

As resistance to a new war on Iraq grows, Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin exposes ...

## The truth behind the lies

Most times government officials use doublespeak to mask their real intentions about an impending war. They say it is being fought for 'freedom', 'to restore democracy' or to 'safeguard lives', but the leaders of Israel have been upfront in saying that they want a war between America and Iraq for their own benefit. Why? Because Israel is really the only government in the world which would directly benefit from a weakened Iraq.

It would still be the only country in the Middle East with nuclear weapons. It would intimidate other Arab countries from seeking weapons-parity with Israel, which has nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry.

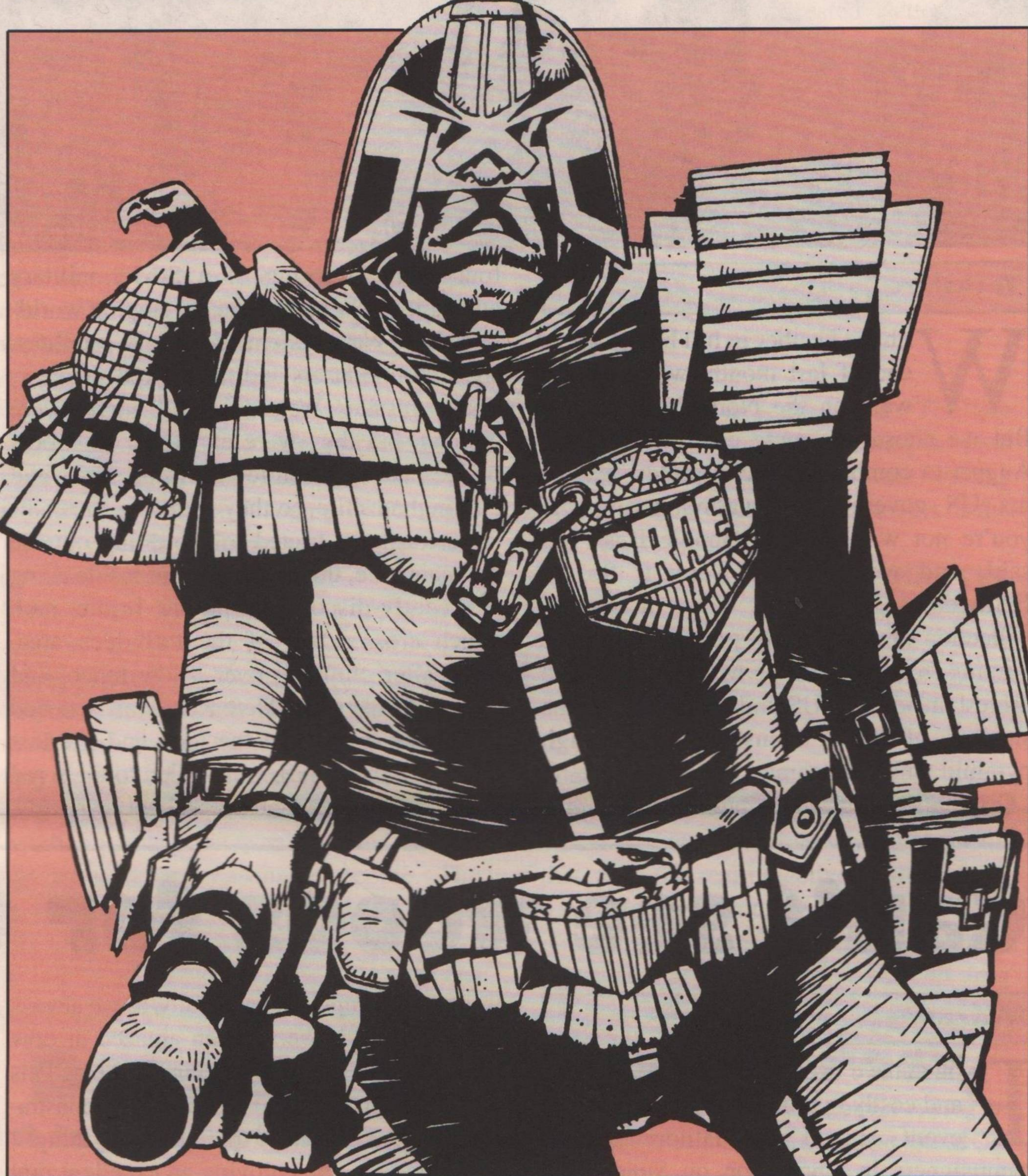
It would mean that Israel could hit any country in the Middle East with an attack, and none of them could defend themselves. It would also mean that the United States would sink even deeper as a combatant in the Middle East, and that the Arabs would see it as the primary enemy instead of Israel itself.

For years, Israel has been champing at the bit for this war. It tried to get Bill Clinton, when he was US president, to wage an all-out war on Iraq. But he refused, even began to talk 'nonsense' about Israel releasing Mordechai Vanunu, the imprisoned nuclear scientist, and insisting that Israel subject itself to United Nations weapons monitoring. This was very frustrating, if not alarming, to Israel's leadership. Yet they've continued to press hard for an attack on Iraq.

Since the September 11th attacks, they've tried to claim that Iraq's Saddam Hussain is a 'state terrorist', who financed and made the attacks possible. But they have not been able to come up with credible evidence to sway world opinion to justify an invasion, even though Clinton's successor as president, George W. Bush, is fully supportive of such an American attack.

Bush has been stymied because none of his allies are going along, and some are even asking for weapons inspections of Israel and demanding that it sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty of 1970 and other agreements.

An American attack on Iraq and the



overthrow of Saddam Hussain would rid Israel of one of its worst enemies and yet leave it, ostensibly, with 'clean hands'. They could publicly claim that they had nothing to do with such an attack, that it was all Bush's idea. But not only are they egging on such an attack, they are making preparations to join in with the invading American troops and with Iraqi opposition forces.

They are stockpiling a huge American ammunition and arms cache for use by American troops when they arrive. And Israel is allowing use of its military bases as a staging ground for the attacks by American ships, soldiers and aircraft. All of this is the

plan according to Israeli defence minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer.

Evidence is also surfacing that Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, is pushing hard at the Bush administration for even more regime-changes in several Middle Eastern countries it sees as anti-American and anti-Israeli - Libya, Iran, Syria and even Saudi Arabia.

All of this would also benefit Israel, since none of these Arab countries could unite against it. They would be puppet governments of America, from which it would have nothing to fear. Israel's relations would be very similar to those it had with the now-deposed Shah of Iran during the 1960s and 1970s.

Just like America, its major partner, Israel has already threatened nuclear war against Iran and other countries, and against North Korea, which Bush claims is willing to supply nuclear weapons to Iran and other Middle Eastern countries. Israel has almost four hundred nuclear weapons of every type, and even has the ability to launch these weapons from submarines and by satellite. It could launch a ballistic missile to hit any country in the world.

Israel believes that, by helping America attack Iraq, it will bring the US even closer to it, insuring more American money and arms than ever. But the big bonus would be that, instead of using the Israeli Defence Force as a proxy military force (as in the past), the Americans would do their own fighting and would need Israeli support more than ever to do it. This is an arrangement Israel feels it can not lose with.

It will maintain its military arsenal, it will weaken its enemies and it will draw America deeper into the Middle East conflict on its side. But what will America itself get from this arrangement? According to a recent article in the newspaper *Palestine Monitor*, "Israel is the most expensive ally in the history of the human race. Depending on whose numbers you use, American aid to Israel totals \$81 billion to \$90 billion [per year]."

Further aid will only lead to yet more taxation on the American people, and an attack on Iraq will incite intense hatred against Americans and US interests throughout the Middle East. It will likely lead to an even more massive retaliation than September 11th. With friends like this, who needs enemies?

The *Palestine Chronicle* also says that "America's blind support of Israel's gross violations of human rights and international law will not only cost billions of tax dollars, but eventually American lives as well".

This war is not being fought to defend American soil or the American people, but to protect the state of Israel and ensure the flow of Middle East oil for the greedy oil companies. Don't be fooled.

Lorenzo Kom'boa Ervin

## Eyes and snouts out for the Met

This is the first major demonstration against the forthcoming war in Iraq, and is therefore very important for the police in a number of ways. They know the war is already unpopular and that there'll be a lot of new faces out for this one. In this situation, the cops have two aims. The first is to discourage people from attending. They will achieve this by being very heavy-handed and forcing people into positions they don't want to be in. As a result, they'll be able to pick out the more militant members of the crowd. This is their second aim. For example, once people get into a road the cops don't

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want them to be in, they'll attempt to move the crowd back on to the pavement. The more militant peeps will fight back, while others will do as the police want. This is where the cops identify potential 'troublemakers' and apply the dictum of 'divide and rule', attempting to isolate them from the passive crowd. In this position, we'll all be

weaker and less likely to achieve our aims.

