

# NottFIN Diary

## June

**All month** Transport Exhibition at Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham.

**All month** Permaculture, Solstice, Skillshare and Celebration, Beau Champ 24610, Montparyoux (Dordogne) France. Contact Loo at Beauchamp (01033) 53826998.

**Week 12-19** Anti-Angling week. Details Campaign for the Abolition of Angling (0836) 279758. Contact Nottingham Hunt Sabs for details of local action (0602) 590357.

**Week 12-20** National Bike Week (Bury your car!)

**Week 18-27** Stonehenge Peoples' Free Festival, somewhere.

**Sat 19** Nationwide day of action against Boots the Vivisectionists. Ph. (0602) 585666 or London Boots Action Group c/o 58 Seven Sisters Rd., London N7 6AA.

**w/e 19-20** Leamington Peace Festival FREE

**Mon 21** Summer Solstice. 8.58 am G.M.T.

**Mon 21** Notts. Wildlife Trust Guided Walk - Denton Lane. Meet at crossroads Gregory St. and Abbey Street. Ph. Pete Shepherd (0602) 588242.

**Mon 21** Public meeting - 'After Earth Summit - Earth Plummet?' Jim Berreen from the Global Commons Institute. 7.30 pm, Beeston Library.

**w/e 25-27** Glastonbury (Not Free At All) Festival in aid of Greenpeace. £58!. Ph. (0749) 890470. Many radical/alternative animal rights stalls in Green Futures Field.

**w/e 25-27** Wish you were here picnic, Ringwood, Hants.

**Sat 26** Campaign to close Laundry Farm, 12 noon, Parkers Piece, Cambridge. Ph. Celia (0562) 700086.

**Tues 30** Redbridge Green Fair. FREE.

**Weds 31** Kingston Green Fair, Surrey. FREE.

## July

**Thurs 1** Earth First! Awareness Day. Actions nationwide.

**w/e 2-5** Skills and Knowledge Sharing Network Camp - Circus Skills/Juggling, Shropshire. Details (05473) 461.

**Sat 3** Meat-Free March, Manchester. Ph. ARC (061) 953 4039.

**Sun 4** Mass Vegetarian Fayre. Alexandra Park, London. 12.30-5pm. Stalls, food, music etc. Young Indian Vegetarians (081) 550-3725.

**Sun 4** Laundry Farm anti-vivisection vigil. Ph. Celia (0562) 700086.

**w/e 3-4** World Gree Fair, Roydon Park, Wirral. Ph. (051) 645-0485.

**w/e 8-11** Heineken Big Top Music Festival, Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

**w/e 9-11** Brighton Urban Free Festival. The Level. 26 bands. No camping. (0344) 427 272.? ? Rutland Free Festival?

? ? Rollright Free Festival?

? ? Derbyshire Free Festival?

**Week 12-18** Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) fundraising week.

**Wed 14** Nottingham Animal Rights meeting. 7 pm Rainbow Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

**Wed-Sun 14-18** Third Neo Humanist Ecology Festival, Glebock, Poland, contact 06131 832995.

**Fri-Sun 16-18** SEARC Weekend of action against live exports

at Dover. Ph. (0602) 585666 or (0424) 730154.

**Week 21-27** Skills and Knowledge Sharing Camp, Shropshire. Adults £50-£25 depending on income or £10-£5 per day. Children £15. Children under £3 free. Price includes food, fuel, workshop materials etc. NottFIN will be there doing stuff! Contact Laura or Vivien (05473) 461.

**Thurs 22** Boots AGM, 11am-1pm, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London.

**Fri-Sun 23-25** Happy Daze Free Festival, Wales.

**Mon 24** Vegan camp in S. Devon. SAE to 30 Dinsdale Ave, Wallsend, Tyne & Wear, NE28 9JD.

**Wed-Sun 28-1** Auftakt! Multi-cultural, creative, political and environmental festival, Magdeburg, Germany. 20 000 expected. Details Auftakt International coordination c/o BYEA, Postbox 566, 6130 AN Sittard, The Netherlands. Ph. ++31 46 513045.

**w/e 30-1** Green Man Free Festival, (new site needed) Not Wales please.

**Week 31-7** Skills and Knowledge Sharing Network Parents and Childrens Camp, Shropshire. £50-£30 per person depending on income. Children under 3 free. Price includes 'fun', vegan wholefood, workshop materials etc. Contact Laura or Vivien (05473) 461.

## August

**Fort. 1-14** Earth First! camp in SW Pyrenees to prevent road building through bear habitat. Pau, Col du Somport. Contact ASPE campaign Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd. Oxford OX4 1RQ.

**w/e 6-8** Torpedo Town Free Festival, Hants.

**Thu 12** Protests against start of grouse shooting. HSA (0602) 590357.

**w/e 13-15** Twisted Tree Trunk Free Festival, S. Wales.

**w/e 20-22** Cissbury Ring Free Festival, Sussex.

**w/e 20-23** Developing and Living Local Initiatives and Actions - gathering organised by Catalyst Collective and Social Ecology Network. Contact 82 Andover St. Burngreave, Sheffield S3 9EH.

**Sun 22** First Annual Combined Civil Rights Rally, Trafalgar Square. Constitutional Reform Movement, PO Box 187, Chesterfield, S400 2DU.

**w/e 27-30** White Goddess Free Festival, Cornwall.

## September

**Fri 3** Glastonbury Tor, Gathering of the Tribes.

**w/e 3-6** Skills and Knowledge Sharing Network Womens' Creativity Camp, Shropshire. £30-£20 depending on income, including food etc. Contact Laura or Vivien (05473) 461.

