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# RESISTANCE

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## FIGHTING BACK — NOW WE REALLY GET STUCK IN

YES, THE WORLD is in a mess, and it's becoming more obvious everyday how bankrupt this system is worldwide: a wealthy and powerful few enforcing scarcity on the rest of us in a world of plenty. Yet in the face of this, inspiring things are happening - people fighting back together rather than being ground down.

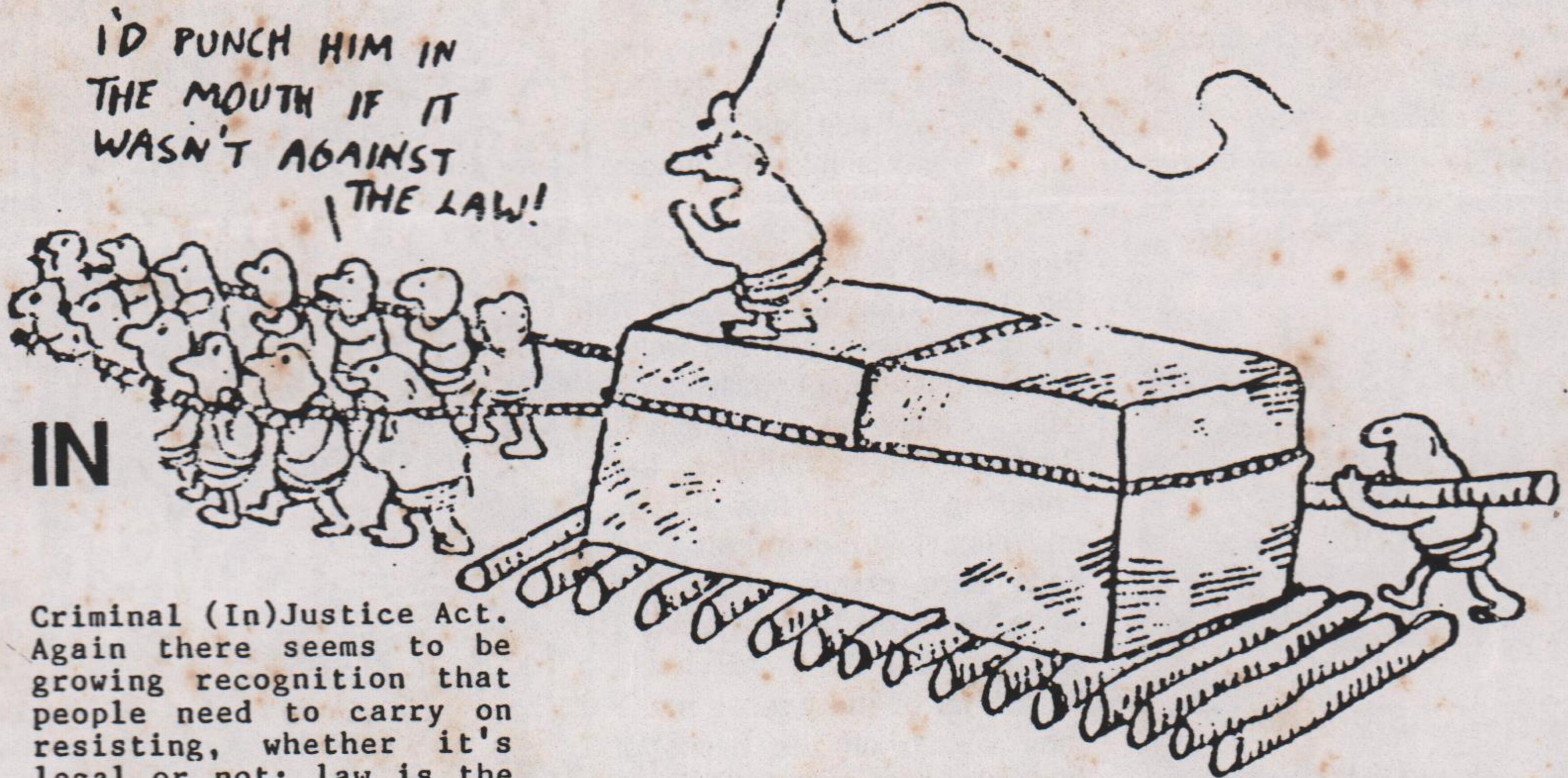
### ROADS

The militancy and direct action tactics of the anti-roads movement in Britain have inspired millions (though we would criticise the idea of 'nonviolence' as a principle - the idea that 'the police can be on our side if we're peaceful' - rather than a tactic). The resistance stopped the demolition of Oxleas Wood and was a major factor in the cutting of one third of the National Road-building Plans last summer - in December, six more road schemes were also postponed.

Although some battles were lost (e.g. Twyford Down, M11) they have inspired thousands of others to take direct action e.g. the 'Pollock Free State' resistance near Glasgow. People are recognising that direct action gives us power and results, rather than the usual dead end of cap in hand petitions, letters, councillors and M.P.s 'who are on our side' (we don't think!).

### ROAMING

There has been a lot of resistance to the



Criminal (In)Justice Act. Again there seems to be growing recognition that people need to carry on resisting, whether it's legal or not: law is the rule book made by the rich and powerful for their benefit.

So, despite government and media hysteria about the supposed 'dire noise and damage' caused by the New Age Travellers, people carry on travelling.

The real criminal injustice is the theft of land and damage caused by landowners (e.g. they have destroyed 18,000km of hedgerow in the 1990s and 50% of ancient woodland since the war). The working class majority has the so-called 'right' to roam over less than 1% of Britain.