One of the ways the police will record elements of the crowd is by using the Forward Intelligence Team (FIT). The job of FIT officers is to photograph protesters so police can identify them easily in future and quickly neutralise their activities. These pictures can also be used as evidence.

Try to stay away from police cameras or wear a mask to avoid being recognised. This is basic common sense. There's no reason why police should have your photograph, don't let them get it. If you'd like to take a more active role against surveillance, bring a camera along with you and photograph 'troublemakers' in the Metropolitan Police.

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## Freedom anarchist fortnightly

Anarchists work towards a society of mutual aid and voluntary co-operation. We reject all government and economic repression. This newspaper, published continuously since 1936, exists to explain anarchism more widely and show that only in an anarchist society can human freedom thrive.

### What anarchism means to me

Being new to anarchism, I can only outline what it has come to mean to me so far. I was introduced to anarchist ideas through participation in this year's Mayday events.

Talking to and interacting with anarchists made me realise that anarchism was the channel through which I could politicise what, until then, had been a vague rebelliousness, an unwillingness to bow to authority and a dissatisfaction with an increasingly material and meaningless way of life.

So, armed with a dry dictionary definition of anarchism as "the view that society can and should be organised without a coercive state", I set out in search of this channel, the 'doctrine' which had the potential to liberate me. I think it was Nicolas Walter who said becoming an anarchist involves a great deal of emotional and intellectual upheaval. I can vouch for that. Anarchism wasn't the neatly packaged, magic formula I'd thought it was.

The more I discovered about anarchism, the more 'anarchisms' there seemed to be. I almost gave up in the face of such an overwhelming diversity of thought, until I reflected on what I had read over and over again in the literature – anarchism is a tendency of thought and action which develops and progresses in myriad different ways. It has no set doctrine, no one true 'god', no all-encompassing truth. And herein lies its strength.

For me, then, anarchism means not worshipping at the shrines of dead intellectuals, nor being a slave to dogma. I learn from those I feel have something of value to offer, and I use what I learn. I will resist where I can, act where I can, exercise greater choice in my personal behaviour and social relationships where I can. In doing so, I gain a kind of liberty, albeit of the piss-poor sort. Naive? Maybe. But I'm still learning ...

Hazel Little

What does anarchism mean to you? Send in your contributions for this column (300 words please) to [FreedomCopy@aol.com](mailto:FreedomCopy@aol.com) or to The Editors at the address below.

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# Picnic and protest on moor



'We had to do it sarge – he was blocking the highway'

Photograph by H.S.

### Yorkshire

With the heather in full bloom at the end of last month, we fancied a walk on the North York Moors. But we chose our route carefully on 24th August to combine it with a protest against the US government's warmongering. "If you're not with us ...", George Bush has said, and we certainly weren't. So, to Fylingdales Moor we went, a motley collection of some thirty people, with ages ranging from 8 to 80. We went to picnic and protest inside the US military base, in the shadow of the immense 32-metre high pyramid which desecrates the landscape.

Originally intended to provide us with a

four-minute warning of a Soviet military attack, it's now part of the developing worldwide Star Wars system of military satellites, space-bound lasers and (it's feared) nuclear-tipped missiles. We didn't tell them we were coming, but they were expecting us. Local police had been reinforced from Essex and Nottinghamshire, so they said.

Previously restricted to protesting outside the main gate, this time we went inside using a recently-discovered public bridle path which crosses part of the forbidden area. Soon after climbing over a low fence, and with a Ministry of Defence escort worried we might stray from the path and get lost (again, so they said), we strolled to three red posts where we were told, probably wrongly,

that the path ended.

Just beyond the posts, we sat down and enjoyed a leisurely picnic. Eventually, the sergeant told us that in thirty minutes we'd be arrested unless we moved back on to the bridle path.

When the time came, about half of us stayed and were arrested, carried to a waiting vehicle, taken down to the main gate and promptly de-arrested. The rest moved back on to the path and later walked slowly, very slowly, back to the main gate. We were mindful of the little-known law, only used against demonstrators, that it's an offence to sit, or even remain stationary, on a public highway or path.

H.S.

# Can't see woods for the planks

### Worthing

Police have been accused of a 'massive and costly over-response' to a peaceful event staged by Titnore Woods campaigners in Durrington on Sunday 1st September. Fifty people who gathered to hand a symbolic scroll to the landowner who's selling the land were amazed to find a huge police operation had been launched.

Sussex Police riot vans were parked in every layby for miles along the A27 road, 'evidence-gatherers' wielding video cameras were hiding in roadside bushes and metal barricades had been erected around the pub where protesters were meeting.

Clement Somerset, whose family owns the land at Titnore where a massive new housing estate is proposed, failed to turn up at the Coach and Horses in Arundel Road to meet the campaigners, as he'd earlier promised to do.

And when the group did start strolling up the public right of way to the Somerset family's Holt Farm, just north of the A27, their way was blocked with a thick line of police riot vans. Another van and reinforcements were seen lurking by the farmhouse. They were informed by the police that Section 42 emergency powers had been invoked, and anyone continuing along the footpath would be arrested.

Eventually Somerset arrived on the scene, accepted the scroll and engaged in a brief, polite debate with the delegation about his status as a friend of the countryside and the impending sale of the Titnore land to a consortium of property developers, before the group dispersed back in the direction of the pub.

One of the delegation said, "the presentation

passed off completely peacefully, as we always knew it would. We've been amazed at how wrong the police have got this all along. This was never even going to be a proper demonstration – it was a gesture more than anything.

"While we were enjoying an excellent pint at the Coach and Horses, we were all handed a leaflet explaining that the policing of our Sunday excursion had been given a special name – Operation HASP. It was suggested that this might stand for Hysteria at Sussex Police. Someone in the force must surely now be brought to book for launching this massive and costly over-response."

Before the day itself, some local people had already had direct experience of the police 'hysteria'. One local woman found plainclothes police on her doorstep, asking who was organising the event. At least five other people got intimidating letters from the police by recorded delivery – apparently on the basis that they'd attended the 350-strong peaceful mass protest on 26th May.

A representative of local newsletter *The*

*Pork-bolter*, which was itself targeted by police for having publicised that event, said "the campaign to save Titnore Woods has been completely peaceful from the word go. The way the police have tried to criminalise the campaign and frighten people off attending events should be of great concern to anyone who cares about a democratic society.

"It would be interesting to know how much Operation HASP cost and in whose interests it was launched." The letter to Somerset urged him to reconsider his plans to sell off the land for housing and instead hand it over to a trust to be preserved as a natural habitat.

A petition was due to be handed to the Mayor of Worthing outside the Town Hall on 19th September at 4pm.

Worthing Eco-Action

To contact Worthing Eco-Action, email [worthing@eco-action.org](mailto:worthing@eco-action.org)

For developments at Titnore Woods read *The Pork-bolter*, Worthing's monthly newsheet, available for stamps from PO Box 4144, Worthing BN14 7NZ

# A mixed bunch

### London

Between two and three hundred people assembled in Whitehall on 14th September, before proceeding to the Imperial War Museum. There were protesting against the government's Mental Health Bill, which includes powers to detain people with "dangerous personality disorders" indefinitely. It was a mixed bunch of nutters and concerned carers (in the past I've been

brushed off as a nutter when I've desperately been seeking help).

I was very impressed by a demonstrator who had a globe with miniature cymbals that tingled. I also spotted a carer from Berkshire, with graphic photographs of a mentally-ill suicide. There was a coach party from Birmingham. Finally there was a desperate plea on behalf of a female who'd been detained in a secure unit.

