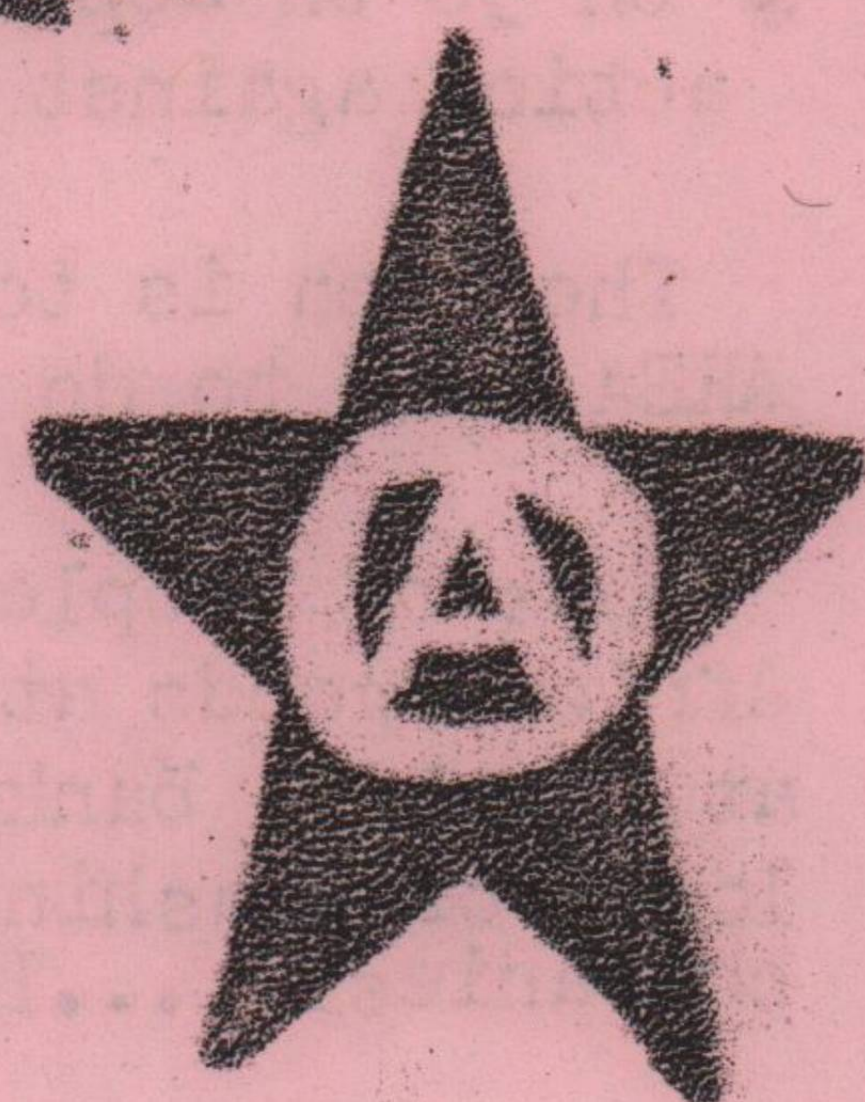


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SMASH SOUTH AFRICAN BUSINESS DAY .

MONDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER.

On 30 th Sept '85 peöplē all over Britain and beyond will be taking direct action against businesses who collaborate with the South African murder machine.

The idea is to demonstrate with friends and people you can trust in YOUR OWN AREA, and to do what ever you safely can.

Lots of people are planning actions for Sept 30 th, such as dumping South African goods at the checkout in supermarkets ; or disrupting business as usual at Barclays banks ; phone blockades of South African companies ; graffiti, glueing locks or smashing windows ; sabotage from within if you work for one of these companies.....The list of what you can do is endless!

The idea is to cost them as much money as possible, as well as clearly publicising to every one WHY we are doing it.

Here are just a few of the High Street businesses that collaborate with South Africa for profit ; Boots, Wimpy's, Radio Rentals, Barclays, Midlands etc etc .

And here are a few of the South African brands in the shops, many shops sell them under their own brand names ; Armour (fish & meat), S & B (fish & meat), Cape, Outspan, Del Monte, Sharwoods, Goddess, Libbys etc etc .

Direct Action puts direct pressure on these bastards to stop profiteering from racism and murder in South Africa. Britain is the main customer and biggest investor. Billions of pounds flow into Britain from slave labour, racist rule and robbed resources from South Africa every year !

