THE DIARY - JUNE 1999

This diary gives details of campaigns and meetings in Nottingham, or events elsewhere supported by Nottingham based activists, concerning Human & Animal Rights, Environmental & Social Issues, and Peace & Co-operation Worldwide. There are no single issues in reclaiming the future.

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Tues 8th **Friends of the Earth.** 2nd & last Tuesdays. 7.30pm. Friends Meeting House, Clarendon St.

Thurs 10th **J18:Stop the City/June 18th** Nottm planning meeting 7pm at the Old Angel, Stoney Street - followed by :

Thurs 10th **J18:Jubilee 2000/Cancel the Debt.** Benefit Evening from 8pm at the Old Angel. (see also above).

12th - 20th **Stop The Arms Trade Week.** Campaign Against the Arms Trade. *Ph:0171 281 0297*

Sat 12th **Hillgrove Cat Farm Demo.** Noon at main gate, Dry Lane, B4047 Witney/Burford Road, Oxfordshire. *Transport: 8.45 from Rainbow Centre with Veggies.*

Sun 13th **J18:Training for Action!** Meet 11am at Rainbow for day of skill sharing workshops to prepare for June 18th.
Mon 14th Sunday, repeated Monday. Inc Office Occupation; Legal Matters; Arrests / De-Arrests; Self Defence; First Aid.

Mon 14th **Greenpeace Support Group** meets 2nd & 4th Monday monthly at Newcastle Arms, North Sherwood St.

Tues 15th **National Veggie Week.** Big Nosh at the Alley Cafe. Tickets £8 from Rainbow.

Wed 16th **J18:Stop the City/June 18th** Nottm planning meeting 8pm at Newcastle Arms, North Sherwood St.

Fri 18th **June 18th** : Global Day of Action on every continent worldwide, aimed at the heart of the global economy
AM: Join in with autonomous actions against financial institutions and multi-nationals in City of London
7.30am: Critical Mass bike Ride from West Smithfield. (gardens by Long Lane, EC1).
11am: 'Break the Chains of Debt'. Mass protest at Westminster.
11am: Anti-McDonalds March. Meet Liverpool St McDonalds.
PM: 'Carnival of Resistance'/Street Party: Meet 1pm at Liverpool St Station.
Evening: More Fun! Stick around to find out more *Details on 10th; 13th; 14th; 16th!*

Sat 19th **McLibel! Anniversary of Appeal Victory.** 60% & more found in defendants favour.
Now tell the public all about it! Adopt-a-Store info from Veggies. *McLibel support Campaign: 0171 713 1269*

Tues 24th **Women's Environmental Network** meets 4th Tues monthly. 8pm. *911 4878*

Wed 23rd **J18:Stop the City/June 18th** Follow-up meeting / legal debriefing. 8pm. Newcastle Arms, North Sherwood St

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Sun 4th **Nottm Animal Rights Confederation.** '1st Sunday' meeting & campaign planning.

Sat 10th **Pedals, Nottm Cycle Campaign.** 20th Anniversary BBQ - Veggies Food. Wilford Ferry Pub. pm&evening.

Sat 17th **Earth First Big Day Out.** Target Tarmac in the Midlands. *For details phone 07971 755823 in July.*

Sat 17th **Live Exports Rally.** Noon at Whitehall to march to Hyde Park. *Transport with Veggies from Rainbow Centre.*

Sun 18th **Hillgrove Cat Farm Demo.** Noon. *Transport: 8.45 from Rainbow Centre with Veggies.*

Nottm Hunt Saboteurs Assoc. To help with fundraising or active wildlife protection *contact c/o Rainbow.*
Forest Gardening at Ecoworks, Hungerhill Allotment site, St Ann's. *Further info from Paul: 978 0180.*
Sanctuary Working Party. Several local sanctuaries need your help. *Details: 916 0300.*

CONTACTS : RAINBOW CENTRE: 176-188 Mansfield Road, Nottm NG1 3HW. 10am-5pm. ***Ph: 958 5666***

