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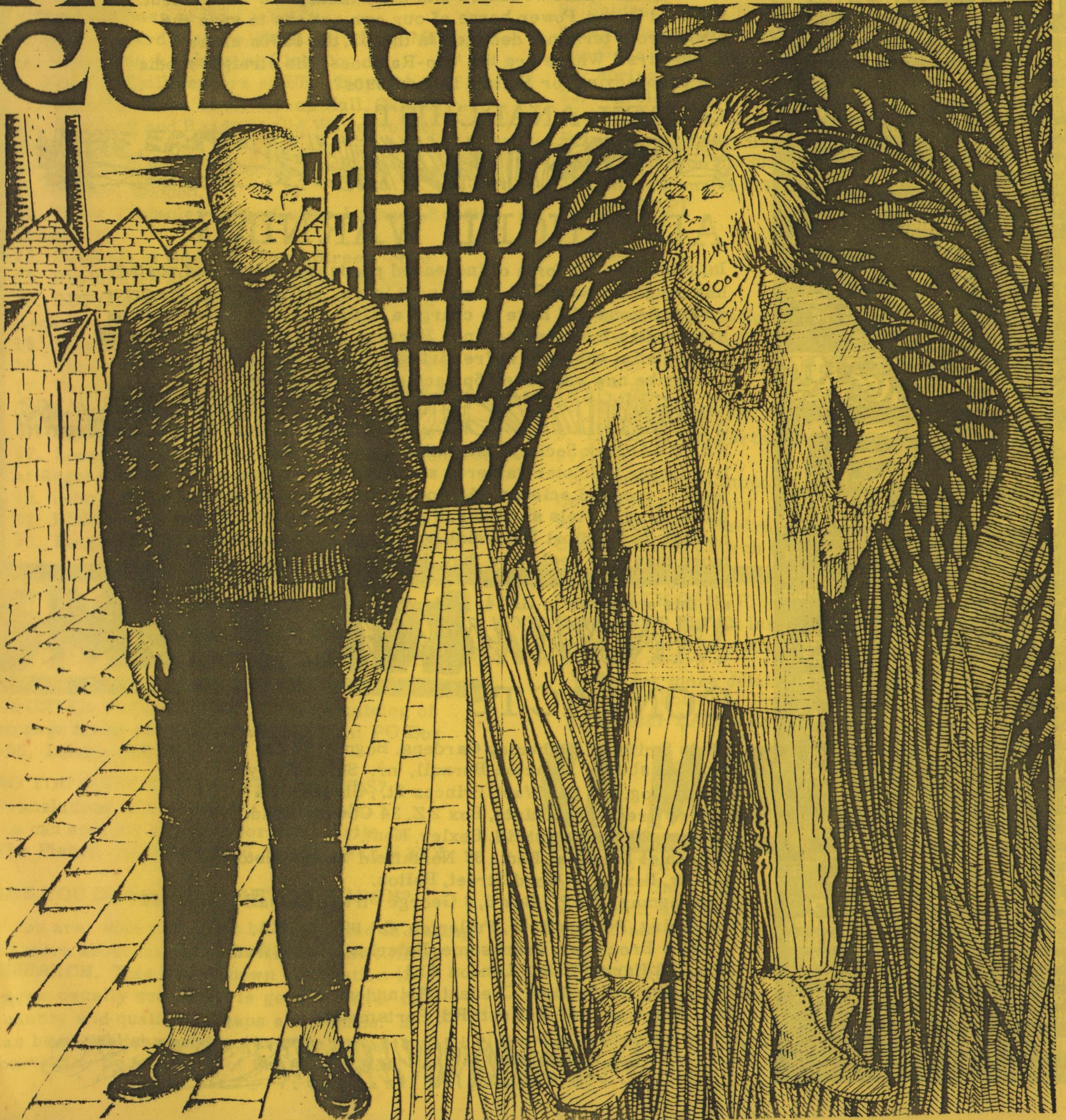
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GOAL: Autonomous self-sufficient villages, bringing regression of technology: no industry, no pollution, no hunger, no bomb.

ANALYSIS: The theories of Division of Labour, Specialisation and Comparative Advantage make the poor poorer. Growing crops is dirty and tiring. In an anarchist society you'll have to grow your own. There'll be no ruling class to take the peasants' crops for you.

STRATEGY: Revolution on the periphery, group no-go areas, the destruction of the system from outside inwards, starting in the Third World.

TACTICS: Actions in the countryside, at military sites, land squats, industrial targets. We hate and fear violence but we do not reject. We must build a culture of resistance from festivals, gigs, fanzines for a future alternative society.

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GREEN NINETIES OR TERMINAL DECADE?

The big media buzzword for the 1990s is 'The Green Decade'. Fuss about food additives, nukes curtailed, environmentalism and 'Save the Nellies' are in. Big progress? The US did it all twenty years ago! Yet the US continues to be the biggest planet wrecker going.

The 1970s saw anti-imperialists virtually at war with the rest of America over Vietnam, Chile, Angola, the Phillipines. In Europe today militants are bombing and rioting against the IMF and sabotaging every South African connection they can lay hands on. But in Britain? The Band Aid rerun hardly made it a fortnight in the No. 1 slot with Jason Donovan in the line-up and made less than his annual salary!

An apolitical 'green lifestyle' is not enough, control remaining in the hands of the wreckers and their lackeys in Parliament. We need Green Power borne of our own actions to save the planet from terminal decline. In the US, the 1970s created Earth First! Where are the 'eco-Ramboes' the straight media are prophecying for Britain in the 1990s?

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ADVANCED WARNING:

Inflation - in the form of increased production costs and postage - has caught up with GA. From next issue, we're putting the price up by 10p and will have to charge a little more for subscriptions and bundles for streetselling. Because we aren't actually a bunch of capitalist bastards we're giving you advanced warning, so subscribe now and save 15p each on future issues!

NEXT GA: 'Sick Society/Institutionalised Illness'. People can live longer in hunter gatherer societies than in this one, despite modern medical science. Are physicians, psychiatrists and the global drug cartels so rich and powerful at expense of our health? In 'Medical Nemesis' Ivan Illich says hospitals harm more than they heal. Are they just 'factory repair shops' and how do we do without them - even if they let us? Articles on all this and more to GA24, under 500 words if possible!

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STONEHENGE CELEBRATION

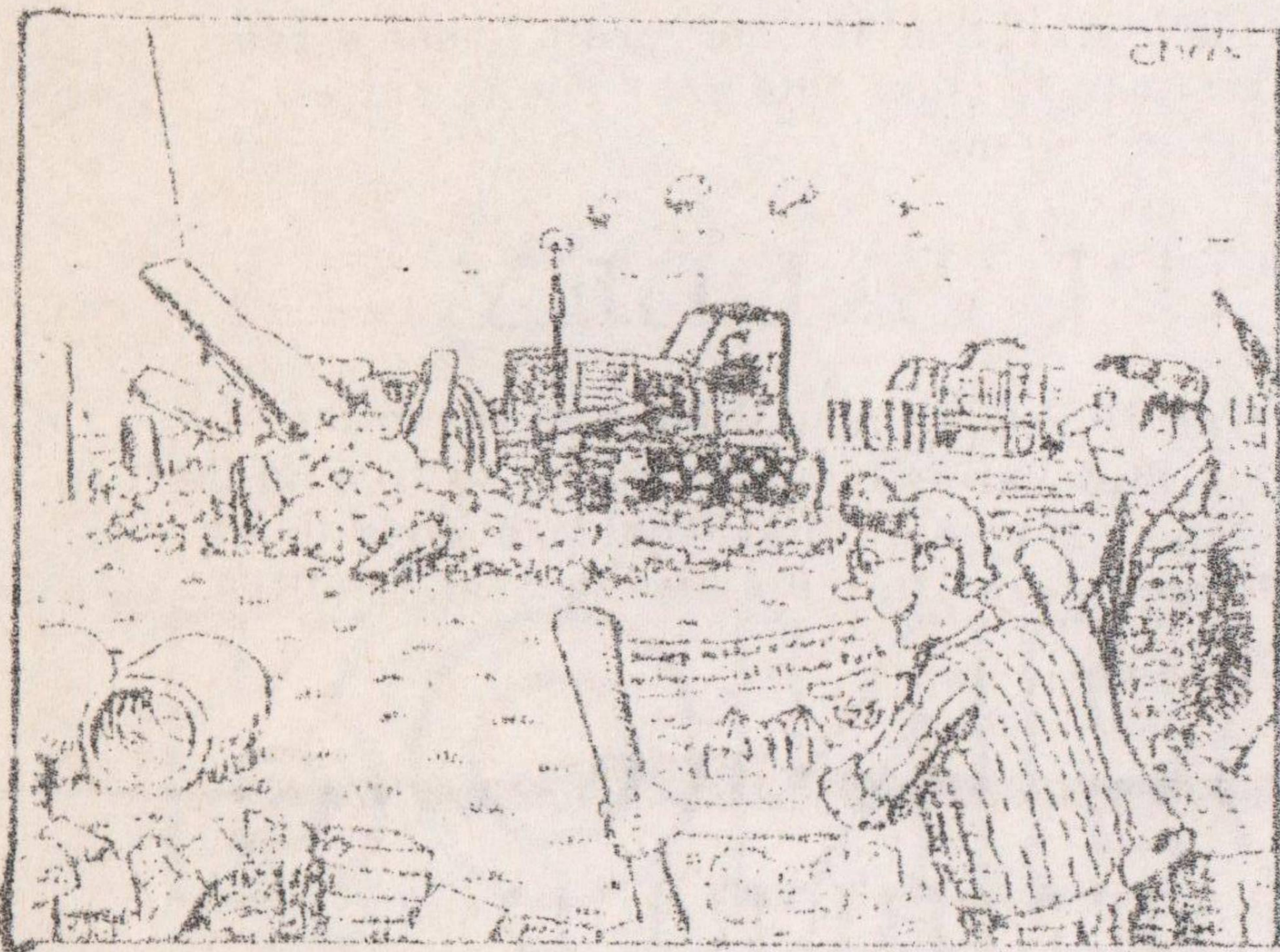
Chief Constable of Wiltshire Walter Girven's threat to close the Stones for "two or three years" fell flat on its face at the Autumn Equinox. In fact English Heritage are at odds with Wiltshire County Council when the latter gated off Larkhill Track - the usual travellers parkup and original Stonehenge Free Festival site - without consulting Heritage and without archaeological supervision.

The 800 festival goers instead parked in English Heritages own carpark for the 1.15am equinox. There was chanting, drumming, a marriage service conducted by local NCCL observer and director of Salisbury Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility David Penney, and even a sound stage. Travellers vehicles cleared the carpark in time for the paying tourists arrival without hassle. English Heritages regional administrator himself said "It has been a very peaceful and positive event".

Winter Solstice celebrations also went ahead unharassed. Eugene, who married at them, reports:

"Confusion over which dawn to celebrate had been foreseeable since the moment of solstice happened at 9.19 on the evening of Thursday 21 December. English Heritage called a meeting on 1 December and a loose arrangement based around dawn on Thursay was agreed. As a parkup had been found along the Stonehenge Road, a few hundred visitors were allowed in on a rainy Thursday, most travellers leaving before the Stones were opened to punters after 9am. As the Solstice arrived police and security stood by as a few dozen revellers jumped the fence and entered the Stones. After a plea from Heritage for the Stones to be cleared was ignored, they then offered to open the Stones for the following dawn if people left. The following the Stones were opened between 7 - 9am for about 100 attending. When people returned to their vehicles they were informed they had 2 hours to leave or they would be arrested for obstructing an already blocked highway."

SAVE OUR STONES



AS SOON AS we've got the site levelled we can start on phase one . . ."

Jill Smith reports plans by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, Comhairle nan Eilean, and so-called 'Friends' of Callanish to build a huge, tacky Visitors Centre at Callanish Stones on the Isle of Lewis. Coach park, Heritage Trail, Archaeological Theme Park, entrance fees and swarms of littering daytrippers are bound to follow. . . . She wants protests deluging the Director of Economic Planning and Research, Comhairle nan Eilean, Sandwick Road, Stornoway, Lewis.

English Heritage plan to spend £6million on something similar - and a RAF war memorial - a mile from Stonehenge, and are busily trashing perfect stone circles in the Peak District.

British Rail's ailing Channel Tunnel rail link will erase Kils Coty, an ancient burial mound and possibly sites such as the White Horse Stone, Holy Well, Boxley Wood, Roman camps and temples, and the battlefield of Hengist if they ever get it together to build the bloody thing. . . .

(Sources: Green Leaf/London FIN)

CURSE OF THE STONES

Cops responsible for the Battle of the Beanfield are falling like ninepins. Chief Constable of Wiltshire Walter Girvens predecessor John 'Iron' Duke is

dead and a party at Stoney Cross to celebrate this was planned. Now Lionel Grundy, former Assistant Chief Constable in Wiltshire is being investigated for his part in beating confessions out of the now-freed Guildford Four. Watch your back, Walt!

(Sources: Green Leaf/London FIN)



EARTH DAY 1990

Chris reports: When Earth Day started in the US ten years ago it was the biggest demo in history, 10 million participating. Although now heavily involved in commercial sponsorship, Earth Day is coming to UK. Friends of the Earth have called it for 22 April, and pagans of 9 April, night of the Full Moon. Organisers call for local groups to do everything from energy raising to direct action. Ring reports through to GA at Oxford-249406 or send them to our box at 34 Cowley Road, Oxford.

SQUAT THE TREES

To stop Stroud District Council giving twelve beech, yew and hornbeam trees the chop for a roadwidening scheme for the towns new Tescos, locals have been occupying their branches since 24 August, and have beaten off three mass police/council attempts to kill the trees so far.

SUPPORT TO: Save The Trees c/o Adrian Oldman, Ramblers Lodge, the Butts, Rodborough Hill, Stroud.