### RAVES

The powers that be have also condemned raves (mass youth dance and drugs parties organised outside of our rulers' control) with scare stories about drugs. Happily, people are carrying on despite the police's efforts to stop them. Strangely, these same standards aren't applied to the alcohol and cigarettes which are far more harmful but yield over a billion pounds a year in taxes. Basically, it's divide and rule, also they fear that people might start doing other uncontrolled things together: all a bit worrying if you are a Boss (parasite) - after all, they need us to do

the work and create the wealth, but we certainly don't need them. Much better for our rulers if young people are passively herded into concert halls or isolated at home in front of a computer game or the idiot box.

### POSTIES

Postal workers around the country have organised an almost continuous wave of 'unofficial' 'wildcat' stoppages over the last year (70-odd at the end of '94). These walkouts show that the class struggle is NOT dead in the workplace, and how important it is that workers control their own struggles outside of the unions.

The posties union the Union of Communication Workers (UCW) have of course, done their best to stop and sabotage the wildcats (their job, like all unions, is to negotiate a 'fair' level of exploit-ation for workers). Their latest ruse is a forthcoming 'Day of (In)Action'. We say stuff it! Spread and support the wildcats.

### THEY THINK ITS ALL OVER...

Just in case anyone thinks the effects of the heroic non-payment campaign against the Poll Tax have died away, then think again. Its been revealed that £2.6 billion in Poll Tax, Council Tax and even old rates bills still hasn't been paid. £1.5 billion of this is unpaid Poll Tax and its been revealed that London boroughs and City Councils with high levels still unpaid are prepared to write debts off. Some councils have already started doing this. It just goes to show what mass non-payment can do. Pity the movement ran out of steam when the government hit us with the Council Tax. Think what might have happened if we'd stepped up the struggle.

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# ORGANISE!

Quarterly magazine of the ACF. For a free sample copy, write to the address over the page.

## THEIR WEALTH = OUR POVERTY

WHILE YOUR'RE BUSY figuring out how to make the giro last a fortnight, or if you're wondering why after working all week you still got bugger all to show for it, then spare a thought for those more 'fortunate' than yourself.

