

GREEN ANARCHIST

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THE ANTI-TECHNOLOGY DOUBLE-ISSUE. NEWBURY. ELF AND ALF UPDATES. AGAINST THE MEGAMACHINE. TYRANNY OF ARCHITECTURE. POLITICS AND THE ETHICAL VOID.

RECLAIM THE STREETS

On 3th July, 7,000 people closed the M41 for 16 hours -- firstly by partying on it, then by £20,000 damage done by activists who dug it up Kabouter-style from under the 10m high skirt of a pantomime dame.

This was Reclaim The Street's last big demo -- their politics have moved on from being anti-car to recreating and empowering communities, as shown by their occupation of London Underground's HQ during the 7th August tube strike. A Forward Intelligence Teamster got bashed on that one!

Like Stop The City a decade ago, RTS has now spread to the regions, with street parties in Brighton, Bristol, Bath, Birmingham, Oxford, Cambridge &c.

REPRESSION

The old bill are predictably unhappy about this and have kept RTS's office under surveillance for the last year.

They called the M41 damage

'violence' (ie. it made them look stupid) and raided the office on 2nd August. Computer files were encrypted with PGP but they did get enough to pursue two RTSers for conspiracy to commit criminal damage to the M41 (ie. hiring a drill).

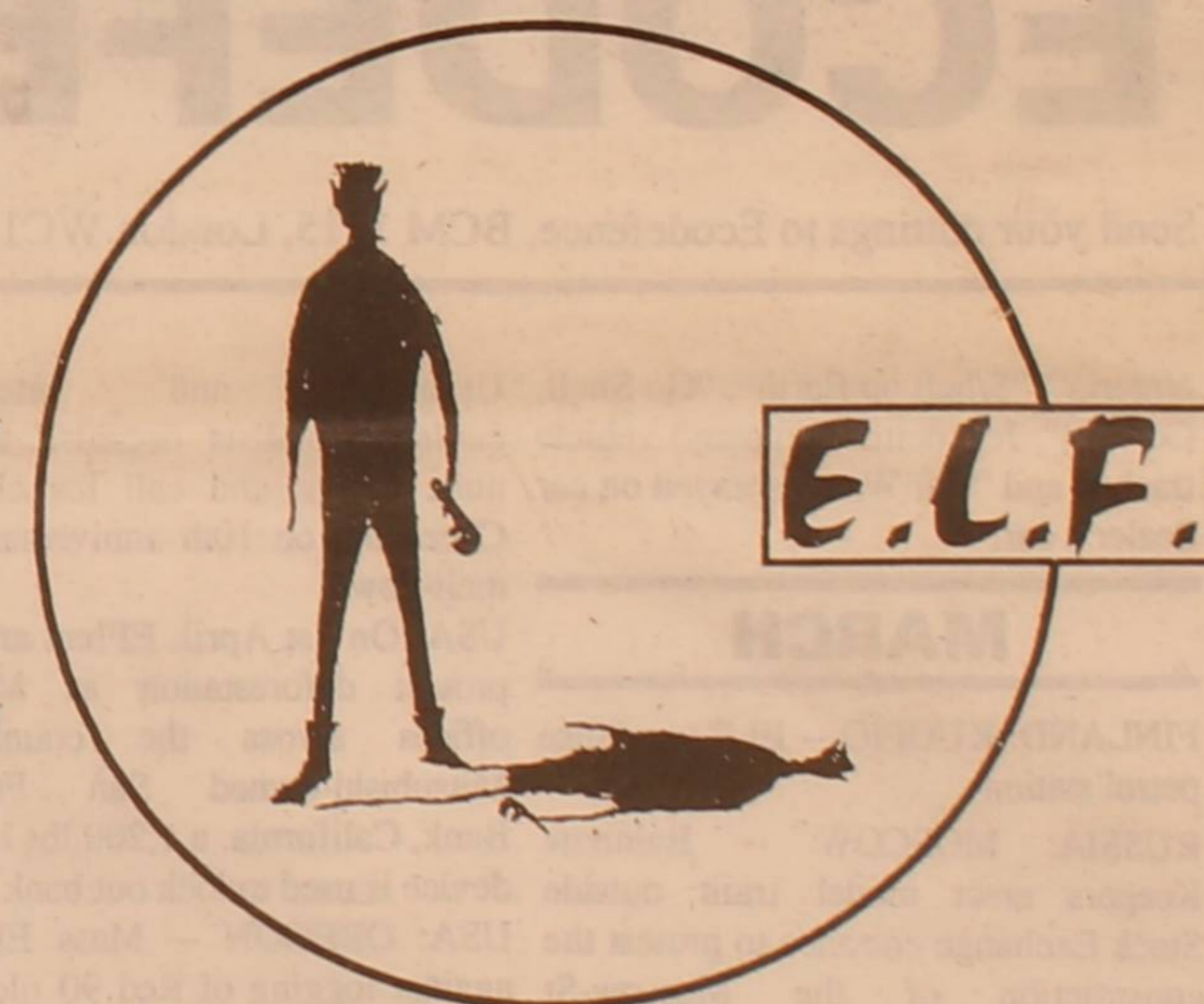
Conspiracy were also used against those first arrested on Brighton RTS, 24th August. 80 arrests in all, half charged with public order offences. The cops' operation was so heavy-handed they caused traffic chaos!

More farcical was the arrest of a Birmingham RTSer on 17th August. Local CID said he was conspiring to cause criminal damage, a blatant pretext to search his flat. Seven CID piled into the lift and got stuck! A caretaker had to let them out and the council are now billing West Midlands pigs for repairs!

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

INTERNATIONAL EARTH NIGHTS
OCT 31st - NOV 5th

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"THE HALLOWEEN SMASH"

The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) again calls for its annual Earth Nights, the time when we ask all ELFin, ALF, Anti-nuclear, human-rights, worker, anti-fascist and other revolutionary groups to come out and take action against those who are destroying the earth. Halloween is traditionally the time when all those who are never seen come out and are visible, for us this gives us the moment to be heard. NO matter what the targets, be it: road companies, lumber yards, vivisection labs, hunting stations, MacDonalds, nuclear energy offices, military bases, waste dumps, whaling boats, fascist groups, anti-union companies, third world dictatorships, what ever, let the night be the unity of all radical forces who are striving for a better world. Let the 7 nights of Earth Night leave those who are destroying this planet be a witness to some of the most destructive eco-sabotage and criminal damage ever seen, persuading them to either give up their practices or suffer the consequences!!!

As always the ELF call for no injury to life, only to profit and property

ONE PLANET ONE CHANCE TO SAVE IT

ELF TARGET BIOTECHNOLOGY

Following the recent EF gathering in June, members of the Scottish ELF have called for Xmas to become another Animals Revenge, but for all Earth and Animal liberation groups to target bio-technology, and genetic

engineering, this including both animal and food research stations. The Scots have given the dates of 23-30th of December, as the main target area, but naturally hope the war will go on from there.

NEWS

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BOUGAINVILLE

ISLAND CHILDREN display white phosphorous bomb Australia supplied to their Papuan invaders



When Lotus de Bougainville discovered this island off Papua New Guinea, its people became the models for Rousseau's 'Noble Savage'.

From 1969, Civilisation did its worst to them, the biggest copper mine in the world, owned by the Aussie subsidiary of RTZ, making large areas of the island uninhabitable.

Driven beyond endurance, islanders formed the Bougainville Revolutionary Army and shut the mine in 1988.

After a long blockade and \$32m in Aussie military back-handers, the Papan government has returned to Bougainville. They can't recapture the mine though, despite resorting to 'strategic hamletisation' and terror that's killed 10,000 islanders

In July, 1,000's of PNG troops tried to retake the mine. Unpaid in months their morale was low. Ill-armed BRA guerrillas captured a Papuan Special Forces unit and drove off other attacks, deadlocking the campaign.

The Bougainville Freedom Movement (UK) planned to occupy the Australian Embassy in London on 15th July but Forward Intelligence Team tails prevented this. 30+ demonstrators went for RTZ HQ instead, chucking around furniture, papers and paint before cops arrived and started making arrests.

Bougainville Freedom Movement (UK) c/o South Downs Earth First!, Prior House, Tibbury Place, Brighton.

GREEN ANARCHIST BENEFIT RAIDED

The Czech eco-fem group LUNA organised a benefit for the Gandalf Six and Pavel Kroupa (see p. 10). Two groups from Brno played a squat club in Prague.

It went well until masked up cops with machine guns stormed in. People were battered and the club ransacked. Their excuse was drugs, though only three joints were found. National publicity resulted.

LUNA will continue raising awareness of the GA arrests and organising around animal / Earth lib.

MENWITH HILL

In June, protestors painted roads and signs around Womewith Hill Peace Camp: "No NSA", "Stop the lies, stop the spies", "Dykes 4 Peace", "Spies get a proper job" &c.

GREEN FINES

The Green Party plan to help eco-activists fined for defending the planet. The idea is to:

get regular direct debit donations (although one-off sums will also be gratefully received of course) from supporters and sympathisers who are unable or unwilling to join the action on the ground (or in the trees)

For more information:

Green Fine Fund c/o Green Party, 1a Waterloo Road, London N19 5NJ

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FOR WANT OF A NAIL

Jack the Roadbreaker reports: EC regulations are set to allow 44 tonne lorries onto British roads, causing mega-damage on roads not designed for these weights. For the extra four tonnes we can expect 16 times more damage than one extra tonne would make, and for systems already teetering on the edge this could be the straw that broke the bridges back. Maintenance has been cut back. 740 major bridges need structural strengthening NOW at government budgets allowed for only 17 this year. The Highways Agency needs £170m or else many of these bridges will be cut down to single lane traffic, causing hold-ups and congestion. Meanwhile, politicians complain the security budget for Newbury alone is set to top £30m. Aw diddums!!!

After the trashing Tarmac's Newbury office took in February (which FoE condemned!), they left the main contract to ailing eCostain, who took it on 6th June despite being bombarded by junk mail, choice comment from the Berkshire Wood Elves &c.

Through June the focus was the Desmoulin Whorl Snail, whose extinction courts judged less important than the bypass, thanks to English Nature's job-creating 'reserve' offer....

On 10th July, the battle of the compounds started, with occupations and fence-stripping. Campers well outnumbered by Pinkertons and cops. As CJA and BS bail conditions have failed, the Highways Agency are resorting to injunctions. More people and energy vitally needed!

NEWBURY

AGAINST THE MEGAMACHINE

World's most expensive firework

Ned Ludd

A FAULTY microchip worth as little as 10p caused the £5 billion Ariane V Euro-rocket to explode 37 seconds after launch in French Guiana yesterday. A scientist said: "This marks the death of the European space programme". Green anarchist Arthur Mils, 33, described the explosion as "the best bang since the Big Bang".

The Guardian
Wednesday June 6 1996

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JANUARY

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- ELF sloganise Shell statio.
USA: DULUTH, MINNESOTA -- 'Big Woods EF!' demo against salvage timber rider and Potlach paper corporation's decision to double its Cloquet plant.
USA: OREGON -- Siskiyou Forest Defenders (SFD) hold mass demo and road block to protest start of logging in Section 318. One activist injured by skidder being driven through road block.

FEBRUARY

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- ELF vandalise car ads. Shell vehicles trashed and sloganised. Three Shell stations sloganised: "Shell out of

around bypass site
FINLAND: TURKU -- ELF ecotage machines at road construction site. Survey stakes removed twice.
HOLLAND: AMSTERDAM -- ELF bomb BASF, German company involved with toxic waste
JAPAN: OSAKA -- 40+ Burmese Relief Centre-Japan activists stage anti-Mitsubishi demo to stop deforestation of Burma
MEXICO: TEPOZTLAN -- 5,000 protest golf course in El Tepozteco National Park and Aujusco Chicinautzin biological corridor, as agrochemicals could poison local water supplies. Police fire on demo, injuring 100 and killing one.
POLAND: BIALYSTOK -- Zieloni Anarchisci (Polish GA) organise 200-strong demo to commemorate 10th anniversary of Chernobyl
UKRAINE: KIEV -- Coalition of

GTR MANCHESTER -- M66 bailiffs move in against camps
11: SHANGHAI, CHINA -- MV Greenpeace sails towards Chinese waters in protest at nuclear test. Ship boarded.
13: SWANSEA -- Environmental protest against sand extraction from Bristol Channel
17: SCRABSTER -- Protests against deforestation of Burma
Protests in Australia and Greenpeace protests at Australian consulate, Edinburgh
17: WARTON -- 18 arrested in Earth First! protest against Hawk genocide jet exports.
18: NEWBURY -- FoE attempt to syop bypass in High Court, bid to protect rare snails.
19: USA -- Protests against import of British nuke waste

23: GAIA JOINS ELF -- Two women struck by lightning at Buckingham Palace garden party, a mere 50m away from Liz Windsor
KENT: ELF block toilet at Shell service station outside London.
FINLAND: IMATRA -- Four separate attacks on motorway conseruction site. Survey stakes removed and digger ecotaged each time. Slogans: "Earth Liberation", "Roads Kill!", "We'll be back".
FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- ELF sloganise Shell station: "Shell to hell from Nigeria", "Boycott Shell", "ELF".
USA: COVE / MALLARD, IDAHO -- EF! block logging road with wall of eleven 20 foot high culverts, tripods and lock-on. Forest declared to be Wild Rockies Free State.
USA: OREGON -- 40 EF!ers descend on Forestry Service Road 080 in Kangeroo Roadless Area. Forestry Service gate locked, 5' deep ditches dug in road, augmented by rock 'n' concrete wall, tripods, lock-ons, spiked fences &c.
USA: LOS ANGELES -- Three Eco Triage SOS (ET-SOS) activists chain themselves to bulldozer in Ballona Wetlands. Authorities took two hours to cut specially-protected lock.
USA: TENNESSEE, KENTUCKY -- Save Our Cumberland Mountains (SOCM) mass anti-clearcutting demo against Champion Paper's new chipmill.

AUGUST

7: LONDON -- Reclaim The Streets cycle blockade worsens traffic crisis during Underground strike
7: CARIBBEAN -- Island protests over Pacific Teral nuke waste ship
16: LEEDS -- Nethley Terrace turfed over by Transport 20000 to protect against traffic problems
17: SEATTLE, CANADA -- Greenpeace lock on to fishing boats to protest the destruction of Pacific marine life. 11 arrests.
20: EXETER, DEVON -- ELF start four fires at Rockbeare Hill quarry, owned by Camas Aggregates, destroying an articulated lorry. Tarmac control room trashed. Quarry was supplying chippings to A30.
24: BRIGHTON -- 50 arrests at Reclaim The Streets protest
26: NEWBURY -- Equipment compound trashed by bypass protestors in broad daylight: £16,000 damage, no arrests.
FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- ELF smash three windows at MuckDonalds and paint "ELF" slogan. Second MuckDonalds had five windows smashed.

TRAIN DELAYS

Early on 10 October 1995, 30 eco-activists blockaded Tottenham Railway Yards in Footscray, Australia, for three hours. he trains were carrying trees to woodchip mills for export to Japan.
[Source: EF! Journal]

20: CLIVIGER -- Landowner to be prosecuted for deliberately damaging trees and drystone wall after hydraulic pipes monkeywrenched on JCB (£500 damage) in Turner painted gorge.
23: EAST COAST, SCOTLAND -- Danish boat Jannie caught hoover-fishing for sand eels by Greenpeace ship
24: ABERDEEN -- Whaling conference protests
ISRAEL: RAANANA -- Environmental activists Bernie Hurwitz and Gali Roter start high profile 33 day hunger strike against environmental damage that'll be caused by building Highway 6.
FINLAND: ESPOO -- ELF pull Keha II survey stakes again
FINLAND: IMATRA -- ELF remove motorway survey stakes and ecotage digger, smashing windows and painting slogans.
FASLANE: Fence Liberation Front targets high security fencing at US nuclear sub base
USA: OREGON -- Old growth trees spiked using 12" nails in Red 90 Santiam Canyon. \$1,000's damage caused to chainsaws and Freres Lumber Company mill equipment.

JULY

6: MISSISSIPPI -- Conversationist protests against Canada geese being turned into burgers
13: LONDON -- Reclaim The Streets 7,000-strong street party on the M41 west of Shepherds Bush roundabout causes traffic chaos and £20,000 damage to road

MAY

FINLAND: ESPOO -- ELF ecotage three machines on Keha II road construction site. Survey stakes pulled.
SPAIN: NAVARRE -- Eight activists use metal grinders to cut down cables used in dam construction -- £4.5m damage and £8m lost construction time. All eight now remanded.
PORTUGAL -- Ecoteurs and anti-fascists join forces to bring down powerlines in defiance of new laws
USA: SAN FRANCISCO -- EF! pickets Shell stations

JUNE

6: MAIDENHEAD, SURREY -- Costain HQ blockaded by Newbury protestors
6: DAISY NOOK & AUDENSHAW,

Ukrainian and international environmentalists organise two anti-nuke demos and call for closing of Chernobyl on 10th anniversary of the melt-down
USA: On 1st April. EF!ers and SEAC protest deforestation at Mitsubishi offices across the country. At Mitsubishi-owned San Francisco Bank, California, a 1,200 lbs lockdown device is used to lock out bank staff.
USA: OREGON -- Mass EF! demo against logging of Red 90 old growth forest, Santiam Canyon. 28 arrests.
USA: Sierra Club adopt 'zero-cut' policy.
BETHESDA -- ELF trash eco-wrecking machinery in revenge for destruction of wood.

MARCH

FINLAND: KUOPIO -- ELF vandalise petrol station
RUSSIA: MOSCOW -- Rainbow Keepers erect model train outside Stock Exchange entrance to protest the construction of the Moscow-St Petersburg high speed rail link which will destroy ecologically sensitive areas. Rainbow Keepers also protested against the railway outside Moscow zoo.
USA: PENNSYLVANIA -- Earth First!, Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) and Preserve Appalachian Wilderness (PAW) join forces to create Allegheny Defence Project to protest timber sale in national forest.
USA: SAVANNAH RIVER, GEORGIA -- 43 eco-activists from EF!, Rainforest Action Network and Food Not Bombs 'welcome' Brazilian vessel loaded with rainforest timvber, the Fronta Belem, in three boats. Activists boarded the Fronta Belem, hung banners, locked on and sounded bullhorns.

APRIL

CHICHESTER -- EF! invade Tarmac site twice.
MANSFIELD -- EF! reclaim Thiefs Wood
NEWBURY -- EF! trash fences

DIARY OF ECODEFENCE

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

Nigeria", "S/hell on Earth", "Go Shell, Go Hell". Jet (petrol company) vehicle trashed and "Car Wars" sprayed on car dealer's car.

RAVAGE RAIDED

The Dutch magazine *Ravage* was raided in April following a bomb attack on toxic waste disposers BASF by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF). The magazine printed a communique form the unit which read "Amam, the polluter pays, also old bills. 17, Okt.4.5.V 4 ELF". Investigators entered the printing press, and demanded and began search ing files for it. A neighbour informed the nationao press agency, and soon 20 - 30 raavage readers were round at the office, and refused to tlet the coppers leave with the material. Unable to get out the investigators called for back up, and within hours riot police showed. After violent sculffles, the investigators got out.

Ravage has taken duridical steops to get their material back, with the support of the Dutch Association of Journalists. Ravage are naturally worried that the authiries will break the computer code, but undaunted proudded a longer ELF claim letter a week later. Like our own security services, the Dutch police are trying to find an environmental network which they believe is operating, and



HOLLAND: 'Squatters kidnap cops?'

controlling all these actions.

Letters of support to:

RAVAGE, Van Ostadestraat 233 N, 1073 TN Amsterdam, Holland.

DUTCH ECOTAGE

We've just heard about the Milieubevrijdings (literal translation: 'The team which fights for the liberation of the environment'):

FEBRUARY 1995: Hundreds of cars imported by Pon trashed in Amersfoort by the Milieubevrijdings
MARCH 1995: ELF slash car tyres in Leidokp
25 JUNE 1995: Milieubevrijdings

remove 150 runway lights at Eelde airport
17 OCTOBER 1995: Ecoteurs protesting Fench nuclear trsts in Muroroo plant incendiary in Credit Lyonnais (French bank), Arnhem
29 OCTOBER 1995: In De Bilt, Milieubevrijdings damage 400 cars imported from Amerika by Hessing
6 NOVEMBER 1995: Dutch ELF delay train from Paris with bomb hoax.

NESTLES GO TO THE M-WAYS

Nestlea it seems will go to any lengths to show the public its caring image. In France recently, the company have set up mother and toddler changing/feeding centres at the motorway service stations, owned funny enough by the oil company ELF. These pinky coloured cabins are not just to change your babies nappy, but

are an ideal ploy to push Nestlea baby products which yes they are giving away free to mothers. Of course the mums are lapping it up, who can refuse free food. There are about 15 of these cabins, situated at ELF service stations situated below Paris, so watch out for them. For a full listing, see Eco-Vegan

GOLF WARS

In Tepoztlan, Mexico, there is a plan to buid a large golf course, golf accademy, 800 luxury homes, a five star hotel, a helicopter pad and a buisness park in EL Tepozteco National Park andthe Aujusco Chicinautzin biological corridor. Local Tepoztlan's have been protesting aginst the plans fearing such a development could put agrochemicals intothe water table and upset bodeiversity. The golf course alone would need 4,000 cubic meters of wter a day. This is five times the ammount of wate the 28,000 Tepoztlans now consume. During a demo agiant the development in April, police ambushed the villagers,

shooting and beating them. In the attack one man died and approxiamtely 100 injured. ANother tradegety occured when a pro-development gang attacked anti-delopment activist, shooting two of the activists, kiling one. In response, the police arrested 14 people opposed to the development! THree people have now been imprisoned becasue of the killing. One of the three wan't even at the demo when the gun attack occured. AMnesty International has adopted the three as prisioners of concience. For more info contact the Tepoztlan Defence Fund, PO BOx 19367, Washington DC 20036, USA.

INDIAN FARMERS FIGHT KFC

The Famrrers Forum, an indian coalition of famer wokers have vowed to step up thier campaign after wrecking indians first Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in Febuary. The forum have opposed the entry of transnational organisations in the sectors of agriculture and agro-processing, which they maintain provid elivelhoods fo rover 70% of the indian population. They are extremly angry at the way it seems that KFC is able to influence government decisons, since the first case was filed against the transnational on the grounds of health hazards (their fired chicken contained more

monsodium glutamate than permissible). KFC persuaded the governemtn to change its standands to allow KFC to be sold in India. Apart from forums leader 62 year old Professor MD Nanjundaswamy, about 200 other activist are also in police custody. They have sworn to continue action, had have seen a new ally enter the issue, that of the Hindu militant Shiv Sena (Shivaji's Army) party, which holds power in the Western state of Maharasbtra, and has vowed to prevent KFC's entry into the state capital, Bombay.
(taken from EF! Journal)

BATTLE OF NABURN

The former Naburn hospital and its grounds just outside York are under threat from the major property developers BAA McArthur Glen who intend to build one of the biggest factory outlet shipping centres inthe country, hoping to pull in trade from all over Yorkshire. Sucha development will totally destroy the site which contains Naburn woods, and of course have a

disastous effect upon the the city shops, and the local community which uses the site for recreation.

It is intended to set up tree houses and other fortifications, and the call has gone out for folk to come along and defend it. For those wanting to get involved then contact Naburn Woods campaign,

C/o York LEAF c/o Peace Centre, 15a Clifford Street, York ☎ 0831-586938

ANY EXCUSE!

SSHA CALLS FOR OPEN SEASON AGAINST SHELL

Following the tremendous responce from groups the world over on May Day, the Send Shell to Hell Alliance has decided to call now for an open season against the SHell company untill they are forced to leave the country, and the MOSsop 17 are released. SHell property all over Europe, have been targetted, with damage reaching the millions. ELF, plus other eco-radical based groups have been out in force painting to fire-bombing stations. In

Britain there was a number of bomb hoaxes down in Brighton, plus alot of stations being hit by the ELF. In April, Anti-Capitalist action warned shell, that hteir petrol stations would be hit. On the 14th, the ACA firebombed a station.

Unfortunately the Anti-Shell alliance Delta has not mentioned any of this which is a shame, since surely all news of action no matter what level inspires

others to take part also. Shell has similarly been quiet about the amount of damage, concerned that any publicity may encourage a situation similar to that of the Netherlands back in the mid-80's when Shell stations were going up everywhere over the companies envolvment in South Africa.

SSHA hopes that the effort will multiply, and that the company is forced into huge losses.

MAY

10: LANCASTER -- Students protest at MP's surgery
 10: COLNE -- Armed police siege, Albert Road. Gunman escapes
 10: SAO PAULO, BRAZIL -- 50 prisoners escape Caranduru jail through sophisticated tunnel
 10: NEWTON LE WILLOWS -- Guns and ammo stockpile found during cop

17: LIMA, PERU -- Car bomb kills 4 outside Shell / Mobil HQ
 17: WREXHAM -- Legal move breaks council cover up and forces public disclosure of Gillings Report on social worker child abuse
 17: LEEDS -- OFFSMEG Yorkshire report predicts yet more crises and criticises lack of forward emergency planning
 17: BRAMHALL -- South Manchester High School kitchens torched

23: MACHYNLLETH -- Cottage hospital closure prevented by local buy-out
 23: WHITWORTH -- Residents and ratepayers grudge meeting after town clerk Gerry Taylor legs it with £137,000 after corrupting council computer files with Star Wars game
 23: FRANCE -- More strikes over EU currency convergence criteria. 35 hour week demanded. Eurostar train

burglary, legs it from magistrates court toilet window.
 31: WAKEFIELD -- Postal workers strike over "heavy-handed Post Office discipline" in Harrogate and Wakefield
 31: ABERYSTWYTH -- Five protestors arrested at Liz Windsor's motorcade. Hundreds of Welsh language students involved. Visit abandoned. Last one was in 1955.
 ALSO: LONDON -- Flyers went up around Clissold Park advertising a children's home. Days later, all had 'Child Abusers Work Here' stickers appended to them.

JUNE

1: DARWIN, AUSTRALIA -- Man opens fire and injures 5 cops before being hit
 1: NORRIS GREEN, LIVERPOOL -- House sprayed with unlicensed gunfire, Outer Forum
 1: PERIGEAUX, FRANCE -- Social security office bombed. Three floors wrecked.

1: ABERDEEN -- Farmers beef crisis protest at McDonalds
 2: BLACKPOOL -- Postal workers ballot over strike. 67.3% in favour.

2: CITY OF LONDON -- Report claims financial institutions blackmailed out of £400m over the last three years by 'cyber-terrorist' threats to bring down computer systems
 2: BELLINGE, NORTHAMPTON -- Riot.
 2: HONG KONG -- Pro-democracy demo marks 7th anniversary of Tianamen Square massacre
 3: DOVER -- 5 arrested at live exports demo
 4: FRANCE -- Telecom joins fresh wave of Euro convergence unrest.

5: WOODHOUSE, LEEDS -- Cops attacked with petrol bombs by masked gang.
 5: FRANCE -- Gas and lecky strikes in continued Euro currency convergence social breakdown
 5: BSE DIVIDEND -- Fear of infection with mad human disease brings fewer emmits. German twin town freebies smuggled into Wellington, Somerset in car boots to beat Tory media generated xenophobia surge.

6: FRANCE -- Rail disruption strike as part of continued campaign against Euro-convergence
 6: RHONDA -- Street cleaners protest over sackings
 6: COVENTRY -- 2,000 car workers strike over imposition of Euro holiday quotas
 7: CARDIFF -- Welsh ambulance drivers protest at Welsh Office plus march through city
 7: BAYONNE, FRANCE -- Riots. Cathedral surrounded by cops as Basque separatists seek sanctuary.

7: MEXICO -- Two Zapatistas freed from jail.
 7: MONTANA, USA -- Four surrender in ongoing Freeman militia siege
 7: LONDON -- £9b stock market crash
 LONDON -- Buddhists protest against Dalai Lama
 8: LIVERPOOL -- Man Gabriel Mies

arrested by Stasi for attempting to hand over letter of protest during Royal visit.
 8: ISTANBUL, TURKEY -- Protests against State arrests and murder of dissidents. Mass arrest of protestors.
 10: DERBYSHIRE -- Firefighters strike against £1.3m cuts.
 10: MARAZION -- Methodist chapel gives sanctuary to Albert Yong, Chinese refugee threatened with deportation after 17 years.
 11: CARDIGAN -- Three prisoners escape from magistrates court through air vent.
 11: HONG KONG -- Vietnamese refugees riot in High Island camp
 12: MOSCOW -- Bomb on underground: 4 dead, 12 injured
 12: USA: Civil liberties group's legal challenge overturns US law to censor InterNet
 12: MADRID -- Judges hand blown off by Basque letter bomb
 12: HOUSE OF COMMONS -- Lesbian group throw clottery tickets marked 'lesbian money' down onto MP's as protest over John Major's objection to LGB centre grant.

18: WESTMINSTER -- Tory school voucher wheeze voted down in House of Lords and now delayed until September '97.
 18: BANJA LUKA, BOSNIA -- Crowd of women take UN officials hostage
 19: LIVERPOOL -- Church leaders get MDHC docks ultimatum deadline extended for more talks
 19: SHREWSBURY -- House firebombed
 20: SCHOOLS -- Many refuse to forward test results
 20: STONEHENGE -- 37 arrested trying to break through exclusion zone
 20: RADLEY, OXFORDSHIRE -- Public school catches fire
 21: POSTAL STRIKE -- Post Office bought to standstill
 21: BRAZIL -- 8m people on general strike
 21: ODISTREHAM, CHERBOURG -- French farmers protest against falling beef prices by blockading ferries. Protests all across France, m-way traffic blocked by tractors, Lyons, and effigy of John Major burned in Strasbourg
 21: BLACKPOOL -- Transport strike

25: MEXICO -- Lorry drivers block route into Texas as protest against US border harassment
 26: DUBLIN, EIRE -- Crime journal Veronica Guerin shot dead by underworld motorcycle assassins
 26: LONDON -- ASLEF underground strike, while RMT ballot
 26: EURO '96 -- Rioting in central London, 150 arrest, 28 injured, cars set on fire, shops looted, cops attacked. Rioting in Mansfield, Bedford, Dunstable, 30 arrests. 5 cops injured in Bradford, more in West Midlands and Shrewsbury after England loses in Eurine '96.
 27: POST OFFICE -- Yet another postal strike
 27: BRECON -- Five Hwyl Eirene Welsh pacifists occupy army training range
 28: ELSWICK -- Bail hostel closes after residents protest
 28: FRANCE -- Farmers burn consignment of Welsh lamb in protest at UK and BSE
 28: FRANCE -- Airline strike closes down Air France Euro-routers
 28: EDINBURGH -- Tory Bland

robbed by three yopuths
 2: ARIZONA - Viper militia arrested for planning to blow up seven government buildings. There'll be another along in a minute...
 2: BLACKPOOL -- Yet another teansport strike
 2: BRISTOL -- Gun man in job centre security alert closes city centre
 2: CROXTETH, LIVERPOOL -- Man and woman hit by unlicensed shots in yet another incident
 3: LONDON -- 2nd tube strike
 3: RATS FALL OYUT -- Two FBI agents shot each other after row in Tampa newsagents
 3: BELFAST -- Cut price asbestos water main pipes wheeze cancelled after residents protest
 4: PEVENSEY BAY -- Firebombs made safe in cement works
 4: OHIO -- Eight killed in fireworks store blaze. Man charged.
 4: BLACKPOOL -- Royston Jones, Greenlands ward Labour councillor, defects to Scargill Labour Party
 5: UKRAINE -- 120,000 miners strike for back-pay
 5: MEXICO -- Alleged Zapatista leader Hilario Messina arrested.
 5: PRESTON -- Prisoners attack guards
 6: FREEHOLD, ROCHDALE -- Man fires shotgun into house door
 8: LONDON -- Yet another Underground strike
 8: BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON -- 6 children injured in St Lukes infant school machete attack
 9: BLACKPOOL -- Yet another tram strike and lock-out
 10: LONDON -- Anti-JSA conference
 11: MOSCOW -- Five injured by Chechen trolleybus bombing, Pushkin Square
 11: LAYTON, BLACKPOOL -- 3rd arson attack on car dealership
 12: MOSCOW -- 17 injured in trolleybus bomb
 12: YNYS MON -- Council backs down over benefit charges after pensioners protest
 12: SALE -- Court woman who threw tin of peas at acquitted rapist but missed and hit defence barrister freed
 13: MANCHESTER -- Labour and TUC protest and rally against nursery vouchers.
 15: TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL -- Shops shot at outside Venue Club
 15: CITY OF LONDON -- Nuke privatisation shares crash, losing investors millions Then Wall Street crashes 161 points, FTSE 50 pts down, 25% knocked off gilts
 15: MONTREAL -- Four Mersey dockers MDHC sympathy crane squat
 16: SPAIN -- ETA bomb on Tour de France route
 16: LIVERPOOL -- Cancer support centre destroyed by vandals
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We think that prior to general revolution, resentment increases, expressing itself in aimless and apparently random acts of destruction. Because of this, acts of community breakdown are also listed as well as clear acts of community resistance; both are harbingers of the coming collapse of authority and civilisation.

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10: ABERDEEN -- Fishermen have a go at Major over Euro-quotas
 11: KENNINGTON OVAL -- Stewart Home's artsy sycophant circle disrupted with hard truth about his fascist connections
 11: SCHOOLS -- Head teachers demand boycott of school tests
 12: HESTON -- M4 services and 4 mile motorway stretch cleared by bomb scare. Suspect briefcase later found to be empty.
 12: HEBBURN -- Comp threaten Glaisdale-type action over rebellious school student
 13: LONDON -- explosion in MoD building near Charing Cross station
 14: BANBURY -- Family of CJD victim sues government
 14: OXFORD -- Protests against OJ Simpson outside Oxford Union
 15: NORTH EAST -- RMT to ballot over train refreshment staff wages cut to disgraceful £1 / hour
 15: DHS -- Housing benefit fraud costs the state £2b / year. M15 to be called in.
 15: LONDON -- Tokenistic protest at Shell AGM over Nigeria manifestly fails to send company to hell.
 15: HIGH COURT -- Guinness bid to evict TLJO Wandsworth land squat fails due to legal technicalities
 16: BRITISH TELECOM -- UCW seeks 6% pay rise in wake of BT's massive profits
 16: LIVERPOOL -- 17,000 council workers ballot for strike over huge cuts
 16: BIRMINGHAM -- BT customers hold OFFSMEG grudge meeting

17: NOTTINGHAM -- Students protest against Fatty Clarke's honorary degree at Trent University
 18: MANCHESTER -- "Pathetically few" protesters outside Labour's national policy forum sell-out talks
 18: LIVERPOOL -- Armed high speed car chase. 3 arrests. Bet they didn't have licenses.
 19: BOLTON -- Torching of Withins secondary school, Newby Road, disrupts exams
 20: WALES -- Lore 'n' Ordure breakdown brings cop body armour trials
 20: SHEFFIELD -- Council staff lobby meeting over job cuts
 20: GERMANY -- 100,000 public sector workers strike over £30b Euro cuts to prepare for single currency
 21: LOREDO, USA -- FBI building bombed. More attacks threatened in anonymous note -- but they'll have to use more explosive!
 21: DEVONPORT -- Portsmouth and Clydeside naval bases threat of industrial action
 21: LEEDS -- University library occupation over poverty while Labour sell-outs plan to ditch student grants
 22: YORK -- Prisoner Stephen O' Rourke on hunger strike
 22: PENWORTHAM -- Residents protest bypass route choice
 22: LONDON UNDERGROUND -- ASLEF tube drivers' strike ballot
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 23: CARMARTHEN -- New Inn residents protest against two new carcass incinerators cashing in on BSE crisis

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 23: RUSSIA -- Deputy Justice minister found dead.
 ESSEX -- Firefighters' strike.
 23: GREECE -- 18 escape Trikala prison
 24: LANCASTER -- Protestors storm uni senate house over sackings. Parents later block rush hour traffic on A6 in crossing safety protest
 24: PERTH -- Any Questions idiot politicians radio panel show blacked out by broken cables. "Lightening" blamed.
 25: GMB -- Threat of 200,000 council workers striking.
 26: BIRMINGHAM -- Labour Party row over suspensions. Threat to picket London Labour HQ.
 27: PRISONS -- 30,000 staff work to rule over pay and conditions.
 27: LIVERPOOL -- Protests at cuts of 11 special needs teachers, a third of the total. Teachers vote to strike for tokenistic one day stoppage.
 28: TORQUAY -- Head Teachers conference worries over school student violence. 1,500 expulsions last year.
 29: EURO '96 -- Protests against slave labour scam where 6 year old children in Pakistan are used to manufacture footballs.
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 17: WREXHAM -- Legal move breaks council cover up and forces public disclosure of Gillings Report on social worker child abuse
 17: LEEDS -- OFFSMEG Yorkshire report predicts yet more crises and criticises lack of forward emergency planning
 17: BRAMHALL -- South Manchester High School kitchens torched

23: MACHYNLLETH -- Cottage hospital closure prevented by local buy-out
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 10: MARAZION -- Methodist chapel gives sanctuary to Albert Yong, Chinese refugee threatened with deportation after 17 years.
 11: CARDIGAN -- Three prisoners escape from magistrates court through air vent.
 11: HONG KONG -- Vietnamese refugees riot in High Island camp
 12: MOSCOW -- Bomb on underground: 4 dead, 12 injured
 12: USA: Civil liberties group's legal challenge overturns US law to censor InterNet
 12: MADRID -- Judges hand blown off by Basque letter bomb
 12: HOUSE OF COMMONS -- Lesbian group throw clottery tickets marked 'lesbian money' down onto MP's as protest over John Major's objection to LGB centre grant.