BEAGLES NEW YEAR

GA heard 35 beagles were liberated from Oxford Universities Park Farm on New Years Eve. The local press insisted they were not bred for vivisection and were running wild. In fact one dog - recaptured sadly - got loose rather than a good home, so we can judge how true the rest of local press comments were from that. It also seems vivisectionist Perrycroft Kennels near Malvern is to close this year due to animal rights activism.

TIPI VALLEY

Dineswr Borough Council have ordered the 90-strong Tipi Valley community not to live on their own land. They said they would rehouse those made homeless after the March 31st deadline.

(Source: Guardian)

IF YOU JOIN THE ANARCHIST WORKERS GROUP, YOU MIGHT END UP LOOKING LIKE THIS.....

FORAN: PIGS CORRUPTION

The Anarchist Black Crosses campaign to free Martin Foran is paying off: the Police Complaints Authority are to investigate his frame-up as part of a wider enquiry into West Midlands Serious Crimes Squads corruption. Extra time for holding a screw hostage to get life-or-death medical treatment may still stand.

DETAILS: Box Foran, 52 Call Lane, Leeds. Please enclose stamped SAE.

(Sources: Guardian/Freedom)

WORLD WAR TWO REMEMBERED

PN Rogers reports: On Remembrance Sunday, 200 marched down Whitehall behind the Search-light banner to lay wreaths commemorating fascism's victims at the Cenotaph. 200 Anti-Fascist Action activists occupied Bressenden Place to prevent NF types gathering there, delaying the start of the fascist march by 1/2 hour. They couldn't have marched without the shoulder-to-shoulder police cordons all the way.

The NF only put 500 on the streets, those cowed and torn by internal dissection. Boneheads didn't even get at the City Group picket of South Africa House as anti-fascists defended it. Maybe the racists will appreciate after another dismal failure on their part how unliked and irrelevant their creed is forty years after Hitler got his comeuppance.

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SAVE MOUNT PELE

John Seed reports that the last 28,000 acres of rainforest left in the US are threatened by a geothermal scheme. The noxious gases it produces will cause widespread extinction of endemic species - and set an appalling example to Third World countries. Mount Pele on Hawaii is sacred to native Hawaiians who, together with conservationists blockaded drilling team vehicles for three hours on October 29. They are appealing for more activists.

CONTACT: Pele Defence Fund, PO Box 404 Volcano, HI 96785 USA.

... AND MOUNT APO

The Philippine National Oil company (PNOC) plan a 240 megawatt geothermal powerstation for Mount Apo on the island of Mindanao despite permission being refused the area being a National Park and some of the last wilderness in the Philippines. The 1.8 million Lumad people - living in the area after ranches and plantations pushed them off their fertile lands, and regarding it as sacred - have held a dyandi ('blood compact') to defend Mount Apo with their lives.

CONTACT: Survival International, 310 Edgware Road, London W2 1DY.

THE WORLD

BLOODY IVORY

Radio 1 listeners exhorted to 'Save Nellie' don't know the human cost of the ivory trade. In 1890 explorer H M Stanley wrote "Every pound weight has cost the life of a man" - the gathering of 'white gold' went hand in hand with the 'black gold' trade, slavery. Hundreds of game wardens have died in a war with poachers now fought with automatic rifles to save elephants from extinction. Only corrupt Third World officials lining overseas accounts with ivory and curio dealers get rich

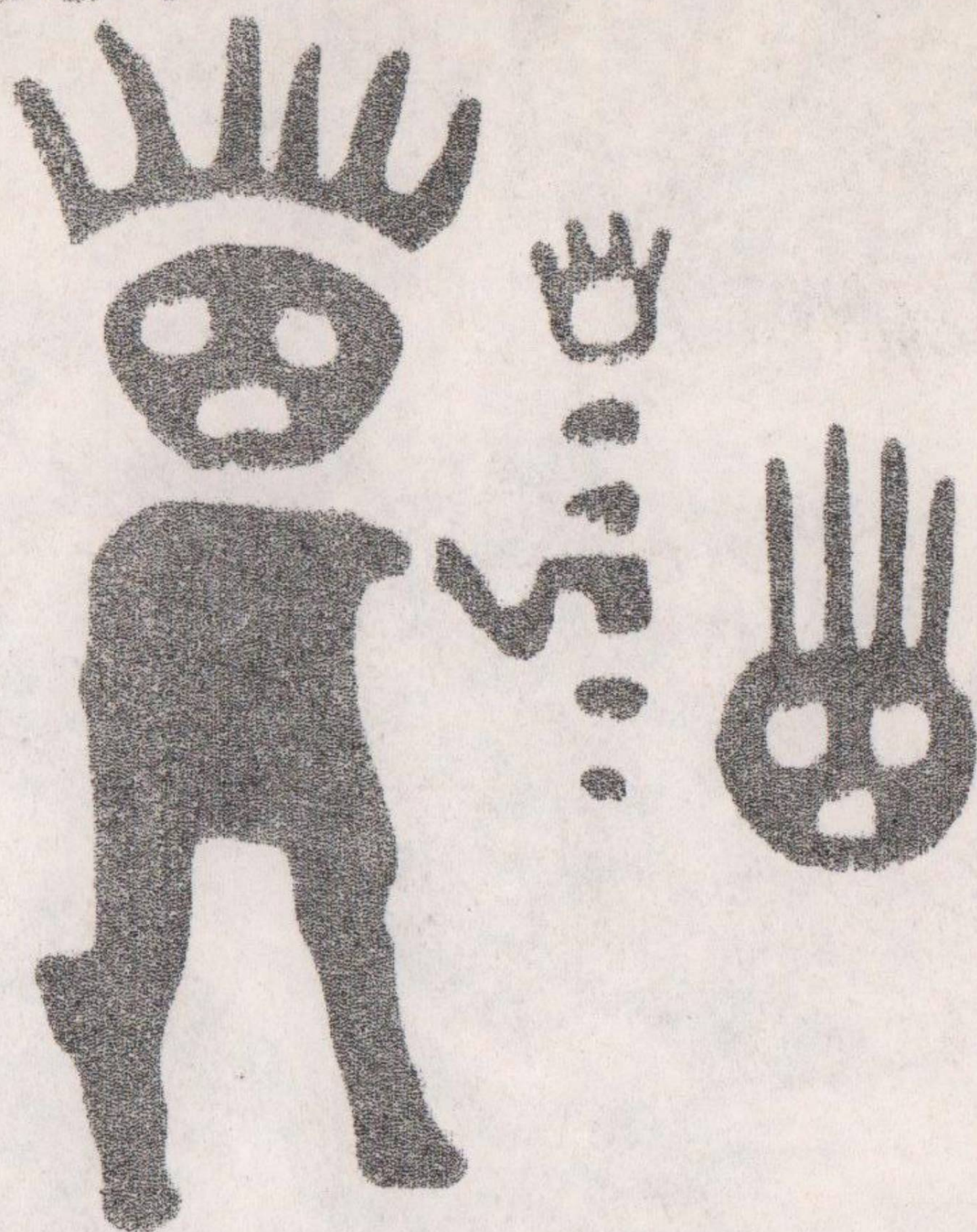
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SOUTH AFRICA

White rule in Africa is on its last legs. Loss of South Africa's Namibian empire to SWAPO and the ending of the state of emergency by new President FW DeKlerk last year was followed by his promise of the "imminent release" of Nelson Mandela on 23 January. White liberals say this "unstoppable process" will lead to the unbanning of the African National Congress, power sharing, and an end to White rule. If not risings like Soweto and those that forced ex-president Botha to impose the state of emergency are predicted. With majority rule, what will happen to the West's supplies of DeBiers gold and

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WARRIORS

from the trinket trade, poachers being as exploited as native fur trappers and risking life or liberty. A global ban on ivory trading - except in Japan! - has prompted Elefriends to ask the public to burn their ivory. This may or may not destroy the ivory mass market, but will only increase its value to collectors more into investments than liberal handwringing. We suggest instead that people hunt their own ivory - curio dealers teeth, which you can pry out with a handy pair of pliers and carve yourself!

(Sources: Ecowars/Times)

diamonds, uranium and other strategic resources?

(Source: NEWSNIGHT)

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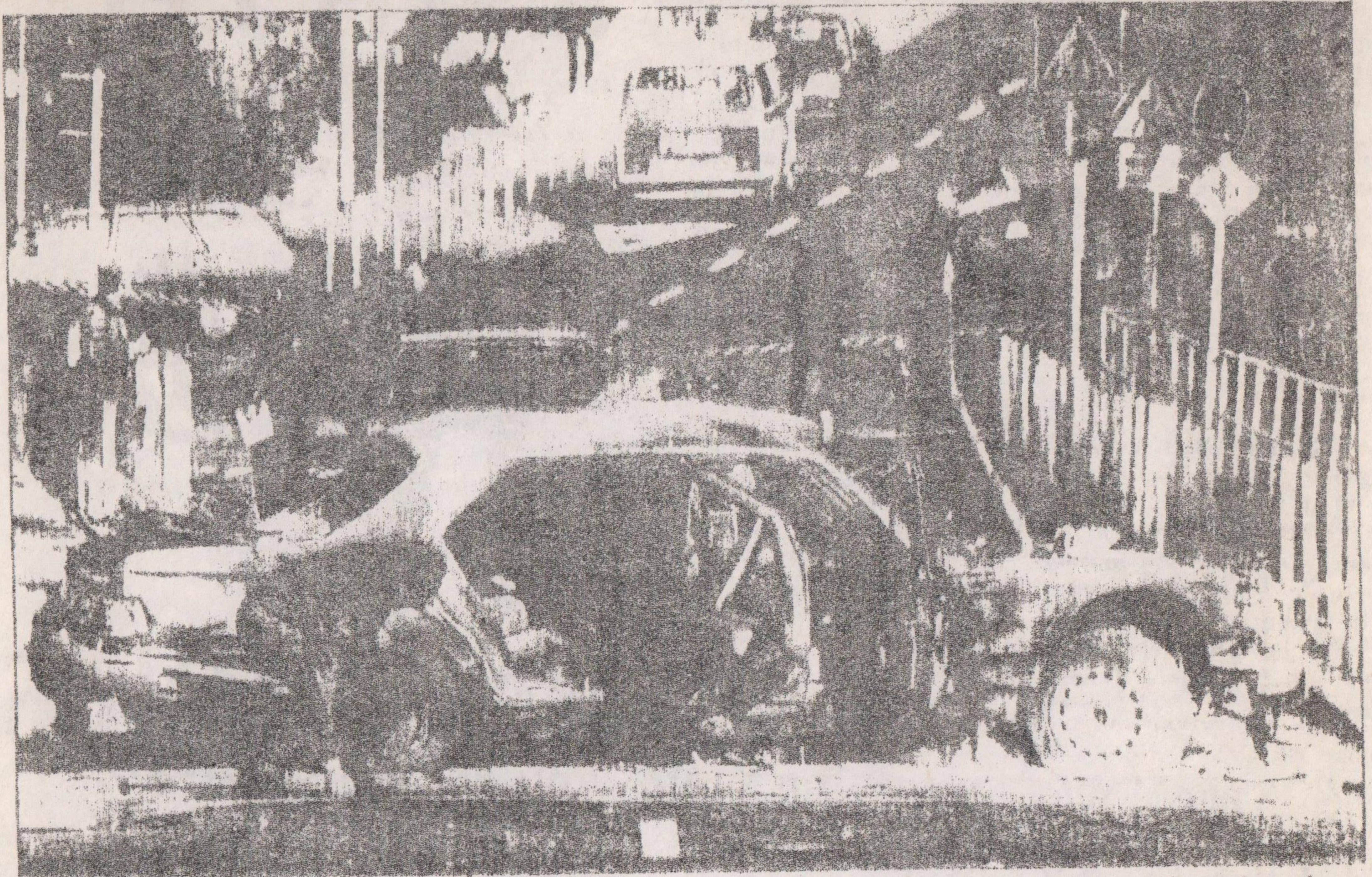
SCOTT BOGS OFF

In GA21 we reported that the Scott Paper Company was planning to turn the lands of the Auwyu people into plantations for bog roll production. In the face of international protest, Scott has withdrawn from the project "for economic reasons".

(Source: Survival International)

THE WORLD

DEATH OF A BANKER



Alfred Herrhausen, Speaker of Deutsche Bank and so-called Lord of the Money, was blown to bits on November 30th. The leftist Red Army Faction used a pushbike packed with plastic explosive to blow the bankers bullet-proof car off the road as he

was off to work and zillions more deutschmark. Deutsche Bank is the twentieth largest in the world and has a say over 1/3 of West Germany's industry.

(Source: Guardian)

TYRANNY IN ITALY

Jean Weir reports arrests of Alfredo Bonanno and Pippo Stasi for an attempted jewellery heist in Bergamo on 2 February 1989. They did it as human need matters more than capitalist property laws: "you take freedom, you don't beg for it". The State are also trying to frame them for two previous robberies and a murder. Bonanno and

Stasi deny the court has right to judge them, a stand attracting international anarchist support.

On 3 December police raided anarchists across Italy including Anarchismo and Provocazione magazines. Those raided say they won't be silenced by State repression and call for the immediate destruction of capitalism and all authoritarian structures.

STONEWALL '89: GAYS RIOT

200,000 marched through New York to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot - when gays and lesbians fought back physically against pig raids. Later, thousands held up traffic and chased a bunch of homophobic drivers. Their car was torched and the gits were besieged first in a theatre and then the local pig sty. Flag burning, window smashing and trashing of cop cars followed.

The Lesbian and Gay Freedom Movement in UK feel "things are getting WORSE for us, and lesbians and gay must start fighting back, or the police and state will continue to oppress and imprison us". CONTACT: LGFM, RM Box 207, London WC1N 3XX.



FRUSTRATED WORKERS DEMAND A HIGHER STANDARD OF SEX LIFE.

THE WORLD REVOLUTION?

Socialism dead in Eastern Europe: what will 'freedom' mean?