Contact these c/o the Rainbow Centre : NottFiN - the Free Information Network; **McLibel Support Group**;
Animal Rights Confederation *(also Angie on 974 6814)*; **Kirkby Cats Home** *(also Phil on 01623 756592)*;
Enough - Nottm Anti-Consumerism Campaign *(also c/o* **Women's Environmental Network** *on 911 4878)*;
Earth First!; **Friends Of the Earth** *(also Jill on 953 8843 &* http://www.gn.apc.org/nott_foe*)*;
Nottm Windpower Project *(also 948 0829)*; **Vaccination Awareness Network** *(also 948 0829)*;
Vegetarian & Vegan Society *(also Tracy: 981 7620)*; **Veggies Catering Campaign** *(also Lunchtimes at Clinton St East)*;

ALSO : Amnesty International: *924 5100*; **Oxfam**: *942 4324*; **Pedals** Cycling Campaign: *981 6206.*
Campaign Against The Arms Trade: 89 Crossman St NG5 2HL. *Phone: 960 3693 (eve) / 970 6994.*
Green Network News has news & dates of many more environmental activities. *Phone Tim Gray on 934 8467.*
Greenpeace - Nottingham Support Group: *Jeff Rice: 917 0767 / Karl: 914 0974.*
Prevent Unwanted Pets - *Christine: 923 4555.* **Pet Welfare** (Rabbit/rodent Rescue) - *Celia: 01623 753883*
Note: All the groups listed do not neccessarily endorse the activities of all the others.

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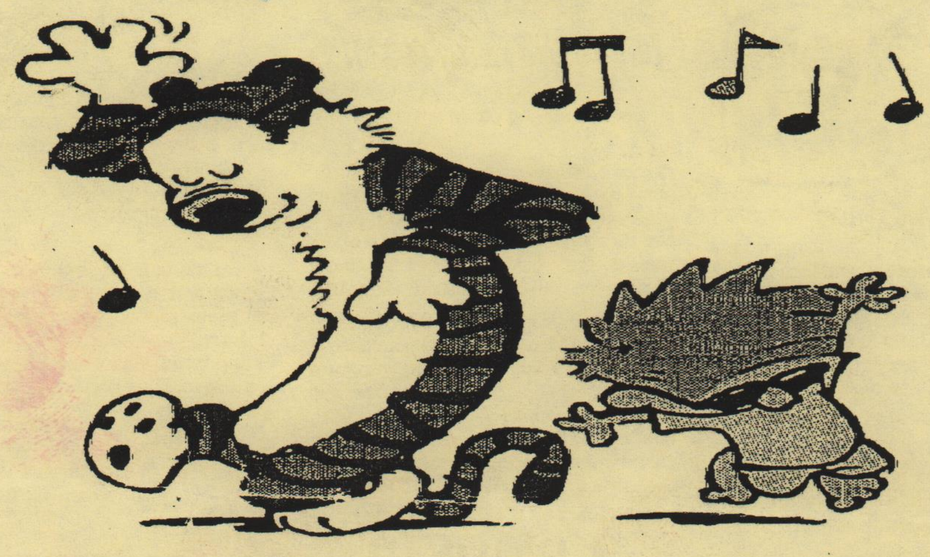
They say:

A de facto World Government of multinational interests to establish neo-liberalism and a global Capitalist Economy. Putting Profit and Power before all else!



Activists from diverse groups and movements around the world are discussing, networking and organising for an international day of action aimed at the heart of the global economy: the financial centres, banking districts and multinational corporate power bases.

Environmentalists, workers, the unemployed, indigenous peoples, trade unionists, peasant groups, women's networks, the landless, students, peace activists and many more are working together in recognition that the global capitalist system, based on the exploitation of people and the planet for the profit of a few, is at the very root of our social and ecological troubles. The June 18th occupation and transformation of financial districts, simultaneously across the globe, will be a contribution to and practical example of the process of making connections and building alternatives to the present social order.

The action is timed to coincide with the first day of the Group of Seven (or G7) summit

We say:

LIFE!

of the leaders of the richest nation-states - in Koln, Germany - when again we will be told by the economic and political elites that the promotion of economic globalisation, 'free' trade and corporate dominance is the only way. In 1998 protests, demonstrations and actions took place across the world in opposition to such policies, many coordinated through international networks. 1999 will see this co-ordination increase; alongside the June 18th global action there will also be a tour of Indian Farmers / activists around Europe to campaign against the World Trade Organisation, banks and multinational corporations.