18: WESTMINSTER -- Tory school voucher wheeze voted down in House of Lords and now delayed until September '97.
 18: BANJA LUKA, BOSNIA -- Crowd of women take UN officials hostage
 19: LIVERPOOL -- Church leaders get MDHC docks ultimatum deadline extended for more talks
 19: SHREWSBURY -- House firebombed
 20: SCHOOLS -- Many refuse to forward test results
 20: STONEHENGE -- 37 arrested trying to break through exclusion zone
 20: RADLEY, OXFORDSHIRE -- Public school catches fire
 21: POSTAL STRIKE -- Post Office bought to standstill
 21: BRAZIL -- 8m people on general strike
 21: ODISTREHAM, CHERBOURG -- French farmers protest against falling beef prices by blockading ferries. Protests all across France, m-way traffic blocked by tractors, Lyons, and effigy of John Major burned in Strasbourg
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 1: BEDFORD / KEMPSTON -- Train stopped, guards injured and passengers



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 21: WARSAW, POLAND -- Solidarity protest against shipyard closures
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 22: WHITWORTH -- Loss now up to £400,000 after town clerk embezzled council.
 22: CLIFTON, SALFORD -- Arsonists hit 32 cars and houses
 23: CHORLEY -- Block of flats fired after 13 year old boy torched car which exploded.
 23: TEACHERS -- NASUWT opposes Tory plans to reintroduce grammar schools
 23: WEMBLEY -- Fans picket stadium in protest at Eurine '96 ticket sleeze
 24: MANCHESTER -- Passangers again refuse to fly in dodgy Excalibur Airways DC10. Firm collapses
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 25: SCAM CITY -- Kids reprogramme supermarket loyalty cards and use them to obtain credit or as phone cards

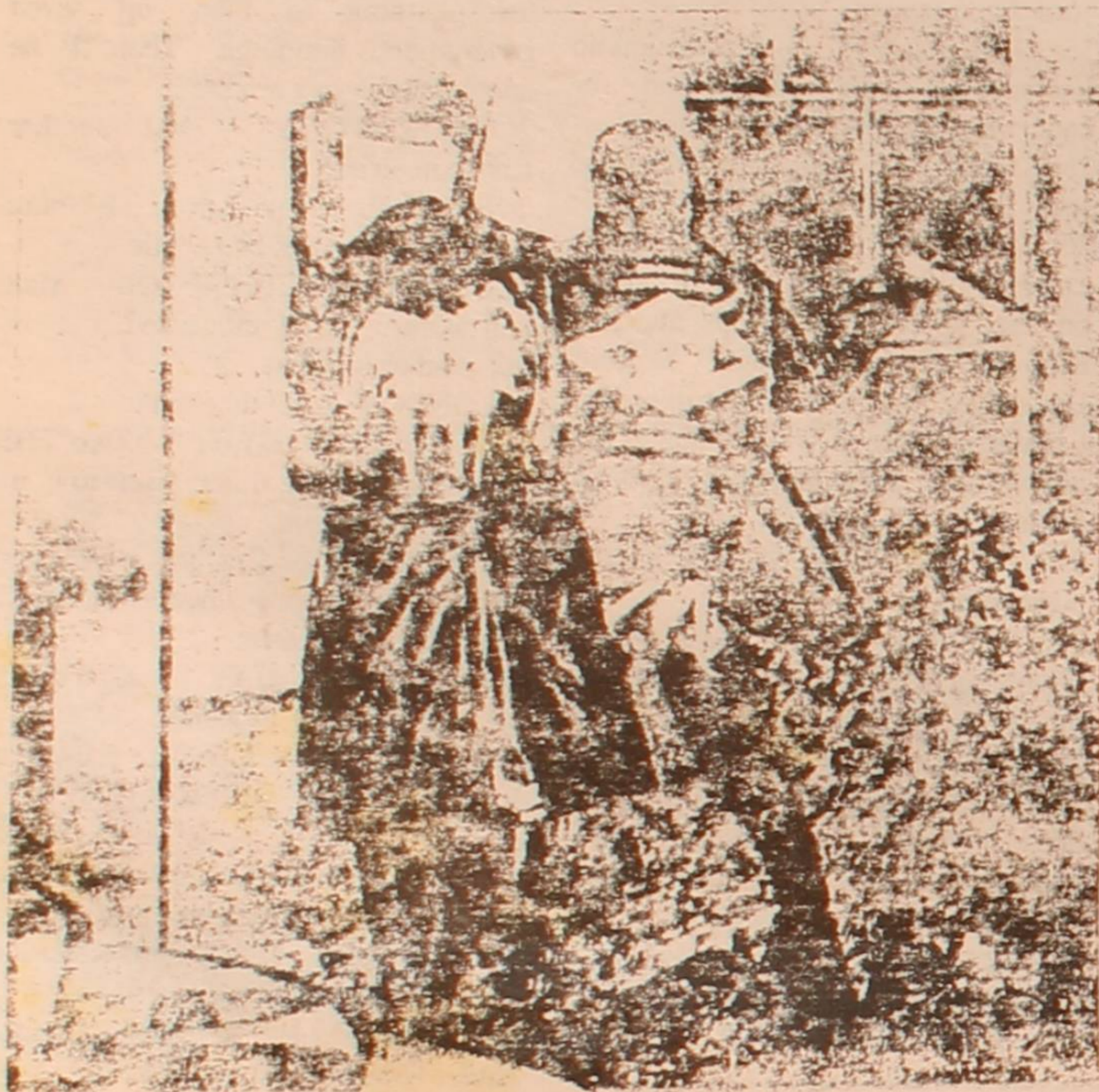
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DEMANARCHIE RAIDED



CANADIAN PUNX trash the Quebec parliament. Others tried burning the fucker down!

Michael William reports: Last 24 June 1996, 2,000 punks sick of police harassment rioted in Quebec, Canada, looting 80 shops and stoning the Parliament. 81 were arrested.

The State didn't know who to blame -- Aklain Dufour of the World Anti-Fascist League (LAM) said anarcho-punkers Demanarchie. Pacifists Food Not Bombs (who share a PO box with Demanarchie) were raided and two of their people sent down for three months for a pot plant. As the judge put it: "It would sicken me to liberate philosophers of anarchy". A

Demanarchie streetseller was next arrested, followed by raids, seizure of computer, papers &c and the paper's founder's arrest.

Protests against the arrests and LAM's role in them have followed. At Food Not Bombs protest against the curfew on Berri Square (to stop homeless people sleeping in it -- yupification), 70 were arrested and fined.

For more information:

Demanarchie, CP 3210-0, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2L 4Y5.

18: DERBYSHIRE -- 5th firefighters strike
18: SHEFFIELD -- Cabs block city centre in protest over unfair competition

19: HIGH COURT -- Department of Health guilty of 'negligent lethargy' over pituitary gland growth hormone CJD. 16 deaths, more to come after cover up from 1977 onwards

20: MOLD, CLWYD -- Unlicensed shots fired, Argoed High School. 4 injured, 17 year old charges with firearms offences

21: STRATFORD ON AVON -- Cops attack Phoenix Rock Festival. 80 arrests.

22: WARRINGTON -- Prison reform groups protest at ineffective Nazi-style 'boot camp' prison

22: ATLANTA -- 250 rowers stage sit-down protest at Olympic transport problems

22: DENMARK -- Bomb found outside biker gang HQ

22: LIVERPOOL -- Bowman Lawn Tennis club, Sefton Park, dug up and

nets damaged

23: LIVERPOOL -- protests at start of Wartyon Ploughshares genocide jet smashers trial

23: SAINSBURYS -- now Mardi Gras target

23: MORFA BYCHAN, GWYNEDD -- Planning protest and residents' grudge meeting against holiday village development

23: WAVERTREE -- 84 year old woman has lucky escape when house sprayed with unlicensed machine gun fire

23: CHILTERN -- District Council office has dead donkey dumped inside it by unknown man with grudge

24: NEWPORT, GWENT -- Sex offenders hounded out of estate after victims' poster campaign

24: ST HELENS -- Man in siege bomb threat, Reginald Road

24: HUXTON -- Mob attack cop, Aylton Road

25: LONDON -- Yet another Underground strike. Traffic chaos

25: HARROGATE -- Fire alarm clears

out Yorkshire Water AGM after protests against director carpetbaggers.
25: TURKEY -- Hundreds of political prisoners on hunger strike over jail conditions. Took 6 to die before we got to hear of this.

26: MANCHESTER -- Protests against public utilities fat cat directors' 21% pay rise plus 40% bonus scheme

26: TURKEY -- Two more political hunger strikers starve to death

27: ATLANTA -- Olympic concert bombed. 150 injured.

27: LIVERPOOL -- Youth hospitalises firefighter after being caught stealing equipment from fire engine in Cornwallis Street.

Firefighters demand cop escorts

27: JAKARTA -- Demonstrators torch government buildings kicking off 3 days of riots.

27: LOW NEWTON, DURHAM -- Prisoner escapes remand centre

27: MAHLOW, GERMANY -- Anti-racism protests after black British workers attacked

27: PARIS -- Demo in support of Turkish prisoners' hunger strike. 42 arrests.

27: WALLASEY -- 4th arson attack in two weeks, Oldershaw School

28: MONTREAL -- 60 tons, \$3m of \$2 coins, entire consignment from Canadian mint stolen in broad daylight from railway yard.

28: CHIAPAS -- Zapatistas bomb oil plant. 6 dead, 14 injured.

28: OAKHAM, RUTLAND -- Three prisoners escape from Stocken prison.

29: MILTON KEYNES -- Riot on Coffee Hall Estate. 8 arrests.

29: LONDON -- Yet another Tube strike

29: COMPTON BASSETT -- Ropes cut to silence church bells by 64 year old Midge Mather after being driven mad by bell ringers.

30: ALGIERS -- Cafe bomb near National Security HQ

30: LIORÉ DE MAR -- Massive kick off between Dutch and German holidaymakers

30: PLOUGHSHARES CLEARED -- Warton Ploughshares cleared of causing criminal damage to Wartyon Hawk genocide jets at Liverpool Crown Court. Ploughshares now try to sue BAe and government over genocide in East Timor.

31: AUSTRALIA -- 34% reject monarchy (Newspoll)

31: JO'BURG -- Railway station riot. 15 dead after security scum use electric torture batons. Ticket office torched.

ALSO: SHEFFIELD -- Angry Women glue and graffiti sex shop selling 'splatter' movies and slimming products four times. Slogans: "@", "Porn is Shit", "Scum", "Women fight back", "Sick porno scum". The owner blanked out the writing and changed letters to smileys. These were changed to women's symbols with bared teeth.

Also, Gossard billboard sloganised: "Respect women: women want respect".

1: DHS -- Benefits Agency CPSA two-

day strike over JSA armoured glass screens. Nowhere to run to, suckers!

1: KNIGHTON -- Bedstone College public school torched

1: ROME -- Civil disturbances after Erich Friebe, SS officer, acquitted of WW2 atrocities. Friebe held captive inside court by crowd.

1: NORTH WEST -- Nurses protest outside hospitals over lack of pay increase

2: CHILDWALL -- MDHC chief executive Tevor Furlong suffers arson attack to Queens Drive house.

Liverpool docks strike now in 11th month.

2: BONN -- German farmers burn Union Jack and demand Britain leaves EU over BSE cow / calf transmission

2: DERBYSHIRE -- 6th firefighters strike

3: CWMBRAN -- Greenwood Avenue armed cop siege

3: NEWCASTLE / SUNDERLAND -- Fans march between football grounds in protest at ban from each others games

4: TORONTO -- Music parade shootings. 1 dead, 3 injured

4: MAKI, JAPAN -- Nuke power station referendum

5: MORECOMBE -- Residents protest at smelly sewage works, threatening payment strike

5: SCOTLAND YARD -- £1m+ hackers scam makes the bill pick up the bill for overseas phone calls

5: CAPE TOWN -- Masked Muslim vigilantes shoot and burn drugs baron

5: COSTESSEY, NORFOLK -- Celebrations after local Tory activist Robert Bull found dead

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6: LEASOWE -- Merseyside firefighters attacked by stone-throwing youths

7: LONDON -- Underground strike

7: MOSTON -- Layburn Road mothers block road with wheelie bins in children's road safety protest against M66 construction trucks

8: SOUTHWARK, LONDON -- Relatives of Brian Douglas, killed by cop batons, repudiate inquest cover-up.

9: HUNTINGDON -- Woman prison officer stabbed at Little Hay prison

9: HAMPSHIRE -- Two women wrongfully arrested during 1993 Twyford Down road protest sue chief constable for £17,000 damages

9: BURNAGE -- 8-12 year olds cause £10,000 damage to Green End infants school by vandalism, excrement and smashing spree.

10: DSS GRASSLINE -- Wheeze goes phut as majority of calls shop bosses for low wages

10: RUSHOLME -- Protests as police report on blinding of Amir Afiq in February turns out to be the usual cover-up

10: HAVERIGG, CUMBRIA -- Three escape from prison

11: CYPRUS -- Motorcyclist protestors break through Green Line, lighting fires and throwing stones at Turkish guards in protest at island partition.

Two dead, dozens injured in several days of troubles.

11: MANCHESTER -- Footballers to

ballot over strike action on Sky TV deal

12: PARIS -- African hunger-strikers removed from St Barnards church by

held accountable for their actions but they had not done wrong and hoped to convince the police of this. The kernel of their defence was 1967 Criminal Justice Act. s.3., where it is a defence to commit criminal damage to prevent a crime. The defence barrister cited the Manchester bombing as an example -- if you'd known the bombers were setting off to bomb Manchester, you would have been justified in slashing their tyres. The prosecution mentioned the Liverpool dockers and said they had a right to protest and demonstrate but not attack cars.

The defendants pointed out if publicity was 'all' they'd have laid it on properly. They had made videos which had been left at the scene at Warton, and were played in court and replayed by the defence at the very end of the defence summing up. The judge allowed this and I think it was a master stroke that swayed the jury -- it summed up the whole defence case. The video was excellent with bits of the John Pilger film and contributions from the defendants' telling of all they had done to sway the government by sending letters, videos, invitations to the peace camp, etc.

The prosecution made a very low key summing up. He could have been much more vitriolic.

The judge had allowed witnesses like John Pilger to appear after a spirited battle by the defence barrister pointing out that it wasn't enough that the Crown accepted that the women believed the Hawks were bombing East Timor -- it was necessary to the defence to show the belief was reasonable. When the defence barrister left afterwards we all clapped her, and the jury twice, first in court and then coming out of the building....

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LIVERPOOL PLOUGHSHARES



HAD A SMASHING TIME: Andrea Needham, Jo Wilson, Lotta Kronlid and Angie Zelter

A Liverpool correspondent writes: The judge had three policemen sitting at the back of the court to keep us all in order and the judge told us off a time or thrice for responding to what was being said and the police would tear strips off us after -- read us the riot act. I had the distinction of being threatened with arrest for contempt of court -- apparently I was seen as some kind of troublemaker! I was a bit chuffed especially as there were a few present who had served proper 'time'.

By the end when the court rose before the judge was to sum up we were all on our bestest behaviour, standing up eyes front to attention, not a SOUND -- made not a murmur while he went out. Next morning he came in and gave a smashing summing up, very fair. As our vbarister pointed out, some judges will tell the jury to ignore emphases made and gave regard to things omitted by the judge if they wish, but say this at the beginning so that it is forgotten. This judge said it at the end.

It was said to be the biggest court. British Aerospace had three / four seats at the back and took turns with each other and the police had two / three seats. I think the prosecution thought there wasn't any case to defence and wasn't too impassioned. Later in questioning the defendants he was to make great emphasis on the fact they had stayed for two hours after making the damage and had made every effort to get arrested. He contended it was all done for publicity, the trial being the ultimate spinoff and that they hadn't behaved as reasonably as they claimed because they hadn't exhausted all other avenues of legitimate complaint.

The defendants maintained they had remained because they wanted to be

ballot over strike action on Sky TV deal

12: PARIS -- African hunger-strikers removed from St Barnards church by

held accountable for their actions but they had not done wrong and hoped to convince the police of this. The kernel of their defence was 1967 Criminal Justice Act. s.3., where it is a defence to commit criminal damage to prevent a crime. The defence barrister cited the Manchester bombing as an example -- if you'd known the bombers were setting off to bomb Manchester, you would have been justified in slashing their tyres. The prosecution mentioned the Liverpool dockers and said they had a right to protest and demonstrate but not attack cars.

The defendants pointed out if publicity was 'all' they'd have laid it on properly. They had made videos which had been left at the scene at Warton, and were played in court and replayed by the defence at the very end of the defence summing up. The judge allowed this and I think it was a master stroke that swayed the jury -- it summed up the whole defence case. The video was excellent with bits of the John Pilger film and contributions from the defendants' telling of all they had done to sway the government by sending letters, videos, invitations to the peace camp, etc.

The prosecution made a very low key summing up. He could have been much more vitriolic.

The judge had allowed witnesses like John Pilger to appear after a spirited battle by the defence barrister pointing out that it wasn't enough that the Crown accepted that the women believed the Hawks were bombing East Timor -- it was necessary to the defence to show the belief was reasonable. When the defence barrister left afterwards we all clapped her, and the jury twice, first in court and then coming out of the building....

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constituency club for McDonalds drive-thru

15: WARRINGTON -- Cardinal Newman highschool arson attack

15: SEOUL, KOREA -- 6,000 Korean students riot. Tear gas and napalm used against them.

16: PRESTON -- Bus drivers strike

16: NORTHERN IRELAND -- New twist in BSE crisis as farmers halt beef cull in compensation row

17: SEOUL, KOREA -- More student riots. Napalm and tear gas used.

17: KARAK, JORDON -- Riots after IMF impose 100% price hike on bread

17: BELGIUM -- Docks black imports in solidarity with Liverpool docks

18: GATWICK -- Airport protests at baggage delays

18: YORK -- Tory university group internet site hacked into and reprogrammed with porn and calls to put Major in front of firing squad

19: WORKPLACE -- Half a million working days lost in strikes last year.

19: CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA -- Parliament House's glass doors smashed with sledge hammers as building is stormed during labour cuts protest

20: SEOUL, KOREA -- 5,000 arrests and hundreds injured as student riots suppressed

20: CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA -- More rioting over budget cuts. Cops stoned. Aborigines burn Aussie flag in land rights protest.

20: HUXTON

OCTOBER 1995

GERMANY: Animal libbers target abattoir, £30,000 damage. Five people from Switzerland arrested.

NOVEMBER 1995

HOLLAND: AMERSTERDAM -- ALF slash meat truck tyres
HOLLAND -- GRONINGER -- Meat trucks have their tyres slashed by ALF

DECEMBER 1995

HOLLAND: OOSTZAAN -- Animal Justice Front (AJF) arson attack on meat truck and chicken slaughter house.

on McDonalds, Sytagma Square. One arrest.

HOLLAND: AMSTERDAM -- AJF spray and glue butchers' training school.

HOLLAND: HALFWEG -- AJF arson attack on Hot Dog King truck.

SLOVAKIA: BRATISLAVA -- ALF destroy hunting platform, glue and paint six furriers, destroy two Hyko and zoo billboards, and glue Atrakt building (fur)

USA: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO -- EF! activists sit-in at US Animal Damage Control office to protest coyote killing in Gila National Forest. They demand an end to traps, snares &c.

The next day we could also read articles in national and regional newspapers, including an interview with DFF activists. Radio debates were also made on the issue (not by any DFF activists). The action itself caused much damage, estimated at 300,000 NOK. In the media the police stated they will give the case high priority (do they think they can stop us or our actions on behalf of the animals? HA HA!)

Another DFF action occurred on the Thursday night of March 22nd, this time in Tonsberg. The goal was a fur shop (Pels Atelier Knut Poverud). The shop had its windows smashed, locks glued, slogans painted and red paint thrown through its windows. This action also got good media cover including a DFF interview in the local regional paper. The damage to the fur coats alone was estimated at 50-60,000 NOK and that's besides the windows. On that occasion the police stated "the activists are welcome to contact us directly. We wish to talk to them."

These are the first two DFF actions covered by Norwegian media, ever. So these events are pretty historic!

SUNDERLAND -- A LF warn chemist to stop stocking animal-tested products
FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVR trashes several furriers and bloodsport shops
FINLAND: JYVASKYLA -- EVR smash furrier's window

FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- EVR smash MuckDonalds window; EVR later smash two windows at another and paint slogans

POLAND: BIALYSTOK -- Zieloni Anarchisci (Polish GA) organise mass demo against MuckDonalds

POLAND: WARSAW -- Warthog, en route from California's San Diego zoo, escapes quarantine and is now living in suburban woodland. All attempts to capture the pig have failed.

USA: ALF Appreciation Day organised in several cities demanding release of all ALF prisoners

MAY 1996

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX -- ALF glue and spraypaint butchers
SEVEN KINGS, ESSEX -- ALF brick butchers

LANCASTER -- Animal Rights Militia (ARM) torch Rentokill van
HACKNEY, LONDON -- ALF smash butchers window

HASTINGS, SUSSEX -- Council bomb-hoaxed by animal libbers angry at tree-cutting destroying wildlife habitat.

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVR trashes circus, several furriers and bloodsports stores

FINLAND: KAUNIAINEN -- EVR vandalises MuckDonalds

FINLAND: LAHTI -- EVR put 'Cancelled' stickers on circus ads

FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- EVR trash meat truck, smash windows, glue locks, paint slogans. Fur store glued and MuckDonalds sloganised.

SWEDEN: GOTHENBURG -- Militant Vegans (MV) sloganise and torch SCAN meat lorry

SWEDEN: OBBOLA -- Animal libbers burn down four sheds at closed-down fur farm

US: CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA -- ALF tash and daub Central Meat Packing Plant.

JUNE 1996

AUSTRALIA: PERTH -- ALF cover circus posters in paint. Hungry Jacks and KFC sloganised

BELGIUM: ALF destroy two hunting lodges

UK: ALF press release --

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
RESCUE HENS FROM BATTERY UNIT

During the early hours of Friday the 28th of June, activists broke into battery unit owned by School Time Eggs Ltd, Myrtle Farm, Siston, nr Bristol.

50 hens were liberated from a lifetime's incarceration in the barbaric and outdated 'battery hen' system. All the hens removed were of an appalling condition, showing the common signs of suffering the birds endure. Many were severely defeathered, de-beaked, had ulcerated feet and showed signs of injuries due to fights which break out due to the stress of never being able to walk, spread their wings, with five birds kept in each individual cage.

All the hens rescued are now settling well in their new homes, where they are able to roam freely, scratch the earth for food, experience daylight and fresh air for the first time and

BUT THE DFF WILL BE BACK AGAIN, AGAIN, AGAIN AND AGAIN!!!

Recently, on some occasions, vivisectors have stated they are very frightened by this new militant group (ie. DFF). They say they have seen violent attacks in foreign countries and this could start off something similar in Norway. They are especially concerned about what will happen in the International Week of Laboratory Animals.

The DFF will of course never, as any other ALF cell, harm any animal (human or non-human), but they are right in some way: This is the start of a more radical, direct action movement here in Norway. This is only the beginning....

The DFF also wishes to express their sympathy with imprisoned animal rights prisoners. To all animal rights prisoners; fight back, stay tough and keep the faith forever.

POLAND: BIALYSTOK -- ALF glue and spraypaint two furriers.

USA: WASHINGTON -- Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife staff turn up to Ballard Locks to kill three of only five remaining sea lions. ALF got their first and trashed two floating sea lion traps.

APRIL 1996

UK: ALF press release --

On the night of 28-4-96 ALF activists liberated 21 hens from a battery unit at SCHOOL TIME EGGS, MYRTLE FARM, SYSTON, AVON.

All hens were in extremely poor condition -- all were pecked bare, all had foot sores, some had foot deformities.

But now all the liberated hens are in safe loving homes, now able to live normal lives and not be abused as egg laying machines.

ALF

DIARY OF ANIMAL LIBERATION

Send your cuttings to BM HEAL, London WC1N 3XX.

For further information: ALF Supporters Group, BM Box 1160, London WC1N 3XX; *Arkangel*, BM Box 9240, London WC1N 3XX; and *Liberator*, PO Box 80, Chichester, W Sussex PO 19 4GH.

JANUARY 1996

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- Elainten Vapautus Rintama (EVR) spraypaint butchers, smash windows of Tuagany and two other furriers and bloodsports show. "Hunt scam" and "Bloodsports" painted on latter.

FINLAND: TAMPERE -- EVR smash two windows at furriers

HOLLAND: CASTRICUM -- AJF arson attack on meat truck and meat processing plant.

SLOVAKIA: BRATISLAVA -- ALF target Liska (fur company), stealing their postbox, billboard and rings. Liska shop and others sloganised and glued. Two HYKO (turkey farm) billboards trashed. Four butchers sloganised.

USA: SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO -- Alliance of animal libbers, native Americans and environmentalists protest buffalo hunting.

FEBRUARY 1996

CANADA: YOKON TERRITORY -- American EF!ers and German Vier Pfoten (Four Paws) activists travel to Whitehorse to protest wolf kill and call Yukon boycott.

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- Meat ads vandalised. Saukko, Taganay and Valtonen furriers sloganised and window smashed. Bloodsports shop sloganised: "Hunting is Murder".

GREECE: ATHENS -- Arson attack

MARCH 1996

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVER vandalise several furriers and bloodsports shops.

FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- EVR smash furriers window

FINLAND: OULU -- EVR smash MuckDonalds window

HOLLAND: AMSTELVEEN -- AJF arson attack on meat trucks

HOLLAND: DEN HELDER -- AJF arson attacks against butcher, slaughterhouse and meat truck

HOLLAND: HILVERSUM -- AJF arson attack on meat trucks

HOLLAND: ROTTERDAM -- AJF arson attack on three meat trucks at slaughterhouse -- which also burned down. 2m guilders damage.

NORWAY: Dyrenes Frigjørings Front press release --

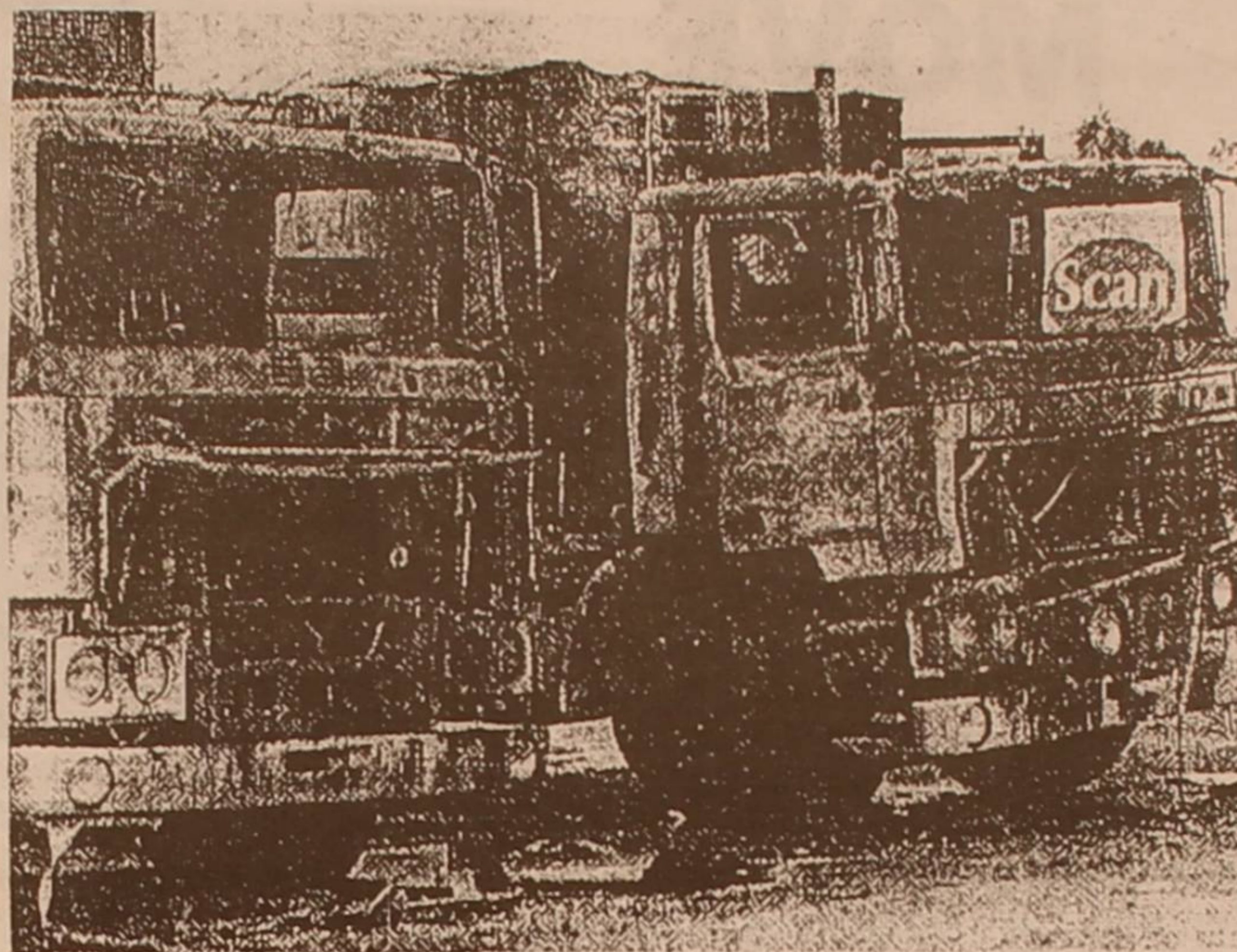
ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
ESTABLISHED IN NORWAY

On the night of Wednesday 6th of March it happened. Dyrenes Frigjørings Front (DFF -- The Norwegian ALF) did one of their biggest actions. This time the target was the Norwegian Fur Animal Breeders Association (Norges Pelsdyrers Læg: Skinnseteret), in Oslo.

The DFF activists smashed 28 windows, a stick bomb was thrown in one of the windows where hundreds of fox skins were waiting to be sold at auction. Locks were glued, slogans painted, walls and stairs were covered in red paint. This is the second time this target has been in in the past few months. Last time three windows were smashed and slogans painted, but this action was performed by anonymous individuals.

The morning after the action was widely reported on national TV throughout the day.

RIGHT ANIMAL TREATMENT



SCAN meat truck torched by Militant Vegans, Gothenburg, Sweden

even make their own nests.

This is at least the fourth time this 'farm' has been raided by the ALF. As recently as two months ago 21 hens were taken and in the last two years over 200 chickens have been given a life far removed from what School Time Eggs had planned for them!

The activists involved call upon other caring folk out there to get up and do something about this sickening trade, as no government will ever do anything, despite an overwhelming majority of opposition.

KENT -- Incenduary devices discovered on a railway line. Police believe anti-live exports activists left them there.

LIVERPOOL -- ALF glues and paints MuckDonalds, sloganise and smash Boots on Smithdown Road (twice), L'Alouette veal restaurant (it stopped serving veal as a result!), betting shop and Lark Lane fish shop.

FINLAND: ESPOO -- EVR glues and sloganises furriers

FINLAND: HELSINKI -- EVR smashes two MuckDonalds. Meat ads sprayed: "Go Vegan!"

FINLAND: IMATRA -- EVR smash MuckDonalds window two weeks before it even opened.

SWEDEN: LULEA -- MV attacks Nazi skinheads

SWEDEN: STOCKHOLM -- Djurens Hamnare (DH) paint, glue and sticker ten animal abuse shops and 13 hot dog bars

SWEDEN: UMEA -- Animal libbers torch SCAN slaughterhouse lorry; MV suspected of leaving incenduary of viv's doorstep.

JULY 1996

CANADA -- 1,000 foxes released from fur farm on ELF 'Animals Revenge' Earth Night

LIVERPOOL -- Bona Pets, Bold Street, sloganised, fittings smashed and boycott called. Aquarium, veal restaurant, butchers, betting shop glued.

All on Earth Night.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX -- Eight rabbits freed from Educational Supplies on Earth Night.

SMALL DOLE, SUSSEX -- Two monkeys rescued from Shamrock Farm

on Earth Night

JAPAN: OSAKA -- Animal lib group Alive help Animal Cruelty Investigation Group (ACIG) expose horrific animal tests at National Cardiovascular Research Centre. *Info:* Alive, 2-5-12, 2F Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113, Japan.

SWEDEN: STOCKHOLM -- DH paint and sticker three animal abuse shops.

SWEDEN: UMEA -- Animal libbers free five cats from university viv lab. Slogans on walls: "No More Auschwitz"

AUGUST 1996

UK: ALF press release --

Enclosed is a letter sent to Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber at his home address on August 1 1996.

To Andrew Lloyd Webber, Ostrich Killer,

The Animal Liberation Front is FUMING MAD at you you lowlife animal abusing wretch. What the fuck have ostriches ever done to you? From now on it's full scale war. Theatres playing your musicals will be targeted with incenduary devices and other packages. Windows will be smashed, record shops selling your soundtracks will be targeted and we will leave them in no doubt as to WHY they were targeted. The ALF is going to break you just like we did the entire fur trade. We HATE scum like you.

Final warning. A group called THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT have been known to plant car bombs and mail out high explosive parcel bombs to animal abusers like you. So unless you want your hands blown off we suggest you stop your little exercise in ostrich murder and LEAVE THEM WELL ALONE.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!

SHEPHERDSWELL, KENT -- Attempted arson at lairage

FINLAND: IMATRA -- EVR sloganise and glue newly-opened MuckDonalds and neighbouring building also owned by McDeath.

FINLAND: LAPPEENRANTA -- EVR glue two furriers.

SWEDEN: STOCKHOLM -- DH target several animal abuser's shops. Locks glued, windows smashed and stickers pasted.

BELGIUM: ZWARTBURG -- Two tigers rescued from Limburgse Zoo and taken to Kent.

Two Animal Justice Front activists are currently on remand in Holland. The AJF was born in December 1995. It's believed prior to the AJF's formation, some of their activists may have been involved with another direct action group, Right Animal Treatment (RAT).

In 1995, RAT was responsible for gluing and painting almost every butchers in Den Helder, attacking the butchers and a slaughterhouse with smoke- and firebombs, and various attacks on MuckDonalds, including trying to burn it down. The activists were spotted doing this so had to move on to Heerhugowaard, releasing sheep and pigeons from a slaughterhouse

before painting slogans and lighting a fire.

RAT next struck in Hilversum, where a circus trainwagon was destroyed by fire. In Haarlem, a meat truck was torched and a slaughterhouse sloganised. In Amsterdam, RAT torched two meat trucks and painted a meat factory and in Leiden a meat truck was also torched.

A supporters group has been established for the two AJF activists awaiting trial charged with various arson attacks on the meat industry.

AJF-SG, Postbus 3607, 1001 AK Amsterdam, Holland

GERMAN ARSON

On 30 May 1995, animal libbers torched a poultry breeders in Selm causing £1m damage. On 23 July 1995, a second poultry breeders was hit, this time in Anton Pohlmann, resulting in £8.5m damage!

Sadly after the second arson, police raided the offices of German animal rights zine *Tierberfreierung Aktuell*. The raid seems to have been launched not because police thought the TA staff carried out the attack but because TA reports animal liberation, just like GA.

Letters of support to:

Tierberfreierung Aktuell c/o TAN, Postfach 11 13 03, 20413 Hamburg, Germany.

GOVERNMENT CUTS BSE BUDGET

Government vets fighting BSE face multi-million pound budget cuts. £10m is being cut from their budgets this year, with a further £500,000 to be cut next year.

[Source: Exeter Express & Echo, 14 August 1996]

CIRCUS HOMOPHOBES

During an anti-circus demo in Cornwall, circus workers wearing street clothes joined the demo waving placards reading 'More Dole, Less Work', 'Give Lesbians The Vote', 'Toot If You're Gay' etc. As well as being angered by the circus's tactics, the animal rights group was outraged by the placards' homophobia.

[Source: Western Morning News, 17 August 1996]

CRAWLEY TEN GO FREE

Vivisectors Pharmacia Upjohn have closed their Crawley-based animal torture lab. Normally when a lab closes, its inmates are killed or sold on to other vivisectors. Local animal rights pressure got ten rats due to be "euthenised" handed over to Crawley Animal Rights Campaign. All ten are now in good, loving homes. This must be the first time lab animals have been rehomed legally!

[Source: Greenline]

BAN BIRDS BEHIND BARS

Animal Rights Militia prisoner Niel Hansen is asking people to write polite letters to Michael Howard, the Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 asking him to stop allowing inmates to keep birds as pets. These birds are often subjected to great cruelty in prison, including mutilation and death.

For more information:

Niel Hansen [HF3184], HMP the Mount, Molyneux Avenue, Bovingdon HP3 0NZ.



FREE TED! MOVE



TED KACZYNSKI (X-REF 3165854), 8W401 SACRAMENTO COUNTY MAIN JAIL, 651 I STREET, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA CA 95814, USA

Unabomber suspect Ted Kaczynski was extradited to Sacramento, California. On 18th June 1996, he was charged with mail-bombing deforestation lobbyist Gilbert Murray, computer pusher Hugh Scrutton, genetic engineer Charles Epstein and

cybernetician David Geletner. Ted could be executed if convicted of these offences.

Ted is being framed by the FBI as they couldn't catch the *real* Unabomber for the last 18 years. The Feds admit the bomb that killed Murray was sent from Oakland, California, on 20th April 1994, in reaction to the Oklahoma City bombing, the previous day. With no TV or radio in his remote Montana shack, Ted wouldn't have even heard about the OK Bomb, let alone travelled 1/2 way across the US to post a bomb in Oakland.

The Feds admit *they* wrote the 'death list' hyped by the media as found in Ted's cabin. How much more 'conclusive proof' have they planted?

For more info:

Ted Kaczynski Defence Campaign, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX

Donations and letters of support for Ted via his lawyer:

Quin Denvir, 10th Floor, 801 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, USA

PRISONERS OF WAR

A number of eco-warriors have been jailed for their beliefs. Prisoner details change rapidly and may be out of date by the time you read GA.

If you'd like a prisoners list, send 50p + SAE to Earth Liberation Prisoners, Box 23, 5 High Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.

EARTH LIBERATION:

Helen Woodson (USA)
Milton Born With A Tooth (Canada)
Paul S (Holland)
Stuart Edwards (UK)
Ted Kaczynski (USA)

MOVE:

Charles Simms Africa (USA)
Debbie Simms Africa (USA)
Delbert Orr Africa (USA)
Edward Goodman Africa (USA)
Janet Holloway Africa (USA)
Janine Phillips Africa (USA)
Merle Austin Africa (USA)
Michael Davis Africa (USA)
Mumia Abu Jamal (USA)
William Phillips Africa (USA)

LAND RIGHTS

David Penu (Canada)
James Pitawakwat (Canada)
Joseph Ignace (Canada)
Leonard Peltier (USA)
Randy Sam (Canada)
William Ignace (Canada)

ANIMAL LIBERATION:

Angie Hamp (UK)
Barb Trenholm (UK)
Charles Skinner (UK)
Darren Cole (UK)
Dave Callender (UK)
Gaynor Ford (UK)
Geoff Sheppard (UK)
Gilly Peachy (UK)
Greg Avery (UK)

Gurj Ailja (UK)
Keith Mann (UK)
Michael Green (UK)
Mike Roberts (UK)
Mel Arnold (UK)
Rod Coronado (USA)
Dave Callander (UK)
Frank Kocera (Holland)
Eric van de Lann (Holland)

ANTI-MILITARY:

Carl Kabat (USA)
Erin Sieber (USA)
Michele Naar-Obed (USA)
Mordechai Vananu (Israel)
Rick Sieber (USA)

ANTI-FASCIST:

Abidin Eraslan (Germany)
Charles Ryder (UK)
Fatama Balamir (Germany)
John McFeely (UK)
Karl Anacoura (UK)
Mark Gay (UK)
Memhet Rammie (Germany)
Paul Gay (UK)
Russell Wild (UK)
Sanjiv Karla (UK)
Satpal Ram (UK)
Steven Kelly (UK)

ANTI-SEXUAL ABUSE:

Carl Robinson (UK)
Gay Oakes (New Zealand)

ANTI-CJA RIOT:

Mark Skelly (UK)
Trefor Harris (UK)

In June, Ramona Africa, the sole adult survivor of the 1985 Osage Avenue massacre, successfully sued the City of Philadelphia. She was awarded \$500,000 compensation for her suffering and relatives of the 11 dead \$1m more. City officials were ordered to pay \$1 a week personally, a derisory amount they've had the gall to appeal.