Paul Rothwell-Hartmann



# Activists plan to outfox CA

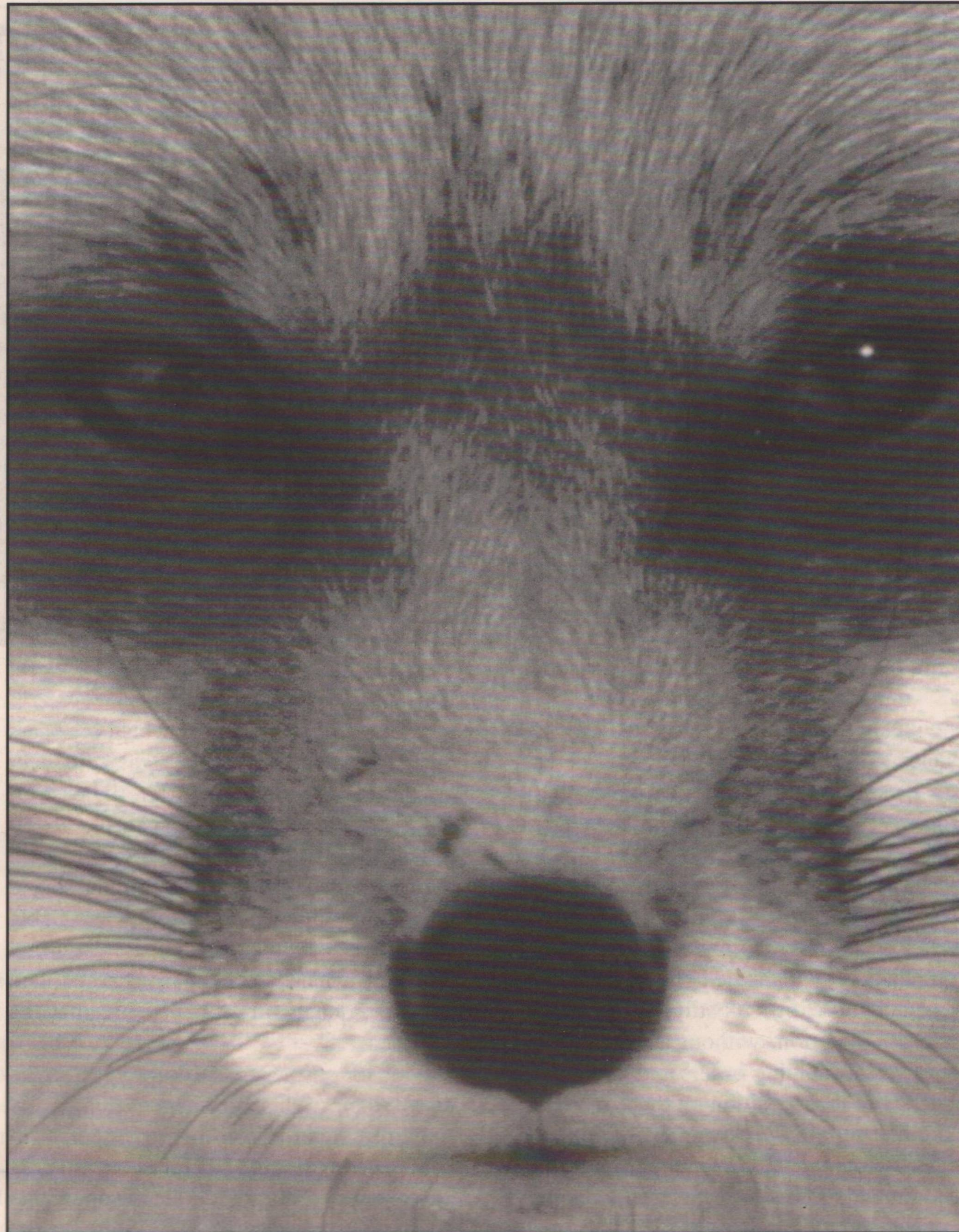
On Sunday 22nd September, supporters of the Countryside Alliance will march through London in defence of their 'right' to hunt foxes. At the start of this week, the march's organisers were confidently expecting up to 500,000 gullible fools to join them.

The issue of foxhunting could play a big part in exacerbating fault-lines in the British ruling class. Behind the issue of hunting lies the issue of monarchy. General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of British military forces in the 1991 Gulf War recently led a march "in defence of the countryside". The Countryside Alliance itself was largely formed from the Countryside Movement, which was just the British Field Sports Society under another name. It has received funding from within the Windsor household, from Lord Inchyra.

Officers of some of the most prestigious army regiments are 'automatically' members of prestigious country hunts. The Beaufort Hunt, (officially) riding out for the first time after last year's foot and mouth outbreak, did so from Prince Charles's residence at Highgrove. (The Beaufort, by the way, is one of those hunts where deer corpses are left in the woods to make sure the fox population doesn't decline).

In the UK, the vast majority of people are opposed to hunting, and want to see an absolute ban on it. This is true both in towns and the countryside. If anything, the majority against hunting is even bigger in the countryside because people who live there have first-hand experience of what an arrogant, violent, fascist-style bunch of scumsuckers the redcoat hunters really are.

And the majority in the countryside has doubtless got larger still in the last few years, as the 'country set' has claimed to represent 'everyone in the countryside'. This supposedly



includes low-paid rural workers, who've actually been forced to eat the shit deposited by rich whip-carrying bastards on horseback for generations.

Yet, while good work continues to be done by hunt saboteurs, all the really big demonstrations are from hunting's supporters. Odd, huh? None of the organisations which claim

to oppose hunting have called a massive counter-demo whenever the scumsuckers have paraded through the capital.

There's a reason for this. It's the same reason the Windsors won the monarchy referendum in Australia, despite the fact that the vast majority of the population there were anti-monarchist. The campaign of political manipulation involved was one of the most brilliant in recent times.

The anti-monarchist alternative was portrayed as a complete bunch of shit, which wasn't exactly inaccurate. It was easily characterised as a plan for a president to be chosen by corrupt politicians. But, just as importantly, it was arranged that both sides should treat the Windsor family itself as above criticism. In other words, the campaign illustrated the centralised nature of control over political organisations and the way opinion is formed.

The battle against hunting won't be won by putting faith in politicians or parliament. Nor will it be won by following the 'official' campaigns which put the case for abolition in the mainstream media. For every pro-hunting demonstration, there should be a massive demonstration against it, of people prepared to defend themselves and more.

For every motorway blocked by the supporters of hunting, more should be blocked by their opponents, or similar actions carried out. These needn't be actions of exactly the same kind, nor merely actions in response. But they need to be actions of at least the same level of force and imagination. The struggle over foxhunting is going to escalate. The opponents of hunting won't win by sitting on their arses.

**Banana**

Protest against the foxhunters' march, 22nd September, 11am onwards in Parliament Square, London (protest called by Class War, the Movement Against the Monarchy and the Urban Alliance). Visit [www.classwaruk.org](http://www.classwaruk.org)

