market until we have a pure market, a pure monopoly, one big happy company." Actually, Lee said this in a wet dream, probably...

* Friday 11 December 11pm - 3am Benefit clubnight for next years International day of action against global capitalism, at On the Rocks, 25 Kingsland Rd, Shoreditch, Hackney E2. Just £2 to see Flippery and DJ Sci-Fly and Jane.

* Start organising NOW for the day of action on June 18th 1999. Join the email discussion at j18discussion@gn.apc.org

SWARMY ARMY

"These actions will start a campaign of direct action by farmers against biotechnology, called Operation 'Cremation Monsanto', which will not stop until all the corporate killers like Monsanto, Novartis, Pioneer etc leave the country".

Prof. Nanjunda swamy President, Karnataka State Farmers Association

Farmers in India have come up with the ultimate way to get Monsanto 'off' their land. In a campaign that will 'fireball' across the country, they are reducing Monsanto's field trials of cotton in the Karnataka area to ashes.

Under the leadership of Prof. Swamy, members of the **ten million** strong farmers union have already burnt down one GM field in front of TV cameras in an open, pre-announced action of civil disobedience - paying the farmer compensation for his losses! Two more fields will be dealt with this week.

In a hard-hitting press release the Farmers Unions state "This is a very good moment to target Monsanto, since it has run out of cash in its megalomaniac attempt to monopolise the life industry in record time. It is going now through a hard time of layoffs and restructuring in a desperate effort to survive, since it cannot pay its bills. We know that stopping biotechnology in India will not be of much help to us if it continues in other countries, since the threats that it poses do not stop at the borders. We think that the...actions...going on in India have the potential not only to kick those corporate killers out of our country: if we play our cards right at global level and co-ordinate... these actions can also pose a major challenge to the survival of these corporations in the stock markets. Who wants to invest in a mountain of ashes or in offices that are constantly being squatted if necessary even destroyed by activists? For these reasons, we are making an international call for direct action against Monsanto and the rest of the biotech gang. This call for action will hopefully inspire all the people who are already doing a brilliant work against biotech to join hands in a quick, effective worldwide effort!"

And Monsanto are feeling the heat. Recent leaked company memos complain of a hostile reaction by Europeans, despite a mega-bucks advertising campaign.

*** Greed or Need? Do you know what is happening to your food? Come along to a public debate on GMO food, Thursday Dec. 10th, 7.30 pm @ Lewes Tertiary College, Mounthill Road, Lewes.**

ROAD RAGE

Security is still giving serious Paddington Bear stares to protestors trying to stop the building of the £700 million northern relief road. There's 24 hour security but still open access to the squats and trees. One security guard has defected, telling GMTV he'd been on the wrong side of the fence. Meanwhile, in true surrealist style the cops are attending weekly lectures by protestors, with Q and A sessions. Seriously! **YOU ARE NEEDED NOW!** - and don't forget yer mamalade sarnies. Camp mobiles: 07970 301 978/07971 354045.

* A camp has been set up to stop clearance work along the **Avon Ring Road**. The road is due to become Bristol's M25, and is the largest Local Authority scheme in the country. If completed it'll destroy a kilometre of Sustrans premier cyclepath! Directions from KEBELE CAFE, 14, Robertson Road, Easton, Bristol. Tel: 0117-9399469 / camp mobile-0797-999-0386

Barry Horne Update

Last Friday, animal rights activists dropped a banner from Brighton Town Hall declaring: **'BARRY HORNE ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVIST: DYING FOR CHANGE.'**

Barry's health is deteriorating rapidly after 59 days of hunger strike. He wants the Government to set up a Royal Commission on vivisection, fulfilling an election promise. Activists are on permanent 24 hour vigil outside York District Hospital.

Horne's condition is past the point of recovery - he has suffered irrecoverable liver damage, his eyesight is irretrievably lost, and concern has been expressed over the condition of his heart. Despite this, the government is refuses to back down. Contact: Animals Betrayed Coalition PO Box 21339, London Wc1X 0Nj. Tel: 0181 208 33289

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Support the Pompey 3, End Blood-Sports, Fight Injustice! Benefit gig featuring Haywire plus DJ's Cad, Harambee Sounds Steve: Sat. Dec.19th @The Oyster House, 291 Locksway Road, Milton, Portsmouth, Hants. £3.50/2.50 conc. The Pompey Three were charged with "conspiracy to commit violent disorder" after being arrested along with 42 other sabs at the Hursley/Hambleton fox hunt. Their trial starts on 1st March 1999, when there'll be a National Day of Action against bloodsports *** **Workers aid for Kosovo-Benefit gig**, Sat. Dec.12th, 8pm-2am@The Yard Theatre, 41 Old Biny Street, Hulme. Tel 0161 232 9801 *** **End the 'Second Rape'**-Men accused of rape are not asked to tell the courts who they have ever slept with, but rape victims are. Hear the views of those who are calling for an end to questioning rape victims on their sexual history on Tuesday 8 Dec., pm@Committee Room 8, House of Commons.(Westminster Tube)*** **KROWN** (Kent Reduction Of Waste Network) are setting up a campaign against a proposed incinerator in Allington Quarry, Kent. More information from Ian Hargreaves on 01634 717287*** **Graphic Graphics! - Anarchist Graphics** wants yer revolutionary cartoons, etc. to provide the movement with decent anti-copyright, easy-to-reproduce illustrations to brighten up anarchist propaganda. Contact: Box 5, 167 Fawcett Road, Southsea, Hants PO4 0DH **Monkey-Wrench Graphics** prints T-shirts and designs graphics for various campaigns - for a list of their stuff send SAE to PO Box 12802, Edinburgh, EH7 5ZH. email monkey@punk.org.uk*

The Colour of Justice A play featuring the reconstruction of the major events in the six month inquiry into the murder of Stephen Lawrence. Opening at the Tricycle Theatre, London. 6th Jan - 6 Feb 1999 More details 0171 636 3750

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In 1993 **Mark Barnsley** was attacked by 15 people outside a Sheffield pub, whilst walking with his 6-week old daughter. He sustained injuries including broken bones. The (ever-reliable) British Justice System took a firm line on people getting beaten up, by finding him guilty on 2 counts of GBH - despite independent witnesses testifying that he was the only person attacked. He was then sentenced to 12 years. Now call this a coincidence, but... having been involved in anarchist politics for 20 years, Mark was on the xmas card lists of both Special Branch and Sheffield Police, and the Inspector in charge of the station that dealt with his prosecution had been involved in his arrest on serious charges in 1984. Send Christmas cards of support to Mark Barnsley WA2897, HMP Sutton, York. Contact: Mark Barnsley Support Group, PO Box 567, Sheffield, S5 0YS

There'll be a **Mon 21 Dec - 12-3 pm-picket of the Appeal Court**, The Strand, London WC2, (nearest tube Chancery Lane).

In 1995, international protests stopped the US government executing political activist **Mumia Abu-Jamal**, but in October '98 the Pennsylvania courts ruled against a new trial, so a new death warrant will soon be signed. This in spite of his original trial, for the murder of a cop in 1981, being totally fabricated (a panel of jurists last year ruled that it violated 4 human rights conventions) [see SchNEWS 191]. **Sat 12th Dec 12-3pm - picket of US Embassy** Grosvenor Square, London W1 **Benefit gig** Sat evening (after picket) with Chumbawamba, poet Benjamin Zephaniah, Alabama 3, Mark Thomas... and more!! @ Mean Fiddler, High Street, Hadesden, London

Merry Xmas from the RUC

Although the Good Friday Agreement 'proves' for the provision of 'acceptable policing', the RUC continues to abuse its authority. The UN Committee Against Torture last week condemned the RUC use of violence during interrogations, unnecessary deployment of fire power to break confrontations, human-rights violations resulting from 'emergency legislation', and the historic deaths in RUC custody.

Earlier this month, a Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) squad smashed their way into a national family home in an illegal raid, apparently searching for arms and explosives. The squad - 16 jeep-mounted officers - rampaged through the house for an hour, wrecking property and terrorising and assaulting members of the family. "There was no warrant, no arrests and no explanations." An inspector present refused to give his name. The family later discovered that £585 was missing from a bureau. The family had previously received threats as well as an RUC raid 2 years ago.

The RUC raided the house in a similar incident two years ago, and the family has received threats. This is just one example of the daily violence which the RUC are administering on a regular basis in their interpretation of "peace"!!

FLUORO-FASCISTS

Currently 10% of the UK, the West Midlands and North East England have fluoride, a by-product from the phosphate fertiliser industry, automatically added to their drinking water supply. The Government wants to extend this programme to compulsory mass dental care to the rest of the country, starting with London, Northern Ireland, the North West and West Scotland. The big chemical companies are happy at the idea of rid themselves of a useless toxic substance (deadly than lead) and receiving lucrative fees in return for what is, after all, a waste product.

Pros

*An unproved connection between low-level fluoride dosage and a decreased incidence of cancer decay.

That's it.

Cons (here's a selection)

*It is not known whether low-level dosage of fluoride is safe.

*It has never been proven that low-level dosage with fluoride is useful.

*Causes immune system malfunctions, behavioural changes and cognitive deficits.

*There are correlations between decreased fertility rates in humans and fluoride in drinking water.

*Fluoride use has been banned in Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Portugal, Greece, Belgium and Austria - never even tried in France, Italy and Norway.

Contact National Pure Water Association (NPWA) 254433

...and finally

And the award in the 'Bah Humbug' category goes to Roxburghshire DSS who docked £2000 Ryan Hooper giro. They said he was unavailable for work after he played at Prince Charles Buckingham Palace birthday bash. The Palace to hear though and sent him £50 to cover his loss. Meanwhile the Simon Jones Memorial Campaign launched its bully boss hotline this week, calling on all down-trodden workers of Brighton to sign up and nominate their Christmas Scrooge boss. 01273 298192

disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all readers only to come from white middle-class backgrounds so they can travel all around the world, discover themselves, India, and quickly hop on a plane and head for home if birds get in the way.

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER HELP FREE MUMIA

You're next.



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MAXXAM DAMAGE

"I sit here looking out over the Eel River valley at a view that I have watched change over the past year while living 180 feet high in this amazing ancient redwood tree, Luna. I listen to Columbia Helicopter in the distance pull logs from once forested slopes. Slopes that Pacific Lumber has now turned into a legacy of clear-cuts, poisons, and mudslides. I think about majestic trees thousands of years old being cut down to become siding and decks. I think about the incredibly committed activists who have been tortured with pepper spray by the police for merely sitting down in protest, and David Gypsy Chain who was killed by a tree, purposely cut in his direction, while protesting an illegal timber harvest operation. I think about our government compromising away the health and quality of the environment and that of our very lives in order to appease a criminal corporation and I have to wonder why people still ask "why are you still up there". Even now some still don't understand."

Julia Butterfly

It started with people trying to stop one of the last remaining redwood forests in America being clear-cut. One Earth First! (EF!) activist has spent a year tree-sitting up a redwood, while another was recently tragically killed trying to stop logging. Now environmentalists have joined forces with steelworkers to stop the MAXXAM's Pacific Lumber Company. This is the story of the Headwaters campaign of California and it's been one hell of a week week.

Monday and a coalition of striking steel workers, members of the International Workers of the World and EFL successfully blocked a ship at the port of Tacoma Washington. Some people picket the port, others lock onto a crane and conveyor belt, while a flotilla of small boats block the waterway forcing the 650 tonne ship Sea Diamond to anchor off. Members of the Longshoreman's Union refuse to cross the picket and when the Sea Diamond does dock, it still cannot be unloaded for several days as the dock conveyor belt has been mysteriously damaged to the tune of \$50,000.

Wednesday and Sheriff's Deputies and employees of the Pacific Lumber start to evict tree-dwelling EF! activists. The tree-sitters have been living high in the branches of several redwood trees at the site of the recent death of David 'Gypsy' Chain, trying to protect the scene of Gypsy's death while calling for an independent investigation. Instead of prosecuting the company for illegally logging, the local sheriff said he was thinking of charging the protesters with involuntary manslaughter!

Thursday marked the one year anniversary of Julia Butterfly's ascent into the ancient redwood where she has stayed ever since.

The campaign to save the ancient redwoods of California has been raging for the past thirteen years since Maxxam took over Pacific Lumber Company.

When Charles Hurwitz's MAXXAM company took over the Pacific Lumber Corporation, they tripled the rate of logging in the Redwoods along with liquidating the timber workers' pension fund. Over the years they have broken US Forest Practice Rules

domestic water sources of Elk River residents, and its policy of clear cutting even on steep mountain slopes caused a massive land slide which destroyed the homes of seven families. The companies logging licence was eventually suspended last month after its continual law-breaking became even too much for the state of California. (Not that this will mean much to Pacific who contract the actual logging to smaller operators who won't be affected by the ban). Still, the company is to receive \$380 million 'compensation' for selling a small section of the forest back to the California state with permission to trash an "as yet unspecified" site elsewhere. Nice work if you can get it.

"They're using a sterile gauze pad, and they were squeezing it (pepper spray) out over her eyes, dripping the stuff across her eyes. She was screaming in a lot of pain. The solution was so bad it was melting their latex gloves."

Earth Firster Mike McCurdy, explaining tactics used against a women 'locked-on' to stop Headwaters being logged

Meanwhile in September 3,000 unionised workers from Kaiser Aluminium (KA) went on strike over the threat of massive job redundancies. KA is 63% owned by MAXXAM, so when it lost its timber operator's license it sacked its 180 loggers, then offered them "opportunities" to break the strike at KA. As one activist put it

"MAXXAM rapes the land here in Northern California, puts its loggers out of work, and increases its bloody scab pool to gain a stronger hand in its efforts to bust the union!"

As the banner unfurled on Monday's read "HURWITZ CUTS JOBS JUST LIKE HE CUTS TREES". Once again it shows there is no such thing as a single issue. The same corporations that are destroying the planet, are the same that are treading all over workers rights. The sooner we all start learning these lessons, making the links and working together, the quicker we will start to topple the MAXXAM corporations of this world. Northcoast EFL, PO Box 4796, Arcata, CA 95518 www.environment.org/headwaters-ef/

RACIST CRAP OF THE WEEK

For owning a large pestle for pounding grain. Belmondo Wante, an electrical engineer from the Congo who now lives with his family in Dublin was arrested in June and charged with amongst other things with 'having a dangerous implement at home' - the pestle. This follows a campaign of harassment by the Gardaí police including a raid at 3 am with one plain-clothes cop putting a gun through the letter box and shouting "I'm going to kill you if you don't open the door" before dragging him off naked in front of his children and holding him for a week denying access to a solicitor or interpreter. Since then his house has been searched again, he's been stopped in the street and charged with little known laws about "having insufficient identification", and on another occasion was detained on a warrant that wasn't even in his name.

A group of people in the area have set up Residents Against Racism to support Belmondo and can be contacted at PO Box 6371, Cnmilin, Dublin 12.

BIRMINGHAM RELIEF ROAD EVICTION BEGINS

In a surreal version of Custer's Last Stand the communications and office caravan for campaigners at Britains first toll road has had the police and security compound built around it! Last night police confiscated mobile phones and address books from people on site leaving the office as the only way of communicating with the site. The caravan door is guarded by four plod and the occupants are not allowed to leave or even look out the window. "They keep coming in and searching the place whilst we are trying to carry on campaign business". Although 3 or four people have been arrested the eviction has so far been low key and fluffy. The 'men in black' have still been unable to get in to the tunnel system but in a worrying move considering the continuous rain is turning the ground to mud, bailiffs have started laying heavy metal tracks over the tunnels to bring in equipment, this makes their claims of health and safety breaches by the underground activist moles ridiculous. The 'men in black' have been identified as 'Specialist International Rescue' which has nothing to do with the right on 'International Rescue who do such good work helping in natural disaster situations and in places like Bosnia. Before the Labour Party swept to victory, Frank Dobson, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport at the time, said: "The Labour Party is opposed to the building of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road". The eviction is expected to be the most difficult yet, with protesters defending the site in specially constructed lock-ons and tunnels. Construction work on the BNR is due to start in January 1999, costing an estimated £700 million. All communications with the campaign are now from Birmingham FOE 0121 632 6909- Site mobile 0467 622 825

BNRR web page <<http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/3081/bnrr.html>> <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/3081/bnrr.html>

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WRITE TO A PRISONER AT XMAS

"Writing is probably the main event in my life. I'd write all day every day if it was possible because it is the only way to get my thoughts out of the four walls that wrongly confine me... So far I have been in prison for 10 fucking years... There are many things in life I have missed because I am in prison for crimes I did not commit... I write to people who have shown support and am pleased to say I have made some good friends from it... believe me I'M angry I get real low but never have I lost the will to fight on.

It's cold. Very little light gets in. I'm in a cell."

RAPHAEL ROWE

Raphael was one of the men found guilty of the 'M25 Murder'. Even during the trial the judge said "So much of the evidence is itself tainted for one reason or another and there is considerable uncertainty and inconsistency in important areas." Such as the fact that police were looking for three men, two of whom were white, one with fair hair and blue eyes - while those convicted were all black. Write to Raphael at HMP Kingston, Milton Road, Portsmouth, PO3 6AS.

At the age of 19 KENNY CARTER was convicted of killing his cellmate in Durham prison, where he was nearing the end of a short sentence. Strongly maintaining his innocence for ten years, he has been the subject of constant aggression and abuse by prison officers, because of his resistance to the prison regime. He's spent time in solitary confinement, the notorious Parkhurst psychiatric wing and on one occasion being beaten so severely his wrist was broken and he had wounds requiring 27 stitches. Even when his girlfriend died of cancer and his daughter was killed in a road accident, he was heartlessly refused permission to attend either funeral. Kenny Carter, AD3434, HMP Full Sutton (segregation unit), Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS

Mark Christian Cullinane is serving a six year sentence in Tanger, Morocco for possession of cannabis resin. Conditions in prison are horrendous: 25 people in one cell measuring 5m x 7m sharing one toilet between them, with one tap above the loo for use as a shower for general food and clothes washing, one meal a day of vegetable soup and very little natural daylight. Write to him at: No 21486, Chamber 5, Charter C, Prison Civil Tanger, Marococcus-Moroc, N. Africa.

*Prison life is extremely boring so letters are generally the highlight of the day. Don't know what to say? Talk about your life, things you are up to - just be careful not to say anything that will get people into trouble. Send the first letter recorded delivery to make sure it gets there! Most prisoners are not the evil monsters you hear about in the press, but people like you or me.

*A man and wife from Howe have both received prison sentences after they were arrested during one of the demonstrations against Hillgrove cat-breeding farm. Thomas Monaghan will serve 12 months, while his wife |Anna will serve four. The couple have three children. Thomas Monaghan, BV6144, HMP Bullingdon PO Box 50, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 0PR
- Anna Monaghan, ZT3425, HMP Brockhill, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6RD.

*If You Want to Know The End (then look at this Beginning!) featuring work by four innocent black prisoners Raphael Rowe, Satpal Ram, Michael Davis and Winston Silcott who have collectively spent over 45 years of their lives in prison.

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Earth First! Winter Moot. On 29-31st of January 1999 Earth First! will be holding it's 'introverted rabid navel gazing National Winter Moot to question who we are and what we're doing'. More details from EF! Winter Moot, c/o Notts EF!, Box EF!, 182 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, NG1 3HW. (If you have to bring kids or dogs book them in by 7th of January or they can't come)***
Oxyacetylene is a new free fortnightly direct action newsheet for Oxford. Copies from Box G, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford, OX4 1RQ oxyace@hotmail.com *** Tuesday 22 December 1998 8 a.m. is the time for the **Winter Solstice Sunrise** at Stonehenge. Contact Stonehenge Campaign, c/o 99 Torrano Av London NW5 2RX www.geocities.com/SoHo/9000/glastone.***
TELLING IT LIKE IT IS: Chinese Society for Human Rights' new web site was intended to provide the official view on the country's human rights record, but American hackers added their own comments: "China's people have no rights at all, never mind humanrights. I really can't believe our government deals with them. They censor, murder, torture, maim, and do everything we [thought] left the earth with the middle ages." The page usually contains links to government documents and articles from the state-run media *** Yesterday was the 50th anniversary of the much ignored Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

BOYCOTT BACARDI - SUPPORT CUBA

Activists from the **Cuba solidarity campaign** have been subvertising * Bacardi adverts around London as a boycott campaign against the drinks company. One activist told SchNEWS "The adverts using the subnity of Cuba's music and culture to sell its rum hides the fact that although Bacardi promotes its Cuban roots vigorously, in reality it is a major opponent of the Cuban Revolution."

Before being booted out in 1959, the wealthy Bacardi family made huge profits out of the wretched poverty and hard labour of Cuban sugar workers. Today, based in the Bahamas and worth \$1.8 billion, Bacardi is a major backer of the illegal United States blockade of Cuba and its lawyers helped draft key sections of the Helms-Burton Act, which further tightens the blockade and demands the return of its lands and assets in Cuba seized by the Revolution. She continued "Drinking Bacardi means supporting US aggression against Cuba. Drinking Havana Club rum, meanwhile, now produced in a joint venture between Cuba and the French company Pernod, actively helps supply hard currency to the Revolution. So avoid a hangover from the past - drink with a clear conscience and support the Cuban Revolution." Rock around the Blockade, c/o BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX tel 0171 837 1688. SCHNEWS VOCAB WATCH: Subvertising To subvert an advert by cheekily pasting on words in the same typeface as the original and/or changing the

39 TREES versus 32 CARS

Lone eco-activist "White Seagull" has been fasting in his treehouse in order to protect a local beauty spot and the environment of the Isle Of Mann. His fast has lasted from November 22nd, until today's planning review for the proposed 32 space car park in Silverdale Glen, Ballasalla, Isle of Man. He is prepared to continue his campaign until land owners The Dept. of Forestries, Fisheries and Agriculture (DAFF) propose a viable alternative and act to preserve the trees, wildlife habitat and ancient walkways, for future generations.

Contact: "White Seagull" or "Woody", The Big Ash Tree, Silverdale, Ballasalla, Isle of Man, British Isles. Tel: 07624 480914 01624 835778 or email: muncunningham@enterprise.net

And / or send objections to DAFF, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas, Isle of Man, British Isles email: daff@govim

FULL FRONTAL

The NF failed to march in Dover last Saturday (SchNEWS 194) after Newbury Travel which has twice before bussed the NF to Dover, caved in under pressure from anti-fascists and trade unionists.

The NF had aimed to capitalise on hostility local racists have been whipping up against the 400 asylum-seekers currently housed in the area. Instead over 200 anti-fascists from London and the South East gathered in Dover marching along the intended NF route leafletting Christmas shoppers.

The day before, 103 Romanian gypsies arrived in the UK having gone to the lengths of hiding in a lorry, prompting the NF to venture out leafletting in Dartford. The NF press release boasts the recruitment of an elderly couple, and threatens a march in the area. **Dover Residents Against Racism** c/o Refugee Link, PO Box 417, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4GT www.canterbury.net.com/Dover.

Over 130 illegalised workers on Hungerstrike in Saint Agnes church in The Hague - the Netherlands 30th of November 1998, a group of over 130 illegalised workers, began a hungerstrike following governmental refusal to grant legitimate rights of residence in the Netherlands.

The latest move in a 1.5 year campaign, they have sought sanctuary in the church as they face deportation, despite having lived and worked in the country for many years. "It is paradoxical that... in a country seen as the cradle of human rights and democracy we have to risk our lives to preserve this."

get warm for free!

"After freezing ourselves silly in this flat through two winters we have just taken advantage of the scheme below: It is so exciting as we are now so toasty with our 8 inches of insulation above our heads, it has obviously made the most enormous difference immediately, but naively we are still in shock with overruddy cheeks. It only took three weeks from making the first phonecall to the stuff being fitted - so don't delay.

If you're receiving Income Support, Housing Benefit, JSA, Family Credit etc., you can get a grant of up to £315 which covers cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, draught proofing and energy saving light bulbs, among other things. If you're sitting in front of a single bar electric fire as you read this, cursing your landlord for letting you die of hypothermia, GET ON THE PHONE!!! Ring 0800 072 0150 and ask for details of the HOME Energy Efficiency Scheme. It's free, it's easy, you'll save cash and feel very righteous. Thanks to Veggie's for passing this on, read their news letter on <http://www.innotts.co.uk/~rainbow/veggies>

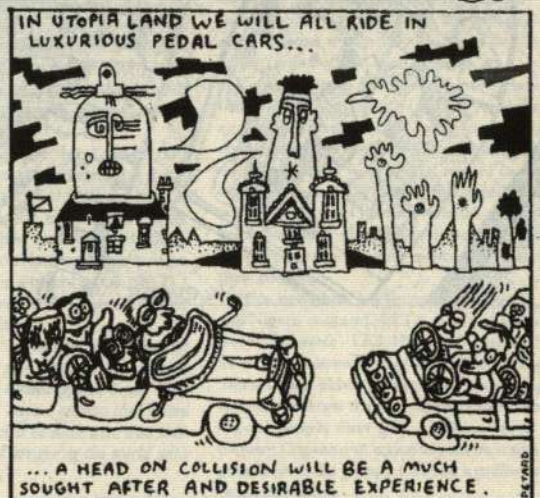
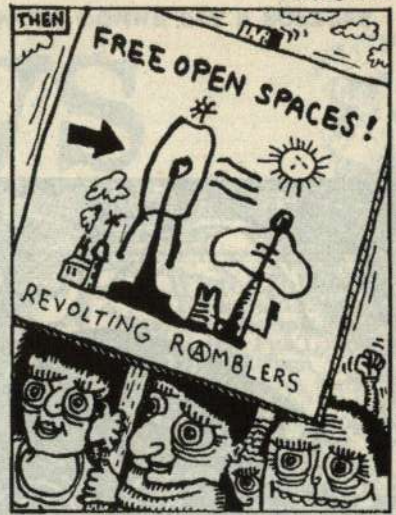
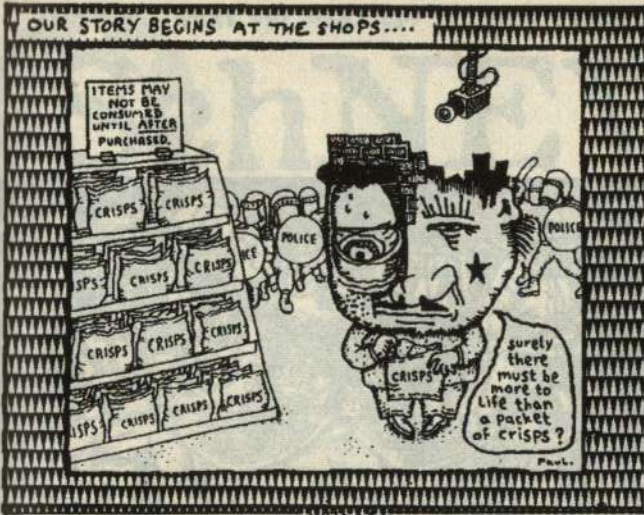
...and finally...

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (BNFL) got the hump the other day when a rogue guerilla group ambushed one of their plutonium-carrying trains at a level crossing. Then it transpired that the People's Nuclear Train Militia was led by Subcommandante Mark Thomas of Channel 4, who, along with 40 others in combat uniform, two military vehicles and a helicopter, showed how simple it really can be to stage your very own terrorist train hijack.

BNFL's indignance glowed hotter than their fuel rods. "This was in very bad taste. For Mark Thomas to turn up with his tank and toy soldiers will be deplored by all right-thinking people." So are we right in thinking that for BNFL, that esteemed arbiter of public good taste, the image stings more painfully than the reality? SchNEWS would love to join their chorus of righteous indignation at Mark Thomas' toy soldiers, if only theirs was a toy nuclear hazard.

disclaimer

Schnews warns all readers that it's in favour of human cloning, then we could have an office staff of 200, there'd be 29 hours in everyday. Newbury would still have a forest, the labour party would have a majority of 2,001, wibble, wibble, go go...





WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER YIPPEE! WE'RE GONNA GET A HOLIDAY

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XMAS BLOW UP JOB

"Our quarrel is not with the Iraqi people. It never has been."
Tony Blair announcing missile attacks on Iraq



On Wednesday night the United States and Britain launched their latest military attack on Iraq. Cruise missiles were launched from US warships and from American B52 bombers based at British-owned Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The next night British Tornados joined in. So far, the casualties are not known. But one thing can be sure - it will be the poorest and most dispossessed people of Iraq who will suffer the most.

The 1991 Gulf war saw the equivalent of seven Hiroshima bombs being dropped on Iraq killing a quarter of a million people. Since then, the US and Britain have maintained crippling sanctions against Iraq. On Wednesday Tony Blair repeated the lie that these sanctions do not cover food and medicine - baby food, enriched powder milk, bandages, refrigeration for antibiotics, animal feed equipment and much more are banned. As a result of sanctions, only half of Iraq's 8,000 farms are currently operating and those that are are doing so at 20% capacity. The consequences have been inevitable - over

1,200,000 Iraqi children have died since 1991 as a direct result of the sanctions that Tony 'our-quarrel-is-not-with-the-Iraqi-people' Blair so strongly supports.

The excuse for the latest attack on Iraq is to stop Saddam building chemical and other weapons for use in the region. In fact, Britain was the first country to use chemical weapons in the middle east when Winston Churchill ordered the gas bombing of Kurdish villages in the 1920s. For years, Britain and the United States have built Iraq up as a military power, supplying Saddam with chemical, biological and other weapons. Saddam's possession of gruesome weapons was never a problem when he was a faithful local puppet of the west. There were no air strikes when Saddam gassed 45,000 Iranian soldiers during the Iran/Iraq war of the 1980s or gassed the entire Kurdish village of Halabja in 1988. It is not Saddam's brutality or firepower that the US and Britain hate - it is his independence.

The attacks against Iraq are all about one thing - oil. The middle east has two thirds of the world's known oil reserves and control of these oilfields is crucial to the superpowers. Britain and the United States have traditionally dominated the middle east through their support for Israel, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and other puppet regimes. These countries have horrific records of human rights abuses, genocide and illegal invasion of neighbouring countries - but the only jets sent to these countries are the ones we sell to their airforces to control 'insurgency' amongst Palestinian, Kurdish and other democratic movements in the region.

Since this attack is supposed to be about defending potential victims of Saddam's chemical and other weapons, SchNEWS phoned the Kurdistan Information Centre for their views - if anyone has been oppressed by Saddam's regime it is the Kurds. Funnily enough, no one else from the British media had bothered to ask them what they thought.

Yado Roz of the centre told SchNEWS, "Saddam is a criminal oppressing his own people Nobody knows that more than the Kurds. He gassed 5,000 Kurds in Halabja in the 1980s and continued using chemical weapons against Kurdish villages for months. When people fled to the mountains he used gas against the caves people hid in. While all this was happening, Britain and the United States did nothing".