PEOPLE POWER has overturned governments in the Philippines, Poland, Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania. The pictures of these revolutions have been broadcast across the world. And tyrants everywhere are worried. In Syria Assad is said to be modifying his position, nervous of people power in his own country. All over the world people are becoming aware of the potential of people power, particularly in Africa. But the potential importance of people power is not to change governments but to secede from governments. In 'democratic' countries governments hold onto their power through the confidence trick of majority rule, the dictatorship of the majority. With growing people power will minorities accept such dictatorship? Lithuania, previously an independent state but incorporated by force into Russia, has now declared its Communist Party as independent from Russia's Communist Party and is demanding Lithuania's independence. Can people power in Lithuania demand the right of a minority to secede? That's not just dangerous to tyrants. That's dangerous to all governments. Might Wales secede using people power, or Cornwall, or Nether Wallop?

So far the revolution in Eastern Europe is only significant as the death of Socialism. Socialism - the redistribution of wealth by the nationalisation of the means of production - has been seen to have failed. And the strategy of revolution has been disproved too. Our Trot friends go on about the revolution being led by the workers in a general strike. It didn't happen. It wasn't the workers but people power. So that's both the theory and strategy of Socialism blown.

The failure of socialism means that wide-eyed East European idealists are welcoming the capitalist vultures with open arms. They think that if they open up their markets to the West, that they will be able to make lots of money to buy Western goodies. It's a yuppie revolution. They're naive. Romania has spent billions modernising its industry and starved its population to pay for it. That 'modern' industry is already out of date. The West can make the same products more cheaply. So Romania will have to close down its industry and grow and export food. It could close its borders and go for self-sufficiency like Albania but it won't. It will become a Third World country, just like the rest of Eastern Europe will. Neither Russia or Poland can grow enough food to feed its own people. But they both have enormous debts and the IMF is going to demand that they both export food to pay off their debts. Disarming is not going to help. The same number of people still have to be fed. Even if they produce ploughs instead of tanks, mechanisation does not increase food production, only food production per person, to say nothing of pollution and erosion. Yield per acre is

only increased by more people working the land.

Eastern Europe thinks it will be able to export manufactured goods to the West. The Third World thought so too. The West will not allow this as it would cause unemployment here. The East Europeans are going to get hungry, and angry.

Having rejected socialism and capitalism, they'll retreat for a while into nationalism and religion. But their gods don't say whether they are Marxist, monetarist or Keynesian. The priests are still going to have to make economic decisions about self-sufficiency or free markets, about whether industry creates wealth or poverty. So they'll quickly find that their religion doesn't even attempt to offer answers. And certainly won't put food in their bellies. The flirtation with religion will be short.

But the nationalism, with a quieter religion, will continue, demanding secession from the larger states. The West, to protect their markets, the food and the debt will support the central governments against a secessionist, nationalistic periphery. As in Africa, talk about boundary changes will be taboo.

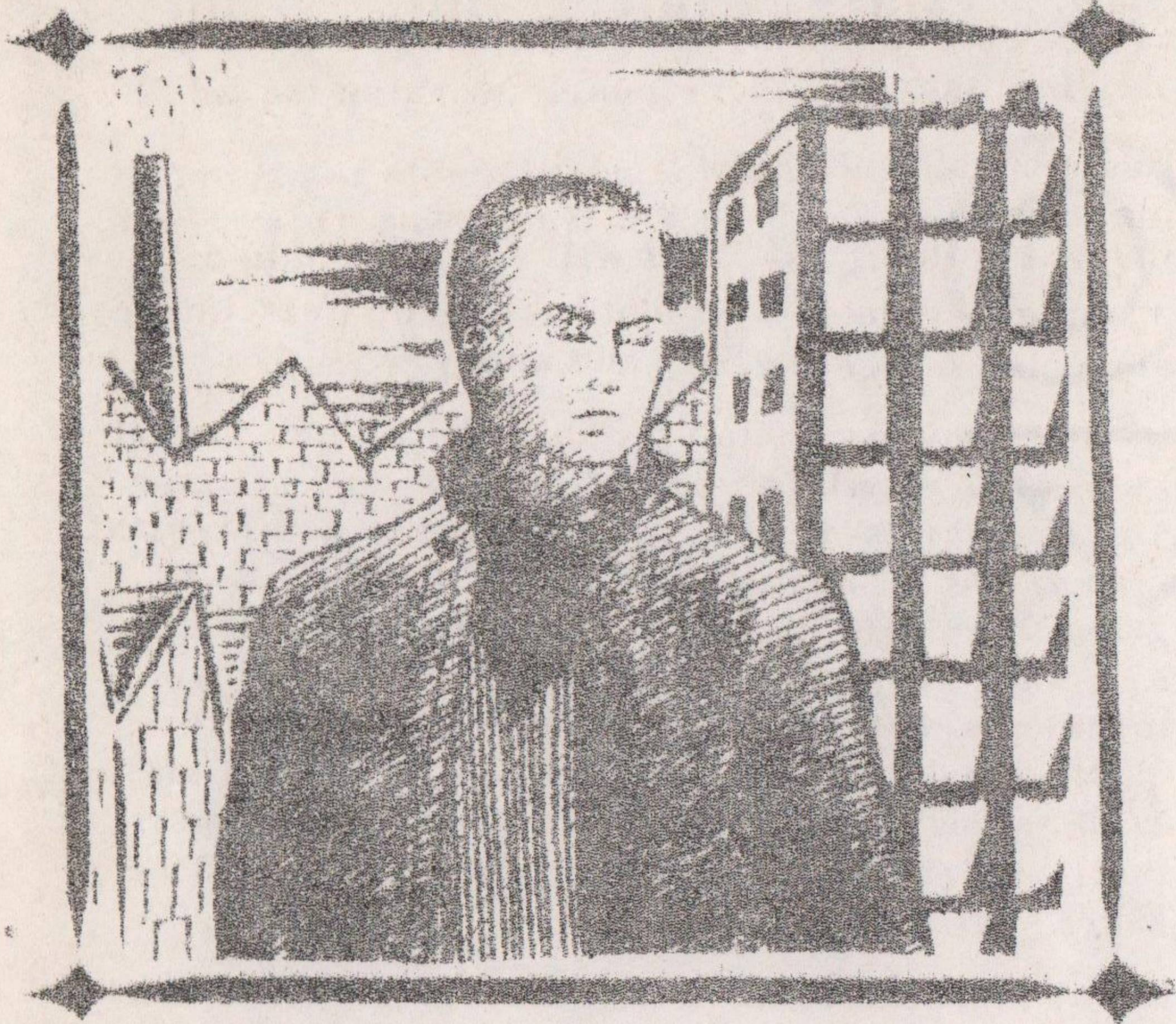
This is not just a little local difficulty, but the continuation of the great debate started in the Age of Enlightenment by the death of the Gods. Until then governments held power because they claimed to represent their god on earth. Then the god died so governments claimed to represent the people. Socialism was the logical outcome. But now that's died too. Capitalism born out of the same debate is now seen to make the rich richer and the poor poorer. Capitalism and Socialism both provided answers to how, or whether, people would be governed. They said that trade and industry created wealth, which justified the existence of the state to build roads, create banks, print money, defend 'business interests', expropriate the crops to build industry. But Capitalism and Socialism have failed so the questions of what creates wealth and so how or whether we should be governed are now reopened again.

The losers of the 18th century debate are forgotten, the Physiocrats in France and Chalmers, supported by Cobbet, in Britain. They thought that it was the crops, not trade and industry, which created wealth. So the revolution in Eastern Europe is simply a prelude to the reopening of the great debate of the Enlightenment - is wealth created by trade and industry or the crops, and therefore how we should be governed. It's back to the drawing board... and Green Anarchism?

RICHARD HUNT

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WHAT IS CULTURE?



Everything we do ourselves

THE FIRST PROBLEM in talking about Culture is to decide and define what it is. Culture is either Grand Opera or it is everything we do and create, which I prefer. We talk about 'Different Cultures', people who do and make things differently to us, so Culture is obviously the product of a group rather than an individual. Cultural differences define one group in relation to its neighbours, playing a major role in the socialisation of an individual into the group. Hence the paradox: people create culture, but are also created by it. This is clearly a problem for anarchists, since we are opposed to the prevailing culture while ourselves being products of it. No wonder we are alienated!

In our complex society Culture is presented as something which a few do for the consumption of many. It is created for us not only by officially recognised 'artists', but by commercial interests, the mass media and the government. Of course, this is not true Culture, but the manipulation of aspects of it into commodities which can then be sold back to us, further improving us both financially and culturally!

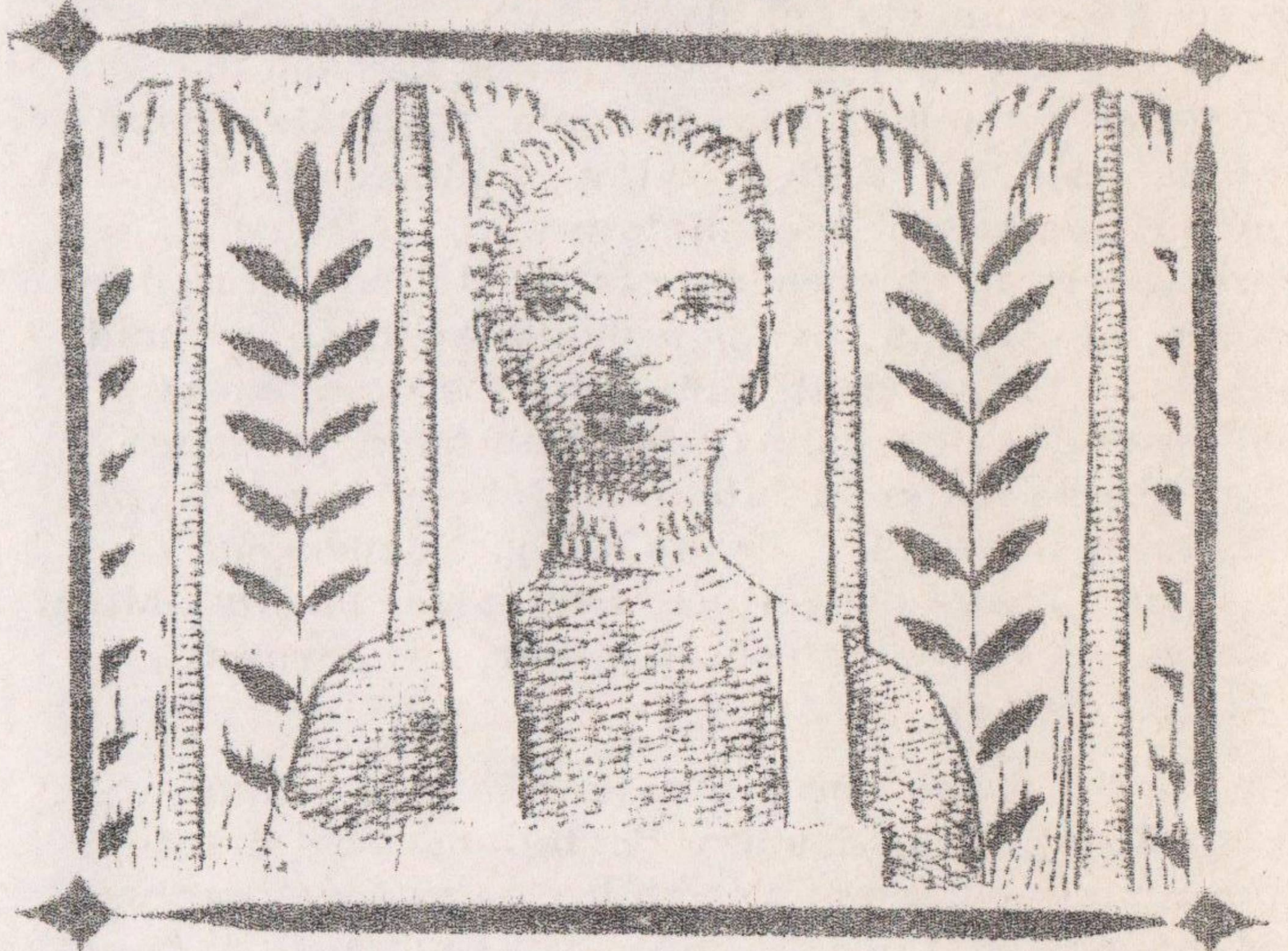
So where does this leave the individual? Some anarchists reject the idea of culture, seeing it as a fatally conservative force, as it acts to recreate itself generation after generation. But it is impossible to ignore, unless you want to live as a hermit. It does have a positive aspect as a form of social cement, in that shared culture bonds people, whereas differences in culture don't necessarily divide people, but depending on attitude may enrich our lives and actually promote tolerance and understanding. Also, culture should not be seen as

a railway track, but a very broad road which does allow considerable individual variation, and gradual change.

What we can do is break the monopoly which commercial interests have on the production of our perceived culture. Every time we produce for ourselves and our friends we are performing a radical act.

GRACE

CULTURAL IDENTITY AND RACISM



Be proud of who you are

PEOPLE ARE VERY NERVOUS about cultural identity because it can so often become racist. But just because a behaviour pattern is exploited in an excessive and perverse way does not invalidate the original pattern. Because we don't like racism we must not throw out cultural identity. We need to belong to a group, large or small, and the way we dress, the slang we use, the records we like, are statements of our commitment to that group, our cultural identity. And the way we behave is another part of that commitment. An important part of cultural identity is our moral values. The group expects certain standards of behaviour. Eating people may be OK but not eating your own group. So the really important use of cultural identity is as the sanction for good behaviour within the group. In an anarchist society without police or priests it's all we've got. So don't knock it.

The trouble is that such an important and deep-seated behaviour pattern can be put to bad use. To increase the solidarity of the group, we find common enemies. The anarchists don't like the Trots. The Punks don't like Skins. It's a necessary part of the pattern. But it's the same pattern by which the whites don't like blacks. At this point this enmity causes such suffering and injustice, that the behaviour pattern has gone out

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of control, no longer moderated by common sense. The sexual urge, when out of control, turns into rape. We condemn the rape, not the sexual urge. So we condemn racism, not cultural identity.