This courtroom victory shows the word of Philly's notoriously corrupt cops is no longer good with jurors. Both the MOVE 9 and Mumia Abu-Jamal are now pressing their own appeals.

For information from:

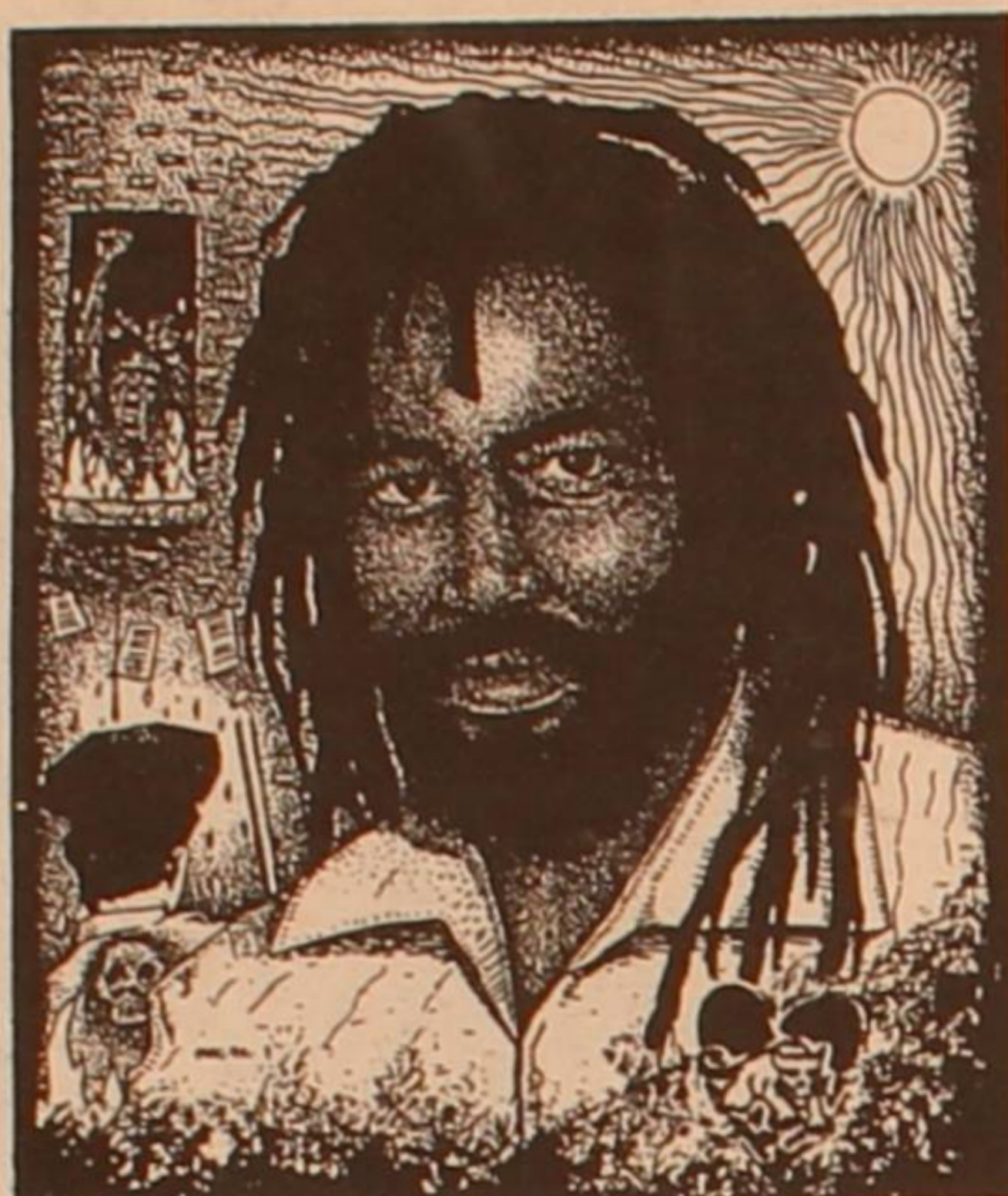
- MOVE, PO Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA19143, USA
- Friends of MOVE, PO Box 3069, London SW9 8LU

CLIVE 'N' TIM

Eco-activists Clive Dalrymple and Time Bradford have been remanded.

Letters of support to:

Clive Dalrymple [DB2529], HMP Pentonville, London N7
Tim Barford [LW1062], HMP Elmley, Isle of Sheppey, Kent



PAVEL KROUPA

On 20 March, Pavel was travelling home on a bus when five Nazis got on. They verbally abused him, then waited for him outside the bus. They were armed with a knife and knuckleduster. Pavel was forced to defend himself from a vicious Nazi gang attack and whilst defending himself, killed one of them. He is now in prison charged with murder.

Letters of support to:

Pavel Kroupa 4.3.1977, Veznice Vazba Straz, Pod Ralskem 471 27, Czech Republic.

PRISONER UPDATES

FEBRUARY

Anarchist Dimos Hristofidis arrested, accused of attempting to burn down MuckDonalds in Athens, Greece.

MARCH

Czech anti-fascist Pavel Kroupa arrested for murder after defending himself from Nazi gang attack

APRIL

Two British animal libbers arrested in dawn raid -- for allegedly sticking anti-fur stickers on a furrier's window

JUNE

New Zealand ALF activists Ben Griffiths and Mark Eden arrested for criminal damage to abusers shops.

JULY

Amerikan animal libbers Shelia Laracy, Gina Lynn and Karin Brooks all jailed for three months for picketing a fur store! • Seeds of Hope Ploughshare found to have "lawful excuse" to smash BAe jet fighter and are acquitted • Barry Home charged with attempting to plant incendiary in Bristol animal abuse store • New Zealand ALFers Ben Griffiths and Mark Eden pleads guilty to criminal damage -- both get community service • ALFer Darren Cole gets 3 1/2 years for anti-live exports arson.

AUGUST

Swedish animal libber Erika Schriever-Abeln found guilty of another two arsons. She's given £20,000 fine and must undergo "rehabilitation into society" (ie. brainwashing) • Met raid Reclaim The Streets office, confiscating computers &c and arrest Paul Merosso for conspiracy to damage the M41 with a pneumatic drill • Animal libbers Barb Trenholm and Justin Wright found guilty of setting fire to White Hart pub frequented by animal abusers. Later sentenced to 10 and 7 years • Pacific Popular Front activist Bruno Bosovich freed after serving minimum sentence for torching French Consulate in Australia to protest Mururoa nuclear tests • British animal libbers Kaz Hannigan and Dave Palmer remanded, charged with Dover arson. Kaz later bailed • Animal libber Lara Nicol remanded for "driving without due care and attention" (ie. slowly) in front of a live exports lorry • Animal Rights Militia prisoner Niel Hansen freed • ALF activists Mel Arnold and Michael Green plead guilty to slaughterhouse arson. Later sentenced to 3 1/2 and 5 years • ALF activist Dominic Peaty released • Joe Taylor remanded for alleged animal lib arson • New Zealand eco-activist Chris Short released. He did 8 months for hijacking a government helicopter that was dropping poison over scrubland.

TECH-NO-HOW, YOU GORRA HAVE IT

Dan Hood speaks out against the Megamachine

Technology is what insinuates between us and other humans and between humans and nature¹. It has become synonymous with efficiency. The proof of progress. And its verbage now permeates the Everyday, establishing itself like a bacterium in living communion. Its use requires social fragmentation, expertism, tunnel vision and a mindset which replicates its sense of inevitability.

There is a technology of everything. mechanisation and process of info-olgy is Hardware and software. "Useful memory" is no longer in the body. Rhythm and rhyme are not the main mnemonics. Paper and discv take over speech. Even "language" which once had a lot to do with the tongue has become the "major technology of communication" with ideology built-in (sexism and regionalism as standard in "standard" and "BBC" English).

The Agricultural Age produced its labour-saving technics of static organisation and gross ownership which did not cut down physica; hardship -- or save ther labourers labour -- it just changed what work was done and produced surplusses for feudal donation.

Then the Revolution of Mechanical Industry -- more 'labour saving', more big works freeing up the labourers to bridge the way to more of their masters indian summers and colonial hegemony.

Next with new power resources came Energy For Everyone -- the practicalities of subsistence production was no longer a problem for the top of the world and effort was freed for the commodification of logic, electronic commodification, computing, "thinking machines". You want the moon, you got it. But the pampered consumer wants to push the buttons, and so, the Technological OverThrow (TOT for short), the PC, the super-highway, the surf mouse. What baby wants, baby gets.

It's not like there's anything really there. It's just that you have to have it to belong. And when you've got it you only belong becous you're different to those classed as not belonging -- you're not an outcast -- until the next 'technological innovation' pops up that you have to keep on top of and not drop off or else you'll fall into ... the unclassified! (Gulp).

Jobsearches and colleges tell us that "Information Technology is IT". We must learn to deal with, to manipulate IT or it will cloud our future. Yet there's so much of IT and so much is not 'use'-full, it seems easier to learn how to hack and throw petri discs of virus down its glass wires. IT is the grown-up version of the old school Art-and-Technology and no more an application of "science" or "the investigation of truth" than sport is the study of social relations. The

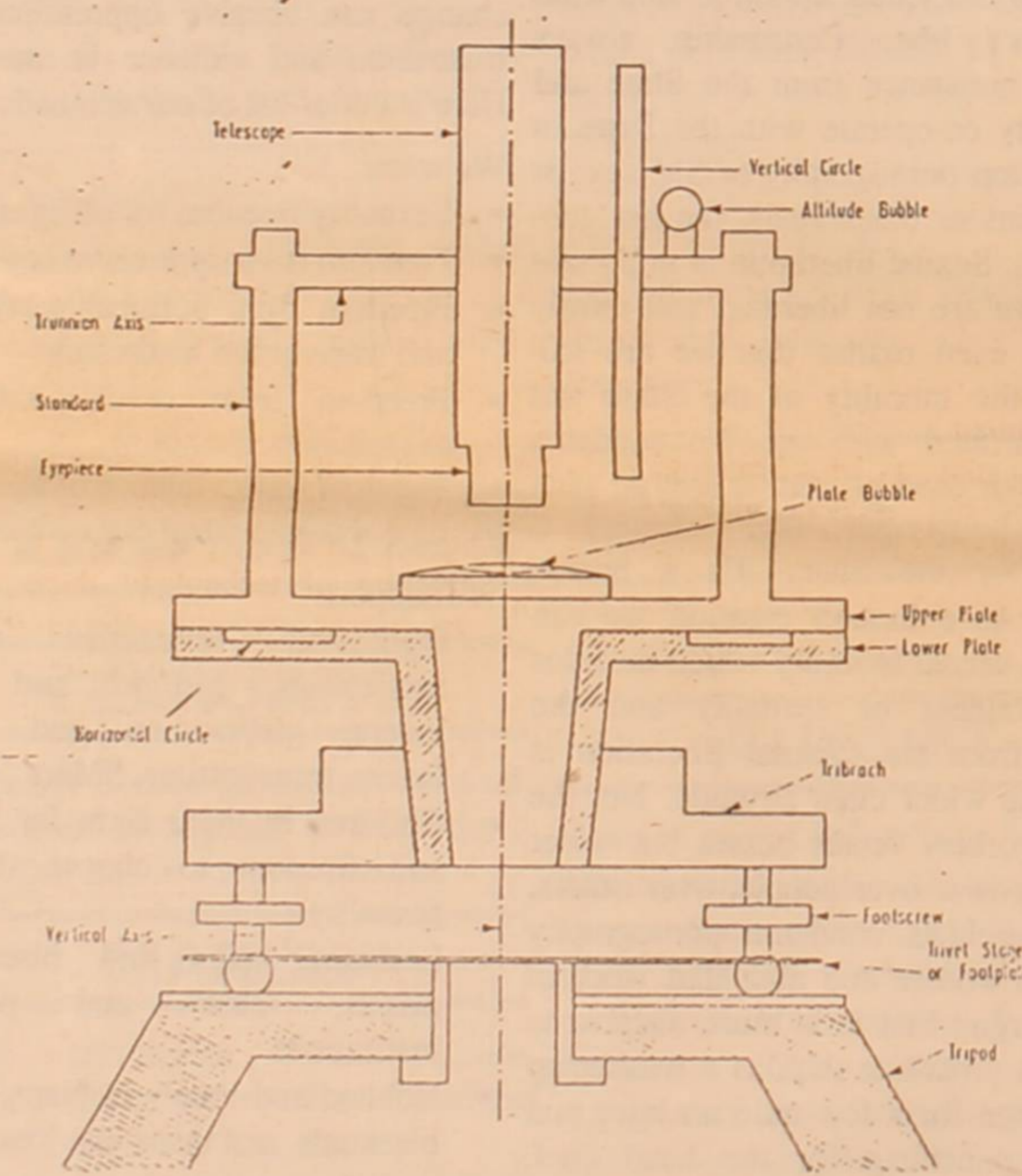
so rarefied that users don't want to know (except in business clothes or an anorack or as a showing-off substitute for sexual competence) -- but feel they *have to*. With the hardware you have to have something which looks the part -- does the biz of looking good -- if you want to stay afloat, not go under in the social ocean of market-force meritocracy. And the information has to be presentable. A picture is worth a thopusand words. A colour graph giving the correctly doctored view has value beyond a million lies. A statistical analysis leaves out so much it is presumption. Those who are 'out' as having a high computer appetite may find it uneasy that many people want to ignore the supposed benefits of feel-good print-out and brochure gloss. Same as we find it astonishing that so many have paid so highly into the fable of continuous human regeneration by hard copy interface.

Defensively, there are more pixela being morphed on the screen of the Corporate Union Myth (CUM for short). Bill Gates is eulogised for his rugged individualism in leaving Hartvard to "take on" the big computer conglomerates of the 1970's. He developed Microsoft and subsequently a \$13m company. This is sentimentality encouraging us to heroise the young male challenge to, and illusory defeat of, established elders who had formed vast elitist enclaves impermeable to the wild, crerative, danger-blind leaps of the intelligent naif. In other words, do not worry that cyberspace will bake our bodily movements and encrust the Earth -- look, new stuff is always happening that cracks the old.

How dfo elders' assemblies come about? How do elders become established? Are they not initially young people with asdvventurous aggressions for social honour (measures in \$\$\$)? Didn't they start off singly? Rugged? Yes, but they either make alliances as a group or enter ready-made councils through the membranes of age and/or rank. They were thenormal type of risk-taker. Grant was bolder, braver, showed more initiative, more single-mindedness -- all attributes loosely connected with masculinities and the Amerikan way -- showing a storyline well suited to parry the increased attacks on corporation

THE THEODOLITE

The god of technolandy.



unsustainability and corporate America in particular.

By such examples of individual triumph in small shacks shouldering out the existing skyscraper moguls, we're supposed to believe that personal computer communications will give us personal power. Through the interconnectedness of the Net and the Web and telehardware, the world is whole. Yet McLuhan's Global Village is the privilege of a few. Technological International Communications (TIC) has given a portion of the world population a strong sense that it knows and is able to control what's going on elsewhere on the globe yet the ability to change or circumvent disaster is as random as a pip in a picklejar.

Awareness is all, ability is all, futility is all.

Now we're into the Technology Of Facilitatable Information (TOFFEE for short) which is different from the Technology Of Evidence (TOE for short).

Where knowing is as important as having though you have to be able to produce the info (or its appearance).

You have to have it at your fingertips. You have to be able to get hold of it. You have to be able to give as good as you get. Potential is All, though Potential is Nothing. In itself. You can easily be conned so best brush up on the latest. Be one step ahead. Know what the other person's talking about. Which means being encyclopedic, having all the volumes, all the entries, all the indexes, all the cross-references, just to be able to have a short exchange with someone -- equivalent to five politicians' "sound bites" -- so you aren't sold a bum steer or a mad cow or turkey or dead donkey -- or sub-human.

In order to 'keep up with the flow', 'stay afloat', 'keep your head above water', you have to go to the School World of Techno-experience (SWOT). The education system's social ordering puts you in good stead for the big world 'outside', the 'real' world, the

CIVILIZATION IS LIKE A JETLINER

Fifth Estate's T Fulano on how we are all dependant prisoners of the Mega-Machine

Civilization is like a jetliner, noisy, burning up enormous amounts of fuel. Every imaginable and unimaginable crime and pollution had to be committed in order to make it go. Whole species were rendered extinct, whole populations dispersed. Its shadiow on the waters resembles an oil slick. Birds are sucked into its jets and vaporized. Every part, as Gus Grissom once nervously remarked about space capsules before he was burned up in one, has been made by the lowest bidder.

Civilization is like a 747, the filtered air, the muzak oozing over the earphones, a phony sense of security, the chemical food, the plastic trays, all the passangers sitting passively in the orderly rows of padded seats staring at Death on the movie screen. Civilization is like a jetliner, an idiot savant in the cockpit, manipulating computerized controls built by sullen wage workers, and dependent for his direction on sleepy technicians high on amphetamines with their minds wandering to sports and sex.

Civilizatun is like a 747, filled beyond capacity with coerced volunteers -- some in love with the velocity, mostly wavering at the abyss of terror and nausea, yet stillseduced by advertising and propaganda. It is like a DC-10, so incredibly enclosed that you want to break through the tin can walls and escape, make your own way through tye clouds, and leave the rattling, screaming fiend approaching its breakeing point. The smallest error or technical failure leads to catastrophe, scattering your sad entrails like belated omens all over the runway, knocks you out of your shoes, breaks all your bones like egg shells.

(Of course, civilization is like many other things besides jets -- always *things* -- a chemical drainage ditch, a woodland knocked down to lengthen an airstrip or to build a slick new shopping mall where people can buysalad bowls made out of exotic tropical trees which will be extinct next week, or perhaps a graveyard for cars, or a suspension bridge which collapses because a single metal pin has shaken loose. Civilization is a hydra. There is a multitude of styles, colors, and sizes of Death to choose from.)

Then it will dive into the icy waters of a river, the Potomac perhaps, or the river Jordan, or Lethe. And we will be inside, each one of us at our specially assigned porthole, going down for the last time, like dolls' heads encased in plexiglass.

Civilization is like a Boeing jumbo jet because it transports people who have never experienced their humanity where they were, to plades where they shouldn't go. In fact it mainly transports businessmen in suits with briefcases filled with charts, contracts, more mischief -- businessmen who are identical everywhere and hence have no reason at all to be ferried about. Amd it goes faster and faster, turning more and more places into airports, the (un)natural habitat of businessmen.

It is an utter mystery how it gets off the ground. It rolls down the runway, the blinking light along the ground like electronic scar tissue on the flesh of the



world of work, busioness, commerce, the Civil Ocean of Necessity (CON). Schools are still 'streamed', the reference is to excellence, but its attainment is always out of reach in the floundering wash of incessant 'development'.

But good children always try hard. You know you can't rule the world, but you will be able to cling to the Truth Of Everything Probably About To Happen (TOWPATH) if only you have access to the right materials through the right channels².

Tax, insurance, loans and trade law are the notional barricades against the barbarian hordes of planetary deficiency intent on scuppering the ritual necessities of producing goods. Finance, banking, money, law-enforcement and the judiciary are not only metaphorically but practically ingrained in the division of labour and production. People are rehearsed by these literate professions to clean, lubricate, manage and support the machinery which, we're told, is effective and time-saving in the never-never struggle of production for human consumption.

The window of "recreation" is slowly being obfuscated with the same bricked-up mechanised activity as work. It's called leisure (or sometimes psychiatry) and is run by the Leisure Organism's Automated Technology (LOUT).Some of these virtual activities and physical contact entertainments (like football, war! and fighting) are restricted to the cerebral appreciation of sound and vision and a couple of press-pads. These loudlets don't break furniture, and may promote the culling of thye human feral instinct by keeping it off the streets (indoors with Streetfighter!), but they don't stop outdoor violence by the socially out-of-bounds.

The interaction between playewrs is not direct. There is parallel play. A developmental stage which infant flumans are supposed to go through in toddlerhood. Which is not to say we don't need to digress, regress, take time out, waste time, lose our

The Unabomba(s) is(are) marginalised as 'mad' or because the means s/he/they use do not justify their stated aims. Yet establishment criminologists and experts working for the capture and conviction of the bomba or bombas have, through contact with the case, taken off their rosey glasses when looking at technology. People may also castigate an anti-technology stance as inevitably leading to a New Age of Dark Ages (NADA) but together with the arresting of technology there can be an expectation of a human future. If the present ramshackle cavort into planetary oblivion is some post-post-modern enlightenment, what else can we do but put out the lights, cut the wires, pull the plugs, and walto [?] the open to see what happens?³

FOOTSIES

¹ *Tech-nol-o-gy* n. According to *Webster's*: industrial or applied science. In reality: the ensemble of division of labour / production / industrialism and its impact on us and on nature. Technology is the sum of mediations between us and the natural world and the sum of those separations mediating us from each other. It is all the drudgery and toxicity required to produce and reproduce the stage of hyper-alienation we languish in. It is the texture and the form of domination at any given stage of heirarchy and commodifi-cation. (One of the nine entries in 'The Nihilists Dictionary' in *Future Primitive* by John Zerzan)

² Channels whose artifacts make electromagnetic fields and radiations producing cancers, headaches, depressions, Sick Building Syndrome and other continuous stress disorders both mental and physical.

³ It's worth remembering that 'typewriter' was originally the name of the female operator not the mechanical keyboard and hammers, especially when so many word processor workers are women while arcades and front rooms twitch with predominantly male fingers on 'leisure' consoles.

⁴ To counter the marketing of IT as having intrinsic value (as in the ICL "MOB---" and "VERS---" billboards), let's use such equally meaningful stuff as CAPITAL, PARLAMENT, PROFIT, INVESTMENT, INTEREST, POLITICS and the boobeau equation: SH (quiet) + IT (info technic) = SHIT.

⁵ Metaphors of vision / sight / light and the oppositional shadow / dark need to be re-examined. The eyes are over-used as positive sense organs. Even the word 'image', as concept or crystallisation of thought, is usually visual. Modern opthalmic medicine and electric power should mean that night / darkness / vision decay are no longer situations of inescapable ignorance or fear. Yet this cude medieval polarity is used by new Christians like M Scott Peck with the old adages "good equals light" and "sin equals dark" put forward as the basis for arranging the world as a peaceful community. Aren't the Dark Ages called dark because there is little known about them and they did not continue the compulsory progress expected of civilisation? If anti-technology action is associated with "darkness", ignorance and a future which can't be banked on, we need to point to unsustainable futures which ther present totalitarian technology and the simplistic comfort of knowledge and the excitement of the "unknown".

KINDERGARTEN AS KNOWLEDGE FACTORY

Ben Brinkley on CD-ROM and the computerisation of learning

According to the rhetoric of educational technology, students as young as kindergarten age can anticipate a transformation in the way they learn, a change from being "knowledge consumers" to being "knowledge producers". This is touted as a revolution from passive to active learning, but a closer examination of the pro-technology polemics, in which the notion of "knowledge production" quietly edges out that of understanding, brings into question whether this can be so.

ENHANCING OR DEMEANING?

Can knowledge be "produced"? And, whether or not it can, why this strange choice of terminology? Somewhat less jarring is the related catch phrase, "building knowledge", which subsumes the pursuit, collection, organization, formulation and presentation of new learning. But once we notice the heavy emphasis placed on presentation in this "new paradigm of learning", the true meanings of "knowledge production" become more clear. "Expand student opportunities for organizing and presenting new learning", through the use of multimedia technology. Allow students to integrate video clips into their presentations. What kind of learning does this demonstrate? "Technology can help our students become better learners", claim teacher / salesmen. Technology can "enhance students' abilities to create", and "improve students' ability to communicate". There need be voices arguing that this is not so, arguing that in fact there is something in these "educational technologies" which demeans the process and significance of real learning.

IMPROVED CHICKEN COUNTING

It seems that the idea of "knowledge production" is compelling to the technological and educational establishments in at least two ways: First is that emphasis on presentation really represents the wish for an easier method of objective evaluation in the classroom. The perpetual bugaboo of institutionalised learning, objective evaluation of the results of programmed curricula is necessary to perform cost-benefit analysis on the expenditures they require. Anything castled production is delightfully easy to evaluate quantitatively: the ability to store and access vast amounts of data will hopefully allow teachers to evaluate a student's learning by examining a cross section of this "product", without needing to gain insight into the student's real understanding. In fact, the sheer mass of data this system produces will allow, or more likely require, teachers to use the same automated data filtering devices that the students have used in assembling their work.

THE NEW INDUSTRIAL MODEL

There is, however, a more sinister appeal to the idea of knowledge production: From its beginnings, institutionalized schooling was

modelled after industry, whether in its bells and whistles or in the idea of educational payoff per dollar spent. Is it too much of a stretch to suggest that, as it becomes increasingly difficult to conceal the social /

he or she has a computer, the question of the egalitarian nature of the computer network comes into sharper relief. Egalitarianism plays a major role in discussions of technology in the schools: A standard response to any hesitation or questioning of technology goes: "Well, you wouldn't want to deny certain students access to this technology, would you?" This argument has made vast fortunes for the makers of computers who began by giving their magic boxes to the schools, but it rests on a fairy-

to be enthusiastic servants of the machine, easily enthralled by its latest colors, animation, beeps and whistles. Indeed, with attention deficit disorders becoming a kind of epidemic amongst our youngsters, it's ironic that the new, improved magic shows of technology which seem to have shattered kids' attention are also the medicine prescribed momentarily to recapture it.

DISCOVERY?

The bewitching images we see on our screens promise a world of discovery, disguising the fact that CD-ROM encyclopedias are almost uselessly shallow. Learning requires that one encounter the object of study and find meaning in that encounter, and the value of this learning is greater, the greater the independence and creativity of the encounter. But the data which reach us through "educational software" have their meaning indelibly stamped on their shirtfronts. They shout out their intended educational purpose before one has the time -- let's not waste time -- to examine them. And when kids learn to search for knowledge on the Internet, "knowledge production" replaces thought, and corrupts the very notion of research by its dependence on computerized data filters over which the operator exercises no discernment or agency. Given that every link on the World Wide Web is created by a person, consider the degree to which its explorers' so-called "discovery" is circumscribed. If this is what a child learns to accept as discovery, as "active, involved learning", then the ability to make associations intuitively or through serendipity among the phenomena of culture or nature, and thus gain knowledge that is really his, really hers, can never be born.

THE END OF LEARNING

Suppose that the value of education lies in certain necessary ambiguities and varieties of experience. These are exactly the ambiguities which educational technology seek to excise. Building on our conditioning that we are unable to learn without certain institutions to teach us, we are now asked to accept that learning will always be sadly limited without the right machines. A certain superficial sophistication of presentation is the hallmark of technologized schooling. But gathering bits of data and assembling them into a "product" is the antithesis of real understanding. Learning is assimilation of experience, intellectual or otherwise, and causes a transfiguration of the self through its relation to the object. It is in the relationship between the subject and object that learning is born, and the value of the learning is determined by the quality of attention which characterizes that relationship. It is exactly this quality of attention which computerized learning degrades.

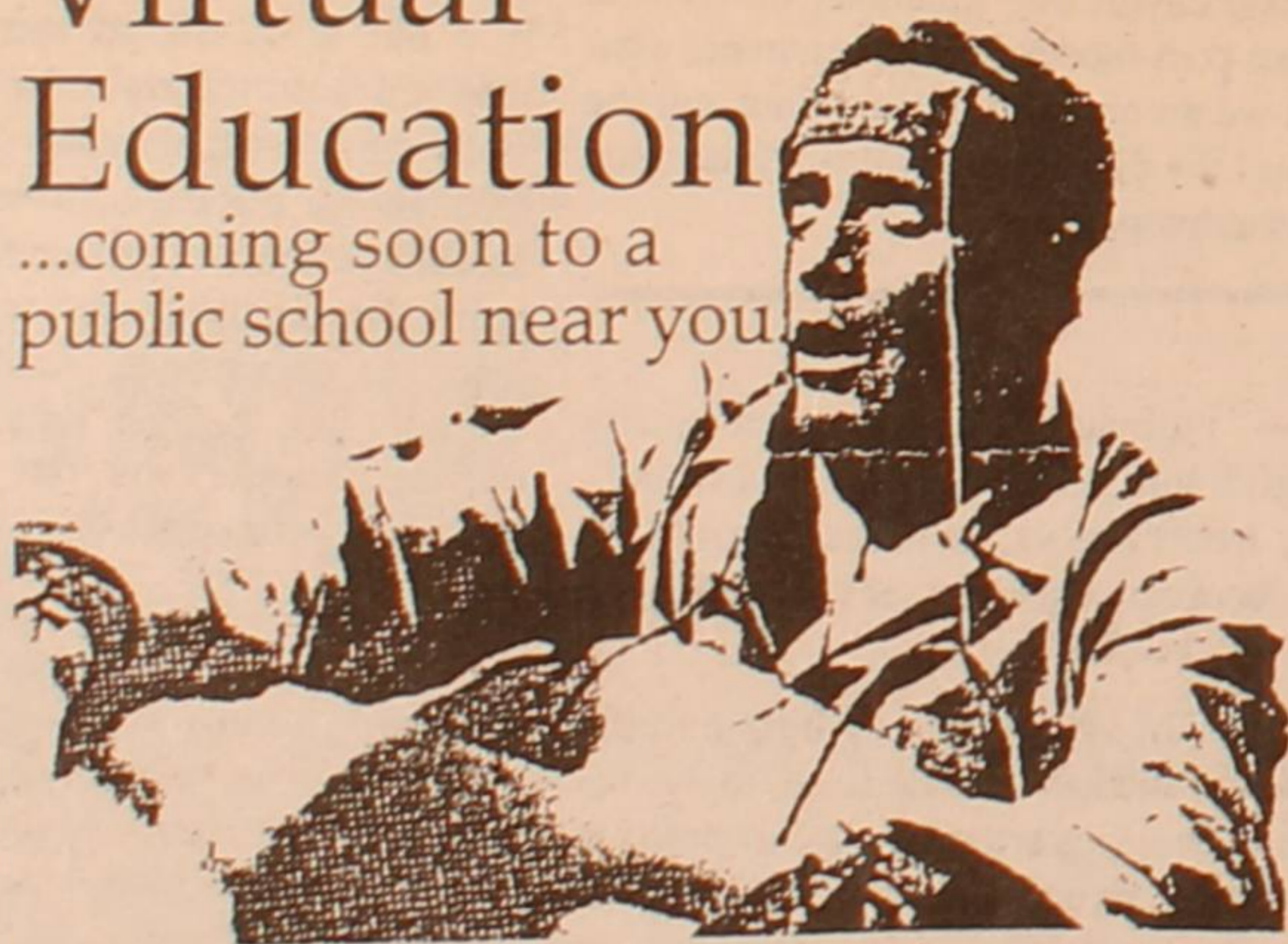
TRADE IN YOUR ATTENTION

In the age of mechanization / automation, society as a whole can no longer accept the myth that our young are being trained for the shop floor, the factory floor, or even the address to every American, whether or not clerk's desk. Rather we must prepare them

Demonstrate the extent and depth of your reasoning skills by filling in bubble keys on computer graded "scan-tron" tests. Avoid annoying distractions such as the spontaneous exchange of ideas and interpersonal contact with an increased student-teacher ratio. Enjoy the free-spiritedness and open exchange of ideas that comes with increased dependence on capital from benevolent corporations. Immerse yourself in consumer culture and critical thinking by absorbing commercial news broadcasts in your own classroom. Don your cyber-goggles and surf the action-packed waves of American history as brought to you by Disney.

After twelve years (and if you are fortunate enough--four more) you will kind of have control of your critical faculties, almost be a functioning, intelligent member of society, and be virtually educated.

Virtual Education ...coming soon to a public school near you



environmental disasterousness of industry, pundits and ministers of culture are delighted to sell the idea of the clean, egalitarian "information industry"?

A PROFITABLE ADDICTION

And what do these advances promise for teachers and parents? The same claims are made for teachers as for students: the teacher's abilities, too, can be "enhanced", their ability to teach, to communicate, to evaluate. Enthusiasts talk of strengthening their home-school connection through "technological partnerships". But what is a technology partnership except an agreement about what hardware to buy?

EQUAL ACCESS?

And with this morning's announcement (11/21/95) of a proposal to assign an e-mail workshop, the factory floor, or even the address to every American, whether or not clerk's desk. Rather we must prepare them

MANAGERS MUST MEASURE

Mike Hales' much-neglected 1982 expose of Number as domination

In the lab and in the factory and in government experts measure. It is preferable if people can be taken out of the loop, so that instruments do the measuring -- that is, produce numerically coded outputs, which people then interpret. But however it is done, 'man must measure'. In science measurements are the raw material of knowledge, and without measurements a science is fatally 'soft'. In the production manager's office, the board room and the corridors of power from Whitehall to Washington and the world over, statistics are the persistent reference point. Statistical techniques came early in capitalist society as mortality and morality came under official scrutiny for purposes of profit and political administration: insurance, annuities, raising revenues for the State, controlling population and endemic disease. Actual voices serve to mildly qualify the statistical picture, or give it local colour; but even in courts of law, eye-witness evidence now has secondary status in relation to the measured evidence of forensic scientists.

At the centre of the changes in thought of this kind of reductionist project which the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Newton and his contemporaries set in train when they tried to analyse the cosmos as mere matter in motion. No 'spirits', no mysterious animating forces, just small hard pieces of stuff and God. the project survives and thrives in modern physics, in which subatomic structural elements (electrons, neutrons, photons and other denizens of this insubstantial but measurable world) are understood to be the building blocks of all legitimate explanations of physical behaviour. The project has been taken up over the past 40 years, with staggering success, in biology as molecular biology, which seeks accounts of biological phenomena such as inheritance of characteristics in descriptions of molecular structure and processes.

The ideal of the quantifiers' strategy has been very fully achieved over 300 years -- that all experience and social relations should be valued only to the extent that they can be coded and processed with an 'objective' world of mathematical reason. Down this slippery slope have gone, first of all, colour, taste and smell -- very early on, these. Terrible, subjective, soft qualities. After them went temperature, sensation, perceptions, deas, dispositions, skills -- the last signifying a whole history of scientific physiology and psychology. Still being sucked in are accomplishments, aspirations, wishes, needs, choices, statuses; and so on and on, into the whole repertoire of contemporary statistical techniques of demand- and opinion- and work-measurement and management. The whole expanding project of science lies in the reduction of experience. Though the outcomes are the same so far as everyday practice is concerned, there are ways and ways of doing the reducing, and it is as well to be sensitive to what they are.

REDUCTIONISMS

One kind of reductionism insists that there is only one single set of theoretical terms ultimately available for describing all meaningful behaviour and action. We might call this ontological reductionism (ontology is the naming of what reality is fundamentally made up of -- for instance, one pre-seventeenth century ontology had the universe constituted from forms, essences, natural places and purposes). It is

pretty in the 'purest', most reduced domain of explanation. Mathematics, it should be added, like anthropology and systems theory, seems to be out of the competition, preferring to refine systems of conventions rather than produce explanations of actual happenings and potentialities.

Hardly anybody tries to explain, say, economic behaviour in terms of molecular interactions -- which is not to say that scientific economists don't try to get some kudos of chemistry to rub off on economics by using mathematical 'models' from chemistry to talk about economic behaviour. Thus Charles (later Sir Charles) Goodeve, Director of the British Iron and Steel Research Association, Fellow of the Royal Society and later a Director of the Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation, speculated in the journal *Nature* in 1948:

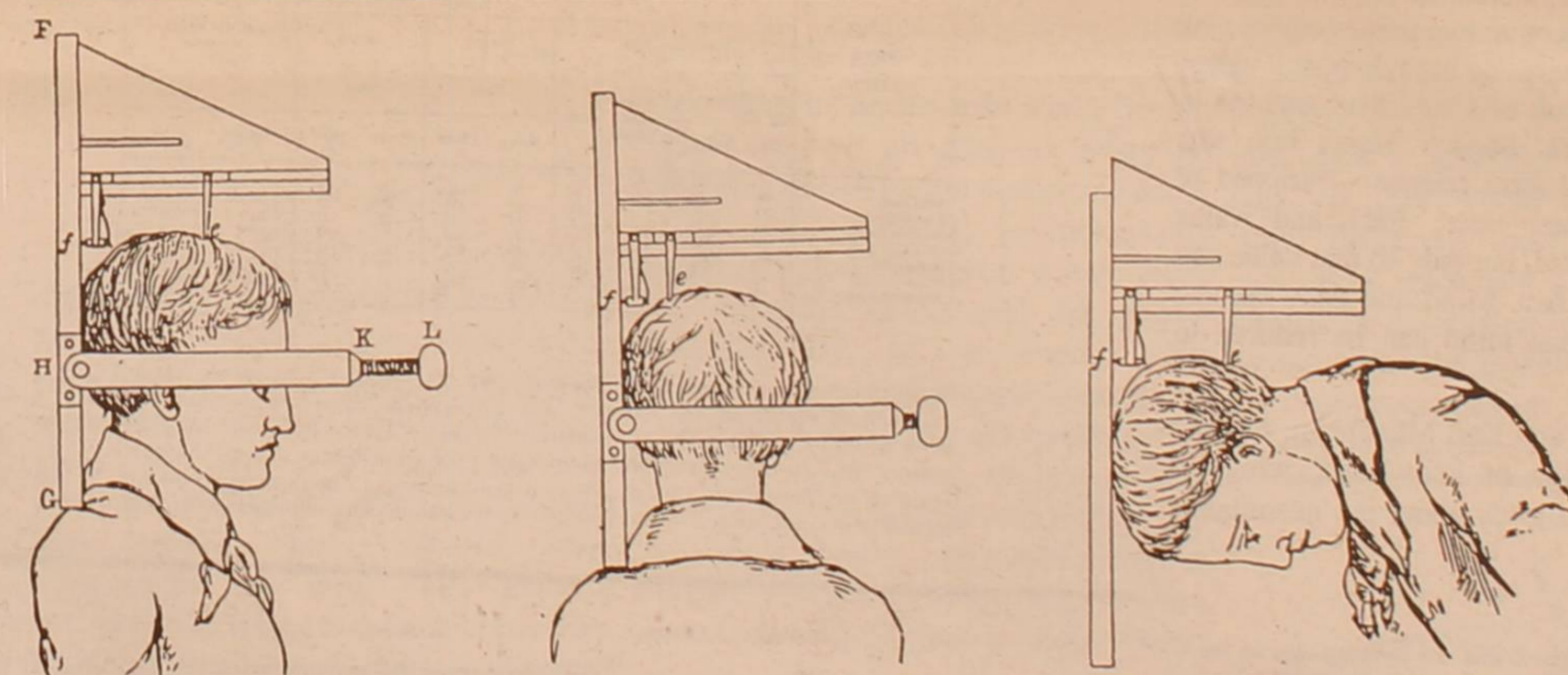
We can look forward to the day when the science of economics will be sufficiently developed to enable man to gain better control over his circumstances. I believe this science will only grow by the methods of operational research and more specifically by developing its own versions of the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics, the First being the law of conservation of equivalence, the Second the law of direction of changes as governed by (economic) forces and the associated conditions of equilibria.