In the last 15 years Turkey has burnt 3,000 Kurdish villages to the ground creating three million refugees and 10,000 political prisoners. Kurds are not allowed to speak their language or show any sign of their national identity without being sent to prison or killed. But Turkey is a member of NATO and a friend of Britain and the United States so again they do nothing.

"This attack against Iraq has nothing to do with helping the Kurds. They gave Saddam the weapons and now the monster has turned against them. They only want to show that if anyone opposes the United States and Britain they will be dealt with like this. That is the message they are giving the world with this attack."

Winter Solstice Rebel Alliance
December 21st upstairs at the HobGoblin Pub London
Rd.7.00pm
Come and meet new friends and hear what all about the local direct action groups have been up to in Brighton (and scoff some lovely vegan brandy-chocolate cake)

"OIL NOT HAVE IT!"

"The Ogoni are one of the few indigenous communities in the world to have forced a trans-national corporation from their land by concerted and sustained non-violent direct action"

Statement of Solidarity

Oil companies operating in the Niger Delta in Nigeria are getting the same treatment that biotech giants Monsanto are currently on the receiving end of in India, (SchNEWS 195, Cremating Monsanto). With the same determination to remove their country from the grip of multi-national profit-scum, 24 groups and the representatives of 500 communities from Ijawland resolved, at the end of a 3 day meeting, that the robber oil barons "must leave the Niger Delta area within two weeks or face the wrath of the people".

The practical side of this 'notice to quit' is to be carried out by an Ijaw youth council. Companies on the 'eviction forthwith' list are sShell, Chevron, Mobiland, Texaco, Elf...

A statement made by Ogoni students reads "We condemn Shell's collusion with the Nigerian military regime, its theft of resources, contribution to poverty, racist double standards, devastating pollution and delays on compensation claims, within Ogoni and across the Niger Delta. We also condemn its attempts to re-enter Ogoni against the people's wishes... it is also important to reaffirm the ideals of Ken Saro-Wiwa and the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People".

Youth activists have been been to the forefront in the Ogoni and Ijaw mobilisation against environmental and human rights abuse, but during the Shell-backed military attacks on Ogoni many were forced to flee to refugee camps across West Africa. Moral and practical support for the Ogoni is crucial at this time because Shell is planning to re-enter Ogoni and it's people are expecting military retaliation to their protests

*For news and background on Ogoni, Shell and Nigeria contact DELTA, Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street, Leicester LE2 1BH, UK tel 0116 270 9616 www.oneworld.org/delta. There's a global 'Shut Down sShell Action Day' on 4th January to commemorate the day six years ago when the Ogoni people first got sShell to leave their country. Organise an action in your own area (take your ideas to the pumps. Oh, and a padlock might come in handy).

We're gonna take a three week break now - thanks for all your support - see you next year for some more Baddie Bashin'!

PLEASE DON'T FEEL FREE

Tensions ran high again last Saturday, when Thames Valley police once again banned a demonstration at Hillgrove Farm, where cats are bred for vivisection. Denied the right to protest outside the farm by the cops, 500 demonstrators instead met at Oxford City Centre where, in the words of one protester "they were met with nothing short of extreme brutality from Thames Valley police with mounted officers continually riding into the crowd. It is worth remembering that it is the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which encompasses freedom of expression and assembly, yet in Britain Thames Valley Police ban yet another demonstration."

Thames Valley police defended the arrest of two photographers and a Television camera-crew by claiming that Press cards mean nothing. Thames Valley Police press officer Janet Malcomson claimed "Press cards are forged by animal rights activists and they pose as reporters." However, all press cards are registered at Scotland Yard with PIN digits known to the reporter in the event of any police query.

In response to the Police claims that protesters are posing as journalists photo-journalist Andrew Testa said, "The only people posing as anything else are the Police, when they dress up as activists." Undercover police wearing balaclavas and dark shades were spotted using hidden jacket video cameras to secretly videotape Hillgrove protesters. Only later did Thames Valley Police find out, the undercover cops were from the Met Police; What's going on here then?

* Who said this? "criminals who hurl rocks and petrol bombs at police officers - and police horses - and who appear to have no respect for animals they claim they are protecting." It was Thames Valley police chief Charles Pollard in the 1997/8 annual police report. He had to apologise and accept the statement as "inaccurate".

* A circus worker, recently convicted of subjecting an elephant to a sustained and vicious beating with an iron bar, got 4 months in prison; a Hillgrove protester, who pleaded guilty to striking a metal fence with a piece of wood, got a year Good old British justice.

* For info on undercover police harassment of protesters and journo's contact Undercurrents 16b Cherrwell St Oxford OX4 1 BG Tel 01865 203661. www.undercurrents.org

* Barry Horne has ended his hunger strike on day 68, after the government's promised greater independence on monitoring vivisection practices.

* National Demonstration Against Live Exports, All Day Of Action on Friday 15th January, from 8.00am@ the Dover Eastern dock

CHRISTMAS BONUS

The Hillingdon Hospital Workers, sacked three years ago for refusing to take a pay cut, recently won a historic victory, with the right to be reinstated to their old jobs, on old terms and conditions. However, Granada Services who ironically sit on the Governments Low Pay Commission reckon its impractical to give the women their jobs back.

So - the battle continues with a Christmas Day Picket 9 - 11 am outside Hillingdon Hospital

More details c/o 27 Townsend Way, Northwood, Middx., HA6 1TG Tel 0956 135311

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Three women from the Trident Ploughshares's 2000 are still banged up on remand following a 'Citizens Inspection' action at Barrow in November. Write to: **Stellen Vinthagen** BT8233, HMP Preston, 2 Ribblesdale Lane, Preston, PR1 5AB

Annika Spalde BE8940, HMP Risley, 617 Warrington Rd., Risley, Warrington, WA3 6BP

Ann-Britt Sternfeldt BE8941, also at HMP Risley

Pablo Locke MM2797 (spokesman for ABC prisoner support) has been moved again this time to remote and unvisited HMP Parkhurst,

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SchNEWS in brief

Action 2000 the task force set up by the Government to deal with the threat from the Millennium bug (see SchNEWS 191) is advising families to stock up with emergency food supplies in case of Bug disruptions!*** uk-y2k-action-subscribe@egroups.com is a new email discussion group set up to discuss all things millennium bug like *** Beware youngsters - next year you're gonna be targeted by a new government backed ID card company, hoping to soften you up before compulsory ID cards, high on the Police State's New Year wish list *** The London Anarchist Forum meets every Friday evening at Conway Hall, 25, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL (Holborn tube). Topics include What is an Anarchist Movement? (Jan. 15th)& Symposium on Behaviour in Anarchist Meetings. (Jan. 29th).*** Attention All Hunt Protesters...have you ever been threatened or assaulted whilst attending the Husley and Hambleton Hunt? Ian Oliver, a solicitor in the Sussex area is acting for several hunt protesters relating to charges arising out of incidents at the Hunt and would like to speak to you. Ring 01243 786668 *** Diggers 350-In 1649, at the end of the English Civil War, the Diggers asserted the right to rent-free land for all. From April 1999 and into the new millennium The Land is Ours will be celebrating and reviving the Digger spirit... There's a planning meeting at Conway Hall, London (full address above) Sunday 17th Jan, 12 noon-5pm.*** Agitprop website goes to over 30 countries around the world, and reaches thousands of activists with news of struggles, from the prisons of Philadelphia and Palestine to the strikes in East Timor and California- www.igc.apc.org/labortart. Subscriberserv@email.rutgers.edu.*** Headmix Collective invite you to swing your partner at a very special SOLITICE CEILIDH DANCE-Mon. 21st Dec, 7.30-11pm@Sussex Arts Club, Ship Street, Brighton. [4/13]

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RAMBLERS RUMBLED

"I'm not having anybody on my land... They will never get away with it. I have picked on by these disgusting people who have nothing better to do... I know these types. They are people who don't have any stake in society. They're not walking in the countryside. They are hell-bent on trespassing on private property." It's everybody's favourite Brighton landlord millionaire Nick Van Hoogstraten, describing the Ramblers Association, who are taking him to court for blocking a public footpath on his land.

* Tinker's Bubble, a low-impact site in Somerset, looks set to get permission to remain for five years on their land, an important precedent for alternative dwellers. Goodwill from local villagers forced two councillors to change their brick-brained minds in support of the organicbubblers

PARTY POOPERS

Two people from the Innerfield soundsystem were found guilty the other week - guilty of putting on last year's excellent free New Years Eve party in an old squatted Bingo Hall in Brighton. DJ's Matt and Marcus were found guilty cos they couldn't prove they knew everyone at the party! They now have a criminal record, £500 fine each and 120 community hours. SchNEWS reckons they were already doing community service - putting on free parties for all the people who don't or won't go to clubs, especially the overpriced shit at New Years. Anyone out there up for putting on benefit gigs/parties/making a donation to Innerfield get in touch with the SchNEWS office.

Return from the grave

'Sorted Dave' who died of a heart condition on site of the proposed Birmingham Northern Relief Road in April was evicted from one of the protesters tunnels this week. His ashes were placed in an urn and concreted into a lock-on in a tunnel at the request of his family. The tunnelers known as the "men-in-black" removed the urn after his seven day eviction ordeal. Unlike other protesters Dave was not arrested or bailed off the site and it is believed that he intends to continue campaigning for many more years to come!

Meanwhile the eviction of the Moneymore cottages continues with two people remaining in tunnels after 10 days. The police compound was dismantled by protesters yesterday, while Security guard defector Dean Smith was arrested for obstruction following his debut tunnel eviction when he stayed underground for 3 days.

A mass e-mail to newspapers and the Dept of Transport is planned for next week to call for another public enquiry. Local Methodist Minister, David Shawcross, known as the "Manic Tree Preacher" is set to resist eviction at the Greenwood site, by D-locking himself to a tree. Massive potential for the campaign remains with 27 miles of predominantly greenbelt land for new camps and squats. The road is planned to be three times the length of the recently opened Newbury Bypass at a cost of 700 million. Site Mobile 07970 301978/ The alliance against the BNR: 0121 6326909

AROOA- Eviction papers have been received at CRYSTAL PALACE protest camp where the Council plan to build a massive leisure complex in the park. A security compound has been built next door and lotsa police have turned up filming everyfink and everyone. To get there by train, Crystal Palace stn, by tube, to Brixton then no.3 bus (20 mins) Tel0181 761 7826 Site mobile 0961 832472

Solicitors for an activist arrested at Nottingham Reclaim The Streets are calling for witnesses to the unruly behavior of a tall Sargent with a tash. Ring Carol or Paula on 01159 419141* Action against Manchester Airports 2nd runway continues with plans to ravage more woodland Meet 10am 18th Jan at The Yard Theatre, 41 Old Birley St, opp Junction Pub, Royce rd, Holme, Manchester. Contact 0161 226 6814*NEWBURY REUNION Sunday Jan 10th '99. This event marks the start of the campaign to save the countryside between the bypass and the existing area of Newbury from the increasing threat of unlimited infill development. PO Box 5642, Newbury, Berks, RG14 5WG Tel 07000 785201 www.ign.apc.org/newbury

...and finally...

We print a recent letter to SchNews from Councillor Pympe of Hackney:

Squatty Scam,

You recently maliciously published the number 0800 622872 claiming it was Hackney Council's Emergency Squatline. This is incorrect, it is in fact the number for MADAME HARUNA (all fetishes catered for). I am most concerned that the unwashed layabouts and anarchists to whom your grotty publication is addressed appear to be blocking Ms Haruna's important freephone number. I have even heard that the number is being rung from isolated rural phone kiosks, where it might be weeks before anyone comes by to put the receiver back on the hook. This disruptive hoobag behaviour must cease immediately, so that Madame Haruna can provide her legitimate services to the community without impediment. Please ensure this is made clear to all your toe-nag friends without delay. Yours,

Councillor Arthur Pympe

* Apologies Mr Pympe, we printed the above number thinking it was the squat busting hot-line of Hackney Council. PS. How much for a golden shower?

disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all readers not to accept offers of free Xmas dinner while having a festive stroll on Clapham Common. You might well end up as the turkey at your own last supper- well & truly stuffed. Ho! Ho! Ho!

A SURVIVAL GUIDE

NETWORKING INITIATIVES

How do new people find their way into our movement and become empowered enough to organise actions? In the past this has happened mainly through protest camps, but nowadays a wider range of actions take place, not all of them so public. Also, some Earth First! groups have decided that they want to work as closed 'affinity groups', for reasons of security and trust, but see problems with this approach as it does not involve new people. For these reasons, and also to network with those already active on other issues, several 'networking initiatives' have sprung up around the country. Here's a profile of three of them - two of them are in the major activist centres of Brighton and Manchester, but the third, in Norwich, shows that it may also work in areas without a large activist base - it's up to you to decide whether the idea would work in your area or not.

Activist Network, Manchester

"The 'Activist Network' meeting in Manchester was born out of necessity last summer after EF! meetings became too large and dominated by announcements. At a Manchester EF! away weekend, we devised the Activist Network, to hive off the networking function, and free up EF! to organise actions.

The idea was to provide a forum for activists working on different issues to get together in the same place every month and discuss, debate and share information. We aimed to branch out beyond the EF! ghetto a bit and in this respect it's going OK. We have about 25-40 people there, and a good mix of generations and types of activist, with people from Groundswell (anti-JSA), Workers Power, Socialist Party, long-time anarchists, ISL, animal rights and us lot. We also aimed to have a different issue / topic of debate / speaker / video / presentation to focus on every month, and that organisation and facilitation of the meeting should rotate. This is working okay too, with recent topics including medical research on animals, the Spanish revolution, and the millennium bug, although some meetings are more patchy than others. However, one area we need to work on is our original aim of moving away from the original meeting structure to include a socialising element e.g. drinks, food, games etc. - this aspect is lacking energy to make it happen currently.

Other criticisms are a slightly inaccessible venue, and that it is not being used by all activists in Manchester as a networking tool - we don't think this is a problem with the format though, which we feel is good - it just needs more time and energy invested in it."

The Rebel Alliance, Brighton

"The Rebel Alliance is a monthly meeting of non-hierarchical direct action groups based around Brighton. The original idea was to improve communication and practical solidarity between groups, and to provide an accessible way for new people to get involved. A good range of groups have got involved, including, Brighton hunt sabs, SchNEWS, the Kemptown Network, The Anarchist Teapot, Brighton Claimants Action Group, Brighton Animal Rights Coalition, The Student Autonomist Society, Brighton Class War, a local street theatre group, a genetics group and Molescomb Forest Gardening collective.

When the meeting has been well publicised up to a hundred people have turned up, with old faces as well as new people attending. The basic format is that each group has a few minutes to introduce themselves, provide an update on what they have been up to over the last month and to announce any forthcoming events. The meetings have been confined to this - avoiding discussions and debate - and staying short, sharp and interesting.

After the final announcements have been made the "formal" bit comes to an end and people are given an opportunity to chat with people or groups they found interesting, or to have more in depth discussions about stuff that came up.

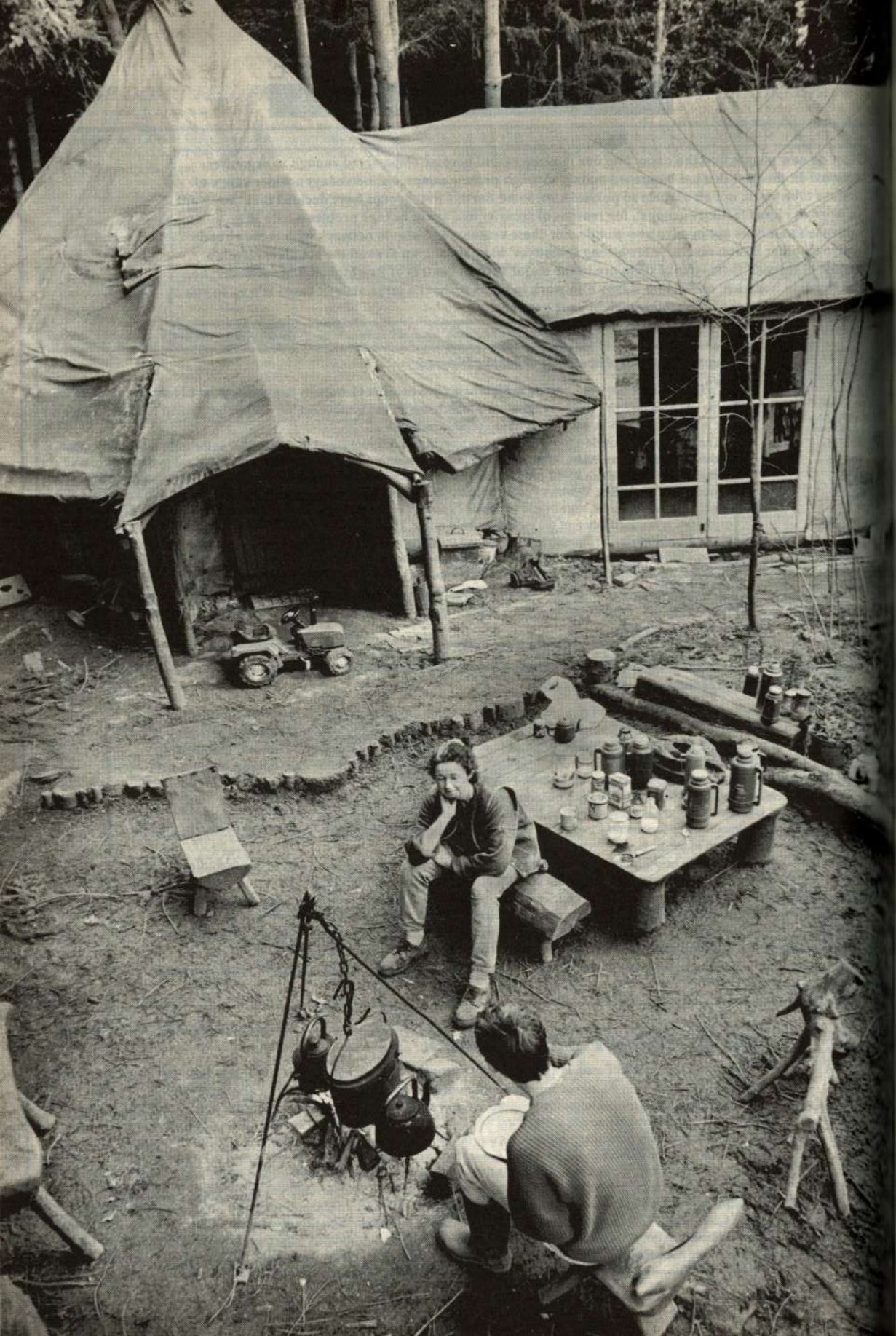
Established groups have picked up new members but - more importantly - people have begun to form new groups themselves. For example a Subvertising Collective and a Women's group, HAG (Hellraising Anarchist Girls) have already been formed.

By identifying itself as a forum for non-hierarchical direct action groups the Alliance has so far avoided any problems with authoritarian parasites - which is nice! Overall its been a really positive boost to activities in Brighton.

The next meetings are taking place at 7pm in the Hobgoblin Pub, London Road, Brighton on Thursday 18 March, Wednesday 28 April, Wednesday 26 May"

Direct Action Forum, Norwich

"Norwich Direct Action Forum is a monthly open meeting for existing and potential activists to share ideas and information about direct action, with the aim of broadening the local network of people involved. The idea was to provide a point of contact for people interested in getting involved in direct action and to improve networking between existing local groups in a place where anarcho agitation and sub-cultural deviancy are very much minority activities. It was decided to focus on direct action rather than any particular issue and this was the focus of all the publicity we did. We talked to all the other groups we knew who might be interested (the hunt sabs, the sol fed - this didn't take long). We fly posted to fuck, this cost us about 25 quid in photocopying, we also made loads of A6 flyers put them in shops, cajoled big issue sellers to give them to likely suspects, handed them round the university. What we aimed to do with the first meeting on February 4th was create a welcoming space, and so we advertised it as including a video showing. Fifty people turned up which was about three times what we expected. However, that's only one meeting and it's only when those people start getting actively involved that we'll know whether or not it's a successful idea that warrants replication elsewhere. A bigger venue has been sorted out for March. Next Forum, March 4, 8pm, The Plough, St. Benedicts. Come along or contact Norfolk EF! if you want to know more."





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FOREVER BLOWING

BUBBLES

"We are the stubborn dreamers."
Gerard Winstanley.
An original Digger

Tinkers Bubble won an historic victory last week, when they were granted planning permission for their low impact homes. The residents have been living in canvas homes and other low impact dwellings for the past five years, fighting every inch of the way to get planning permission, after having the audacity to want to live on their own land. South Somerset District Council gave the 10 adults and 3 kids a five year trial period to carry on growing vegetables, tending their orchards and feeding their goats.

During the epic struggle, Simon Fairdie, one of the residents, wrote a book, 'Low Impact Development', to help other people pick their way through the UK's complex planning process.

"This is extremely good news and may become a precedent for this kind of sustainable development", said George Monbiot.

The decision dramatically shows the conflict between our archaic planning policy, which makes the building of low impact dwellings largely illegal, and Agenda 21 which states its aim "to provide access to land for all households...through environmentally sound planning". Despite all the politicians fine words it seems it's OK for developers to get away with building ugly Wimpey-home sprawl but the idea of environmentalists building sustainable homes...? Well, that's a bit much.

However, opposition in the nearby village of Norton-sub-Handon is high with local residents accusing Bubbles of 'lowering the tone of the village'. A hard-core group of villagers promise to appeal against the decision, and despite the tentative support of Paddy Ashdown, the local Lib Dem councillor, Andy Jacobs, was so outraged that he resigned! Still, SchNEWS has it on good authority that he was going to resign anyway. "This is a foolhardy and dangerous decision," he puffed, "that is likely to open the floodgates for other such projects to be repeated elsewhere". And so say all of us!

* It is 350 years since the Diggers squatted a piece of barren land at St. George's Hill, Surrey, erecting huts and housing over 100 people. To commemorate this, there will be events from 30 March - 4 April, where people will unite under the banner of Diggers 350 in an attempt to reclaim land and develop

long term sustainable communities. For more details of training and educational workshops: **The Land Is Ours** 01865 722016 or email: tony@gaia.org

* **Brith Dir Mawr** in North Wales houses a collection of low impact dwellings. The tipis, strawbale house, roundhouse and geo dome have sat happily nestling in the Valleys for over three years before a National Park Authority helicopter spotted them, and are now the subject of eviction speculation.

* **The Natty Trust** was set up to promote high standards of sustainable, ecological design and development for the benefit of the public. They have a new office and excellent library of books on sustainability, permaculture appropriate technology and organics. Contact them at Unit 11, Level 5, New England House, New England Street, Brighton BN1 4GH

* **Stepping Stones Housing** co-op in Wales have secured funding from **Radical Routes** to help buy a small farm. They aim to provide social housing in both separate and communal living areas, alongside workers' co-ops which will provide products and services to help pay off the loan. Want to know more? Call Alex Begg on 0870 733 2538

* **Low Impact Development** - planning and people in a sustainable countryside. £10 from Low Impact, 20 St Michael's Rd Yeovil, Somerset

* **Diggers and Dreamers** - the guide to communal living '98-'99, published by Diggers and Dreamers Publications (0-951-4945-4-6)

SCHNEWS 1999 WISH LIST

We need decent photographs of actions for inclusion in our next SchNEWS book (Remember to write your name on the back!)

Wanna keep fit? We need someone who wants to keep fit by distributing SchNEWS round town on a Friday afternoon

We need people who want to help run a stall and give out SchNEWS in Brighton on a Saturday.

We need someone to finish sorting out our filing and magazine system.

We need a heater cos our office is freezing.

We need people to bring more biscuits into the office.

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

Newbury Police arrested a protester for chalking her name on the tarmac of the bypass. She was later released without charge - is that cos evidence would be washed away when it rained?

British Bulldog 1.2.3.

Last Sunday, on the 3rd Anniversary since work began on the Newbury bypass 250 protestors pedestrianised the road by playing cat and mouse bulldog with the police (who weren't very good at it) and their riot vans. On what was an emotional day protestors returned to the trees to hang banners. Even Delboy's wife parked up her Robin Reliant and joined the campaign. However, she was later denied entrance to a nearby pub for being a protester (fact!). Four people were nicked but three were released without charge. One man however was charged with huring rocks up at the helicopter, SchNEWS doesn't know if his name was Hercules. Infill developments look set to line the bypass. Vodaphone have even threatened to leave Newbury if they can't get their own way and build a massive new HQ on greenfield. (See SchNEWS 192.)

Newbury's Liberal MP Rendell commented "They seem determined to prevent people enjoying the huge environmental benefits the by-pass has brought." SchNEWS has been unable to find out if Mr Rendell means protesters or the police. The road was closed till the early hours of Sunday night.

AVON RING ROAD People are needed NOW to stop the Avon Ring Road - which if built will be Bristol's answer to the M25. Work has started, actions are underway and camps have been established. So choose an eco "des res" with loads of good support and supplies: an activist's adventure playground. As Rowlan Dye of Bristol Cycling Campaign points out "This road has very little to do with relieving local traffic congestion, but is designed to open up vast areas of green belt for development." Just like at Newbury. This campaign is still legally winnable. Camp mobile phone 0797 999 0389.

EPSOM The authorities were left a little red faced and £100,000 out of pocket last week when they staged a dawn raid on a protest camp in Epsom, Surrey. Up to 500 cops including Met police and local officers flanked by bailiffs, the Forward Intelligence Team, specialist tunnellers and climbers, and the under-sheriff of Greater London arrived on the scene to find the camp empty - apart from one homeless man living in a van! The camp had been set up to stop an access road and car park destroying woodland but had been abandoned a month ago. One local councillor said that the operation was necessary because they "didn't know how many people were going to be on that site." This, despite the local cop shop being opposite the camp!

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office politics

On January 4, the first work day of this year, 13 people invited themselves into the London headquarters of sHELL and refused to leave. That Monday was the anniversary of Shell's forced retreat from oil-rich Ogoni in Nigeria in face of mass grassroots resistance. And in the last couple of years, the Ijaw ethnic group of southern Nigeria have been upping the anti; occupying oil facilities and slashing Nigeria's oil output by up to a third.

Last Monday (4th) 12 smartly dressed 'executives' entered sHELL House in London and in a shockingly professional manner barricaded themselves into the management's offices, relaying updates via digital cameras, lap-top computers and mobiles. 6 hours later riot cops sledgehammered through the walls to get them out. All were arrested but later released as sHELL didn't want to press charges.

The action was in solidarity with the Ijaw people of Nigeria whose land and lives are being totally fucked up by the actions of sHELL and other oil companies in the Niger Delta. Despite the huge profits being made by the oil industry in the region, no oil money is coming back into the communities, the continuing use of outdated equipment results in serious pollution, compensation claims are delayed and the past few years have seen a continuing military build up in the area. On 11 Dec 1998 young activists from 500 Ijaw communities issued an ultimatum giving the oil companies 2 weeks to leave the country. Naturally, instead of paying any attention to the wishes of Nigerian citizens, the sHELL-backed military administration declared a State of Emergency in Bayelsa State, with the suspension of civil liberties and a dusk to dawn curfew. So on 1 Jan the Ijaw activists started 'Operation Climate Change', to shut down oil flow stations and gas flares in the Delta. Since then up to 200 have been killed.

The activists in London said that this year will be "the turning point that will see the end of corporate dominance".

Contact DELTA 01958 795198; Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street, Leicester LE2 1BH; www.kemptown.org/shell www.oneworld.org/delta

* **Open meeting** with speakers including Prof. Nanjundaswamy from Karnataka State Farmers Association (whose members are currently burning down Monsanto's genetically modified crops in India - see SchNEWS 194) 6.30pm, Fri, Jan 22 @ Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 (nearest tube Holborn). Further info on Peoples Global Action <info@aggp.org> or <pga@aggp.org>

* This is part of the build up to the **Inter-Continental Caravan** (22 May - 20 June) and the massive JUNE 18 international day of action against global capitalism. contact Reclaim The Streets 0171 2814621 email discussion group

STOP PRESS..

The GREENWOOD site on route of the Birmingham Relief Rd is being evicted. Only 3 people are on site. However, all is not lost for the SPINNEY site is still there, though very low on numbers. FOUR activists have been remanded for alleged burglary and criminal damage to a nuclear bunker (!) on route of the proposed 27 mile private toll motorway. They are:-

(Local) John Mycroft CE 7919 * (Cider) Paul Wood CE 7920 HMYOI Brinford New Road Featherstone Wolverhampton WV10 7PY * Martin (Martinic) Wright BR 9345 (Disco) Dave Dragonetti (date of birth 09/07/68) HMP Winston Green Road Winston Green Birmingham B18 4AS * A fifth person has been remanded to a bail hostel in Newcastle. All four are due to appear at Tamworth Magistrates on Wednesday 20th January. Tel 017970 301978

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We really need your old scanner for the next SchNEWS annual (SchNEWS Goes Fggh) any photos of the 'tank incident' at last years Salisbury Reclaim The Streets?

SchNEWS in brief

The campaign to support the three hunt sabs charged with "conspiracy to commit violent disorder" after a days sabbing the Hursley Hangleton hunt are holding a series of public meetings on 25th Jan., 8th Feb. & 22nd Feb. at 8.00pm. at Scotts Bar, Eldon St., Portsmouth. Don't forget the National day of action against all blood sports called for 1st March, the first day of the trial at Portsmouth Crown Court. There's also a benefit tape on sale featuring 'an hour of quality techno trance'. £4 available from Portsmouth Hunt Sabs, Box H, 167 Fawcett Road, Southsea, Hants. PO4 0DH. All Cheques payable to The Portsmouth Three Defence Campaign.*** Stop the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal - Public meeting on Thurs. 28th Jan. 7.30 at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Tel. 0171 3260353. Website: www.mumia.org *** **Movement Against the Monarchy** are holding a party to celebrate the execution of Charles I on Saturday Jan 30th. Civil War dress code of Diggers, Levellers, Ranters or New Model Army Fighters encouraged. Starts 11 a.m. outside Banqueting House, Whitehall. Contact MAM P.O. Box 14672, London E9 5UQ Tel: 0956 506 946.*** **General Pinochet** - Picket in front of the Lords (Houses of Parliament) starting Monday 18th Jan 9am. to Weds. Also Sat 16th Jan a march/visit to his home in the country, 300 people from Europe showing up. And Sun 17th Jan a march Millbank, Parliament Square, Trafalgar Square, starting 11am meet at Dean Ryle St, SW1 followed by a rally at 12 noon in Trafalgar Square with speakers and music.