The issue is at what point does cultural identity get out of control. When does it do more harm than good?

Many people find some part of their cultural identity as supporters of a football team. When their team wins, they wear the scarf with pride. Pride in the group is an important part of the pattern. So one is proud if one's town team wins or if one's country's team wins.

I am English. I am proud of being English. I am proud of England's achievements. I am proud of Newton, Shakespeare, Wren, Darwin. I find it quite difficult not to be proud that Britain - led by England - had the biggest empire ever known. But at that point pride becomes dangerous if it gets out of control and encourages mistreatment of others. Pride under control is fine. Pride out of control is not. Cultural identity is important. The cultural identity which produces racism is unacceptable.

RICHARD HUNT

WE ARE THE COUNTERCULTURE



Our own cultural revolution

CULTURE IS NOT just how we relate to society, but how we relate to ourselves. If culture is the 'rules of the game' - how we should interact, what we should achieve, the status from all this - its going to determine our own sense of identity.

This is worked out in small groups by face-to-face interaction. The bigger society gets, the harder it is to cope without custom. Tyrants turn customs into laws they themselves write. They use laws to force people to serve 'society' (ie. them). Such self-sacrifice to the 'national

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

Written on visiting Talley

Freedom, to be one's true self,
casting off the false role's mask;
Freedom, to have one's own space
in which to find one's inner peace;
Freedom, to be free from pressures,
to heal - develop one's own life,
sharing, feeding from each other's power,
awareness opening like a Buddha flower;
Freedom, to develop one's own shapes,
in one's lifestyle, home, thoughts, houses
until all is in harmony,
with no artificial strife,
caused by Systems' rigidities,
discovering lost abilities,
as when one was a child;
Freedom, to receive, respond,
contemplate or mediate,
ones need to meet and to create,
dawn is the opening of a New Age gate,
like the sun that opens its beaming eye
to bring us warmth in the birdsong sky,
Rising over forested braes
to spread around us its circle of light
in the pow-wow dance-place of Nanteos;
Freedom, to be, as one was born,
a seed to tree without distortion
imposed by Power-structure's prison,
knowing our power grows from within,
Everything like celebrating.
YES, Freedom is what its all about,
gilded by no human-made law,
but by Mother nature's unwritten laws
of what our Earth harms
and what our Earth blesses,
of what ourselves harms
or ourselves heals;
Freedom, to walk naked in the light,
nothing to hide or hide behind,
as trusting as a baby child
in these arms of our Earth Mother,
our totem, the Sacred British oak
of our root Celtic Dragon.
A gentle freedom, savagely threatened
by the bailiffs of the Iron City gate
who don't want anyone to see
how they in their routines could also be free,
no more need for the tramlines called Security
that give the bailiffs Power over you - me,
a power denied them by the free,
a power they don't have unless we believe
their systems necessary for our lives,
our planet in peril from their worldly power-strife

DAVID ALLEN
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interest' is the origin of dominant culture.

Mass conformity comes from mass media, mass education and the imposition of law from above. Mass marketing, mass production and mass consumption feeds mass society. Mass transport and communication divide people according to specialisations in the name of 'national efficiency'. In the 'concentration camps' called cities peoples, identities are replaced by workroles and they are treated as 'units of production'. The tyrant 'protects' mutually alienated individuals with cops and laws, creating an illusion that this is all actually in the individuals - as well as the 'national' - interest;

ENDING TYRANNY is not achieved with more tyranny, however well-intentioned. Mass society is tyranny's justification, its administration impossible without unaccountable specialists with their laws and impositions on individuals. Do we want such a 'Peoples State', whatever the rhetoric of its overlords? Do we want the mass production treadmill simply so its slaves can seek solace in the 'benefits of civilization' at workdays end? What use is alienation with a human face to freedom? At root of all this is the culture of mass that we must seek not to control but to destroy. To speak of organizing the masses, of 'serving' them, is to speak of coming tyranny. All 'civilization' offers us is peace offerings and status we accrue in it is insurance against our rebellion. We must have goals and values of our own to be free of dominant culture, not ape old culture and mouthe century-past platitudes in the hope this will influence it.

Free individuals must find common ground with each other by face-to-face interaction, open-minded discussion and personal preference. Organised as small groups of like-minded individuals reliant on each other rather than societies economy, the counterculture can flourish. Counterculture grows by small groups multiplying, not growing larger, so the meeting junkies take over. Coordination is not a matter for such delegates, but reaction of each group to the persecution by society; inevitable as even the most innocuous dissent presents the threat of good example.

Society is united by the illusions peddled by its rulers, counterculture united in disillusionment with them. Simply making alternatives known spreads disillusionment amongst those that endure as they see no option. If such alternatives are seen as an attack on society, so much the better. Only those alienated from society will want to leave it, and only those who can't buy the 'benefits of civilization' will do without the opportunity to. When tyranny can't come up with the goods and counterculture can, they will find defections en masse.

IN PRACTICE mass defection is going to take longest to happen in an affluent bureaucracy like UK: it is already happening at the edges of its money/culture empire in the Third World. But there's a lot you can do to promote it:-

* Make yourself as economically independent from society as possible; sort out how to get fed, housed, cured and educated without State interference. (see GA22 and numerous books on alternative living).

* Undermine the State, both by supporting liberation struggles in the Third World (see GA20) and attacking injustice here.

* Propagandise; organise gigs and festivals in solidarity with and to make people aware of the counterculture, get a copier, tapedeck or rig to spread the word like the Free Information Network or pirate stations do, and turn cultural terrorist attacking the advertising media (eg. the Dead Kennedy's Alternative Tentacles Deprogramming Cellar) or doing street theatre (eg. TV smashes).

You don't have to disappear into a Welsh commune to do all this, in fact you're more likely to achieve it and influence more people by example if you don't. You can be in society but not of it. Scorn society but care for your community of friends. And, for godsakes, enjoy yourself!

PNROGERS

THEY ARE THE COUNTERCULTURE



The State is the enemy of culture

THE STATE will oppress any lifestyle that is not approved of by its ruling class, so culture, in any form, is anti-State. Your culture deviates from the

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proscribed teachings of the State and because of this the State must replace your culture with its own. The State has devised a meaningless culture that you can purchase off a store rack. Then the State calls you, who resists their plastic way of life, a product of the 'counterculture'. But how can that be when the State itself is without culture? You and your people have your own culture and the State seeks to destroy it; culture is a form of resistance - you are rejecting the State by living your own life. Does this mean the State must counter your culture? If this is so the State must be counterculture.

Look closely at today's society and its so-called culture - where is it? All that is culture has been corrupted by the State so it fits into their 'system'. The 'system' is State culture. The peoples' culture is repulsive to the State since it originates from the creativity of the people. This creativity represents individuality and individuality does not fit into the 'system'. The State has shown what they are capable of doing if your people reject their 'system'. Look at the individual cultures that the State has laid to ruin. Look what has replaced these cultures - greed, hunger, death; all these things make up the 'system'. This 'system' is used to destroy cultures and your culture is destined to become another victim.

Your culture is criminal in the eyes of the statist. This is why the statist invented the terms 'counter-culture' and 'subculture'. You are to be labelled - it is the 'system'. You are cultural and you must be labelled so the statist knows who is to be targetted for change. If you resist change the statist will destroy you. But you can join the 'system' and the only cost to you is your individuality. Is it worth it? To become a soulless ; statist who knows how to think, act, kowtow and serve by the proscribed means - the statist is out to counter your culture; to take your individuality. The statist is the enemy of culture; he seeks to reform and mould it to fit his masters ideologies and theologies. The statist is a member of the counterculture.

MIKE CAMPBELL

Mike rode with US travellers, the Rainbow Tribe, for three years. He now produces anarchist cartoons, segregated on a life term in Missouri. Letters of solidarity to Michael X Campbell (048294), 4-D-2, Farmington Correctional Center, 1012 W. Columbia, Farmington, Missouri 63640 Amerikkka.

POLL TAX BLUES

POLL TAX BLUES No. 1

(for Jeff Cloves and Cliff Harper)

Our children are forced onto the streets
Our jobless adults forced into crime
Our homeless forced into doorways and parks
Our grandparents forced into poverty
Our sons and daughters become itinerants
Our mothers and fathers become insane
Our lovers and friends become distant
Our aunts and uncles share the blame
Our children are forced into poverty
Our jobless adults forced into crime
Our homeless forced into doorways and parks
Our grandparents forced into poverty
This is the world the politicians make.

(1st June 1989, Cafe Daphne Bristol)

POLL TAX BLUES No. 3

(for Bob and Janet in Gloucester)

At last we've got the Poll Tax
To bleed the poor some more
We are well on the way to ending
Health, Education, Law Centres for all
Everything that does not make a profit
Everything that does not pay its way
Everything providing support for the very poor
Everything sapping the independence of the weak
We will take away! Make nav!
At last we've got the Poll Tax
To bleed the poor some more

(Mills Cafe Stround)

POLL TAX BLUES No. 4

(for Ange)

I woke up this morning
The blues in my head
A woman in my vision
No woman in my bed
BBC Radio news is disaster
Liverpool fans: 95 dead
Crushed and smothered in Sheffield
By police and government contempt
With a wealth of poverty rising
A hidden homeless society
Bedding down in parks and bus stations
Empty property developers' priority
(24. 4. 89, Jazz Cafe Newington Green)

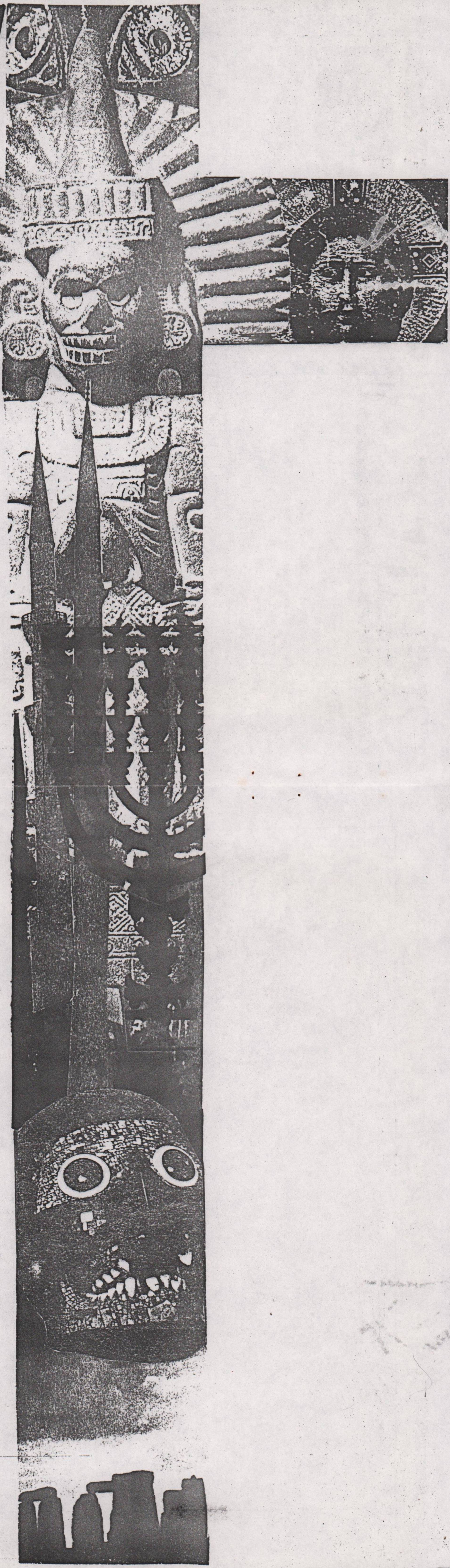
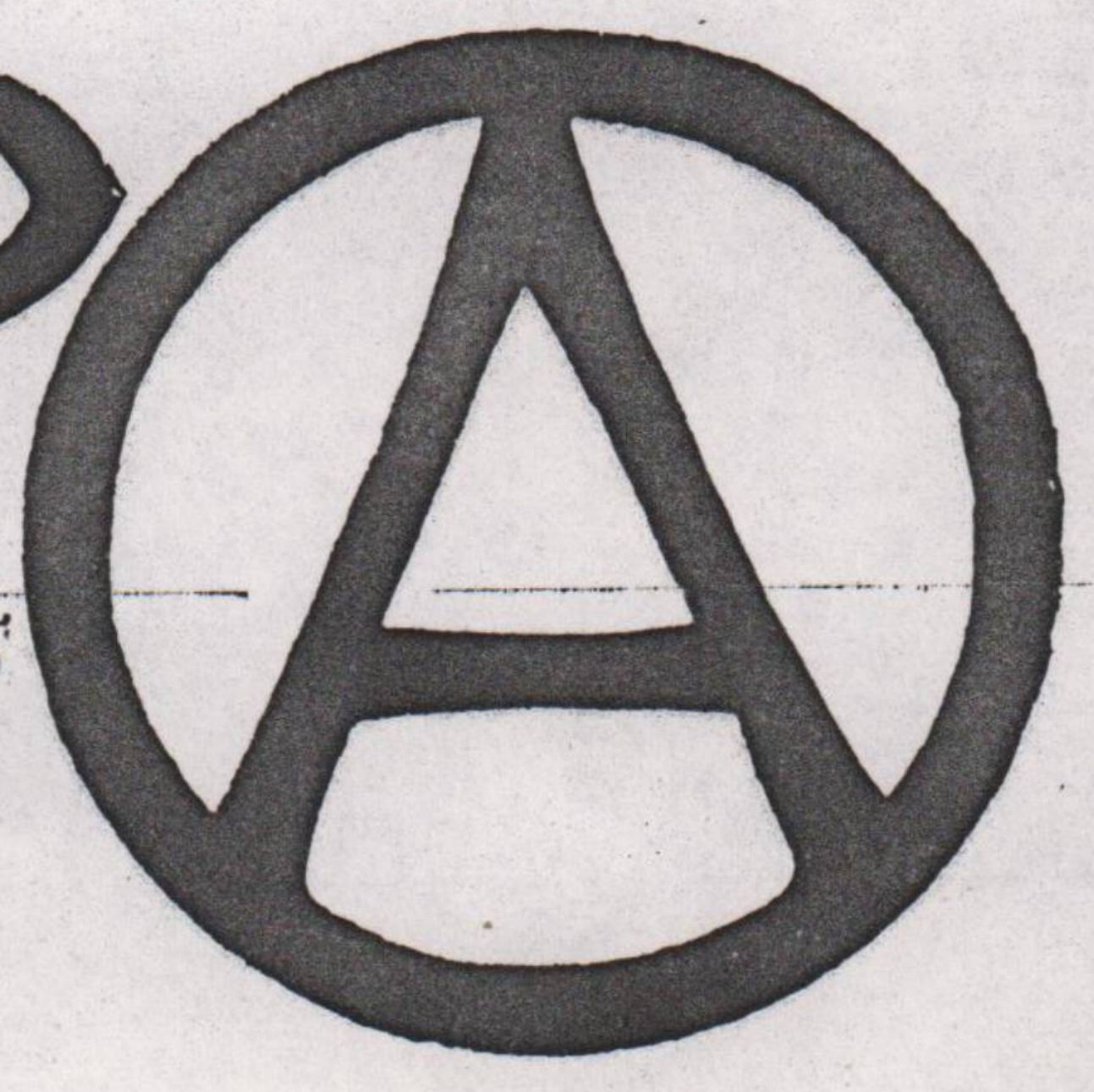
DENNIS GOULD

GROW UP!