There is a clear and general assumption that

molecular level and leaves particle physics' terms to particle physics. Physiologists study 'irritability', 'contractility' and other phenomena which are meaningless in the language of sub-atomic particles. Chemists study solubility or classify substances using terms such as 'hygroscopic', which are not reducible to a set of terms taken from physics: and they use them without embarrassment as the everyday practical language of their work, closer to non-specialist language. Without delving into the superfine structure of matter, respectable sciences have been developed around quantitative 'laws' summarising observable behaviour in these spheres of research.

MATHEMATICS NEEDS IDIOT-PROOF RULES

While they accept the practical autonomy of different levels of description and explanation, however, these sciences are reductionist in a different way. By defining their vocabulary -- contractility, solubility, and so on -- in terms of the conditions under which these qualities can be turned into quantities (ie. measured) sciences reduce language to a code rooted in numerical operations. There are, in fact, two closely related reductions taking place here. One is



behaviour. The project has been taken up over the past 40 years, with staggering success, in biology as molecular biology, which seeks accounts of biological phenomena such as inheritance of characteristics in descriptions of molecular structure and processes.

This most radical reductionism is limited to explanations within sciences so that -- in practice -- one science does not get reduced to another. There is, however, a sort of peck order of the sciences, with the most radically reduced explanations at the top and the most-nearly experiential at the bottom. The lower down it is, the more chance there is that a science will be accused of being tainted with social, political and ideological assumptions. Economists will say it of sociologists, psychologists of sociologists, ethologists of psychologists, physiologists of ethologists and psychologists, biologists of all the human and behavioural sciences no matter how hard they try to pin numbers on things. But molecular biologists have the laugh on the biologists -- and physicists sit

the explanations of the more rarefied sciences are 'better' than the others, more measurable, 'harder', more fully mathematicised. The relationship between the sciences is seen in ideal-historical terms, as an edge of objectivity gradually advancing from studies of the heavens, through terrestrial physics, into physiology and geology, the history of life, the functioning of the mind and the life of society. The pure light of quantitative reason hasn't swept all the way across yet, but the assumption is that one day it will, revealing the hard truth about nature and society.

Despite the seductiveness of ontological reductionism -- it is certainly very elegant in an abstract way -- most established sciences do not in practice try to go the whole hog. Chemists do not try to cast all their explanations and descriptions in terms of sub-atomic processes. Experimental psychology, physiology, geology and other sciences with a manifestly physical interest in the world are similarly modest. Even molecular biology stops short at the

a mathematical reduction, a substitution of an artificial, formal language for a 'speakeable' language, gaining power in manipulation and quantitative logic but sacrificing translatability into other forms of language, which people habitually use to relate their experiences and to make fine qualitative distinctions. The strategy, with great deliberateness, cuts off scientific explanations from the normal cultural processes of valuing and locating experiences. Because of this disjunction between everyday and formal languages, the mathematical reduction requires, in other words, an operational reduction -- a specification of what operations will be counted as adequately pinning down a quality in quantitative form, so that other experimenters may use the same unreal language to relate to the real world. Operational reductionism is intended to make reality stand still for long enough for objects to be singled out and have numbers stuck on them. Because the mathematical and the operational reductions necessarily go together we might refer to them together, as

methodological (as distinct from ontological) reductionism.

This is universal -- in fact it is taken as the entrance requirement -- in science, and this is why, despite the ontological differences between the physical sciences, they can share a practical language. The Royal Society standards concerning quantities, units and symbols (1975) state that:

each physical quantity shall be given a name and a symbol which is an abbreviation of that name. By international convention seven physical quantities are chosen for use as dimensionally independent base quantities: length (l), mass (m), time (t), electric current (I), thermodynamic temperature (T), amount of substance (n), luminous intensity (Iv). All other physical quantities are regarded as derived from these base quantities

These plus the ten digits 0-9 and the units of measurement, are the sum total of the legitimate language of observation in hard physical science, and the stuff of all explanation.

DON'T BE SOFT ABOUT SOCIETY

The consequences of methodological reductionism are particularly dramatic and visible in the management sciences, where it is the behaviour of humans in society which is being measured and mathematically modelled. The fetish of quantification means that if studies of social behaviour are to be really scientific, on natural-science lines, then the whole of the vocabulary of power, purposes, values and identity must be operationalised, rammed into measurable forms. Safety becomes measurably quantities of toxic compounds. Efficiency becomes profit ratios or yield factors. Morale becomes frequency of attendance at work. Cooperation becomes two parties converging in the same observable behaviour, and values become the result of a statistical analysis of past behaviours. Society passes into this science -- hard-form science -- stripped of colour, perfume, taste. Fact and value become separated, but only so that value can be reduced to fact. Mind and body become separated so that mind can be reduced to body.

Half a century ago Karl Mannheim, founder of the sociology of knowledge, wrote in *Ideology and Utopia* about the quantitative trend:

It is not to be denied that the carrying over of the methods of natural science to the social sciences gradually leads to a situation where one no longer asks what one would like to know and what would be of decisive significance for the next step in social development, but attempts only to deal with those complexes of facts which are measurable according to a certain already existing method. Instead of attempting to discover what is most significant with the highest degree of precision possible under existing circumstances, one tends to be content to attribute importance to what is measurable merely because it happens to be measurable

This is a description of most quantitative social scientists, most OR [operational research] scientists, most economic planners. Frightened to be anything other than scientific they hanstrung themselves with technique. That might not matter if it were only a game or a private pursuit, but these technicians' hangups have more serious consequences.

PREDICTION AND CONTROL

Hard sciences write statements about the world in algebraic language, mathematical models. They turn the handle of the logic machine, and out come other statements, transformations of the models. These are interpreted as predictions and decoded back into the real world using the operationalist

codebook, and what you have now is experimental designs, traps set to see if reality will spring them. It works? Then what you have is control -- not 'truth', because the models are partial, the experimental condition limited, the coding and decoding always botched and fudged to some extent, never as mechanically perfect as would be ideal. Truth is not what matters. Control is all, experimental control, the ability to make reality jump through your

have a double guarantee because the knowledge cannot be in general circulation. It is not that kind of language. It is not formulated in natural language, and to go between the artificial and the natural language -- the language of theory and the language of practice -- requires a specific and long apprenticeship and a specific and thorough enculturation. Scientific knowledge is not -- declines to be -- a part of common culture, it bypasses the social

most forces of production. This is now one of the wartime innovators, PMS Blackett, socialist, professor of physics, Nobel Prize winner, later President of the Royal Society, saw the thrust of science in war:

Under the name of 'operational research' scientists were put into a position to study and analyse the planning and operational activities of the military staffs, thus encouraging numerical thinking and avoiding running the war on gusts of emotions

No gusts of emotion, but an unyielding wind of the reduced emotionality of reductionist science.

OR scientists build models, incorporating quantified variables, of the structure or the processes of the systems that they are permitted and paid to study. They build models, test them for internal formal consistency, try out their predictiveness on past data and then run them under different conditions to see what possible variations in outcome there are. In other words, they use models as surrogate realities, to experiment on. As a result of these thought-experiments they -- and of course the managers they service -- decide what 'experiment' to try in the real world, that is, what changes to make in practice to achieve a desired outcome: saving in stock-holding costs, reduction in manning levels, 'rationalisation' of production across a number of sites. As they go beyond technique into reality they are making concrete the power that is implicit in preconceptualisation, as a general relation of production which separates knowledges from working people. OR scientists and managers think through, in detail even if only partial detail, a course of action before the event, so that the system they subsequently act in and transform has no involvement in the prethinking process. This is what abstract knowledges are for. 'The system', the whole complex of practices -- people, machines, money; apparatus, purposes -- is only an experimental object, cast in that role by the investigators. Only its ghost, the mathematical model, is present in the preconceptualising process. That need not be so (why not?) but it is.

Thus, following the natural-science pattern of prediction and control, scientists and managers stand apart from the system of which they are a part (or they could not influence it at all). They reach conclusions about outcomes of action in real practices without engaging in the full extent of its real-time working and submitting themselves to its cultural conditions. Modellers work in privileged conditions -- of access to information, of a flexible time economy which allows thinking (they are paid to think), of access to the means of putting thinking into practice. In this way preconceptualisation, rather than being the general human capacity to think first and act afterwards, takes the historical form of *fiat*, the managerial power to act first and

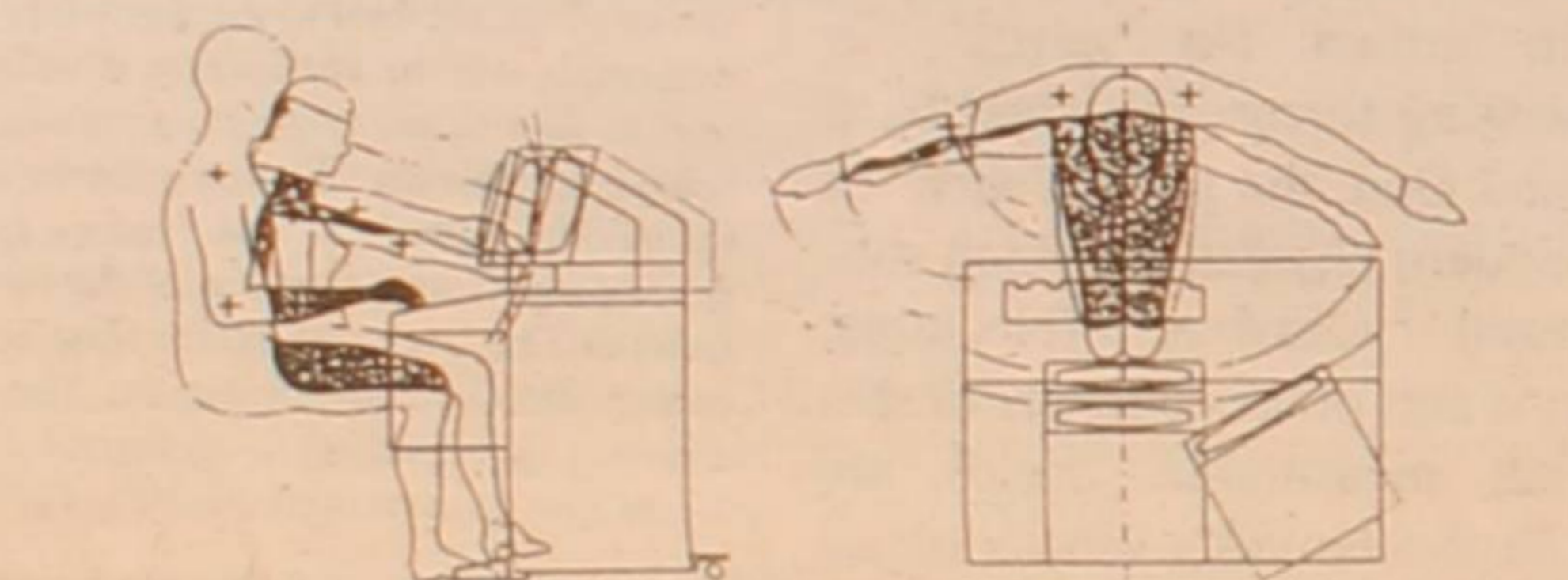
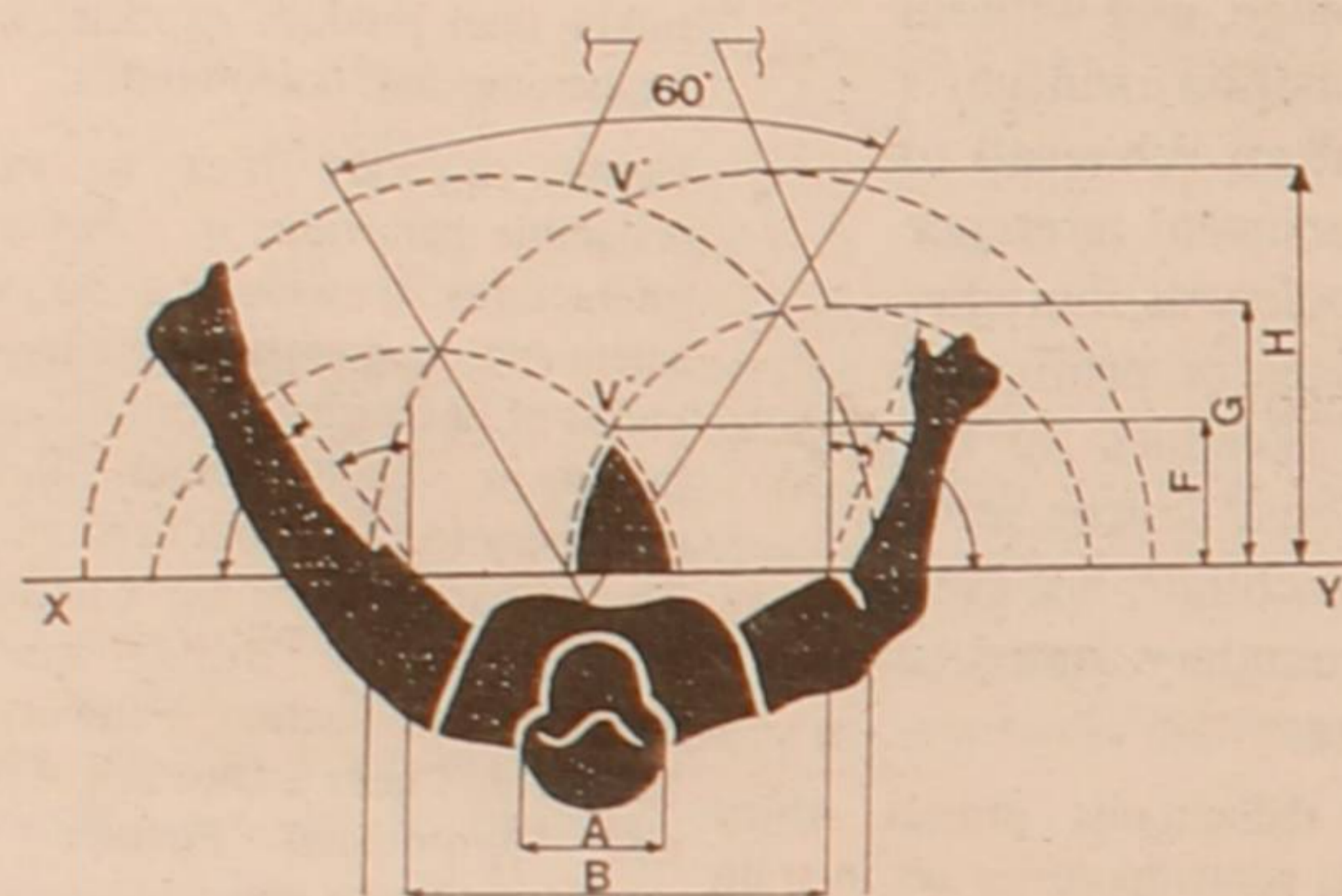
(depending on how partial the model's mapping of reality is) successfully. Management science is not simply sticking numbers on things, as its practitioners and pioneers naively put it. It is a process of sciencing society, freezing history to a standstill as data so that 'things' can be picked out and have numbers stuck on them, then moving through models into the practice of elite control, to make the things jump through designated hoops. This is the mathematical fix. It is the power of preconceptualisation, to say that 'Man Must Measure'. But it is true that in a world of elites and masses managers must.

THE MATHEMATICAL FIX

The second real-world consequence of the cultural; form of science stems from the transference of the form into the management of society directly. Operational Research is one place where this happens. In World War II natural scientists recruited themselves into the war effort and began work on 'operational' problems rather than the technical problems of the small back room. They studied why submarines escaped bombers' depth charges, and whether it would win the war faster if resources were committed to bombing submarines rather than German cities, and which bombing strategies would kill most people and destroy

hoops, to pre-guess the outcomes of confrontations with nature.

Again, this might not matter too much if it were merely a matter of private games played in the artificial world of laboratories (although the morality, the baiting and trapping and out-gunning of nature, surely wouldn't stay within the walls of the scientific workplace. Presumably it wasn't born there either). The models and the methods are taken out into the real world and this has two main consequences. The first is power over nature 'in the wild', limited power but quite real and effective. Antiprotons can be forced to show themselves, genes can be mapped and manipulated, a light brighter than a thousand suns can be generated over a Japanese city, non-natural life forms can be made to live and reproduce. This power passes all ordinary understanding, and that is its price -- not a necessary price, but the going rate. The partial power to manipulate nature is the power of partial institutions, elites, in government and business. They pay for the work, they own its results, and they



WORK MATERIAL		CUTTING SPEED in mph										FEED RATE in mph	
		HIGH SPEED STEEL					CARBIDE						
		Turn		Radial and Thread	D/E	Turn		Turn		Rough	Finish		
		Rough	Finish			Rough	Finish	Rough	Finish				
Mild Steel	40	60	71-11	30	90	180	30	71	0-61250	0-1250-15			
Cast Steel	15	24	31	12	45	180	24	15	0-515	0-1250-15			
Tool Steels	15	18	1	12	27	45	22	22	0-515	0-70710-15			
Grey Cast Iron	18	27	31	12	60	180	15	45	0-425	0-425			
Aluminum	90	180	12	72	240	360	120	180	0-165	0-165			
Brass	72	180	18	60	180	270	90	180	0-7750-6	0-21-25			
Phosphor Bronze	18	36	42	12	120	180	30	30	0-7750-15	0-1250-15			

'Scientific' management in the Taylorist vein fits workers into work stations designed to reproduce the one best way of working. Conversely, workers have been fitted to the demands of standardised tasks by, for example, recruiting only women seamstresses with arms and fingers of a given length. Taylor's lifetime research on 'The Art of Cutting Metals' was forerunner to present day feed-and-speeds tables, published in manuals of workshop standards from decade to decade.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

'Let the machines do all the work' -- Bob Black doesn't think so

THE END OF WORK: THE DECLINE OF THE GLOBAL LABOR FORCE AND THE DAWN OF THE POST-MARKET ERA BY JEREMY RIFKIN (NEW YORK: G P PUTNAM'S SONS, 1995)

Futurists have announced the new post-industrial epoch almost as often as Marxists used to announce the final crisis of capitalism. Admitting as much, Jeremy Rifkin insists that this time, the future is finally here, and here to stay. He may be right.

No original thinker, Rifkin is a lucid concatenator and popularizer of important information, served up for easy digestion. Almost anybody would come away from reading this book knowing more about trends in technology and the organization of work which have already transformed everyday life worldwide and, whatever their ultimate impact, are certain to effect profounder changes still. Along the way, though, Rifkin makes enough crucial mistakes for his reform schemes, prosaic though they are, to assure their consignment to the utopian scrapheap.

Although Rifkin provides plenty of details, they never detract from the big, basic message. The world as we have known it throughout historic time has been a world of work. For all but an elite few (and even for most of them), their work has (as Rifkin says) "structured" their lives. For all the revolutionary transformations since the dawn of civilization, work as quotidian fatality has (to lift a line from William Faulkner) not only endured, it has prevailed. Indeed, work was longer, harder and duller after the Industrial Revolution and after the Neolithic Revolution [than] before it. Political revolutions have worked profound changes, but not profound changes in work.

That's all beginning to change, according to Rifkin. The global economy has never been more productive, but worldwide, unemployment is at its highest since the Great Depression. New technology, especially information technology, is always capital-intensive. It's blind faith and sheer fantasy to suppose that new technology always replaces the jobs it destroys. All the evidence, as Rifkin relentlessly and rightly insists, is to the contrary. It's nonsensical and cruel to retrain ten workers for a job only one of them might get (but probably won't, since a young new entry into the workforce is probably healthier, more tractable, and unburdened by memories of the good old days). We're moving towards a "near-workerless world". Out of 124 million American job, 90 million "are potentially vulnerable to replacement by machines".

As Rifkin reveals, the tech-driven downsizing of the workforce spares no sector of the economy. In the United

States, originally a country of farmers, only 2.7% of the population works in agriculture, and here -- and everywhere -- "the end of outdoor agriculture" is foreseen. The industrial sector was next. And now the tertiary sector, which had grown relative to the others, which is now by far the largest sector, is getting pared down. Automatic teller machines replace bank tellers. Middle management is dramatically diminished: the bosses relay their orders to the production workers directly, by computer, and monitor their compliance by computer too.

menacing even to those who are forcing us forward, what's wrong with this picture?

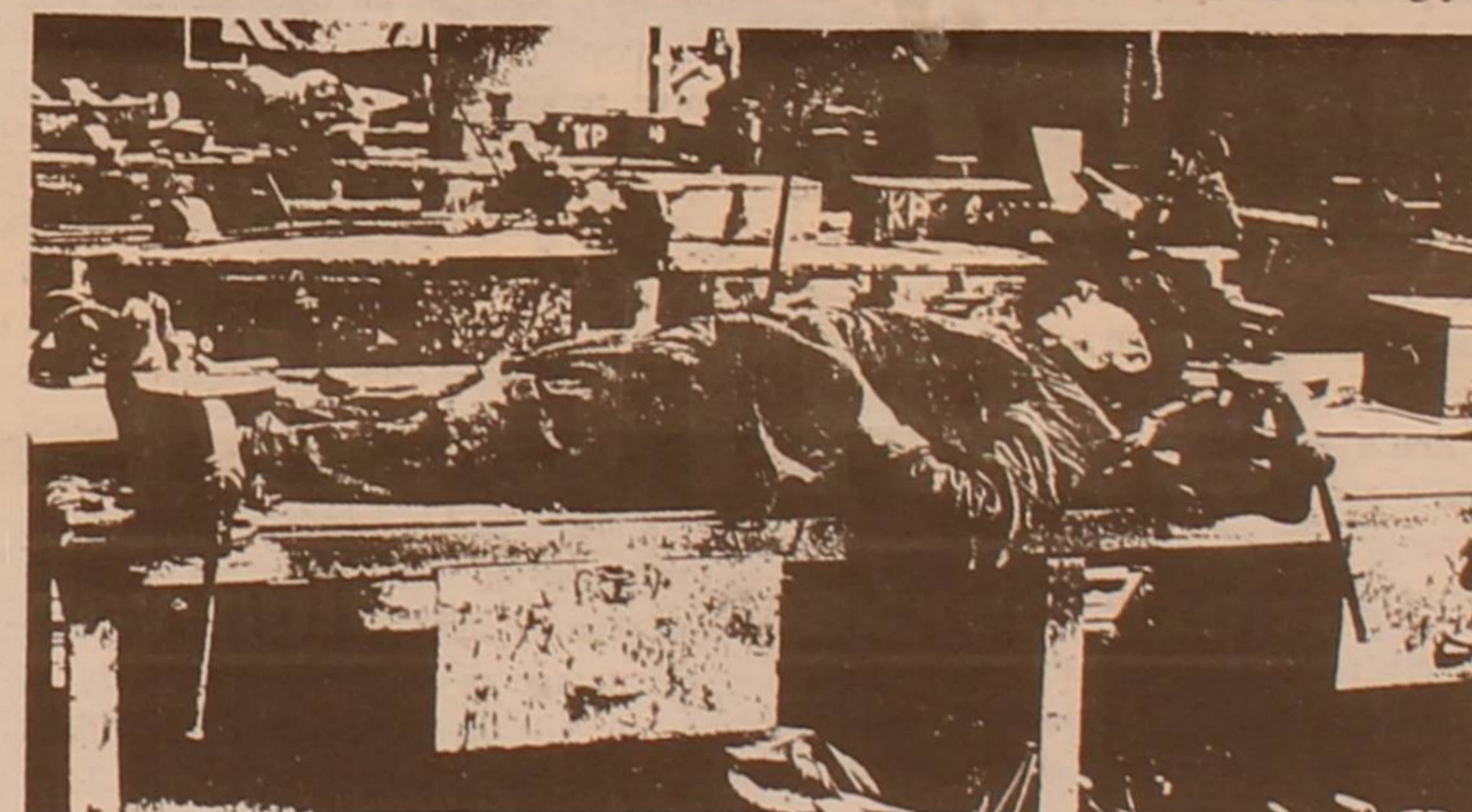
Employers should be clamouring for the reform which underpins all the others Rifkin proposes: a shorter workweek. That would put more people on the payroll, giving them something to do besides feeling sorry for themselves or, worse yet, figuring out who's to blame, and providing the purchasing power to buy the commodities the employers are in business to sell. But -- to Rifkin's apparent amazement -- those Americans still enjoying the dubious privilege of working, work longer hours than they did in 1948, although productivity has since then more than doubled. Instead of reducing hours, employers are reducing their fulltime workforces, intensifying exploitation and insecurity, while simultaneously maximising the use of throwaway temp workers, momentarily mobilized reservists.

What's wrong with this picture? Fundamentally this: the commodities so abundantly produced in an almost workerless economy have to be sold, but in order to be sold, they must be bought, and in order for them to be bought, consumers require the money to pay for them. They get most of that money as wages for working. Even Rifkin, who goes to great lengths not to sound radical, grudgingly admits that a certain Karl Marx came up with this notion of a crisis of capitalist overproduction relative to purchasing power.

There are other difficulties too. The work of the remaining workers, the knowledge-workers, is immensely stressful. Like text on a computer screen, it scrolls around inexorably, but for every worker who

can't take it, there's another in "the new reserve army" of the unemployed (another idleness. For both classes he has borrowing from you-know-who) desperate asolution. Rthe still-employed are to to take her place. And the redundant enter "the third sector", the volunteer majority is not just an insufficient market, sector (as opposed to the market and it's a reservoir of despair. Not only are government sectors), encouraged by "a tax deduction for every hour given to legally certified tax-exempt organizations". And to the first victims of automation -- the permanently unemployed will get a southern Blacks displaced by agricultural government-supplied "social wage", technology ending up as a permanent channelled through "nonprofit underclass -- will happen to many organizations to help them recruit and millions of Whites too. We know the train the poor for jobs in their consequences: crime, drugs, family organizations".

Hold it right there! Hasn't Rifkin repeatedly insisted that the early decades of the 21st century, if not sooner, will be a nearly workless future? That productivity will increase as producers dwindle? Why does this imperative govern the for-profit sector but not the nonprofit sector? if there's still so much work to be done, be it ever so feel-good and "community-based", and if people are to be paid to do it -- whatever the "creative accounting" by which their wages are paid -- then this is no nearly-workless world at all. Rifkin is assigning the otherwise unemployable to the workhouse or the chain-gang. That's, to say the least, an awfully odd conclusion to a book titled *The End of Work*. What's wrong (something obviously is) with this picture?



just one more, and more than usually unsavory manifestation of the division of labor (as the work-system is referred to after its tarding-up by academic cosmetologists). Politics is work for politicians, therapy for activists, and a spectator sport for everybody else.

If we hypothesize that work is essentially about social control and only incidentally about production, the boss behaviour which Rifkin finds so perversely stubborn makes perfect sense on its own twisted terms. Part of the population is overworked. Another part is ejected from the workforce. What do they have in common? Two things -- mutual hostility and abject dependence. The first perpetuates the second, and each is disempowering.

Rifkin wonders how the system can deal with vast numbers of newly superfluous people. As he's himself disclosed, it's had plenty of practice. The creation and management of an underclass is already a done deal. The brave new world of techno-driven abundance -- if by abundance you mean only more commodities -- looks to look like this:

1. THE ALPHAS. A relatively small number of tenders of high-tech, allied with essential tenders of people (entertainers, politicians, clergy, military officers, journalists, police chiefs, etc). They will continue to work -- harder, in many cases, than anybody -- to keep the system, and each other, working.

2. THE BETAS. In lieu of the old-time middle class and middle management which, as Rifkin explains, are obsolete, there will be a social control class of police, security guards, social "workers", schoolteachers, daycare workers, clinical psychologists, with-it parents, etc. It merits special attention that the more robust and aggressive members of what used to be the working class will be coopted to police those they left behind (as one Gilded Age robber baron put it, "I can hire one-half the working class to kill the other half"). Thus the underclass loses its leaders even as it's distracted by the phantasm of upward mobility.

3. THE GAMMAS. The vast majority of the population, what Nicola Tesla called "meat-machines", what Lee Kuan Yew calls "digits", what Jeremy Rifkin is too embarrassed to call anything. They cannot be controlled, as the other classes can, by work, because they don't work. They will be managed by bread and circuses. The bread consists of modest transfer payments maintaining the useless poor at subsistence level as helpless wards of the State. The circuses will be provided by the awesome techno-spectacles of what, in the wake of the Gulf War, can only be called the military-entertainment complex. Hollywood and the Pentagon will always be there for each other.

Gammas form a mass, not a class, a simple aggregation of homologous multitudes, as Marx characterised the peasantry, "just as potatoes in a bag form a bag of potatoes". They enjoy certain inalienable rights -- to change channels, to check their E-mail, to vote -- and a few others of no practical consequence. Wars, professional sports, elections and advertising campaigns afford them the Rifkin's utopia turns out to be the New Deal. The state-certified, State-subsidized opportunity to identify with like-minded

spectators. It doesn't matter how they divide themselves up as long as they do. As they really are all the same, any differentiation they seize upon is arbitrary, but any differentiation will do. They close up teams by race, gender, hobby, generation, diet, religion, every which way but loose. In conditions of collective subversion, these distinctions have exactly, and only, the significance of a boys' tree-house with a "No Girls" sign posted outside. Gammas are essentially fans, and the self-activity of fans is exhausted in their formation of fan-clubs. They are potatoes who bag themselves.

4. THE DELTAS. This set-up will engender its own contradictions -- class societies always do. Bill Gates to the contrary notwithstanding, frictionless capitalism is an oxymoron. There'll be plenty of potholes on the information superhighway. Every class will contribute a portion of drop-outs, deviants and dissidents. Some will rebel from principles, some from pathology, some from both. And their rebellion will be functional as long as it doesn't get out of hand. The Deltas, the recalcitrants and unassimilables, will furnish work for the Betas and tabloid-type entertainment for the Gammas. In an ever more boring, predictable world, crazies and criminals will provide the zest, the risk, the mystery which the consciousness industry is increasingly inadequate to simulate. VR, morphing, computer graphics -- all very impressive, for awhile, but there's nothing like a whiff of fear, the scent of real lood, like the spectacles nobody did better than the Romans and the Aztecs. The show they call "America's Most Wanted" -- that's a double entendre. Societies don't necessarily get, as some say, the criminals; they deserve, but nowadays they get the criminals they want.

"Whether a utopian or dystopian future awaits us depends", concludes Rifkin, "to a great measure on how the productivity gains of the Information Age are distributed". None of his evidence substantiates this *ipse dixit*, announced so early on that by the time the reader has made it to the policy proposals, he probably assumes that the proof must have been lurking amidst all those facts lobbed at him along the way. In fact, Rifkin's credibility in predicting the future is strained by his poor performance predicting the past.

Rifkin asserts, almost as an aside, that the American experience of the last 40 to 50 years -- higher productivity and longer hours of work -- is an aberration without historical precedent. (And thus, presumably, a wrinkle easily ironed out by or statesmen once it's as drawn to their attention by Jeremy Rifkin, tribune off the people.) Both the Neolithic (agricultural) and the Industrial Revolutions spurred productivity and also lengthened the hours of work (as well as degrading work qualitatively, as an experience). Productivity gains never ushered in utopia before, why should they now? More equitable distribution of the wealth never ushered in utopia before, why should it now? It's not that Jeremy Rifkin knows something he isn't telling us. Rather, he doesn't know something he is telling us.

third sector is just the WPA: public-works projects. Shortening the workweek by a mere ten hours amounts to no more than bringing New Deal wages--and-hours legislation up to date, just as the minimum wage has to be raised from time to time to adjust for inflation. It's far from obvious that these reforms would do much if anything to reverse the trickle-up redistribution of wealth which took place in the 80's. It was World War II, after all, not New Deal social legislation, which effectuated this country's most recent -- and quite modest -- economic levelling. What Rifkin calls the "social wage" smacks off what Republicans call "workfare". And using tax breaks to encourage socially responsible enterprise is about as utopian as allowing charitable deductions, but probably not as radical as reducing the capital-gains tax.

Rifkin, like all futurists, is incapable of prophesying a plausible utopian future. A futurist is by definition a forecaster of the continuation of present trends, but if the present isn't utopian, why should the future-as-the-same-only-more be utopian? Not to say it can't possibly be, just to say that Rifkin has some explaining to do. He hasn't taken seriously or even acknowledged the possibility that a real end of work is a practical utopian possibility, not just an eye-catching title for a pop-futurist book. But that would involve rethinking work in a radically different way.

Thomas Edison said (but probably knew better) that genius is 1% inspiration but 99% perspiration. Utopia is 1% perspiration and 99% inspiration. It's practical possibility was never determined by technology or productivity, although technology and productivity have something to do with it, for better or for worse. Huxley and Orwell in tandem, with the advantage of not knowing nearly as much as Bill Gates and Jeremy Rifkin, long ago saw further than they do. Tech was the dependent, not the independent variable -- the consequence, not the cause.

There's one and only one profoundly important conclusion of Rifkin's, and the irony is, he doesn't really mean it. It's his implicit equation of utopia with the end of work. But Rifkin has no idea what the end of work would mean because he's given no thought to what work means. Otherwise he could hardly have thought work is ended by being performed in a different "sector" of the economy. That's like saying that exploitation is wended once everybody's employer is a workers' state.

To speak of the "end" of work is to speak in the passive voice -- as if work is ending itself, and needs only a nudge from progressive policies to wind down without a fuss. But work is not a natural process like combustion or entropy which runs its course of itself. Work is a social practice reproduced by repeating multitudinous personal choices. Not free choices usually -- "your money or your life" is, after all, a choice -- but nonetheless acts of human intention. It is the interaction of many) acts of will which perpetuates work, and it is (the interaction of many) acts of will which will abolish it by a collective adventure speaking in the active voice. Work will

end, if it does, because workers end it by choosing to do something else -- by living in a different way.

What, after all, is work? Nuances aside (as insightful as exploring them can be), work is production forced by and for survival. Its objectionable aspect isn't production, it's forced labor to live. Production without coercion is not only possible, it's omnipresent. Rifkin points out that half the adult population already does volunteer "work" (a misnomer) with no economic encouragement at all. That's not a bad place to start to think about how to reconcile production and freedom.

As Rifkin complains, people who volunteer money to charities can take tax deductions, but people who volunteer their services cannot.

So why are they donating their services? To oversimplify, two main motives are probably operative. The first is benevolence. Many people derive satisfaction from helping other people. The second is satisfaction in the activity itself: the scoutmaster who enjoys the company of kids, the food-kitchen cook who enjoys cooking, or anybody with a craft or skill her cherishes so much he wants to pass it on to others. And these motives often overlap and reinforce each other. Often you can't help people better than by imparting your skills to them. Most people have more ability than money, and sharing their abilities, unlike sharing their money, doesn't deprive them of anything. They gain satisfaction and they lose nothing. Might there be a clue here to really ending work?

Rifkin only discerns, and only vaguely, that the voluntarist spirit has a part to play in the end of work. He doesn't notice that self-interested activity does too -- that play has a part to play. Mary Poppins perhaps exaggerated in saying that "in everything that must be done, there is an element of fun", but in many things that must be done, there could be elements of fun. Production and play aren't necessarily the same, but they're not necessarily different either. Income and altruism aren't the only springs of action. Crafts, sports, feats, sex, games, song and conversation gratify by the sheer doing of them. Rifkin's no radical, but he's certainly a leftist, with the Judeo-Calvinist presumption that if you enjoy doing something, especially with others, it must be immoral or frivolous.

We finally know what's wrong with this picture: we've seen it before, and we know how it ends. The future according to the visionary Rifkin is the present with better special effects. Putting people out of work does nothing to put an end to work. Unemployment makes work more, not less, important. More makework does not mean less work, just less work it is possible to perform with even a vestige of self-respect. Nothing Rifkin forecasts, not even rising crime, offers any promise of ever ending work. Nothing Rifkin proposes does either. So strongly does he believe in the work ethic that he schemes to perpetuate it even after the demise of the toil it hallows. He believes in ghosts, notably the ghost in the machine. But a specter is haunting Rifkin: the spectre of the abolition of work by the collective creativity of workers themselves.

REVOLT OF THE LUDDITES

The Luddites were an early attempt to act against the tyranny of technology. Their defeat shaped industrial mass society

Historically, manufacturing was often carried out at home, or with a few people working together in a blacksmiths shop -- small groups making things on a small scale. Each trade followed traditional methods, and passed on from generation to generation. Then, around 1800, increased mechanization meant production had to be shifted into mills. One machine could do the work of 20 men. Before this time, working from home, the craftsmen could set the pace of work. In the factory, the workforce has to be regimented, regulated. Technology supplanted skill. Supervisors and the demands of the mechanical processes, machines turned by giant wheels and then steam engines, forced the pace. More goods meant lower prices, while at the same time goods could not be exported and food prices rose because of the Napoleonic Wars.

It's a myth to think that people went into the mills willingly. In Nottingham, then in Yorkshire and other places between 1811 and 1816 people rioted over rising food prices and then formed into gangs to smash the machines. One version says the Luddites were named after Nedd Ludd or Ludlam, a lad of weak intellect who lived in Leicestershire and in 1779 broke a stocking frame in a fit of frustration at his inability to work the machine (John Blackner's *History of Nottingham*, 1815). Another theory about the name is that it derives from folklore about 'King Ludd', a mythical figure, a god of the ancient Britons who was mentioned by Geoffrey of Monmouth (1100-1154). King Ludd was supposedly the builder of the walls around London, more to keep the Romans in than to keep the Britons out. Evidence of this connection was supposedly derived from the name of Ludgate, one of the ancient gates of London.