**w/e 3-5** Silver Moon Free festival

**w/e 9-12** Swamp (non-animal) Circus Festival, Devonshire Green, Sheffield. Ph. (0742) 731398.

**w/e 10-12** Cloud Nine Free Festival, Yorks.

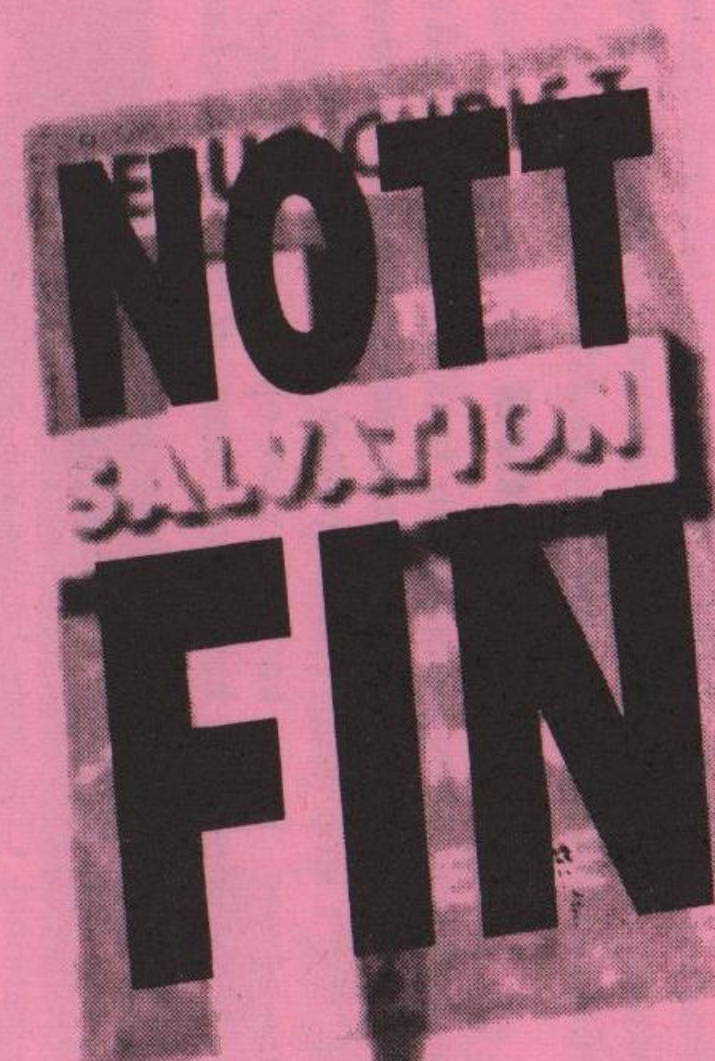
**Sat 11** Protest at Porton Down Research Station. Speakers include Robin Webb ALF Press Officer. Ph (0722) 327146 or (0935) 25195.

**w/e 17-19** Village Idiots Gathering, Sussex.

**Thu 23** Autumn Equinox.

**Week 25-3** Juggling and Circus Skills Camp. Ph. (0831) 146025 or (0749) 677404.

**Week 27-3** National Vegetarian Week. The Vegetarian Society (061) 928 0793.



# Nottingham Free Information Network Issue 8

This issue is dedicated to the 44,000 children who died on roads in the UK in 1992.

When will we stop this madness?

Inside:

Festies  
Environment  
Human rights  
Animal rights  
Etc.

# PLEASE TAKE ONE





## Khmer Rouge Finance Arms Through Logging

Viv Mackay (Chair, Friends of Cambodia)

Thirty years ago Cambodia was described as interlaced with roads and highways, a bus called at a village some 30 kilometres away from the capital every hour, the children all went to school and 26 varieties of rice were grown in one village alone! Only when one comes across such descriptions of Cambodia as it was then does the full trauma of the destruction even start to register. In the early 1960s Cambodia was emerging from French colonial rule and beginning to modernise. Yes, of course it was a poor country, but with a bright future. What happened next is now well recorded, but it is still worthwhile to set out the major events that brought Cambodia to where it is today, a desperately poor country, with the highest infant mortality rate in the world - even higher than some of the stricken countries of Africa, with half the adult female population functionally illiterate and a maternal mortality rate twice that of Africa and India.

An average developing country in the 1950s where now, in 1992, twenty children out of every hundred will be dead by their 5th birthday.

By 1968, the USA had begun its illegal carpet bombing of the Cambodian/Vietnamese border. The result in human terms by 1973 was about a million dead in a country of some 7 million. Little surprise the support that went to the highly disciplined Khmer Rouge who promised peace and prosperity for the peasants (90% of the population). On this wave of support the Khmer Rouge came to power in 1975. But by January 1979 when they were ousted by the invading Vietnamese forces a further 1 to 2 million people had died and the world heard about the killing fields. From 1979 to the peace agreement signed in October 1991, the Western world deliberately isolated Cambodia - denying meaningful aid, cutting out the country from international air and telecommunications networks and imposing a trade embargo. When one searches for reasons for this incredibly callous behaviour, the US drive to punish Vietnam through Cambodia and for different reasons the same approach from China seem to be the only justification. John Pilger put it very well in saying the "wrong" side rescued Cambodia in the cold war.

But of course this is all past history. Surely it is now possible for the West to make amends and release really significant aid? Things have improved, at least on paper - at the recent Tokyo meeting 33 countries actually promised Cambodia more aid than the UN Secretary General was expecting, but this money is yet to be seen on the ground. In the meantime, the current government of Cambodia has achieved remarkable advances, particularly in the fields of education and food production. For the first year since 1975, rice production in 1989 has exceeded the 1967 total - a tribute to the tenacity of the Cambodian people.