THERE'S NO GOD UP THERE. DON'T INVENT A FATHER CHRISTMAS SUBSTITUTE. THERE'S NO EARTH MOTHER. NOT EVEN A GREAT BIG INVISIBLE BLUE BUTTERFLY UP THERE WITH A SHOULDER FOR YOU TO CRY ON.

THE CHILDREN WHO ARE INVENTING THESE GODS ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE. THEY ARE POWERFUL MYTHS USED TO CONTROL, TO BRAINWASH, TO OPPRESS, TO KILL. BY THEIR LAWS OF OBEDIENCE THEY ATTRACT THE CORRUPT LIKE FLIES TO A STEAMING TURD. BY IMPOSING TAXATION THEY CREATED THE WEALTH AND THE POVERTY. THE PRIESTS WERE THE FIRST TAX COLLECTORS.

GROW UP
YOU DON'T NEED
THESE CRUTCHES THAT
TURN INTO CHAINS





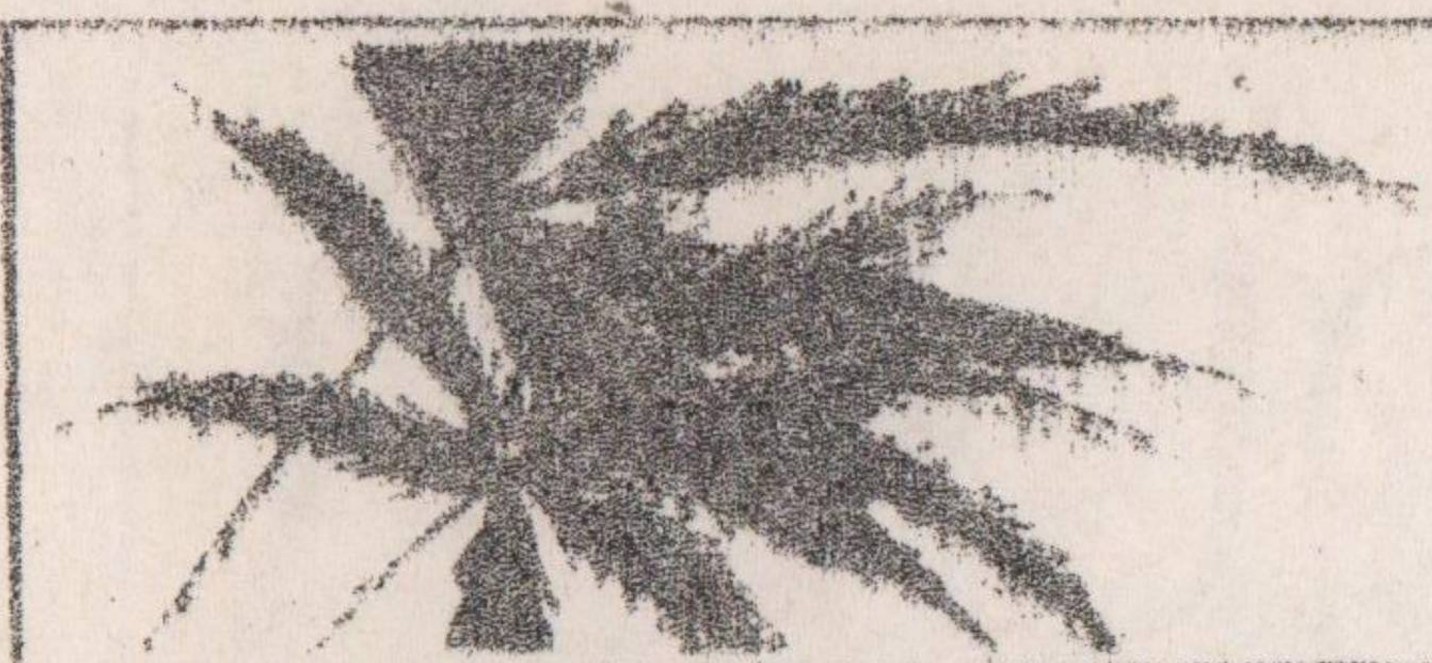
*THIS CAMPAIGN BELIEVES THE
USE OF CANNABIS TO BE A MATTER
IN WHICH THE CRIMINAL LAW
SHOULD PLAY NO PART.*

All penalties for possession
and cultivation of cannabis
for personal use should be
removed. The offence of
"allowing premises to be used"
and the power of the police
to stop & search for drugs
should also be abolished.
The offences of supplying
cannabis and possessing with
intent to supply should not
apply to non-profit supply.



LEGALISE CANNABIS CAMPAIGN

**BM Cannabis 2455 London WC1N 3XX
01-585-1031**



CANNABIS

Green Anarchist's P N Rogers interviewed Legalise Cannabis contact Eugene about the twenty year struggle to free the weed

GA: John Peel said that the only platform that united the 1960s counterculture was legalising dope. Was this so and how true is it now?

LCC: I think its accurate to say that pro legalisation opinion exists within a great number of bodies, from the toker on the streets to the Police Review which has expressed doubts about the value of the marijuana laws. The 3 million plus users currently in this country can be found in all parts of society so I would say John Peel wasn't so far from the truth.

GA: Why does hostility to legislation still exist then?

LCC: Partly because its the only reason that the 'law' has to arrest and prosecute many opposition types who are otherwise peaceful and law-abiding. They can't outlaw free speech and movement much as they are trying but prohibiting an intoxicating herb is possible and indeed desirable for a system clinging onto control. Marijuana's mind expanding properties help its users to see through the web of lies, laws and greed that is so detrimental to life on this island. Since it is otherwise harmless then its potential role as a liberator of the minds of the people is the only cause I can see for the system to fear it.

GA: How does dope raise awareness? Is it the herb itself, or the hassle tokers encounter from the system when using it?

LCC: There is without doubt some effect caused by the somewhat secretive nature of using marijuana, especially since the sociable nature of sharing grass in private creates a camaraderie. However the bulk of the effect is certainly due to the mysterious effects of THC, the processes of which are woefully unresearched. To contemplate the effects of marijuana is to contemplate its effects on the self which is in direct antithesis with contemplating your bank balance.

GA: I've heard marijuana has good medical effects but the drug companies don't want it prescribed as a free growing plant can't be patented - and because it'll cut into their market for addictive chemical tranquilisers and the like. And that the brewers don't want it because - unlike booze - its nonaddictive and cheaper than their product. Don't you think legalisation will give the government a chance to push up the prices by taxing it and to control tokers?

LCC: It has been estimated that even with a heavy duty imposed on it, a legal supply of marijuana would still be cheaper than its current black market equivalent. Whether or not most tokers would be happy to swell the coffers of the Treasury or even trust a government

approved supply is another question - a sizable percentage of cannabis resin consumed in Britain has probably been mixed or tampered with. Even government agencies are suspected of having released resin into the black market after mixing it with other substances, eg. larcactyl. The Legalise Cannabis Campaign would like to see a watchdog body monitor purity of supplies in a legal market. In its herbal form, of course, the prity of cannabis is much more certain, and being so much safer and in many cases more effective than alcohol and synthetic drugs it is no suprise at all that corporate interests are anxious to keep cannabis suppressed.

GA: I understand the European Single Act makes legalisation impossible in UK. Would decriminalisation of use, possession and particularly cultivation be adequate to bring the marijuana revolution about without the problems discussed above?

LCC: Decriminalisation is certainly a step in the right direction. I'm sure many users would grow their own given the opportunity. The advantages are numerous. However as its name suggests, we in the LCC are struggling for nothing less than the legalisation of marijuana. Consuming cannabis should not be against the law and decriminalisation is accepting illegality. This is not completely straightforward as the matter is tied up in international law.

GA: I understand that Holland and Spain have already gone down the road towards legalisation. Will the Legalise Cannabis Campaign be pushing for the abolition of anti-marijuana legislation Europe-wide in the run up to 1992?

LCC: Yes, the Dutch and Spanish experience over the last few years has not shown any problem or even substantial increase in use as a result of their more relaxed legal situation. However there is widespread concern that the progress may be reversed in the run up to closer European alignment in 1992. The LCC feels that we have at present a unique opportunity to bring official policy in this country more in line with that in the Netherlands and is encouraging active campaigning with this in mind. If we fail to bring about change here then the Dutch may be brought into line with the rest of Europe with tragic consequences. It is important that readers of Green Anarchist help by (1) writing to your local and any other sympathetic Euro-MP (ii) write to the Dutch and Spanish representatives at Strasbourg, (iii) write to the local press, and (iv) support the rallies that are being planned in London and elsewhere

AN ANARCHIST CLASSIC BY:

LANDAUER

Anarchist prophet fifty years before his time

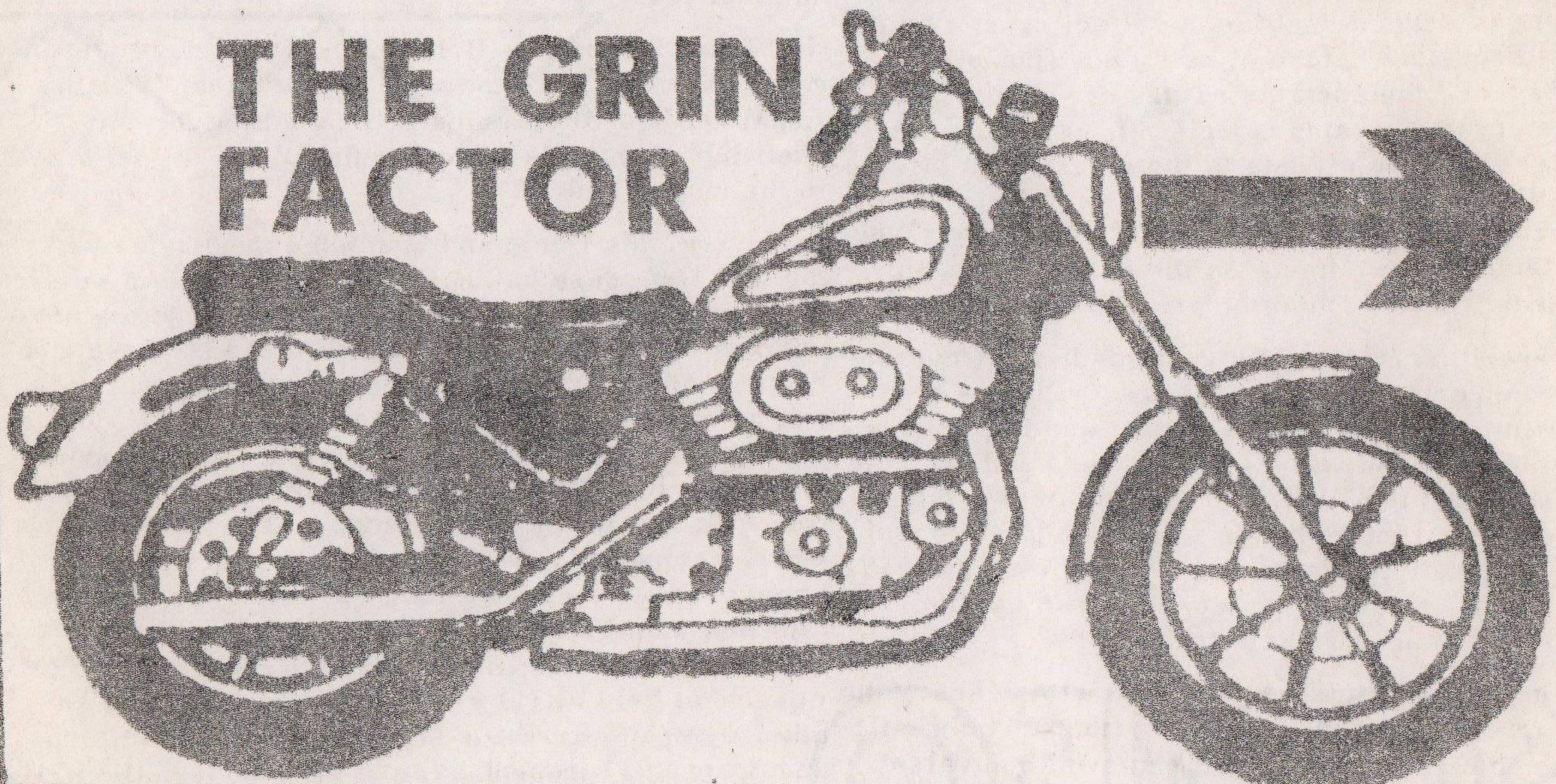
GUSTAV LANDAUER has been seen as the blithe spirit of revolutionary socialism, a romantic and a utopian socialist whose proposals imply a withdrawal from the world of human exploitation. He was indeed an outstanding intellectual and something of a mystic, but as Martin Buber wrote in his important Paths In Utopia no reproach has ever been false. For everything Landauer wrote or planned or did was steeped in a belief in revolution, and the need for it.