The 'King Ludd' theory about the naming of the Luddites ties them in with the popular festivals of disorder, turning the world over in order to put it to rights. Many of the protests had a fancy dress figure at their head. Sometimes these were men dressed as women, 'Lady Ludd'. Pseudonymous threats were sent to machine owners, signed 'General Ludd', in this there is an obvious parallel between Luddism and 'Captain Swing' in the south of England 18 or so years later. Unfortunately, much of the Luddite folk culture, songs and stories, were never written down and so is lost.

So much for the name and culture, what did the Luddites do? To give some examples: Luddites took hammers to stocking frames in Nottinghamshire, killed mill owners and carried out a massed attack on Heathcote and Boden's Mill at Loughborough (28th June 1816). In Yorkshire, Luddites attacked the cloth industry, burning Outlands Mill, Woodhouse Carr (14th January 1812). A crowd of 600 attacked Horbury Mill, Wakefield. The Yorkshire Luddites suffered a defeat when they tried to attack Rawfolds Mill in the Spwen Valley. After this they assassinated William Horsfall, a mill owner. In Lancashire, there were riots. Burton's Mill, Middleton, was attacked. Burton's House was burned down. Westthorpe Mill was attacked (April 1812). Many small actions of machine-breaking were carried out. A force of 12,000 troops had to be sent in to suppress them, more soldiers than

drilled on empty moorland.

Reformers such as Cobbett, Cartwright or Sir Francis Burdett were mooted as possible secret leaders. Perhaps the French were really General Ludd's secret paymasters. Even the late Thomas Paine was blamed as the sinister ideologue behind all the Luddites' revolutionary purposes. The events of 1793 in France cast their long shadow in an England still at war with Napoleon.

These fears were hyped up by disinformation and also by popular rumour

the most part the authorities were unable to break through the wall of silence surrounding the Luddites, who were held together by their common trades, historical test of kinship and sense of common purpose, as well as the threat of the draconian punitive measures deployed by the State.

From Nottingham to Bullwell, from Bullwell to Banford, from Banford to Mansfield! And when at length detachments arrived at their destination in all the 'pride, pomp, and circumstance of glorious war' they came just in time to witness what had been done, and ascertain the escape of perpetrators, to collect the fragments of broken frames, and return to their quarters amidst the derision of old women and the hootings of children.

Lord Byron's speech to the House of Lords

Despite all their activity, the Luddites lost, and we have had to live with the consequences of this defeat -- industrialization and mass society -- ever since. Despite being able to carry out well-organized attacks on mills, they failed to broaden out their campaign into a general overturning of the social order, and they fail to turn back this process of industrialization. "You can't stand in the way of progress" people often say, but that assumes 'progress' means to improve things.

Perhaps even many of the Luddites themselves failed to see what was at stake. In the decades after the initial troubles, people may have come to see its proper significance at a turning point in history and this may have been a factor behind the romantic working class myth of Luddism. 50+ years on, people save the point, but it was too late, by then the old 'domestic system' of working practices had been swept away and the rampant industrialisation of William Blake's "Dark Satanic Mills" had been imposed. New machines brought new waves of machine smashing, for example the Lancashire power-loom breakings in 1826 / 1830 in Blackburn, Darwen, Bacup, Bury, Rawtenshall and Haslingden, but the initial battle had still been lost.

In the years following 1811-1816, the Luddite struggle had some effect on the consciousness of the middle classes too. Take the alienation between the Reverend Patrick Bronte and his parishioners, for example. In 1812 Bronte lived in Hartshead near Dewsbury, under 2 miles from Rawfolds Mill. The dramatic events of 1812 feature in his daughter Charlotte's book *Shirley* (1849). Some members of the middle classes doubtless saw the justice in the Luddite's case, Lord Byron, for example, who spoke in their favour in his maiden speech in the House of Lords, but even Byron's eloquence had little effect on them and he "left the gilded chamber in disgust, never to return to it".

Interest in the Luddites strengthened through the 19th century. A book, *The Rising of the Luddites* by Frank Peel, published in 1880 sold out almost immediately. The second edition was all sold by subscription



Wellington took to Portugal in 1808, six times more than used in any previous domestic unrest. Middle class paranoia and fear of Revolution on the French model were rife. Tales were told of mythical figures going round Lancashire and Yorkshire, swearing disaffected people into the Luddite gangs with secret oaths, paying out large sums of money, eighteen shillings a week. The prosperous feared the attacks and outbreaks of machine smashings were orchestrated by some mysterious revolutionary High Command, according to a devious pre-prepared plan. Stockpiles of arms were said to be hidden in the woods. Whole regiments of revolutionaries

-- wishful thinking on the part of people in prisons and pubs. The attacks and machine breakings were real enough though. Despite the 12,000 soldiers, special constables, General Maitland, magistrates, police spies and agent provocateurs, surprisingly few Luddites were ever caught. Though it is probably not the true total, one textbook lists 44 deaths, either from the mill raids themselves or from hangings. Considering the size of the attacks and the number of raids carried out over Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cheshire, this must only have been a small proportion of the total number of people involved in Luddism. For

even before the copies could be bound. Peel's book was also serialized in newspapers. Modern interest in the Luddites was initiated by E P Thompson's *The Making Of The english Working Class* (1963).

The Luddites stood for the old-style, individualistic cottage industry. Part of the original complaint of the Nottingham Luddites was that machine goods were poorly made and soon fell apart, bringing their honest trade into disrepute. The industry was being 'de-skilled', colts (unqualified junior apprentices) could operate the new machines at a fraction of the wages paid to older, more qualified workers. The machines threatened the whole quality of their lives.

The Luddites precede Marx with his talk of alienation by several decades. Large machines put together into factories, concentrated in industrial towns, fed with raw materials brought by steamships and railways; all these form the basis of that original industrial mass society. We know now what the original Luddites hardly even guessed at, how industrialization makes authoritarianism more and more powerful. All the narrow terraced houses, the tyranny of the 'knocker up', factory hooter, regimented holidays, mass entertainments, Jeremy Bentham's Panopticon, even Marxism itself as a political opium to try to soothe away the sparse and stilted reality of

today with dreams of plenty tomorrow; all this leading forwards to fascism, corporate capitalism on a global scale, and post-modernism -- all of this follows from the Luddite's failure.

I think it is a mistake to think of the Luddites as nothing more than the militant spikey end of what eventually became the trade union movement. Luddism is something of a radically different order to that. Even at the time, anxious to fit it into the sinister secret society / conspiracy [pattern of organization, some of the magistrates' reports classify Luddism as a 'combination' (the old word for union). The Luddites were not like the later Chartists, who sought constitutional reforms, they went out and *smashed* the machines. They were active, not passive.

A rationalistic approach to the problem of industrialism would tend towards the proto-socialist ideas of Robert Owen; initiating schools, building model towns, starting co-operatives, organising trade unions. These methods take the machines as given, they do not question their existence but take them over to harness them towards mass purposes. Order and efficiency are their watchwords. The end point of this approach descends into Marxism or the Brave New World of Huxley, but the difference here is that Luddism counts the industrialization in the years prior to 1811 as a massive wronging

turn.

What would it have taken for the Luddites to have won, and how would the world have been different if they had? Of course this is a 'what if?' question. The Luddites needed to generalize the revolt against the machines away from just textiles into, for example, the coal and iron industries, and through as many geographical areas as possible. To do that they would have to break authority through one or most probably several public and prominent events, for example a mass release of prisoners from a prison or the prevention of some public execution or other, preferably in the capital. During this same period they should have turned to burning court buildings, castles or other installations in the regions, spreading the idea of revolt to the wider population.

The Luddites would have had natural allies in agriculture, and through controlling the food supplies, especially during a period of shortages, they could have starved their enemies and gained supporters. They also needed to make links with arms makers in Birmingham. Together, this revolt would have turned that mythical secret revolutionary army into reality, carrying out a withering but widely atomised guerrilla campaign of attacks and assassinations against the machine owners and authorities. The Yorkshire Luddites went in this direction after the Rawfolds mill defeat.

The Luddites needed to liquidate the parasitic upper classes -- remember, the uprising took place during the Regency (1811-20), a time when the upper classes were notoriously dissolute and hedonistic, while the many outside starved. People like Beau Brummell were upheld as the arbiters of fashion in a situation which has many parallels with the period before the French Revolution.

As a result of the militant generalised revolt, the political climate would have been more favourable towards the Luddites. Encouraged by this, the more active end of the reform movement could have consolidated their gain, giving workers protection and strengthening democracy, enabling ordinary people to participate more meaningfully in the decisions being made which affect them.

The Luddites lost, the fact remains. Industrialism works through duplication, mass producing artefacts to a single design. It has this faith in progress, and a perverse infatuation with immensity. If the Luddites had won, our lives would have been based on a smaller scale. decentralised world, with more local trade, individual craftsmanship and community. We would probably not have the ethic of consumption, with all the ecological implications this brings with it. The fact that industrial mass society exists is a direct consequence of the Luddites' failure.

TECHNOLOGY IS GOOD AND BAD AND NEUTRAL

Rob confronts the Global technodependency-culture dragon

One one hand there are those technocrats who argue that technology and the Capitalist generated or Socialist inspired technofix is for the common good of humanity. On the other, there are the FC types who believe that technology and Man's (arguably) natural drive to improve his lot in life through the use of technology since the Stone Age is intrinsically bad and is the road to damnation or somesuch like hell. Then there are those clever dicks who come along and argue that technology itself is neutral. Now we get bogged down in psychology and philosophy territory -- the stuff ideology springs from. Out comes all the pseudo-intellectual language of academia with all its numbered notes and big name dropping references. Fine. But where is all the debate actually going to lead us?

Like many other anarcho types I became interested in the anti-technology debate when the technology of repression started to appear all over the place in the form of surveillance cameras on every street corner. Now maybe I'm a technocrat because I rescued a 1950's tractor from a scrapyard and rebuilt the engine for use on my land squat. Too bad. It saves me a lot of back breaking work and I'll consider almost any form of technology I can get my hands on if it will give me an easier life. If there exists some remote tribe of so and soes who reject all technology and have reached a state of nirvana through hard graft then that's fine by me. Even better for them if they live in a tropical paradise where half a day's work a week is enough to sustain them. But what the fuck had their experience got to do with challenging the autonomous individual like me or the social organism of mass production / consumption society which

chooses willingly or otherwise to utilise a wide range of technology from the wheel to the internal combustion engine and beyond?

It's another overdose of ideology. For every ideology there is a diametrically opposed counter-ideology and so on and so forth. No particular point of view will hold together as superior for very long because chaos and confusion always triumph in battles between the egos of big name writers.

Maybe if more of you anti-tech types took autonomous action to sieze control of your own lives and improved your it growing food on squatted land it might just become a mass movement. Then technology, along with anti-technology debate, will simply wither on the vine. The key is to refuse to be collectively organised either by Capitalist OR Socialist control. That means not working for them and not paying taxes -- a universally popular (albeit academically ideological) notion, amongst the world's majority class, the

subsistence peasantry. The *land* issue is far more important to primitive peasants than technology.

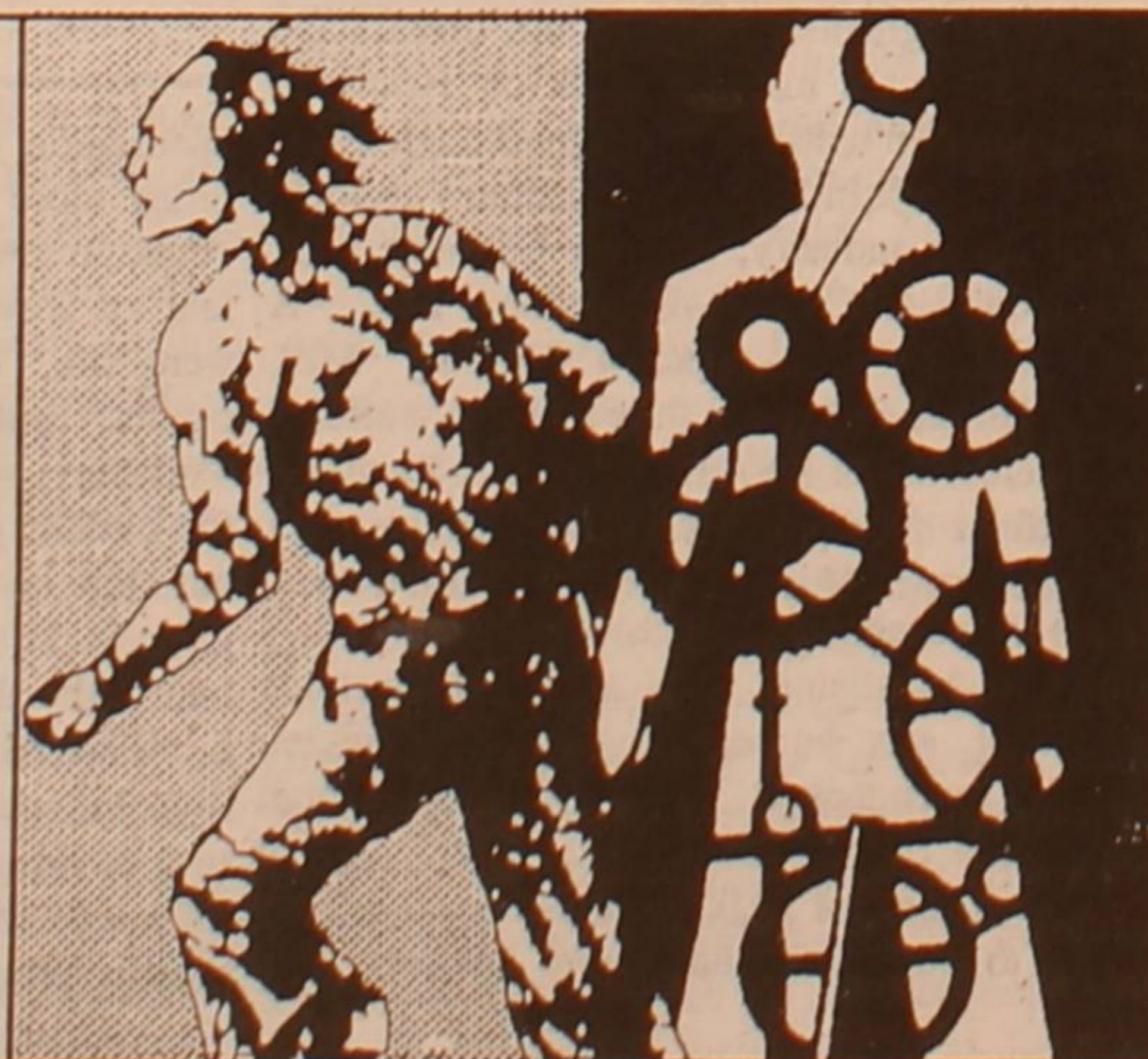
Technology is good and bad and neutral. If you don't like it in whatever form of ideological packaging it comes, you can't rid the world of it by smashing it up either. You have to smash up the *people* who own and control the means of producing it (including technocratic Socialists), by killing every last one of them. Then you'll have the freedom to create your own low tech or no tech permanently sustainable *land*-based way of providing yourself with food, shelter and clothing.

Pol Pot's followers wiped out millions of

middle class town dwellers in pursuit of freedom for their primitive agrarian lifestyle. It has been argued though that the Khymer Rouge's means were not entirely consistent with their revolutionary ends, but what of primitivists who use word processors? And as if the means and ends ideology is worth a hoot anyway, UK primitivists could kick-off with Bill Gates head on a pole. He is one of less than 500 individuals who own and control more than 50% of the world's wealth, and as such, own and control you and your environment. They are 500 soft as shite underbelly scales of the Global technodependency-culture dragon. Is it slayable though?

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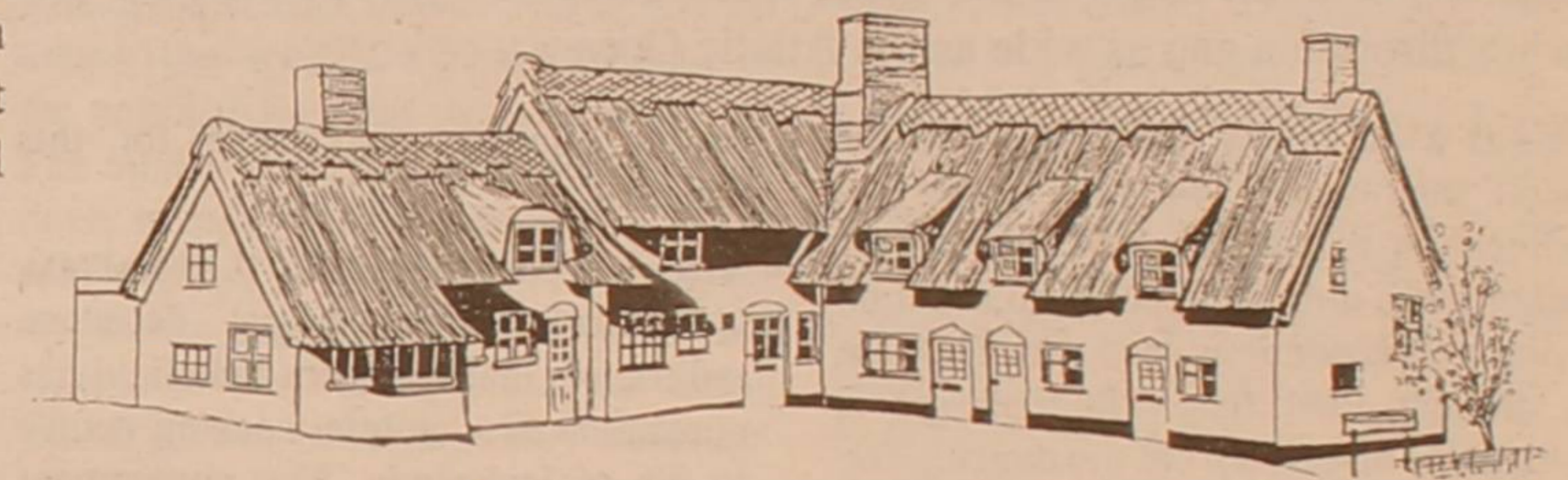
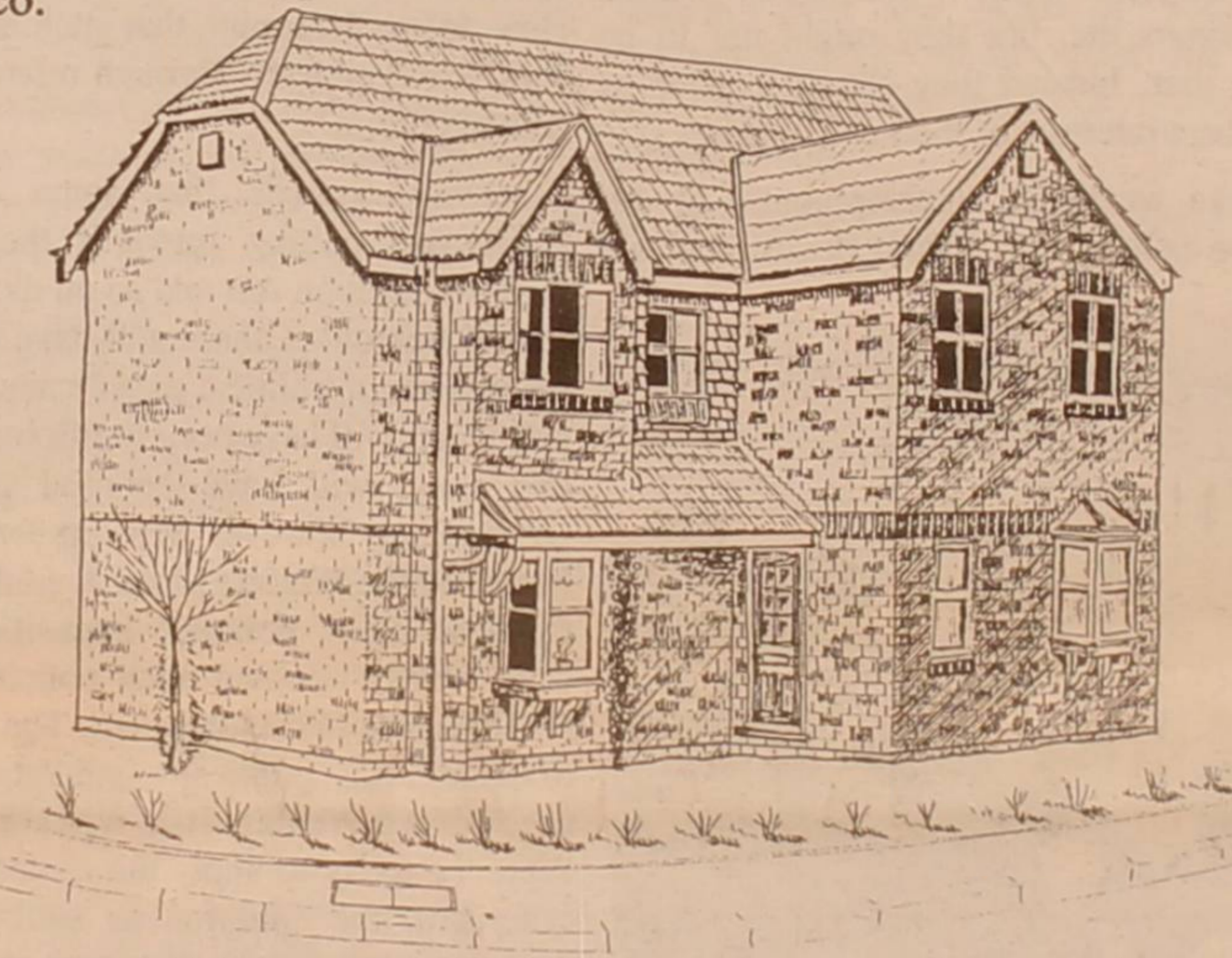
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THE TYRANNY OF ARCHITECTURE

The manufactured environment of the new towns imposes its uniform-ity on people and in itself this is a kind of tyranny

It all looks the same. The whole world looks like Basingstoke or Milton Keynes. Typical of this approach are the standardised estate houses, most of them built during the 1980's. Sometimes they ape 1930's semis with mock Tudor facing panels. Before this came neo-Georgian, all flat brickwork with factory mass-produced Ionic columns and classical portico.



(3) TRADITIONAL COTTAGES, older houses different? CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK

The pagoda and estate houses are simple and repetitive designs. When we look at this environment, we ask ourselves Who am I? Where do I come from? The modern estates are built up out of green fields in months, a drive thru' Muckdonalds can be built in a day. Everything in Basingstoke-world has an instant look to it, all rolled-out lawns and leylandii ferns. It has no history, no depth to it and this is psychologically disturbing. Everything in it is here today but just the same could be gone tomorrow. To try to counter this existential doubt architects incorporate traditional features into the buildings but their efforts are never anything more than superficial. The machine-cut timbers are too smooth, too even, the paintwork never chipped enough. In what way are the



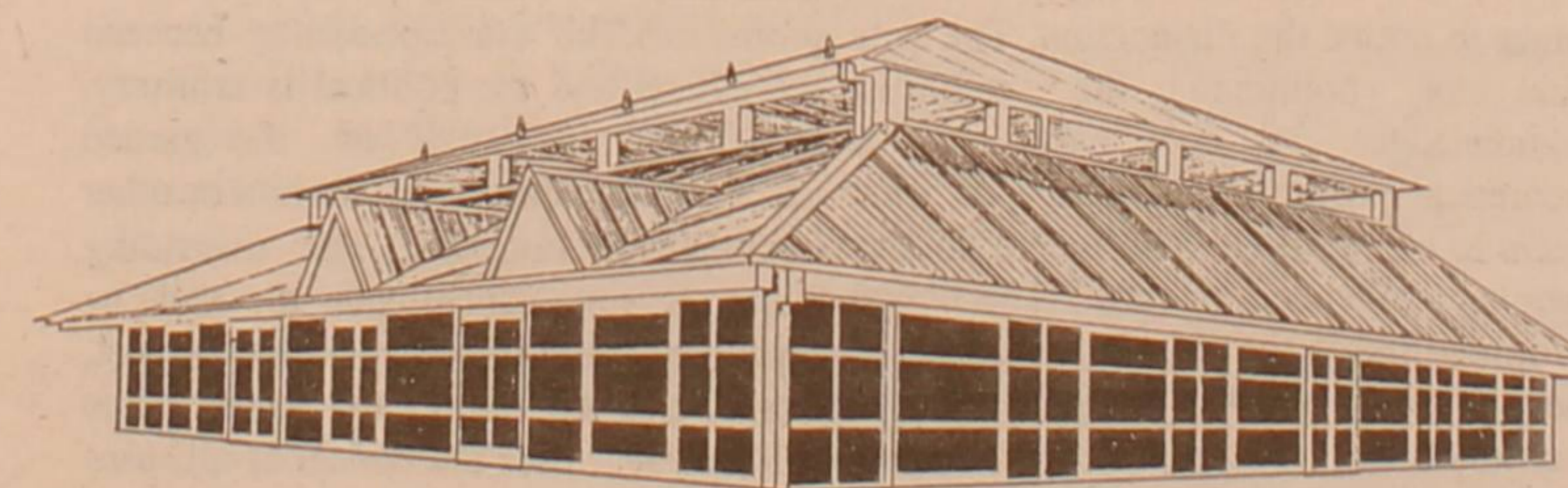
(5) MODERN FLATS / WAREHOUSE BUILDING

Modern buildings sometimes copy the traditional styles, but usually the similarity is only skin-deep, as thick as the tiles or artificial stonework facings can make it. This example is built to look like an old warehouse building, but in fact it is a steel framed structure housing a supermarket store room and the houses built from it are distinctive. Local areas evolved different styles of windows and warehouse hatches to give building because different materials were the facade regularity and to try to available. Walls in Norfolk are often harmonise it with its surroundings, but made of flint edged with bricks, and the ventilation grilles at the far end give rooved with terra-cotta tiles first brought the charade away. The tyrannic to Britain by the Romans. The Suffolk uniformity of the Basingstoke-style cottages are timber-framed, filled in with intrudes even into attempts at copying wattle and daub (plaster), often painted original styles, turning them into pink, and rooved with thatch. pastiches.

(1) MODERN ESTATE HOUSE

The example pictured here is by no means the worst. The designer made some effort with the red tiled section above the entrance, set back from the bay and breaking up the colour and texture. The oriel windows are standard issue units following the trend towards modularization, they protrude out into the garden to increase the apparent size of the room while keeping its nominal

dimensions small and therefore in cost. Show homes often have slightly small size furniture in them to make the rooms seem larger. To cram more houses into a given land area and hence maximize developer profits, the houses are packed into isolated closes, all of them depressingly the same. The uniform configuration of these estates determines the kind of society on them -- alienated but conformist.



(2) PAGODA-STYLE BUSINESS PARK

The modern estate house is built out of factory-made components. Brickwork, tiles, UPVC window frames, standardised doorways and ultra-thin timber rooftrusses. This trend is even more evident in the pagoda-style business park building, which is manufactured in ready-made components and assembled on-site. The basic framework is built up of steel

frames, bolted together. Thin cladding forms the roof, riveted into place with patent fastenings which are then covered over using cosmetic corner and edging strips. The windows and doors are UPVC. The office space inside is open plan. Stylistically these pagodas are uniformly bland with their overhanging rooves and rectangular window frames emphasising the horizontal almost as a throwback to 1920's art deco.

(4) HOUSE AND SHOPS, KINGSCLIFFE NEAR STAMFORD

A ridge of limestone runs diagonally across England, from the Cotswolds up through Northampton and Leicestershire. The stone is a warm yellow colour and the houses built from it are distinctive. Local areas evolved different styles of windows and warehouse hatches to give building because different materials were the facade regularity and to try to available. Walls in Norfolk are often harmonise it with its surroundings, but made of flint edged with bricks, and the ventilation grilles at the far end give rooved with terra-cotta tiles first brought the charade away. The tyrannic to Britain by the Romans. The Suffolk uniformity of the Basingstoke-style cottages are timber-framed, filled in with intrudes even into attempts at copying wattle and daub (plaster), often painted original styles, turning them into pink, and rooved with thatch. pastiches.

POLITICS AND THE ETHICAL VOID

A summary of Steve Booth's ground-breaking expose of politics as technique

We cannot apply the ethical to the political. To try to do so is to be like a small boy with his finger in the dyke, while a hundred yards away, the sea rushes through a gap as wide as the Atlantic Ocean.

This is a far bolder and more emphatic thesis than saying we must value the political in a negative ethical sense (as bad or evil), although people do insist on trying to evaluate it as such. No. The case is stronger than this. The political is completely divorced from the ethical. The political is not quantitatively at odds with the ethical like a naughty child who sometimes does good, sometimes bad but qualitatively severed from it.

A HUNDRED INTERLOCKING QUESTIONS

It is meaningless to try to employ an ethical critique of politics. People nevertheless often do so. Sometimes this takes the form of an *ought*. "John Major ought to do something about Europe..." Perhaps one of the best ways into my thesis that it is meaningless to try to apply the ethical to the political is to make the attempt by asking specific questions:

- **THE UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS QUESTION:** Unemployment statistics are systematically falsified. Politicians frequently use these lies in arguments to show how the economy is getting better. Why do politicians believe they are entitled to lie in this way?

- **THE GENOCIDE JETS QUESTION:** As a matter of government policy, jets are being manufactured in Britain and supplied to Indonesia for purposes of committing genocide in East Timor. Many people believe this is wrong. Why do the politicians refuse to acknowledge this and stop supplying those jets?

- **THE REGISTER OF SLEAZE QUESTION:** The Nolan Committee said that MP's should register their earnings in public so that voters could find out who pays these so-called 'representatives'. Some MP's declined to register their interests. If the MP's think themselves immune and refuse to follow their own laws, why should anyone else?

- **THE AMBULANCE ROULETTE QUESTION:** The government has cut funding to the NHS to pay for tax cuts to the well-off. At the same time the lack of funding causes hospital wards to close and reduces the number of intensive care beds. A man dies after being driven around Lancashire and Yorkshire from hospital to hospital in an ambulance. Do we consider the Tory

health minister responsible for this death?

- **THE WINDSCALE LEUKAEMIA QUESTION:** After several decades, radioactive material from Sellafield has contaminated Cumbria, causing people to die of leukaemia. The government

POLITICIANS OUGHT TO BE ETHICAL....

The liberal at this point will seek refuge in an *ought*. Politicians may be liars, bullshitters, crooks, embezzlers, murderers, mass murderers, mass poisoners etc, but they ought not to be like that. Instead they should behave in the best interests of their constituents...

Before we laugh contemptuously at the naive believer in 'liberal democracy' we

who have forgotten, this was a system of free benefits, paid for out of taxation, providing education, health care etc which applied in Britain between 1948 and 1984 or so.) The Welfare State is put forwards as an example of a good policy. How do we determine that such a policy was indeed ethical? Through reference to ethical criteria.

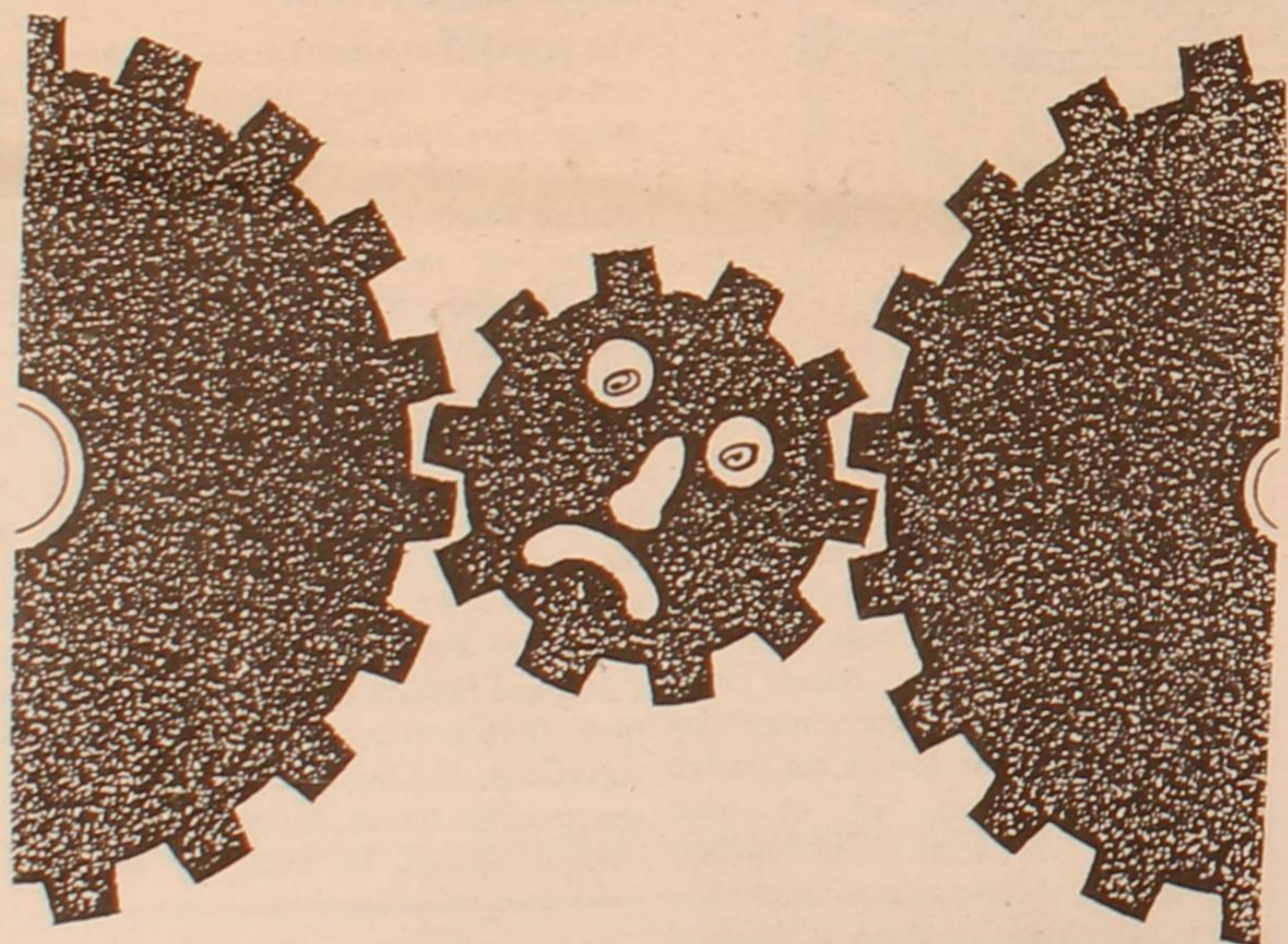
I readily concede that some of the politicians putting forwards the NHS, Butler Education Act and so on did so for ethical reasons. Others will have done it for reasons of political expediency. Some politicians will have been indifferent to it, and some will have opposed it. The government, however was not forced to introduce the Welfare State. It could have followed other policies; intensified the Cold War or adopted other policies with regard to the Commonwealth. The choice of policy was politically guided. Later, much of the Welfare State was abolished. Were we to try to apply the same ethical criteria to the abolition as well as the setting up, we might say that the start was right (ethically correct), and the ending of it was wrong (ethically flawed). One thing this shows is that the political is not guided by the ethical, and so we are trying to examine the political with the wrong sort of tools.

An example like the Welfare State shows the political still cancels the ethical. At one point there is an apparent link between them, and at other times this does not exist. To apply the ethical to the political is to try to measure the process using the wrong equipment (like measuring a straight line with a protractor). The correspondence between the ethical and the political is arbitrary, the 'link' selected or disregarded according to expediency or whim or other (non-ethical) criterion. The overriding factor is not ethical but dictated by expediency and the imperative to get, retain and to cling to power. The political, if it uses the ethical at all, uses it as a fig leaf -- something to camouflage its proper motives.

One more point with regard to the Welfare State objection. Above, I asked "Wherever have we seen such a politics practiced on earth?" Think about the example of Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, who resigned in 1950 when the basic principle of free health care was watered down by the introduction of dental charges. Now, at last, we see an example of the ethical politician -- but it is noteworthy that the only way he could

THE WELFARE STATE OBJECTION

Have we not skewed our analysis too, by refusing to acknowledge that politicians can, sometimes, do good? Take the Welfare State, for example. (For those



ordered a full cover-up as usual, and then issued a report (a) denying there are any cases of leukaemia, and (b) blaming them on sewage from camps used to house construction workers back in 1947. Given this 'clean bill of health', the plasnt goes on operating. Can we give the politicians operating this system a similar clean bill of ethical health?

If you don't like these particular examples, try to think of your own. These questions are simple attempts to apply the ethical to the political. It is very easy to generate these sorts of questions just by looking at the newspapers. We could build up hundreds of them, thousands off them, millions of them. Eventually there comes a point where we have to stop asking and acknowledge the futility of trying to apply the ethical to the political.

exercise his state of being moral was to resign his office and so cease being that official. A parable of the void between politics and the ethical.

THE REMOVAL OF CHOICE

In the hundred interlocking questions, why do we have to give up asking ethical questions of the political? Partly because of the sheer futility of asking them. We realize that the political has never acknowledged the ethical, not for one second. Politics asserts something else -- its own power to deny choice. It is true that politicians sometimes use the rhetoric of the ethical as an electioneering ploy or as an argument to encourage obedience; "If you don't pay your poll tax, how will the hospitals keep going and the bins keep being emptied?" One of the reasons why politics does not acknowledge the ethical is that it cannot do so, because if it did the political would be abolished as a category.

THE BUSINESS OF POLITICS

The business of politics is to govern -- to make more mechanisms of control, to systematically block the paths to freedom, to stop them up. With politics the capacity for choice is already taken away and so we cannot value what happens. It is not appropriate to offer praise or blame where there is no choice.

Politics is about the way we organise and administer society as a collective entity. The business of politics is to govern, that is to say to make more and more mechanisms of control, to systematically block the paths to freedom, to stop them up. The ethical is about how we value actions and choices as individuals. With politics, the choice is already taken away and so we cannot value what happens. We cannot offer praise or blame where there is no choice, it is just not appropriate to do so.