In the spirit of strengthening international networks for equality, freedom and ecological sustainability we encourage all sympathetic movements and groups to organise their own autonomous protests or actions, on the same day - June 18th - in the same locations - financial districts - around the world. Each event will be organised autonomously; could be co-ordinated in each city by a variety of movements and groups; while linked globally by post, telephone, fax, e-mail and international meetings.

Strikes, protests, pickets, actions, occupations, street parties, demonstrations, blockades, shutdowns - a unity of diverse events are being planned by a growing network of individuals, groups, movements and alliances. Your participation - no matter how small - is crucial; meetings need to be organised, events planned, leaflets printed and distributed, funds raised, laughter and conversation shared. If we cooperate and co-ordinate we can realise a different world; has it ever been so necessary and so possible?

"The collapse of the global market place will be a truamatic event with unimaginable consequences. Yet I find it easier to imagine than the continuation of th present regime.

Act Now ! Then send your words to **Nottingham Free Information Network**
c/o Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW. Better still email nottfin@veggies.org.uk

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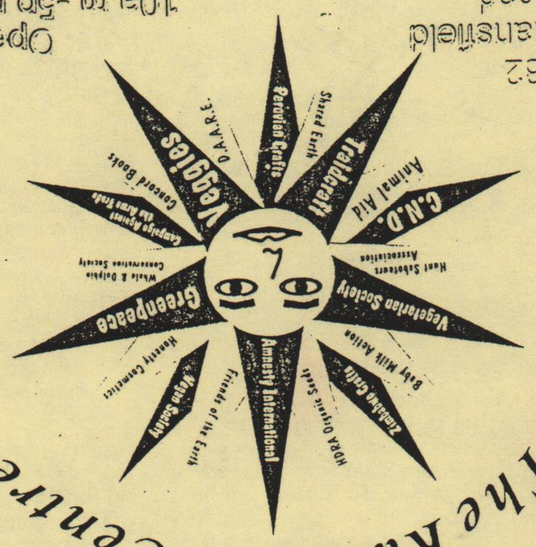
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GENETIC CROP SQUAT
ITS NOT JUST ANOTHER SALMONELLA SCARE!

A lot of attention has been focused on the dangers of eating genetically modified food, but the dangers of genetic engineering are much wider than this.

The dangers; ranging from irreversible damage to the environment, farmers increasing dependence on large agribussiness and the marginalisation of traditional farming methods (creating widespread poverty in the developing world); are all symptoms of an increasing corporate control of our food supply.

A camp was set up to highlight alternatives to corporate based food production, linking this struggle with other struggles against corporate control from around the globe.

The first attempt at last week's crop squat felt optimistic, beginning with bender-building in Gloucestershire early Thursday morning. However, before long, activists were joined by an angry farmer, a bunch of cops, a sweatbox, a van of police dogs, and the now-familiar police helicopter, and presented with some hurriedly produced "Section 61 of the Public Order Act" warnings. The top cop stated that we were suspected of having caused damage to the crop (which had clearly been trashed weeks before our arrival) and gave us a time limit to leave by before arrest. And our reinforcements were hours away.

While we wished to stand by our Section 6 notice, both on the land and in court if necessary, the painful decision made by the ten people in occupation was that this time, having a place to welcome the visiting Indian farmers to was our priority. So we had 36 hours to create a Plan B.

Those ensuing 36 hours held a lot: much travelling, surveillance both suspected and obvious, including an undercover policewoman in hippy gear sidling up to an activist in our Services meeting point to enquire subtly "what's happening with this GMO thing then?" and then attempting to hitch a ride in two of the vans (photos of her will be on the Leeds EF! web site); some mad reconnaissance to discover an alternative site; and a full day of everyone on separate missions in Oxford, resulting in a brilliant new collection of plants, banners, and a wide range of defences. And very little sleep.

By the time the sun rose on Saturday morning, seven vehicles from all over the country were being unloaded onto a Pioneer Seeds ex-test site in Essex, at Farnham Hall Farm, when the police caught up, they were confronted with a myriad of dwellings, a garden, an occupied tripod and mono-pole, and a whole collection of D-locks, handcuffs, and armtube lock-ons. This time no-one was going anywhere. Satisfying as that was, for most people, the best moment was when the Indian farmers [from the Inter Continental Caravan] came marching over the hill, singing and carrying banners.