Gustav Landauer was born 1870 in Karlsruhe and came from a prosperous Jewish family. He thus came from a similar background to that of Karl Marx. He studied at various German universities, but his main interests were in literature and the theatre. He was particularly attracted to the writings of Nietzsche, Goethe and the German romantics. He also became involved with a group of libertarian radical students, the Jurgen, who had broken away from the bureaucratic Social Democratic Party. Becoming increasingly attracted to the writings of Proudhon and Kropotkin, Landauer, in 1893, became editor of the weekly newspaper Der Sozialist. The end of the 19th century in Germany was a time of radical social transformation. There was a great impetus towards industrialisation, and increasing centralisation of the political system. This was accom-

panied by both a growing sense of malaise and alienation, and a broad sense of social protest. Landauer was caught up in these changes, and came to advocate a form of socialism that was distinct from the state socialism embraced by the Marxist SDP, whether of the orthodox or revisionist variety. In 1903 he published a major philosophical work Skepsis Und Mystik dealing mainly with the mysticism of Meister Eckhart. Five years later he published Die Revolution and in 1911 his classic critique of Marxism For Socialism. During this period Landauer was actively involved in the founding of consumer co-operatives and lectured widely. But as Woodcock writes, Landauer was essentially an intellectual, and the periodical Der Sozialist never had a wide readership. Nevertheless Landauer the mystic and pacifist was deeply involved in the revolutionary movement that swept through Germany immediately after the First World War. He participated in the Bavarian soviet, only to be captured and brutally murdered by the counter-revolutionary forces that re-entered Munich in May 1919.

For Socialism contains perhaps the most devastating critique of Marxism that has ever been penned by a socialist. Described as the curse of socialism and

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the plague of our times, Landauer argues that Marxism is a crude form of materialism, a 'spiritless conception of history', that advocates the virtual death knell of poetry, spontaneity, enthusiasm and creativity. What Marx proposed, he suggests is the further development of capitalism into state Capitalism, in which all property would be administered by a bureaucratic elite. This means a centralised state and production organised along military lines. Uniformity, order, discipline, strict centralisation - this was Marx's idea of socialism. Everything that smacks of the open air and wildness and initiative was almost embarrassing to Marx, Landauer suggests. Jesus was more of a socialist!

For Landauer, socialism is the tendency of co-operating persons to create something new for the sake of an ideal; it is that spirit (geist) which throughout history leads people to voluntarily associate in groups, guilds, tribes or communities. Like other anarchists Landauer makes a distinction between society ('where spirit is') and the state, and follows the German romantics both in his distrust of modern industry and science and in his acceptance of the 'volk' or spirit of a nation or community. But Landauer renounced the authoritarian and racist tendencies that went with this Volkish tradition.

Seeing his own age as one where culture and spirit had declined where the state, with its schools, churches, courts, and prisons, had primacy, and where people had been separated from life and the natural earth, Landauer called for renewal and for the rebirth of spirit. But this would come, he felt, from within, for the spiritual basis of socialism is already present within each individual, and possible within the existing social framework. Breaking with the tradition that the working class is the primary

agent of socialism, Landauer advocated the establishment of worker co-operatives, rural communes, socialist households, and agrarian settlements. The struggle for socialism, he wrote, is the struggle for land, it is a return to nature, a re-endowment with spirit, a regaining of relationships. Following the tradition of Proudhon and Kropotkin, Landauer recommended the establishment of agrarian communes as the road to socialism. True socialism, he said, can only come through love, work and quiet devotion.

BRIAN MORRIS

READINGS

Landauer's *For Socialism* has recently been re-issued by Telos Press, St Louis 1978 with a short but useful introduction by Russell Berman and Tim Luke.

The best biography of Landauer is:

Eugene Lunn's *Propet of Community: The Romantic Socialism of Gustav Landauer* (Berkeley Univ California Press, 1973)

Also useful are:

Charles B Maurer's *Call to Revolution: The Mystical Anarchism of Gustav Landauer* (Detroit, Wayne State Univ, 1971)

Ruth Link-Salinger's *Gustav Landauer: Philosopher of Utopia* (Indianapolis, Hackett Publications 1977)

Martin Buber's *Paths to Utopia* (Boston, Beacon Press 1949) contains an interesting discussion of Landauer.

one of the biggest demonstrations in London recently for many years with 100,000 bikers gathering for a riders rights day to protest about further Government anti-bike legislation.

Any anti-government stance is to be encouraged rather than none but the dilemmas for bikers are clear. The roads were built over greenfields by governments to increase military and mass-consumer trade which included imported iron ore, rubber and oil to make motorbikes which in turn exploits the ecosystem and 3rd World and all this basically to build these two-wheeled consumer goodies which only work by using heavily taxed fuel and then throw out harmful exhaust emissions (with or without catalytic converters).

In defence my motorbike is a useful tool enabling me personally carry out Green Anarchist activities efficiently, without which I would become more victim to State control; also not forgetting that despite my wish for an end to mass consumerism I aim to occasionally alleviate my discomfort from living under it by accepting some pleasures it temporarily offers.

To enter the world of motorbiking it is usual to consult an acquaintance who is already a biker and

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from there on it is a non-stop flow of knowledge and advice, sometimes this being quite useful.

Choosing ones first bike and safety equipment is usually down to the cheapest and most available and you can't go too far wrong with a cheap Japanese bike with a 2-stroke engine to learn on as there are fewer things to go wrong than with a 4-stroke engine, and secondhand spares availability is good. Reading biking magazines especially the weekly paper Motorcycle News and the bimonthly Used Motorcycle Guide are invaluable for service, suppliers and advice. Incidentally many bikes are rated by their grin factor (ie. size of grin produced when ridden) but the pocket factor is probably more important (ie. size of hole left in pocket after you've paid for a years running costs).

The Government is always bringing in more laws and at present there are two tests to pass until you can legally take passengers and ride larger, faster bikes. Many new riders fall off and crash. Often this is not fatal, hence no pretence can be made that motorbike riding increases your life expectancy, but accepting some formal training and wearing tough, warm clothing will certainly help as well as the realization that most accidents involving motorbikes are caused by car drivers.

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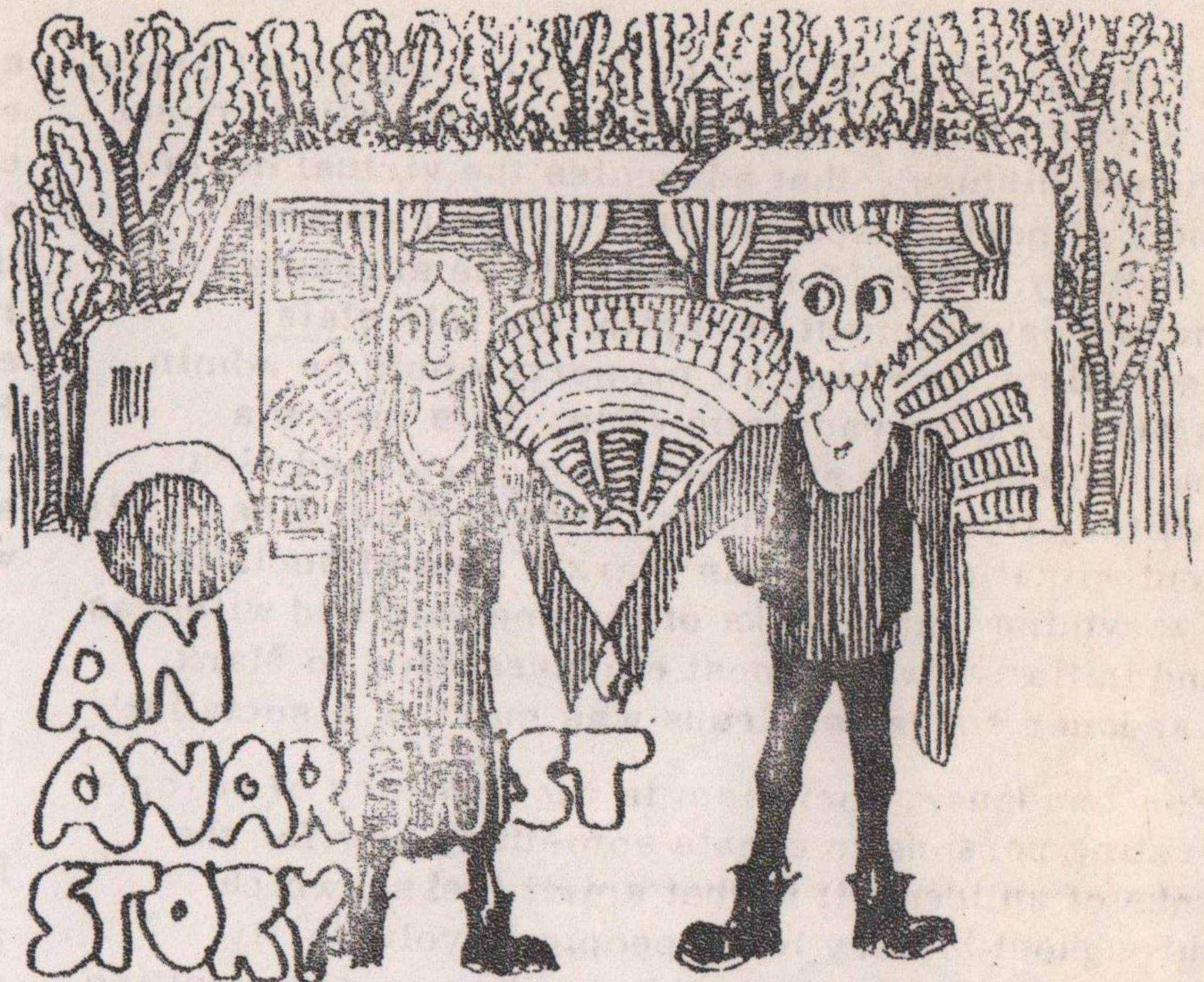
"Most of the pioneers we know about were propagating civilization. They civilised the open spaces and the 'savages' that lived there - and their civilization too often ended up destroying both the natural environment and the culture of the people who were part of it. Squatters, however, are engaged in a de-civilising process - that is if we define civilization as our existing technological, bureaucratic, exploitative and alienating culture. Their aim is an alternative society, a better life no less." TOM OSBORN in SQUATTING: THE REAL STORY.

DOSS HASSLE

AS MOST are probably aware, claiming what's yours from the (un)social (in)security is getting tough. A claimant has to now be actually seeking work in order to receive benefits. This seems to be hitting travellers particularly since they are being refused benefit for days on which they are travelling and not having access to easy telephone or permanent address gives more reason for them to be pushed onto Government schemes.

We hear that 3rd generation travellers have been born recently, an indication of the depth of this culture but earning a crust and finding hasslefree parkup sites are now becoming difficult so will we see less new travellers and will existing ones leave the road to seek more permanent housing? This may have the benefit of more alternative working structures being formed to compensate for the freedom of that travelling gave.

FURTHER DETAILS FROM: Unemployment Unit, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG and sometimes citizens advice bureaux and local claimants unions.



REVENGE ON THE EYE-FRY WOKS

EARTHA AND ECOMAN were sitting in their bus when a piece of paper wadded up under their wind-screen wiper.

"Its not an eviction order" said Eartha "It's an ad for satellite dishes."

"I hate free post" replied Ecoman "All tape it to a brick and post it back".

"The sats are the problem not the leaflet" Eartha responded "No one goes out anymore, they just sit watching hours of crap, especially the kids. These things are destroying community spirit."

"People can watch crap if they like" Ecoman countered feebly.

Eartha, through gritted teeth, responded: "Sat dishes work on non-ionizing radiation. Kids are getting catarracts and leukemia while the likes of Maxwell and Murdoch are fucking up their heads."

So Eartha and Ecoman decided to do something about the plague of demon woks infesting the local neighbourhood.

First Ecoman bought some lead based paint ("the one with the health warning on the side" Eartha reminded him) and paintbombed a few dishes late one night. That cut out the transmissions, but when the engineers came round the following week, they were easily cleaned up.

Feeling the point had not been made, Eartha popped out with her air pistol and blasted a slug into the receiver arm. It was a good shot (she'd been practising with coppers heads) but silent and put the dish out of commission.

When it was replaced, they both looped a rope over the dish, hitched it to their van and drove off damn quick, dish trailing behind.

By this stage the owner had had enough. The insurance was costing a packet and he'd only bought it to show off to the neighbours. Besides he'd also been burglarized twice since the dish went up. Thieves knew if he could afford a satellite dish on the wall, there'd be more worth nicking inside.....

EARTHA AND ECOMAN.

LETTERS

Meibion Glyndwr and Nationalism

Dear Green Anarchist

I don't want to clog up your magazine with endless correspondence, but may I reply to Helen Mayall's letter concerning my criticisms of Meibion Glyn Dwr in GA21?

I don't get my information from Searchlight: I haven't seen a copy of it for a number of years, and as far as I am aware it is not available in Swansea. I do agree with Helen's criticism of that magazine: many back issues of Black Flag have dealt with their attitude, and I am sure that many GA readers will be familiar with the relevant articles. My information comes from quotations of MGD's own statements to the Welsh media, from Plaid Cymru's Welsh Nation and from magazines such as Planet.