However, the Khmer Rouge are still a real threat. They have consistently flouted the peace agreement: it now seems clear that they never had any intention of keeping it, their main tactic being consistent from 1979 - that is playing for time until Cambodia collapses and they can step into the vacuum again. Recent research demonstrates that their policies have not changed. Their leaders are still the same people and they have no guilt for the previous action. The UN agreement gave the Khmer Rouge many cards to play. They have continued to lay mines (as trained to do by serving SAS members under orders from the UK - *NottFIN*), blow up bridges, refuse access to their zones, refused to demobilise or give up arms with impunity. Although there is now welcome talk of sanctions, including a moratorium on logging contracts with Thai consortiums, it seems that the UN have not the will to impose the Peace Agreement.

It can be imposed. There are a number of effective actions the UN can take. It can refuse the Khmer Rouge any election facilities in other zones in Cambodia, for example by refusing the right to set up election HQs. It can be a peace enforcement strength, not merely a peacekeeping strength. With some 40,000 State of Cambodia forces and some 20,000 UN forces, the estimated 10,000 to 15,000 Khmer Rouge forces will not be hard to intimidate. It can enforce the recently agreed trade embargo against the Khmer Rouge trump card, the gem mines at Pailin, the major town in their zone, instead of weakly declaring this sanction to "not be effective for the near future". These activities bring the Khmer Rouge revenue to continue buying armaments on the black market.

Friends of Cambodia, the campaigning group in the UK, are taking these issues up. Western powers bear responsibility for what has happened to Cambodia and should enforce the UN agreement.

## Ecover Boycott

Eliminate those persistent Environmentalist stains with "ECOVER" - as used by Group 4 Securitas

The supposedly quite sound ECOVER is not quite as sound as they would have you think.

Group 4 recently joined the ranks of "Bastards with false green consciences" when they obtained a majority share-holding in the internationally marketed ECOVER products. Unfortunately their green conscience seems very shallow.

As well as running Britain's first privatised prison, they are the security company employed by the DoT to neutralise protest against the M3 extension through Twyford Down (see separate article this issue).

**DON'T BUY ECOVER**

**DON'T FUND THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIVATE ARMY**

Write to ECOVER: 19 Worple Rd., London SW19 4JS or phone them (081) 784 1444.

## Editorial

Welcome to NottFIN 8. It's been a few months since number 7, but we've all been busy with lots of other projects and there's been the usual struggle to get together enough money to print 3000 copies - many thanks to advertisers and people who've given donations. Look out for more benefit gigs over the summer and autumn, and see you at the Rock and Reggae if it happens (any info. on this gratefully received).

For those of you who haven't seen a FIN before, Free Information Networks grew out of the Traveller/Free Festival scene and developed into more city/community based papers providing information for like minded individuals. During the late '80's there were FINs across the country, but now our numbers are dwindling, although Nott FIN has grown beyond all our early expectations. At the same time alternative subcultures have been attacked by the police, courts and media, and by new laws aimed at making life increasingly difficult for those looking for an alternative way of life. We have set up Nott FIN to provide information for Nottingham's subcultures. We aim to let people know what's been going on locally and nationally, covering those areas which the mainstream media ignores or lies about, and encouraging people to get involved. Nott FIN is not just about communication, it's about action.

You are Nott FIN, we are just facilitators. We need you to send information, write articles, get involved. If you feel we have missed something then it's your fault for not telling us. You can just write to us and tell us what you think - we get more mail from around the country than we do from Notts. We want to know if we're doing it right.

FINs are normally available from: The Rainbow Centre, Mushroom Books, Out To Munch, Hiziki, Hyson Green Wholefoods, Wild Oats, The Narrowboat and Jugglers. We also give them out around the place. Look out for it or send us an SAE or some stamps.

This free paper was set up to pass on information to the community. We can only be as accurate and comprehensive as the information we receive. We apologise for any errors or omissions but the solution to this is in your hands.

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## Cruelty Free Companions

This group is being run by unpaid volunteers as a non-profit making service to link people from all over the country who believe in a cruelty free life style.

It is for those seeking friends or partners and the only costs will be three loose stamps with each letter sent to cover postage, printing, advertising costs etc.

If you belong to a group we would appreciate a mention in the newsletter.

For further details please write to:

Box CFC c/o The Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW



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## Know Your Enemy

The following companies have set up free services for customers to use. Why not phone them up or write a letter and discuss the ways in which these companies interact with the natural world around them.

We have given only Freepost addresses as sending unsolicited material to the normal address without a stamp would result in a crime being committed and we wouldn't want that.