## Residents say 'bollards' to Bromley

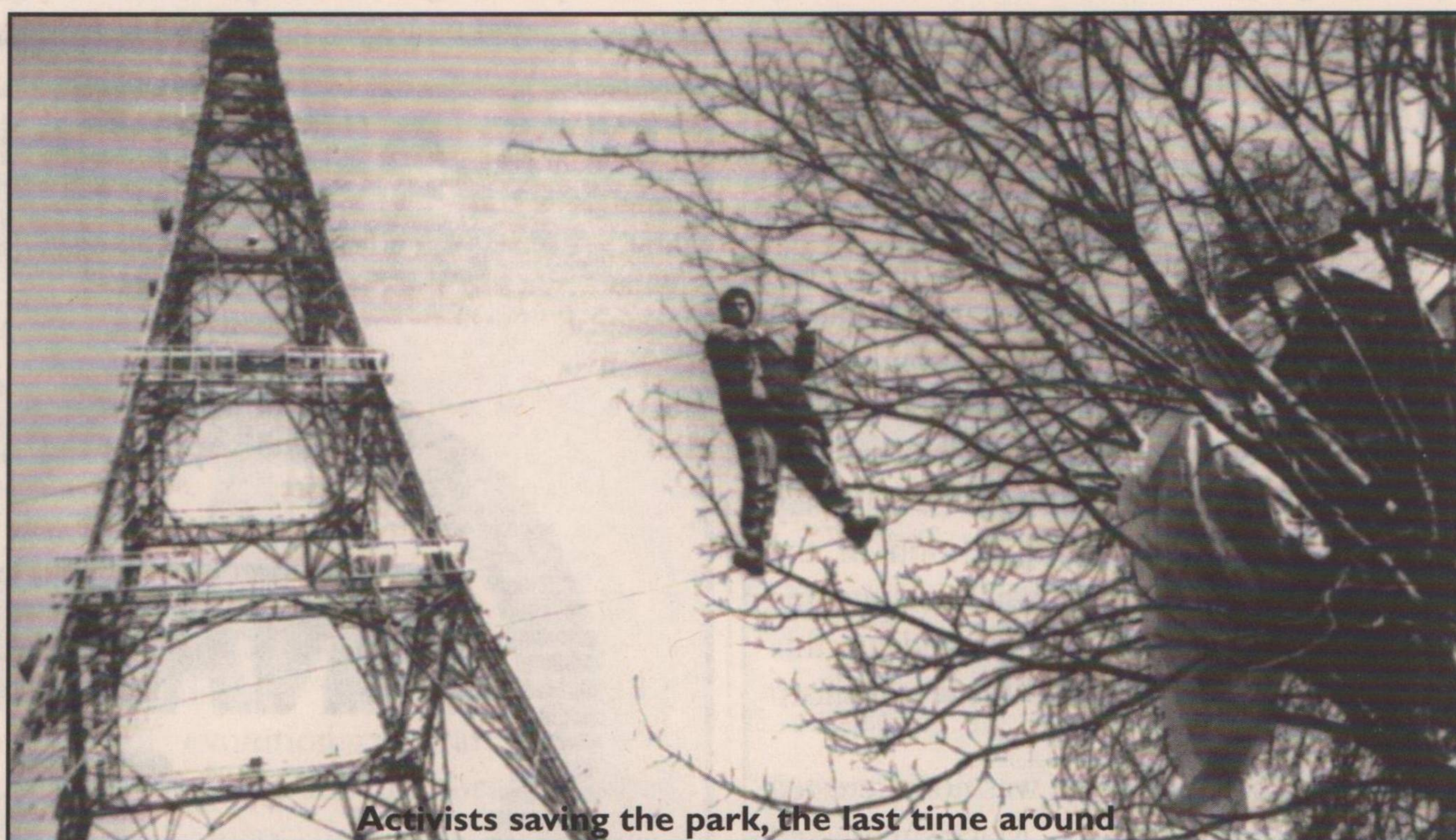
South London

Four years ago Bromley Borough Council decided, without public consultation, that the top ridge of Crystal Palace Park should be home to an 18-screen cinema multiplex. There was massive opposition to the development from local people, environmental organisations and from the wider activist community. A protest camp was set up, which cost Bromley millions of pounds to evict after a year-long occupation.

Numerous legal actions were taken and protests were held at Bromley Council's headquarters and at UCI cinemas (the company set to run the multiplex) up and down the country. Finally, after a lengthy battle, the developers, London & Regional Properties, backed down and the fight was won. Or so we thought.

Following the eviction of the protest camp the land remained fenced off until last autumn, when it was finally opened for public use. In the months that followed, there was heavy fly-tipping on parts of the land. Bromley Council made no attempt to clear it up or prevent it. The neglect has been typical of Bromley's behaviour since it acquired the land after the disbanding of the Greater London Council in 1986.

Parks and green open spaces are very important in a city the size of London. The tree-lined hilltop at Crystal Palace is home to an abundance of wildlife. It's a stopover for



Activists saving the park, the last time around

migrating birds. It's the highest point in South London, and affords fantastic views. Because it's the site of the old Crystal Palace (which burned down in 1936) it's a Grade II listed park.

Earlier this year, at a secret meeting, Bromley Council decided to erect 2.4 metre high plywood hoardings to enclose the land, thus blocking public access. Their reason for doing this was allegedly to prevent further incursions on the land by fly-tippers, by creating grass 'bunds' (humps to prevent vehicles driving onto the site) which need time to grow. But this doesn't make any sense – they could just turf them over. And it doesn't seem a reason for blocking

pedestrian access.

Large advertising panels, 20 feet high, are going to be mounted behind and above the fence in order to pay the £25,000 it allegedly cost to put up. According to Bromley, however, the final bill for the so-called 'clear-up' will be footed by the developers. The unsightly fence, which unlawfully blocks a right of way, went up without planning permission or public consultation. The leader of Bromley Council, Michael Tickner, justified this by saying it was only temporary.

The huge local opposition has once again swung into action. There have been meetings with Bromley's councillors where representatives from local groups have suggested

alternative ways to prevent fly-tipping, such as bollards or a more aesthetically-pleasing fence. Bromley has so far ignored the suggestions. When councillors were asked how long the fence will remain in place, their answers varied from six months to two years, and development on the land is extremely likely. Now it looks like a building site it will be more attractive to potential developers.

The first public meeting of outraged local residents attracted over fifty people, and led to further local campaigning. This has included the creation of a phone tree to contact supporters.

A candlelit vigil is to be held on 21st September. This will send a clear message to prospective developers that they'll meet major opposition should they attempt to build on the land. There are also many possibilities for more direct action, both at Bromley's headquarters and on the land itself.

**Crystal**

The vigil will be held on Crystal Palace Parade, 7.30pm, Saturday 21st September

To show opposition to this enclosure of public open space, write to:

Michael Tickner, leader of Bromley Council

Email: [michael.tickner@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:michael.tickner@bromley.gov.uk)

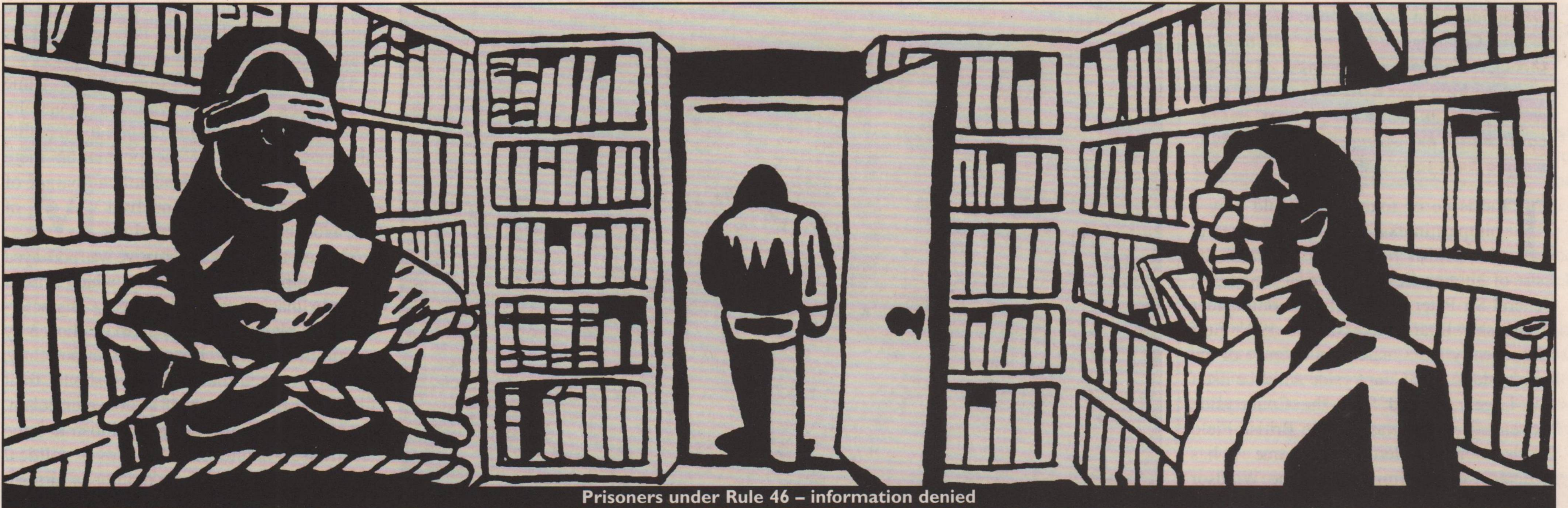
David Bartlett, chief executive

Email: [david.bartlett@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:david.bartlett@bromley.gov.uk)

To get involved with the campaign, contact [savecrystalpalacepark@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:savecrystalpalacepark@yahoo.co.uk)



# How screws abuse the rules



Prisoners under Rule 46 – information denied

Standing Order 3A(a) of the Home Office prison regulations gives governors the responsibility for ensuring that all standing orders, circular instructions and other data are brought to the attention of those they concern. No further guidance is provided by the Home Office. The procedures followed vary from establishment to establishment, but essentially methods are as follows.

The governor of a jail, sometimes with the assistance of other senior managers, reviews new regulations and decides who should be told what. Department heads are then delegated to inform the appropriate bodies about any changes to policy. We take it the above applies to prisoners held in Close Supervision Centres (CSCs) under Rule 46 (who are segregated as a form of punishment under this rule). But if so why are particular prisoners consistently deprived of access to standing orders, circular instructions and the Privileges Incentive list?

Who in authority says that CSC prisoners can or can't have this information? We'd like the CSC committee to explain in writing who makes the decision, as we're fed up of being exploited Rule 46 inmates. We're also concerned at the control of the information

being passed to us and our fellow prisoners. It's much more restricted than we'd previously thought.