We shared food, exchanged songs, and the vision that all across the globe we are fighting the same fight, and growing stronger every day. For the farmers it was one of the highlights of their visit.

We held the land until Sunday evening when other commitments called, using the remaining time to talk, rest, and agree that this action was evidence of just what an amazing community we are. Huge thanks to Oxford folk who donated time and tat despite our incoherency, big thanks to unstoppable drivers, and loads of respect to the commitment and mutual trust of everyone involved.

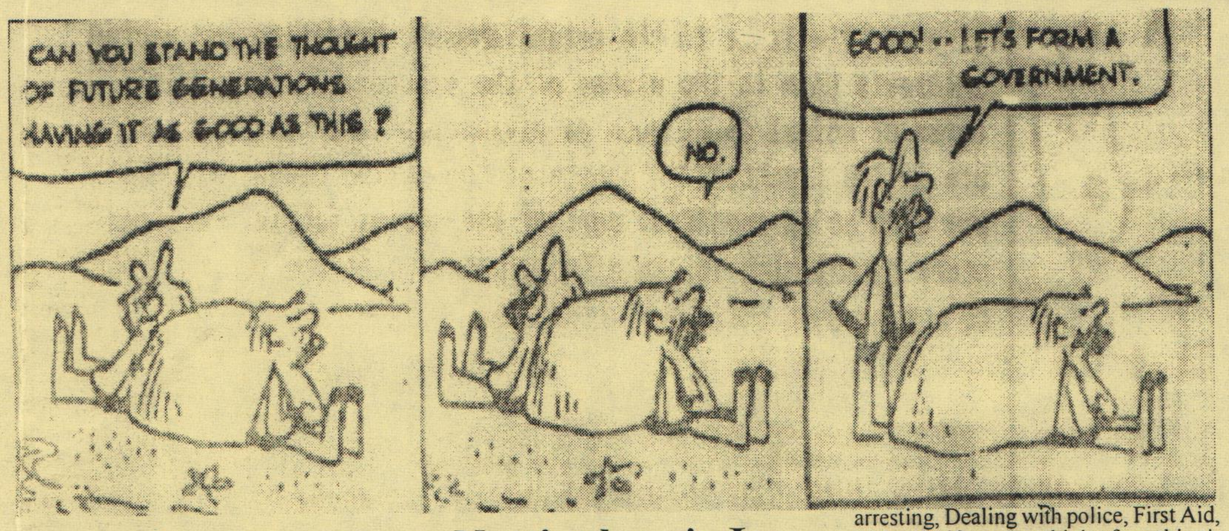
Smash Genetic Engineering Action

Following the success of recent gentix actions, including nine decontaminations in one night by the 'Ambridge against Genetics' group, and as part of series of 'Big Day's Out' organised by Earth First!; there will be a national 'Smash Genetic Engineering Action at 12 noon on the 31st July.

Details of the action can be got by tel. 07808 191 858 or e-mailing smashgenetics@yahoo.com.

It is important to keep on doing those genetic actions as now one company, CPB Twyford Ltd., has pulled out and more are sure to follow. There are plenty of test sites in Nottingham, for more details and a copy of 'The Gardeners Guide to Survival in the Modern World' contact GEN on Tel. 0181 374 9516 or E-mail genetics@gn.apc.org

Or pop into the Rainbow Centre and ask for Gentix information.



England's June 18th Events

In England we will be targeting the largest financial centre in the world: THE CITY IF LONDON

7 am - Critical Mass cycle action - meeting at West Smithfield, EC1 and planning to jam the city streets.

10:30 am - 'Animal Abuse is as Transnational as Capital' - meeting at Farringdon Tube to demonstrate against Smithfileds Meat Market and other animal abusers in the City.

11am Break the chains of debt. Mass protest outside Westminster to cancel third world debt.

11 am Anti-McDonalds march - meeting at Liverpool Street McDonalds. Further anti-McDonalds actions are planned for 4pm (Contact London Greenpeace on 0171 713 1269)

ALL MORNING - Autonomous Actions - Choose your Multinational, Financial Institution, Lawyers, Exchange Centres, Clearing House or Bar.