To accept the political is to subordinate yourself to the process, to acknowledge the Divine Right of Parliament to rule. The political arrogates that power to itself and the power of the individual to choose is annihilated. Suppose, for just one second, that we declared the ethical to be superior (or to have power over) that divine right. The distinctive character of the political would thereby be abolished. Something other than the political would be given the power to decide. What is ethical is equally clear, or equally obscure, to all. The privileged position of the politicians, judges and bureaucrats to arbitrate what is correct would vanish. The ethical is public property in a way the political is not. You do not need a voting card or the membership of a political

POLITICS ASSUMES A MODE OF AUTHORITY WHICH CANCELS THE ETHICAL

Were we to declare the political as subordinate to the ethical, politics would be abolished as separate entity. The divine right of the political to govern would be abolished. The call to obedience overturned, politics would be subsumed as a sub-branch of applied ethics.

party or elite to determine what is ethical.

Were we to declare the political subordinate to the ethical, the distinctive nature of the political would be swept away. To make this declaration is to classify the political as a sub-branch of applied ethics, the part of it relating to collective decisions and choices, a kind of 'ethics in aggregate'. This leads to another objection.

THE WHOLESOME APPLE THESIS

Not all politicians are bad, the apologist asserts just as not all apples in the barrel have gone bad. Some apples are wholesome, just as some politicians are capable of good (ethically valued) actions and choices. If the aggregate of politicians behaved ethically then politics would be moral. In effect, this is an attempt to subsume the political underneath the ethical, as in the preceding paragraph. The difference between the open declaration of ethical priority over the political, and the wholesome apple thesis is that this time the declaration is mute, it works by sleight of hand.

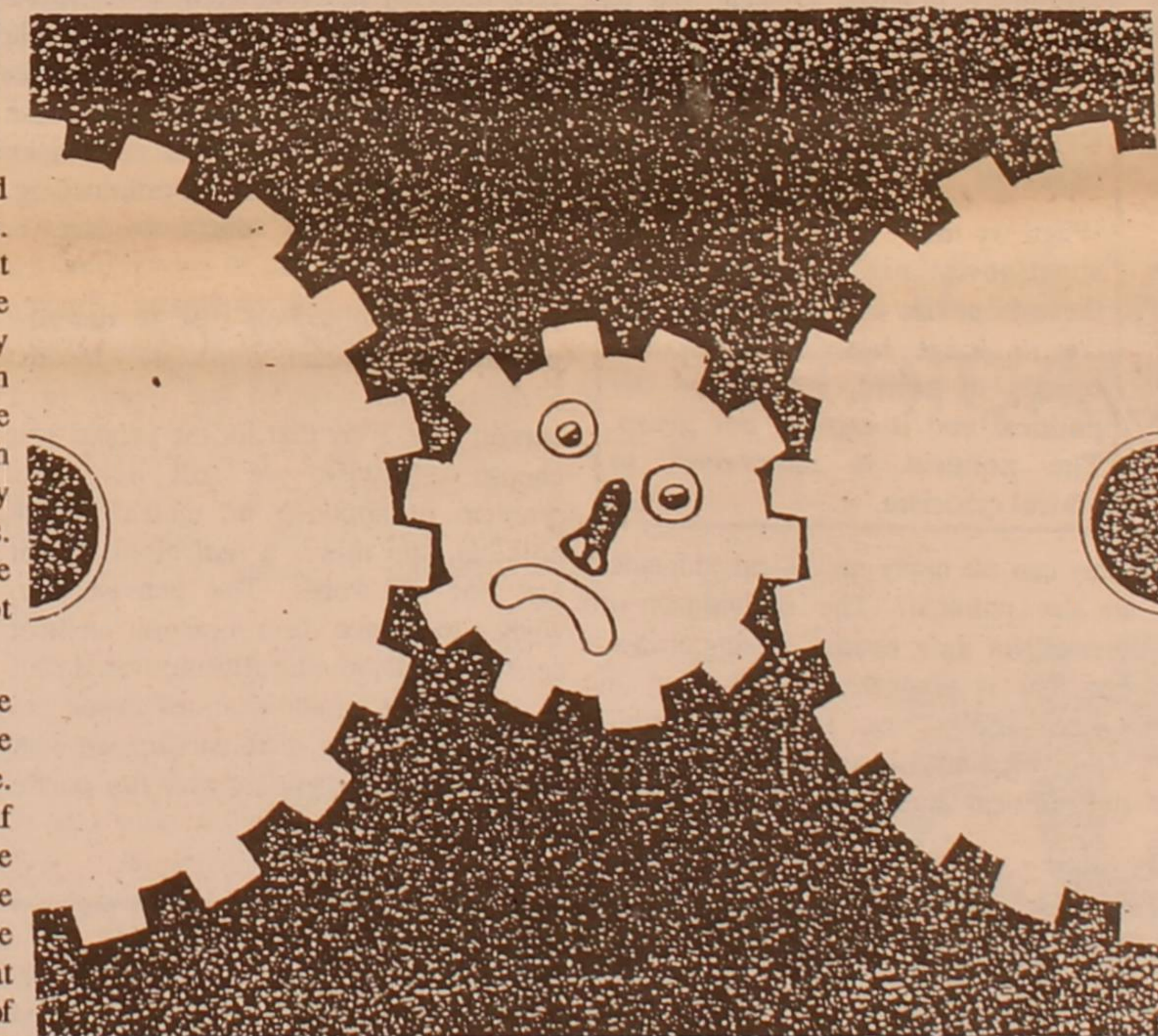
In this hypothetical example, politics is

in so far as the politicians allow something outside the political (namely the ethical) to govern their choices, they cease to be politicians. To accept the ethical is superior to the political is to cancel the political.

Does the wholesome apple objection apply in the real world? Suppose we were to secretly persuade a controlling majority of politicians to make ethical choices, we would still have the political as something apart from the ethical, demanding our unconditional obedience. Once we start asserting the ethical over the political, whether as a stated ethical principle or in our deeds, the whole corrupt political web begins to unravel.

INTERCONNECTEDNESS

Part of the reason why we had to give up asking the specific ethical questions of the political was that they connected up. The ethical politician (if indeed it makes sense to talk of such a being) is apt to challenge all their corruption. Start to ask the ethical questions and it all goes. Ask enough of them and you end up asking just one, the 'Who are these bastards?'



never openly declared subservient to ethics, it is just that in some way the politicians subordinate their actions and choices to the ethical. The only way we could know they are doing this is by observing their deeds. They still retain the myth of political infallibility, and still make the decisions for other people, but they secretly allow the ethical to determine their choices.

Under its own terms the wholesome apple objection only works so long as the controlling majority of politicians go along with the subterfuge. They walk a thin line between; on the one hand openly declaring the ethical superior to the political and thereby doing themselves out of a job; and on the other hand losing that moral majority and seeing the political once again regain the upper hand, thereby demonstrating the ethical void.

ETHICS IS WITHOUT LEVERAGE

Are works of art to be valued ethically? Are machines? Inanimate objects? Where are the people, the actors? If they are not materially part of the process, how can the process be valued? How can the people be blamed?

of disinterested independence from morality. You can try to go on applying the ethical to the political, but it is futile. The politicians refuse to acknowledge the power of the ethical. It has no leverage. Hence my description of the political as an ethical void.

The hundred questions interconnect. What is there to value, ethically speaking, with the political? They lead to the "Who are these bastards?" question, but to ask that is to step outside the political, to move towards retaking authority and responsibility over your own life and so to become ethical once more. What is there to value, ethically speaking, with the political?

The political is not about individuals, the individual is only seen as steamroller fodder, cannon fodder, a cross on a lottery ticket, as a taxpayer, customer, a unit on a balance sheet. The individual is precisely nothing. The wholesome apple thesis asserts that if the aggregate of politicians chose differently, the politics would become ethical. It would cease to be what it is. A *what if...?* argument. By contrast, my concern is to describe politics as I find it, and not uncritically repeat the myth. With politics as we find it, even individual politicians count for nothing. The party machines rumble on, with or without them. This insignificance can be demonstrated by turning the questions asked at the start of this article:

- **THE TORTURE BATONS TO IRAQ QUESTION:** A (hypothetical) junior minister discovered the government was supplying torture batons to Saddam Hussain. He raised the matter at a cabinet meeting. The other ministers just laughed at him and so he resigned in disgust.

"There's plenty more yes men where you came from" the Prime Minister told him, pressing the bell under the table for the cabinet minister's replacement to be sent up. If he believed in the ethical, why was he sitting there in the first place?

- **THE AMBULANCE ROULETTE QUESTION:** Due to the crisis in NHS funding, an Orpington man was helicoptered 187 miles to Leeds (7th March 1995) and died in the intensive care unit. 12,935 of his fellow Orpingtonians voted Tory in 1992. How much are this man's neighbours to blame for his death?

If the gap is as wide as the Atlantic, it doesn't matter how many boys stick their fingers in the dyke, the water still pours through the gap.

Attempts to value the political are hopeless because we either end up blaming the individuals (who are only components) or we end up blaming everybody, and therefore nobody. So long as The Machine has enough components in place, it will continue to function and resignations by cabinet ministers or angry letters in the *Orpington Advertiser* will not change that. When they all resign at the same time, the political will no longer exist and the question will change. As it is, The Machine goes on.

"There are plenty more yes men where you came from"... We cannot value this system, we cannot value a network of abstractions. Such attempts at value become so diluted they are meaningless. It doesn't make sense to try to apply collective value judgements in this way.

THE POLITICAL AS MACHINE

The political is like a machine which has been built up over the centuries by people with different objectives. We cannot claim that they had a single, coherent overview of the political. If today the political has any practical, observed coherence this is a consequence of what it is and not a product of the will of the system-builders. What is this coherence? - Mere survival of the Machine, the exercising and enhancement of its power. The fact these zombies can march in the same direction, and march in step says nothing about whether their corporate destination is any good. The destination is incidental, their *marching* the important fact. The system is likened to a colony of bacteria but we cannot apply ethical judgements to this, either. Here we must note that mere survival is not an ethical attribute.

A colony of bacteria, a virus, a corpse of marching men -- these are analogies of the system, but the best analogy of all is the idea of the system as something like a vast Artificial Intelligence computer programme designed to simulate the mind. People insist on applying what I call the 'Organic Metaphor' to the political. These think that politics is alive, that it has a mind, or that it is a moral entity to which we can pin moral judgements. They speak about 'The Body Politic' but all of this is delusional thinking. It doesn't work like that. The political is not a moral entity but a mechanism of control, it works through power -- the annihilation of value.

THE MYTH OF OFFICE

The myth of office asserts that the politician or bureaucrat etc is not responsible. The Machine is the actor, the

official merely the component. They use uniforms, funny clothes, insignias, ritual and titles to distance themselves as individuals. There is a distinction being drawn between the person as official and person as private individual. Yet people insist on trying to apply the ethical to the political, and blame the person of the official for the part they have played in the running of The Machine.

When the apologists try to blame an official or component, they claim that the individual is responsible and should not have surrendered his / her will to that political regime. The apologist draws a distinction between a particular regime, and political systems in general, thereby avoiding the denial of the divine right of authority (properly constituted) to govern. In so far as people ever get round to punishing these miscreants, we hang them as individuals (somethimg apart from the political system). The officials are stripped of their offices and ranks, their uniforms. The Nazi State beat the rap at Nuremberg. Only individuals were hung. The state itself goes on marching, still asserting its divine right to rule. Indeed, the idea of political trials itself reinforces that dominance and subservience mindset. Outside, the vast mass of people remain spectators, abdicating their responsibilities.

GOVERNMENT IS NOT A PERSON

When we make ethical judgements about government, there is no one there to praise or blame. When we try to judge individuals for the actions of states, we ignore the political and it escapes our grasp. The political is impervious to ethical criticism.

How can we apply an ethical judgement to the political? The individuals are blamed for their actions in supporting it but that is something apart from the system itself. Yet, I find something intuitively unsatisfactory in my view that the political and ethical are completely

separate. One is left with the distinct feeling that the political *ought* to be ethical, and people do persist in trying to apply the ethical to it.

Ethical judgements about politics might take the following form: 'This political system is evil' or 'That political party is ethically flawed' or 'This policy decision is morally wrong'. Yet it is meaningless to try to apply an ethical judgement to an entire system. We end up scapegoating a few individuals while ignoring the mass of passive 'wrongdoers'. They escape unpunished. The concentration camp commandant would be nothing without the industrial and technological systems of mass murder behind him. What are the workers in the English armaments factory doing about those electric torture batons they are making for Saddam?

THE ETHICAL VOID MERELY RECORDING A DETERMINATION TO USE WORDS IN A CERTAIN WAY

Perhaps one of the strongest objections to my argument is that all of this is simply a problem of terminology and classification. In declaring the ethical to be divorced from the political I am simply recording my determination to use these words in different ways. Other people may choose to use these words in different ways. Other people may choose to apply them differently and so to make ethical judgements about the political: eg. "Sexual or racial discrimination is morally wrong".

Against this objection that to describe politics as an ethical; void merely records a definitional wish to use words in a certain way, I say that for the people who choose otherwise, we still have this problem of applying the ethical to the political, and this is a *real* problem, not just one of words. The activist who wishes to reduce discrimination almost certainly will be ethically motivated, but so far as that person remains inside the ethical s/he will be unable to engage with the political. In stepping into the public

arena and trying to act against prejudice, the activist will run into political problems, legal problems, problems of local authority funding, getting their case across to the media, the balance of parties in the local council chamber etc. All of these not only refuse to recognise the ethical but *annihilate* it. "This is not a court of justice, but of law". I return to a restatement of my thesis: The political assumes a mode of authority which *cancels* the ethical.

ETHICS BY THE BACK DOOR -- ALL THIS IS REALLY ONLY A DISGUISED ETHICAL CRITIQUE OF POLITICS

The last objection I wish to deal with here is the view that all of this -- my position that the political and the ethical are fundamentally divorced -- is simply a disguised ethical critique of politics. Politicians *ought* to submit themselves to the ethical and the fact they do not is a powerful ethical criticism of politics. "Dear Mr Portillo, please be moral..." Political parties and countries ought to enshrine moral principles in their constitutions. Against this I say the objection fails to take account of what politics is. We need to avoid this type of wishful thinking. The ethics by the back door objection depends on politics as it ought be and not politics as it is.

If I am correct here, my view has consequences. No individual with any claim to participate in the ethical can have any part in the political. We need something different, something self-determined but which recognises the importance of the ethical. What then? you say. Are you an anarchist -- But of course....

AN ASSERTION OF MORAL RESPONSIBILITY

To understand that politics is an ethical void is a call for us to take back control over our own lives. We cannot value The Machine but we can and *must* find value in our own lives.

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IN DEFENCE OF HOUSE-OWNERS

Dear GA,

Does Molly Toff (GA42) seriously imagine that every last car, house or van looted by rioters, belongs to "capitalists" and is therefore fair game? If so then s/he is thinking pretty crudely by any standard. I live in a working-class area of Southampton, populated mainly (obviously) by workers, who live by selling their labour. Some of them own cars, Molly. Some of them have mortgages on their houses. Vdoes this make them filthy, greedy capitalist scum whose dwellings we should burn and whose cars we should nick? No. They're just ordinary people who've been sold a false dream. Don't punish them for that; educate them.

Unless of course Molly thinks you've got to be a council house dweller, a traveller or homeless to qualify as one of "us"? If this is so then we haven't a cat in hell's chance of building a broad social movement for a new society. In fact we might as well all cave in and buy shares in British Nuclear Fuels.

Molly, don't let your sincere belief in violence as a means of screwing the system turn you into some kind of urban commando with few friends and millions of enemies. Some of those house owners might be more receptive to new ideas than you think.

Vyasa, Southampton

CONSISTENCY, ORGANISATION, RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Peter Neville,

1 I would like to make public comments on your letter in *Green Anarchist* summer 96 which is in response to a letter concerning the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Movement (LGFM) (Now calling themselves the *Passion Brigade*) printed in said periodical in spring 96 concerning an incident in London on 14 July 95 (I hope I have been accurate in these antecedents.)

2 I can't talk on the specifics of your skirmish with freak elements as I was not there I'm glad to say (anyroad, for significant change to happen, traffic delays like the one on 14 July 1995 in London only prove that all anarchists need to upgrade their mode of transport.

If you are green (ie. naive) and have a bike, fix rotor blades -- if you have a car, sell it and buy a helicopter. Lots can be done on the transport issue -- upgearing is the @nswer.)

3 To get to the main points -- Consistency, Organisation, Responsibility -- these are indeed the CORE issues in bringing @ to B.

4 The anarchist anti-sloppy lobby is the silent majority of the anarchist intelligensia or, some might say, "the quietest monotony". I feel I represent these non-vocal many in my small mouth-opened way. We seek to establish anarchy in the panoply of philosophical activism. We're right behind you Peter -- the show must go on -- on schedule and on agenda.

5 The @ movement as a whole must be consistent. There is no other way to gain the respect of big business. How is @ to get out of its pigeon hole without the wings and prayers of persistent sectarian endeavour? Consistency, yes, this is what we need. A kind of repetition. A kind of saying the same thing to cement the variations of anarchist intent, to draw it into one bloc, one pillar of society. Before we can run, before we can move onto the evangelical mode, we need to make sure our feet are firmly planted in something concrete.

6 Response. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. Letterbox response, the active element in responsibility. Form a Rapid Response Task Force, send out letters to make sure our revolution is not double-booked with some sex-crazed sloppy outfit. Put posters up in libraries. Buy space in the fringe media to tell the proposed recipients our agenda and timetable. We do not want to surprise them. They must know the platform, from which we are overturning the world. We must wait for their reply, in writing, before we shake their furniture or change their minds.

7 I predict that many will not write back to confirm that they will follow our business plan. In which case we would re-schedule the venue or the topic, and not bother telling them.

8 Let's be done with time-fillers and space-wasters -- forward to the moral highground of the philosophical letterhead! Long live change by appointment!

Yours in solid parity,

Brigadier Bank of the Bureau of Anarchist Tittle-Tattle and Itinerary Exchange (BATTIE)

PS: I would bring your attention to *Subversion* Issue 18, pages 5 and 17. The situation smacks of a similar lack-a-

daisical insolence And Peter, my advice is, if you don't like the job, resign -- that'll show 'em.

CHRISTIANITY

Dear Green Anarchists,

I would like to write to you on a few points and issues regarding christians.

Anyone who wants to cure this era, which is inwardly sick and rotten, must first of all summon up the courage to make clear the causes of this disease. And this should be the concern of the Anarchists: pushing aside all philosophys, to gather and to organise from people and we must become the vanguard fighters for a new philosophy of life.

The individual may establish with pain today that with the appearance of christianity the first spiritual terror entered into the far freer ancient world, but he will not be able to contest the fact that since the world has been afflicted and dominated by this coercion, and that every deed towards world utopia in the grand manner on this earth will in general be the fulfillment of a desire which has long since been present in millions of people, a longing silently harboured by many. Yes it can come about that centuries wish and yearn for the solution of a certain question, because

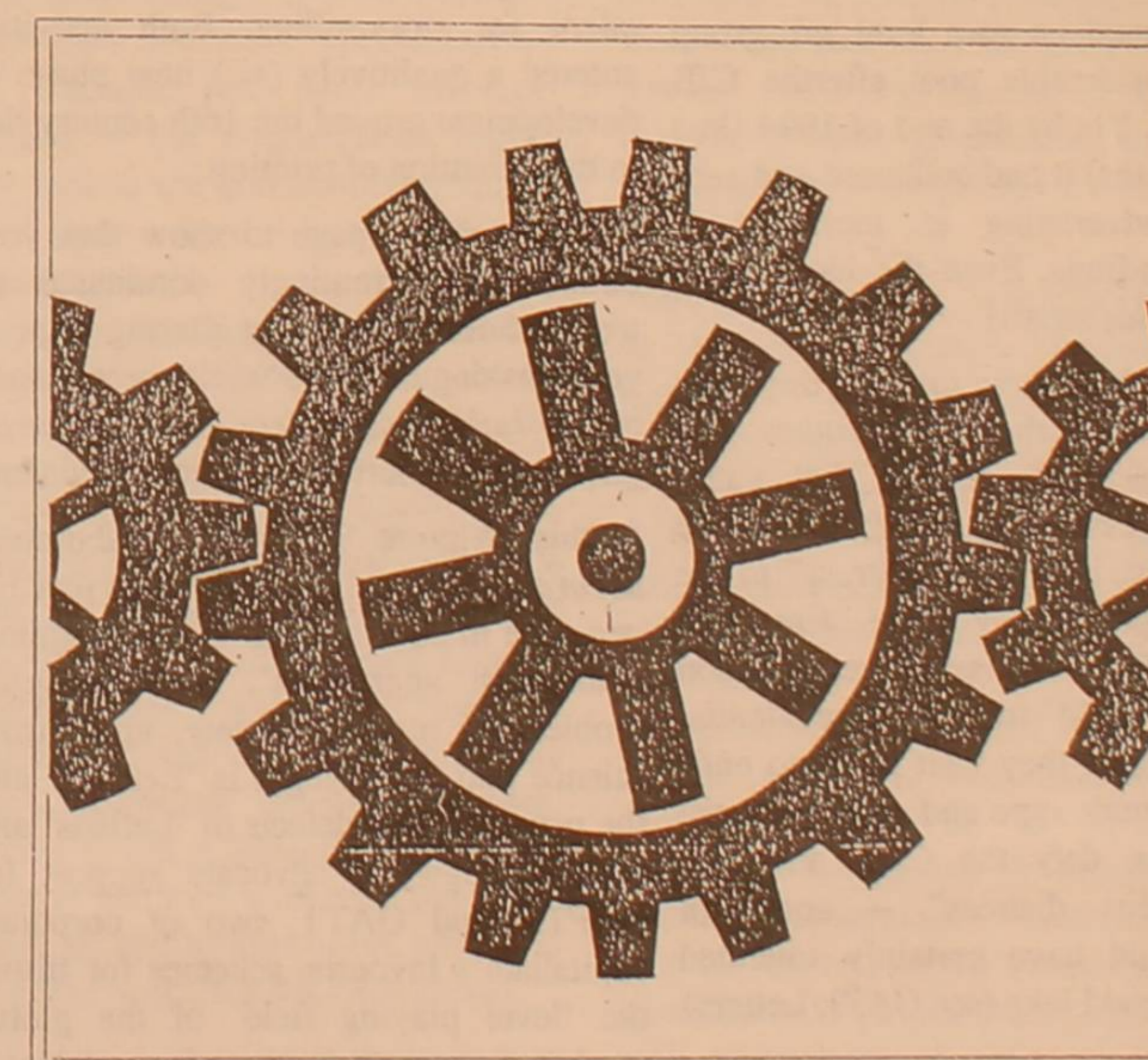
they are sighing beneath the intolerable burden of an existing condition and the fulfillment of this general longing does not materialise. Thus, it may be that centuries, dissatisfied with the form of their religious life, yearn for a renewal, and that from this psychic urge dozens and more men and women arise who on the basis of their insight and their knowledge believe themselves chosen to solve this religious distress, to manifest themselves as prophets of a new doctrine, or at least as warriors against the existing one.

Both, yes, both christian denominationms look on indifferently at this rapid disintegration of the human species, a noble and unique living creature. The significance of this for the future of the earth does not lie in whether the protestants defeat the catholics or the catholics the protestants, but in whether the human species is preserved and continues to evolve for the earth or dies out.

Since the founding of democracy, particularly christians in incredible numbers poured into the economic concerns and administrative apparatuses, so that today democracy has become and parliament both have become a domain of christian activity.

It is arbitrary to draw a parallel between the line of conduct, that catholic and

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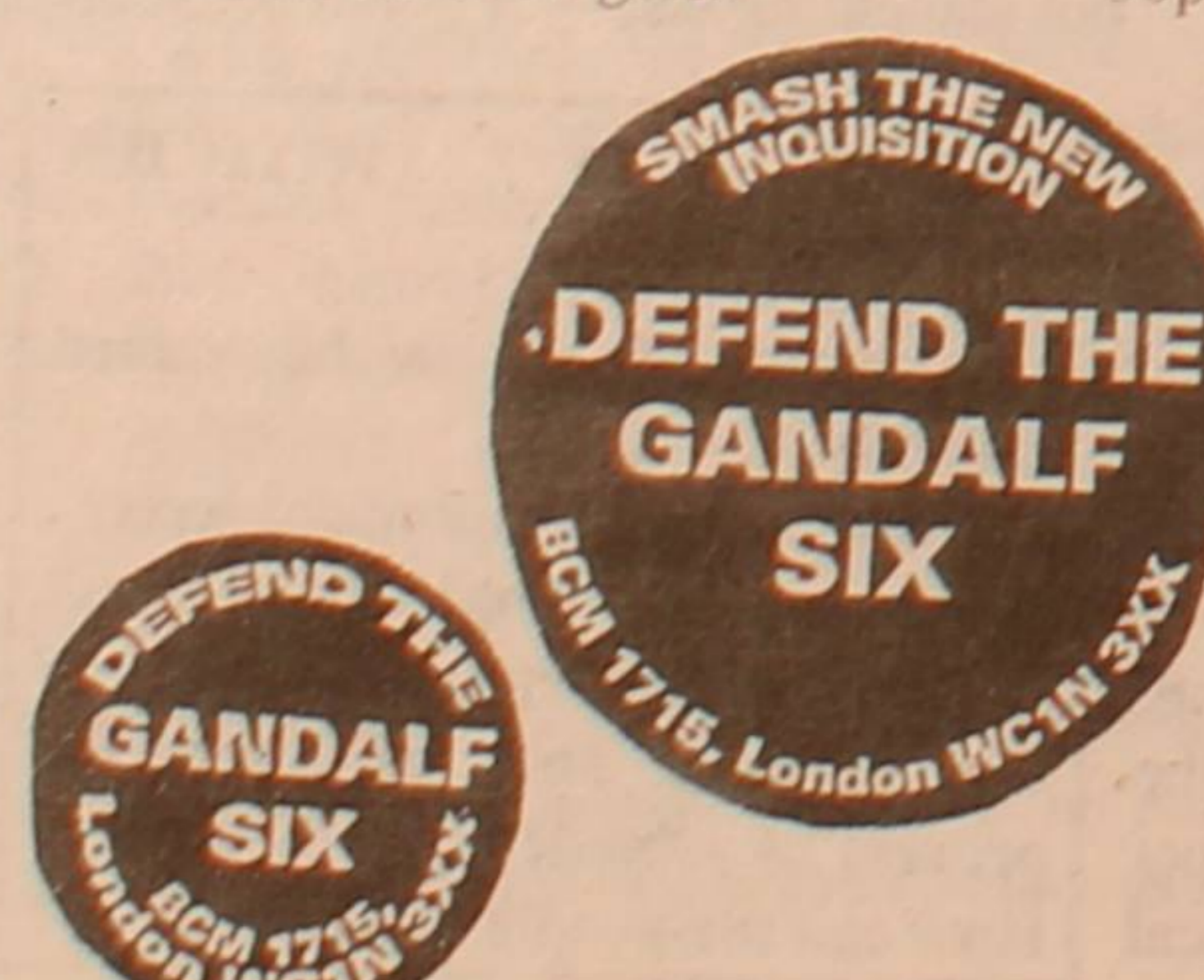
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protestant theologians, given the basis, the image they formed of christianity was of an oppressive movement that was condemnable in view of certain excesses, within the churches the majority at first gave priority to approbation side, with the refusals taking second place, that is, coming at the end. Submission to the established powers brought about a reversal.

Yours controversially

Peter of Hastings

USELESS JUSTICE?

Dear GA,

At the Direct Action Conference (hosted by Justice?) in Brighton, 1995, I met GA's editor. (Remember Icke's cancellation, & the pot noodle?)

Justice? plan to host another such conference this year (see *SchNews* 82)

You wonder really if Justice? understand direct action. For nearly 2 years now I have attended almost all their meetings. Direct action is supposed to be intended to make the CJA unworkable by mass defiance.

Justice? have only been linked to 8 (mass) squats. In only 3 of these were barricades erected to defy bailiffs, and even then only by a few for one day.

The Courthouse had over 1,000 visitors a week, but even an unemployed person was able to buy a round of pints for those that went on the roof.

Justice? have only ever helped one group of travellers -- but even then so did the Labour & Green parties and that was pretty useless as it mostly came too late.

Justice? formed its own hunt sab group from a considerable pool after the CJB became law. Yet by the end of 1994 (less than 2 months) it had collapsed and sabs gave up advertising at meetings & *SchNews* readings. Even the local co-op bank advertises sabs!!!

Justice? somehow seem to think they defy the CJA because they go to raves. But these only defy the CJA if they cause "serious distress"! So Justice? rave in the country (causing "serious distress" to the Earth, not people, by noise, fires and litter) or after the last Direct Action Conference (held in a non-residential area) -- couldn't they wait for it to end? Child porn, male rape and racist / fascist literature can defy the CJA, and also cause "serious distress" -- some of Justice? would have certainly tolerated bigots like David Icke (see GA39, Letters)

No, Justice? don't understand direct action and so cannot really defy the CJA. The woman in the red hat interviewed on their video of the last DA Conference told me it meant legislation!!!

Too much fame has gone to your heads, Justice? -- RIP, write to your MP instead.

Alan Ferrers-Guy, Southwick, Sussex

PS: Is it any wonder the IRA don't take British radicals seriously when this is their ideas of direct action?

FASCIST TECHNOPHOBES

The third law of thermodynamics applies only to closed systems. (Those without an external energy source). The only truly closed system known is the universe as a whole. Living organisms are not 'neg-entropic', some sort of exception, increasing order against the third law. They depend on the massive input of energy from the sun, itself an entropic process involving a much greater increase in disorder. Organisms no more negate entropy than the flight of a bird or an aircraft negates gravity.

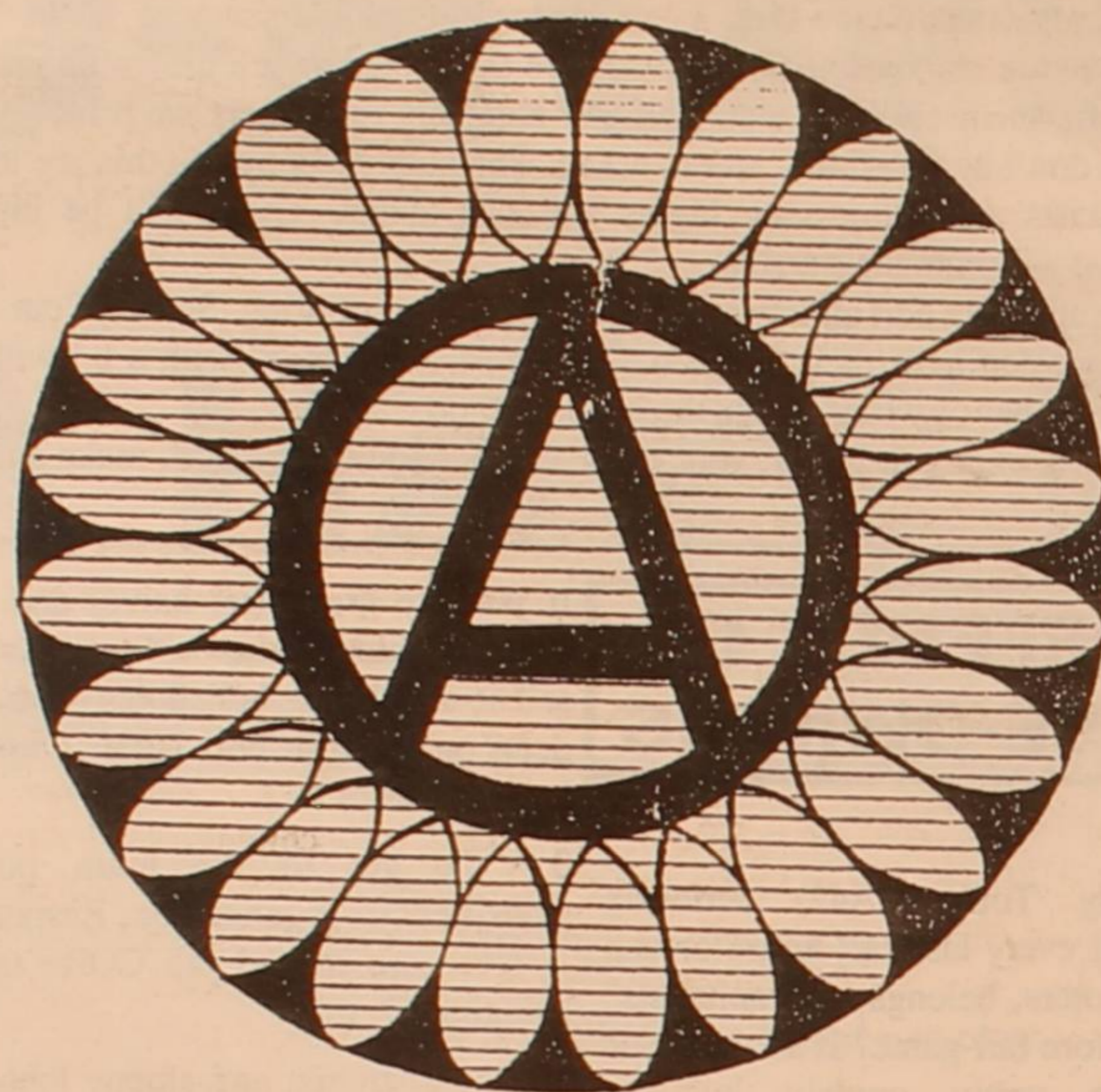
Where did you get this fairy-tale about 'Dawkins claim those most genetically similar seek to eliminate those less similar'? Evolution works by cumulatively selecting groups of genes, generation by generation, which produce organisms best adapted to survive and reproduce in their environment. Those poorly adapted are eliminated by natural selection not by the 'racism' of other organisms, which 'seek' nothing but their own survival and reproduction and certainly not that of genes, which 'seek' nothing at all, they just replicate themselves, or fail to. If 'most' (GA editors? morons? racists?) want to see this as advocating racism that's their problem. If you accept or reject ideas on the basis of ideology and can't evaluate factual evidence you shouldn't assume no-one else can.

There's no contradiction in speaking of 'modern science' and believing that humans are naturally equipped to use scientific methods, any more than speaking of 'modern literature' and believing that people have always had a talent for story-telling. Both activities entered a qualitatively (sic) new phase of development around the 16th century due to the invention of printing. I could write a page to show that your outlook is increasingly dominated by technophobia. The most glaring sign is your pushing of a neo-fascist propaganda tract -- *Industrial Society And Its Future* -- as some wonderful revolutionary vision.

In this scripture 'FC' (the 'Unabomber' according to the FBI) informs us that US genocide in SE Asia was 'defence against communist aggression', that the main problem in modern society, apart from science and technology, is 'Leftism' and the psychological defects of 'Leftists' and even manages to advocate support for NAFTA and GATT, two of corporate capitalism's favourite schemes for tilting the 'level playing field' of the global market even more in their favour! Not a word about property, the money system, the profit motive ie. capitalism. FC hardly seems aware they exist.

But all this is trivial compared to a far more sinister item on FC's agenda. 'Feeding the poor' FC maintains (correctly), would be impossible in a world without advanced technology. Therefore such an objective ('social justice' for fucksake) must be abandoned by a 'revolutionary' movement in favour of the sacred cause of destroying science and technology. In other words the poor

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ie. the majority of humanity, must die to make way for the eco-fascist paradise!

It's easy to see why this crap appeals to sections of the middle class both here and in America (note that FC explicitly advises against criticising the 'consumerism' of the 'mainstream' as a source of ecological destruction) and why capitalist papers published it with such alacrity, less easy to explain why 'revolutionaries' like GA should embrace it with such orgasmic passion.

The most charitable explanation is that you are indeed so ideologically besotted by technophobia, so truly incapable of rational judgement, that anything opposed to science and technology commands your supine acquiescence.

Or is it that you're as naive about politics and society as about science and technology and 'know fuck all' about anything?

A third possibility is that you are aware of FC's fascist aims and share them. Much of GA's content couldn't do a better job of making Greens and anarchists look stupid, ignorant or downright insane if it was designed for that purpose.

Anon (a 'welfare leech' and proud of it)

● GA replies: You've now been writing to us for years and each time you come across as more "stupid, ignorant or downright insane" (the fuel cell!). You start this letter yet again demonstrating

you "know fuck all", failing to note 3rd law of thermodynamics is about disorder, not energy *per se*. Are living organisms increasingly ordered or not -- that's the question. If you'd studied science rather than just worshipping it, you'd know the neg-entropic properties of living organisms are even acknowledged in such basic biology texts as Grove & Newell!

Way back in GA39, you quoted Dawkins as saying we can *override* our genetic programming, so any discussion of that is ideological. He does this because he knows his reductionist analysis can justify racism. To be generous, you still argue 'scientific fact' against ideology because you are less intelligent than your mentor and think to win an argument by repetition that you have already lost to reason. However, as you call us fascists (then again not -- make up your mind!), it wouldn't be unfair to mention that unprintable article of yours that argued immigration profits capitalists and landlords at the expense of the indigenous working class, a fascist (no "eco-" about it!) argument no-one genuinely rejecting nationalism and believing in the *unity* of the working class would think twice about dismissing.

You also prove how ignorant and ethnocentric you are by claiming the scientific method was a product of the printing press! This was true of China too! In fact, the European Renaissance (what you're talking about) was down to

the translation of classical and semitic texts in the late-medieval period. We've already demonstrated the real (not just qualitative) differences between scientific method and common sense endlessly ("why think when you can vivisect" -- Claude Bernard) -- if you can't cope with this, it'll do no good us repeating the same arguments yet again.

You accuse us of "technophobia" as if there was anything wrong with resisting systematic domination. You might as well 'accuse' us of being anarchists or anti-fascists! 'Technophobia' is a term used by the System to impose conformity and obedience, like 'un-American' -- well, less than that, it's just a marketing ploy by IBM &c to sell computers to people that understandably distrust and hate them.

If you'd read our introduction to *Industrial Society & Its Future*, you'd know we criticise its "reductionism and machismo". As their discussion of industrial propaganda demonstrates, FC are also intended to alleviate. That's how technology works. Somewhere down the line, it always concentrates power and privilege.

So FC are wrong to say that the end of techno-industrial society will inevitably cause a population crash -- although its *continuation* will because of those 'limits to growth'. Ecofascists are obsessed with population ('too many other people in the world') and see authoritarian methods to reduce human numbers as key to a new and better world. FC see technology as the big problem and any reduction in

with liars, you can't help contradicting yourself -- how can FC talk about GATT and NAFTA and *not* talk about capitalism?!

FC's critique of Leftism fits in with a US anti-ideological current originating with Camatte and the SI -- FC supports the struggle of the oppressed but criticises Leftists for fighting for others, not appreciating they *themselves* are oppressed. Class warriors have long since recognised this alienated 'revolutionary' activity for what it is -- middle-class 'do-gooding'.