**American Express** : 0800 521313

**Audi Volkswagen** 0800 585685

**Citreon** : 0800 607090

**Dairy Crest** : 0800 181016

**Dale Farm** : Freephone Dale Farm

**Diahsu** : 0800 521700

**Grand Metropolitan** : 0800 181167

**Group Four Nightspeed**: 0800 440000

**"The Field"** (Hunting Mag.) Oxford Res. Agency, Kings Meadow, Ferry Hinksey Road, FREEPOST of 344, Oxford OX2 0DP

**Ford** : 0800 010112

**House of Fraser (Stores) Ltd**, Group Credit Centre, Freepost, PO Box 20, Glasgow, G1 3BR

**IBM Helpclub**, Freepost 680, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1YY

**Jess Miller Fishing Tackle**, Freepost, PO Box 1461, London, W6 0SL (up to letter boxed sized parcels only)

**Lancia** : Freephone Lancia

**Nissan** : 0800 777200

**Norwich Union** : 0800 424242

**Peugot Talbot** : 0800 678800 / 0800 800412

**Procter & Gamble** : Freepost, Dept 5394, Hendon Road, Sunderland SR9 9A

**Renault UK** : 0800 525150 / Freepost PO Box 21, Thame, OXON, OX9 3BR

**Royal Mail** : 0800 444234

**Trust House Forte** : 0800 404040

## Nottingham Earth First!

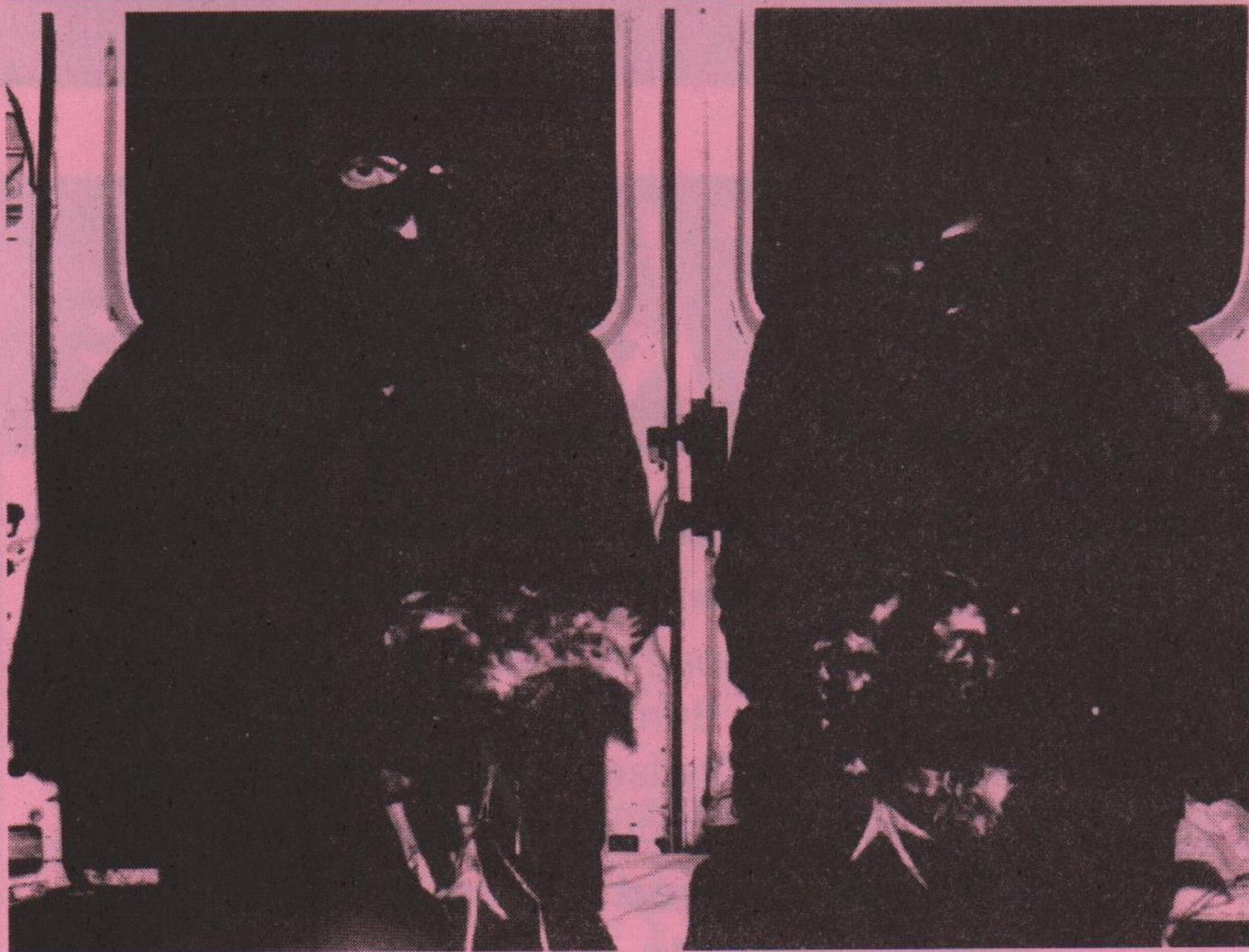
Box E.F!  
180 Mansfield Rd.  
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Next meeting  
July 5th  
7.30pm

Rainbow Centre

Legal, non-violent, direct  
action in defence of the  
environment.

## Chickens Liberated



In early April animal rights activists raided a large chicken shed in Leicestershire. Many hens were rescued and are now in safe homes, away from any danger of being slaughtered for the table.