Penal reform lobbies have always been concerned about large sections of the administrative regulations that apply to people held in custody. Some of the material that's denied us, for example, concerning specific rights and privileges allowed by prison rules, is so complex that even legal specialists can't untangle its precise meaning. It's much more difficult still for prisoners on Rule 46 detention, without access to a full set of rules, standing orders and circulars, to understand their position on these matters.

In its report *Justice in Britain*, the organisation Justice made important critical recommendations which have yet to be acted on. The report's authors argued that prison rules should:

- clearly specify the rights the imprisoned should forfeit;
- state precisely the restrictions which are or may be imposed on the exercise of rights which the prisoner retains;
- prescribe in detail the duties of the authorities in the matter of housing prisoners and providing them with the necessities for a

tolerable life, alongside facilities for work, education and recreation;

- provide adequate means by which prisoners can seek redress if their rights are ever contravened, giving them – in the case of more fundamental rights – access to an independent tribunal;
- define with the precision of a criminal statute the offences for which prisoners are liable to be punished, the procedures for enquiring into guilt when prisoners are charged, and the subsequent punishments that may be imposed;
- provide for prisoners to be properly informed of all their rights, privileges, duties and liabilities under prison rules.

Prison rules currently fall far short of these requirements. The standards of open and impartial justice deemed necessary by the rule of law are especially important to Rule 46 CSC prisoners, because of their vulnerability to abuses of power, humiliation and degradation. The system manifestly fails to ensure satisfactory procedures, and this failure increases the tensions of prison life for 'superseg' inmates, for whom conditions are already spartan and rigorous. It creates an atmosphere of uncertainty, arbitrariness,

unfairness and resentment.

Taken together, this is unacceptable, inhumane and surely beyond reasonable expectations of endurance. Article three of the 1998 Human Rights Act says, "no-one shall be subject to torture or to inhuman or to degrading treatment or punishment". In particular, we draw attention to the "inhuman and degrading treatment" aspects of the article.

This is a subjective test, and it raises in the victim feelings of fear, anguish and inferiority. All of these emotions are capable of inducing perceptions of debasement, but they can also lead to physical breakdown and the breaking of resistance. That's why we argue for greater personal rights, duties and privileges as well as responsibilities for all parties within the penal system, and for independence and openness in the procedures employed for the resolution of disputes.

**Ray Gilbert and Glen Wright**

*Ray's struggle against his imprisonment continues, 21 years after his wrongful conviction (and seven years after the end of the trial judge's recommended term). Write to him: Ray Gilbert H10111, HMP Woodhill, HU6A-CSC, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes MK4 4DN.*

## — OBITUARY —

### Peter Neville

Peter Neville, who died on 9th August aged 69, became an anarchist through the writings of Herbert Read. In particular, two of Read's essays appealed to him – *Existentialism, Marxism and Anarchism*, and notes 1 to 16 of *Chains of Freedom*.

By trade a further education lecturer and sociologist, he had many other interests besides anarchism. He was a serious science fiction fan, finding inspiration in the alternative societies often portrayed therein, and this tied in with the three main influences on his thinking and view of the world: anarchism, peace action and sociology.

For over forty years Peter was active in both the anarchist and peace movements. For ten of them, until July 2000, he organised the London Anarchist Forum, booking rooms and planning speakers.

Peter arranged various social gatherings, ranging from a trip to Hampshire in his car with fellow anarchists Bernard Miles and Donald Room for company, to an Indian meal (often in Drummond Street) after the quarterly Anarchist Research Group meetings in Senate House at the University of London.

He organised a series of summertime anarchist picnics in London parks and, more

recently, trips – again in his car – to News From Nowhere meetings in east London.

Peter wrote for several journals, and his most recent work appears in the latest issue of *Total Liberty*. There will also be an essay by him in the forthcoming edition of the quarterly *The Raven* (on power). In June, his own view of anarchism appeared in this newspaper's regular column, 'What anarchism means to me'.

Although a sociologist, he was not interested in – as he once said to me – "Marxism dressed up as sociology".

In that *Freedom* column three months ago, he made it clear that he wasn't convinced of the relevance of class struggle today. This wasn't just because the class a person is born into is a matter of chance. He also felt the whole ideology of class was divisive. He thought that, to achieve an anarchist society (or failing that a more libertarian one), we need to work together.

He believed we should include everyone and not concentrate on our differences. To him, which class or stratum of society we come from wasn't important. "What is important," he said, "is the condition of one's heart."

Joy Wood

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# Statements of the obvious

In our last issue, we published responses to an earlier article by Donald Room, in which he suggested that genetic modification (GM) could be turned to good uses as well as bad. Now Donald and others reply to the replies.

Although the outcomes of football matches, votes and experiments aren't usually known in advance, they become known after the events have occurred. This is to state the bleeding obvious, except evidently in the context of campaigns against GM, where 'can't be predicted' means 'can't be known even after the event' (and 'proceed with caution' means 'do not proceed').

In my article 'GM is a good thing, honest' (10th August) I cited the example of a new GM procedure, which had an unforeseen and undesirable effect. The producers tested for and found this effect, and withdrew the product before it could do any harm. After the facts were published, anti-GM propagandists put it about that the product had been sold without being tested, and that people had been harmed by it. This was, and is, a downright lie.

Of course GM crops interfere with the natural environment. They are part of agriculture, the practice of interfering with the natural environment to provide food for human beings. This has been going on for 10,000 years. Small farmers, including subsistence farmers, produce about 70% of the world's food. In many countries, they advance deforestation by clearing virgin land to feed the growing population. It would help both the poor and the environment if they had higher yielding and more nourishing crop varieties, to provide more from existing farms.

But some who'd like to help are against the free distribution of improved varieties, not for humanitarian or environmental reasons, but simply because they have been persuaded to oppose GM crops in all circumstances. Such blanket opposition is widespread in Britain, and we can understand why.

In the early 1990s, it was learned that soya flour imported from the USA included some from Monsanto's 'Roundup Ready' soya



variety. There are 600 varieties of soya, all with the same nutritive value by weight, and American millers leave it to farmers to decide which varieties to grow. The 'Roundup Ready' system, however, damages the environment. Environmentalist organisations issued indignant press releases, to which Monsanto's amazingly inept PR department issued tactless, bad-tempered responses. 'Roundup Ready' soya is a GM variety.

GM presents no more danger to human health than older breeding methods, but with the recent experience of official assurances about BSE, people easily came to believe they were being sold untested, hazardous food. Distrust was largely due to newness, and would probably have died down by now but for the fact that continuing fear of GM provides funds (including membership sub-

scriptions) for environmentalist organisations.

The professional fundraisers of Greenpeace Ltd, Friends of the Earth and the Soil Association have become professional anti-GM scaremongers, as anyone can confirm by sending for their free literature. They could, if they so decided, campaign against environmentally damaging applications of GM and in favour of beneficial applications. But they choose instead to campaign against GM as a whole, the 'Frankenstein food' cartoon image being easier for punters to follow.

Donald Room

I accept I'm from another planet, because for me the GM argument is largely a lot of nonsense. We owe our very existence to genetic modification – the major steps in the evolution of life, boring though this may

be, are a form of it. Get a cold and we are being GMed by a virus.

What anarchists and others really object to is being told to eat their greens. We didn't like it as children and we don't like it now. We want to eat our chips with the shit we choose and not the shit that somebody else has chosen for us. That is the level of the argument and it's an important one – but see it for what it is. The argument over GM is really about control.

Peter Gibson

In helping Donald Room to take the trouble to think, may I refer him to an article in this month's *New Internationalist* magazine entitled 'Rice is life'. The writer, Devlin Kuyek, says "farmers are demonstrating that they can look after food security and rural wellbeing without the use of costly chemical inputs or genetically engineered seeds ... they don't need patents, they need the basics – land, stable markets and the freedom to pursue their own innovation".

As capitalist corporations, Syngenta and Monsanto are mainly concerned with making a profit. Their health comes before ours.