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Send support messages to Taj and Roberto, who stood up to fascist BNP bully and parliamentary candidate Andrew Wearden who "ended up knocked out and in hospital" after people decided they'd had enough of him and his mates harassing Asian youths. The two anti-fascists have been found guilty of actual bodily harm and are in prison awaiting sentence. Send letters of support recorded delivery: **Taj Ahmed**, BT9173, HMP Preston, PR1 5AB; **Roberto Broilini**, CC5829, HMYOI Lancaster Farms, Stone Row Head, off Quernmore Rd, Lancs. LA1 3QZ

NF AT IT AGAIN

Last Saturday the National Front held their third march against asylum-seekers in Dover. Despite barely three days notice, anti-fascists were able to mobilise some 60 people to oppose the fascists' - twice the number mustered by the NF. Some 300 police (equivalent to 10% of the entire Kent County police force) came equipped with dogs, horses, riot vans, riot gear, photographers, numerous video Evidence Gathering Teams, and a motor launch to ensure the fascists could march. Anti-fascists however were stopped, searched, photographed, videoed and asked for their names and addresses. Despite the overwhelming police presence, thanks to the efforts of the anti-fascists it took the NF more than three quarters of an hour to march the half-mile from the Eastern Docks to the Western Docks. The NF reckon they will continue holding marches in Dover every few months, so stay in touch. Refugees Against Racism c/o Refugee Link, PO Box 417, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4GT www.canterburyu-net.com/ For an excellent read on how fascism was stopped by direct action in the mid 1940's read 'The 43 Group' by Morris Beckman

*Nick Hudson, Editor of the Dover Express/ Folkestone Herald, has been warned by police about inciting racial hatred in his papers. Hudson who used to work for the Daily and Sunday Sport was told some of his newspapers coverage was "inflammatory". Apparently letting the NF march through Dover isn't inflammatory.

Tubeway Army

On the same day activists were busy occupying Shell's London offices, people from Reclaim The Streets (RTS) occupied the head office of London Underground, St. James' Square, in protest at plans to privatise the tube. Tube workers had voted to go on strike today but

their action was called off by their union after London Transport management got a court order under the anti-strike laws. Dee Locke from RTS said. Despite the fact that the privatisation of British rail is now recognised as a disaster New Labour is proceeding with plans to sell off parts of the tube network. In December John Prescott signed papers allowing private companies to start 'shadowing' London Transport management to get an idea of what sort of business they will be taking over, what corners can be cut, what workers they can sack. It's estimated that the privatisation process will cost around £100 million - money that could be better spent on improving the service.

Statement from RTS

Whenever transport workers go on strike the Standard and other rags talk of 'Misery on the Roads and on the Rails'. But we know the reality is the opposite. Strikes are good for the spirit. Commuters get the day off work, tube workers get to socialise on the picket lines and down the pub instead of working. Business leaders talk of damage to London's economy. But what is that economy really about? It is about lots of people working hard just to survive while making profits for others to live at their expense. We say fuck the economy! We want to damage that which damages us. The economy is a human misery. By striking tube workers reduce the misery! Anyway, only by using their economic muscle can the tube workers defend their own interests against the attempt to make them work harder for less, which is what privatisation is about. However London Transport's legal move and the RMT's call off of the strike action shows that tube workers need to consider their tactics. Understandably workers often feel that only by taking legal official action can they be safe. But their only real safety lies in sticking together. If strikers respect the union laws they are unlikely to win, that is what the laws are all about. Recently in an ongoing fight with management, electricians on the Jubilee Line Extension have shown that by not listening to their union when it tells them to obey the anti-strike laws workers win. They have learnt that it is not through legalistic union methods but by direct action and solidarity that workers can defend their interests. Today RTS are saying that we stand with workers against their bosses, against New Labour and for autonomous direct action for a better world. Reclaim the Streets: 0171 281 4621; rts@gn.apc.org

* Last year Virgin Trains received 195,000 letters of complaint, and 7,000 phone calls each month.

...and finally...

Animal rights activists are advised to be on the lookout for new weapons being used by the forces of oppression. In Austria animal rights demonstrators had their stall trampled by circus elephants-yes, elephants. Closer to home, Brighton Animal Rights had their minibus trashed over Christmas by a runaway milk float. Meanwhile spare a thought for poor old Percy the pigeon. Having beaten 1000 rivals in a 500 mile race, Percy flopped down exhausted in a Sheffield loft-and was promptly eaten by a cat. To add insult to considerable injury due to a delay in the handing in of Percy's ID tag he was relegated from first place to third.

disclaimer SchNEWS warns all readers that if yer gonna go for a stroll on motorways, make sure you take at least 250 friends with you. The you can feel smug (not smog). Homest.





WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER BED-PAN...



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CLEANED OUT!



"How can you have partnership with management that can sack you? Sure when we can sack the manager, or personnel, then we can talk about partnership. Partnership is between equals."

Carolann Duggan, assembly-line worker and trade union activist

Hillingdon hospital workers who were recently told by an Industrial Tribunal that they should have their jobs back - on their old terms and conditions - are still waiting to be re-instated.

Fifty three, mainly Asian women, were sacked in September 1995 for refusing to accept worse pay and conditions, such as a £40 a week pay cut (they were already earning less than £7,000 a year). The media ignored them, their Union kept trying to abandon them, but they carried on fighting. Eventually their former employees Pall Mall admitted unfair dismissal, then the Tribunal ruled in their favour.

The problem now is that the hospital contract has been taken over by Granada Services who say that the women have been 're-structured' and that their jobs no longer exist. Which in plain English means that Granada have got people doing the same work for less pay.

Strange then it would seem, that Granada's Stephanie Monk has a seat on the Governments Low Pay Commission - you know, the people that said the minimum wage should be £3.60 an hour. However a spokesperson from the Public Sector Privatisation Unit (!) told SchNEWS "Even though Granada are on the Low Pay Commission, they're actually fighting hard to keep the minimum wage as low as possible."

But while the Hillingdon Hospital workers' fate is uncertain, Granada's fortunes are blooming thanks to their Labour chums. Aside from a £4 billion turnover from hotels, service stations and Conomation Street, they've recently been given a whopping £60 million Millennium Dome catering contract, 49% of the Post Office's

catering arm, and permission to sell cream teas at the British Library.

As usual New Labour talk of partnership and labour flexibility, but behind the sound bites its big business that they really work for.

Wed 27th January Meeting at Parliament to discuss Granada's role on Low Pay Commission.

Wed 17th February Lobby Granada HQ 12 - 2pm 13 Cleveland Row, off St James St, SW1.

Send urgently needed donations to Hillingdon Strikes, c/o 27 Townsend Way, Northwood, Middx, HA6 1TG Td 0956 135311

ARMS UNITED

"When the dust has settled, the result will be a company even more aggressive in peddling death and repression around the world."

Campaign Against the Arms Trade. British Aerospace, everyone's favourite dealers in arms and torture equipment, is to take over GEC Marconi electronics division, to become the biggest arms seller in Europe and third largest in the world. This will give them even more power to lobby the gov't and dilute even further Britain's "ethical foreign policy". This is the Company that sells Hawk jets to Indonesia, and assault rifles to the Turkish military which is involved in brutally repressing Kurdish people in disputed land in the south.

The Merger precedes calls by activists for an immediate arms embargo in the Public Gallery at the House of Commons yesterday after it was confirmed that British-built tanks and armoured vehicles have been used in East Timor, Indonesia. This information came from the dim-witted Indonesian defence attache, Col. Halim, admitted to allegations of torture and the use of UK equipment in East Timor on Mark Thomas Comedy Product after Mark posed as a rep from a PR company.

* BAE is holding an AGM, 28 April, QE2 Conference Centre, Victoria Street, London (nearest station Westminster) There will be a protest and vigil outside, and direct action inside. You won't be able to get in unless you're a shareholder, but shares are available from Campaign Against the Arms Trade (donations very welcome as shares cost £15 each). Open planning meetings for AGM

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK...

* For wearing a khaki shirt! Earth First! activist Melissa Fridlin was nicked at an anti-Forest Service demo in America on the grounds that she was impersonating a Federal official during some street theatre.

* Goes to P.C. Fudge of West Mercia for assaulting a disabled hunt sab in a hail of punches, breaking his camcorder, arresting him for possession of an offensive weapon (the camcorder), and stealing his woolly hat! The sab was released without charge and is suing with support of a Staffordshire Inspector! Earlier, P.C. Fudge informed 2 sabs he'll *fucking* kill them if they didn't get out of their car, as well as threatening sabs with C.S. gas if they tried to follow the hunt. Meanwhile in Berkshire 3 sabs had 60 police to contend with, while on Salisbury Plain sabs were followed in hot pursuit by an Air Support Unit helicopter! Hunt Saboteurs Ass. P.O. Box 2786 Brighton BN2 2AX tel 01273 622827

...CRAP RAID OF THE WEEK

A law-abiding Newcastle high-rise resident woke at 8am to the sound of mysterious clanks and thumps. Looking through his spy-hole he saw Northumbria constabularies' finest. He opened the door and 3 Keystone Kops fell in a heap through the door, along with their hydraulic ram. After they had searched his laundry basket, he checked the warrant more closely. The kops became red-faced when he pointed out they had the right flat number, but the wrong block of flats. *Doh!*

actions: 6.30pm, 13 Jan, 10 Feb, 10 & 24 March, 7 April @ CAAT Office, 11 Goodwin Street, Finsbury Park, London N4. <http://www.gn.apc.org/caat>; email: enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk

SchNEWS QUICK-FIRE TV REVIEW

Mark Thomas's Comedy Product, Wed 10:55pm, Channel 4. If Bill Hicks was right that TV's function is to keep us all stupid, this programme kidnaps the screen and wrests it from its purpose... A new series in which Mark tricks his way into the corridors of power and exposes those who are shafting us all (all hail the slayer of Indonesian officials' dignity).

DOIN' IT IN THE NORTH

Beware of power-dressed executives who have mates with dreadlocks... as staff at construction firm Amec learnt the hard way, when on Monday a couple of apparently respectable business visitors let in through the window about 50 activists who engulfed the beautiful Cheshire country house headquarters. But the company responsible for building Manchester airport's second runway were already entertaining, so as the new guests mingled with those who had been invited, *pommes frites* were washed down with wine. Amec managers could only stand by and mourn their lost nibbles.

NO GREENWASH IN THE GREENHOUSE

On Tuesday the genetiX snowball campaign rejected the Green Ribbon award for 'Best Political Campaign by an Environmental Organisation'. The awards are sponsored by Norsh Hydro. GenetiX spokesperson Andrew said at the Awards Ceremony "Norsk Hydro is continuing to exploit new oil reserves despite concerns over Global Warming; and manufactures PVC despite concerns over human health and pollutants; and is the largest manufacturer of artificial fertilisers, which have no part in sustainable agriculture. There is a fine line between promoting environmental good practice and being a showcase for corporate 'greenwash'. That line has been crossed with these awards".

*Iceland has decided to become the first country in the world to sell the rights to the entire population's genetic code to a biotechnology company. Roche Holding Ltd. has signed a \$200 million, five-year deal to develop new drugs and tests from the data

* Activists in Hulme, Manchester have called off a supermarket sweep planned at their local ASDA store after the supermarket agreed to fund independent testing of their own brand of baked beans to ensure that they are free of genetically modified organisms.

1-2-3 OUT?

The World renowned 121 Autonomous Centre in Brixton, South London has been given its marching orders by Lambeth Council

The doors could finally close on the squatted infoshop next Thursday which has been based at Railton Road since 1981.

The Centre is also used for local squatters aid, regular cafes, community meetings, regular parties and music shows, a print resource, and an archive. It's eviction seems to go hand in hand with the on-going gentrification of Brixton. Currently mass evictions are taken place, two community arts centres along the Wandsworth Road are being sold off, short-life housing co-ops are being hassled and a £50 a night hotel and indoor shopping centre is planned which will destroy the outdoor market.

* Next Monday there will be a meeting about the eviction 6.30 pm at 121 Railton Road, Brixton, SE24. Tel: 0171 2746655 Crash space is available.

R.I.P.

Eric Mattocks was one of the best loved activists in the squatting movement in London for 25 years until his sudden death on Monday, aged 70. The struggle for housing in the '70s, where there were thousands of squats, was conducted under the full gaze of the media. Whilst others vied for "leadership", engaged the bureaucracy in arguments over the future of empty homes, or contested court cases, Eric just got on with the practical necessities. An expert "cracker", he opened innumerable squats, connecting services and taking endless time and trouble to help the most vulnerable homeless people who turned to the squatting movement when all else failed. Many others received brisk advice on how to do it and the loan of a crowbar.

He was a unique, deeply-loved, spiky character who lived his life for others, and one of the unassuming, genuine heroes of our time. The Guardian newspaper will print a full obituary on Monday 25th January 1999, the day of his funeral.

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SchNEWS in brief

Teachers at almost 1400 schools across nine regions in Russia are currently on strike after authorities in Novosibirsk tried offering some teachers three bottles of vodka in lieu of their wages! (Shurely not from Yeltsin's copious stash...?) *** About 500 anti-fascists in Barcelona broke into a Nazi bookstore and dumping and burning fascist material in the street, before being dispersed by the police. *** If you can prove that you are being spied on from your TV by the security services then £5,000 could be yours. "I am making a pledge for information directly leading to the exposing of the BBC Newscaster Conspiracy. The exposing would specifically need to lead to a legally binding admission from Martyn Lewis or Michael Buerk". Check out the web-site at www.five.org *** Denis Halliday, former UN Humanitarian Co-ordinator in Iraq is touring the UK from 23-28th Jan. He resigned, calling the sanctions "a totally bankrupt concept" and says 5 to 6 thousand kids die each month because of them. For a list of venues ring Campaign Against Sanctions on Iraq 01223 507858 *** i-Contact are in the process of listing video activists/journalists so people can get in touch with them if they want an event covered. If interested send info to i-contact@gifford.co.uk *** Benefit Celidh for Ashton Court Quarry Campaign 30 Jan, St. Werburghs Community Centre, Horley Rd, Bristol 8 - 12pm 3/2 More info 07970 423834 *** The next National Demo at Hillgrove cat vivisection farm is Sat 20th Feb, 12 noon. More info 0121 632 6460 *** There's a new Travellers Legal Advice Team emergency 24hr Helpline 0468 316755. *** Happy Birthday to Swedish Anarchist Magazine Brand, 100 yrs old! Box 15015, S-10465, Stockholm, Sweden. *** The Hillsborough Justice Campaign is issuing an urgent appeal to survivors of the Hillsborough tragedy to contact their office in Liverpool after a Stoke man was awarded £50,000 in the High Court after originally being paid only £3,000. The Hillsborough Justice Campaign are urging survivors or families of victims to come forward. For details call the campaign on 0151 260 5262

*** Corks are being pulled, replaced by plastic ones. Cork is the stripped bark of the *Quercus Suber* tree from the Mediterranean, a sustainable crop. The end of cork would see these forests disappearing. U.S. manufacturers *Sympremco* claim their Thermoplastic elastomers (TPE) are recyclable. Put a cork in it!

REBEL ALLIANCE

Jan 27th upstairs at the Hobgoblin Pub, London Rd. 7.00pm. Come and meet new friends and hear what your local direction groups are up to...

VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE

This Valentine's Day Trident Ploughshares 2000 invite you to a weekend of fun and frolics in Glasgow, culminating in a mass blockade of the nuclear base at Faslane on the 15th. The action is part of TP2000's aim to disarm the Trident weapons systems by the year 2000 through non-violent direct action.

While there, blow a big sloppy Valentines kiss to the MOD who have complained about the "inappropriate" use of woodland at TP2000's occasional Coalport peace camp... Hmmm, not as inappropriate as their next door neighbours from Hell... Contact TP 2000, 42-46 Bethal St, Norwich, NR2 1NR email tp2000@gn.apc.org

*3 Swedish peace activists that have been held on remand for Ploughshares actions in Barrow were released on bail yesterday, despite refusing bail conditions. The judge complained he didn't "like people holding a gun to the courts head!"

Inside SchNEWS

It's Satpal Ram's birthday this coming Monday. He will be 33 years old. He's been in prison since he was 20, after being given a life sentence for defending himself in a racist attack in a restaurant, when one of his attackers died after refusing medical treatment. Send birthday cards (recorded delivery) to Satpal Ram E94 164, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesmead, SE28.

* Martin Wright, one of the Birmingham Relief Road protest prisoners has been released. The other three remain inside (see SchNEWS 197 for details) and will be back in court in the next couple of weeks. To visit any of them, phone the site mobile on which they are co-ordinating solidarity, as well as welcoming newcomers at the sorted visitors camp. 07970 301978

* Attention all prisoners! Haven Distribution have a new eight-page catalogue out, available for an SAE or 2nd class stamp. The distribution service exists on a shoe-string budget (just one monthly standing order and one donation last year) so if your feeling flushed send dosh/stamps to 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX.

* Two years ago, Michael Manson a 30-year old black man was set on fire by youths in North London. He remained conscious for almost a week but died on 13 February 1997. The jury later ruled that he had been unlawfully killed in an unprovoked attack, but due to police blunders the exact details aren't known. Yet again the Met police admitted fundamental errors in their investigation including assuming Michael set fire to himself and that his injuries weren't life threatening.

Contact The Michael Manson Family Campaign, C/o SMG Unity, PO Box 304, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 5YR. Tel 0181 8432333

* Following the Stephen Lawrence outrages a major National Civil Rights March on Sat 6th Feb will go from Brixton to New Scotland Yard and Downing St. Assemble at noon opp. Lambeth Town Hall. For info: 07957 696636

ALL FIRED UP

The Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) have claimed responsibility for an arson attack on Boxing Day, resulting in over \$500,000 worth of damages. A communique from the E.L.F. stated, "To celebrate the holidays we decided on a bonfire. Unfortunately for U.S. Forest Industries it was at their corporate headquarters office... This was retribution for all the wild forests and animals lost to the wallets of greedy fucks".

This latest action by the E.L.F. comes just two months after the arson attack on Vail Associates' ski resort expansion site in Colorado where they caused over \$12 million damages in protest at a development of the last habitat for the endangered lynx in Colorado. For more info on the Vail arson and the usual debate over non-violence/violence of property destruction read Earth First! Journal at PO Box 1415, Eugene, OR 97440; (541) 344-8004; earthfirst@igc.org.

...and finally...

A company in America became all flustered after anti-drug messages on its pencils seriously misfired. A sharp-eyed ten year old in New York noticed that when the pencils are sharpened the slogan: 'Too Cool to Do Drugs'; turns into 'Cool to Do Drugs'. A bit more sharpening and it becomes 'Do Drugs'.

The company The Bureau For At-Risk Youth have now recalled the pencils.

disclaimer

Ooh, Matron! SchNEWS warns all readers not to rummage around in Granada's dirty washing. You'll only come out stinking rich and have to hang around with Tony Blair and his cronies (a pint of Tony's Kronie please Mickey)



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER GETTING ON A BIT...



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SKOOOL'S OUT FOR EVER

School is definitely out for the kids of Greece: pens, set squares and rough books have been exchanged for petrol bombs and face masks as a wave of pupils strikes and school occupations has rocked the country. Pupils and teachers have joined forces to oppose implementation of the 2525/97 Act - which seeks to link education directly to the needs and fluctuations of the economy - with a torrent of actions resulting in imprisonments and a hunger strike.

The offending Act, introduced nearly a year ago and billed as "a broad reform of the education system" means, in reality, intensification, rivalry and total loss of free time for pupils. First to react were teachers culminating in four days serious rioting in many Greek cities: anarchist activist Costas Mitropetros was among those nicked; he's been on remand since November.

Pupils then occupied over 1000 schools in December. The government hoped the kids would 'get it out of their systems' by the time of the Xmas holidays; come mid-January, however, 800 schools were still occupied. The government began prosecuting pupils and a wave of threats and terror began to spread.

Starting on January 15th, demonstrations swept almost every Greek city; in Athens, where 25,000 people protested, 14 arrests were made, with heavy charges centred on two people: Arban Belala, a 17-yr old Albanian and Vasilis Evangelidis, a 30-yr old anarchist and unemployed teacher.

They denied all charges and got put on remand for their troubles. On Jan 19th, as demos and riots continued to sweep the country, Vasilis announced that he had started a hunger strike, protesting at false charges, including arson and declaring solidarity with the pupils struggle: "What is most important today is the continuation of the struggle, the solidarity with the occupied schools, the coming together and the communication of all people in struggle."

And the struggle has continued; on the 21st Jan, over 40 activists were arrested, mostly in Athens and Patras, and bailed till February. The demos show no signs of abating. So take a leaf out of the Greek schoolbooks, kids: turn off your TV set and go do something less boring instead...

URGENT NEED FOR SOLIDARITY!

Greek activists are urging counterparts in other countries to organise solidarity demos etc. in front of their local Greek embassies: publicity is paramount. Solidarity e-mails/faxes and/or messages for prisoners are urgently requested; send to +(3031) 257364 or nautilus@otenet.gr and they be passed on. Continuously faxing the Ministry of Justice at +(301) 7796055 might upset those in high places. So don't do it.

THE CASE OF COSTAS MITROPETROS

The anarchist Kostas Mitropetros was arrested during the clashes of June 18th and had heavy charges laid against him, relating to an incident where a troop of neo-nazi "Christi Avgi (Golden Dawn)" members attacked 3 left wing students, causing severe injuries to all three of them. Retaliation was rather mild, for Greek activists, but a group of about 30 comrades attacked cops and cameramen with stones and molotovs. Kostas has had to pay the price as the only one arrested; cops see his main crime as anarchist beliefs and attitude, along with his solidarity to groups of immigrants, pupils, teachers and all resisters and desisters.

Patronising bastards of the week!

Goes to SchNEWS' favourite company Monsanto, who've just published a new booklet in India featuring "Mr Reality" - a clean-cut, friendly man who takes it upon himself to correct the silly fears of "Mr Myth" about genetic engineering. Poor, confused Mr. Myth finally sees the light; his fears are soothed and the two walk arm in arm towards a Brave New World of "Food, Health and Hope."

To get the low-down on Monsanto send £4 to The Ecologist, Unit 18, Chelsea Wharf, 15 Lots Rd., London, SW10 0QJ, or get Monsanto Monitor from A Seed Europe, P.O. Box 92066, 1090 AB Amsterdam, Holland (<http://www.antenna.nl/aseed>)

MEANWHILE, BACK IN ENGLAND...

"I think it's very reasonable. It's a fair market price"

Well rad LSE student, on tuition fees

It certainly ain't Greece. It's a far cry from Danny the Red and the Sorbonne occupations of Paris '68. Shit, it's not even Grange Hill. Yes, it's '90s Britain, and the only ones doing something are the students at Oxford Uni- including such 'avin' it 'ardcore frontliners as the ex head girl of Roedean- who've instigated what so far has been the only real resistance to the imposition of the governments' latest nail in the coffin of education for all: tuition fees (See SchNEWS 185 for full crack).

Last Friday, a national demo attracted a pitiful 1000 studes to Oxford to be bullied by SWP'ers and the university's own bowler-hatted soft cops, then Monday saw 140 students occupy the exam hall for 20 hours.

The demonstrations, supported by the Union and by Students Against Fees In Education (SAFE), were solidarity actions for five students who face suspension for refusing to pay the £1000 fees. Two others, who didn't want to risk being 'sent down' (kicked out), gave in and coughed up, feeling they'd publicised the cause as much as possible without harming their careers. The students claim that the government deliberately pushed through fee legislation during uni holidays to avoid confrontation; the introduction of fees has already led to an 11% decrease in university applications for 1998/9. The action has received solidarity from many quarters, including the Campaign For Free Education who stated:

"Students at Oxford university are showing the lead... building the sort of campaign that if replicated nationally could sling tuition fees into the history books"

Although as sexy as old womens' pants in comparison to the Greek actions, it is of course imperative that such campaigns are repeated- and built upon. A turnout of 1000 for a national student demo-when even the smallest uni's have 8-10000 students- is totally pitiful. Subtract the Socialist Wankers and there'd be even less. Learn from the Greeks and educate, agitate and organise!

Free Leonard Peltier

On 6th Feb, native American Leonard Peltier will have spent 23 years behind bars. To mark this occasion and pile on the pressure to get him released, the 6th is an international day of action. Leonard was found guilty of killing two FBI agents at the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1975. Despite the fact that the government says they do not know who is responsible for the deaths of the agents, Leonard remains in prison where he has endured an attempted assassination, harassment, and physical brutality.

Between 1973 and 1976 over sixty Native people were murdered on Pine Ridge. Overwhelmingly the victims were "Traditionals" and American Indian Movement supporters at odds with the FBI backed "Tribal Government" and the establishment interests that they represented. AIM was born in the ghettos of Minneapolis in the late 60s, as the most recent manifestation of the 500-year native resistance to European domination. In direct conflict with the FBI and the Tribal Government's death squad (known as the GOONS, an acronym for "Guardians of the Oglala Nation") they began organising on Pine Ridge in the early 70s. The reservation at the time was the site of a low intensity war on tribal traditionals, waged with the full force of state brutality. Leonard Peltier went there as a warrior to defend his people. Subsequently he was involved in an FBI-instigated firefight; in the exchange of fire the two FBI agents were killed. They set a trap for a group of AIM warriors and the traditional families upon whose land they were living. The two FBI agents were to set up an excuse to surround the AIM people and have them murdered. The FBI agents were shot dead before SWAT teams could get there, and AIM barely escaped. Leonard Peltier escaped to Canada with a price on his head. The American authorities needed to pin this on someone. Leonard Peltier - captured in Canada - was extradited after the FBI fabricated evidence. He was tried in the US, and convicted on the strength of the false evidence. He has been in prison for nearly a quarter of a century; everybody knows he's innocent, and the American authorities have admitted they don't know who shot the FBI agents. The only reason Leonard is being kept inside is that to let him out would be a tacit admission of the massive injustice done to him.

He is now in extremely poor health and can't chew his food because of problems with his jaw. He can only eat by forcing food through a gap in his front teeth and then mashing it against them with his tongue. The prison will not blend his food. He suffers from excruciating headaches and jaw pain. However, despite a specialist offering to carry out surgery on his jaw, the prison authorities refuse. Without this vital surgery being carried out, Leonard is at risk from death through blood poisoning.

International Diplomatic efforts are increasing the pressure on the United States to free Leonard Peltier. The European Parliament and the governments of Italy and Belgium have passed resolutions calling for clemency and for investigations into the illegal FBI activities against the people of Pine Ridge.

Wanna help? Target Bill Clinton on Sat Feb 6th. His administration has ignored letters and resolutions from foreign governments, many prestigious people, and millions of signatures and letters from the people of the U.S. There's a sample letter you can send on the SchNEWS website.

Contacts

Support group:	In prison:
Leonard Peltier	Leonard Peltier
Defense Committee	#89637-132
PO box 583 Lawrence,	PO Box 1000
KS 66044	Leavenworth
(Tel 785-842-5774)	KS 66048

Recommended reading "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse" by Peter Matthieson.

If you're in Brighton on the 6th you'll be able to e-mail letters of protest to Bill Clinton for free from the Peace & Environment Centre, Gardner Street. (North Laine.)

SchNEWS in briefs

*** The Army are busy recruiting youngsters using a new video game - **Wargasm!** *** **Thai Greens** protested in front of Leonardo DiCaprio's hotel bedroom - his new film *The Beach* is destroying Maya Bay, in a national park. The beach has been planted with 100 coconut trees, causing irreparable damage to the habitat. Environmentalists have now filed charges against film makers 20th Century Fox. *** **The Eden Project** is a plan for a giant tourist attraction in Cornwall. It threatens 80 acres of medieval field systems, hedgerows, mature oak and ash wood, and 2 conservation sites. Drilling and testing along the proposed 2-mile road has begun and direct action is likely. Contact 01726 843586. Feb 8th - demo against Eden, council offices, Restormel, St Austell, Cornwall. *** A new email list has been created to help network between autonomous groups who run **info shops/cafes/etc.**, and inspire others to create their own autonomous spaces. More info can be found at www.worthing.ecoaction.org/teapot *** A day-school, *Making the Belfast Agreement work 30 years after the civil rights movement* has been organised by Student Friends of Ireland on 6th Feb at Goldsmiths College SU, Dixon Road, London SE14 (New Cross BR). Details on 0181 692 1406. *** **Why do you read SchNEWS?** Chris Atton, media researcher, want to know! To tell him, email c.atton@napier.ac.uk or write: c/o PMPC, Napier University, Edinburgh. *** Made any environmental or social justice films? Send them to the **Wild Spaces Film Festival** being held on in May around Australia. Deadline for entries is March 12th. Wild Spaces, PO Box 274, Blackheath, NSW, 2785, Australia. Tel 0011 61 (0)2 4787 5530 www.pmc.com.au/~wildspaces

Minor problem

Last Friday Romania came back from the brink of a state of emergency, after a deal was struck between striking miners and the government. The deal means that each mining region controls their own finances and receives government subsidies which will gradually decrease each year, and eventually stop. By then the mines will undoubtedly be private companies. This isn't really such a good deal for the miners whose initial demands included the resignation of the government and the ending of all privatisations and pit closures. However miners leaders realised that the Romanian people wouldn't be too pleased with martial law being imposed, and trade unions are calling off the general strike. However the government has received quite a strong message from the miners not to fuck with them again! By the end of Friday the miners had taken 100 police hostages and 300 shields, helmets, batons, masks, 13 tear gas guns, 200 gas canisters, 4 police vehicles, radio communication equipment and flares!

Another black custody death

Last Sunday 500 people demonstrated outside Tottenham Police Station after the death of Roger Sylvester (30). Eight police went to Mr. Sylvester's house on the evening of Jan 11th after being told that a naked man was "acting very strangely and flinging himself on the floor." He was detained under the Mental Health Act and taken to the nearby St. Ann's hospital. At the hospital he was seen by a doctor who left the room. At some point during the doctor's absence "Mr. Sylvester went all limp and it was obvious that he had collapsed." He was then taken to Middlesex Hospital where he died 7 days later.

The Inquiry - conducted by an outside force - is expected to be a test of the Met's pledge that it has learned from previous deaths of black men in custody and the of the Stephen Lawrence case.

Mr. Sylvester became the 42nd black person to die at the hands of the cops over the past 10 years. 27 of those deaths came at the hands of the Metropolitan Police.