Anyone who saw MGD's 'Colour Party' rally at Abergelle on July 1st last to commemorate the Abergelle 'Martyrs' (members of the clandestine right-wing Mudlad Amdiffyn Cymru) who were killed by their own bomb on the 30th June 1969 would have found the scene reminiscent of a Nazi Brown Shirt parade - perhaps with the odd pair of Sinn Fein type sunglasses thrown in! I do not know of any connection between MGD and the NF. Perhaps the NF would be considered to be too concerned with 'British' nationalism and therefore not too far away from Mrs Thatcher ideology. I read somewhere that NF Cymru were active in the mining valleys, but I do not imagine they will meet with much success, thankfully. I've been trying to locate articles to back up my assertion of MGD's racism, but I'm damned if I can find them. You'll have to wait until a later date for them. In the meantime I wonder what readers will make of MGD's reference to the non-indigenous population of Wales as being 'White Settlers' (as quoted on TV). This is clearly meant to include people like Helen herself. I am opposed to 'immigration'

when it ruins village life, when it leads to the decline of spoken Welsh, and so on: but we need to find economic and political solutions to the problem, we do not want any racial segregation. What would perhaps be the best solution would be to have an improved version of the Irish Gaeltacht.

My letter was really concerned to demonstrate that MGD is not a popular movement. They are not supported any more than are the slightly more 'respectable' Cymdeithas yr Iaith Cymraeg (Welsh Language Society). Now I am not against direct action, but can Helen honestly say either of the above groups have won the support of the people of Wales? Is it not rather the case that their activities have alienated much of the non-Welsh speaking population, and have set back indefinitely the cause of Welsh independence? What an irony! Perhaps the most typical example of the result of this is the Welshman or Welshwoman whose peculiar schizophrenia is as equally anti-Welsh as it is anti-English.

Perhaps the most interesting point for me which was raised in Helen's letter was her suggesting that I support anti-imperialism abroad but not at home. She has touched on the very subject that led me to drop out of the British anarchist 'movement' a few years ago. As a Cymro (Welsh man) and an anarchist, I felt committed to securing the full autonomy of Wales in politics, economics, and culture along libertarian lines. Sadly, it has been my experience that British (usually English) anarchists tend to see the issue as one of regionalism when it is really a far more radical one. To paraphrase Parnell: Wales is not a geographical fragment, but a country in its own right.

Anarchists are often critical of national liberation movements because they tend to organize on the basis of race rather than class, the class struggle being internationalist. (Readers of GA may have moved away from the old class based anarchism, I don't know). On the other hand, class based national liberation movements are often racist: Nazism, Fascist syndicalism, and so on.

So I'm not really satisfied with current British anarchism, and neither am I satisfied with

'national' politics. Inevitably, groups like MGD are on the lunatic fringe and their activities may one day lead to personal violence. In the meantime I will sit in my armchair on the sidelines and wait for a worthwhile movement to appear. What do other readers think?

With best wishes,

John Andrews of Swansea

Atheism: A Reply

Dear GA

What is it about pagans that makes non-pagans itch to slag us off? I get enough of this shit from the local Christians, and I'm fucking sick of it! I never expected to see the same blind ignorance in the pages of GA.

John Waters in his letter to GA22 seems to think the pagans suffer from the same 'faith' as most Christians, Jews, Tories, Marxists, SWP members, NF boneheads etc ie. 'believe what you're told to'. This just is not the case. There are no high priests lecturing from on high to the masses. We are our own priests. We learn and discover for ourselves, rejecting that which doesn't seem fit personally, but respecting and acknowledging the discoveries of others (and not just other pagans). J W is right to say 'Faith turns aside enquiry and poisons curiosity' but pagans aren't sheep, following the leader. When I became a pagan, my inquisitive nature was re-awakened.

So here's a message for anyone reading this who's thinking of launching another anti-pagan bombast: before you put pen to paper, get your hands dirty. Read a pagan mag or two. Talk to pagans.

J W obviously didn't do this. To be so arrogant as to state that paganism is 'conservative, reactionary and crippling' without knowing what he's talking about is shameful.

Finally I'm a pagan and an anark for one reason. Both philosophies fit me like a glove, and there's no contradiction between the two.

Blessed be!

Barnaby McEwan of Bath.



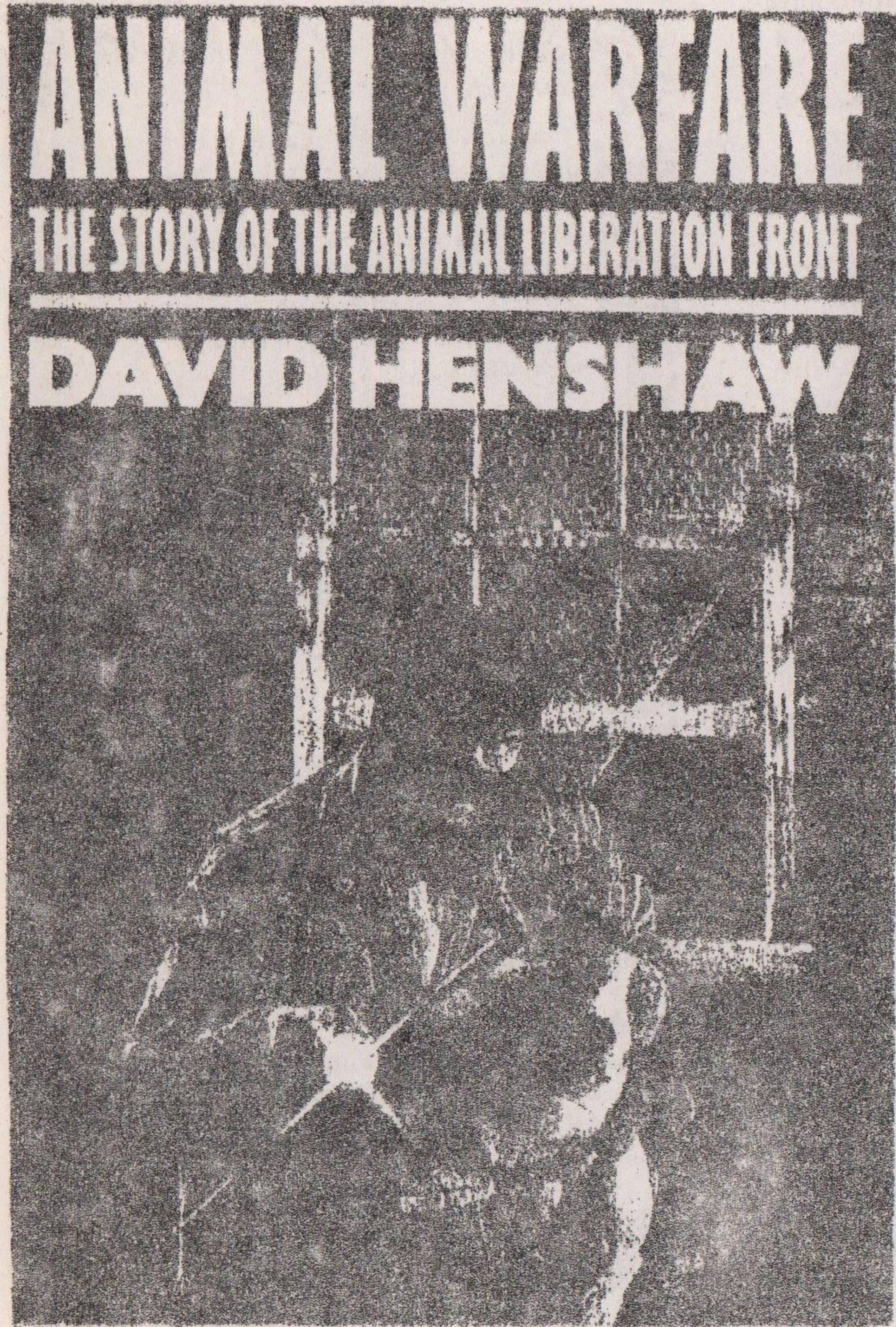
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BOOK REVIEWS



'ANIMAL WARFARE: THE STORY OF THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT'. DAVID HENSHAW. FONTANA, 214pp. £3.99.



We have reviewed this book as animal rights activists asked us to: Henshaw himself has not dared send review copies to those sympathetic to the Animal Liberation Front himself. Henshaw - whose claim to fame is an interview with the Mars Bar Hoaxers - regards militants as "eccentric (and) bizarre" and makes little attempt to state the full anti-vivisection case. Instead he prefers to clock up the word "terrorist" as many times as possible on each page: at least he's taking the ALF seriously! Those we have spoken to Henshaw mentions regard his characterisations of them as at least as "bizarre (and) eccentric" as he tries to make them out to be. The 'story' itself - from Lee's League of Mercy in 1972 to the Bristol Bombing last year - is notable for its lack of references: is it likely to be any more accurate than the caricatures of his informants? Definitely a book to 'borrow' not buy.



'HOW TO BE GREEN'. JOHN BUTTON. CENTURY HUTCHINSON. 233pp. £4.99.

Both in form and content 'How To Be Green' is an instant classic artifact of the green consumer movement, an environmental etiquette manual for the New Age. It's glossy cover - sporting Friends of the Earth logos and hearty recommendations from the pedagogue Porritt - announces all within is "printed on 100% recycled paper" and indeed it recycles all that was said a decade ago. Yes, no doubt laudable ideas for yuppies to stuff in their "eco-fax" (no kidding! See pp. 230 - 231, no doubt it's got a glossy cover, sports FoE logos &c...) but where does it say 'War on those wrecking the planet'? It doesn't say close your bank account, just "Careful with credit cards" (Why? Inflation is economic war on the rich!). It doesn't say trade is exploitation, but instead tries to promote 'Fair Trade'. It doesn't say 'Smash Imperialism', only mentioning South Africa in passing. It doesn't even hint at joining the Ramblers Association to win a bit of the land from agribusiness, for Gaia's sakes. Buy it if you don't know the basics: otherwise Crisis - cheaper and more entertaining - or Ecodefense, so you are equipped to hurt the Earth rapers where it hurts.



'HEALING THE WOUNDS: THE PROMISE OF ECOFEMINISM'. JUDITH PLANT (ed.). GREEN PRINT, pp. 262. £7.99.

This book of readings - including everything from poems by Ursula LeGuin and Starhawk to a foreward mulling over the post-INF world by Petra Kelly - must have taken some getting together. It is forthright in its attacks on the heavy utilitarian thinking that has fragmented ourselves and our relationship to each other and the earth, and optimistic that the New Age formula of community and spirituality, action as well as arid thought, can and will save the planet. A word of warning: beware anthropomorphic assumptions of 'The Earth formed in Wimmin's Image' and the dangerous drift into deep ecology this can open up. There is a green, anarchist consciousness suffusing this work and a revival of the grassroots energy stifled too long in the Womens Movement in the dark days before Greenham. Experience 'Healing the Wounds': share its power!



VARIOUS BOOKS, JOEY PUMFORD, SPAREMAN PRESS, 85 SYCAMORE AVE., NEWPORT, GWENT. £1.50 EACH.

'Backstreet Days' (pp. 28) tells of the authors anarchic childhood in Gwent; 'Western Nuts and Quackers' (pp. 18) his experience of the dubious and ill-fated Ebbw Bont Wild West theme park, complete with simple moral ET-wise; and 'Spareman Joes Illustrated Guide to Performance Poetry' offering deadpan advice to aspiring poets (what to wear: "a blue or black cape with a pink carnation", best audiences: "Fire extinguishers, or dustbins"). All written with zest and beautifully illustrated with cartoons by one C Rawlins. Anarchist, I don't know. Entertaining, definitely! "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" so why not check out Spareman...?

'1990 HOUSMANS PEACE DIARY'. From HOUSMANS, 5 CALEDONIAN ROAD, KINGS CROSS, LONDON N1. £4.75 inc. p&p.

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Children's Visions of the Future

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NEW MAGS

ARKANGEL

'ARKANGEL: FOR ANIMAL LIBERATION'. £1 FROM BCM9240, LONDON WC1N 3XX.

Billed as "not just another animal rights mag" and with Ronnie Lee and Vivien Smith as editors, this is one hell of a magazine and a snip at £1 an issue. It is the banner to which animal rights militants can look, with booklets and a press agency/news service planned. In line with its stated non-sectarian stance it prints news summaries of local, national and international campaigning by all groups, not just ALF stuff as the old-model SG did. A good quarter of Issue 1

is spent responding to media (and sadly internal) smears against the animal rights movement, well-reasoned and necessary. Subscribe now!

ANTI-SYSTEM

'ANTI-SYSTEM'. NZ\$2.50 FROM PO BOX 14156, KILBRNIE, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

16 packed pages of fanzine proving anarchy in Aotearoa is alive and kicking. Reports on wads of indigenous (mainly punk) bands, news of ALF actions and graffiti and comment against colonialism.

FESTIVALS

THE MOST BASIC need for a festival is somewhere to hold it. Any site needs to have reasonable access, should be close to water and firewood, and far away from those likely to be offended by people enjoying themselves. Waste ground, land by motorways, viaducts and empty factories, land on county boundaries or where ownership is disputed is best, but have alternative sites in mind. Avoid fields with crops or sheep at all costs. If 12 or more vehicles are on private land, they can be evicted almost immediately, but even 'legal' sites have problems such as Environmental Health Officers.

Let people know about the festival as soon as possible using leaflets and local media, and get people involved. The more people involved, the less individual expenses. Many bands will play free festivals if invited, and some will turn up anyway. Music festivals should have a license, but charity events and events where music is not the main form of entertainment (ie festivals) raise fewer problems. Benefit gigs are a good way of raising money, and publicising the festival at the same time. If its a free festival, collect donations or have a raffle on the day.

When you know bands are coming, create dry space big enough for band and generator. Amplifiers use less power than lighting, but a 1.5kW generator should do. Make sure its earthed and dry, and electricians are equipped with residual-current circuit-breakers (RCCD) to prevent lethal accidents. Stages can be built from milkcrates and pallets, with tarpulin strung between poles or large vehicles above. For raised stages and PA's, ask the bands if they know who can supply them. A big gig will need 3kW of PA and 12kW lighting, and that means hiring a big generator if you haven't got access to mains power.