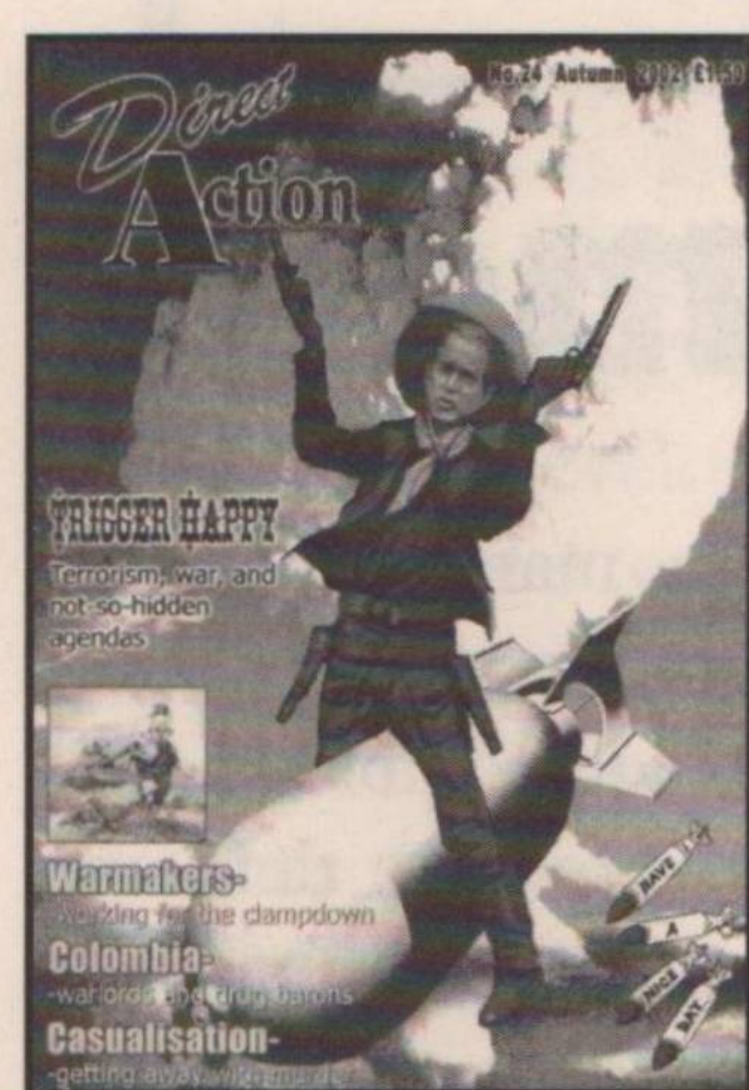
Terry Banfield

Peter Gibson is too glib in his view of genetic determinism. It's absurd to argue that anarchists hold genes themselves to be malevolent. Few anarchists would be so simplistic. Rather, with regard to GM foods and genetic patents, it's the vested interests of those manipulating the genes that we treat with suspicion – as A. Todd rightly points out.

More broadly, anarchists are neither unrealistic about their biology nor about the part that genes play in determining behaviour. But we do fear the social and humanitarian complacency that so readily follow a disproportionate emphasis on genetic determination.

To all practical intents and purposes the nature versus nurture debate was answered at least 450 years ago by Etienne de La Boétie who stated simply that, for all there are inevitably innate differences in natural abilities among us, the greatest native endowments if neglected will always run to seed.

Scott Wakeham

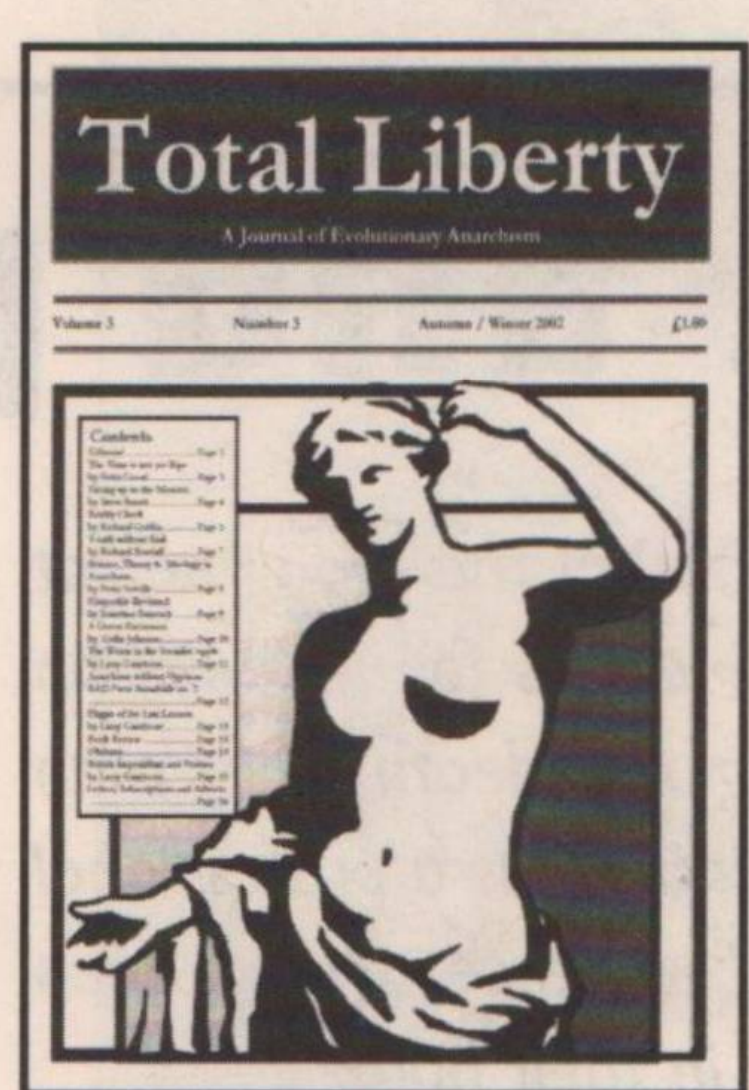


Direct Action  
no. 24, autumn 2002

The new issue of the Solidarity Federation paper contains a compelling analysis of the Colombian 'war on drugs'. The infamous Plan Colombia, the DA collective say, "far from eradicating the cocaine supply, is meant to protect US economic interests, interests which not only include the oil and investments in Colombia itself, but more importantly, those across the border in Venezuela, the US's largest oil supplier".

There's also incisive commentary on industrial killings and resistance at work. Workplace struggle is hitting the mainstream headlines in a way it hasn't done for many years – *Direct Action* is the paper that tells you the anarchists were there all along.

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Total Liberty  
vol 3, no. 3  
autumn/winter 2002

Jonathan Simcock's now well-established 'journal of evolutionary anarchism' has sprouted a striking red masthead, besides continuing the innovation of the last issue in having an illustrated front cover. This issue contains articles (several of them by *Freedom* regulars) on LET schemes, young people, imperialism, socialism and Kropotkin. There's also the last article Peter Neville wrote before his death last month (for *Freedom's* obituary, see page 4 – *Total Liberty* contains its own). The flavour of the paper's coverage is summed up in an editorial by Jonathan himself. "If we, as anarchists, seek to build our own society, we need to build our own institutions independent of and separate from the various projects of the state. Until we start to work seriously at this, we have no real chance of being seen as anything other than an unrealistic bunch of dreamers."

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Rebel Bull  
no. 1, September 2002

This is the first issue of what promises to be 'Hereford's regular shit-stirring newsletter'. Produced by Hereford Anarchists, the double-sided A4 freesheet leads with a report on the disastrous project to build a new county hospital – financed by New Labour's capitalist-friendly Private Finance Initiative, of course.

There are also pieces on the mealy-mouthed response of local politicians to the promised firefighters' strike, and on the crisis in the farming industry.

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# No new federation needed

On 10th August, Iain McKay used the pages of this newspaper to argue that Britain needs a new kind of anarchist federation. As next month's Anarchist Bookfair approaches, we continue our discussion of this important subject.

Much anarchist activity does indeed seem to lack direction. There are some hopeful signs. The Mayday conferences have been positive events, leading to a greater willingness to work together. The days when *Black Flag* proudly boasted of its sectarianism, thankfully, are long gone.

But these welcome changes haven't led, so far, to any substantial progress in the anarchist movement. So long as they're called without concrete goals in mind, future conferences will probably be the same, while an 'Anarchist League' formed without specific aims would achieve little.

In the 1990s, the Class Struggle Anarchist Network (CSAN) tried to unite all class struggle anarchists in Britain. There were several meetings, which representatives from many groups attended, but I think its achievements were limited to producing two leaflets. The Northern Anarchist Network (from which the CSAN grew) has been going for many years. How much of a success has it been?

We need to find specific issues to work together on. Prisoner support and anti-fascism are obvious areas. We could look at holding joint events on Mayday (though I wouldn't want this to mean other work was dropped for six months of the year).