- Kaveh Alamouti, director of Tokai bank, rakes in £13.9 million a year.
- Shami Ahmed, boss of Joe Bloggs Jeans, reckoned to make over £30 million a year

- Sir Richard Greenbury, head of Marks and Spencers is paid £629,588 a year ( interestingly enough he heads a C.B.I. group set up to investigate the high pay rises British Bosses tend to award themselves!).
- Cedric Brown of British Gas 'earns' £475,000 a year after he awarded himself a 76% pay rise just after he gave gas company workers a pay cut.

it, without our poor and worsening standard of living to subsidise them, the rich could never survive. We need to organise to take back what is ours. In short build a movement to rob the robbers.

## WHO NEEDS THE NATIONAL LOTTERY ?

One whiley claimant in Lewisham quite reasonably felt that the £43.13 housing benefit cheque to be insufficient. So, after adding a few numbers here and there, the claimant was astounded to find that the £250,243.13 had actually been paid into his bank ! The Co-op bank had cleared it without bothering to contact the council for authorisation. *Over a year later*, the council found a discrepancy in their accounts. Fortunately for the claimant, the court found the bank to be at fault and it is *they* who have to pay up - with interest.

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...WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE ON OUR OWN - WE'VE GOT TO UNITE!



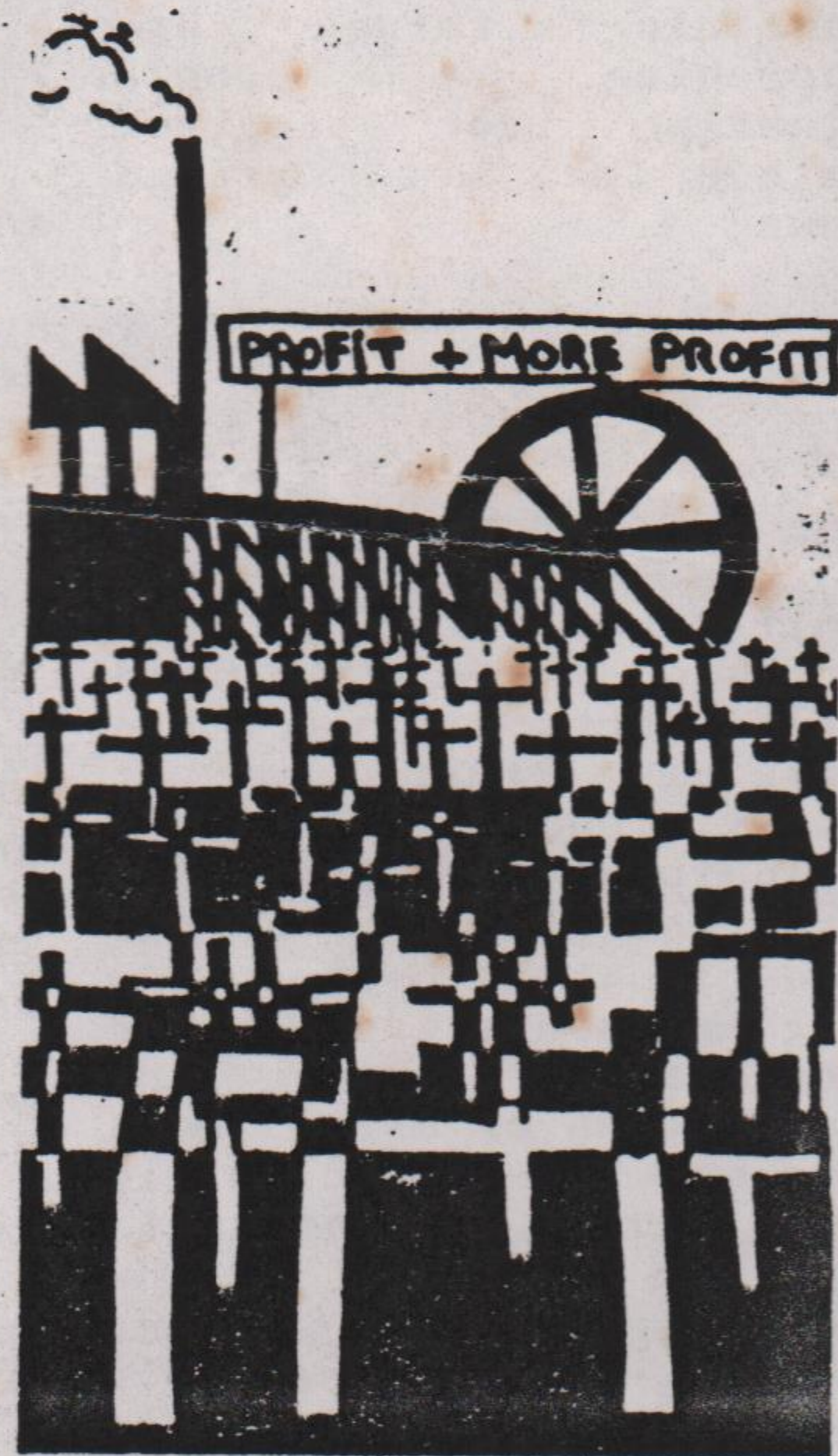
While we're at it, let's not forget the Queen (unemployed) one of the richest women in the world due to her exceptionally large dole cheques. Richard Branson, Rupert Murdoch, the Thatcher family, the list is endless...How much does your boss earn compared to you while we're on the subject ? I say 'earn' but the word should be *rob* as all the bosses make their wealth off the backs of their workers - people like you and me.