So lets give the South African people a hand in the fight against Apartheid.....
We have 1,000's of easy targets here in Britain.....Lets all GO FOR IT, especially
on September 30 th.

PLEASE HELP BY COPYING AND DISTRIBUTING THIS INFORMATION.

For posters, stickers and leaflets send a S.A.E. (and cash if you can) to ;
Box S.S.A.B. C/O One Two One, Railton Road, Brixton, London.

NATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR MINERS IN PRISON AND SUPPORTERS.

This is an organisation set up at the beginning of 1985 primarily to campaign for and defend those miners and supporters in jail.

It is not aligned to any political faction. It has a paper called LIBERATOR which reports on trials and prisoners as well as policing. They can be contacted as follows: N.O.M.P.A.S.

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Q. What is the difference between Leon Brittan and a trampoline?

A. You take your boots off to jump on a trampoline !

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ANGLING - THE NEGLECTED BLOODSPORT.

Were it announced tomorrow that anyone who fancied it might, without risk of reprisals or recriminations, stand at a fourth storey window, dangle out of it a length of string with a meal (labelled 'free') on the end, wait till a chance passer-by took a bite and then, having entangled his cheek or gullet on a hook hidden in the food, haul him up to the fourth floor and then batter him to death with a knobkerry, I do not think there would be many takers.

Most sane adults would I imagine, sicken at the mere thought. Yet sane adults do the equivalent to fish every day: not in panic, sexual jealousy, ideological frenzy or even greed - many of our fresh water fish are virtually inedible, and not one of them presents a threat to the life, love or ideology of a human on a bank - but for amusement. Civilisation is not outraged at their behaviour. On the contrary: that a person's hobby is fishing is often a guarantee of his sterling and innocent character.

The above was first published in the Sunday Times in 1965. It was written by Brigid Brophy, author and playwright, who was the national patron of the Council for the Prevention of Cruelty by Angling (C.P.C.A.), which is now known as the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling (C.A.A.)

However, despite the efforts of Ms. Brophy to draw our attention to the cruelty of fishing, it was not until April 1981 that the C.P.C.A., the only organisation solely dedicated to opposing angling, was established.

The C.P.C.A. was founded less than a year after the publication of the Cranbrook Report (now the Medway Report) on shooting and angling. At long last, anti-anglers could point to scientific evidence which showed that fish feel pain like other animals, and that angling is basically cruel.

Consequently, there is now considerable doubt (even among fishermen!) that angling is the harmless pastime that it has always purported to be.

Common sense tells us that to impale a sentient being with a sharp metal hook, drag the creature from its natural environment, handle it with fingers which to the animal feel like red-hot poker, removing protective scales in the process, then either to throw it unceremoniously back into the water with such force so as to cause stunning and disorientation, or to toss it into a crowded keep-net, thereby encouraging disease to spread, must cause pain and suffering.

Yet many millions of people between the ages 3-90 indulge in this 'bit of fun' nearly every week without pausing to consider the torment they are inflicting on those they pursue. There is no doubt in my mind that angling is a bloodsport. This disgusting activity which some have the nerve to call 'sport' kills and maims thousands of fish every week.

The fishermen of course see things differently. Many of them argue (and I to my eternal shame was once one of them) that fish do not feel pain because if this were so then they would not struggle so defiantly when caught and that besides, most fish are not killed but returned to the water - no doubt to live happily ever after!

In reply to these somewhat standard arguments in defence of fishing, I would put it to the reader that if you were in the (admittedly hypothetical) position of having a large hook embedded in your mouth and were at the same time being dragged underwater to a certain death by drowning, that you would not simply give up and allow this to happen! Your inherent will to survive would be too great.

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Angling continued.....

Secondly, it is quite correct to say that most anglers do in fact return 'their' fish to the water, but at what cost? The 'accidental' removal of scales by the angler and the injury caused by the hook may lead to infection and ultimately death.

How many fish are there dying in lakes and rivers throughout the country with hooks embedded in their mouths as a result of the anglers line snapping? How many fish have died as a result of having their innards ripped out because they (much to the anglers annoyance) 'swallowed' the hook?

As the reader will be aware it is not just fish which are suffering at the hands of Britains anglers. Wildfowl become entangled in lost or discarded line and tackle and countless numbers of swans have died of lead poisoning through ingestion of lead weights.