Am some time - CAAT action - Targeting the links between the arms trade and the global financial system. (Contact June on 0171 281 0297)

12 am - CARNIVAL AGAINST CAPITAL - Meet Liverpool Street Station. A massive carnival in the world's biggest financial centre - the city of London - will be Reclaim the Street's part of the day. Let's replace the roar of profit and plunder with sounds and rhythms of party, carnival and pleasure! Bring a radio and disguise yourself to blend into the City Office worker or bike courier costumes work best! Don't play their game call in well on Friday June the 18th. (Contact 0171 281 4621)

Nottingham's June 18th Events

In Nottingham we have being planning around June the 18th for a while. Local Events planned include:

Thursday 10th June - Public Meeting: 7pm @ Old Angel

followed by:

Cancel The Debt / Jubilee 2000 Benefit 8pm - 11pm @ Old Angel

Saturday 12th June - Free Party in the Peak District, with J18 info.

Sunday 13th & Monday 14th June - Training for Action! Meet 11am @ Rainbow, 188 Mansfield Road.

Friday June 18th: *JUST DO IT!*

If you have transport or need transport on the day please contact the Nottingham J18 group (0115 958 5666). If you could spare some time to publicise, organise transport or benefits or provide legal support, you will probably prevent some very tired people going mad!!!!!

Training June 18th

On Sunday 13th and Monday 14th June there will be two training sessions happening for all those who want to come to the June 18th International Day of Action in London. Whatever you think your involvement will be on the day, come either day, to share information, teach and learn! all training will be repeated each day.

Training will cover

How to get into corporate buildings, What to do when you get in, How to stay there, Self Defence, What to do if arrested, Witnesing other arrests and de-arresting, Dealing with police, First Aid, and more if you can think of anything!

The Training will be very informal (most of it will be information sharing with some role-play) and will take place somewhere private. Wear loose clothing and bring food and drink to last you the day and £1.50 bus fare!

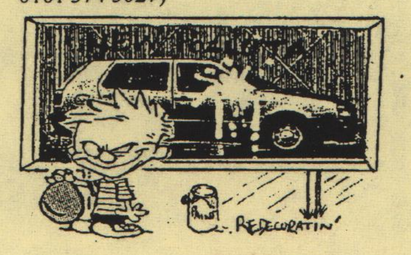
For both days, meet at the Rainbow Centre at 11 am

Legal Observers needed for J18th

The Legal Defence & Monitoring Group will be monitoring on June 18th with legal observes on the streets, providing a 24-hour phone support line on the 18th/ 19th and organising a defendants' meeting on the 19th for those arrested.

LDMG provides unconditional support to anyone arrested or injured by the police on demonstrations. We provide experienced and sympathetic solicitors to people arrested, and help to build defence campaigns. We encourage everyone to look out for each other on the day, to witness arrests and be aware of police behaviour.

To do this effectively, we need volunteers! Please ask around - could anyone help with legal observing on the streets, or do a shift in the office on the day? Full training will be provided beforehand, and no legal knowledge is needed. (Contact 0181 374 5027)



Community Resistance in Sherwood Forest.

The multinational Tarmac is planning to dig two quarries at Bestwood Country Park, one of the last remnants of Sherwood Forest, and only 4 miles from Nottingham City Centre. The quarries will destroy wild flower meadows and cause 20,000 trees to die back into the woods.

Surrounded on three sides by the Park and one side on Bestwood Village it would also be a safety disaster for local kids. The local community have been fighting back for over a year now, blocking roads, shutting quarries, and disrupting Tarmac's AGM.

When Tarmac got the planning permission for this in 1964 the village was a working pit and the Country Park was a military training base. Things have changed since then! The midlands coal field was exploited for the industrial revolution, they made their profit at the expense of our health and environment.

Now they want to come back, quarry for construction, then landfill. They're pitting community against community, who's going to get trashed? It's us now, it could be you later! These companies are everywhere, in fact there's one near you, check the "Postal Address Book" in your local library and Target Tarmac.