Contact: INQUEST, Ground Floor, Alexandra National House, 330 Seven Sisters Rd., London, N4 2PJ. Tel 0181 802 7430 Email inquest@compuserve.com

Anti-racists jailed

"I am 24 years of age - a Muslim, born and bred in Rawtenstall. In 1994 I was a victim of a brutal racist attack. The outcome of this was that I received 112 stitches inside my right shoulder and 24 staples to close the wound. My face, neck and lung were punctured and my face was severely disfigured. I was also kicked like an England penalty shoot-out. I was left to die but managed to get to safety. This incident happened in Preston. There were 6 white males - only 3 got charged. One received 12 months and the other received community service. They threw a machete at me. Was justice done? I could go on and tell you about the unprovoked attacks I've received. In this latest incident I was receiving racist comments from a white girl... soon after 2 white males approached me and said "We don't like what you said to that girl, you smelly black bastard." They were both drunk and attacked me. Self-defence was the next option." - **Taj Ahmed**

Taj Ahmed and Roberto Brollini were recently given a 12 month sentence after being found guilty of "actual bodily harm" on 1997 BNP General Election candidate Andrew Weardenhawe. During the trial the judge refused to listen to evidence about the fascist activities of the supposed "victims" but instead talked of the need to set an example. Incredibly, the Rossendale police involved in this case claimed that they never knew that Andrew Wearden had been the BNP candidate - despite the fact that his home was raided by cops some months before, after which no action was taken despite finding racist materials.

Which goes to show: the police haven't learned a thing, even from cases like Steven Lawrence's. Write to Taj Ahmed BT9173 & Roberto Brollini CC5829, HMP Kirkham, Freckleton Rd, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2RN or to "Justice for Taj & Roberto" c/o Councillor Jean Hayler, Rossendale Town Hall, Lord St, Rawtenstall, Lancashire, BB4 7LZ

National Civil Rights March - 12 Noon, 6th Feb. Assemble opp. Lambeth Town Hall, marching to New Scotland Yard. Tel 07957 696 636.

...and finally...

Three members of the Biotic Baking Brigade have been found guilty of battery and not guilty of assault on a public official after creaming San Francisco's Mayor with pie. The dessert tossing took place on Nov 7th when Mayor Brown was about to kick off a talk on the annual community street-cleanup.

The BBB agents said the pie attack was a legitimate, nonviolent political prank to ridicule Brown's policies on homelessness, including a plan to criminalise it by cracking down on habitual drunks. Brown said he'd been frightened by the first "object" that hit him, blurring his vision.

Jurors were shocked at how easy it is to convict on the battery charge - the law requires only the intent to touch another person in an unwanted way. "Agent Apple" of the BBB said, "We'll continue with our campaign of delicious resistance to corporate crime until they pry our pies from our dead, bloated fingers."

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SNAPSHOTS OF GLOBAL RESISTANCE

"Only a global alliance of peoples movements...can defeat this emerging globalised monster." People's Global Action

Over the past few years the people cheering on Global Capitalism United have declared victory. With their corporate tentacles all over the world, the long path of human evolution seems to be reaching a conclusion - the world as one big 'free' trade shopping centre.

Life in this global village is measured in terms of growth. How much we consume equals how much we are happy. And *what* a success it's been. World trade has increased by twelve times since 1950 and economic growth has increased fivefold. Forget that more than a billion people live in absolute deprivation, go to bed hungry each night, and live without the minimum of adequate shelter and clothing. Forget about our forests being overlogged, agriculture lands overcropped, grasslands overgrazed, wetlands overdrained, groundwater's overtapped, seas overfished, and the world polluted with chemical and radioactive poisons. Forget that we are changing the climate of the planet. Don't worry because those that write the economic scriptures reckon that when growth has made people wealthy enough, we will all have the funds to clean up the damage done by growth!

All of this of course is the economics of the mad-house, but to read the newspapers, or watch TV you'd be forgiven for thinking that there are no real voices of dissent to the way our world is being run. Which isn't surprising really seeing as the business leaders, politicians and media tycoons are the ones that benefit the most from this global free for all.

Last February SchNEWS went to Geneva for a conference organised by Peoples Global Action. Here we met people from grass-roots organisations from half the countries of the world. As we sat down and chatted the reality hit us that all those struggles in far off places are exactly the same as ours. That globalisation, progress, free trade, whatever you want to call it, means misery for millions. We decided that somehow SchNEWS had to make this murky world sexy and relevant. So to celebrate our two hundredth issue here's a snap-shot of resistance from around the world, of people fighting back against the global monster.

"In almost every country today people's solidarity with each other in the form of vibrant grass-roots organisations enables a form of democracy to function in spite of and in parallel with oppressive power often dressed up as democracy. The anarchist Colin Ward called this 'the seed beneath the snow'."

John Pilger

Basta!

"They are going to have to kill off all of us, and even so, the trees will continue to be Zapatistas, as will the rocks and dogs."

While the Mexican rich toasting 1994 celebrated their new status as a "First World" country, thousands of Zapatista freedom-fighters came out of the jungle and highlands in the previously forgotten state of Chiapas. Timing their uprising with the first day of NAFTA, the rebels quickly stripped away the official mask of economic well-being and exposed the reality of worsening hunger, malnutrition and repression. With agricultural production shifted to export and animal feeds, the Zapatista army called the treaty a "death sentence" for the indigenous population.

Hundreds of Zapatista communities have organised themselves into 38 "autonomous municipalities" to regain control from big business, landowners and the 70-year dictatorship of the ruling party. In these liberated zones, villages elect their own community representatives, teachers, and indigenous councils - creating political and social structures firmly rooted in their Mayan past. The Mexican government continues to wage an intensive propaganda and military campaign to undermine the Zapatistas and destroy the autonomous municipalities, failing to comply with the peace accords it signed in 1996. On March 21st this year, 5000 Zapatista women and men will travel throughout Mexico as part of a national consultation on the recognition of the rights of Indian peoples and for an end to the war of extermination. According to recent communiqués, resistance is stronger than ever. For more info: www.ezln.org and www.flag.blackened.net/revolt/zapatista.html. Recommended reading: "First World, Ha! Ha! Ha!", E Katzenberger, City Lights San Francisco, 1995.

Countries that have signed free trade agreements, are now increasingly finding that erecting *any* barrier to trade is illegal, and that their environmental and social laws can be easily brushed aside. Welcome to the world of the multinationals wet dreams...

The World Trade Organisation - whose president once famously said *"we are writing the constitution of the single global economy"* - recently ruled that the US government ban on shrimps caught in nets without turtle excluders breached international fair trade rules. 150,000 turtles, an endangered species, drown each year in shrimping nets so in 1996 America banned the import of shrimps that were caught without the excluders. The WTO said it was against free trade. Tough shit, turtles!

In July last year the Government of Canada settled a claim brought by the Ethyl Corporation of America, the company which gave the world leaded petrol. The Canadians had imposed a ban on Ethyl's fuel additive, MMT, which causes nerve deterioration leading to attention deficit and memory loss in kids. *So what?* The Ethyl Corporation said it had been mistreated and took the claim to a tribunal at the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Here, a panel whose decision is final, would decide behind closed doors. There is no right to appeal. The Canadian government, realising its chances of winning were approximately nil, settled with Ethyl for \$13 million, allowed them to resume sales and announced the additive posed "no health risk".

In Mexico the Metalclad Corporation of Canada has a case before the NAFTA tribunal in which it claims the State of San Luis Potosi stole its future profits, after the state closed down a toxic waste facility that had a history of contaminating the local water supply. The site is part of an ecological zone - but what the heck, the Mexicans now face a \$90 million bill.

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"So-called modern technology has worked against the natural resource-based community, undermining self-reliance and creating vulnerability through dependency on pesticides and fertilizers, and on the market. They can't stand up against the corporate sector. Protests by farmers make the politicians agitated because, if the farmers rise up, that is 70% of India's population."

Medha Patka, 'Alternative Nobel Prize'

In the name of 'development' and 'economic progress', the Indian Government have welcomed the investment of large corporations in an attempt to compete in the global economy. Yet this process of rapid modernization is leaving over half the population dispossessed from their homes and their subsistence lifestyles, destroying their natural resources and increasing their dependence on western corporations.

In defiance, rural India has waged a grass-roots war of resistance against globalisation. They are sending out the message world-wide that the people of India are prepared to fight the corporate re-colonization of their country by international institutions such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the International Monetary Fund.

Last year over 50,000 farmers gathered outside the Karnataka state government offices and spent all day laughing at their policies!

In November, the first test site of Monsanto's genetically modified cotton was pulled out, piled up then burnt. 'Operation Cremate Monsanto' has become a popular pastime with Indian farmers, "We send today a very clear message to all those who have invested in Monsanto in India and abroad: take your money out now, before we reduce it to ashes."

Mass occupations of dam sites have halted construction, as the schemes are flooding villages, ruining irrigation and polluting the environment. Fishing Unions have struck in resistance to the dams and to industrial over-fishing, taking such diverse actions as mass fasting through to blockading harbors.

The farmers realize that their struggle is international, that their resistance is part of a wider struggle against globalisation. This year 500 members of the Karnataka State Farmers Association (KRRS-a movement that claims a membership of 10 million!) will be visiting Europe to hold discussions, take part in direct action and to bring their message to the boardrooms of the companies that are destroying their homeland.



I looked at the professionals and I was getting angrier and angrier and angrier and I said 'All you, you're paid at least 25 grand a year to look after us and you're not doing it.' I said 'Right you're not doing it, we'll do it ourselves.'

Mary Smith

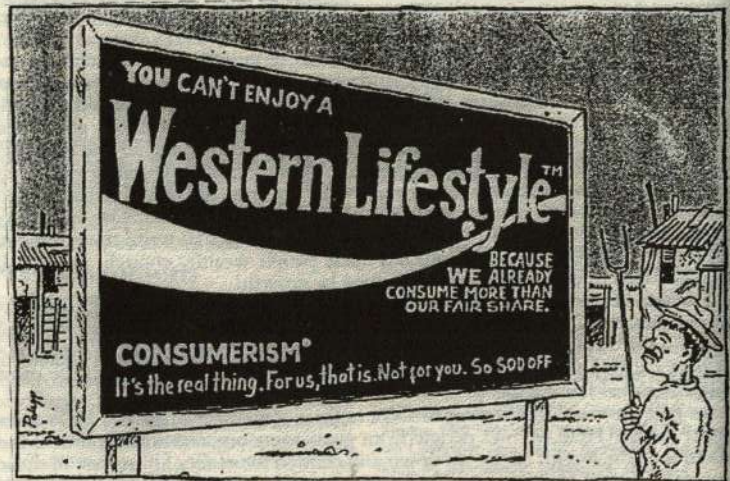
It's a familiar story - every now and then the politicians talk about the next big scheme to re-juvenate our inner-cities, they spout the jargon, like 'grass-roots', 'bottom-up', 'partnership regeneration' but their actions don't match their words.

Mary Smith was an ordinary working mum on an estate in Bristol when her house was searched by the police after they'd arrested her son. Drawing up a hit-list of about twenty people such as the head of social services, head of police, councillors and headmaster of the local school, she soon realised "They were professional people who knew the right answers to the questions, but they didn't really know what was going on." Convinced she could do better, she set up a meeting of local mums whose kids were on drugs. Out of that meeting was born Knowle West Against Drugs

which gave themselves four goals: To get a needle exchange; to educate the people of Knowle West; to set up a support centre; and to set up a support group for parents and families. Within a few years all these were achieved.

Then in 1995 a Development Trust appeared waving cash at the estate. However, the group realised that as soon as the money ran out, the professionals would be gone and it would be back to square one. Mary continues "after two years I decided 'enough is enough...they should all go, all the experts...I asked that they would all go away and leave us alone so we could learn and make mistakes and grow on our own.'" They then set about creating their own sustainable projects, committed to local employment by local people for local people.

As Mary points out, they want "Experts on tap, not on top!" It is only local people who know best what the local needs are and have the determination and self-interest to improve their own back-yards.



"At every point Ontario Coalition Against Poverty is looking for the best way available to engage the enemies of the unemployed, to cause them pain, to hurt their cash flow, or disrupt their workings and, in this way, force concessions out of them. We actually demonstrate to people effected by poverty and social cutbacks that we can make a difference in their lives and that we can resist in a way that hurts those who attack them. In this way it is possible to inspire them and offer some hope that mobilizations is not simply a waste of time."

Jon Clarke

Learning lessons from the mass unemployed struggles of the 1930's the Coalition has developed an effective hands-on approach to welfare cutbacks. Realising that making a difference actually means defending people under attack, their Direct Action Casework has led to the occupation of welfare offices to get harsh and unjust decisions reversed; the picketing of a welfare managers house whose antics threatened a family with eviction, and disrupting a senior welfare bureaucrat's business lunch.

Unable to stop work-fare (where you work for your welfare cheque) they have instead targeted the agencies involved. Officials have admitted that this has created a 'climate of intimidation' that has deterred agencies from accepting work fare placements on a large scale.

They have stopped a by-law being passed that would have banned squeegeeing and panhandling (begging). Took over an empty hospital getting a commitment from the council to open the facility as a homeless hostel. Demanded a Use it or Lose it by-law occupying empty buildings and defending squatters facing eviction, and also defended homeless people forced to sleep in public parks from being removed by cops. One night, they even held a park for the homeless through to the morning despite being outnumbered by riot cops.

The Coalition, by not giving themselves impossible targets, but gaining lots of small victories, they have increased their numbers becoming a serious thorn in the side for the authorities. As one activist John Clarke says "The point is that we are fighting to win and not bothering with the politics of empty gestures."

Contact Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, 249 Sherbourne, Toronto, Ontario, Canada email ocap@tao.ca



The Movimento Sem Terra (MST) is Brazil's largest and most important social movement, which since 1984 has organised land occupations on a massive scale. The MST has no membership, anyone

who is landless and does something about it is part of MST. By 1997 there were approximately 50,000 families illegally squatting 244 tracts of unused land. Once occupied, a judge (eventually) decides whether to expropriate the land and give it to the peasants. So far 150,000 families have secured legal title to the land they have invaded.

In addition to the occupations the group has taken direct action, like a thousand strong camp outside the offices of the Brazilian government's land reform agency, and hijacking food trucks to feed landless peasants!

As you would expect this hasn't made them very popular. Over 1,600 peasants and activists have been killed in land conflicts since 1984 - but only two convictions have been secured against the killers. In May this year the Minister of Agrarian Reform, read the names of 40 alleged MST leaders out on TV. Already two are dead.

However, this has not intimidated them, with up to 50 land invasions a month! Movimento Sem Terra, Rua Ministro Godoy, 1484 CEP 05015-900 Sao Paulo, Brazil. Messages in Portuguese only please. Visit: www.sanet.com.br/~semterra



On the same day that Reclaim The Streets (RTS) occupied the Head office of London Underground, tubeworkers fighting plans for privatisation had their one-day strike called off after management threatened the union with anti trade union legislation. RTS issued a statement arguing that tube workers needed to consider their tactics. "Understandably workers often feel that only by taking legal official action can they be safe. But their only real safety lies in sticking together. If strikers respect the union laws they are unlikely to win, that is what the laws are all about." They went on to point out the highly successful 'unofficial' action

by over 700 electricians and plumbers working on the Jubilee extension line (y'know - the line that has to be ready in time for the Millennium Dome opening...)

Reclaim The Streets, PO Box 9656, London, N4 4JY Tel 0171 281 4621.

Three years ago some workers on the Jubilee Extension set up 'The Shop' a work-place run union organisation. Because their contract of employment does not include sick-pay they set up a £2 a week hardship fund to ensure members received payment during illness. This fund was also used to support other workers in struggle. Slowly the Shop grew in numbers, so when 100 electricians returned to the surface after working underground to find that the site had been evacuated and was swarming with fire-fighters, they refused to work until the fire-alarms were fixed. 12 workers were sacked. All 500 working for the contractors Drake and Scull went on strike and were also sacked. Two hundred electricians working for other companies on the Jubilee line, refused to cross the sacked workers picket line. A week later all those sacked were reinstated.

'The Shop' is now 500 strong and covers 15 sites in central London. And while the official electricians union seem to prefer to "talking to managers rather than to those who pay the wages", the electricians have shown that by sticking together, by building a strong grass-roots organisation, by ignoring anti-trade union laws and the union bureaucracy, they can win and improve working conditions. None of this of course is new. As their strike bulletin pointed out, they are merely "carrying out the activities that unions were originally built for."

Contact The Shop c/o AEEU Strike Fund, 249 Thorold Rd., Ilford, Essex, IP1 4HE

According to the United Nations Human Development Report (1998) the state subsidized environmentally damaging industrial activities - energy, water, roads, agriculture - worldwide to the tune of at least \$710 billion (thousand million) every year. To put this in perspective, \$710 billion is 14 times what is required to eradicate absolute poverty.



The people of the Nigerian Niger Delta are showing the way in the fight against multinationals. The Ogoni are one of the few indigenous people to have forced a multinational, Shell Oil, out of their lands.

But the trouble for Shell doesn't end there - the Ijaw have so far managed to cut Nigeria's oil output at times by over a third, and at a recent meeting they gave multinationals an ultimatum: cease production or face the consequences.

The Nigerian military reacted with the usual ferocity to this, with thousands of troops, tanks and even two naval battleships brought into the Delta. Dozens of people have been killed and hundreds injured while a state of emergency was declared for several days.

DELTA: News and background on Ogoni, Shell and Nigeria: Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street, Leicester LE2 1BH, UK. tel/fax: +44 116 270 9616 web: www.oneworld.org/delta

JUNE 18TH 1999 - TELL YOUR CHILDREN YOU WERE THERE...

In May last year the leaders of the eight most industrialised nations of the world - the "G8" - met in Birmingham. With the aim of a single economic unit, they hoped their meeting would pass unnoticed and unopposed. This was not to be - with Reclaim The Street parties taking place in 30 locations in over 20 different countries, whilst thousands were on the streets in Hyderabad, India and Brasilia.

This year the G8 will be meeting in Koln, Germany - and this time we will be taking our action to the heart of the capitalist beast - the financial and banking districts and the multinational corporation power bases of the world!

Autonomous, yet co-ordinated, actions will be taking place simultaneously across the planet. Groups as diverse as Earth First!, Campaign Against the Arms Trade and Reclaim the Streets will be amongst those in the UK, whilst Chikoko in Nigeria, Green Action in Israel and the North Sumatra Peasants Union in Indonesia will be targeting their own financial centres. Actions as diverse as strikes, pickets, hacktivism, occupations, sabotage, carnival and blockades will be taking place across the globe - transforming centres of profit & plunder into sites of protest & pleasure.

In the UK there are plans to transform the City of London... however, to maximise the potential of this action we ALL need to begin organising NOW!

Regular open networking meetings are taking place in London each month. On February 27th there will be a conference for self-education on the global economy - and global resistance to it. More details from Reclaim The Streets. More info: www.gn.apc.org/june18 - or join the e-mail discussion list - listproc@gn.apc.org For international info and contacts email pga@agp.org or frank@aseed.antenna.nl.

Meanwhile, back in the real world...

1999 marks five years since the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, Mexico and USA. At the time many people feared the effects that it would have on jobs and livelihoods.

The defenders of the treaty (including ex-Mexican President Salinas who is in Ireland, enjoying the wealth accumulated during his period in office) argued that these fears were unfounded as the result would be a win-win situation in which Mexico, as the smallest and poorest partner, stood to benefit the most. In order to get the USA politicians to approve the treaty, it was argued that rapid growth of the Mexican economy offered the solution to the "problem" of illegal migration.

But five years on there is a very different story. The beleaguered Mexican economy is already legendary at international level, as are the increased levels of poverty, crime, armed uprisings and great fortunes that have been amassed by a few. However, the story that's hardly ever told is that of people having to adjust their livelihoods according to the whims of capitalism.

Take Topiltepec in the mountains of the state of Guerrero. This village of 302 families, have survived a mixed economy involving migrating to work in the coffee harvest, then moving to a neighbouring state to work in a large sugar cane plantation. Then when it was time to start planting maize, the families would return to their village and remain there until harvest, with a pittance coming in from weaving a locally grown palm. This allowed people to live a simple but dignified life. Only a few families had relatives that had gone to the USA, but the majority were happy to stay, as the life in the village was good and allowed them to live with their traditions and customs.

Then came mass privatisations carried out in preparation for NAFTA. The sugar mill was one of over 900 industries to be sold off to the private sector, and the change for the villagers could not have been more drastic. Before the privatisation, there was a doctor available to take care of wounds, many a result of chopping down the sugar cane with a machete. Now- if anyone is hurt - they have to go all the way to the village, which is miles away. The teacher was fired. The garbage collection has stopped. The wages fell by over 50% and at the same time a regular sack of food provisions which used to be given to each family was withdrawn. The

last two factors have devastated the villagers' chances of survival.

The villagers tried to protest and organise themselves into a union, but those seen as being the leaders were beaten and sacked. The rest were threatened with losing their jobs if they persisted. At the same time the rest of the economy was shrinking, thousands of small and medium size industries had collapsed, unable to compete in the free market. On a visit to the village last year it was obvious that many had found an alternative: migration to the USA. However this is extremely expensive, not just because of the long trip involved, but also the cost of paying for the "coyote" (name given to those that make a living from taking immigrants across to the USA) and for the fake IDs that are now needed to work in the USA.

The implications are that many families are now split up most of the year and in some cases for ever. A young woman had married just as the economy started to turn sour. Her husband failed to find work and when she got pregnant decided to go to the USA. He wanted to be able to give his daughter clothes, food and a chance to be educated. His daughter is just over 5 years old now and has never met her father. His picture is shown to her on a regular basis and her mother talks about him. Yet, as time goes by this becomes harder, since there has been no news since he left. Nobody knows what happened to him. It could be that he has found a new life in the USA or that some day he will return... but it is also possible that he is one of the over 300 that die every year at the hands of the USA immigration police, whose extreme violence the USA government turns a blind eye to.

These people have not been asked if they wanted to enter the treaty, yet their livelihoods and for many their lives, have been shattered. They do not want to migrate to the USA. Their lives before were not easy, but they could stay together and lead a dignified life, even if in conditions that 'westerners' would find unbearable. The defenders of the treaty say that it is too early to really evaluate the results, that at least 10 years need to go by before it can be said if it has been a success or not... 5 more years of towns like Topiltepec having to endure even harsher economic conditions and being forced to stand by and watch as livelihoods and lives are destroyed by decisions taken by distant politicians, where people don't figure in their economic dreams.



The Inter Continental Caravan

In the run up to the G8 summit, activists from deprived countries across the globe are coming to tour Europe, uniting North and South in the fight against corporate power, finance and global free 'trade'. Last May saw 200,000 on the streets of Hyderabad for the global day of actions; in October Indian Farmers began "Cremate Monsanto"; this Summer they're doing it over here! The 'Caravan' will be 500 Indians and 100 from other countries and continents, and they'll reach the UK at the end of May. To get involved: 0790 896 736.

...and finally...

- Corporate Watch, Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford, OX4 1RQ; 01865 791391; www.oneworld.org/cw
- The Ecologist, Unit 18, Chelsea Wharf, 15 Lots Rd., London, SW10 0QJ; 0171 351 3578; ecologist@gn.apc.org
- Do or Die - voices from Earth First!, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, E.Sussex, BN2 2GY (£2.50)
- Earth First! Action Update, Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Shesbroke Avenue, Chapelton, Leeds, LS7 3HB; www.ecoaction.org/efau/
- Peoples Global Action - website www.pga.agp.org
- New Internationalist, Tower House, Lathkill St., Market Harborough, LE16 9EF; 01858 439616; www.newint.org/
- Multinational monitor - website www.essential.org/monitor
- 'The Case Against the Global Economy' edited by Jerry Mander & Edward Goldsmith (Sierra Club Books 1996)
- 'Hidden Agendas' by John Pilger (Vintage 1998)
- Global Vision - beyond the new world order - Brecher, Childs & Cutler (Black Rose Books)

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A SURVIVAL GUIDE

D. I. Y. TUNNELLING

Why Tunnel anyway?

Once upon a time there were some woods, a short distance from a bend in the river. A wide gully led up, past more woods. On one side of the gully a few individuals set up camp. A hole was dug. The hole got bigger. And that, to cut a long story short, is how personally for me it all started. The woods are there no longer, but in a world of money, costly evictions act as a deterrent to those who wish to cause even more damage to the planet in the future.

In other words, well built tunnels hinder the forces of darkness, and attract the media (which of course be good and bad, depending on how it is handled). Enough said!

Starting Off

Gather your tools together - at first all you need is a spade or shovel (trenching tools can be quite effective) - and find a place to start. Pick a spot close to the main area of the camp, or fire pit: firstly, this is where other potential tunnellers will be (and you'll be after bucketers before long!), but more importantly it minimises the danger of the tunnel being pigged with no-one in it when the eviction starts. Bear in mind that eviction could come any time, and therefore you need to get inside quickly.

If you have a bank (or cliff) to tunnel into this means you can get quite deep quickly. This gives flexibility as, when sufficiently deep, there is nothing to stop you tunnelling up as well as down! - the more complex the tunnel, the more difficult it is to evict, and the more opportunity there is for cunning defences. One big problem that is worth considering at this stage is that of water, of the unwanted kind. Wet tunnels are unpleasant; flooded tunnels can be a write-off.

A shelter over the shaft will keep out rainwater and run-off, and drainage channels may be required to remove groundwater, (though if you dig into a hillside, the slope will probably be efficient enough at removing water). More importantly you may strike water underground. Dramatic gushings-in of water are unheard of, but slow leaks are a common problem. Woodland tunnels tend to be dry, whereas those underground fields tend to be wet: trees soak up groundwater, and fields are quaggy morasses. So you've picked your spot? Then onto...

Tunnelling Basics

Unless you are digging into a near-vertical face, you will have to dig a vertical shaft first. This is

because there needs to be a sufficient thickness of earth above a tunnel for it to be self-supporting. Imagine a 2' high tunnel, with only 6" of earth above - and what would happen if someone walked over it (if not before)! A good rule of thumb to avoid collapse is to ensure there is a thickness of earth on top (i.e. between the surface and the tunnel roof) that is twice the height of the tunnel you intend to dig.

Another rule of thumb is to have a tunnel width of just over 2' and a height of 2' to 2'6", as this gives you a good amount of room to work in quickly, but is not so large as to be unstable. Narrower tunnels can and have been dug - but the cramped working area means that it actually takes longer to dig (shovels particularly will be impossible to use effectively), longer to make defences, and longer to spoil out (a very tedious job in the best of conditions). People who dig narrow tunnels often say that it means that those getting you out will have to dig it wider. This is true, but it takes very little time to widen a tunnel - when you are digging you will find that once a narrow hole is made, it takes comparatively little time to dig out the earth around it. It is also more feasible to concrete the walls and roof of wide tunnels and it is a lot more work for them to remove concrete than dig out earth. You will find that after concreting the tunnel becomes quite narrow anyway. Narrow tunnels are also less pleasant to live and work in (you can't move along them easily or quickly, can't turn around, can't pass other people), and the psychological aspects of being underground continuously for long periods of time in a confined space cannot be underestimated. Basically, narrow tunnels cause you much more hassle than it does them - unfortunately the term 'wormhole' has achieved undeserved status in some circles.

So you need a 6' deep shaft (minimum). It is worth though giving yourself a bit more flexibility and safety with the height, and go to at least 7'6". How much further you go beyond that depends a lot on how much of a rush you are in - if possible go to 10', or even further. Make the shaft a comfortable width for getting materials (and yourselves!) in and out - about 3' square is fine.

When digging the shaft buckets will start coming in useful, and hence bucketers (not to mention people for digging, concreting, etc). You could do it yourself, but a one person tunnel team will be tiring, tedious and is unrealistic. Be careful though of entrusting knowledge of a tunnel to people you don't know well - while there is no point in being paranoid, better to be safe, and genuine people will not be offended by being turned away, or not being allowed further than the entrance shaft, as long as you

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explain your reasons. In fact it is worthwhile to not allow *anyone* in the tunnel without the permission of the core group of tunnellers. Some may regard this as too authoritarian or elitist, but it is wise from the point of view of safety, security, and simply to stop people, especially 'tourists', from getting in the way!

Eventually you will want to start digging inwards. At first there may not be enough room to use the shovel, in which case a lump hammer and chisel/bolster/trowel will come in useful. Normal trowels tend to disintegrate after being bashed for a few days with a lump hammer, so it is useful finding a friendly blacksmith who will make one out of 1/4" steel. The type of ground you are going through is also relevant - it may be too stony to kick a spade or shovel far in, in which case a pick may be more efficient. After a while you'll be ready for...

Shoring

Shoring makes things safer, and provides something to fix tunnel doors onto. To what extent you will shore up, and to what degree of elaboration depends on the size of the space you are digging and what you are digging through.

If you are confident enough in the ground you are digging through, you may even want to leave some sections unshored, as those evicting you will probably spend time (and hence money) shoring it themselves. Unshored tunnels are best dug to an arched cross section for safety. This also means they will have to square it off before shoring.

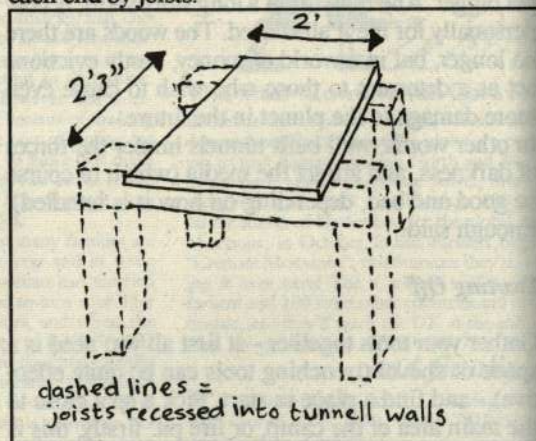
Don't assume that in an eviction they will spend time shoring it *all* up themselves unless you have a really long unshored section or it is near the entrance (where it looks good to both the Health & Safety folks and the media). Conversely, they may take out (and replace) anything you do put in, so that they can dig the tunnel wider. Also, shoring with doors attached is likely to be removed with the doors anyway.

So put basic shoring in most of the tunnel - short bits that are awkward to shore due to their shape may be left out providing you are digging through very solid material. Apart from the safety issue, you need something to fix doors to. Psychologically, people will feel better with tunnels shored.

You will need joists of at least 2" x 3" timber, preferably 2" x 4" or 3" x 3". Pine is easier to work with than hardwoods, and hardwoods are difficult to force (hammer) into place if a tight fit, so you have to cut them to precisely the right length to avoid them being loose. This is easier said than done, as tunnels are never perfectly square or level, so are difficult to

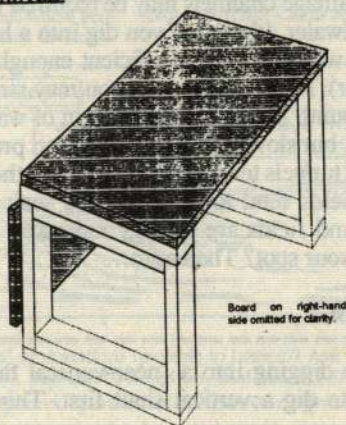
measure precisely.