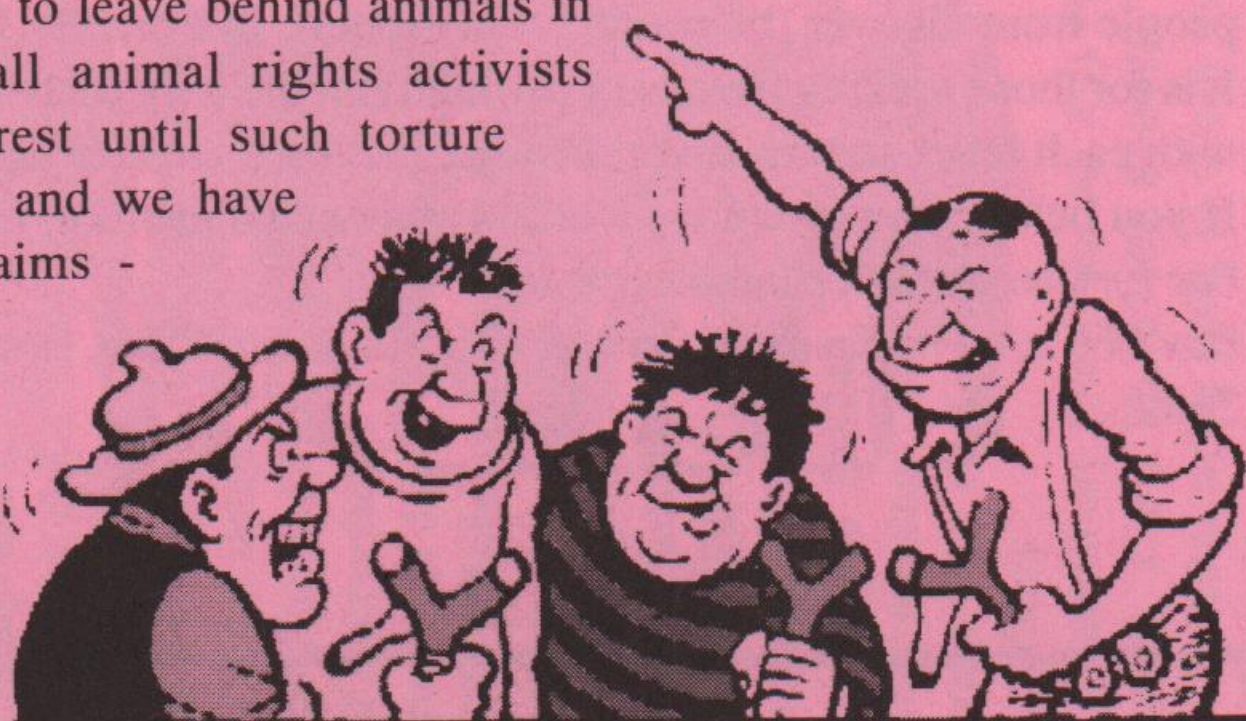
The conditions inside the shed were nauseating - but far from the worst encountered before. The "floor" was a cold metal grid which trapped the birds feet as they tried to walk about. There were a few bars for the hens to roost on but these were crammed full and there were still hundreds more left lying on the floor. Not surprisingly, the stench inside was appalling.

It is distressing to have to leave behind animals in such conditions but all animal rights activists everywhere will not rest until such torture chambers are no more and we have

achieved our aims -

**Animal Liberation!**

Source :  
Received  
anonymously  
through  
the post



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## Prisoners

The people listed below are all in prison for various reasons but all have one thing in common. They need your support. Don't lunch it out because you think someone else will do it, put pen to paper. We will be sending each person on the list this FIN so already you have something to talk about. Time for liberation.

### International :

**Jonathan Paul**, c/o Spokane County Jail, 1100 West Mallon, Spokane, WA 99260, USA

**Peg Millet**, #23118-008, FPC, 37900 N 45th Avenue, Dept. 1785, Phoenix, AZ 85027, USA

**Mark Davis**, #23106-008, FPC, PO Box 1000, Dorm 8, Boron, CA 93516, USA

**Darren Thurston**, 3B, ERC, 9660-104 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T5H 4B5, Canada

**Jenny Wilcox**, 17815, Unit 5 FPRC, 1800 Harmon Ave, Columbus, Ohio, 43224, USA

Fitted up for child abuse despite no evidence and given 5 life sentences.

### United Kingdom

**Chris Cole**, HE2989, HMP Bedford, St Loyes Road, Bedford NR4 0HG

On remand: alleged criminal damage whilst disarming British Aerospace. Christian Ploughshares activist.

**Thomas Frampton**, ER0761 (Jo Tax), HMP Highdown, Hospital Road, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5RJ

Serving 3 months for ABH on 4 Surrey Union Hunt Supporters as the held him down and beat him

**Graham Galloway**, TD 60799, HMP Blundeston, Lowestoft, Suffolk

Fitted up and abused by the system and is fighting back.

**Keith Mann**, c/o ALIU, PO Box 38, Manchester, M60 1NX

In custody since October '91; awaiting sentence for attempted arson, on remand for September, Manchester conspiracy trial; moved very frequently

**Alistair Mullan**, A8028 A Wing, H6, HMP Maze, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, BT27 5RF

Serving 2 years, 3 arson, 1 attempted, 4 criminal damage; parole next few months

**Dave Nelson**, A 8030 A Wing, H6, HMP Maze, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, BT27 5RF

Serving 3½ years, 3 arson, 2 attempted, 7 criminal damage

Above two serving for hits such as Associated Egg Packers - £21,000, Ards Flyfishing Club - £15,000, 2 poultry houses - £2,300, attacks on hunt kennels...

**Eamon O'Donnell**, CX 1344, HMP Wakefield, Love Lane, Wakefield.

Victim of human rights abuses while on remand for alleged arson and criminal damage.

**Sam Remington**, WW 2677, C-Wing, HMP Remand Centre, Forbury Rd, Reading, RG1 3HY

**Raphael Rowe**, MP 3660, HMP gartree, market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7RP

One of the M25 Three, victim of Public Interest Immunity

**Paul Smith**, WN 1294, Dorm 5, HMP Hewell Grange, Tarne Bridge, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6QQ

Bomb hoax at McDonalds

**Chris Tucker**, RR 1914, HMP Brixton, Jebb Ave., London, SW2 5XF

Serving 15 months - affray, smoke bomb in McDonalds

## NAFA

Nottingham Anti Fascist Action are appealing for any information relating to the activities of the fascist skinhead organisation 'Blood and Honour' in the East Midlands area. All information will be treated confidentially.