This carnage is going on all around us. How many of us know of a stretch of water which is not fished on a regular basis at some time of the year? However there is hope! Many people, not just vegetarians and vegans, who oppose angling for principally moral reasons, are becoming aware of the darker side of angling through the efforts of organisations such as the C.P.C.A. the Hunt Saboteurs Association and the National Animal Rescue Association.

In recent months, fishing tackle shops have been the target of attacks by the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.). Shops have had their locks glued and 'Fishing IS a bloodsport' daubed on their windows in red. Anglers themselves have started to question aspects of their 'sport' which until recently had been considered acceptable practices such as using live fish to catch predator species (pike for example), the use of keep nets and lead, and cancer-causing maggot dyes.

However, anti-anglers have a long way to go before angling is recognised as the despicable activity which it really is, and is eventually banned. There must be much more emphasis on education in order to ensure long term success. In the short term those who abuse animals must be stopped!

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Thanks very much for that contribution.

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We have received the following letter.....

Dear Poison Pen

after reading the article about Lord Sām's in a recent copy of the P.P. I thought you might like to hear a few other points about the place.

Apparently Andrew Stradis owns an Alsatian dog which is kept in a tiled hallway all the time the restaurant is open. The dog, whose name is Arry, is made to sit all that time and if he moves then Stradis makes sure he regrets it.

Somebody threw some crabs in through the door of the restaurant (not a very nice thing to do to the crabs in the first place) Elanah Stradis picked up the live crabs and to dispose of them she dropped them into a bucket of bleach.

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Lord Sam's continued....

Another little thing that went on was that some time ago it was reported in the local press that a large rock had fallen from the cliff onto the roof of the restaurant. This was, if all the reports I've heard were true, complete bullshit but it did generate some free publicity. I hope you find this interesting and I'll keep my eyes and ears open for any other snippets of info.

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Cheers for that whoever you are.

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~HASTINGS FILM SOCIETY~ - 1985/86 SEASON.

This autumn sees the start of Hastings Film Society's 10 th season.

Films are shown on alternate Wednesdays at 39 High Street (above the Old Hastings Club) and start at 7.30.

A full season ticket costs £14. Half season tickets cost £8. For the unwaged prices are £10 and £6 respectively, 'unwaged' means student, claimant or O.A.P.

And here is what's on offer this year.....

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18 SEPT. COMPANY OF WOLVES.G.B.1984. DIRECTOR. NEIL JORDAN.

SECOND of OCT. THE DRESSER. G.B. 1983. DIRECTOR, PETER YATES.

16 OCT. ANOTHER COUNTRY. G.B. 1984. DIRECTOR, MAREK KANIEVSKA.

30 OCT. MAJDAHR. G.B. 1984. DIRECTOR, AHMED JAMAL.

13 NOV. ZELIG. U.S.A. 1983. DIRECTOR: WOODY ALLEN.

TWENTY SEVENTH of NOV. BIRTH OF A NATION. U.S.A. 1915. DIRECTOR, D.W.GRIFFITH.

II DEC. PARIS, TEXAS. W.GERMANY/FRANCE. 1984. DIRECTOR, WIN WENDERS.

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8 JAN. CAL. G.B. 1984. DIRECTOR, PAT O'CONNER.

TWENTY SECOND of JAN. M. GERMANY. 1931. DIRECTOR, FRITZ LANG.

5 FEB. COMFORT AND JOY. G.B. 1984. DIRECTOR, BILL FORSYTH.

19 FEB. MAN OF FLOWERS. AUSTRALIA. 1983. DIRECTOR, PAUL COX.

5 MARCH. BRITISH SOUNDS, G.B. 1969. DIRECTOR, JEAN LUC GODARD.

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The observant amongst you will have noticed that in the above some of the dates are typed out as words rather than in figures, there is a very good reason for this. The very good reason is that the figure 'two' on this typewriter has stopped working. The even more observant amongst you will also have noticed that throughout this issue of Poison Pen the apostrophe is used instead of quotation marks. There is also a very good reason for this - it is of course that the quotation marks are on the upper case of the figure 'two'. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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Q. What is blue and turns red at the flick of a switch ?

A. A cop in a liquidiser !

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If you happen to be wandering around down town without any money and you fancy a cup of coffee why not drop into Prontoprint~they have a self service coffee machine for the convenience of their customers and I dont really see how they can prove that you're not at least a POTENTIAL customer.....

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