Boards should be 3/4" plywood (or similar). In the UK, boards tends to come in 8' x 4' standard sizes, so if you dig to a width of just over 2', boards can be cut from this by cutting it in two lengthways. Shore in 2' to 3' long sections, with the boards supported at each end by joists.



The diagram shows how to shore up the roof only, with the upright joists recessed (optionally) into the side walls. To assemble, hold the board up (this is a job best done with two people), and hold up the cross beam at one end (a lump hammer may be needed if it is a tight fit). Drop the two uprights into pits dug into the floor to a depth of around 4" and hammer (assuming they are a tight fit) them in place at the top. This should be enough to hold up the board while you do likewise with the cross beam and uprights at the other end.

This is fine for the main tunnel, providing the ground is reasonably solid, e.g. most dry clays. If you are going to fix doors to this shoring, it may be better not to recess the joists, but to surround them in concrete instead to make it more difficult for them to be removed.



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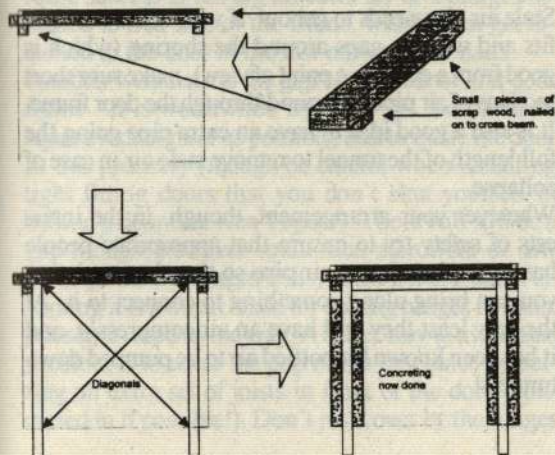
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The previous diagram shows full shoring for the roof and sides. Use this for chambers and when tunnelling through crumbly ground. Note the spreader (which can be thinner than the other joists) along the bottom which avoids the uprights sinking under pressure, and the extra set of cross beams to avoid the side boards and uprights collapsing inwards. Assemble as for the last method, but put the spreaders in first, and the extra cross beams at the very end. Note that the spreaders and bottom cross beams are recessed into channels dug into the floor. Combine these methods, if you so wish.

You should not have to nail in the shoring; it must be such a tight fit that it needs the lump hammer to get everything in place. However, if you nail the shoring in 'cosmetically' after it is done, it makes it more difficult to remove in the eviction. Particularly good are 5" or 6" nails put through the crossbeams, through the roofing boards, and into the earth above.

Shoring noticeably makes your tunnel smaller, so you may feel it worthwhile never shoring closer than 2' to the end of your tunnel, ensuring there is plenty of room to dig. The tunnel roof needs to be level to ensure close contact between the shoring and the tunnel. The larger the gaps, the greater the distance earth will have to fall before it hits the shoring, therefore the greater the forces involved, and the greater the chance of the shoring breaking. A lump hammer plus chisel/bolster/trowel will come in quite useful for levelling the roof and sides, as well as for cutting recesses for the joists. Unfortunately all this can double the time required for digging the tunnel (and that is before you start adding doors etc).

A problem often encountered when fixing doors to shoring is that the shoring is not square, so you either have to make a door to an awkward shape, or have big gaps around the sides. An easy way to avoid this problem is to shore up as follows.



The trick is to dig out the pits in the floor for the uprights with their *inside* edges (i.e.) those nearest the walls) a measured distance apart, say 2'. Then, nail two brackets (scrap wood will suffice) to the cross beam with their *outside* edges the same distance apart. Put the cross beams in first (you will need to dig recesses in the walls for the cross beams as shown in the diagram, but these will hold them up loosely while you put the board and uprights in). Now slide the board in. Then, get some tightly fitting uprights and hammer them in till they stop against the brackets. The tops of the uprights will now be the same distance apart as the bottoms. The only other measurement to check, is that the diagonals of the aperture are the same - this is to avoid ending up with a parallelogram shape for the aperture. The aperture, and hence door required for a good fit, will now be square.

The uprights in this instance are a few inches in from the tunnel sides - so you may want to dig it a few inches wider. The reason for this is that they can be concreted in so that the shoring is harder to remove, and it is best if the concrete completely surrounds the uprights. If adjacent sections of shoring are concreted, form the concrete in one continuous block - this makes it much harder to remove than if there are lots of short sections.

These concrete walls can also act as side shoring if an extra cross beam is put just below the main one at the top (as shown) to prevent collapses from the sides.

Light

You'll need a source of light, head torches being ideal - with rechargeable batteries if practical. Petzl Zooms are ideal - Megas and Micros are OK, but Megas are more awkward in small spaces due to the bigger battery pack (they are not any brighter than Zooms), while Micros are a bit dim unless you are digging wormholes (in which case they are ideal because there is no large battery pack to get in the way). A Zoom or Mega with halogen bulb, and diffuser if possible, is ideal if you decide to take video footage of the tunnel, although be aware that halogen bulbs reduce battery life by around 70%. Candles are feasible (don't listen to anyone who says they eat all your oxygen - candles will go out before you do!), but if you have long hair like me, then using candles in confined spaces tends to result in setting your hair on fire, something I have now done six times.

You will also need candles for the eviction, as they provide the cheapest form of light for reading by, but don't risk falling asleep with one burning. A tunnel fire could be disastrous - burns, smoke, lack

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of oxygen - and sleeping bags are highly flammable. For the same reason, don't do what some people did in Devon and try out lock-ons by candlelight.

[N.B. This information conflicts with other sources who advise minimising candle use by stringing up fairy lights from car batteries. Fire is a very real risk.]

Digging Further

A twisted tunnel, with a variation (doesn't have to be big) in width and height may be more difficult to evict as it will be more difficult to shore. It will also be more difficult for anyone to predict where it actually goes! Corners and shafts, particularly up-shafts, are going to be more difficult for people to work in, so are good places for doors or lock-ons.

You'll also need to think about chambers, doors and/or lock-ons. A lot depends on how much time you have if you have only a week or so until eviction, and little resources to construct doors, then it may be more worthwhile having a succession of lock-ons, arranged so that people have to be dug out one at a time. If you have a bit more time then doors are more effective, providing they are done properly - more of that later.

If the eviction is likely to be more than one day, as it hopefully will, you will need a chamber to sleep in, as well as storage areas. If you are going to be there some time and have plenty of time to prepare, a 3' high and 3' wide chamber is fine (but make sure its is deep enough to be safe from collapse). This means you can sit up and also curl up when you go to bed (this latter point sounds mundane, but it's damn annoying kipping in a chamber that stops you doing this!). If you are not going to be there long (which probably means you are in rush to dig the tunnel), a 2' wide and 2'6" chamber is fine - which is the same as the suggested size of the main tunnel.

Storage areas need to branch off the sides, and either alcoves or shelves cut in the wall are fine. The important thing is that once the eviction order is made, you are able to have everything necessary, for the eviction down with you *a// the time* without getting in the way of you working.

Bucketing becomes a major problem after a while - you'll find that at some point sacks tied with rope nooses are easier to haul out than buckets. Make sure you have a reasonably long bit of rope, then it's just a matter of crawling along, pulling the sack up to you, crawling along, pulling the sack up to you. At the end of Cake Hole one hour of digging gave rise to five or six hours of bucketing!

Air

Another necessary piece of equipment is an air pipe. A number of things can prevent good circulation (lots of people in the tunnel, up-shafts, narrow tunnels) and this affects different people to different extents. It is also needed in the event of collapse - it may be the only source of fresh air in that case. Pick flexible piping that is at least 25mm in diameter, but if it is larger, e.g. 50mm, it will be more efficient. Don't hacksaw it but cut it with a knife to avoid plastic shavings, and make sure you always have a knife with you in the tunnel as you may not be able to get to the other end of the pipe in a collapse. Do not bend the pipe too sharply as kinks will reduce the airflow. Whether it is best to run it along the floor, or the sides, is debatable - in a collapse it *may* be less likely to break on the floor, but it is more likely to be accessible quickly if it is along the sides. At the entrance of the tunnel, the pipe should have a fan on the end which can be powered from a 12V car battery (a computer fan is sufficient, and won't use much battery power). Make sure that those on the surface know if there is a collapse, the fan must be switched on! This is why the fan is safest on the surface as opposed to inside the tunnel. Bear in mind that without a fan, the pipe will be pretty inefficient in moving air.

Make sure that rainwater and mud cannot get down the pipes, i.e. the ends should be raised off the ground at the tunnel entrance. If water/mud does get in then it will form pockets that stop the airflow. To remove it, get someone to blow down the pipe at the top, and catch it in a bucket at the tunnel end. If it's been in there some days, it will be stagnant and stinks, so make sure you do this before the eviction - otherwise when the eviction air supply (which tends to have a very high flow rate) gets turned on, it will probably get pushed out then, making things very wet and *very smelly*.

Stale air also needs to get out. If your doors are tight fits and with no gaps around the shoring (which is good from a defensive point of view), make sure short sections of air pipe go around/through the door frame. It is also a good idea to have an extra pipe going the full length of the tunnel to remove stale air in case of collapse.

Whatever your arrangement, though, in the interests of safety try to ensure that appropriate people have samples of your air pipe so that those evicting you can bring along something to connect to it. At the very least they will have an air compressor, and it has been known for bottled air to be pumped down tunnels!

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Tunnel Doors

Doors are best constructed out of more than one material - a ply/sheet metal/ply sandwich for example. This is because blades to cut through wood will not cut metal, and to a significant extent, the reverse also applies. A rubber sheet somewhere would probably not go amiss, but it would be such a shame if the heat from a saw blade or drill bit melted the rubber and knackered the tool in question. Make the door pretty thick - in the example mentioned, the ply would be at least 3/4". The one exception to a laminated tunnel door is having a very thick (e.g. 10mm steel) door made by a friendly blacksmith, that cannot easily fall victim to an angle grinder.

Door frames should be rock solid - assuming you are fixing them to shoring, the joists in question should be strong - ideally 3" x 3" or thicker. This also gives a good thickness of wood to drive screws into. To avoid the frames being lifted out, concrete them in on both sides. It is worth spiking door frames with nails, and nails only partly concreted in will 'key' concrete onto the frame. More nails fixing the joists together will make the door more resistant to eviction.

The hinges and bolts used should be heavy duty; T-hinges are the strongest, and you may want to use as many the size of the door allows! Screws should be at least 08. A potential weak point if entry is attempted using brute force and ignorance, is where the bolts go into the door frame - the small brackets supplied with most bolts provide holes for only two screws. You may get away with it if the screws are 08, but from experience I can say that 06 screws are not good enough. It is probably better to fabricate your own solution to the problem, possibly involving metal or wood screwed to the frame and maybe backed by concrete. One idea that has been tried with some success is having an extra set of T-hinges attached to this side of the frame, which then get attached to the door at the last minute with nails.

Another weakness is the gap between door and door frame - it is worthwhile trying to get the frame as square/rectangular as possible, and to make the door fit this precisely (though be careful when installing tight fitting doors that you don't shut yourself in behind a door that won't open!). There will still be a gap though, however small, that a crowbar or saw blade (to cut the hinges/bolts) could get through. Assuming it is a metal blade for cutting hinges or bolts, put some wood in the way. A better way to avoid this problem is to cover the gap in the first place by putting an extra set of joists in front of the door (concreted in if possible!). Don't just cover by the hinges

and bolts to stop the saw - remember that a crowbar can get in at any of the four sides if there is a gap. Don't forget that last minute modifications such as nailing on extra hinges stop you getting out in a hurry, so should be just that - last minute! As they are last minute they also need to be quick, so make sure any screws already have decent pilot holes so you can drive them in all the way quickly. You may feel that nails are better on balance because of this, or a combination of nails and screws, with the nails hammered in first, the screws last. Probably the most effective quick addition are long nails through the door into the surrounding frame.

Lock-ons

You may not require any lock-on at all - if there are lots of doors that are definitely going to take a while to get through, you may not feel it worthwhile. If you are not sure of that though, a lock-on at the end of the tunnel can be a good insurance policy if the doors don't turn out to be as good as you thought. Also lock-ons can be put in quickly - so are good if you have not the time to get good doors in. Lock-ons in tunnels can be made much more awkward to remove than surface or even tree lock-ons, and probably the best advice here is to let your imagination run riot!

A good tactic is to have someone in front of a door, locked behind it. This hinders them working on the door, which needs to be removed before the person can be unlocked. The actual 'lock' in this case can be as simple as a chain around the wrist, attached to a rope that is tied to some sturdy shoring. Obviously you need a gap either in the door or next to it, for an arm to fit through - but the good thing about this type of lock-on is that if they enlarge this hole, someone else inside the tunnel can pull the locked-on arm further in, and re-attach it!

Protest sites are usually full of people who know how to make lock-ons, but I'll briefly go over it anyway for the benefit of others. You need a tube, about 2' long, that is arm-sized. Metal is best, but drainpipe is sufficient and easier to work with. Put a rod perpendicularly through the tube near one end - this is so someone can slip onto it using a karabiner (climbing 'clip') attached to their wrist via rope, tape, or preferably chain. Be careful that this wrist clip isn't a self-tightening noose that could constrict circulation to the hand. This is surrounded in concrete, maybe in a metal barrel, maybe buried in the ground, or maybe a combination of both (some cooking oil barrels are handy tunnel sized).

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Concrete

I'll assume you know, or know someone who can show you how to mix basic concrete. A mix of aggregate, sand and cement in the ratio 3:2:1 is a good general purpose mix, though 4:2:1 is fine if you need more bulk. Use small aggregate; around 5mm, otherwise as small as possible. Granite chippings are hard, as is gravel; limestone is soft, and therefore a last resort.

It is best to reinforce any concrete with metal as they will need to keep swapping tools to get through the concrete and metal. Put the metal in place first - chicken wire is surprisingly effective and relatively easy to get hold of. The worst thing in concrete is air holes, and this is quite a problem if chicken wire is stopping the wet mix flowing into the lock-on (you could try adding bits of chicken wire as you pour the mix in, rather than beforehand). Either use a stick to press it down, or hit the sides of any barrel with a hammer, and it should minimise the problem. Making the mix quite wet also helps it flow down.

For various reasons some people recommend glass and/or rubber in the mix. The reasoning is that glass is hard to cut through (though it does shatter rather easily!), and rubber will hold up a kango hammer by causing it to rebound (though they are less likely to use a kango in a tunnel, especially as it will be difficult to hold and work with in a confined space). Personally, I would not bother with either rubber or glass, as they both weaken the mix, and shattering glass stands a fair chance of damaging someone's eyes - most likely yours!

When concreting walls you'll need to put shuttering in. These are wooden boards that hold the wet mix in place while it sets. Apart from the confined space, the main problem I have found with concrete in tunnels, is that you cannot put shuttering in completely to the top (you need a hole to pour it through!). Unfortunately there is no way that I know of to get round this.

You may like to run the air pipes through the concrete, so that they are more cautious while chipping it away - this also means that the gaps the pipes run through do not serve as weak points around the doors. In fact, you could even mix in some dummy air pipes - they of course, will not know which is which.

Fortifying the entrance

It is worthwhile paying particular attention to the entrance, for a number of reasons. Firstly, it should be quick and easy to get past the first door, and to shut it (the eviction could start at *any* time, not just

when you are working or sleeping underground). This is more important than having a well fortified first door, and there is nothing wrong with it simply being a flimsy trapdoor at the shaft mouth, that just gives time for people to get into the main part of the tunnel and/or into lock-ons.

The other big consideration is that lock-ons around the entrance, or in the entrance shaft, mean that people who do not want to go underground can take an active part in the eviction. People locked on, possibly around doors (as mentioned under 'lock-ons') greatly slow down the eviction as more care needs to be taken with people than objects, which can mean a slow eviction. Also, people locked-on in the shaft mean that others have that bit more time to get in to the main part of the tunnel, and to shut the door, without being caught.

Multiple shaft lock-ons could be mounted above each other, either in the walls or on *strong* timber platforms, which would be more effective than individual separate lock-ons, as those doing the evicting will have less room and will need to take more care (and therefore time). A good thing about shaft lock-ons is that they will not necessarily go entirely to waste if no-one reaches them come eviction time, as concrete will still have to be removed if it is in the way. A surface fort is worthwhile, and can provide sleeping space for people who are going to lock-on around the shaft (presumably, tunnellers will be sleeping underground). It needn't be complex, and can just be a wooden hut surrounded and/or covered with the spoil taken out from the tunnel. It will probably have to be taken down in the eviction, to provide a working space for those evicting you, and to provide room to get tools and material in and out. The door to a fort should be at least strong enough to give time for the occupants to lock-on, etc.

Living underground

...is really nice actually, though I do have problems convincing people of its merits. There are some pit-falls though.

If the main tunnel is big enough for more than one person, make sure that everyone is going to get on with each other in a confined space. Everyone may be getting on just fine normally, but problems can arise when stuck together for a few days in a hole in the ground. For example, people do need to give each other space and privacy, not be incessant talkers, but still be pleasant to talk to when you do that. You may even feel that a one-person tunnel is not such a bad thing - that way you have the company of 'their' tunnellers by day, but your own space at night.

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Another problem that may arise is that even if at first, people do not want to be living in the tunnel, there are times when everyone seems to want to be there. This is a good reason to decide early on who is going to live there (it should be people out of the core group who will presumably be keen, have done plenty of work, and spent a lot of time underground). Be careful of late additions to this group - you need to know that everyone who is likely to get evicted from the tunnel is stable and easy to get on with. Ground rules should be set early, and fixed - any newcomers should respect these.

You do need to be sure that people are not going to lose their bottle - during a false eviction alert at Devon, one person was literally fighting to get out. Having someone leave because of this, means opening, and quite possibly losing one of the doors. To guard against this, make sure that everyone who might be in the main tunnel (i.e. not counting shaft lock-ons) during the eviction spends a lot of time below ground, including sleeping.

These are all good reasons to have a small core group that already knows each other well, know they can get on with each other, and who knows that the others in the group are stable. As mentioned previously, this may sound elitist, but it gets the job done and avoids personality problems. Even if someone comes along to help and does lots of work, this does not necessarily mean that they will be underground in the eviction. Be especially careful of people who turn up, want to join in, but end up doing little work.

At night you need to sleep in the tunnel if there is the threat of eviction, and it is not a bad idea to sleep there anyway, both to get used to it, and to guard against unwanted guests. This may mean evicting enthusiastic helpers at night, and locking the doors to prevent similar wake-up calls, so that you get sleep, space and privacy. If you are the enthusiastic helper, then don't be offended by this - it's just that the people who are going to be evicted will be also by necessity living in the tunnel before the eviction, and need sleep, space and privacy just like anyone else.

Tunnel occupants may end up keeping odd hours as well, especially if like me you don't like getting up in the morning, but are happy to be working through the night. It's best not to get too nocturnal as it can make your body do weird things and means that others aren't as able to help you - though it can make pixieing more convenient.

Eviction!

Firstly good luck, take care, and may the force be with you.

Secondly, don't assume you'll have more than a few seconds warning before you have to leave your hot mug of tea, and have to leg it down your hole.

Thirdly, remember the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. DON'T PANIC!

If all goes to plan, you'll have shut yourself underground, and any lock-ons in the entrance will be occupied. Before long, a bloke in a red jacket and a red hard hat will come along and read out a notice saying that everyone should leave now or face arrest under Section 10 of the Criminal Law Act 1977. If you hear this, you would of course, being a law abiding citizen, leave forthwith. Unfortunately, being down the tunnel you can't hear this. After a while one of two groups of people will turn up.

One group, popularly known as the 'Men in Black', dress funnily enough, in black - from head to toe, and with balaclavas on. This lot are from International Mine Rescue, run by Pete Faulding, and as far as we know are ex-special forces (e.g. SAS and SBS). They are experts who know what they are doing, are used to man-made holes in the ground, and will take good care that everyone gets out safely. They have never been violent or nasty, so be nice to them as well. For all these reasons they are preferred by both protesters and under-sheriffs. They did the Fairmile eviction (of Swampy fame), the Manchester Airport evictions, and the eviction at the Huntingdon 'Death' Sciences protest camp.

The other group, Richard Turner and Associates (RTA), who are the people who evict protesters from trees, are less predictable. They have so far done just two tunnel evictions - Trollheim and Bluebell Woods in Manchester. Trollheim was very violent by all accounts, and little attention was paid to Health and Safety which resulted in them getting their wrists slapped by the HSE. The Bluebell Woods eviction was not violent at all, although it was obvious that unlike IMR they are not experts (and hence not as safe) in man-made holes (some of them are cave rescue, but that is quite a different thing - caves don't need shoring and are somewhat less likely to collapse). The thing about RTA is that they are a bunch of varied people - Tim, 'Mousse' and one of the Richards (not Turner) who ran the show at Bluebell were friendly enough, but there are others in RTA who probably wouldn't be.

At first, it may seem like there is very little you can do, but all the time you can be listening to what's going on, and doing last minute improvements. You'll inevitably end up chatting to whoever's getting you out, and when they are working on the doors, you can be doing whatever repairs you can from your side. If you have an intercom running up to the trees,

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then you have someone else to talk to, and if that fails, local radio are a good bet for finding out how things are going.

Eventually, they will get to you, and bring you out. You'll probably get arrested for obstructing the sheriff's officers, though you should be given time to bring your property out unless they do that for you. If you come out before they get you out, you may be able to avoid being arrested, but that has only happened once. If arrested, you probably will be convicted, but it typically involved a one year conditional discharge, and a small order for costs (e.g. £40).

Appendix A - Tools and equipment

- * Spade/shovel/trenching tool. It's a good idea to have one always around at the top as a safety measure.
- * Pick.
- * Lump hammer.
- * Cold chisel and/or bolster and/or trowel (preferably a purpose made heavy duty trowel).
- * Tape measure.
- * Sharp panel saw for cutting shoring.
- * Appropriate tools for door and lock-on construction (doors can also be made off site - but make sure they can fit down the tunnel).
- * If required for installing doors, a screwdriver for fixing hinges and bolts, and a drill to put in pilot holes (alternatively hammer nails in, then extract them with claw hammer or crowbar, leaving a pilot hole).
- * Crowbar if possible - tends to come in useful for lots of things.
- * Buckets and/or sacks/and rope.
- * Sharp knife.
- * Head torch and batteries.

Appendix B - Eviction stashes!

- * Food that doesn't go off, and doesn't need cooking. Tins are a good idea - fruit, soups to eat cold, etc. Don't forget a tin opener - if it stops working a coal chisel and hammer may do the job.
- * Plenty of nibbles - biscuits, chocolate, etc. Don't be tempted to eat it all at once though!
- * Drinks e.g. soya milk and fruit juices. Lots of mineral water (tap water goes off after a few days). You should allow for around 2 litres of fluid per person per day.
- * Piss bottles. You will be able to use empty water bottles, but bear in mind you need at least 30% more piss bottles than drink bottles as you take fluid in via

food also. In addition, cartons cannot be pissed into after you have drunk their contents. On the same subject, a funnel may be useful.

* Carrier bags to shit in, and bog roll. Bury them, or if possible leave them for collection in the morning! On a practical level, it is very difficult to shit without pissing at the same time. In a confined space such as a tunnel, this point is particularly important.

* Something to do. Books, writing paper (and plenty of biro's in case some don't work), games, playing cards, etc. All depends on what you like doing really.

* Nails (a selection from 2" to 6") and a hammer - a definite for defending doors. Extra wood, and maybe a saw, could also come in useful. Be prepared to improvise e.g. cold chisels become door stops when the last door is being breached!

* Candles, plus lighters and matches. Make sure you have spare sets of matches!

* A radio. You'll get medium wave fine, but if you want FM you'll have to run a wire to the surface. If possible, you may want to run this through any concreting or through the air pipes so that it stays there as long as possible.

* Something metal and bar-like e.g. crowbar, cold chisel, etc, just in case you have to dismantle shoring (for example) for whatever reason. A few digging tools are worthwhile, and will probably be down there anyway.

* Sleeping bag and mat/carpet.

Appendix C - Imperial/Metric conversion

Being English, I've generally used Imperial units of measurement throughout, so these conversions may be helpful.

1" (1 inch) = 25mm

1' (1 foot) = 12" = 300mm

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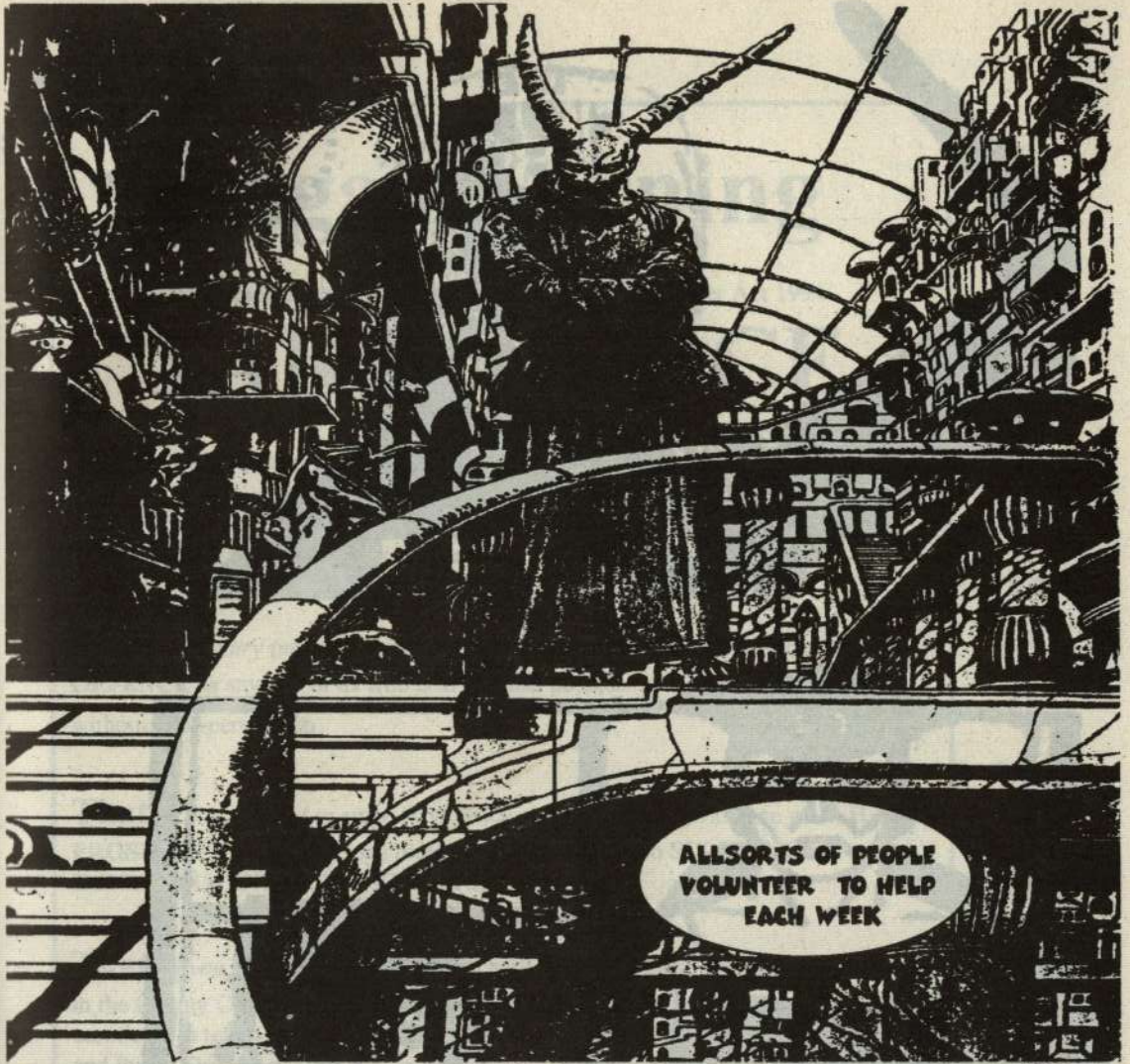
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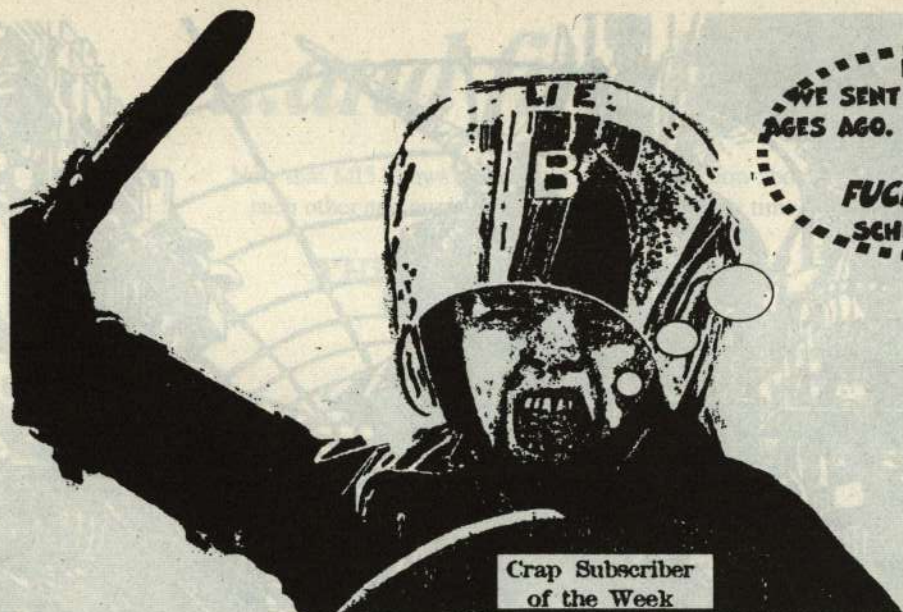




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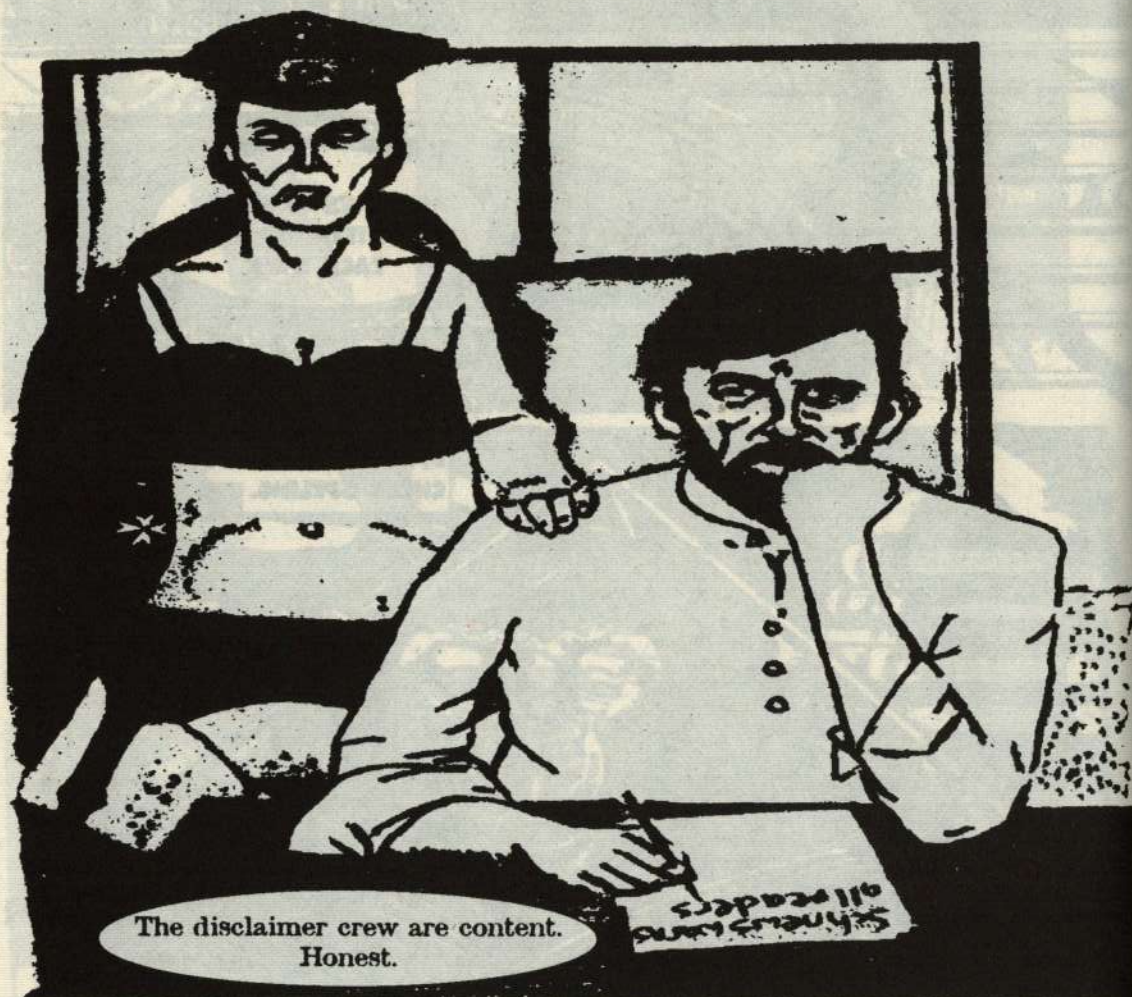


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Animal Aid P 01732 364546

Animal Contacts Directory Veggies, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HW Networking for Humans, Animals and the Environment. Excellent comprehensive directory of animal rights contacts £4.50/£3.50.