For offers of help, solidarity, or tales of your antics contact us at "The No Tarmac Quarry At Bestwood Campaign on 0115 9585 666. or <BESTWOOD@veggies.org.uk> Subject: Tarmac."

with a 32 acre 100ft deep sand quarry, destroying Anglesey with one of the Trans European Routes, building the new British Spy Base at GCHQ and two new privately run prison's to lock us up in; all at the same time as telling the world how green they are.

Tarmac are the company when it comes to commercial greenwash, they have placed advertisements in national newspapers stating that all companies will need to green their image to survive in the next century. They have won awards for the environmental practice from both the RSPB and John Prescott (pretend Environmentalist Scum). They are also running training courses for other business to fight off the environment movement with very slick corporate greenwash. As a movement we need to show this greenwash for what it is. Show the world that despite their rhetoric a capitalist construction company whose prime concern will always be their shareholder's profit can't be trusted to look after the future of our environment and our communities.

So there will be a national action targeting a Tarmac site somewhere in Midlands on July 17th for further details contact 07971 755 823 in July. Bring yourself, some friends and whatever tat you think useful. For details of local Tarmac operations look in the Postal Address Book (very useful for any companies address) and get yourself down there and give them some hassle.

Earth First Big Day's Out Target Tarmac

As part of the revival of National EF! actions, there will be an EF! big day out, targeting Earth Raping Bastards Tarmac, on July 17th.

Tarmac have a history of destroying some of the most beautiful countryside in the country, they sent Roadstone to Newbury, destroyed Twyford Down, supplied Manchester's 2nd runway, Bolin Valley, built the M65 and M77. They also have a history of various dodgy practices such as providing silos for Greenham Common and building the first private run kid's prison with Group four at Cookham Woods. And if that wasn't enough they are now destroying one of the last remnants of Sherwood Forest

Tarmac's AGM revisited.

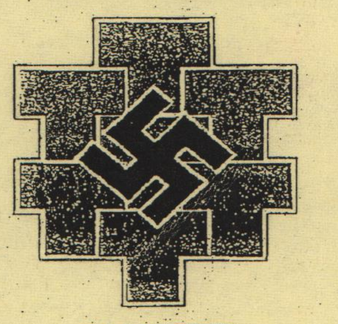
Nottingham protesters set the Agenda at Tarmac's AGM. Today a coach of protesters from Bestwood Village and a Mini bus full from town went as shareholders to Tarmac's Annual General Meeting. They went to voice their concerns about Tarmac's plans to open two quarries at Bestwood Country Park. The AGM was held in the International Conference Centre in Birmingham.

At the start of the meeting Tarmac said that environmental concerns would be addressed at the end of the agenda. This was met by vociferous but peaceful protest, as Bestwood campaigners would not be sidelined as this issue affects all our futures. About 15 protesters were carried out of the meeting by security guards for noisily protesting. This initial action established Bestwood on the agenda and Tarmac's board of directors were bombarded with a series of questions concerning Bestwood's future and the environmental and social impacts of their operations in Nottinghamshire. As a result of this sustained action throughout the meeting the Chairman of Tarmac, Sir John Banham, has agreed to attend a public meeting in Bestwood Village to address villagers and Country Park Users Concerns. He will also be taken on a tour of the proposed Tarmac quarry sites. The provisional date for this has been set as June 2nd

Tarmac's press officers said to a campaigner;

"we really didn't anticipate the strength of feeling on this issue".

Nick a campaigner from Bestwood commented; "It was a successful day in that we put Bestwood back on Tarmac's agenda, and managed to pose our questions and concerns directly to Tarmac's Board of Directors".



Ceasefire in the Balkans!

well almost!

Well it seems that NATO aren't content with their original demands and need to destroy Yugoslavia some more to meet their objectives of a untied capitalist Europe with no obstacles to their continuing expansion East.

Lets just have recap of recent Yugoslavian history.

After some of the most brutal oppression in the second world war, the underground resistance to fascism were the only people to actually liberate themselves from Hitler.

Determined to prevent a repeat in the rise of fascism they experimented with forms of social organisation and set up a system of market socialism.

Throughout the cold war they resist both soviet communism and NATO capitalist expansion.

After the end of the cold war they were one of the few states in the world that could and did resist the invasion of the free market so desired by our politicians.