But Iain's mistaken if he thinks the existing national organisations devote their energies to arguing with each other. In the Anarchist Federation, we're very clear about our politics. Our energies are devoted to promoting them. At the same time, there's a joint email list for the AF, Class War and Solfed (where we've discussed Iain's article, amongst other things).

I know I'm biased, but there seems to be a simpler way of building strong anarchist organisations in Britain. Why don't more people join the existing ones? Iain suggests we only disagree over 5% of what we think. If that's true, nobody should have a problem joining the federation closest to their politics.

Ed

Woking Anarchist Federation

Having experienced much of the back-biting and arguing over the 5% we disagree over, I can only applaud Iain's sentiments. I've been an anarchist for 22 years and I've always been bemused and disappointed that we can't all stand on our vast common ground and pull together.

The political right can do it, mainly because their grassroots supporters are nothing more



than disenfranchised sheep. They're not really political at all – mostly they're just angry racists. The left is divided because of its 'my party's better than yours' obsession, its constant need to recruit and its unwavering belief in some form of hierarchy.

That leaves us, the anarchists. I've yet to meet an anarchist bonehead. I've yet to experience unsavoury recruiting tactics at any anarchist event. Anarchists in my experience offer to share their ideas and thoughts, not to sell them. They don't offer the chance of a ruck as an incentive to get involved.

In Liverpool, where I live, the anarchists have always been a close-knit group of various tendencies. We've organised together in many struggles – picket line disputes, the miners' and dockers' strikes, Mayday, refugee support, anti-militarism and so on.

The only disappointment is that, when it comes to environmental issues, it's always left to the few of us with a green tinge to do the work. I think this is the main blight amongst working class anarchists, and we need to address it.

As Iain hints, we need to work together on all the issues because they're all important. It's no use fighting to free people if they've only got a poisoned cesspit to live in once they're 'free'.

Paul Newton

We must have lost a lot of support over the years through our lack of basic organisation. We've been deterred from organising through what has been called 'the curse of the anarchist movement' – our over-reliance on individualism. While respecting the wishes of some comrades, whatever arrangements we make we won't be able to please them all.

We've gained some fleeting support from the anti-capitalists. But it's been like running a bath taps full on and no plug. They've come to our meetings, full of creative energy, but they're soon disappointed by our lack of focus, clarity and action. How can we break the vicious circle of limited action, caused by poor organisation and confused visions?

An illustration of the difficulties, and of some possible answers, comes from what happened to the Riotous Assembly. This was the Manchester discussion forum for activists and those interested in eco-action, which began around 1998.

Most of the groundwork for its monthly meetings was done by the local Earth First!

group. A wide range of libertarian activity followed. But the problem was that, although we could get large attendances, there were too few people willing to do the organisational chores – advertising meetings well in advance, keeping in touch with those who'd come for the first time, expressing interest in specific issues.

Consequently, most new people didn't come back. Nor were these visitors willing to sit through discussions over the need for organisation. Any such work had to be done 'behind the scenes' and too few would accept this as a regular responsibility.

Instead some activists tried to use the Riotous Assembly as a 'recruiting ground' for their own factions. There were hoary arguments from and between older anarchists, which did nothing to encourage the active participation of newcomers. In spite of a lack of ageism, nothing was done to ease the generation gap between the (mainly young) eco-warriors and the old hands.

The latter, myself included, felt frustrated at seeing younger comrades repeating mistakes we'd made decades earlier. They showed little interest, after major actions, in

seeing what we'd done right and wrong in the past, or in discussing where we were all going now. At the end of last year, this valuable resource closed down, with nothing (at the time) to replace it.

The main lesson is that whatever the large and regular meetings we'd like to have, planning needs to be done by people who aren't already over-committed to other projects. Previous attempts to build an anarchist federation, even for very limited purposes, have failed because the work fell on too few shoulders.

One prerequisite of success is that we're clear over what these purposes are. An organisational framework must show newcomers the clear connections between our visions, conflicting thought they may be; and the ways in which we make our presence felt.

The quest for this clarity could begin by drawing on what Iain calls "a constructive programme, one that offers a practical avenue for ideas". Hopefully, it would consider the methods we use to be as important as our long-term goals. In turn this would offer guidance on who we can work with and where lines should be drawn.

Activists in the Northern Anarchist Network have put together a brief statement on this subject, but I think more's needed. We need to reach out to people who are on our political periphery – all those who don't vote as a conscious decision, for example.

Rather than setting up something new, perhaps we need to make better use of the existing arrangements. Many readers of *Freedom* don't see a friendly anarchist face from one meeting to the next. This has contributed to the impression that we're only capable of working with a selected few.

Instead, we need to attract people who don't see themselves as professional revolutionaries, but who engage in the mundane tasks of everyday life, like getting the kids to school and paying the rent. Our alternative is to continue meeting in telephone boxes, continuing to lack self-criticism.

Martin S. Gilbert

The next meeting of the Northern Anarchist Network will be on Saturday 9th November a Bridge Mills 5, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, from 10.30am to 5.30pm.

## Crime and punishment

Barry Hastings was convicted of manslaughter at the Old Bailey last week. He was found guilty on 10th September, following the death of a man called Roger Williams. Williams was a professional burglar with a record of violence, who'd been threatening Barry's family in their home ...

Whenever I walk to my local station, I pass along a street of small houses with front doors that open on to the pavement. Mostly owned by elderly people, they're pleasant little homes built when the railways first arrived. Nowadays, the locality is known as 'graffiti land'. There's nothing pleasant about this graffiti. It doesn't purport to be artistic and consists of scribbled tags. The regular attacks by vandals cause the residents great distress.

Take C, for example. Long past retirement, I frequently see her repainting the front of her home. She needs to do this more than twenty times a year, she told me. Next door lives M, also elderly and living alone. Very ill with cancer, she is physically unable to clean off graffiti – in the past I've borrowed a bucket and detergent and done it for her myself.

Opposite C lives G, a man in his 80s, mugged in his front room a couple of years ago and left lying in a pool of blood. His front is regularly tagged. The defacing continues all the way up the street and few homes escape. The vandals are clearly local – if the tags are removed, the same symbols reappear in days.

The starting point for all healthy anarchist action should be to assist individuals sort out their own problems without attempting to use the state apparatus. Should we be attempting to organise patrols to go round the area? Any such 'patrols' would necessarily consist of 'outsiders', the victims of the distressing vandalism being unable to participate due to their age.

And supposing we caught the perpetrators, what would we do? Spray them with their own paint, as some of the residents suggest? Ideally, the vandals should be made to clean up the mess themselves, but in the real world we inhabit this would never happen. Odds are we'd be arrested for assault ourselves. The question remains. What would we do?

Bob Potter

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## What we say ...

Feelings are running high among Britain's firefighters. By the end of next month they might well be on strike, in what would be the first national action since 1977. Last week, delegates at a special conference of the Fire Brigades Union in Manchester voted unanimously for stoppages to begin.

Any fire strike would be a serious blow to New Labour. Twenty-five years ago, the firefighters beat the (Labour) government of the day after staying out for nine long weeks. The sight of military Green Goddesses lumbering off to fires remains an abiding memory of Callaghan's dying administration.

For Blair, already reeling from a renewed confidence among trade unionists (though they're not nearly as confident as the mainstream media would have us believe), a fire strike would be trouble indeed.

Making it worse for the government is the canniness of activists in the transport industry. Unions such as the RMT have pointed out that, in the absence of a proper fire service, it would be irresponsible to run services like the London Underground or the Channel Tunnel.

They're right, of course, and responsible to point this out. But it can't be denied that this also gives them the chance to resurrect Thatcher's long-buried bugbear, secondary picketing.

What's a strike? At great cost to themselves (through lost wages if nothing else), workers refuse to follow instructions. A strike is an act of rebellion against an abusive condition – employment – either to lighten its burden or (as in this case) to stop the abuse growing worse.

The FBU is demanding a 40% increase on the £21,531 a year its members earn. Sympathisers argue that firefighters deserve the rise, because of the dangerous job they do. For us, this is missing the point. The firefighters don't 'deserve' a penny more, we contend, any more than they 'deserve' a penny less. Deserving don't come into it. The basis of capitalist labour relations is that employers pay as little as they can get away with. A strike sets the price on our heads a little higher.

Of course anarchists support the firefighters. But why? It's not for the reasons many on the left would give. There's a strain of liberalism in the labour movement which shows through in this lazy old argument: if we support others on strike, it's said, they'll support us when it's our turn. As if somebody, somewhere, writes a million acts of solidarity on a comradesly IOU!