Ripped off and edited down from 'The Right to Party' in 'Festival Eye', Summer 1989, by Kif of the Peoples Free Party, Box 2000, c/o 17 Chatham Street, Reading. If you want to set up a festival, see them.

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THAT'S WHAT I
CALL ANARCHY

INTERVIEW WITH THE SHAMEN

I'd heard a lot about the psychedelic/acid house band, the Shamen; how they cost McEwans Lager £100,000 in backfired advertising, the blasphemous Jesus Is Alive tour.

I went to see them when they played Oxford Live on 17 November last, experiencing the Synergy lights show that would have done justice to anything the UFO Club got up in the 1960s and hearing sounds that would have shamed the heaviest Merry Prankster Acid Test.

Picking my way across bodies and a scree of busted plastic glasses, I ran into Will the bass still dancing with the fans an hour after his exhausting gig.

GA: Why did you call yourselves the Shamen? Anything to do with the tribal shamans of old?

Will: Yes, shamans are seers and prophets and they used psychedelic drugs. That's why we chose the name.

GA: I've been told you advocate drugs for all. Is that true?

Will: We don't believe in legal actions on non-addictive drugs, like hallucinogens. Only medical controls should be used for addictive drugs. The people that use them are vulnerable, weak and easily manipulated and they need such protection, but not those using psychedelic drugs. Persecuting people that use psychedelic drugs is medieval.

GA: I understand you've had trouble with religious whackoes in the past, picketing gigs and that sort of thing?

Will: We did Jesus Loves Us about US fundamentalism as a result of Jesus Is Alive being stamped over everyone's post about a year or two ago. It led to us being picketed by whacky Christian types. A great gathering of the deluded one might say.

GA: What do you think the future of acid house is with a bloke getting ten years for organizing acid house gigs and councils pressing for legislation to ban them? Do you think free acid house parties - like free festivals - is a way of bypassing such legislation?

Will: Things will carry on in the same way: people are experienced handling this sort of thing. Acid house is happening and professional. We'll be doing a tour of Scotland soon and we expect to do at least one gig before getting busted. Dozens of people are involved in acid house gigs, on the cars, the phones, the tickets, the lights crew (...). People won't let it disappear without a fight. I'd also like to say that the police planting drugs as frame ups, is out of order.

PAUL

CHUMBAWAMBA: ENGLISH REBEL SONGS
1381 - 1914. £4, FROM AGIT-PROP RECORDS,
BOX 4, 52 CALL LANE, LEEDS LS1 6DT.

The Chumbas latest is quite a departure for them - a 10" album of old songs without instrumental accompaniment (excepting some percussion), sung mainly in parts. The whole thing is beautifully presented, with a visually stunning sleeve and background notes to the songs, some like Poverty Knock and Hanging On The Old Barbed Wire well-known, other, for example the mid-19th century Sign Of The Times, a happy discovery for me.

The Idris Strike Song, a fund-raising number from 1910 set to the tune of All The Nice Girls Love A Sailor, reminds us that the whole Baud-Aid thing is nothing new. There are quite a few examples of songs written to popular or hymn tunes to raise money for strikes and disasters which survive as a reminder of peoples anger and sorrow at their conditions without the patronization of modern examples. Come to think of it that would make an interesting album in itself.

There are some very nice arrangements and uses of percussion, but musically the project is let down by the leaden rhythms used throughout, which at times made me think of the Salvation Army! I suspect that the group found Jis Strict Tempo necessary to keep the parts together, but a more relaxed approach, as well as being more traditionally authentic, would have made me forget what a 'worthy' record this is, and just get on and enjoy it. More rowdiness and less restraint is needed! I recommend an intensive course of the Watersons, who show that it is possible to do this kind of thing with power, passion and swing, but they've had thirty years to get it right.

GRACE

POISON GIRLS DISBAND

The Poison Girls, who were to play Eastern Europe this year, have disbanded because of frustration at the stagnation of the British music business "run by greedy men" and because of the personal situation of members of the band. Green Anarchist - who they helped establish back in 1984 by playing a benefit for us - are sad to see them go after 12 years sterling service at the forefront of political underground music. Records, magazines and T-shirts are still available from XNERIX, PO Box 299, London E11 1EP.

COMING UP

ARE YOU GOING? Then take a bundle of GA's to sell and send us back a report!

FEBRUARY

2. Reopening of the CRYPT. Meanies.
2. Ruff Ruff And Ready at Bristol Polish Club.
2. Croonies/Dicemen at St Davids Hall, London Road, Reading.
3. Papa Brittle/Screaming Custards at 21 South Street, Reading.
3. Conflict/Anorexia at Downham Tavern, Downham Way, Grove Park, SE London.
7. Stonehenge Campaign New Year meeting. 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5. 7pm.
8. Vatican Shotgun Scare/White Speed Conspiracy Benefit at the Trades Union Club, Reading.
- 9 The Last Gasp at the CRYPT
9. Dave Howard Singers/Fukli Blip Blop Music/Morrison Dan & Guntav at Club Dog.
9. Red Hot Chillipeppers at UEA, Norwich.
10. Chumbawamba at the Co-op Hall, Oxford.
10. Ruff Ruff and Ready at Old White Horse, Brixton.
12. Three Four at Sir George Robey by Finsbury Park Tube, London.
13. Ozric Tentacles at the Coffee Lounge, Reading University
13. Damidge at Gossips, Dean Street, Soho.
15. Rhythmites at Reading Trades Union Club
16. RDF/Levellers at the Marquee, Charing Cross Road
16. Ullulators/Parits/Moksha at Club Dog
16. Three Four/Basti/Madigan at the CRYPT
17. Dead Famous People/Coming Up Roses at 21 South Street, Reading
17. Blyth Power at the Co-op Hall, Oxford.
17. Loop/World Domination Enterprises/Godflesh at Angel Centre, Tonbridge
19. John Cale at Royal Festival Hall, South Bank
22. RDF at 1 In 12 Club, Bradford
23. King and Queens at Blyths Hotel, Sevenoaks

23. Fini Tribe/Sigma Strings/Andy Momat at Club Dog, Finsbury Park tube
24. The Stranglers at Brixton Academy.
28. RDF at Peckham Dole House

MARCH

1. Welsh Fest at the Powerhaus, Islington
1. RDF at Reading Trades Union Club.
2. Ozric Tentacles/Via Reaction/Ultima Thule Two at Club Dog
3. Katell Keineg at 21 South Street, Reading
3. Animal Charities Fayre. St Albans Town Hall. Noon - 4pm. Admission 20p.
- 3 -4. Cardiacs/Ozric Tentacles/Haroldjuana at the Milky Way in Amsterdam. Details from the Sevenoaks Crypt.
8. The Membranes/Silverfish at Boston Arms by Tufnell Park Tube
8. Three Four at the Cricketers, Kennington Oval
8. RDF at the Carribean Club, Basingstoke
9. Shidhe/Sonya Christina at Club Dog
9. Voodoo Child at Sevenoaks Crypt
16. Geno Washington at Sevenoaks Crypts
21. Spring Equinox Celebrations. Henge. 7-9am.
23. Harldjuana at Sevenoaks Crypt
- 24-25. Green Socialist Conference. Kingsney Princeton College, Sidmouth St, London WC2. Tel Barney Dickson on 802-2391 for details.
30. Three Four/Hotalacio/Terminal Cheesecake at the CRYPT

APRIL

1. Nicaragua Reafforestation Brigade volunteers, details from NSC, 23 Beviden St, London N1.
1. Ozric Tentacles at Astoria, Charing Cross Road - all day!
6. The Thunderdogs/Webcave at Club Dog
9. Listen to the Earth. Energy raising everywhere, 9-11pm.
21. Stonehenge Campaign Oxford Meeting. 196 Cowley Road, Oxford. Noon-4pm.
22. Earth Day. Enviromental action everywhere. Contact Chris Church for details on 490 1555.

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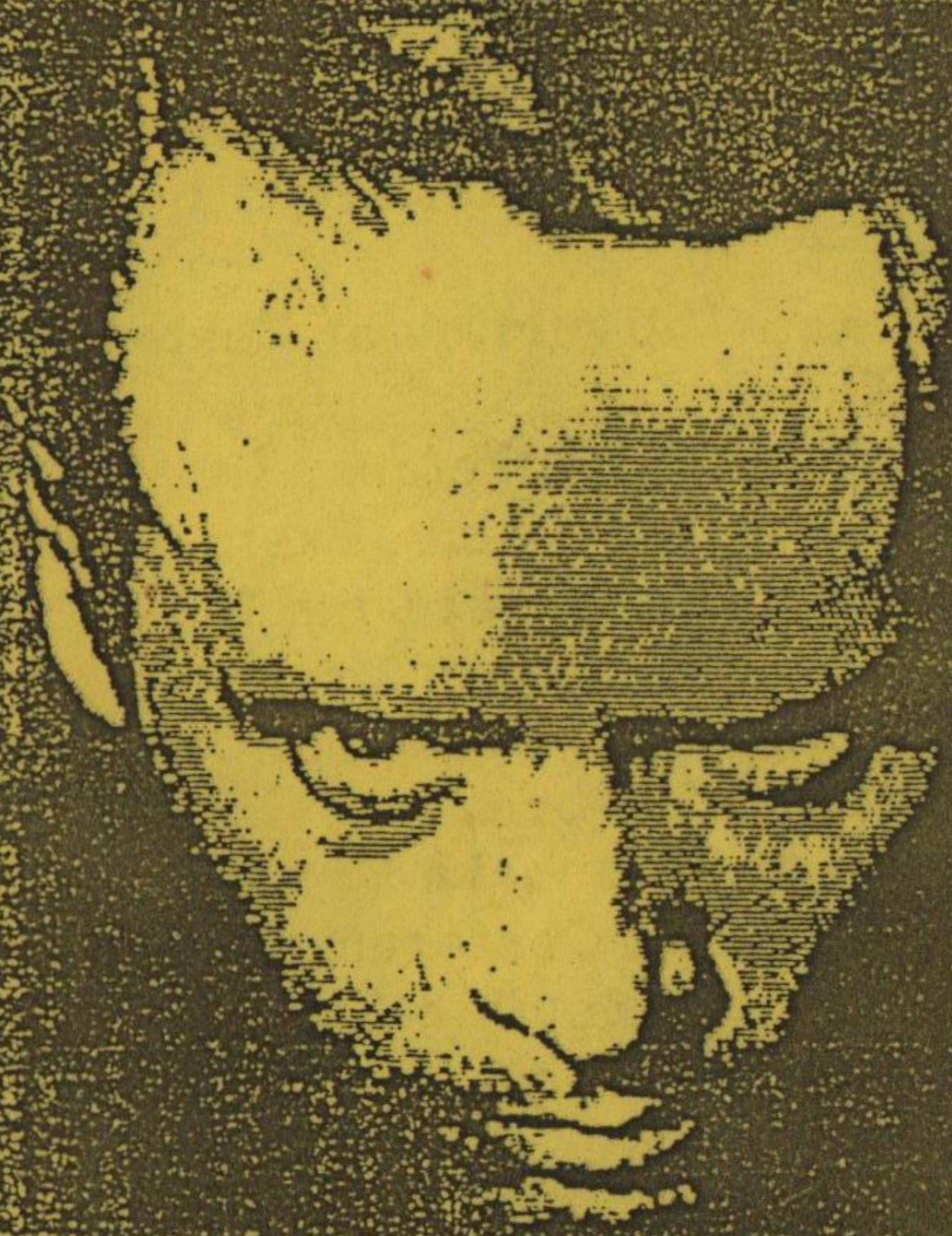
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POLL TAX



**I AM NOT A NUMBER
I AM A FREE MAN**

The blaze at Islington's poll tax office (see GA22) has spread to Cambridge, offices there being lightly damaged by a mollie. Named poll tax registration forms are now doing their rounds. If one hasn't been sent to you, keep shtum - they've forgotten you. If one has, buy a share in the Cornish Stannery Parliament (£1 to Gwel Lerryn 13, Lerryn, Lostwydhyel, Cernow/Cornwall) as Cornish tinnners are exep't from poll tax under an obscure decree of Henry VII in 1508 that remains law. Make it easy on yourself: pay not one penny more than you have to...!

(Source: Black Flag)

SHUTDOWN!

ON 21 October a handful of wind-blasted activists stood on Dungeness Spit, blockading and picketing the nuclear power stations two gates for two hours. Three weeks later, on November 9, Energy Secretary John Wakeham got up on his hind legs in the House of Commons to announce "the end of Britain's development as a nuclear energy power" with the cancellation of Hinkley C, Wyfla B and Sizewell C nukes.

Tory attempts to privatise nuclear elements of the CEGB exposed how uneconomic nuclear power is: the cost of decommissioning its ten crumbling Magnox reactors and the unresolved problem of nuclear waste even Windscale residents don't want in their back yard (see GA21) means nuclear power costs 50% more again than that generated by coal. Faced with the expense of their dubious 'green' alternative, the Tories are now being forced to open pits they closed as 'uneconomic' after the Miners Strike and modifying coal-burning stations to stop them chucking acid rain-producing shit into the atmosphere.

All this was too much for CEGB chair Lord 'Moonshine' Marshall to take, so he sacked himself for an embarrassingly huge £1/4 million golden handshake and has left his precious nukes to the current Atomic Energy Authority Chair John Collier.

(Source: Guardian/Anti-Nuclear Network Newsletter)

GREENHAM

With Cruise gone from Molesworth and leaving Greenham, the womens camps still there have been ignored by the media. We must report that Helen Thomas was killed by a cop car whilst monitoring the missiles withdrawal at Yellow Gate on 5 August last year. We understand the last Greenham woman killed was Dirdre Sainsbury, raped and beaten by a local man on 22 December 1984. Land struggle gains Ministry of Defence continues, three locals refusing to relinquish their rights of common. There is also a monthly womens peace camp at Aldermaston.

(Source: Greenleaf/EcoWars)

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