In an attempt to break up Yugoslavia, the West stirred up old nationalist tensions in the area and gave support to Nationalist groups and politicians. In there determination to destroy Yugoslavia they gave recognition to Solabadan Milosovich and other extreme nationalist politicians, despite their blatant liking of 'ethnic cleansing'. Last year the UK gave £21 million pounds worth of free training to Serb Military leaders.

When these people stopped being of any use to the west and became a hindrance, due to them not wanting a free market operating in their country, lets face it who does, they (and their lackeys 'the independent free press') demonise and denounce them to the rest of the world.

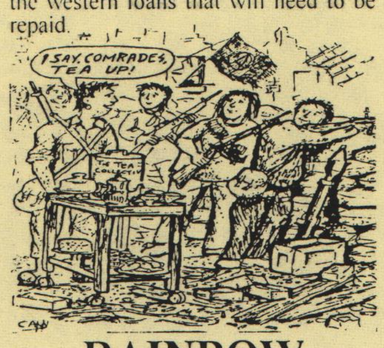
We all know that Molosovich is an evil man, but then so do the vast majority of Serbs. There was a huge non violent resistance to Molosovich in both Kosovo and Serbia. This resistance however also rejected the West's idea of freedom which wouldn't do if the free market was going to do what it needed to do, expand.

So the Western Nations once again supported the nationalist group, the KLA, and there military campaign. This led to further waves of repression, which h gave them the justification to start a *JUST AND MORAL WAR!!!!*

The results of this war are obvious to see, thousands of refugees, now fleeing from not only increased repression, but also from the thousands of NATO bombs, which as with America's in Vietnam are manly targeted at the country and the population we are supposed to be supporting. And of course the non violent resistance has been destroyed as war tends to mobilise populations behind their leaders.

It is quite obvious that NATO aren't fighting this war because of any humanitarian reasons, they would of intervened and not supported the oppressors in Indonesia, East Timor, Turkey and virtually the whole of Central America if that was the case.

Could it be that the war was started to finally destroy Yugoslavian power and allow the expansion of the free market East, providing strategic trade routes into Asia with which to continue their expansion there. That's not forgetting the western companies that will rebuild the Balkans after the war has ended and the western loans that will need to be repaid.

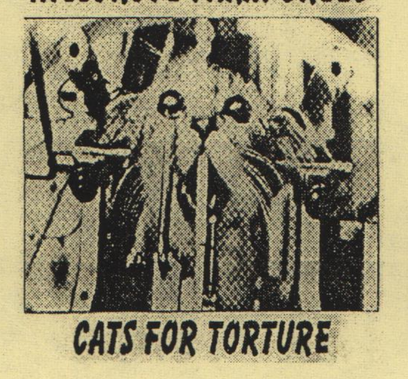


RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE

The rainbow resource centre, located at the corner of Mansfield Rd. and Huntingdon St., is a community resource centre for campaigns, groups and individuals working towards social change. It is home to a lot of groups including your own Nedd Ludd's news and Veggies the frontline Vegan caterers.

Its resources consist of an Anarchist Cafe, an information room, a library with 18 years worth of cuttings, computers/ internet and e-mail access, and office space. We need customers for our cafe and fair trade shop, and volunteers to keep us open on a regular basis.

Contact details at the bottom of the first page.



Earth First! Summer Gathering

The Earth First! Summer Gathering 1999 is happening in East Anglia from the 18th - 23rd August.

During the four days of the gathering there will be hundreds of workshops and discussions focused around networking, skill sharing and campaign planning sessions. In addition to this there will be the regular fixture of national and international campaigns forums.

On site there will be a reception, a reading library of anarchist and radical ecological books, a quiet sleeping area, toilets and running water, spaces for spontaneous workshops and discussions and a stall selling books and pamphlets.

Contact details for further information or offers of help are Leeds EF! On 0113 262 9365.

Demonstrate against Hillgrove Farm

Hillgrove farm breeds cats and kittens for the vivisection industry. They have 1,000 cats and kittens at the farm at any one time and sell them to labs from 10 days old.

After an intensive campaign and some great actions they are close to closing down. Some come along to a demonstration on Sat 12th June at 12 noon Dry Lane, Witney, Oxfordshire and get in some public order training before June 18th.

Local contact 0115 958 5666.