The shopworkers support the firefighters today so the firefighters will support the shopworkers tomorrow. That's how the argument goes. It's a nice idea, but it's no good as an explanation of what solidarity is or of why it's needed.

We don't support the firefighters through a regard for justice and fairness. We do it because all of us who belong to the working class suffer the same oppression. While we do the work our employers cream off the profits. This leaves us poor and not in a position to argue. It makes the employers our enemies. This is what class struggle means.

We don't support our fellow workers because we feel sorry for them. That's a patronising position that liberals take. We don't support them in order to earn their support later on.

We support the firefighters for the same reason we support any group of workers fighting for higher wages or improved conditions at work. Direct action for better conditions – by any section of the working class – is an assault on all bossdom and its presumption of power. Whether it succeeds or not, in the end, is irrelevant to the support we give. By challenging the bosses' power, the strikers improve the chances for the rest of us too.

## Readers' letters

### Bash the fash?

Dear *Freedom*,

I'm writing in response to the article by Radical Anti-Fascist Action ('Bash the fash in Bialystock', 7th September). Much as I commend their sentiments – no one in their right mind could feel otherwise towards fascism – I have very grave doubts about their methods. Militant action to suppress fascism surely, by definition, owes more to fascism itself than it does to anarchism. There's something very uncomfortable about anarchists using coercion to restrict debate – a method that would seem more likely to initiate repressive totalitarian structures of thought than free, more tolerant ones.

Anarchism is about change from the bottom up. First and foremost that means winning the arguments, convincing people of the sense of our ideas so they join associations voluntarily. Not allowing a platform for fascists means never challenging their arguments with reasoned rebuttals of our own. We can't win arguments we don't even permit. We should have more confidence in the strength of our ideas and not resort to the methods of repression favoured by the state. That only lends legitimacy to similar state repression against ourselves.

One response to this might be to pick me up on my own choice of words: if 'no one in their right mind' could embrace fascism, how can you reason with a fascist? But I don't intend these words to be taken so literally. Many fascists are ignorant thugs, certainly, but they're not insane or beyond reason. Regrettably, many are even educated and, on their own terms, reasonable people. The arguments can be won. Not quickly, I accept – we're fighting a long war of attrition – but they can be won. At a party a month or so ago

I met someone who voted BNP at the last election. Rather than abuse him as 'Nazi scum', I engaged him in a debate. I can't say for sure that I changed his mind, but I heard subsequently that his girlfriend dumped him the very next morning. It's a start.

Allan J.

### Albert memorial

Dear *Freedom*,

For those who are interested (letters, 7th September), details of the Christie-Carballo Defence Campaign and Albert Meltzer's involvement can be found in Phil Ruff's *The Albert Memorial*, published by the Meltzer Press.

John Patten

### Earth Summit

Dear *Freedom*,

The Earth Summit in South Africa ('The face of poverty', 7th September) showed the need for a revolution. The attempts of well-meaning people to reason with the governments of the world only fall on deaf ears.

Mick Vick

### Iraq war

Dear *Freedom*,

Saddam Hussain is a nasty piece of work. Getting rid of him, even replacing him by a different despot, seems like a good idea. But if that were the real objective of the British and American governments, it could be done by assassination more precisely than a war.

I suspect that the aim of a war on Iraq

wouldn't be to rid the world of Saddam. It would be to provide the military-industrial complex with more taxpayers' money.

Mary

### Grateful reader

Dear *Freedom*,

I've been receiving *Freedom* for quite some time. I'd like to thank you for the overwhelming amount of solidarity you've shown me through the subscription you've given me. I appreciate it so much. You offer so much inspiration to the bleak isolation and solitude of prison life.

Jason Letzner

Write to Jason Letzner, #165857, PO Box 492, 1728 Bluewater Hwy, Ionia, MI 48846, USA

### Concerning Stirner

Dear *Freedom*,

I am looking for information on Jun Tsuji (1884-1944), the poet, essayist, musician and bohemian who translated Max Stirner's *The Ego and its Own* into Japanese. I wonder if there are any readers in Japan who could help.

S.E. Parker

19 St Stephen's Gardens, London W2 5QU

### Snuff movie

Dear *Freedom*,

For Almodovar's new film *Talk to her*, six bulls were tortured and killed in reality, making it a real-life snuff movie. The film and director need to be boycotted, and people need to be aware of what's been done.

Anthony Walker

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The article in the last issue entitled 'We can't ignore the countryside' was written to aid discussion on the FreedomAnarchistFortnightly email list, and wasn't intended for paper publication.

The reviewer of José Peirats's *The CNT in the Spanish Revolution* was Padraic Stack, not Pat Stack. Apologies all round.

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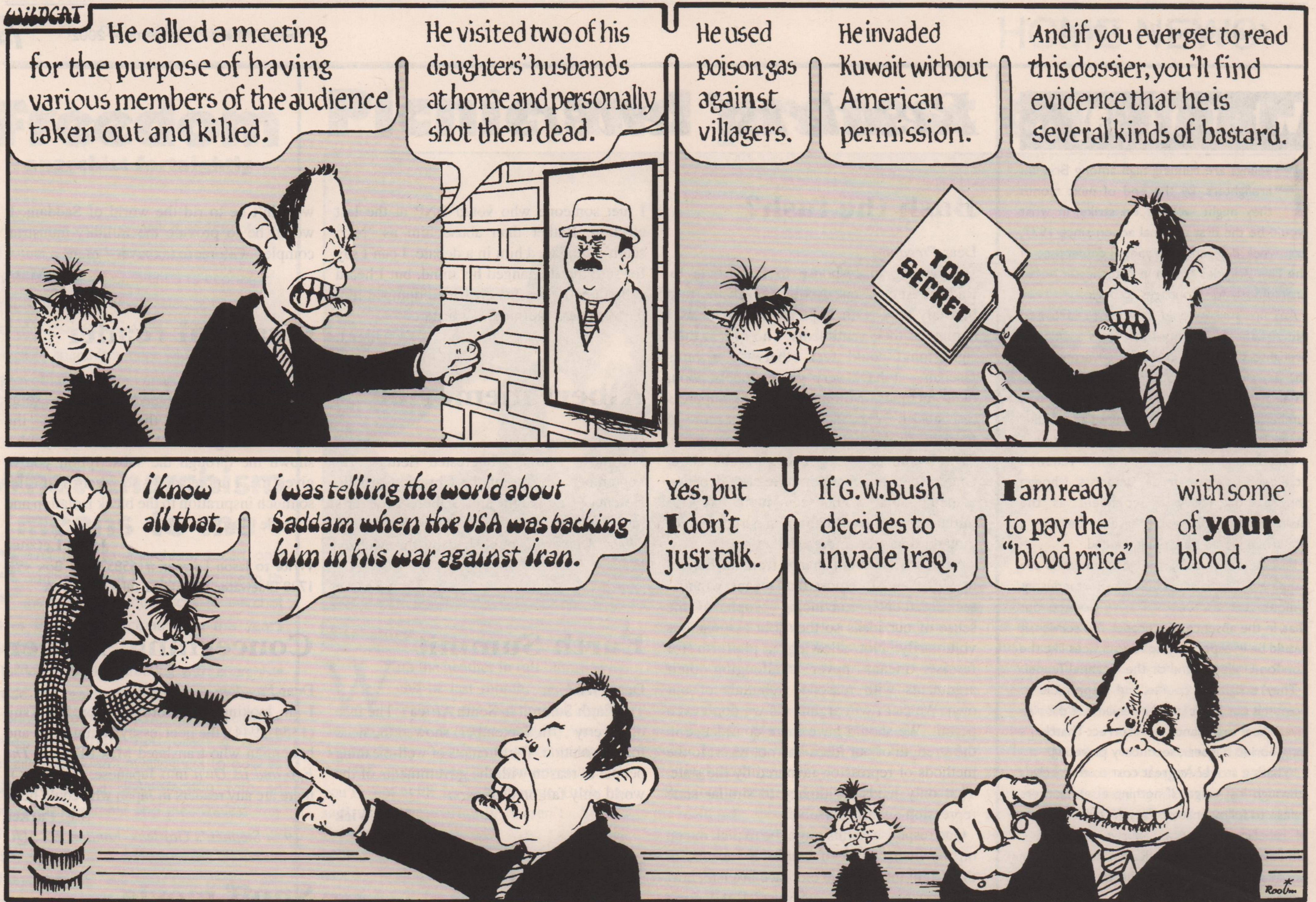
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