Write to N.A.F.A. PO Box 179, Nottingham NG1 3AQ.

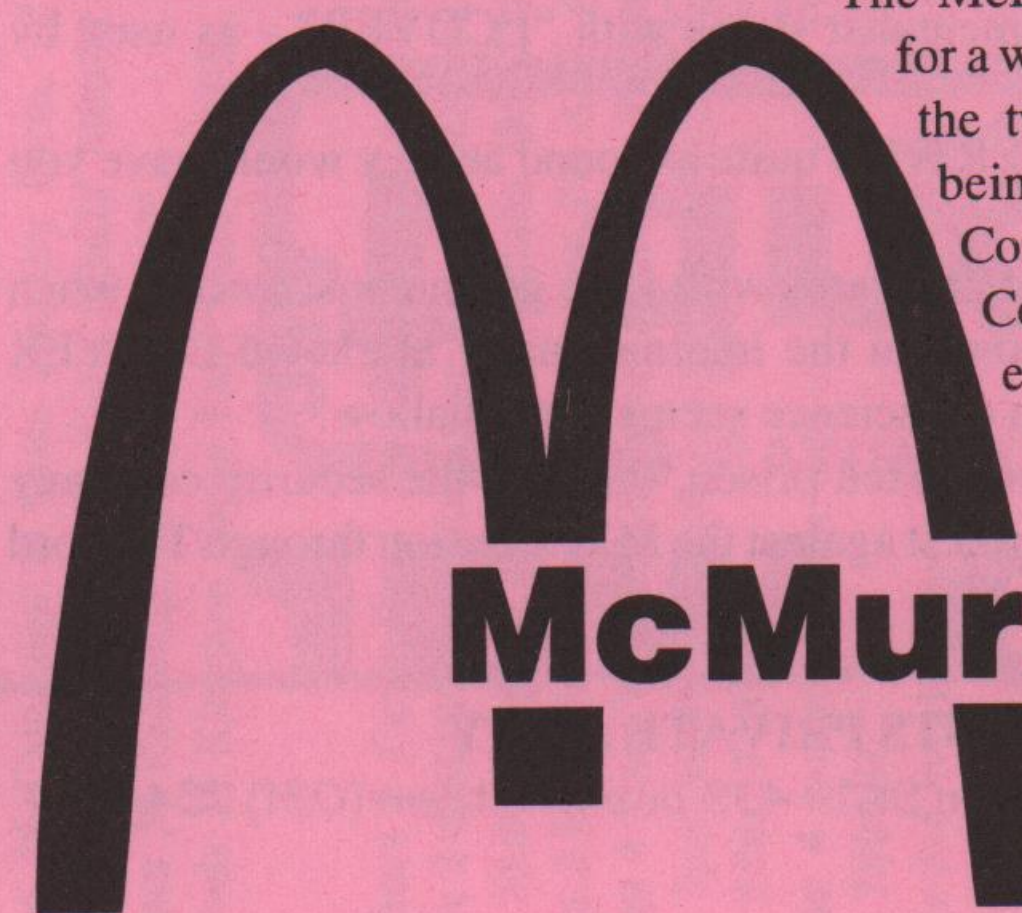


## McLibel

The McLibel Support Campaign are calling for a week of protest before the libel trial of the two London Greenpeace supporters being sued by McDonalds Hamburger Corp. A demo will besiege the High Court on the first day of the trial, expected this Autumn.

McLibel SC, London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1. 081 - 837 7557

Source : Counter Information, Feb 1993





## Twyford Guerrillas strike again

Many people celebrated Beltane at Twyford Down at the invitation of the Dongas tribe - inhabitants of the protest camp near Winchester who have lived close to the land over the winter. As well as having a good time at the camp, many took part in two direct actions against the road construction work of Tarmac (M3 extension cutting a huge swathe straight through the down - see *NottFin* 6). Work on the cutting was completely closed down on the Saturday and on the Monday despite the violence and intimidation of Group 4 hired thugs - one protester was completely run over by a large lorry, his life only being saved by the fact that his body was pushed down into a soft wheel rut in the chalk. On the Monday one of the security guards was himself seriously injured due to the reckless actions of one of his Group 4 colleagues spinning a JCB around. The actions were totally non-violent on the part of the protesters. It was a classic example of the triumph of non-violence over violence - the security didn't know how to react to the brightly coloured, singing protesters who remained good-natured in the face of extreme provocation. Many of them took no active part in the proceedings as a result and many have quit in sympathy, with some of those remaining feeding info. to the protesters on the quiet. Mysteriously over the same weekend, much earth-raping machinery on the site fell victim to 'creative engineering' thought to originate amongst the ELFIn people. These actions go on nearly every day costing Tarmac and the Government millions! If this road is ever completed, it will be at a massive cost and accountants will be forced to build the extra costs of insurance, security and sabotage into their insane, excessive road plans for the rest of this country - over 160 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) are threatened by road building plans.

Contact Twyford Down Alert 0258 73795 (Tapped by Group 4!) and get down there.

### CARMAGEDDON

"I regard Henry Ford as my inspiration" Adolf Hitler, Detroit News, 31 Dec. 1931.