It's *not* true that the world's population could not be fed without advanced technology. If you didn't glory in your ignorance so, you'd know that organic smallholdings are *more* productive in terms of yield / acre than industrial pharming techniques and don't sterilise the soil either. As Brian Morris's excellent article on the Green Revolution in GA42 demonstrated, industrial pharming *increased* the starvation it was intended to alleviate. That's how technology works. Somewhere down the line, it always concentrates power and privilege.

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these laughable fabrications. As is usual

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human numbers as tragic but *incidental* in creating a world free of division of labour. They argue for spontaneous revolt *against* authoritarianism. Social justice is about *equality* and you're not going to get that where some control the means of existence (technology as well as capital &c) and others are dependant on them. We think they're both wrong on the population question -- hey, we like people (most of 'em)! -- but think your misrepresentations of their arguments pathetic and contemptible.

In the past we were happy to print your letters as you perfectly illustrated what we had to say about technophiles who've made an unthinking cult of science. Now your arguments have been exhausted, you've been reduced to repetition, gross smears and lies. We think you're boring but would like readers' opinions whether we should consign you to our 'Also Recieved' section with the other sad piss-takers in future. Readers -- please write!

Dear GAs,
.... There were a couple of points in the Handbook review in GA. Firstly there are not many references to local groups. I can get very boring about this and can drone on for hours about how necessary local groups are. You probably know better than me how depressing they can be too. Where they do exist they are mostly either circles of friends or activist groups rather than what I think of as local squatter

rather than being imposed externally by political parties ("representation") &c. Camatte just *hates* ideology-mongers -- *On Organization* argues their rackets are counter-revolutionary and that they just add to dehumanisation, particularly workerists that reduce the proletariat to economic categories, just as capital does. All this makes it impossible for them to see a way out of capital's kingdom -- this pacification process ("domestication") is a bit like Perlman's in *The Reproduction of Everyday Life*. He's not mad keen to science either, which he sees as reductive, a tool of capital, and this reflects badly on old-line Marxism. Camatte's goal is *Gemeinwesen*, whole people in harmony with each other and nature, an end to alienation, and so is part of the anti-civ / anti-tech canon.

This emphasis on wholeness leads him to also criticise liberation movements beyond the workerism he rejected, feminists, gay liberationists and anti-psychiatrists as failing to attack the *totality* of capital and therefore opening themselves up to easy recuperation by it. Although rejecting dogmatic nonviolence, Camatte even argues in *Against Domestication* that calls for wholesale elimination of the ruling class (a category he doesn't recognise) and the cops are counter-revolutionary as they *enhance*

alienation. In this, he's attempting to unravel the paradox Perlman poses in *Against His-Story, Against Leviathan* that we become Levathianic whether we resist the onslaught of Leviathan or not.

There's not room in this short review to explore the full richness of Camatte's thought. Although he strangely opposes the abolition of work, *This World We Must Leave* should prove particularly challenging and illuminating reading to those still knocking around with 1970's Italian autonomism. If further recommendation is needed "Camatte is a *bete noire*" to the International Communist Current, a hilarious account of whom can be found in a recent *Subversion*. Autonomedia promise us two move volumes from *Invariance*. We await their publication with enthusiasm as they should do much more to improve the quality of debate in UK that the fragmentary pamphlets hawked around by those largely ignorant of their contents thus far.

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This is a seriously weighty work -- a benefit anthology of over 360+ large pages published in Amerika earlier

groups (address lists, tool banks, mutual aid, legal stuff, basic advice and help). Some groups like thios do exist but without anything like a regular contact or address. Even Justice? don't have a egular advice session or even a clear contact point for new people. What's happening with SEA? Is there a local group in Oxford. London is really crap now 121 rarely knows anything about squatting, Hackney ios alive and kicking but with no regular xcontact for the moment, nothing anywhere welse. So the answer to the point raised is, sadly, that they don't seem to exist. Certainly if they do we have no contacts that we can put out to others. Any ideas on this one?

The second point about landlords being able to "brush aside" squatters is dealt with in some detail. See pages 13 and 17 mostly. There is nothing anywhere that says that squatters can be brushed aside by the landlords. All it says is that section 6 (violence to secure entry) does not apply to PIOs, DROs or their agents. Assault is still an offence, self defence is still legitimate. This is one of the points we tried really hard to get across to moron journo. However it is obviously easier to write "force can be used to evict squatters" (even when it isn't true) than to explain an amendment to one section of a law that has never been tested in the courts.

CALLING ALL SQUATTERS!

Dear GAs,

Thanks for the plug. Keep in touch.
Yours for the destruction of televisions,
Mike for ASS collective, 2 St Pauls Road, London N1 2QN

human numbers as tragic but *incidental* in creating a world free of division of labour. They argue for spontaneous revolt *against* authoritarianism. Social justice is about *equality* and you're not going to get that where some control the means of existence (technology as well as capital &c) and others are dependant on them. We think they're both wrong on the population question -- hey, we like people (most of 'em)! -- but think your misrepresentations of their arguments pathetic and contemptible.

In the past we were happy to print your letters as you perfectly illustrated what we had to say about technophiles who've made an unthinking cult of science. Now your arguments have been exhausted, you've been reduced to repetition, gross smears and lies. We think you're boring but would like readers' opinions whether we should consign you to our 'Also Recieved' section with the other sad piss-takers in future. Readers -- please write!

Dear GAs,

.... There were a couple of points in the Handbook review in GA. Firstly there are not many references to local groups. I can get very boring about this and can drone on for hours about how necessary local groups are. You probably know better than me how depressing they can be too. Where they do exist they are mostly either circles of friends or activist groups rather than what I think of as local squatter

rather than being imposed externally by political parties ("representation") &c. Camatte just *hates* ideology-mongers -- *On Organization* argues their rackets are counter-revolutionary and that they just add to dehumanisation, particularly workerists that reduce the proletariat to economic categories, just as capital does. All this makes it impossible for them to see a way out of capital's kingdom -- this pacification process ("domestication") is a bit like Perlman's in *The Reproduction of Everyday Life*. He's not mad keen to science either, which he sees as reductive, a tool of capital, and this reflects badly on old-line Marxism. Camatte's goal is *Gemeinwesen*, whole people in harmony with each other and nature, an end to alienation, and so is part of the anti-civ / anti-tech canon.

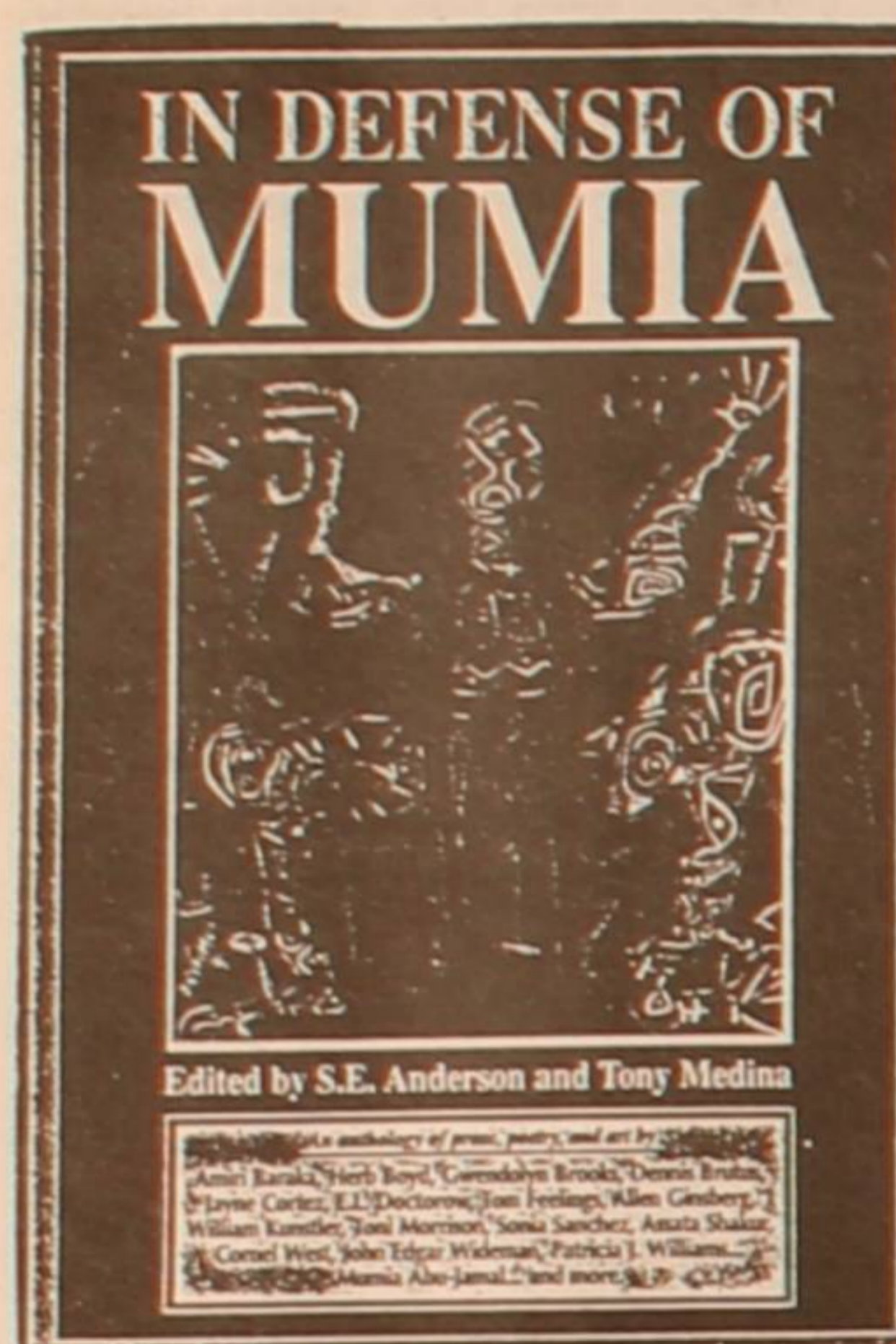
This emphasis on wholeness leads him to also criticise liberation movements beyond the workerism he rejected, feminists, gay liberationists and anti-psychiatrists as failing to attack the *totality* of capital and therefore opening themselves up to easy recuperation by it. Although rejecting dogmatic nonviolence, Camatte even argues in *Against Domestication* that calls for wholesale elimination of the ruling class (a category he doesn't recognise) and the cops are counter-revolutionary as they *enhance*

alienation. In this, he's attempting to unravel the paradox Perlman poses in *Against His-Story, Against Leviathan* that we become Levathianic whether we resist the onslaught of Leviathan or not.

There's not room in this short review to explore the full richness of Camatte's thought. Although he strangely opposes the abolition of work, *This World We Must Leave* should prove particularly challenging and illuminating reading to those still knocking around with 1970's Italian autonomism. If further recommendation is needed "Camatte is a *bete noire*" to the International Communist Current, a hilarious account of whom can be found in a recent *Subversion*. Autonomedia promise us two move volumes from *Invariance*. We await their publication with enthusiasm as they should do much more to improve the quality of debate in UK that the fragmentary pamphlets hawked around by those largely ignorant of their contents thus far.

IN DEFENSE OF MUMIA BY S E ANDERSON AND TONY MEDINA. £10 FROM FRIENDS OF MOVE, P O BOX 3069, LONDON SW9 8LU.

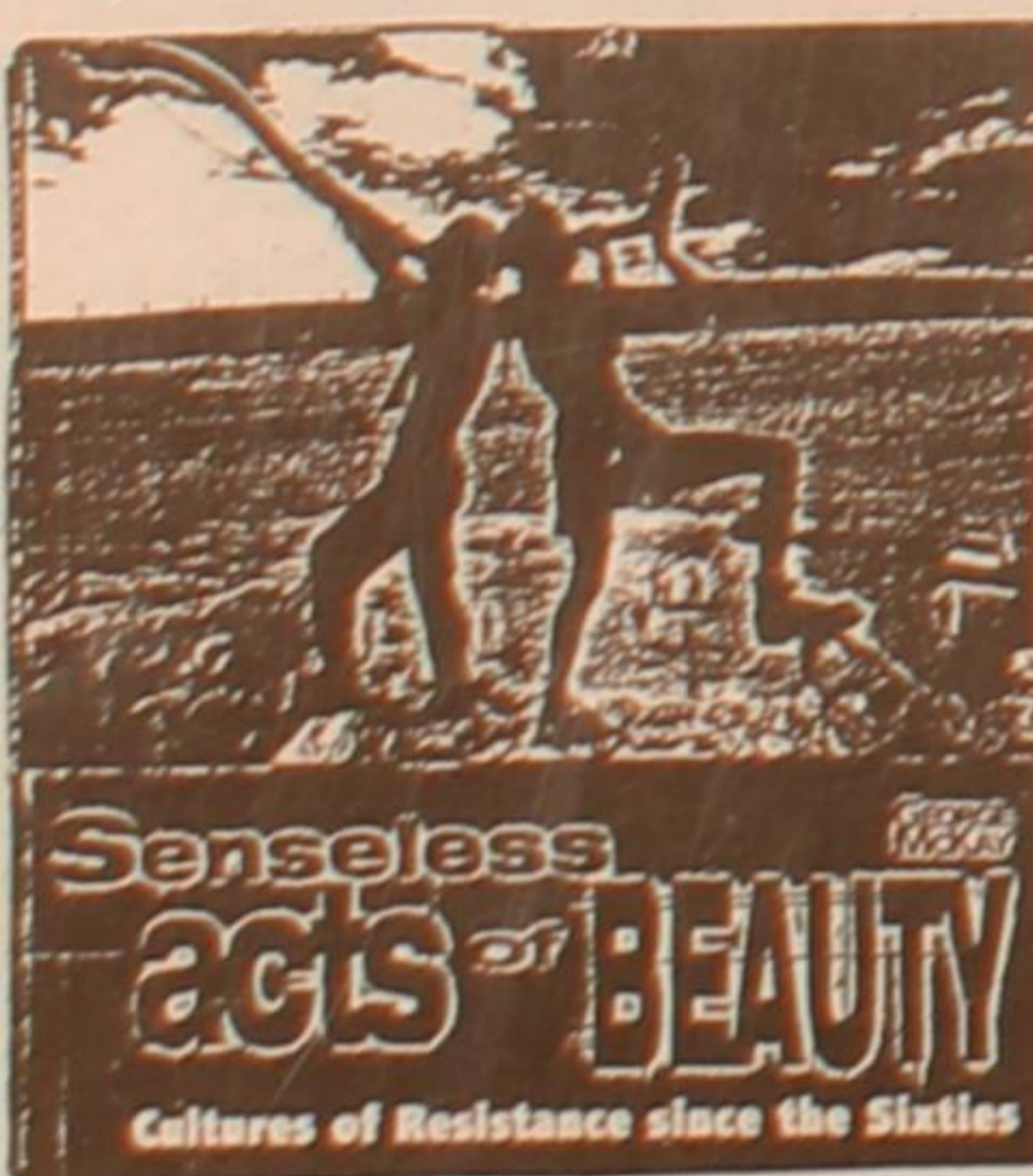
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this year in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the MOVE supporter on death row in Philadelphia, framed in 1981 for shooting of a cop. All royalties from sale of this book go to Mumia's defence fund and the book ends with other specifics on what to do to save his life.

As well as Mumia's own cartoons and statements from MOVE, there are contributions from artists and activists as diverse as Beat poet Allen Ginsberg and Black Liberation Movement exile Assata Shakur. This anthology illustrates the depth and breadth of support for Mumia -- everyone from the Academics For Mumia Abu-Jamal to the Cuban Women's Committee, framed AIM political prisoner Leonard Peltier, and revolutionary hip hop artist KRS-One. Time and again these contributions demonstrate the mobilisation around Mumia isn't just about one man, it's a rejection of the cross-party Amerikan consensus that the most basic liberties -- most specifically freedom of expression, as the controversy around the Fraternal Order of Pigs attempt to ban Mumia's *Live From Death Row* illustrated -- should be sacrificed to the racist moloch of law 'n' order.

This book's worth getting both as a campaigning tool in defence of Mumia and for the essays examining modern-day Amerika and its origins in slavery and genocide.



SENSELESS ACTS OF BEAUTY: CULTURES OF RESISTANCE SINCE THE SIXTIES BY GEORGE MCKAY. £9.95 FROM VERSO.

We don't want to begin on a carping note, but find it odd the author of "the most authoritative and compelling book on DIY culture" hadn't heard of

GA, UK's biggest selling anarchist paper after *Class War*, or that we coined the term 'culture of resistance' he uses so freely in it. In a book supposedly charting the history of countercultural anarchy, 'anarchism' only gets two page references in the index and *Class War* (McKay should've heard of them -- they've been in the papers) three!

As you might expect, *Senseless Acts* is cobbled together from interviews with the usual 'talking heads' and standard potted histories (yea, as bad as Home's "subjective" *Assault on Culture* and the Porrit version from Bryant's *Twiford Down!*), the sort of superficial 'descent into the underground' you'd expect from a Sunday supplement journo. He's much too inclined to accept what he's told at face-value and take myth for reality but, then, he seems to think situationism's just about 'wierd stunts' not the spectacle! He accepts the Dongas first squatted Twiford Down when we all know it was South Downs Earth First! He puffs up the Dongas post-Twiford Freedom Trial as if anyone gives a toss what they did after (I thought they went on to model 'the Donga look' in London trendy-zines). He writes protestors somehow just wandered onto the bailey bridge unopposed during Operation Greenfly when a mate of mine's still got a fucked back from all the ramming of the pigs out the way with pallets to get there (he most fondly remembers the £200,000 digger torched that night) -- how did McKay's informants keep their faces straight feeding him their bullshit?

OK, I'm not being totally fair -- where McKay's been personally involved, what he has to say is detailed, insightful and rings true. What he was personally involved in, as far as I could tell was the Crass punk scene and their anarcho-pacifist 'destroy power not people' dogmatism does taint his assessment of the *practical politics* of the counterculture.

When it comes to direct action -- fundamental to understanding DIY culture, I'd humbly suggest -- the only definition he can offer is one from *Peace News*' April Carter from the 1970's. The ALF, whose methods are evidently a little *too* direct for McKay, are skimmed over in a few paragraphs and he rewrites the ideological smashing of Freedom Network fluffism during the CJA campaign by those with genuine revolutionary analysis as sectarians sniping from the spikey margins.

This review's not going to do a blind bit of good, of course. You're all going to go out and buy it to see if you're in it -- seeking confirmation of your (political) existence, maybe? Just remember that all the stuff McKay got wrong about you, he probably got wrong about everyone else in it too.

ECOFASCISM: LESSONS FROM THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE BY JANET BIEHL AND PETER STAUDENMAIER. £5 FROM AK



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Ecofascism is a problem. In UK, we've seen attempts by Third Positionists to construct a far Right ruralist, decentralist politics, the proclamation by David Icke of anti-semitic conspiracy theories and the capitulation of individuals like Richard Hunt towards nationalism. Historically some form,s of far Right ideology have attempted to appropriate Green politics. So, given these facts, we need to be ideologically and physically equipped to fight far Right ecology.

Sadly, *Ecofascism* fails in this task. It does little to show how the far Right can be opposed. It's above all a rather traditional Trotskyite analysis. You know before reading it that any SWP pamphlet, whether it purports to deal with gay and lesbian liberation, famine, the recession or disarmament, will come to the conclusion that you should join the Party and sell *Socialist Worker*. Thus the solution in this booklet -- and any other, one suspects, authored or co-authored by Janet Biehl -- is vote Bookchin.

"Ecofascism, One Solution -- Join the SWP / Read *The Ecology of Freedom*". Above all, ecofascism is seen not in its own right as a problem but, rather, is used strategically to attack primitivism and promote the rational legacy of the 'Enlightenment'. Thus, in her closing line Biehl argues:

Authoritarian mystifications need not be the fate of today's ecology movement, as social ecology demonstrates. But they could become its fate if ecomytics, ecoprimitivists, misanthropes, and antirationalists have their way

Ever since the 'Enlightenment' of the late-18th century, we have seen that rationality can be irrational, science a form of myth and logical argument no substitute for respect for each other and the planet. The gas chambers, after all, were a product of scientific rationality. Hitler's regime was an ambiguous form of 'reactionary modernism', it did occasionally use the rhetoric of biology (a science mystically and violently utilised), tradition and Nature but it gained its power through high technology -- autobahns, Messerschmidts, lighting warfare, mass death factories. The rational has been used time and time again to provide the strong with

weapons to batter the weak.

Implicit in a whole series of fields of knowledge from Marxism to archaeology, from the critical philosophy of Adorno and Horkheimer's *Dialectic of Enlightenment* to Foucault's genealogy, is an understanding of the ambiguity of progress, rationality and knowledge. All have involved great violence.

Ecoprimitivists are seen as blindly ignorant by Biehl and Bookchin and conflated with Nazis. Yet ecoprimitivism can be seen as exposing in an undogmatic way the violence that comes with progress. The environmental costs of the creation of the city states of Mesopotamia, the animals vivisectioned by Renaissance scientists, the ecological devastation and human misery of modern capitalism all come to mind. Questioning the uses of Reason should not be equated with foregoing any form of social analysis or of supporting fascism.

Other than attacking primitivism, no solution or strategy is presented. For example, both the state and capital have deliberately and rationally used fascism. It has been a way of targeting militants with paramilitary force. It has also been used as an excuse by the state, especially in Britain, for discrediting radicals. No mention is made of the Hepple affair, *Searchlight* smears connecting Stop the City to Nazis, *Class War* to the National Front, attacks on the animal rights movement &c. I'm sure there must be German and US equivalents but we don't learn of them here.

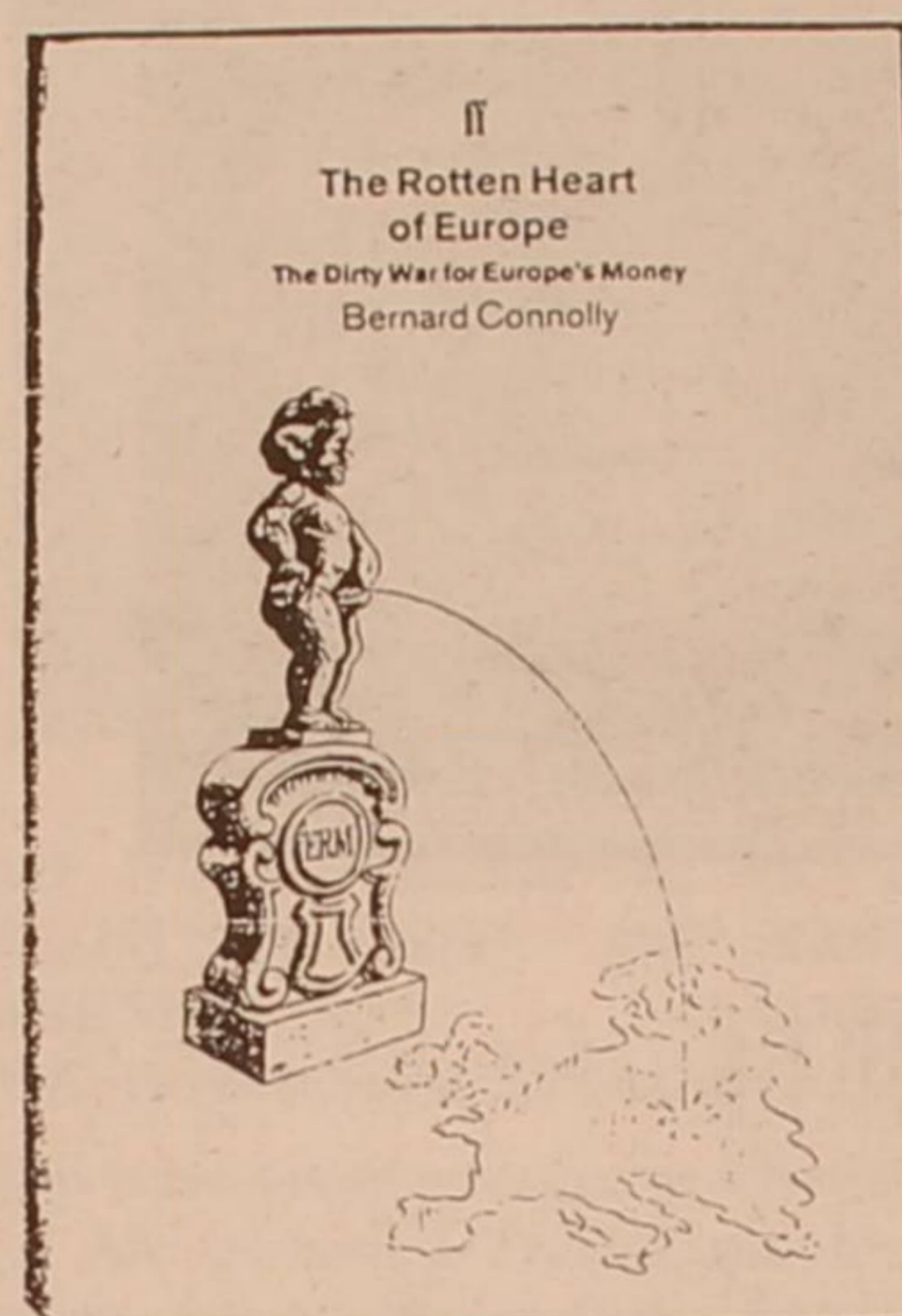
Neither is fascism connected to imperialism. Again this might involve too much analysis of the rational function of fascism instead of dismissing it as something 'irrational' and the product of middle class face-painting. Racism is used to justify imperial conquest and continued neo-colonialism, the exploited 'others' not seen as people but merely as objects, the 'other' of exploitation. The conventional far Right in the form of the IMF, World Bank and suchlike institutions kill more people of colour than the unconventional Right described in this publication.

Solidarity with those fighting imperialism -- for example, the Bougainville Revolutionary Army -- is ignored here.

Cultural politics is also ignored, presumably because it may not be seen as 'rational' enough. The great diversity of revolutionary ecological politics is ignored, thus buttressing the far Right argument that environmental concern is a product of the 'white Northern Empires'. Perhaps if Bookchin had mobilised in support of MOVE in the 1970's, he might have helped to have forged a much larger movement of solidarity that might have prevented the massacre of MOVE supporters in 1985.

Ultimately, this publication does provide a narrative of German ecofascism that is of passing academic value. Strategically, by failing to

advocate any practical action against the far Right it remains merely an academic text. By ignoring the need for solidarity with MOVE, the BRA and other culturally diverse and militant Green radicals, it actually aids fascism in both its official and unofficial forms.



THE ROTTEN HEART OF EUROPE: THE DIRTY WAR FOR EUROPE'S MONEY BY BERNARD CONNOLLY. FABER, £17.50

This is a book against the single European currency, written by a former member of staff of the European Commission. Connolly is a Free Marketeer, left high and dry by the shift away from the deceptive initial description of Europe as a purely economic community towards the overt attempt at political union. Most of the book is just a blow by blow insider's account of various market assaults on the ERM. Connolly is a Thatcherite, Sir Alan Watersite. "The Free Market is Always Right!" Under this schema, Lawson is the one to blame for destroying the mid-late 1980's Thatcher 'boom'. The Feel Good Factor was lost through Lawson's fixation on shadowing the ERM exchange rates, and Lawson also killed off those 30% p.a. house price rises by ending double mortgage relief.

It's all a Europlot -- Lawson and Howe 'ambushed' Old Ma Thatcher, she was axed because of her anti-Europe stand, like most people, has no time at all for Thatcher's "nerdish" successor, who is blinded by the Euro-delusion, as in Clarke. Norman Lamont, however, was "singing in the bath" after Britain was booted out of the ERM by the markets.

So much for those soft-as-shit British politicians. The real heroes of this book are the markets, who by definition do no wrong, typified by the currency speculator, George Soros, who managed Britain's exit from the ERM using a borrowed \$10b war chest. (The markets like to bet on certainties...) Soros later wrote a letter to *The Times* (9th June 1993) attacking the policies of the Bundesbank. If the markets are the heroes, the villains are top French civil servants, graduates of the Ecole Nationale, the so-called 'Enarques' -- people seen as arrogant

and stupid beyond measure. The rot at the heart of Europe is seen as a conspiracy by this enarque caste to capture control of the Bundesbank, the powerhouse of German economic success. Little good would it do them, for were they to succeed in this ambition, Europe's economy would quickly be wrecked -- to put the Enarques in charge would be like letting a drunk madman steer the car.

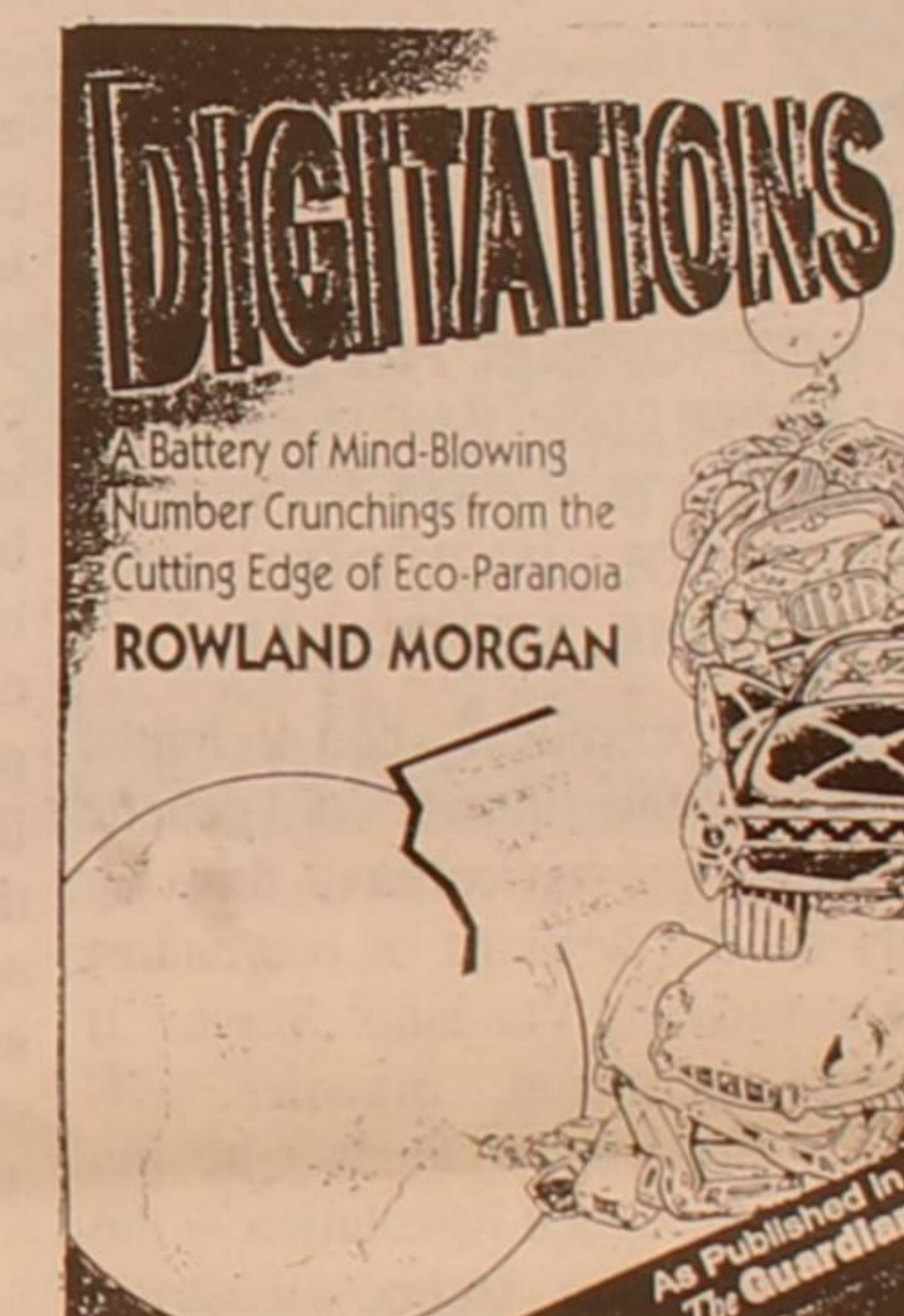
Connolly has a strong dislike of elites: 'Tory Toffs', 'The Ivy Leaguers of Foggy Bottom' (US State Department), Eurocrats. Against this he sets the markets, but what are the currency traders, if not a new elite? At the same time there is an unpleasant anti-Roman Catholic feel to his remarks (eg. p. 170) where we see the relish with which he tells us that Tietmeyer (a Bundesbank official) is a graduate of a Jesuit theological college in Westphalia; or see the rather horrible way he sneers at the Irish Catholic Church for daring to criticize the currency speculators (p. 224) as "get rich quick and don't care who suffers". A lot of the book makes implicit links between Europe today and the 1930's/40's. Here, Connolly is like the Basil Fawlty school of diplomacy. "Don't mention the war" -- French Eurocrats are Vichyites, the ERM is the descendant of an idea first advanced by the Reichsbank in 1941, one of the key experts putting it forwards, Dr Bernhard Benning, later went on to be the chairman of the Bundesbank. All this will no doubt be good fun for the Tory Eurosceptics, but I think this book would have been better if the prejudice had been bracketed and Connolly had made a clearer stab at the theory explanation.

Connolly asks 'What is the ERM for?' (A bloody good question) Various images are conjured up -- the ERM is a 'glidepath' towards monetary union. He quotes the founding Euro-fathers "Europe will be built through a currency or it will not be built at all". The system is seen as an end in itself, a method for enriching currency speculators, a means for forging the economic and political systems together. (ECU stands for "Ever Closer Union"). The Deutschmark is the 'anchor' of the system, but the economic weakness of Spain, Portugal and Italy together with post-1990 problems brought on by German reunification destabilized and dragged down the whole system.

The ERM is founded on a lie and massively dangerous to the economic and political wellbeing of Europe, because the system puts forward an empty rhetoric of "all for one and one for all" while in reality practicing "Everyone for themselves and Delors take the hindmost".

The 'relationship' (ha ha) between France and Germany is the key to understanding Europe, but it is all a one way street characterized by the political independence of the Bundesbank on one side and French political / economic weakness on the other. It is an unusual 'partnership'.

Connolly continuously shows us the weakness of this misalliance, and the Euro-myths and delusions which lubricate it. Perhaps the best example of this was in June 1993 (p. 308) during the terminal crisis of the ERM, where a French Treasury official, Edmond Alphandery, arrogantly called Bundesbank officials to France to try to order them to cut German interest rates. An official overlooking financial news screens knew at once the game was up -- "alors, c'est bein foutu, le system" ("The system is well and truly fucked"). Alphandery is described as "The man who told the truth about the ERM" -- the Ero system is so fragile that it cannot even stand up to that much truth. So roll on the day when it collapses completely....



DIGITATIONS BY ROWLAND MORGAN. £4.99 FROM MICHAEL O' MARA BOOKS LTD., 9 LION YARD, TEREMADOC ROAD, LONDON SW4

Introducing his *Digitations*, Morgan notes "we inhabit a world in which the biggest feature is no longer a bomb or a pill, but a number". Following once-Greenpeace president Bob Hunter, Morgan translates numbers into visualisable amounts -- truckloads of Olympic swimming pools full, how many times such and such will stretch roads the Earth or to the Moon -- in an attempt to help us to realise the depths of the modern crisis.

There's perhaps too much focus on trash but some of the statistics are alarming ("World oil consumption could empty the known oil reserves of Saudi Arabia in 11 years") and some illustrate processes on ecological degradation that aren't much commented on:

Rockets launching satellites have ripped a gash in the Earth's protective ozone layer on average once every four days since 1957

The last decade of North Sea oil drilling could have left a seabed wasteland of hydrocarbon pollution nearly twice the size of Scotland; or a polluted area the size of Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Denmark put together.

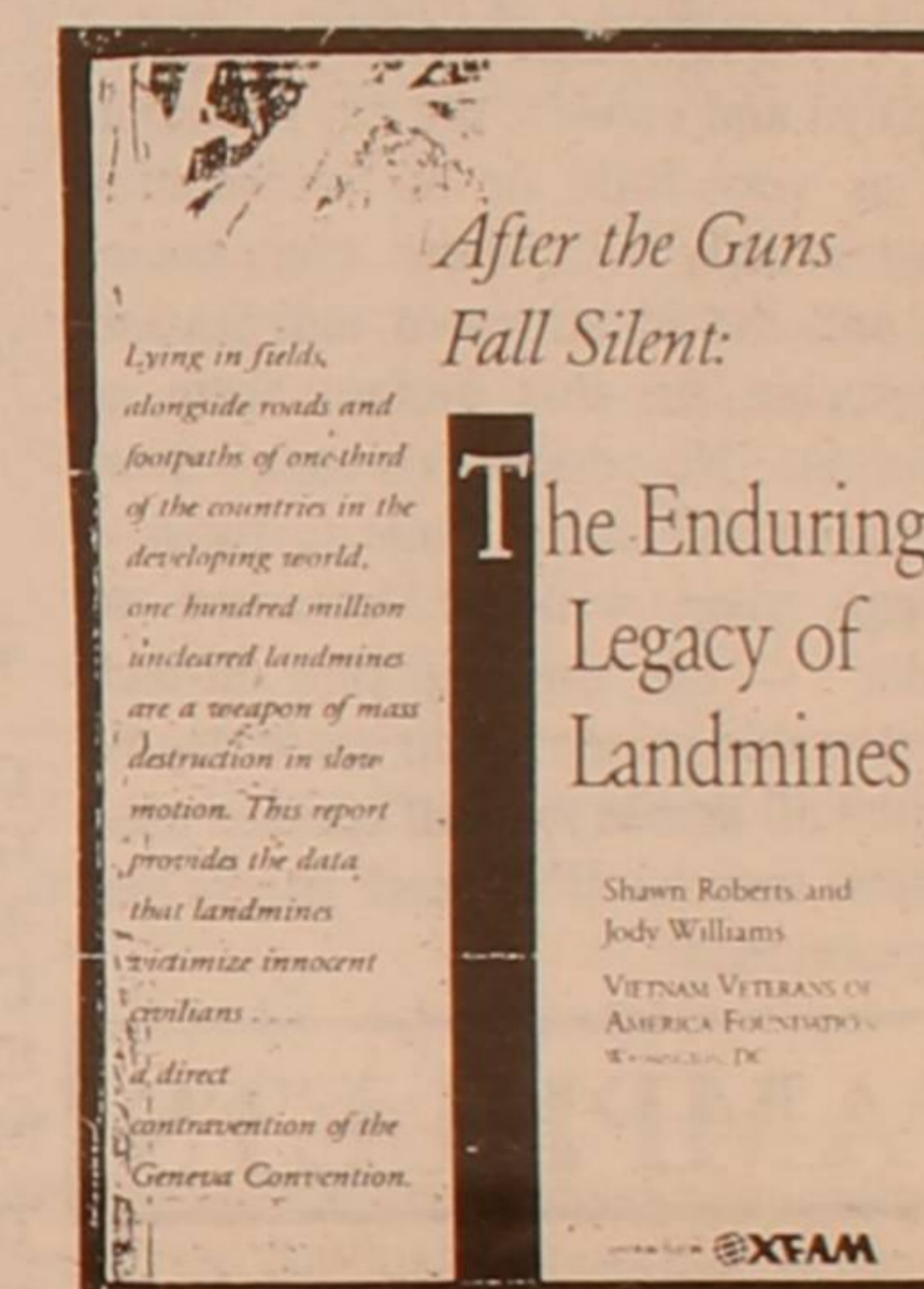
By citing how the price of dwindling resources or polluting commodities are going down, Morgan demonstrates the free market can't stop ecological collapse and there are topics hear not

usually found in Greenie texts ('Please Police Me', 'Risky Romping' with a focus on AIDS &c) but this book's orientation is basically liberal.