Animal Liberation Front Press Office BM4400, London WC1N 3XX T 01954 230542/mobile: 0961 303680 F 01954 230542 News agency and media contact for radical animal liberation activities. Animal liberation speakers also available for group meetings, demos, etc.

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Beedum doop dumde dum dum aka, the Campaign for the Discontinuation of Sensible Music. Contact Mark Lemons@linnerfield.co.uk

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Brighton Urban Design & Development (BUDD) Natty Trust Office, Unit 11, Level 5, New England House, New England St, Brighton BN1 T 01273 681166/389279 F 01273 600206 kt@solutions-inc.co.uk *BUDD exists to stimulate, encourage and initiate sustainable urban design & development through an inclusive participatory process. Our aim is to generate schemes that integrate Brighton & Hove.*

Bristol Class War P.O.Box 772, Bristol BS99 *Currently we only deal with merchandise - hope to start a group up soon.*

British Anti-Vivisection Association (BAVA) P.O.Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF F 0117 909 5048 bava@esmail.net
To oppose vivisection entirely and without compromise, on scientific, medical, environmental, economic, moral and ethical grounds.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers T 01491 824900 F 01491 839646

British Union For The Abolition of Vivisection 16a Crane Grove, London N7 8NN T 0171 700 4888 F 0171 700 0252 info@buav.org
The BUAV opposes animal experiments. We believe animals are entitled to respect and compassion which animal experiments deny them.

Broughton Spurtle c/o Broughton Books, 2A Broughton Place, Edinburgh EH T 0131 556 0903 F 0131 557 6752 Publish a monthly community paper, free (paid for by combination of adverts and Spurtle Supporters' contributions).

Burghfield Women's Peace Camp c/o 39 Westwood Rd, Southampton SO17 1DN T 01703 554434

Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) 11 Goodwin St, Finsbury Park, London N4 3HQ T 0171 281 0297 F 0171 281 4369

campaigns@caat.demon.co.uk *A broad coalition of groups and individuals committed to an end to the international arms trade and the UK's role; and the conversion of military industry to civil production.*

Campaign Against the Art Trade

Campaign Against Censorship of the Internet *Self-explanatory.*

Campaign Against Live Exports c/o Animal Link, P.O.Box 1176, Kidderminster DY10 1WQ T 01384 828685

Campaign Against Racism & Fascism (CARF) BM Box 8784, London WC1N 3XX T 0171 837 1450 info@carf.demon.co.uk *Bi-monthly magazine, in-depth analysis of rise of racism/fascism, info on anti-racist campaigns across Europe, refugees, policing, miscarriages of justice and grassroots campaigns.*

Campaign Against the Child Support Act (CACSA) P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761

Campaign Against Tube Privatisation (CATP) 47c Wadson St, Bethnal Green, London E2 9DP T 0171 387 4771 (HQ) 0181 981 8065 (home) johndleach@aol.com *Uniting workers and passengers against the Government's plan to privatise London Underground - for a publicly-owned, publicly-funded, publicly-accountable Tube.*

Campaign for Free Education P.O. Box 22615, London N4 1WT T 0958 556756 F 0171 277 8462 cfe@gm.apc.org *Fighting government & our own union for grants for all students - occupations, pickets, demos etc.*

Campaign For More Campaigns *A group of concerned liberals looking to push back the frontiers of everyone's patience.*

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (C.N.D.) 162 Holloway Rd, London N7 8DQ T 0207 700 2393 F 0207 700 2357

cdn@gm.apc.org *C.N.D involves supporters in direct actions, lobbying, press work and local street campaigning to help rid the world of nuclear weapons.*

Campaign to Free Vanunu & for a Nuclear Free Middle East 185 New Kent Rd, London SE1 4AG T 0171 378 9324 F as phone campaign@vanunu.freereserve.co.uk *As name of organisation.*

Cannabis in Avlon (CIA) P.O.Box 2223, Glastonbury BA6 9YU T 01458 833236/mobile: 0966 396444 cannabisinfo@gm.apc.org *We aim to manifest the total liberation of cannabis to save the planet, heal the body & free the mind.*

Cardiff Law Centre John Mulligan, Cardiff T 01222 498117 Solicitors. *Contact them for a list of traveller-friendly solicitors.*

Cartoon Art Trust 7 Brunswick Centre, Bernard St, London EC1N 8JY T 0171 278 7172 F 0171 278 4234 skip@escape.u-net.com *Exhibitions of cartoons, comics & animation; children's classics & adult courses; talks, fairs, auctions, sales & awards.*

Centre for Alternative Technology (C.A.T.) & Alternative Technology Association (A.T.A.)

Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9AZ T 01654 702400 F 01654 702782 steve@cleanslate.force9.co.uk

Environmental visitor and information centre.

Chapter Seven 20 St. Michael's Rd, Yeovil, Somerset BA2 T 01935 472396/881975 F 01935 472396 *Access to land for all households through environmentally sound planning. Chapter Seven is the planning office of The Land Is Ours.*

Children's Participation Project The Children's Society, 92b High St, Midsomer Norton, Bath BA3 2DE T 01761 411771/mobile: 0374 838309 F 01761 417553 *We work with newer traveller families in the South West, supporting them to access health care, education, play facilities, safe & secure sites.*

Chumbawamba P.O. Box TR666, Armley, Leeds LS12 3XJ chumba@chumba.demon.co.uk *A popular beat combo m'lud.*

Climate Action Network UK (CANUK) 49 Wellington St, London WC2E 7BN T 0171 836 1110 F 0171 497 0447 canuk@gm.apc.org *Works to advance public awareness and understanding through education and the provision of information on issues related to climate change.*

Climate Action NOW! P.O.Box 324, Redway, U.S.A CA 95560 can@asis.com *Donations go a long way.*

Clun Valley Alder Charcoal Shropshire Hills Countryside Unit, 2 The School House, Acton Scott Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6QN T 01694 781588 *Renewable sources of charcoal.*

Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT UK) P.O.Box 38, Manchester M60 1NX T 01523 478842 F 0870 054 8728 caft@caft.demon.co.uk *Grass-roots campaign co-ordinating local and national actions against fur trade. Investigations, demos, education and political work. We publish a magazine 'Anti-Fur News'.*

Common Ground P.O.Box 25309, London NW5 1ZA T 0171 267 2144 F as phone *Common Ground promotes the importance of our common cultural heritage, everyday nature and buildings, popular history and local places.*

Communities Against Toxics (CATS) P.O.Box 29, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral L66 3TX T 0151 339 5473 F 0151 339 5473 cats@tcpub.demon.co.uk *Fighting incinerators - provide info on its chemicals and health dangers. Toxic. Municipal - clinical. Waste. Toxic landfill. SAE for basic info a must!*

Communities Appeal for Respect for the Environment (CARE) *CARE is a North Wales, grass roots, environment organisation based in Cefn Mawr. The main reason for our existence is because of the Monsanto-owned, Flexsys chemical plant.*

Compassion in World Farming P 01730 264208

Compendium Bookshop 234 Camden High St, London NW1 8QS T 0171 485 8944

Connolly Association 244 Grays Inn Rd, London WC1X 8JR T 0171 833 3022/9166172/Mobile: 07775 974980 F 0171 916 6172 connolly@geo2.poptel.org.uk *An independent non-party, political organisation campaigning for Irish unity and independence.*

Conscience - The Peace Tax Campaign 601 Holloway Rd, London N19 4DJ T 0171 561 1061 F 0171 281 6508 conscience@cablenet.co.uk *Conscience campaigns for the right for people who are ethically opposed to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peacebuilding.*

Consumers for Health Choice T Sue Croft 0117 925 2624

Continental Drifts Hilton Grove, Hatherly Mews, Walthamstow, London E17 4GP T 0181 509 3353 F 0181 509 9531

christofu@virgin.net *Works with loads of performance and music from the amazing underground. Festivals are our favourites. Work all over Europe. Not for profit company. Have the best bands there are.*

Cool Temperate 5 Colville Villas, Nottingham NG1 4HN T 0115 947 4977 F as phone Nursery for practical plants (fruit, hedging, nitrogen-fixers, etc) and site-analysis/assessment/design/advice services. All profits are used for researching new methods of sustainable production.

Corporate Watch Box CW, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ T 01865 791391 F as phone mail@corporatwatch.l-way.co.uk Corporate Watch publishes a magazine and research into corporate crime and influence, and supports campaigns against the multinational menace.

Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Rd, London SW1W 0PP T 0171 976 6433 F 0171 976 6373 cpre@gn.apc.org CPRE helps people protect & enhance their local countryside keeping it beautiful, productive and enjoyable for everyone.

CREATE (Community Recycling, Environmental Action, Training & Education) Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN T 0117 925 0505 F 0117 922 4444 create@bristol-city.gov.uk CREATE's mission: a showcase of environmental excellence * a centre of influential environmental activity * a base for environmental groups * free entry to recycling exhibition & ecology.

Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) Alpha Tower, Suffolk St, Queensway, Birmingham B1 1TT T 0121 633 1800 F 0121 633 1804 info@ccrc.gov.uk An independent body which investigates suspected miscarriages of justice.

Crossroads Women's Centre (formerly King's Cross Women's Centre) 230a Kentish Town Rd (entrance in Caversham Rd), London NW6 5QU T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761 100010.2311@compuserve.com An anti-sexist anti-racist centre, providing support, advice and survival information on a wide range of issues inc. anti-racism, disability rights, health and ecology, immigration, and more.

Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg - The Welsh Language Society Pen Roc, Rhodfa'r Mor, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, Wales SY23 2AZ T 01970 624 501 F 01970 627122 swyddfa@cymdeithas.com Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg is a political pressure group campaigning for the future of the Welsh language and Welsh communities.

D.S.4.A c/o Box 8, 82 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB Distribute anarcho-punk records/CD/'s etc/books/fanzines/t-shirts & a whole lot more.

DAAA Collective (Direct Action Against Apathy) c/o Green Action, QUBSU, University Rd, Belfast BT9 1NF daaa@hotmail.com Produce Direct Action Against Apathy magazine (£1.30 from above address). Contact them for info about other activities.

Dartford Unemployed Group c/o 34 Saxon Place, Dartford DA4 9JG T 01322 865114

Decadent Action Find out why it's important to shop to bring down capitalism; also linked to Phone In Sick.

DELTA Box Z, 13 Biddulph St, Leicester LE2 1BH T 0116 270 9616 F as phone lynx@gn.apc.org News & background on Ogoni, Shell & Nigeria.

Devonport Claimants' Union (DCU) c/o 69 Granby St, Devonport, Plymouth T 01752 213112 Campaigning for a just benefits system. Mutual support and advice for claimants. Strike and other direct action support where appropriate.

Diggers & Dreamers Publications BCM Edge, London WC1N 3XX T 07000 780536 edgeoftime@compuserve.com We publish Diggers & Dreamers - a guide to communal living - every two years. UK & overseas communes; articles.

Direct Action P.O.Box 1095, Sheffield, S.Yorks S2 4YR T 0161 232 7889 da@directa.force9.co.uk Quarterly magazine of the Solidarity Federation - solidarity and direct action in workplaces and communities fighting racism to boycotting Body Shop.

Direct Action Media Network (DAMN!) T (U.S) 304 291 1507 damn@jao.ca DAMN is a multi-media news service that gathers and distributes news reports about progressive marches, strikes, protests and other in-the-street actions.

Disabled Action Network 3 Crawley Rd, Wood Green, London N22 6AN T 0181 889 1361

Do or Die c/o Brighton Unemployed Centre, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2GY We are a collective who publish an annual journal which aims to carry news and analysis from the global ecological frontlines.

Did, now Dead. Strayed too close to the global ecological frontlines...

Dover Residents Against Racism (DRAR) c/o Refugee Link, P.O.Box 417, Folkstone, Kent CT19 4GT T 01304 206140 dst@canterbury.u-net.com DRAR was formed in 1998 to fight racist hostility (from the press, National Front and others) towards asylum-seekers in Dover.

Earth Circus Network Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN T 0117 907 4074/925 0505 (ask to be put through) F 0117 929 7283

Earth First! Web addresses contacts list.

Earth First! Action Update (EF! AU) c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS& 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) actionupdate@gn.apc.org Monthly roundup of ecological direct action.

Earth First! Journal P.O.Box 1415, Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A OR 97440 T 541 344 8004 F 541 344 7688 earthfirst@igc.org The absolutely fabulous Earth First! Journal presents radical voices from the international no compromise environmental movement.

Earth Liberation Prisoners Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com Produce 'Spirit of Freedom', the regular, free prisoner listings. Send s.a.e's if possible.

Earth Liberation Prisoners (E.L.P.) BM Heal, London WC1N 3XX earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com We exist to support those imprisoned for defending animals and the earth. We provide free prisoners listings through 'Spirit of Freedom', which is also available online.

Earthrights Solicitors Little Orchard, School Lane, Molehill Green, Takeley, Essex CM22 6PS T 07071 225011/07669 127601 F as phone earthrights@gn.apc.org Provides legal advice and assistance to environmental campaigners.

EarthWise Environmental Consultants Ltd 12 Bellevue Rd, Southampton SO15 2AY T 0870 7331166 F 0870 733 1177 enquiry@earthwise.demon.co.uk A small workers co-op, providing services and undertaking projects to promote sustainability.

Eco Village Network Eco Village Network assists individual's projects and organisations in developing sustainable settlements. Superb links.

Ecology Building Society 18 Station Rd, Cross Hills, Keighley BD20 7EH T 01535 635933 F 01535 636166 A building society that specialises in mortgages to rescue derelict homes, build energy efficient homes and for housing co-operatives.

Ecotrip P.O.Box 22019, London SW2 2WF T 0171 737 2365 We are a non-profit collective. Our aim is to inform and empower, and to promote humane solutions to society's problems. There will always be chaos until anarchy is restored.

Ecovillage Network UK (EVNUK) Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN T 0117 925 0505 (temp) evnuk@gaia.org Sustainable settlement project information/advice service. Our focus is on ecovillages as a way out of cash-based living.

Ecstasy Web site of the late Nicholas Saunders, author of the book 'E Is For Ecstasy'.

Edinburgh Claimants c/o Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh, 17 W. Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA T 0131 557 6242

ec@punk.org.uk *We encourage claimants to stick together to overcome benefits hassles, we resist benefit cuts and compulsory workfare schemes e.g New Deal.*

Empty Homes Agency (EHA) 195-197 Victoria St, London SW1E 5NE T 0171 828 6288 F 0171 828 7006 eha@mcmail.com

Community Action on Empty Houses (CAEH) is a project of the EHA - a grassroots approach to highlighting the waste of resources that occurs when flats, houses & buildings are left empty and unused.

Enabler Publications 3 Russell House, Lym Close, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DE T 01297 445024 F as phone dearling@aol.com

Books to feed the mind and spirit! Many travelling-related titles. English Collective of Prostitutes Crossroads Women's Centre, P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761

The English Collective of Prostitutes is a network of women, Black and white, of different nationalities and backgrounds working at various levels of the sex industry.

Enough - The Anti-Consumerism Campaign One World Centre, 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS T 0161 226 6668 *Organisers of No Shop Day in Britain.*

Envirolink *Links to Sustainable Business Network, Animal Rights Resource Site where to buy environmental books. Essential & extensive web directory.*

Environmental Law Foundation Suite 309, 16 Baldwins Gardens, London EC1N 7RJ T 0171 404 1030 F 0171 404 1032 info@elf-net.org *ELF puts community groups and individuals in touch with specialists in environmental law to resolve environmental problems.*

Ethical Consumer Research Association (ECRA) Unit 21, 41 Old Birley St, Manchester M15 5RF T 0161 226 2929 F 0161 226 6277

ethicon@mrl.poptel.org.uk *ECRA produce a bi-monthly magazine - Ethical Consumer - comparing consumer products according to corporate responsibility issues.*

Eurodusnie *Dutch anti-authoritarian organisation fighting against economic globalisation. Dutch and international links.*

Euromarch Liason Committee (ELC) The Old Mill, 30 Lime St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2PQ T 0191 222 0299 F 0191 233 0578

euromuk@aol.com *Co-ordinates activities of organisations, groups and individuals in the UK affiliated to the European Marches network.*

Exeter Left P.O.Box 185, Exeter EX4 4EW T 01392 258249 *Alliance of socialists, anarchists and greens. Contact point for Red South West (Exeter), Exeter Claimants, Exeter AFA. Our aim is to maximise collaboration and discussion in the movement.*

Exodus Long Meadow Community Farm, Sundon Rd, Chalton, Beds LU4 9TU *Luton based party and housing action group. The trouble with local police, the press and the council has been mostly dealt with. Have fine collective. Respect.*

Expanding Horizons - The Whizzbanger Guide to Zine Distributors P.O.Box 5591, Portland, USA OR 97228 *Self descriptions of 200+ distros from around the world. \$3 cash - postage paid worldwide.*

Farming and Livestock Concern P 01559 384936

Faslane Peace Camp 81d shandon, Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute, Scotland G84 8NT T 01436 820901 *To observe and monitor the Royal navy's activities at HNRB at Faslane; to protest against the Trident nuclear programme.*

Federation Anarchiste Francophone 145 Rue Anelot, Paris 75011 T 33 0148 053408 F 33 0149 299859 *federation-anarchiste@federation-anarchiste.org The FA fights with all the exploited against governments, acknowledging the existence of the struggle of the social classes and with final aim an anarchist society.*

Feminist Library 5 Westminster Bridge Rd, Southwark, London SE1 7XW T 0171 928 7789 *Specialises in literature about the women's movement, books, include fiction, non fiction. Special sections include books on/by working class women, black women, women of colour, Irish, Jewish, etc.*

Festival Eye BCM 2002, London WC1N 3XX T 01568 760492 F as phone *festivaleyeye@stones.com Listings & reviews of fringe/mainstream/alternative festivals, camps, parties & protests.*

Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX T 0171 837 1688 F 0171 837 1743 *rcgfrfi@easynet.co.uk Newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Group. Fights imperialism, its barbarism, its destruction of the planet. Campaigns against poverty pay, the Labour government, supports socialist WBA.*

Flannel 32A Park Crescent, Brighton BN1 3HB flannel@wirelock.demon.co.uk *Funkpunk pop with cheese on top. Benefits, balls, barmizvahs - just put petrol in the tank! And featuring guerilla gigs.*

Food Not Bombs Box 23, 56a Crampton St, London SE17 T 0181 766 8813 F 0171 703 1111 *fmb@safetycat.org Free/cheap vegan food for benefits and demos.*

Football *There are hundreds of footie fanzines. For a full listing get a copy of When Saturday Comes, available from most newsagents.*

Football Fans Against the CJA *footie@urban75.com Information and resources dealing with the impact of the Criminal Justice Act on football fans, plus related issues.*

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Unit D, Station Building, Llanidgoes, Powys SY18 6EB T 01686 413916 F 01686 412176 *fsc-uk@fsc-uk.demon.co.uk The FSC is a market mechanism for improving forest management globally. The FSC logo gives the assurance that products originate from well-managed forests.*

Fourth World Review 24 Abercorn Place, London, England NW8 9XP T 0171 286 4366 F 0171 286 2186 *Human affairs are out of control because of giantism. We promote small nations, small communities and the sovereignty of the human spirit.*

Free Tibet Campaign 1 Rosomon Place, London EC1R 0JY T 0171 833 9958 F 0171 833 3838 *tibetsupport@gn.apc.org Free Tibet Campaign call for an end to the Chinese occupation of Tibet and demonstrate and raise awareness wherever possible.*

Free Nelson Mandela *with every copy of this book.*

Freedom Book Company 73 Fawcett Rd, Southsea, Hants PO4 0DB T 01705 780 600 F 01705 780444 *info@freedombooks.co.uk Massive range of informative drugs related books and magazines (cultivation, legality, effects etc), Undercurrents videos, radical magazines and periodicals.*

Freedom Bookshop 84b Whitechapel High St, London W1 T 0171247 9249 *London's best anarchist bookshop, a wide range of anarchist books & mags.*

Freedom Network *info@freedomnet.demon.co.uk Internet based information service.*

Freedom Press *One of the original 60's free press organisations. Publishes radical press books, and posts articles on a wide range of topics across all continents.*

Friends of the Earth 26-28 Underwood St, London N1 7JQ T 0171 490 1555 F 0171 490 0881 *info@foe.co.uk Friends of the Earth works to improve the conditions for life on earth now and for the future.*

Friends of the Earth (Scotland) 72 Newhaven Rd, Edinburgh EH6 5QG T 0131 554 9977 F 0131 554 8656 *foescotland@gn.apc.org Campaigning for Environmental Justice. No less than a decent environment for all; no less than a fair share of the Earth's resources.*

Friends of the Garvaghy Rd BM Box 5519, London WC1N 3XX T 0181 442 8778/mobile: 0956 919871 F as phone *fgr@brosna.demon.co.uk We support the Garvaghy Road Residents Coalition in the North of Ireland who are under sectarian attack by the Loyalist Orange Order.*

Friends, Families & Travellers (FFT) Community Base, 113 Queens Rd, Brighton, E.Sussex BN1 3XG T 01273 234777/Mobile: 07971 550 328 alex@f-f-t.demon.co.uk *Working towards a more equitable society where everyone has the right to travel & stop without constant fear of prosecution because of their lifestyle.*
Frontline Books 255 Wilmslow Rd, Manchester M14 5LW T 0161 249 0202 F 0161 249 0205 frontline-books@mcr1.poptel.org.uk *Radical bookshop/noticeboards/box nos. etc.*

Gaia Foundation P 0171 435 5000

Gay Veggies & Vegans (GV) GV, BM Box 5700, London WC1N 3XX T (Gay men) 0181 690 4792 *Monthly socials London.*

Information exchange all ages welcome, women & men. Occasional magazine "Green Queen".

Genethics News P.O.Box 6313, London N16 0DY F 0171 502 7516 genethicsnews@compuserve.com *Newsletter on ethical, social and environmental issues raised by genetic engineering.*

Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) P.O.Box 9656, London N4 4JY T 0181 374 9516 F as phone (call first) genetics@gn.apc.org *GEN provides information for action against genetic engineering & acts as a first point of contact for those wanting to know of active groups within their area.*

Genetix

Genetix Snowball P 0161 834 0295

Genetix Food Alert (GFA) c/o 23 Fleming St, Glasgow G31 1PQ T 0141 554 6099 lindsay@gntx.demon.co.uk *We campaign etc. against the introduction of genetic engineering in food. We represent the UK wholefood trade and have a massive membership.*
Get Informed A website set up to question all areas of genetic science and encourage debate.

Glasgow Vegan Network T 0141 330 4906/954 6519 F 0141 330 6004 m.hersh@elec.gla.ac.uk *Promoting veganism and supporting vegans: both campaigning and social activities. We are friendly, informal and very welcoming.*

Glastonbury Assembly Rooms High St, Glastonbury T 01458 834677

Glouplouplou A French site of pie flingers with pictures of top politicians and corporate bosses getting a faceful of pie.

GM-free Prisoner Support Dept.29, 255 Wilmslow Rd, Manchester M14 5LW T 0161 226 6814 *Support for prisoners who wish to try and obtain a GM-free diet while in custody. Help with information, prison liaison, media.*

Godhaven Ink Rooted Media, 145-149 Cardigan Rd, Leeds LS6 1LJ T 0113 278 8617 merrick@stones.com *Publishers of cheap books and zines about direct action and other countercultural stuff. Promoting a feeling of well-being since 1994.*

Going for Green Churchgate House, 56 Oxford St, Manchester M60 7HJ T 0161 272 5221 F 0161 272 5200 gfg@dircon.co.uk *To cut waste, save energy and resources, travel sensibly, prevent pollution, and look after the local environment.*

Greater Manchester Socialist Alliance (GMSA) c/o 58 Langdale Rd, Victoria Park, Manchester M14 5PN T 0161 224 4197 F c/o 0161 839 6540 john@georgehousestrust.org.uk *Aims to create a democratic socialist society, through bringing people together in a united campaign for social justice and ecological sustainability.*

Green Action QUBSU, University Rd, Belfast, N.Ireland BT7 daaa@hotmail.com *Produces topically wide-ranging publication.*

Green Adventure 54 Camberwell Business Centre, 99 Lomond Grove, London SE5 7HN T 0181 405 7183/0171 708 2151 *Brockwell Park GREENHOUSES Community Environmental Centre.*

Green Books Foxhole, Dartington, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6EB T 01803 863260 F 01803 863843 greenbooks@gn.apc.org *Publishers and distributors of books on a wide range of environmental issues.*

Green Events Swanfleet Centre, 93 Fortess Rd, London NW5 IAG T 0171 267 2552 F 0171 813 4889 pmcaig@orangenet.co.uk *A monthly newsletter highlighting environmental, human & animal rights issues in and around London.*

Green Guide Publishing Ltd 271 Upper St, Islington, London N1 2UQ P 0171 354 2709 F 0171 226 1311 info@greenguide.co.uk *We're the best available source on organic produce, fair trade goods & environmentally friendly products and services. Produce comprehensive regional guides.*

Green Leaf Bookshop 82 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB T 0117 921 1369 *Radical bookshop. Mail order. Very fast customer order service - from U.S & U.K.*

Green Party Drugs Group 1a Waterlow Rd, London N19 5NJ T 0181 678 9420 F as phone shane@gn.apc.org

GroenFront!, EarthFirst! Netherlands P.O.Box 85069, 3508 AB Utrecht, Netherlands groenfr@dds.nl

Groundsell Claimants Action Group c/o Oxford Unemployed Workers Centre, East Oxford Community Centre, Prince's St, Oxford OX4 1HU T 01865 723750

Hackney Law Centre Philippa Salvador-Jones, London T 0181 985 8364 *Solicitors.*

Haggerston Tenants Association (HTA) Haggerston Community Centre, 179 Haggerston Rd, London E8 4JA T 0171 254 2312 F as phone *Help raise tenancy participation. Fights against privatisation. Defend council housing.*

Haiti Support Group c/o Trinity Church, Hodford Rd, London NW11 8NG T 0181 201 9878 F as phone haitisupport@gn.apc.org *An association of individuals in the UK who support the Haitian people in their struggle for equitable development, justice, and participatory democracy.*

Haringey Solidarity Group P.O.Box 2474, London N8 0HW T 0181 374 5027 F 0181 374 5027 hsy@clara.net *Our aim is to promote solidarity, mutual aid and link working class struggles. We can't rely on politicians or leaders to do things for us - we have to organise and do it ourselves.*

Haven Distribution 27 Old Gloucester St, London WC1N 3XX *Supplies free educational literature to prisoners within the UK & Republic of Ireland.*

Head Mix Collective 45 Golf Drive, Hollingdean, Brighton BN1 7HZ T 01273 231374/Mobile: 0421 757730 *A band which gigs throughout UK and Europe distributing positive vibes through music and information through merchandise desk.*

Health Action Network (H.A.N.) P.O.Box 43, Hull HU1 1AA T 01482 562079 *Provides info packs on vaccination & fluoridation. Booklist. Magazine 'LifeForce'. Vaccination info pack - 4 x 26p stamps from above address.*

Hemp Food Industries Association P.O.Box 204, Barnet, Hertfordshire EN5 1EP T 07000 HEMP 4 U (436748) F as phone hfia@hemp.co.uk *Lots to do with hemp food, ice creams, 9bar's, plastics, paper, fuel, growing, etc.*

Henry Doubleday Research Association Ryton Organic Gardens, Coventry CV8 3LG T 01203 303517 F 01203 639229 enquiry@hdra.org.uk *Europe's largest organisation with over 26 000 members. Researching and promoting organic gardening, food, and farming.*

Hiddinkulturz 174 Deeside Gardens, Mannofield, Aberdeen, Scotland AB15 7PX *The collection, sharing and dissemination of a wide cross-section of underground information (nationally & internationally). Publish "Hiddinkulturz Zine".*

Hillsborough Justice Campaign 134 Oakfield Rd, Anfield, Liverpool L4 0UG T 0151 260 5262 F as phone *We are pro-active open organisation - campaigning for the justice denied to all victims of the Hillsborough football disaster.*

Homeless Information Project 612 Old Kent Rd, London SE15 1JB T 0171 277 7639 F 0171 732 7644 *Squatting and housing advice. Homelessness action pages for the group and individual. Motivation and up-to-date information.*

Housmans Bookshop 5 Caledonian Rd, London N19DX T 0171 837 4473

Housmans Diary Group 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX T 0171 837 4473 F 0171 278 0444 *Produces the Peace Diary, including an extensive contacts directory.*

Hunt Saboteurs Association (H.S.A) P.O.Box 2786, Brighton BN2 2AX T 01273 622827/Press office only: 0961 113084 F as phone - call first. has@gn.apc.org *The H.S.A is dedicated to saving the lives of hunted animals directly, using non-violent direct action.*

Huntingdon Death Sciences Campaign (HDSC) P.O.Box 325, Cambridge CB1 2UF T Mobile: 0589 026435 *We are a grass-roots group campaigning against the notorious Huntingdon Life Sciences vivisection laboratory, via direct action, civil disobedience etc.*

Independent Park Home Advisory Service (IPHAS) 17 Ashley Wood Park, Tarrant Keynston, Dorset DT11 9JJ T 01732 359655 F as phone *Support for U.K.residential mobile home owners with problems. Also seeking changes in legislation to improve protection against rogue landlords.*

Index on Censorship 33 Islington High St, London N1 9LH T 0171 278 2313 F 0171 278 1878 contact@indexoncensorship.org *A bimonthly magazine that covers freedom of expression issues all over the world.*

Industrial Workers of the World Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB T 0116 266 1835 *The IWW is a revolutionary trade union whose purpose is to gain control over the shop floor and eliminate the bosses.*

Infoshops Network c/o P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7NZ teapot@worthing.eco-action.org *Resource by, and for, infoshops & autonomous centres etc. Keep in touch with infoshops around the world.*

INK - Independent News Collective 170 Portobello Rd, London W11 2EB T 0171 221 8137 F as phone ink@pro.net.co.uk *Coordinating alternative magazines.*

Innocent Dept.54, 255 Wilmslow Rd, Manchester M14 5LW innocentjeandanny@btinternet *Innocent are a mutual support organisation for the families and friends of prisoners who have been convicted of serious crimes.*

INQUEST Ground Floor, Alexandra National House, 330 Seven Sisters Rd, London N4 2PJ T 0181 802 7430 F 0181 802 7450 inquest@compuserve.com *Monitors and campaigns against deaths in Police, Prison & other State custody; to reform Coroner's Courts, and provides a free legal and advice service to the bereaved on inquests.*

Institute for Social Inventions 20 Heber Rd, London NW2 6AA T 0181 208 2853 F 0181 452 6434 rhino@dial.pipex.com *Gather & promote socially innovative ideas & projects/non-patentable solutions to social problems.*

Institute of Employment Rights (IER) 177 Abbeville Rd, London SW4 9RL T 0171 498 6919 F 0171 498 9080 ier@gn.apc.org *The Institute publishes eight booklets a year on all aspects of employment law. The booklets are written by sympathetic lawyers and academics and aimed at the labour movement.*

Institute of Race Relations Resources for researchers, activists, journalists, students and teachers. Useful links to other sites.