You've heard the saying "the rich get richer, the poor get poorer" well this is happening all over the world on a massive scale. In Britain especially the gulf of inequality is widening dramatically with the U.K. having the highest growth in inequality in Europe and coming 2nd best out of 18 of the worlds richest countries at robbing the working class.

Now big pay rises for the rich may all be a bit of a scandal for the various political parties to argue about with Labour saying the rich should get a bit less, be more sensitive etc. But this misses the point. We say the rich are just a bunch of thieving parasites who need to be got rid of. Lets face

## SURPRISE SURPRISE

When Labour unseated the brazenly corrupt Liberal Democrat council in Tower Hamlets last year, the joy of the local leftists knew no bounds. Now its Labours turn to implement rent and council tax rises as well as cuts in services. The bizarre thing though is that local leftists are going about acting all surprised about it. We say: *whoever* governs, its the working class who suffers. The only *real* difference between the political *parties* is that some kick us from the left while others boot us from the right.



## A.C.F OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS

First Thursday of Every Month

8.00 PM at Marchmont Community Centre

62 Marchmont Street WC1

Nearest Tube - Russell Square

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| April 6th | Nothern Ireland - Processed Peace |
| May 4th   | Animal Riots                      |
| June 1st  | Ponography Exposed                |
| July 6th  | Labour Party "Socialism"          |

Also

## A.C.F. MAYDAY PUBLIC MEETING

Monday May 1st at 8.00pm

At Conway Hall, Red Lion Square WC1

Nearest Tube - Holborn

## WHO WE ARE

LONDON RESISTANCE IS produced by a group of Londoners who are sick and tired of the rip-off dog-eat-dog society we live in.

*We refuse* to be passive while the Boss class robs and exploits us, impoverishes our class and makes loads of money out of our misery.

*We will not stand by* with starvation and poverty across the globe while food mountains rot in Europe.

*We will fight* against all enforced inequalities between races and sexes.

*We won't watch idly* while the environment is wrecked

in order to make big profits for a minority of wealthy crooks.

*We resist* being lorded over by government, politicians, bosses, police, priests the rich and their hangers on.

*We refuse* to remain silent as the present system drags us all towards barbarism and war.

### Things Needn't Be Like This

We believe it's high time the working class got organised for resistance to this crooked system. It's time to give up following leaders and politicians (whatever party) who all stand for one thing -

grinding us down

Our class has the *potential power* to do away with capitalism and government and can build a society based on freedom, equality and social and economic justice.

We are the London group of the Anarchist Communist Federation - an organisation with members in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We are part of a rapidly growing international movement.

If you want to get involved or simply want more information, then write to the address below.



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