## Fur & Leather go together!

Most people will have heard by now about the demise of Lynx, the highly successful anti-fur organisation, based in Nottingham. Their high profile legal campaign, in conjunction with the ALF's campaign of economic sabotage, decimated the fur industry in the eighties. No longer was it considered cool and fashionable to wear an animal skin on a human back. In fact, many leading celebrities and models actually took an active part in their campaign. However, in an article published by Lynx they described a fur farm as a "hell hole". The owner sued and Lynx lost. Unable to pay the huge fines and legal fees the organisation folded.

A lot of people, although sad at the loss, feel that the battle has already been won and that fur is no longer an issue. **How wrong they are!**

Fur imports into this country are starting to increase again and many designers are beginning to use it in their clothing again. After years of Nottingham being a fur-free zone (since the ALF persuaded the city's department stores to close their fur departments in the 80's) fur is making a comeback.

Shoes and boots lined with rabbit fur are openly being sold. The Dolcis chain of shoe stores are also meant to be carrying fur lined boots in their stores. Blacks, the camping shop on Shakespeare Street, are supposedly retailing jackets lined with a fox fur trim. All over the country fur is creeping back into peoples lives.

A new organisation has been set up to campaign specifically against the trade in animal skins. It is known as the Campaign Against Fur & Leather, or CALF for short. Run by long time committed animal rights campaigners it intends a hard hitting, no-nonsense style and is dedicated to exposing the cruelty and horror of **all** animal skin products.

Many people may feel uncomfortable with this. Whilst Lynx enjoyed mass support they only campaigned against the fur trade. However, this is only a small part of the animal skin industry. Leather is used in so many different ways in every aspect of life that people seem to ignore what it actually is.

**Leather is simply fur with the hair scraped away.**

What is the difference between a fur coat and a leather jacket? They are both the skins of a dead animal and both are unnecessary luxury items of clothing (and don't any bikers start going on about how essential they are - I know a lot of people who ride motorbikes and avoid wearing leather jackets.)

An often handed out excuse is that a leather jacket is only a by-product of the meat industry and is thus somehow acceptable. *Crap!* Leather is an integral part of the whole animal abuse story. Over a quarter of an abattoirs profits come from non-meat products. The skins, bones and blood are all ripped out of the corpse and sold for a profit.

The same goes for leather footwear. It is **not** necessary, you can get perfectly good non-leather footwear these days from the majority of shoe shops. There are even companies that produce specialist, non-leather, handmade shoes at reasonable prices. They are made of top quality materials and are made to last.

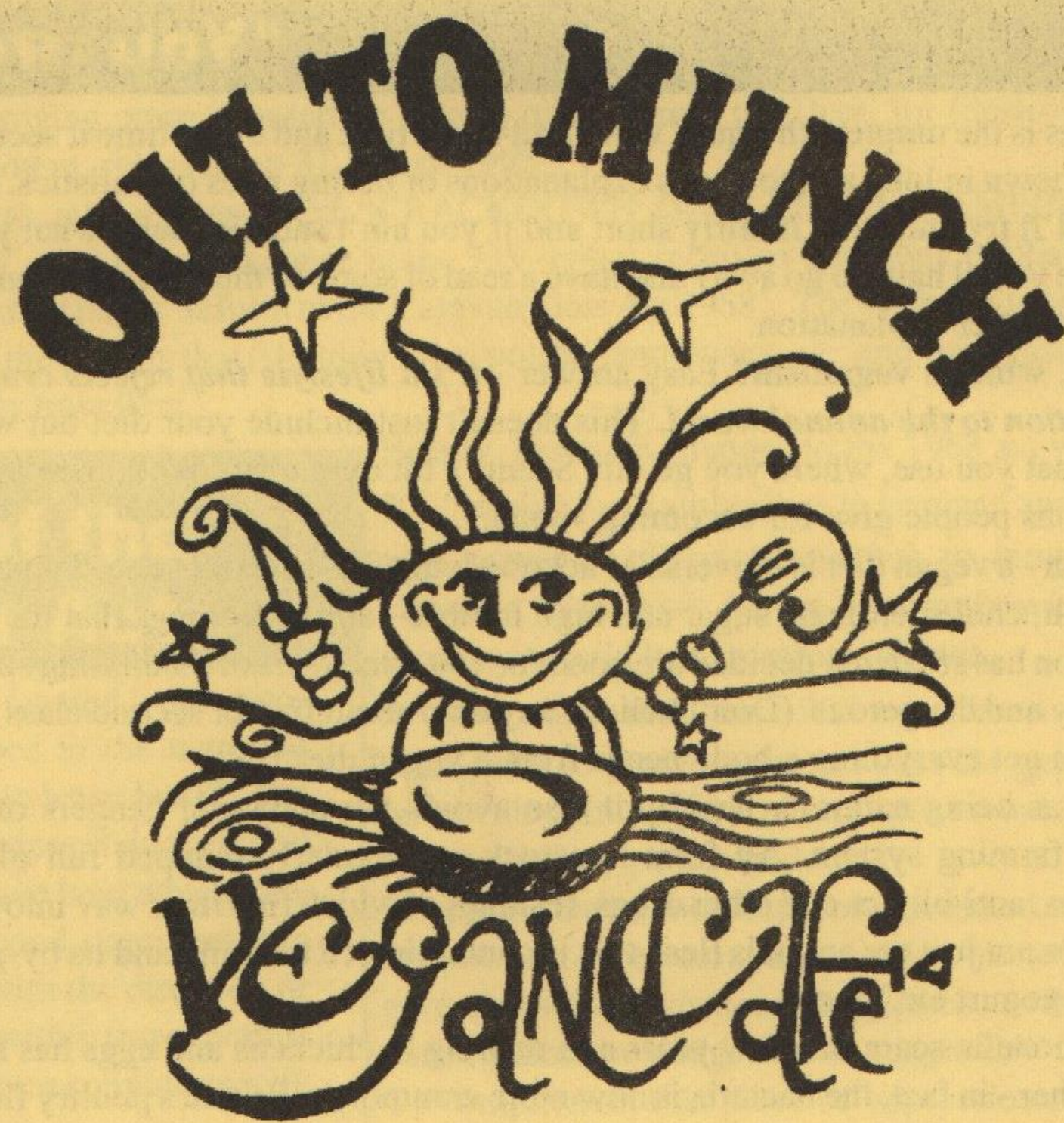
Why buy any leather goods at all? It is not exactly difficult to find non-leather bags, belts or anything else.