Inter Continental Caravan c/o EuroDusnie, P.O.Box 2228, 2334 CE Leiden, Netherlands 500 *Indian farmers against globalisation arriving in Amsterdam on May 22nd.*

International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal Information and networking to save this journalist/activist's life.

International Protest Activists' website which lists thousands of protests, benefits, meetings across the world. Also reports on events

Intr-Nasal Ketamine Research Laboratory Contact the

Warehouse, Stratford, E. London

Irwin Mitchell Solicitors St Peter's House, Hartshead, Sheffield S1 2EL T 0114 276 7777/273 9011 F 0114 275 3306 *Produce Claiming Compensation For Police Misconduct- A Guide To Your Rights, a booklet of civil liberties when dealing with the police.*

ISIP (International Exhibition of Publications) P.O.Box 325 or Ulica Hrvatske bratske zajednice bb, 10001 Zagreb, Croatia T 385 (0)1 616 4055/385 (0)1 6164188 F 385 (0)1 616 4188 *Presenting and promoting world literature from all areas of human knowledge.*

Justice and Freedom For Animals (formerly The Shoreham Protesters) P.O.Box 2279, Hove BN3 5BE T 01403 782925 *Animal rights campaigning group (Shoreham Protesters).*

Justice For Diarmuid O'Neill BM Box D. O'Neill, London WC1N 3XX *We call on the Home Secretary to set up an independent public enquiry with an international membership to ensure that justice is done and seen to be done.*

Kent Socialist Alliance Secretary Chris Weller, Flat 4, 18 Oxford Rd, Wincheap, Canterbury, Kent CT1 3QF T 01227 458920 *Broad network (countrywide) of activists, trade unionists, socialists, anarchists, animal rights, anti-fascists, huntsabs exchanging info & organising activity. Monthly newsletter.*

Kernow FIN (Free Information Network) P.O.Box 19, Penzance, Kernow *Free newsletter (SAE) of news, contacts & listings from Land's End to the Tamar; change from the bottom up.*

Kieran & Co 31 Clarence Rd, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1LN T 01246 559065 F 01246 220258 *For all your legal requirements.*

Killing Secrets P.O.Box 12, Wighton Delivery Office, Cumbria CA5 3GD T 016973 23705/Pager: 04325 604156 F as phone killsecrets@msn.com *UK's campaign for a transparent and accountable arms trade.*

Kurdistan Information Centre (KIC) 10 Glasshouse Yard, London EC1A 4JN T 0171 250 1315 F 0171 250 1317 kiclondon@gn.apc.org *Provides latest news on situation in Kurdistan; expresses human rights violations and repression against Kurds; publishes news bulletin (weekly) magazine "Kurdistan Report".*

Lancaster Anarchist Group (L.A.G) c/o The Basement, Single Step, 78A Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XN T 01524 63021 *Local anarchist group active in a wide range of support, community struggle & revolutionary stuff. We provide a magazine (Blag) & distribute information.*

Land and Liberty 35 Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff On Sea, Essex S20 7DS T 01702 303259 *Booklets and pamphlets (mainly self-produced) on veganism, permaculture, land use issues, etc from a libertarian (anarchist) perspective - SAE for list.*

Leathes Prior Solicitors 74 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 4DR T 01603 610911/Pager: 0345 333111 pager no. 0231219 F 01603 626195 leathesprior@btinternet.com *Leading firm of criminal and civil liberties solicitors committed to the survival of legal aid and the rights of the individual.*

Leeds Earth First! c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) cornerstone@gn.apc.org *Struggling to be THE ideological benchmark of UK EFi groups, we occasionally manage to do actions too.*

Letslink UK 2 Kent St, Portsmouth, Hants PO1 3BS T 01705 730639 F 01705 730629 lets@letslinkuk.demon.co.uk *To empower, educate & inform by advancing & implementing the ethical & sustainable development of local exchange/community-based mutual aid systems inc. LETS.*

Levellers 55 Canning St, Brighton BN2 2EF T 01273 698171 F 01273 624884 thelevellers@mistral.co.uk *Band. Produce a magazine, sell merchandise.*

Library of Free Thought P.O.Box 19, Penzance, Cornwall TR18 2YP P 01736 331236 *Narchist & alternative books, mags, postcards, noticeboard, meeting space.*

Little Thorn Books 73 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB T 0116 251 2002 F as phone *Radical bookshop.*

LLIDD Great Milton, Llanwern Village, Newport, Gwent, S. Wales NP6 2DU T 01633 411364/mobile: 07971582276 llidd@yahoo.com
Electronic music, from liedown to jump around and all those places in between, incidental ie theatre, film, odd jobs, gardening work.

London 21 Sustainability Network 7 Chamberlain St, London NW1 8XB T 0171 722 3710 F 0171 722 3959 slt@gn.apc.org
Network of people and groups engaged in personal and community-based action for sustainability in London.

London Anarchist Black Cross 27 Old Gloucester St, London WC1N 3XX londonabc@hotmail.com *We work closely with HMP-ABC a collective of cons who fight, inform, and organise against the prison system. Meetings at 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month. The Red Rose pub, 129 Seven Sisters Rd.*

London Animal Action (LAA) BM Box 2248, London WC1N 3XX T 0171 278 3068 F as phone laa@londonaa.demon.co.uk *Grassroots local animal rights group from London. Against all animal abuse, concentrating on the fur trade with Fur-Free London campaign. Publishes monthly newsletter.*

London Class War P.O.Box 467, London E8 3QX T 01582 750601 ambarchik@hotmail.com *Britain's most un-rudely newspaper.*

London Greenpeace/McLibel Support Campaign 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX T 0171 713 1269 F as phone mclibel@globalnet.co.uk *We campaign against exploitation and oppression of people, animals and the environment, and for creating a society based on cooperation and sharing.*

London Hazards Centre Interchange Studies, Dalby St, London NW 3NQ T 0171 267 3387 F 0171 2677 3397 mail@ihc.org.uk *Advice, information and training for trade unions and tenants' organisations on workplace and community health and safety in London.*

Los Angeles Free Press (Freep) 171 Pier Ave, #443, Santa Monica, California, U.S.A T 310 392 3472 F 310 392 0762 lafp@wvfreepress.com *Weekly newspaper devoted to education for social justice, designing the new society. First American alternative newspaper of 1960s.*

Low Level Radiation Campaign Ammondale, Spa Rd, Llandrindod, Powys LD1 5EY T 01597 824771 bramhall@llrc.org *Destroying the nuclear industry by revealing the true extent of health damage caused by radioactive pollution.*

Maloka Anarcho Collective BP 536, 21014 Dijon Cedex, France T +33 3 8066 8149 F +33 3 8071 4299 maloka@chez.com *We organise gigs with independent music bands, put out records and a newsletter, run a mail-order list, run an infoshop, a weekly vegan restaurant and often organize lectures, demos, actions etc.*

Manchester Environmental Resource Centre initiative (MERCi) c/o O.W.C., 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS T 0161 819 1139 F 0161 834 8137 merci@gn.apc.org

Mark Thomas Comedy Product *The site of our favourite comedian. But beware - this site can give you a shock!*

McLibel Support Campaign 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX T 0171 713 1269 F as phone mclibel@globalnet.co.uk

Medical Marijuana Foundation The Old Farmhouse, Crylla, Common Moor, Lisheard, Cornwall PL14 6ER T 01579 346592 *Seeking to bring about the legalisation of cannabis for medicinal purposes.*

Millimans Animation Workshop P.O.Box 2679, Brighton BN1 3QX T 01273 298105/pager: 04325 370122 millie@hiatus.demon.co.uk *Millimans provides workshops, training and productions in animation by, with and for the community. Particularly 'Animate the Earth' education pack.*

Minority Rights Group International 379 Brixton Rd, London SW9 7DE T 0171 978 9498 F 0171 738 6265 minority.rights@mrgmail.org *Work to secure rights for ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities worldwide, and to promote cooperation and understanding between communities.*

Money For Community-Based Learning Projects *Blag money off this government site for learning projects.*

Monkey-Wrench Graphix P.O.Box 12802, Edinburgh EH7 5ZH monkey@punk.org.uk *Non-profit DIY operation printing t-shirts and designing graphics for campaigns and struggles for social justice.*

Movement For Justice (MFJ) P.O.Box 16581, London SW2 2ZW T 07957 696636/0976 916956 *Organising against racism & police brutality, building community action against racist attacks and part building a national civil rights movement.*

Murphys, Solicitors 29 Kensington Gardens, Brighton BN1 4AL T 01273 602111/mobile: 0973 833693 F 01273 601515

desm@globalnet.co.uk *Defence lawyers - emphasis on civil lib.*

Mushroom Books 10-12 Heathcote St, Nottingham NG1 3AA T 0115 958 2506

My So-Called Sex Life *All things queercore.*

National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC) P.O.Box 66, Stevenage SG1 2TR T 01442 240246 F as phone - call first *Campaigning against hunting with hounds, using a wide variety of methods from petitioning to blockades.*

National Assembly Against Racism (NAAR) 28 Commercial St, London E1 6LS T 0171 247 9907/0958 706834 F as phone aa_r@compuserve.com *Bring together an alliance of Black organisations, Jewish and other faith groups, students, trade unions & others to oppose racism & the far right in all forms.*

National Campaign Against CS Spray c/o Newham Monitoring Project, P.O.Box 273, London E7 8QA T 0181 555 8151 F as phone **National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (NCADC)** 101 Villa Rd, Birmingham B21 1NH T 0121 554 6947 F 0870 055 4570 ncadc@ncadc.demon.co.uk *NCADC will provide free help and advice to all families & individuals wanting to campaign against deportation.*

National Federation of Badger Groups (NFBG) 2 Cloisters Business Centre, 8 Battersea Park Rd, London SW8 4BG T 0171 498 3220/mobile: 0976 153389 F 0171 627 4212

elaine.king@ndirect.co.uk *Promote conservation & protection of badgers. Represent 85 local voluntary badger groups. Provide information & advice, membership system.*

National Federation of Credit Unions Unit 1.1 & 1.2, Howard House Commercial Centre, Howard St, North Shields, Tyne and Wear NE30 1AR T 0191 257 2219 F 0191 259 1884 *Non-profit making financial co-operative.*

National Homeless Alliance (NHA) 5-15 Cromer St, King's Cross, London WC1H 8LS T 0171 833 2071 F 0171 278 6685

nha@home_all.org.uk *NHA is the membership organisation for those providing services to homeless people. We provide info, advice & training, develop networks, undertake research and lobby for change.*

National Society for Clean Air & Environmental Protection (NSCA) 136 North St, Brighton BN1 1RG T 01273 326313 F 01273 735802 intr@nsca.org.uk *NGO lobbying on air pollution & related environmental issues.*

Native American Educational Trust (NAET) 21 Little Preston St, Brighton BN1 2 HQ T 01273 328357 F as phone naet@pavilion.co.uk *The NAET exists to support and disseminate the voices of native North American peoples. We fund various projects on reservations and produce our own journal, "Talking Stick".*

Naturewise 20 The Triangle, 1 Cromartie Rd, London N19 3RX T 0171 281 3765 *We run permaculture courses, plant forest gardens in cities, voluntary work days...*

Networking Newsletter Project 6 Mount St, Manchester M2 5NS T 0161 226 9321 F 0161 834 8187 networking.newsletter@dial.pipex.com

New Economics Foundation Cinnamon House, 6-8 Cole St, London SE1 4YH T 0171 407 7447 F 0171 407 6473 info@neweconomics.org *NEF works to build a new economy centred on people and the environment.*

Newham Monitoring Project P.O.Box 273, London E7 8NS T 0181 555 8151 F as phone nmp@gn.apc.org *Grassroots community organisation providing support, advice & campaigning on issues of racial harassment & civil injustice.*

News From Nowhere Bookshop 96 Bold Street, Liverpool L1 4HY T 0151 708 7270 F 0151 707 0540 *Radical & community bookshop run by a women's collective, now in its 25th year! Sells lots of books & world music CDs.*

Ninfomania T 07071 776 834 editor@ninfomania.com *The number one weekly newzfeed for the contemporary digirati.*

No Opencast 28 Wandle Rd, London SW17 7DW T 0181 672 9698 *Campaign to stop opencast mining.*

Non-Violent Resistance Network (NVRN) 162 Holloway Rd, London N7 8DQ T 0171 607 2302 F 0171 700 2357 cnd@gn.apc.org *To network non-violent direct action activists in the UK and supply with information about NVDA events.*

North Devon Animal Defence c/o Earth Angel, 63-64 Boutport St, Barnstable, North Devon EX31 1HG T 01271 830842 F as phone, call first

North/East London Solidarity Federation International P.O.Box 1681, London N8 7LE P 0181 374 5027 F as phone *We are anarcho-syndicalists and believe that workers ourselves to take control of deciding how we work, what is produced, and how things are run.*

Not the Double Negative Unappreciation Society
Note From the Borderland (NFTB) Bm Box 4769, London WC1N 3XX T Pager: 01523 492994 *A parapolitical investigative magazine exposes the Secret State, fascists, provocateurs, media spooks. Subs £5 for two issues, payable to Larry O'Hara.*

Nottingham Claimants Action (NCA) (previously Nottingham Campaign Against the Jobseekers Allowance) ncajsa@geocities.com *Fighting the imposition of Job Seekers Allowance, 'workfare' schemes like New Deal, and the wider struggle against poverty pay.*

Nuclear Information and Resource Service *It does what it says on the tin. Excellent links to related sites.*

Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS) 1424 16 St NW #404, Washington, U.S.A DC20036 T 202 328 0002 F 202 462 2183 nirsnet@igc.apc.org *Relies on contributions to maintain this website and help create a nuclear free future.*

Older Feminists Network (OFN) c/o Astra Blaug, 54 Gordon Rd, London N3 1EP T 0181 346 1900 *To fight, with letters, petitions, demos etc, for the betterment of women's lot, particularly that of older women worldwide.*

Omnipresent Orange Dog Massive *We are everywhere!*
On the Right Track 84 Bankside St, Leeds LS8 5AD *Free quarterly magazine for Gypsies, Travellers and supporters. Send five 20p stamps to cover one year's postage.*

Oneworld *Oneworld reports on current news events, & lists jobs, volunteering and training. Also has a page called Community Web, a search engine indexing UK sites containing community issues and needs info.*

Open Spaces Society (OSS) 25A Bell St, Henley-On-Thames, Oxon RG9 2BA T 01491 573535 osshq@aol.com *We campaign to create and conserve common land, village greens, open spaces, public rights of access, in town and country.*

Opposition To Destruction of Open Green Spaces (OTDOGS) 6 Everthorpe Rd, London SE15 4DA T 0181 693 9412 F as phone *Assisting campaigners trying to prevent superstores from being built on green spaces.*

Orange Dog Productions. *Cartoons to the underworld. Contact Kate Evans email: pp3ma@aol.com. 01226 762359*

Outlook Children's Project 9 Accomodation Rd, London NW11 T 0181 905 5014

OutRage! P.O.Box 17816, London SW14 8WT T 0181 240 0222 F as phone (call first) outrage@cygnet.co.uk *OutRage! is a broad-based, non-violent direct action group dedicated to achieving equal civil and human rights for gays and lesbians.*

Pagamlink Network BM Web, London WC1N 3XX

PaRTiZans 41A Thornhill Square, London N1 1BE T 0171 700 6189 F as phone partizans@gn.apc.org *To oppose all bad mining and in solidarity with communities.*

Payday Men's Network P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0171 209 4751 F 0171 209 4761

Peace News 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX T 0171 278 3344 F 0171 278 0444 peacenews@gn.apc.org *Quarterly publication - in-depth articles, debates, practical tools, & reviews from activists around the world.*

Pensioners Rights Campaign (PRC) Rivanner, 77 Holme Rd, Market Weighton, York YO43 3EW T 01437 873637 *Working towards a decent pension for the elderly & disabled to enable them to live without the indignity of poverty & means testing.*

People & Planet (previously Third World First) 4A East Avenue, Oxford OX4 1XW T 01865 245678 F 01865 200179 twf@gn.apc.org *Runs the largest student campaign network in Britain. We campaign on world poverty, human rights and the environment.*

People's Global Action *Worldwide co-ordination of resistance against the multinational global market. Links to anti-corporate campaigns worldwide.*

Permaculture Association BCM Permaculture Association, London WC1N 3XX T 01654 712188 permaculture.uk@btinternet.com

Permaculture Magazine Hyden House Ltd., - Permanent Publications, The Sustainability Centre, East Moon, Hampshire GU32 1HR T 01730 823311 F 01730 823322 hello@permaculture.co.uk *Permaculture Magazine provides solutions for sustainable living. Our Earth Repair catalogue contains books, videos, products on permaculture and related subjects.*

Platform 7 Horselydown Lane, London SE1 2LN T 0171 403 3738 platform@gn.apc.org *An interdisciplinary group of artists and others in social issues, history, campaigning and political activism.*

POD (Innerfield, Headspace & Planet Yes) Unit 3, The Metway, 55 Canning St, Brighton BN2 2EF T 01273 697579 pod@headspace.org.uk *Festivals, parties, sound systems, projections, geodesic domes, video & audio production, performers, DJs, lager.*

Portsmouth Anarchist Network (PAN) Box A, 167 Fawcett Rd, Southsea, Hants PO4 0DH *Discusses and organises prisoner support, solidarity with workers in dispute, anti-militarism, annual May Day event, opposes capitalism.*

Positive Futures Network P.O.Box 10818, Bainbridge Island, U.S.A WA98110 F 206 842 5208

Positive News S Bicton Enterprise Centre, Clun, Shropshire SY7 8NF T 01588 640022 F 01588 640033

positive.news@btinternet.com *Publishes quarterly the newspaper Positive News and magazine Living Lightly.*

Privacy International P.O.Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX pi@mail.privacy.org *International anti-surveillance organisation. Campaigns on Big Brother issues like data tracking, ID cards, CCTV, encryption, police surveillance, corporate biometrics.*

Project Underground 1847 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, California, U.S.A CA 94703 T 510 705 8981 F 510 705 8983

project_underground@moles.org *Project Underground supports communities threatened by the oil and mining industries and exposes corporate environmental and human rights abuses.*

Proof! 4 Wallace Rd, London N1 2PG T 0171 354 4592 F 0171 354 8907 *Quarterly newsletter on Alternative Therapies.*

Protest Camps See regular SchNEWS as they change on a regular basis.

Radical Routes c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) cornerstone@gn.apc.org Network of Housing and Workers co-ops. A number of publications available. Support and low cost loans available to member co-ops

Rainbow Centre 178-180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HW T 0115 958 5666 veggies@innotts.co.uk Resource centre for campaigning groups & individuals; library, fair-trade shop, recycling, vegan café, internet access, office facilities.

Raise Your Banners P.O.Box 44, Sheffield S4 7RN T 0114 249 5185 pete@ryb.org.uk Britain's only festival of political music and campaigning arts, every other year, in Sheffield. Next one: 12-14 November 1999.

Re-instate Nigel Cook Campaign P.O.Box 14, Accrington, Lancs BB5 1GG T 01254 679605 nwrccgrfi@easynet.co.uk Fighting against poverty pay.

Re-Cycle 60 High St, West Mersea, Essex CO5 8JE T 01206 382207 F 01206 385729 re-cycle@cerbnet.co.uk A charity relieving poverty by taking second-hand bicycles overseas.

Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC) 35-39 London St, Reading, Berks RG1 4PS T 0118 958 6692 F 0118 959 4357 risc@risc.org.uk A Development Education Centre with community meeting rooms, fair trade shop and organic café.

Reading Roadbusters c/o 35-39 London St, Reading RG1 4PS T 0118 954 6430 roadbusters@clara.net Environmental and Social Justice Activist Group. Supports non-violent direct action locally and globally. Meets 6pm every 1st Sunday at RISC.

Real Nappy Association P.O.Box 3704, London SE26 4RX T 0181 299 4519 The Real Nappy Association is the central source of information & advice on all nappy-related issues for individuals, local authorities, health professionals and the media.

Reclaim the Streets P.O.Box 9656, London N4 4JY T 0171 281 4621 rts@gn.apc.org Wholesale destruction of global capitalism; M-ways into allotments; no electric cars; streets for people: these objectives via direct action.

Reclaim the Streets -The Film reclaim_streets_film@yahoo.com Video clips, background info and ordering details for this essential film, documenting RTS actions in the UK and abroad.

Red South West 1 Blake Place, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 5AV T 01278 450562 Libertarian socialist magazine.

Redwood Coast Watersheds Alliance P.O.Box 90, Elk, U.S.A CA95432 T 707 877 3405 or 415 731 9062 pirohuck@men.org Saving redwoods from destruction by the Gap clothing store chain.

Reforesting Scotland 21A Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF T 0131 226 2496 F 0131 226 2503 reforestscot@gn.apc.org Promote the ecological & social restoration of Scotland. Produce 'Reforesting Scotland Journal' & 'Radical Rowan' members newsletter.

Release 388 Old St, London EC1V 9LT T 0171 729 5255/24hr helpline: 0171 603 8654 F 0171 729 2599 24 hour drugs and legal helpline. Also free phone drugs in schools helpline: 0800 8000 800. Also produces publications, such as the bustcard, and runs training programmes.

Resurgence Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon EX39 6EE T 01237 441293 F 01237 441203 ed@resurge.demon.co.uk Publish magazine (6 times a year) covering ecology, spirituality, sustainable living, human scale education, organic living. Free sample copy available: contact subs.resurge.virgin.net

Rising Sun Arts Centre 30 Silver St, Reading RG1 2ST T 0118 986 6788 Arts centre run by volunteers aiming to provide local access to arts activities. Programme of live music and workshops.

Rising Tide c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) cornerstone@gn.apc.org Rising Tide is a campaign aimed at preventing the global environmental and social disasters that would be associated with a change in the global climate.

RoadPeace P.O.Box 2579, London NW10 3PW T 0181 838 5102/National Helpline no. 0181 964 1021 F 0181 838 5103 roadpeace@roadpeace.org.uk RoadPeace provides information and support to bereaved & injured road traffic victims through its helpline & contact with people who have suffered the same.

Rooted Media The Cardigan Centre, 145-149 Cardigan Rd, Leeds LS6 1LJ T 0113 278 8617 gurus@angelfire.com Counterculture writers and publishers, doing undogmatic pamphlets and books on stuff like direct action, paganism, hitch-hiking and other cool stuff.

Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPi) 26 Portland Place, London W1N 4BE T 0171 636 9107 F 0171 323 1582 online@rtpi.org.uk To provide free and independent town planning advice to groups and individuals that cannot afford professional fees.

RTP (Ragged-Trousered Philanthropic) Press c/o 103 Northcourt Av, Reading, Berks RG2 7HG (Very small!) publisher. Publisher of 'The Activist's Unofficial Guide To Industrial Action' by Joe Hills (£2.50 plus 40p p+p) - all profits to workers in dispute.

Salford Law Centre Matthew Waddington/Ms Peerman, Salford T 0161 736116 Solicitors.

Save the Hillgrove Cats Box CB, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ T 0121 632 6460 F as phone - call first hillgrove@asa-net.co.uk Campaign to close down Hillgrove Farm, the only breeder of cats for vivisection in the UK.

Save the Shamrock Monkeys P.O.Box 3090, Brighton BN1 3QU To co-ordinate the campaign, to promote the anti-vivisection argument and to keep up the pressure. We WILL close down Shamrock Farm.

SchNEWS c/o on the fiddle, P.O.Box 2600, Brighton, E. Sussex BN2 2DX T 01273 685913 F 01273 685913

schnews@brighton.co.uk The UK's weekly direct action newsletter. Heavily into 'informal networking' (ie boozing down the pub). Don't believe a word they say. Honest.

Schumacher Society Bristol Desk The Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol BS1 6XN T 0117 903 1081 F as phone schumacher@apc.gn.org Running lectures, publishing briefings, offering book service all on human scale living & working.

Scottish Human Rights Centre (SHRC) 146 Holland St, Glasgow G2 4NG T 0141 332 5960 F 0141 332 5309 shrc@dial.pipex.com Promotion of human rights through public education & advice, research, scrutiny of legislation & monitoring application of international human rights realities within Scotland.

Scottish Opencast Action Group c/o 42 Woolfords, by West Caldec, South Lanarkshire EH55 8LH T 01501 785202 andy.meikle@virgin.net Campaign to defend communities from inappropriate opencast development, focussing on health & environment.

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society U.K. 35 Vicarage Grove, London SE5 7LY seashepherd@seashepherd.org Direct action to enforce international laws for marine conservation.

Sea Turtle Restoration Project (STRP) Earth Island Institute, P.O.Box 400/40 Montezuma Av, Forest Knolls, U.S.A CA 94933 T 415 488 0370 F 415 488 0372 seaturtles@igc.org STRP fights to protect endangered sea turtles and marine biodiversity in ways that make cultural and economic sense to the communities that share the beaches and waters with these gentle creatures.

Sellafield Women's Peace Camp c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS7 3HB T 0113 262 1534 cornerstone@gn.apc.org A camp every 2 months at Sellafield. Call for more info.

Send Kit To Spain Donations gratefully received. Previously called The Small Live Anarchist Movement. Olive smugglers. Sofa fanciers.