One statistic had our jaws dropping:

A woman's orgasmic potential is eight times a man's. Orgasms measured in and hour on a woman volunteer: 134. On a man: 16.

Could the guy that managed to cum 16 times in an hour *please* write in and let the rest of us know how he managed it?



AFTER THE GUNS FALL SILENT: THE ENDURING LEGACY OF LANDMINES BY JODY WILLIAMS AND SHAWN ROBERTS. £12.50 FROM OXFAM.

This is a dull bureaucratic book about an important topic. Landmines are cheap and simple. but remain active for years after the fighting stops, waiting for agricultural workers or children to step on them. The long term costs on agriculture and health infrastructure far outweigh the short term military benefits.

Miners have been buried in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Cambodia, Angola, Mozambique, Croatia, Bosnia and many other places. Few forces kept maps and in confused fighting, minefields have been laid over minefields. Vehicles can scatter 1,000 mines a minute. In Afghanistan, Soviet jets dropped mines from the air. When refugees return, injuries and death rates rise. Increased pressure on cultivatable land forces desertification. Agricultural land and water supplies as well as paths and roads are often mined, as a form of economic warfare against peasant farmers.

In northern Iraq, rural children commonly use mines as wheels for toy trucks and go carts; in Cambodia they play boules with B40 anti-personnel mines. In Afghanistan, they compete in throwing stones at PFM-1 'Butterfly' mines, the winner being the child whose stone causes the mine to detonate.

The book is marred by too many tables and statistics. It is written in bureaucratic language, which takes pages and pages to say not very much. A US military survey, for example: "The explosion of technological sophistication in landmines presents keen challenges" (p. 7) is one gem, or how about "Mines tend to be laid in and around the areas that experienced the heaviest fighting during the 14

years of war" (p. 52). Would never have thought of that.

Humanitarian agencies are pushing for a total ban on the production of landmines, which according to one interpretation of the rules of war are illegal anyway. (Since when has that stopped them?) The UN type agencies don't have the funding to clear the mines, and in many cases the fighting still goes on. 100 companies in 55 countries manufacture 5 million mines a year. Despite copious tables of injuries, hospital statistics, costs to 3rd World agriculture, losses of goats, donkeys and camels; the coy bureaucrats tell us very little or no information about exactly who these companies are, and the identities of individuals responsible for this vicious form of pollution. No doubt though, these Chechens will come home to roost -- perhaps they will be 'returned to sender' -- the thought that hi-tech undetectable mines might some day be planted all across the golf courses used by these merchants of death cheers one up enormously.

PAMPHLETS



25 YEARS ON THE MOVE. £3 FROM FRIENDS OF MOVE, P O BOX 3069, LONDON SW9 8LU.

This is *20 Years On The Move*, updated and enlarged, written by MOVE in Philadelphia but printed by their supporters in UK.

As well as the update on Mumia Abu-Jamal you'd expect, there's also a lot more detail on the legal machinations up to and around the 1977 Powelton Avenue siege including JOHN AFRICA vs. THE SYSTEM (a 1981 case that produced *The Judges Letter*, a key MOVE document) and an important new section, *MOVE: Belief & Practice*, which summarises their philosophy and lifestyle, and should guarantee the movement's continued growth.

If you've been going around with your eyes and ears closed for the last few years and this is your first you've heard of MOVE, you must read this powerful and inspiring text. Even if

you've got *20 Years On The Move* already, the new material makes this update worth seeing too.

Colonizing the Seed

Genetic Engineering and Techno-Industrial Agriculture



COLONIZING THE SEED BY GYORGY SCRINIS. PRICE FROM ANTI-GENETIC ENGINEERING COLLECTIVE, 312 SMITH STREET, COLLINGWOOD, 3066, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

This is an excellent, non-technical analysis of the impact of genetic engineering on agriculture, drawing mainly on the writings of ecofeminist Chipko veteran Vandana Shiva. It contrasts traditional, organic, self-sufficient farming methods with the disaster of the Green Revolution -- the imposition of techno-industrial, chemical farming -- that came after and clearly demonstrates genetically engineered crops will just be a continuation of this process, with all its faults and threats to biodiversity and social justice.

This short text should be a 'must' for all those campaigning against genetix as it has a clarity and urgency notable by their absence in British texts.

NEW ZINES

TOXCAT. £6 SUB FROM P O BOX 29, ELLESMERE PORT, SOUTH WIRRAL L66 3TX

Similar to GA's own 'Pollution File', *Toxcat* is a 12 or 14 page newsletter which gives the facts about pollution. One issue was about male fertility and made disturbing reading. It quoted various surveys and reports in Scotland, Paris, Denmark and the USA showing that sperm quality has dropped somewhere round 40-50% in a single generation. If trends continue "many young men could be incapable of becoming fathers by 2010". Endocrine disrupting chemicals; PCB's, dioxins and DDT are probably to blame, also causing genital deformities and testicular cancer. Almost one in five US couples are infertile.

The second issue dealt with toxic waste incinerators, and gave a graphic first hand account of a cloud of purple iodine incident in Ellesmere Port. There was a description of an incident

at a Preston chemical waste plant (20th August 1995) where a bromodiethyl carbonate drum explosion leaked chemical shite from the Red Scar into the residential Grange Estate and families had to be evacuated, the M6 closed. At the angry residents' meeting afterwards a woman told the Cleanaway plant manager, Tony Dean, to "make it bomb proof or sod off". This issue also reported on cattle deaths and farmer sickness in Limerick and printed an interview with US campaigner Terri Swearingen

Health & Safety Executives might dismiss *Toxcat* as nimbyst, but as Terri Swearingen points out this is not just the people living directly under the smokestack's problem. Dioxins found in Lake Michigan were traced from as far away as Florida! It's everybody's problem. So do they have an answer? As far as any political line can be seen in this, there is a realistic lack of faith in corporations and political agencies. "It's up to you", community based campaigns, to get together and sort this one. Might not be strong enough for your average GA reader. If the multi-national corporations poisoned you in the first place, what makes you think they will listen when you complain? This said, the factual content of this mag is excellent. Knowledge is power folks, and we suggest you support *Toxcat*, send in your own pollution stories, information and doughnations.



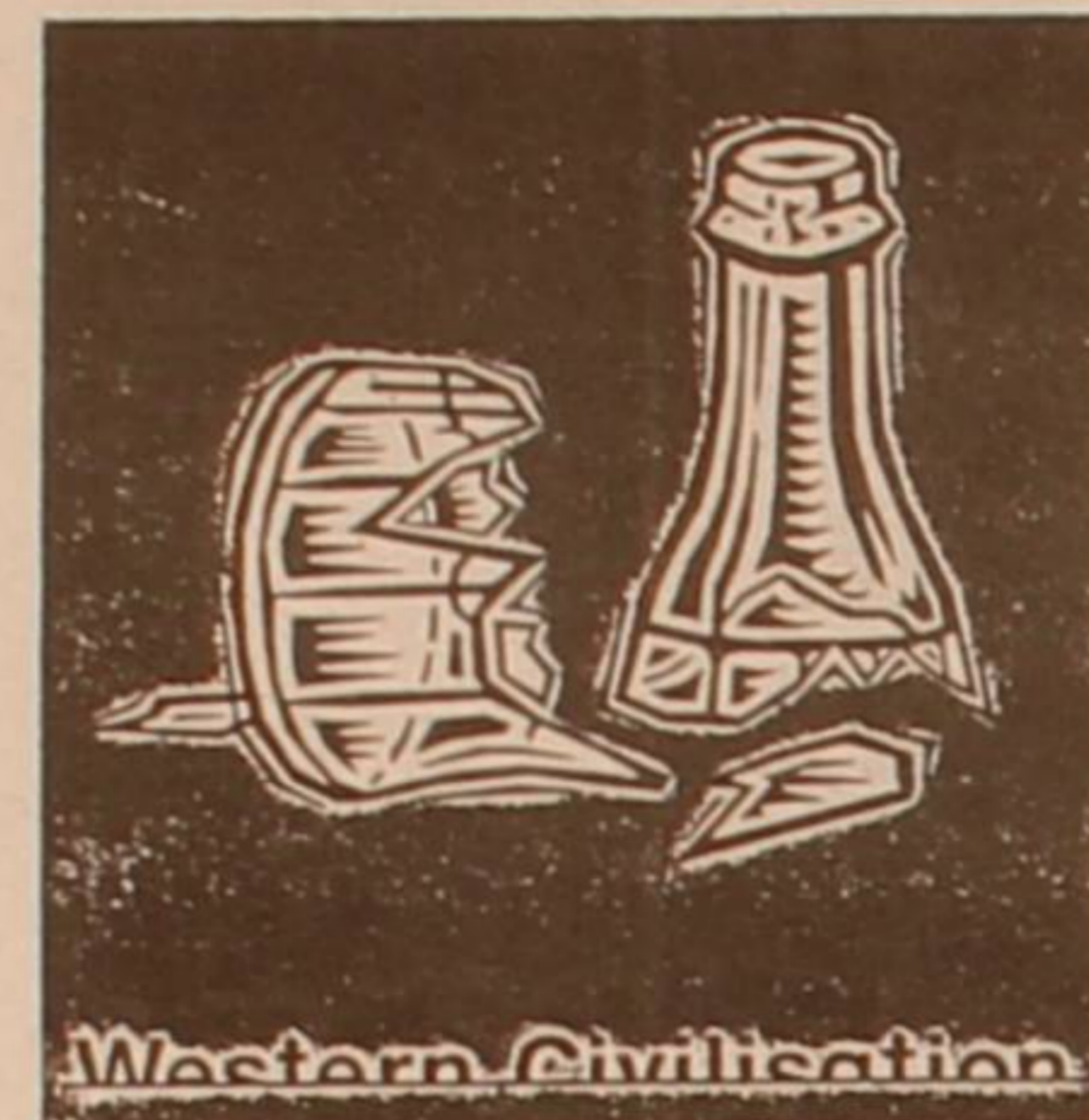
THE SPRINT #7. PRICE c/o BM CHRONOS, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

An eye-witness account of Reclaim The Streets' liberation of the Angel, their 23rd July 1995 street party. It's good on contrasting the life-affirming actions of those in the zone liberated from traffic with the TSG recapturing these areas, much better than the sad fluffies that blamed the party-goers and obsessive-ly tried to figure out how to 'control troublemakers' at that year's Green Gathering autopsy.

Where we found this zine weakest is exactly where its editor found the protest weakest -- there was no analysis of the "urgent need to reclaim life as a whole from the clutches of an ideology which is anti-life the spectacular commodity economy as a whole". We know the editor can do it -

- it seems all the other six *Sprints* were situ anti-car tracts published in the 1970's -- but perhaps we're going to have to wait for *Sprint* #8 for this.

Social Anarchism



SOCIAL ANARCHISM #21. \$4 FROM 2743 MARYLAND AVENUE, BALTI-MORE, MARYLAND 21218, USA.

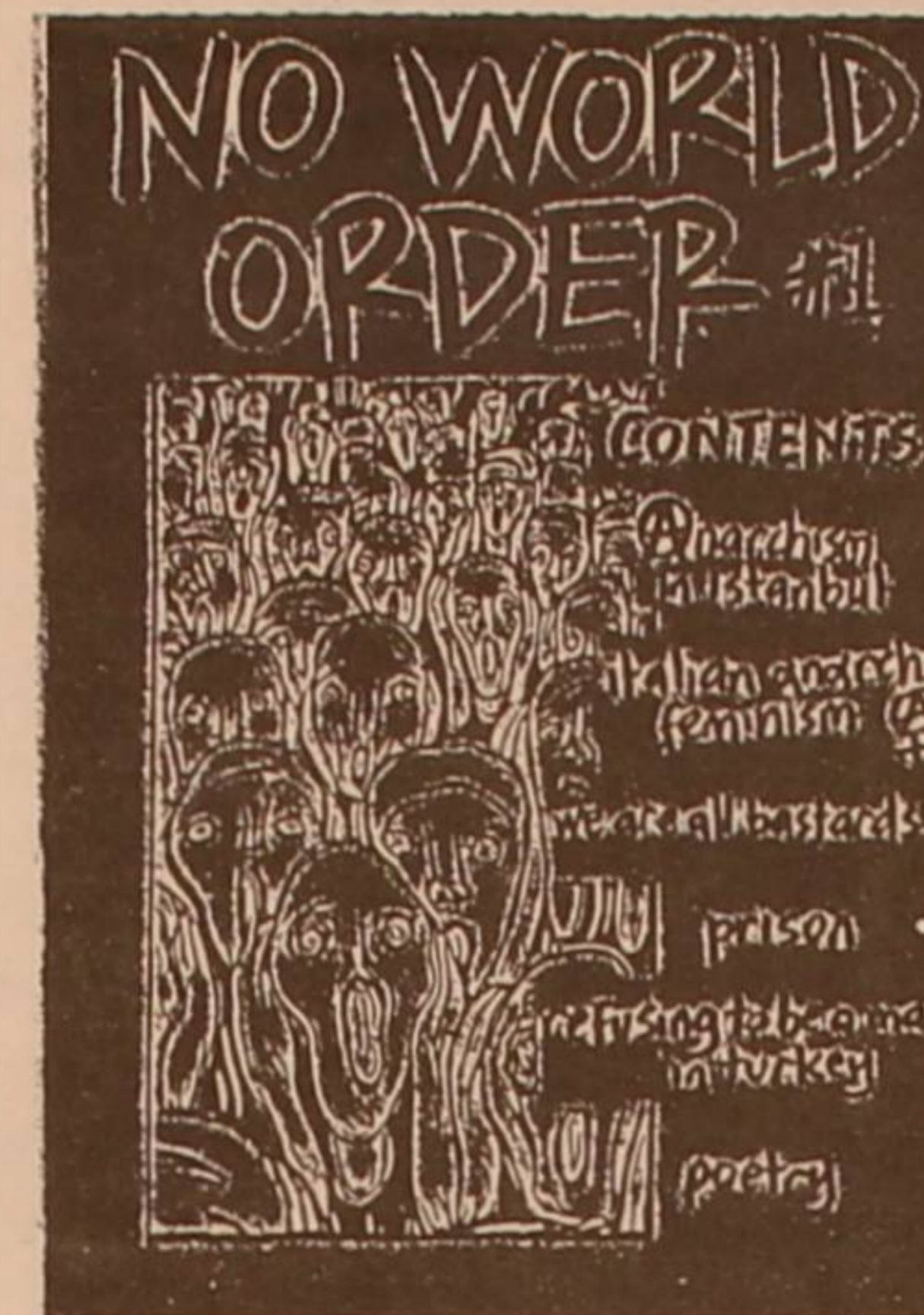
For a journal calling itself *Social Anarchism*, I was hard-pressed to find any social anarchism in it, except possibly an essay on electoralism more noteworthy for its length than content.

Don't get us wrong, we don't miss its absence -- ol' Bookworm's such a drag and his acolytes so boring and conformist. No, compared to its equivalent in UK, *The Raven*, *Social Anarchism* is lively and contemporary -- but then large sections of the British anarchist movement are still living in the 19th century. Tom Martin's essay on nihilism compliments Weiss's on terror culture well, though we're grateful to reviewer Kingsley Widmer for quoting Zerzan's opinion that the pomo emperor wears no clothes. Editor Howard Ehrlich's essay on the Oklahoma City bombing does show up *Social Anarchism's* orientation as a bit liberal (was that a hint at gun control?) and a tad out of touch with what it's on about, but decency and gentility is what you'd expect from academics.

No, you could do worse than to read *Social Anarchism* -- at least there's a bit more life in it than you'd expect to find this side of the Atlantic.

FLOUR POWER #7. \$2 FROM BOX 1194, KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA V2C 6H3.

At 62+ pages long, *Flour Power* is a fanzine packed with views and reviews. Written from an anarchist punk vegan queer single mother perspective, *Flour Power* also includes articles on fascinating topics like the struggle for topless equality in Canada (once it was illegal for men to go topless in Canada -- even beards were thought "obscene") and the 1970 Yippie 'invasion' of the USA from across the Canadian border to protest the USAF's secret bombing of Cambodia. Why "Flour" Power? Well, why not, eh?



NO WORLD ORDER #1. PRICE FROM PO BOX 199 EAST BRUNSWICK, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

This issue's been produced as a benefit for Afes Hirsizi, a Turkish anarchist group, and No World Order sees its task as "focus[ing] mainly on international struggles, esp. of countries not covered in the english speaking anarchist media". Very interesting in its analysis of role and the way it challenges nationalism.

ANIMAL JUSTICE FRONT DUTCH SUPPORTERS GROUP NEWS-LETTER. 25 DUTCH GUILDERS FROM AJF-SG, POSTBUS 3607, 1001 AK AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

The AJF-SG and its newsletter has been set up to support two AJF activists currently on remand. In #1, you're told what they're admitting to.

There's a selection of newspaper reports about actions carried out by the AJF and encouragement to support the prisoners.

On a critical note, it's sad AJF-SG only list their two prisoners, not mentioning British or Dutch animal lib prisoners or Paul S, Dutch eco-defence prisoner. Still, there are always other newsletters.

Apart from press cuttings, it's all in English and quite interesting.

AHIMSA: ECORADICAL NEWS-LETTER. DONATION TO K V Y, P O BOX 217, 00151 HELSINKI, FINLAND

Published by a convicted EVR activist, it's in English and is full of legal animal rights and eco-defence news. In #1, there's special mention of anti-Shell and MuckDonalds protests.

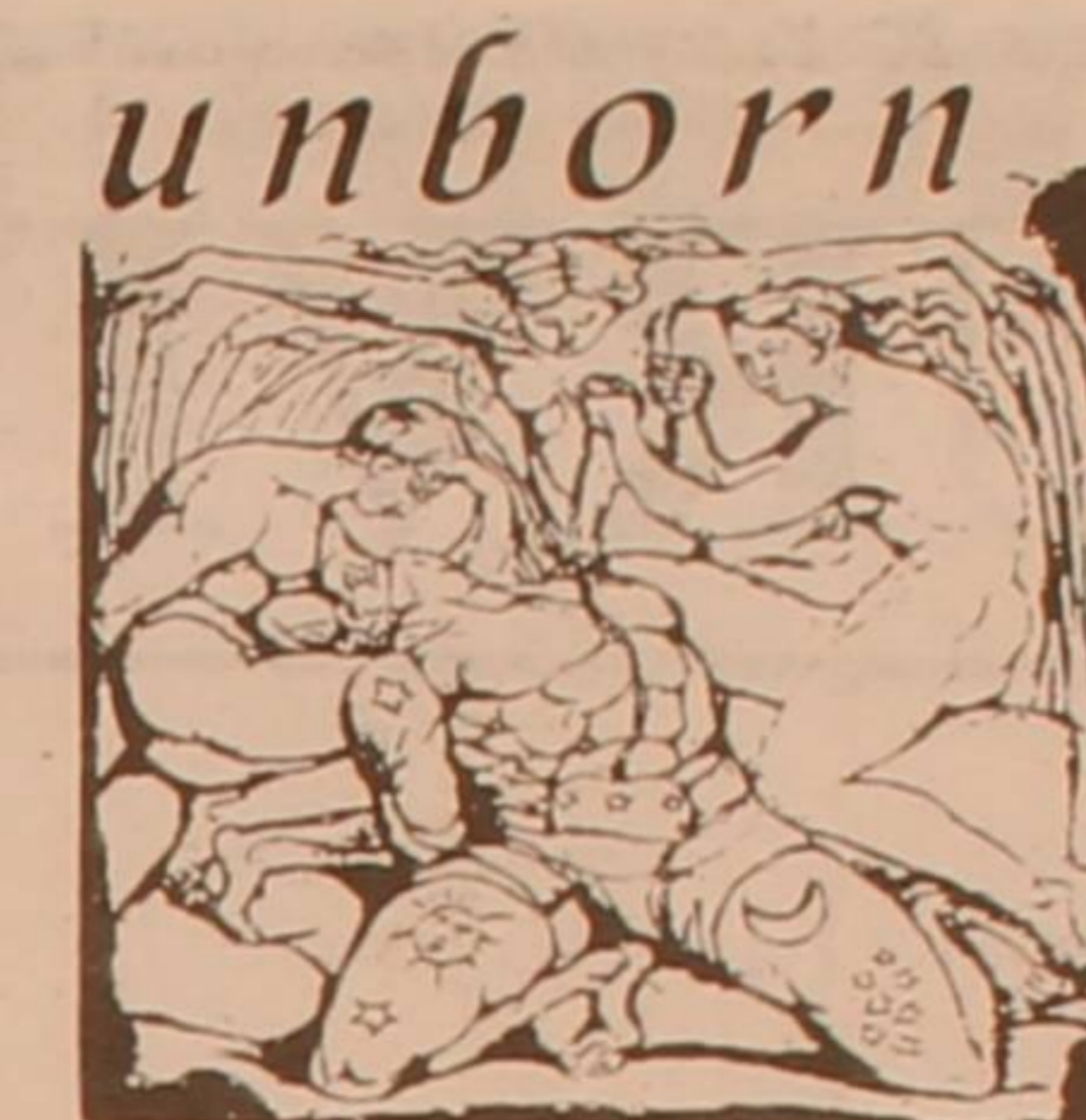
If you like the sort of news reported in *EFIAU* and want to know what's happening in Finland, this is the zine for you.

INFORMANCY LIST ZELENHO ANARCHIZMU -- LETO 96. PRICE FROM MATUS RITOMSKY, USIAKOVA 2, 841 01 BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

This is a small publication from Slovakian Green Anarchists. In *Leto 96* there's news about the arrests of four alleged UK green anarchists and about various demos and prisoners. Published in Slovakian.

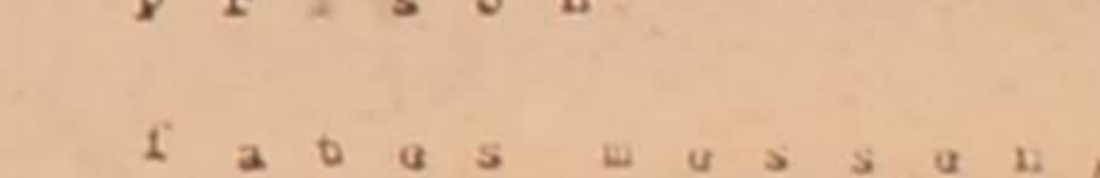
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Straight-edge vegan metal. Sounds a bit like the English Dogs on the *Forward Into Battle* LP but unlike the Dogs, they have something to say about -- UK religion, revision of history, female Spanish militias. If you're into sick of it all-type stuff, check this out. It comes with a lyric sheet too.

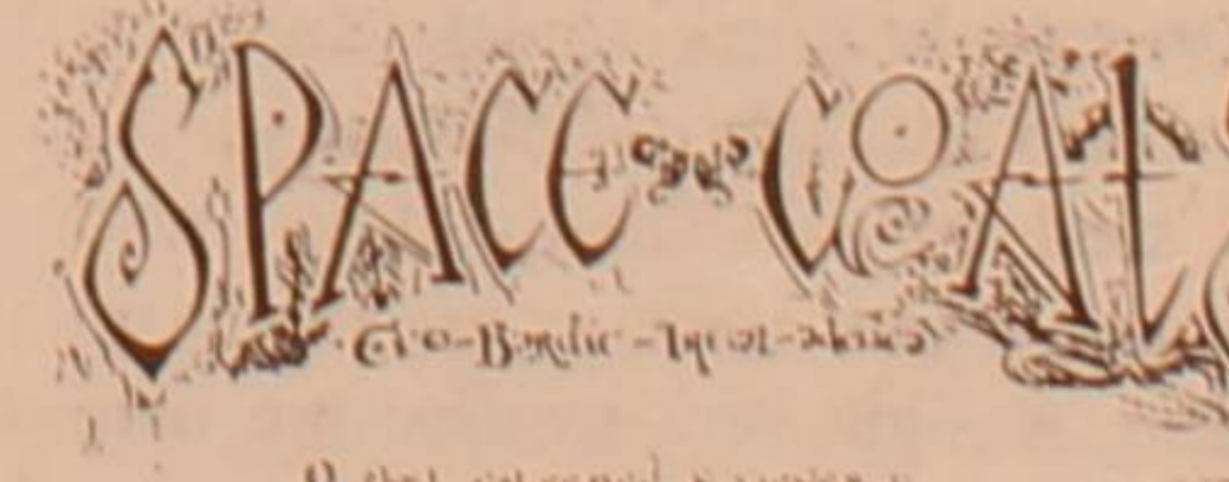


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Space Goats are an interesting mix of acoustic Celtic folk with a dance beat, didges and recorders. Very festive-sounding group of environmental-protesting pagans. Very upbeat and with a strong environmental message. If this is your thing, we'd strongly advise getting it.

PROJECTS

STUFF THE VOTE LEAFLET c/o BCM 1715, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

Some time between now and next spring, a general election will be held. If 5,000 people read GA and each of you pay £5 and take 200 anti-election leaflets, altogether we would push out ONE MILLION leaflets.

Stuff The Vote is an expansion of our GA42 article of the same title, a practical guide to resisting the election, written in support of the Anti-Election Alliance.

Everyone who reads GA can easily afford £5 and distribute 200 leaflets. Come on everybody it would be easy. This focus and concentration of effort on just one small thing would have some real effect. How much do you want to be free of government?

WAR CHEST PROGRAM, NEW JERSEY ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS, P O BOX 8532, PATERSON, NJ 07508-8532, USA.

New Jersey ABC have been program to send monthly cheques to little-supported American political prisoners / prisoners of war since November 1994. They can also make one-off emergency payments.

Though small, this program is already having an impact:

Thanks much for the support you've been organizing, I really appreciate it. After not having any or very little support for so long, it now seems like [people] have all of a sudden realized that I am alive.

SEKOUT ODINGA, POW

A newsletter is published bi-monthly saying how your donations are used to support prisoners and giving their addresses so you can get involved in supporting them directly.

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RFM's Roger Leisner goes to great effort to get his tapes broadcast across the airwaves, but RFM is basically a collection of tapes by leading US leftists such as Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn (*A Peoples History of the United States*). The tapes go for \$10.50 and the full catalogue's available for and SASE and 75c.

MAGNETIC NIGHTS

A History of the Situationist International from its origins

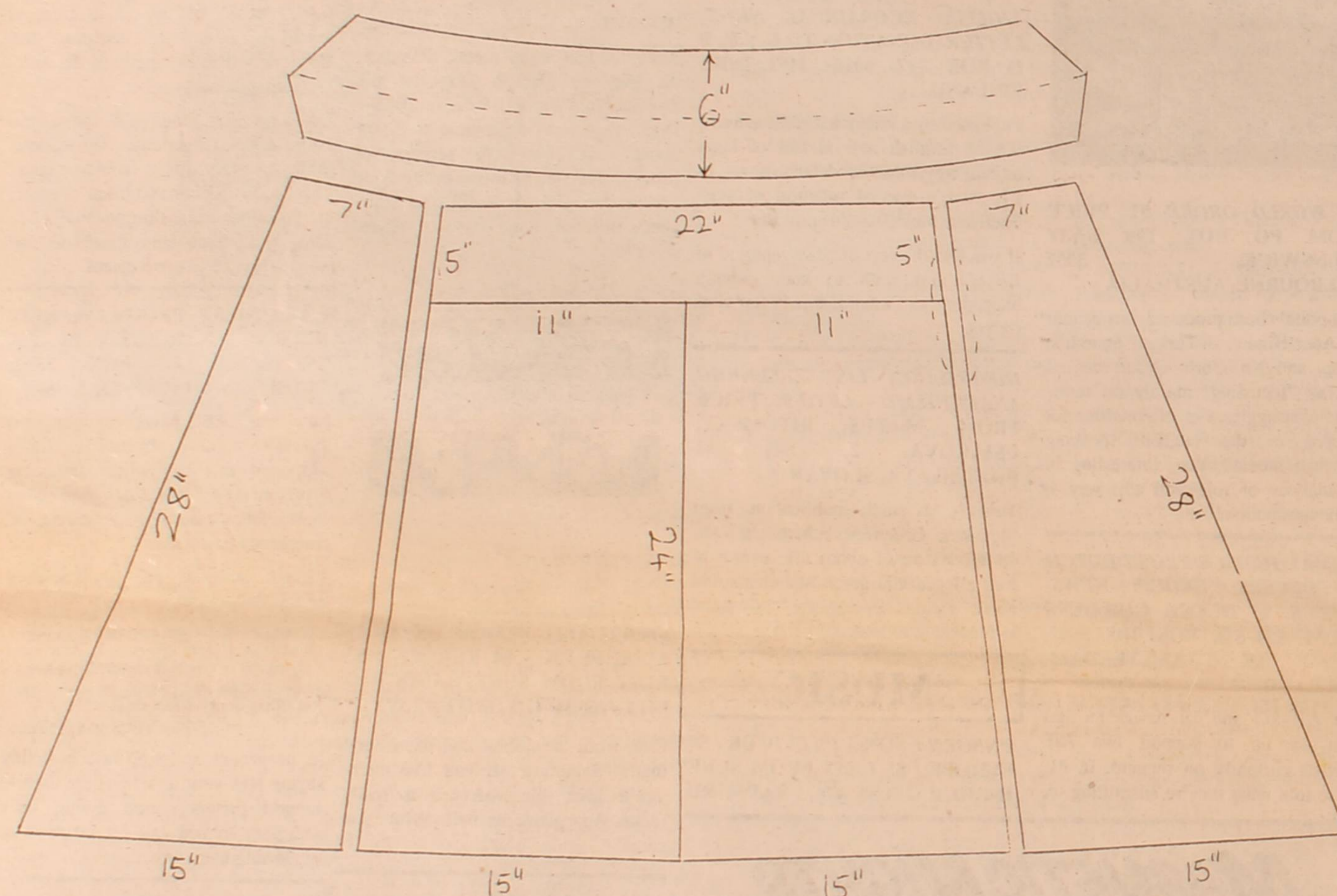


As told by former members of the post war Lettist movement and the Situationist International, plus many others. Contributors include Jean Michel Monson, Isidore Isou, Jean Michel Bourre, Christian Schlatter, Henri Lefebvre, Constant, Jacqueline de Jong, Marc O, Toni Negri, Olivier Todd.

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SURVIVAL



MAKE YOUR OWN CAMO JACKET

Being able to merge into the background is really important. If they don't see you then they won't be looking for you, and the longer you can go without being seen the further away you can get. Camouflage is important. A good place to start is with the British Army combat jacket sold in army surplus stores all over.

Another idea could be to dye or paint some other coat. Part of the problem is that the background colour of the countryside changes with the seasons. In spring it is a pale green, almost lime green, in summer darker green with grass tending towards yellow brown if it is dry. Autumn is all brown and reds, oranges, yellows and winter is dark browns and greys.

The colour of the landscape changes with where you are. On moorland you get purple heathers in late summer, you might get corn in fields, or yellow oil seed rape. The pattern also changes, winter patterns are made up of long straight thin streaks like bare branches or ploughed fields, while spring would be smaller rounder shapes like leaves.

The whole idea of this is to match your jacket to the scenery as near as possible. Start by collecting samples of vegetation, dock leaves, stuff off trees and bushes, but leave those rare flowers and the nettles alone, OK folks? Make up collagers and copy the colours using poster paints before they change. Take the samples back to the

landscape and see if they match. Do this a few times and then you'll be ready to paint the material. watered down acrylic paint is best. Its easier if you can start with material approaching the background colour.

When you've got enough material, you'll be able to make up your own camouflage coat or jacket. You could make up four separate ones, for each season, but this idea is to make up a reversible coat. You try out the pattern with newspaper sheets first until you get a size, shape and design that suits you and then make it up out of the material. The pattern is just a rough guide. You have to allow space at the edges of each piece to make up the seams and be careful to get the grain of

the cloth right.

You stitch up the back of the winter laywer to the back of the spring layer, and the back of the summer laywer to the autumn's. The two pieces could then be fastened back to back with press studs or velcro so that when the seasons change you just change your coat round and merge with the background. Have fun with this folks, and we won't be seeing you!

THE EDITORIAL

THE GANDALF SIX DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

The conspiracy busts against Reclaim The Streets in London, Brighton, Birmingham and elsewhere shows that the arrest of four GA editors, the ALF's press officer Robin Webb and their treasurer last 16th January 1996 was just the thin end of the edge to criminalise direct action across the board. Now the CJA's failed, the State are resorting to the much more draconian and 'catch all' conspiracy / incitement laws.

The Gandalf ('GA-AND-ALF') Six Defence Campaign has been formed to stop the State's new repressive instrument in its tracks. Defending the Gandalf Six is just defending yourself -- they are in the front line for you. The issue is not their 'guilt' or 'innocence' but whether the State has any right to say anyone is 'guilty' or 'innocent' of the 'crime' of writing. And, yes, we know 'rights' mean nothing without power -- a strong, revolutionary movement is the only appropriate response to such State encroachment on our freedom.

Support the defence campaign (see p. 24), attend its meetings at the Club Room, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London on 29th September 1996, 5pm, at the start of the committal hearing at Portsmouth Magistrates Court, 9th December 1996, and on the Liberation Tour, 20th January-1st February 1997: 20: Glasgow • 21: Lancaster • 22: Liverpool • 23: Manchester • 24: Nottingham • 25: Wolverhampton / Birmingham • 27: Oxford • 28: Southampton • 29: Brighton • 30: Canterbury • 31: Cambridge • 1: London • surprise additional venues.

PERSPECTIVES FOLDS

Back in October 1994, GA36 was first to make public the involvement of the two Richards, Lawson and Hunt, in the TransEuropa Collective's *Perspectives*. Lawson was the National Party's ideological architect in the 1970s and Hunt the editor of neo-nationalist *Alternative Green*. The former had buttered up the latter enough to get him to throw in with *Perspectives*, even though TransEuropa is the 1990s successor to the notorious Iona Collective.

Lawson's retaliation came through his chum, Sol Invicta's Tony 'Long Live Death' Wakeford, and his, Stewart Home, who ridiculously claimed Hunt was still writing for GA and then launched a Black propaganda campaign against us with such ludicrous and offensive phoney documents as *Green & Brown Anarchist*. Home's connections to the far Right are now well-established and even his former artsy mates have contempt for this talentless little drone.

Home's antics drew so much attention to *Perspectives* that Lawson's 'clever' ploy backfired and it's had to fold. Its successor is *Radical Shift*, a tatty journal with George Orwell and predictable double-think confuting socialism and nationalism (national-socialism?) inside. To candy-coat itself further, *Radical Shift* includes unsolicited ads for a range of sound groups and publications (Earth First!, *Sheffin &c*) as well as predictably dodgy ones like *Alternative Green* and *Northern Way*. We've called a boycott -- others are sending out contradictory messages as to whether Lawson's still involved or not to cover their collaboration.

CALLING ALL U.A.B'S!

This is an open letter to all the people in the South West region and who are on the GA UAB list. However this letter may also apply to UAB's in other regions.

If you live in the South West Green Anarchist Network, with people leaving the area &c. it's not clear who should be on the UAB list anymore.

If you live in the South West region and you're on the GA UAB list, or would like to be on it, can you please get in contact with the regional coordinator as soon as possible. Likewise it might be an idea for UAB's in other regions to contact their own regional co-ordinators just to make sure their names are still on the appropriate UAB lists, especially if your regional coordinator changed recently.

SOUTH WEST GREEN ANARCHIST NETWORK

PS: Sorry the last SW GA Gathering was called at such short notice. Many thanks to everyone who turned up.

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ON IDEOLOGY: Sick of 'four legs good, two legs bad' herd mentality and anarcho-organisations more into ordering about and indoctrinating their members than total liberation? The movement must go beyond sacrifice, repression and ideology or it'll just reproduce all the old alienated social relationships!

Agree? Disagree? Send your reasons why to GA45's core c/o Oxford Green Anarchists, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

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THIS IS GREEN ANARCHISM

CIVILISATION IS EXPLOITATION

Mass society is too complex to work without specialisation. Specialised division of labour alienates us from each other and creates a hierarchy needed to co-ordinate production. Hierarchy divides society into the powerful and the powerless. The powerless are treated as objects to be exploited. Exploitation on grounds of class, gender, ethnicity and sexual preference is intrinsic to mass society. Mass society cannot be reformed. It must be replaced.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Mass society must be replaced with

communities small enough for each person in them to be respected as an autonomous individual. In small communities, self-determination would replace hierarchy. You can't fight mass with mass. If our means and ends are to be consistent, we must organise in networks of autonomous small groups to replace mass society.

LAND OR DEATH

Mass society alienates people from the Earth. By controlling the Earth's resources, the State controls society. We must end our dependence on the State by taking back the land and living self-sufficiently. By re-establishing our relationship with the

Earth, we undermine the hierarchical thinking that is destroying it.

REVOLUTION ON THE PERIPHERY

Mass society needs resources from across the planet to survive. Those most exploited by it are those that work the land in the Third World, only to have the fruits of their labour exported to profit the rich. They have nothing to lose by taking back the land at the expense of mass society. As less resources are imported from the Third World, mass society won't be able to come up with the goods in this society. Self-governing, self-sufficient small

communities will be more needed and easier to establish as the State loses control of the rest of the planet.

AUTONOMY NOW

We must support the revolution on the periphery by making our own here. We must share the skills needed to survive without the State, create a culture of resistance to free us from the alienation of mass society, live free of exploitation by boycotting banks and multinationals, building an alternative green and black economy and defending ourselves and the Earth by taking direct action against military bases and labs, developers and industry, exploitation and bigotry.

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