Sexual Freedom Coalition P.O.Box 4ZB, London W1A 4ZB T 0171 460 1979 F 0171 493 4479 sfc.org.uk *The SFC campaigns against laws restricting consensual adult activity and against the mass media's tawdry, and invasive puerile approach to sex.*

Shared Interest Society Limited 25 Collingwood St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1JE T 0191 233 9110 F as phone post@shared-interest.com *Co-operative lending society investing in Third World trade and finance.*

Sheffield Information Network (S.I.N.) P.O.Box 567, Sheffield S5 0YS T 0114 220 6013/Mobile: 0961 979495 *We give out free information on green, animal rights, demos, R.T.S etc by doing a stall twice a week.*

Simon Jones Memorial Campaign P.O.Box 2600, Brighton BN2 2DX T 01273 685913 F as phone action@simonjones.org.uk *Campaigns for justice for Simon Jones, killed on his first day as a casual worker on a Shoreham dock, and to expose the dangers of casualisation.*

Single Mothers' Self-Defence (SMSD) Crossroads Women's Centre, P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761 *Single-Mothers Self-Defense is a network of single mothers who got together to defend our benefits, families and communities from government cuts in welfare.*

Single Mothers' Self-Defense (SMSD) Box 14, 1 Newton St, Manchester M1 1HW T 0161 344 0758 *As London group.*

Single Step Co-Op 78A Penny St, Lancaster LA1 1XN T 01524 63021 *Wholefood Co-Op & books & magazines.*

Skrati Metelkova Ulika 6, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia T 386 61 13 444 02 skrati@kud-fp.si *A resource centre for radical social change.*

Socialist Party (Headquarters) 3/13 Hepscott Rd, London E9 5HU T 0181 533 3311 membership@socialistparty.org.uk *An end to the rule of profit, for a socialist society to meet the needs of all. Struggle, solidarity and socialism.*

Socialist Party (Manchester Branch) 93 Thornton Rd, Manchester M14 7NT T 0161 256 1401 manc_sfe@hotmail.com *Campaigning in Manchester among and for workers, jobless, and everyone oppressed by New Labour and capitalism.*

Soil Association Bristol House, 40-56 Victoria St, Bristol BS1 6BY T 0117 929 0661 F 0117 925 2504 info@soilassociation.org *Campaigning for organic food and farming and sustainable forestry.*

Southall Black Sisters 59 Norwood Rd, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4DW

Southall Monitoring Group T 0181 843 2333 *Anti-racism.*

South London Drugs Co-ordination and Distribution Unit *Contact Cane Shollins.*

South Yorkshire Genetic Engineering Network 1-19 Lower Townhead, Dunford Bridge, Sheffield S36 4TG P 01226 762359 *Journalist line: 01226 764279 pp3mo@aol.com Referendum campaign advice line. Anything from the legal aspects involved, through to networking locally, regionally and nationally. We can advise on media, campaign funding etc.*

Spiral Objective P.O.Box 126, Oaklands Park, South Australia 5046 spiralob@adelaide.on.net

Spunk *An online library of anarchist and alternative materials, also has a page for those wondering why it's called Spunk!*

Squall Magazine P.O.Box 8959, London N19 5HW squall@squall.co.uk *Radical, investigative and accurate online magazine about social justice, environment and culture.*

Statewatch P.O.Box 1516, London N16 0EW T 0181 802 1882 F 0181 880 1727 office@statewatch.org *Statewatch is an independent european network of researchers & activists working on a broad range of civil liberties issues.*

Stewards Corporation Movement (A New Movement of Poor People) *Sites include: a socialist planning listserve; Chiapas alert network; world crisis listserve....*

Stonehenge Campaign c/o 99 Torriano Av, London NW5 2RX stonehenge@stones.com *Campaign to reinstate the Stonehenge Peoples Free Festival and open access; to protect the Stonehenge environment. Produce magazine containing list of all Free Information Networks (FINs).*

Stop Live Yoghurt Transports *Campaigns against Rampant Acidophillus in our Culture. Newly reformed as the Thrush Appreciation Society.*

Strike Support Group Regular Monday meetings 7.30 pm Cock Tavern, Pheonix St., London, NW1 T 0171 249 0041 *Practical support for people on strike: picketing, leafleting, organising. Meetings are strictly no paper-selling, no faction talk just action. Publish monthly newsletter Workers of the World UNITE*

Student Action India

Student Environment Network (SEN) c/o Grassroots Office, Manchester University Students Union, Oxford Rd, Manchester M13 9PR T 0161 275 2942 F 0161 275 2936 s.e.n@mailexcite.com *SEN aims to an inclusive support/campaigning network for green group societies, environment officers and other green students.*

Subversion Dept.10, 1 Newton St, Piccadilly, Manchester M1 1HW knightrose@geocities.com *Revolutionary communist politics.*

Sunrise Screenprint Workshop The Old Schoolhouse, Kirkton of Menmuir, by Brechin, Angus, Scotland DD9 7RN *We're vegans who print t-shirts inc. lots of animal rights/anarchist/stonehenge designs and print for groups and campaigns using environmentally safe inks.*

Sunseed Technologia del Desierto/Sunseed Desert Technology P.O.Box 2000, Cambridge CB4 3UJ T 01273 387731 F 0034 950 525 770 *Community of volunteers in southern Spain, researching regeneration of lands, solar energy, appropriate technology. Also, sustainable organic living; education about issue of desertification.*

Surfers Against Sewage Formed in 1990, one of the fastest growing pressure groups in the country, SAS call for full non-chemical treatment of sewage discharged into our seas.

Survival International 11-15 Emerald St, London WC1n 3QL T 0171 242 1441 F 0171 242 1771 survival@gn.apc.org *Survival is worldwide organisation supporting tribal peoples. It stands for their right to decide their own future and helps them protect their lives, lands and human rights.*

Sustrans T 0117 929 0888 *Sustrans is a civil engineering charity which designs and builds routes for cyclists, walkers, and people with disabilities.*

Sussex Anarchist Yodelling Society *Contact South Downs EF!*

Tactical Media Crew T ++ 39 06 491750 F ++ 39 06 4463616 tactical@tmcrew.org *Tactical Media Crew was born to introduce in the Internet many social realities, starting from what is usually called the radical-Autonomous Movement.*

Talamh Housing Co-Op Birkhill House, nr. Coalburn, Lanarkshire MZ12 0NJ T 01555 820555/820400 F 01555 820400 talamh@gn.apc.org *Permaculture/organic garden activist safe haven, involved in local anti-open cast trident ploughshares, rts/free party stuff & anything & everything anti-state.*

Tapol, The Indonesia Human Rights Campaign *Campaigning to expose human rights violations in Indonesia, Burma, East Timor, West Papua, and Aceh. Lots of human rights links.*

TAPOL, The Indonesia Human Rights Campaign 111 Northwood Rd, Thornton Rd, Surrey CR7 8HW T 0181 771 2904/0171 497 5355 F 0181 653 0322 tapol@gn.apc.org *TAPOL campaigns against human rights violations in Indonesia and East Timor, providing up to date information and detailed analysis in English.*

Thameside Strike Committee 29 Booth St, Ashton-under-Lyne OL6 7LB T 0161 308 2452 *Care workers on strike over pay and conditions.*

The 1990 Trust South Bank Technopark, 90 London Rd, London SE1 6LN T 0171 717 1579 F 0171 717 1585 blink1990@gn.apc.org
Produce Black to Black newsletter.

The Agitator c/o Haringey Solidarity Group, P.O. Box 2474, London N8 T 0181 374 5027 F as phone hsg@clara.net A directory of autonomous, non-hierarchical groups & such like in Britain and Ireland. Free (donations much needed).

The Allotments Coalition Trust (ACT) T c/o Sophie 01865 722016

The Anarchist Teapot Box B, 21 Little Preston St, Brighton BN1 2HQ T pager: 01523 101729 Mobile kitchen (vegan, mostly organic, non profit) available for events, actions. Occasional squatted cafes/centres. Regular bookstalls/infostalls.

The Ark Environment Centre 2-6 St Martins Walk, Leicester LE1 5DG T 0116 262 0909 F 0116 233 9700 Information centre and retail shop for Environ, Leicester's local environmental charity. Vegetarian restaurant upstairs.

The Barricade Library Publishing Collective c/o the Barricade Infoshop, 115 Sydney Rd, Brunswick, Melbourne, Australia infoshop@bedlam.anarki.net Publish materials on anarchism, direct action, feminism, alternative culture. The Infoshop houses an extensive library and we seek materials for the library and shop.

The Big Issue 236-240 Pentonville Rd, London N1 9JY P 0171 526 3200 edit.lon@bigissue.com Campaigns on behalf of homeless people and highlights the major social issues of the day. Allows homeless people to voice their views and opinions.

The Burma Campaign UK (TBC) (formerly Burma Action Group) Collins Studio, Collins Yard, Islington Green, London N1 2XU T 0171 281 7377 Working for human rights and democracy in Burma. We provide analysis to the media and government, and we lobby and campaign to improve government and commercial policy on Burma.

The Campaign to Close Campsfield To close Campsfield, other detention centres, and to repeal immigration laws which reinforce racism.

The Carbon Storage Trust T 01865 244151 Undertaking to ensure carbon dioxide emitted by combustion is absorbed by planting new forests in the UK and elsewhere.

The Connolly Association 244 Gray's Inn Rd, London WC1X 8JR T 0171 833 3022/0171 916 6172 F 0171 916 6172 connolly@geo2.poptel.org.uk Campaigning for a united and independent Ireland.

The Corner House P.O.Box 3137, Station Rd, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1YJ T 01258 473795 F 01258 473 748 cornerhouse@gn.apc.org Research, advocacy and solidarity work on social and environmental justice issues.

The Diversity of Plebs' College at Carmarthen 137 Priory St, Carmarthen, Wales SA31 1LR To survive the coming catastrophe and be available to our sentient successors. We need more ideas of how that can be done. All evolution must not be wasted.

The Dyfi Eco-Valley Partnership T Andy Rowland 01654 705018 F 01654 703000 Promoting the development of small-scale renewable energy and efficiency projects.

The Ecologist Unit 18 Chelsea Wharf, 15 Lots Rd, London SW10 7 0171 351 3578 F 0171 351 3617 ecologist@gn.apc.org The Ecologist is a bi-monthly magazine focussing on the environmental, social, political and economic effects of development.

The Environmental Team

The Equi-Phallic Alliance and Poetry Field Club 33 Hartington Rd, Southampton SO14 0EW epa@digital-magic.co.uk Campaigning for the end of landscape, we 'raise' awareness of the falseness of 'place', deploying ideology within poetic field trips.

The Friends of AK Press AK Press, P.O.Box 12766, Edinburgh EH8 9YE Pay a monthly minimum amount to support AK's continued existence and in return receive free books.

The Fruitarian/Raw Food Centre of London (100% Vegan) 50 Connell Crescent, Ealing, London T 0181 446 2960 Workshops and meetings on the raw vegan lifestyle.

The Gardens of Gaia c/o Peter Bartlett, Buckhurst Farm, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3NS A 22-acre sculpture park.

The Good Bulb Guide c/o Abigail Entwistle, Fauna and Flora International, Great Eastern House, Tenison Rd, Cambridge CB1 2DT T 01223 571000 info@ffint.org

The Groovy Movie Picture House c/o Jeremy/Nancy, 22 Rise End, Middleton-by-Winksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4LS T 01629 825079 F as phone 100673.2075@compuserve.com Sun and wind-powered filmshows, equipment for hire.

The Groundswell Project 5-15 Cromer St, London WC1H 8LS T 0171 833 2071 F 0171 278 6685 groundswell@home-all.org.uk Groundswell aims to promote and develop self-help initiatives with people who are homeless, landless, or socially excluded.

The Guerilla Press (Radical Presses Register) Tim Thompson c/o Scott-Moncrieff, Harbour & Sinclair, Signet House, 49-51 Farringdon Rd, London EC1M 3JB T 01763 255700 ext.397

Printing literature deliberately intended to further the revolution. Standing for freedom for dissemination of propoganda. Running the Radical Presses Register.

The Gypsy Council (GCEWCRC) 8 Hall Rd, Aveley, Romford, Essex RM15 4HD T 01708 868986 F as phone gypscouncil@btinternet.com Advocates, liason, contact point resource centre for Gypsies and people supporting/working with Gypsies.

The Holistic Education Foundation Co. Ltd. 145-163 London Rd, Liverpool L3 8JA P 0151 207 9246 F 0151 298 1372 bordencourt@breathemail.net Established to promote the balanced, organic growth of preson-centred learning and holistic health.

The Howard League For Penal Reform 708 Holloway Rd, London N19 3NL T 0171 281 7722 F 0171 281 5506 howard.league@ukonline.co.uk The Howard League works for humane, effective and efficient reform of the penal system.

The Hundredth Monkey 91 South St, St. Andrews, Fife KY16 9QW T 01334 477411 F as phone Radical fair trade workers' co-op. An anticconsumerist shop (!) - organic wholefoods, fair trade crafts & clothes, ecological alternatives.

The Informed Parent P.O.Box 870, Harrow, Middx HA3 7UW T 0181 861 1022 F as phone To promote awareness and understanding about vaccination in order to preserve the freedom of an informed choice. Information and support.

The Land Is Ours (T.L.I.O) Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ T 01865 722 016/0585 132080 office@tl.io.demon.co.uk T.L.I.O campaigns peacefully for access to the land.

The Law P.O.Box 3878, London SW12 9ZE T 0181 673 0062/Mobile: Paul Wood 0973 176692 F 0181 764 3542 judge@lawpaper.demon.co.uk Radical tabloid on legal issues. Campaigning for justice and against miscarriages of justice, but with a sense of humour.

The Light Information and Healing Trust (LIGHT) 9 Wyndale Avenue, Kingsbury, London NW9 9PT T 0181 204 7672.,

The Media Guide (published by) Fourth Estate Ltd, 6 Salem Rd, London W2 4BU T ISBN 1-85702-872-4. Essential phone and address listing of UK media, broadcasting, government, prisons, military and (uh) intelligence, police, charities, action groups and DIY culture. Produced by the Guardian

The National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd O'Dell House, Hunters Rd, Corby, Northants NN17 5JE T 01536 266576 F 01536 264509 The Society is the national representative body for the allotment movement, representing its members at both national and regional levels. Help and advice service on all allotment matters.

The Natty Trust Unit 11, Level 5, New England House, New England St, Brighton BN1 4GH T 01273 877099 nattytrust@gn.apc.org *A community network promoting 'Positive Impact Living', and providing the training, tools, and resources for participation in ecological projects.*

The OKasional Café 325 Oxford Rd, Manchester T 0403 674363 *Squatted café. Big free parties, dozens of workshops, discussion workshops, discussion evenings, meetings and direct action film all-nighters. Serves vegan, mostly organic fair-trade food.*

The Pedestrians Association 3rd Floor, 31-33 Bondway, London SW8 1SJ T 0171 820 1010 F 0171 820 8208 info@pedestrians.org.uk *Make walking safer & more convenient allowing people to leave the car at home for short journeys.*

The Pesticides Trust Eurolink Centre, 49 Effra Rd, London SW2 1BZ T 0171 274 8895 F 0171 274 9084 pesttrust@gn.apc.org *The Pesticides Trust is a scientifically based charity concerned with the health, environmental and policy aspects of pesticide manufacture, trade and use.*

The Pork-Bolter P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, West Sussex BN14 7NZ porkbolter@worthing.eco-action.org *Radical local newsletter with historically-vindicated pig obsession. Rages against CCTV, Big Business, councils, police etc etc. Free with SAE.*

The Rural Media Company Sullivan House, 72-80 Widemarsh St, Hereford HR4 9HG T 01432 344039 F 01432270539 info@ruralmedia.co.uk *We're a charity who use media to create and collect evidence of rural needs through video, design work and photography.*

The Safe Alliance 94 White Lion St, London N1 9PF T 0171 837 8980 F 0171 837 1141 safe@gn.apc.org *Bringing agricultural, food, environmental and development organisations together for a more sustainable food production system.*

The Sheffield Digger c/o 54 Uppertorpe Rd, Sheffield S6 Press Officer: 0114 248 8083 chambers@yahoo.com

The Shop c/o AEEU Strike Fund, 249 Thorold Rd, Ilford, Essex IP1 4HE *Set up by workers on the Jubilee Extension. The Shop is a workplace-run union organisation, now 500-strong and "carrying out the activities that unions were originally built for".*

The Shoreham Protester (Newspaper) The Tower, 7 Stoneham Rd, Hove BN3 5HJ T 01273 885750 F as phone *Reports animal rights demonstrations, news, dates, with emphasis on Shoreham Protesters/J.F.A activities.*

The Solar Energy Society (UK Section of The International Solar Energy Society) c/o School of Engineering, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane Campus, Headington, Oxford OX3 0BP T 01865 484367 F 01865 484263 uk-ises@brookes.ac.uk

The Vegan Society Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Rd, St. Leonards On Sea, E. Sussex TN37 7AA T 01424 427393 F 01424 717084 info@vegansociety.com *The Vegan Society promotes ways of living avoiding the use of animal products for the benefit of people, animals and the environment.*

The Vegetarian Society Parkdale, Dunham Rd, Altringham, Cheshire WA14 4QG T 0161 928 0793 F 0161 926 9182 info@vegsoc.org *The Society works to promote a vegetarian diet in order to reduce animal suffering, benefit human health and safeguard the environment.*

The Wind Fund Brunel House, 11 The Promenade, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3NN T 0117 973 9339 F 0117 973 9303 mail@windfund.co.uk *Investment fund for renewable energy sources.*

The Woodland Trust Autumn Park, Grantham, Linc NG31 6LL **Thespionage** 47 Queens Rd, Brighton BN1 3XB T 01273 388079/mobile: 0411 809438 F as phone *Brighton's own agit/prov theatre company puts plays on about social issues, squatting in 'Tatting Down', JSA & undercover cops in 'Grief Encounter', drugs in 'Tick a Teenth'.*

Think Globally Act Locally P.O.Box 1TA, Newcastle NEE 1TA *Produces newsletter.*

Third Battle of Newbury (3BN) P.O.Box 5642, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5WG T 07000 785201 thirdbattle@hotmail.com *Still meeting on the first Thursday of each month, 3BN continues to campaign on pollution and major infill planning issues.*
Thr@ll P.O.Box 22-076, Christchurch, New Zealand, Aotearoa cybersmog@geocities.com *Anarchist news and views from Aotearoa. The South Island's leading magazine.*

Tibet Foundation 100 Bloomsbury Way, London WC1A 2SH T 0171 404 2889 F 0171 404 2366 getza@gn.apc.org *A forum for Tibetan culture in the UK.*

Tineril Prieteni ai Naturii (TPN) - Romanian Young Nature Friends OP nr 12, CP 986, 1900 Timisoara, Romania T +40 (56) 199137 F as phone ecotopia@banat.ro *Traffic pollution campaigning, practical ecological education, raising public awareness of ecological issues. We are organising ECOTOPIA 99, the annual environmental activists gathering.*

Tinkers Bubble Tinkers Bubble, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 T 01935 88197 *Low impact community operating 40 acre smallholding.*

Tools For Solidarity Unit 1B1, Edenberry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Rd, Belfast BT14 7EE T 01232 747473 *Tools For Solidarity is a charity which collects old, unwanted hand tools, repairs and ships them out to skilled trades people in Africa and Latin America. Produce Solidarity magazine.*

Tourism Concern Stapleton House, 277-281 Holloway Rd, London N7 8HN T 0171 753 3330 F 0171 753 3331 tourconcern@gn.apc.org *Tourism Concern is an educational charity promoting awareness of the impact of tourism on people and their environment.*

Transform - The Campaign for Effective Drug Policy Roselake House, Hudds Vale Rd, St. George, Bristol BS5 7HY T 0117 939 8052 F 0117 939 4429 *A national membership-based campaign for the legalisation, regulation & control of all drugs.*

Transport 2000 Impact Centre, 12-18 Hoxton St, London N1 6NG T 0171 613 0743 F 0171 613 5280 *Campaigns & lobbies for a sustainable transport policy.*

Traveller Law Research Unit (TLRU) Cardiff Law School, P.O.Box 427, Cardiff CF1 1XD T 01222 874580 F 01222 874097 thru-l@cf.ac.uk *Research and publication of Traveller-related legal issues; provide referral to UK-wide network of 'Traveller-friendly' legal practitioners and other service providers.*

Travellers' Advice Team (TAT) The Community Law Partnership, 3rd Floor, Ruskin Chambers, 191 Corporation St, Birmingham B4 6RP T 0121 685 8595/24 hr number: 0468 316755 F 0121 236 5121 *Advising & assisting travellers re evictions, planning problems, official site disrepair etc.*

Travellers' School Charity P.O.Box 36, Grantham NG31 6EW T pager: 04325 120808 *Providing resources & advice for home-educated traveller children & their parents.*

Tree Council 51 Catherine Place, London SW1E 6DY T 0171 828 9928 F 0171 828 9060 *Promotes the improvement of the environment through the planting and conservation of trees. Free magazine: Tree News.*

Trees For Life The Park, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Moray IV36 3TZ T 01309 691292 F 01309 691155 trees@findhorn.org *Scottish charity restoring the Caledonian Forest to 600sq. miles of Highland wilderness and advocating the eventual reintroduction of missing wildlife.*

Trident Ploughshares 2000 (TP 2000) 41-48 Bethel St, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NR T 01603 611953 F 01603 633174 tp2000@gn.apc.org *Open, accountable & non-violent disarmament of the British nuclear Trident system.*

Troops Out Movement (TOM) P.O.Box 1032, Birmingham B12 8BZ T 0121 643 7542/0961 361518 F 0121 643 7681 tomorg@ndirect.co.uk *The TOM had two demands: British withdrawal from Ireland, and self-determination for the Irish people as a whole.*

Turners' Field Permaculture Compton Dundon, Somerset TA11 6PT T 01458 442192 *Permaculture introductory weekends, working holidays, camps, student volunteers; structures for sustainable living.*

Uncaged 14 Ridgeway Rd, Sheffield S12 2SS T 0114 253 0020/Mobile: 0421 055471 F 0114 265 4070 uncaged.anti-viv@dial.pipex.com *Campaigning to end all animal experiments on moral and scientific grounds.*

Undercurrents 16B Cherwell St, Oxford OX4 1BG T 01865 203662 F 01865 243 562 underc@gn.apc.org *Producing and distributing grassroots environmental/social justice news (on video). Offers training, lectures (video activism/media). Maintains a radical archive.*

Unemployed Action Group (UAG) The Old Mill, 30 Lime St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2PQ T 0191 222 0299 F 0191 233 0578 neuag@aol.com *Independent unemployed group, self-help for mutual aid, agitate/direct action at home and with the French and overseas unemployed movements.*

United Systems - The International Party Network T 0181 959 7525 F 0171 688 0413 *Information on events & gatherings in the UK & abroad. Repetitive bleeps & source unknown information technology flow state hotline: 0181 959 7525.*

URBAN75 e-zine info@urban75.com *One the UK's busiest underground websites with the latest underground eco-protest news, rave reports, drug information, legal rights, direct action, reclaim the streets, photos, football etc.*

URGENT! Box HN, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ T 07000 785202/01865 794800 info@urgent.org.uk *Information/skill sharing network for campaigners wanting sane, sustainable housing policies not unaffordable new houses on greenfield sites. Newsletter, resources.*

Vaccination Awareness Network (VAN UK) Nottingham Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HW T 0115 958 5666 (day)/0115 922 6977 (eve./weekend) info@vanuk.force9.net

Vegan Organic Horticulture/Agriculture Network (VOHAN) 'Anandavan', 58 High Lane, Chorlton, Manchester M21 9DZ T 0161 860 4869 F as phone 'Clean, green, cruelty free' - research into & promote sustainable/organic growing (garden & broadscale) without animal abuse.

Vegan Prisoners Support Group P.O.Box 194, Enfield EN1 3HD T 0181 292 8325 F as phone hvpc@vpsg.freereserve.co.uk *Helps vegan prisoners of conscience with diet, toiletries, footwear, nutritional information whilst being detained in prison, and whilst being held in police stations.*

Vegan Village LS16 6JL T 0113 293 9385 postie@veganvillage.co.uk *A website listing vegan organisations in the UK, with a noticeboard, newstand and links to hundreds of vegan websites.*

Veganarchy *Against the exploitation of people, animals and the environment.*

Video Activist Journalist Survival Kit *Support/information network for those using video for positive change.*

Viva! 12 Queen Square, Brighton, E.Sussex BN1 3FD T 01273 777688 F 01273 776755 info@viva.org.uk *A national vegetarian animal charity dedicated to saving animals. Regularly launch hard-hitting campaigns. Loads of info on going vegetarian or vegan.*

Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment 14 Upper Pembroke St, Dublin 2, Ireland T +353 1 661 8123 F +353 1 661 8114 voice@iol.ie *VOICE is a grassroots organisation campaigning for clean and fluoride-free water, sustainable resource use, bio-diverse Irish forestry, an end to global biopatents and a ban on GE crops.*

Wages Due Lesbians P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761 *Multi-racial network campaigning for social, economic, civil & legal rights for lesbian women & against all forms of discrimination.*

Wages For Housework Campaign P.O.Box 287, London NW6 5QU

Water Meadows Defence Campaign, Bury St Edmonds c/o Windrush, Ashfield Rd, Elmswell, Bury St Edmonds, Suffolk IP30-9HJ T 01359 240365 F as phone (sometimes)

johnmatth@hotmail.com *Defence of the water meadows around Bury St Edmonds from road building and other development threats.*

Web Directory "Earth's biggest environmental search engine" - say no more!

West Country Activist P.O.Box 478, Taunton, Somerset TA2 7YR wca99@hotmail.com *WCA exists as a forum for direct action campaigners in the southwest, and aims to encourage practical solidarity and mutual support. Activist gatherings take place each year.*

West London Anarchists & Radicals (WAR) c/o BM Makhno, London WC1N 3XX war21@hotmail.com *Local class struggle anarchist/communist group. We are always interested in making contact with people who live/work in West London. Bi-monthly newsletter.*

What Doctors Don't Tell You (WDDTY) 4 Wallace Rd, London N1 2PG T 0171 354 4592 F 0171 354 8907 wddty@zoo.co.uk *Provides a critical view of modern and orthodox medicine. (Moving soon, check web for address change).*

What's Wrong With Wrong Self-explanatory.

White Dot P.O.Box 2116, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3LR info@whitedot.org *Campaign against television, fake friends, fake living and the gradual domestication of the human species. Run International TV Turnoff Week in Britain, 22-28 April.*

Willing Workers On Organic farms (WWOOF) P.O.Box 2675, Lewes, E.Sussex BN7 1RB T 01273 476286 F as phone *Connects volunteer help with organic growers in UK & worldwide membership - bi-monthly newsletter (£10 subs).*

WinVisible: Women with Visible and Invisible Disabilities Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Rd, London NW5 2AB T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761

crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com *Multi-racial self-help network of women with visible and invisible disabilities who are from different backgrounds and situations. Support, information, campaigning.*

Wolfs Head Press P.O.Box 77, Sunderland *Autotelic activities among the slatsam and jetsam of the universe. And other stuff. Oysters are ambisexual, starting life as male, then changing back and forth several times.*

Woman and Earth Global Eco-Network, formerly Woman and Russia (WE) 467 Central Park West, Suite 7F, New York NY T +1 212 866 8130 F as phone Tatyana V. Mamonova

<womearth@dorsai.org> *Publish almanac English & Russian; produce eco/women videos; annual world conference, film festival, expo; web site; international & girls chapters; lectures.*

Woman and Earth UK c/o Elinor Burdett T 0113 216 7819 F as phone *UK chapter of Woman and Earth Global Eco-Network.*

Women Against Rape (WAR) Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Rd, London NW5 2AB T 0171 482 2496 F 0171 209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com *Support, legal advice, information, campaigning.*

Women In Black, London c/o The Maypole Fund, P.O.Box 14072, London N16 5WB T 0171 482 5670 F as phone jane@gn.apc.org *Women In Black is a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence.*

Women in Prison 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA T 0171 226 5879 *Support group for women in prison.*

Womens Environmental Network (W.E.N) 87 Worship St, London EC2A 2BE T 0171 247 3327 F 0171 247 4740

wenuk@gn.apc.org *WEN is a membership organisation which researches and campaigns on environmental issues, informing & empowering women to implement change. Men can join too!*

Womenwith Womyn's Peace Camp Kettlesing Head Layby, nr. Harrogate, N. Yorks HG3 2RA

Word Power 43 West Nicholson St, Edinburgh EH8 9DB T 0131 662 9112 *Radical bookshop: specialises in politics; feminism; lesbian and gay; holistic health etc. Magazines, cards, mail order, books from U.S.*

Workers Solidarity Movement P.O.Box 1528, Dublin 8 *Anarchist organisation fighting for a 32-county Workers' Republic. Produces pamphlets.*

Workers' Aid for Kosovo/Workers' Aid For Bosnia Flat 301, 41 Old Birley St, Hulme, Manchester M15 5RF T 0161 226 0404/226 0908/0708 521715 F 0161 226 0404/226 0422
workersaid@redbricks.org.uk *Convoys of aid and solidarity to pro-democracy groups and Unions. Set up your own local group and get on the road!*

World Development Movement (WDM) 25 Beehive Place, London SW9 7QR T 0171 737 6215 F 0171 274 8232
wdm@wdm.org.uk *WDM is a membership organisation, campaigning to expose and change the political causes of global 59636, 1040 LC Amsterdam, The Netherlands T 31 20 612 6368 F 31 poverty.*

World Information Service on Energy International P.O.Box 20 689 2179 wisemster@antenna.ul *Campaigning and networking against nuclear energy, 20 years old networking experience. 11 relays around the world. Publish the WISE News Communiqué (20 issues a year).*

Worthing Anarchist Teapot c/o P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, W. Sussex BN14 7NZ teapot@worthing.eco-action.org *Provides free tea and coffee, plus anarchist and radical info, from squats and town centre stalls.*

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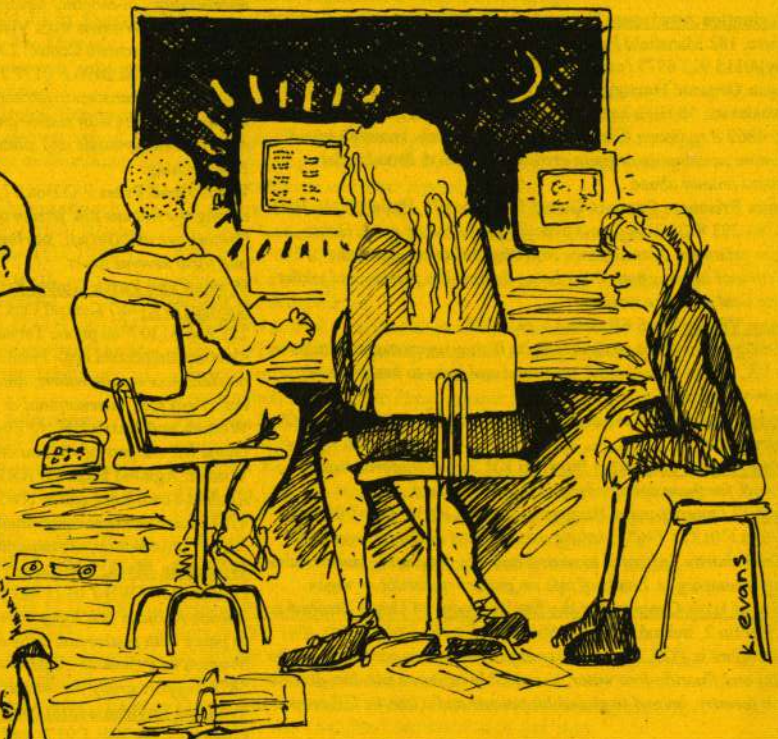
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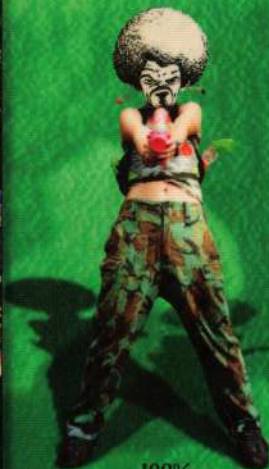
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