So, look into your own hearts everyone and see the hypocrisy that lies there. If you don't support the fur trade then don't support the leather trade. You know it makes sense!!

For further information contact: CALF, BM Box 8889, London. WC1N 3XX

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## What Is Happening?



Smokescreen have got their ass in 'illegal' gear (as usual) with three successive free parties last month in Sheffield. They have taken their music and distinct lack of attitude into the Sadmac Club with guests from DIY and elsewhere.

There are **many more** freebies in the pipeline with private land offered from Leeds to Derby.

For information keep your ear tuned to the mud and feet on the ground.

## Obscene or Just Plain Sexist?

On a number of recent occasions it has been suggested to me that the word 'cunt' is a sexist word and non-sexist people should not use it.

This is something I completely disagree with. The c-word to me is merely another swear word, yet it is singled out for special consideration. When people use the words 'sod' or 'bugger' they are not accused of being homophobic, yet these words can be a degrading description of anal sex. When people use the word 'bastard' no-one jumps up and down and suggests an outbreak of christian morality - children being bastards if born out of wedlock.

The reason for this, I would suggest, is that people rarely mean the dictionary definition of a slang word when they use it. Words are dependant in meaning on their context, not their literal definition. Lenny Bruce, an American comedian continually arrested for obscenity, made this point in one of his court defences. He referred to Websters Third Unabridged Dictionary, in which 'bullshit' means nonsense, not bull poo, and 'prick' means a disagreeable person, not a penis. Also, 'fuck you' does not mean 'intercourse you' - of course it doesn't.

Words will only make sense if taken in context and considered in a contemporary way. That is why 'motherfucker' might seem a horrible word to some people, but in certain contexts it could be seen as a term of endearment. That is why the c-word is not in itself sexist. **It can only be sexist when used in a sexist context.** When somebody says 'cunt', do they mean vagina? If someone says 'This bloke twatted me with an iron bar', do they mean that they had somehow been 'clitorised' with an iron bar? Of course they don't.

Swear words have a multitude of meanings, very few refer to their original Old English definitions. The hype surrounding the c-word I believe stems from middle class intellectuals creating a guilt image, in the minds of others, of something that is wrong. Something that is somehow sexist. All they are succeeding in doing is building language prisons as they try to hide their own personal distaste for crude language. There is no reason why the word 'cunt' should be seen as different to the word 'fuck' or 'bugger'. Swear words speak for emotions which few other words can ever manage. If we let other people's ignorance remove them from our vocabulary we censor our self expression and suppress our emotions.



Watch Out - Police About!



## "You are what you eat"

Well, this is the umpteenth time I've started this article and every time it seems to get bogged down in long and tortuous explanations or boring piles of statistics. So, fuck all that, I'll try and keep it fairly short and if you ain't satisfied with what you have read here you'll have to go away and have a read of some of the stuff mentioned at the end for a better explanation.

First off, **what is veganism?** Easy answer - *it's a lifestyle that rejects cruelty and exploitation to the animal world.* This doesn't just include your diet but what you wear, what you use, where you go etc. Seems a bit extremist? Well, here's a few of the reasons people give for becoming vegan.

**1) Health** - a vegan diet is universally acknowledged as a healthy one. Typically low in fat, salt, cholesterol and sugar and high in fibre - all those things that the medical profession has suddenly decided are good for you after years of dismissing such a diet as cranky and dangerous. (Don't believe any crap about first or second class proteins - you can get everything a body needs from a vegan diet.)

As well as being naturally healthy it also avoids the unnatural dangers of today's modern farming system. All farm livestock are regularly pumped full of growth hormones, anti-biotics and other drugs, residues of which find their way into the food chain. It's not just the animals flesh that is contaminated but milk and its by-products (cheese, yogurt etc.) too.

The salmonella scare of a few years ago relating to chickens and eggs has not gone away either - in fact, the bacteria is now more common in Britain's poultry flock than it ever was when Edwina Currie was making a name for herself.

**2) Animal Rights** - A very personal one this. Put simply, no one has any right to use an animal for their own purposes. *There is no need to eat meat or milk a cow or steal a chickens eggs.* You can get all of your dietary needs without exploiting animals. *There is no need to have products made from animal skins or bones, suitable alternatives are nearly always available (about the only exception I can think of is photographic film which contains gelatin.)* *There is no need to have toothpaste or any other toiletry that contains animal products or has been tested on animals.* *There is no need to have animals performing on racetracks or in the circus ring for our 'entertainment'.*

Most people will say that they are opposed to cruelty to animals but their whole diet and lifestyle is based on this cruelty. Take the modern dairy cow for instance. Milk production in a cow is for exactly the same reason as milk production in a human - feeding the young. The same processes have to be carried out. The female must be pregnant to start lactation. As the milk is wanted for human consumption then the calf is removed after a few days suckling and either reared as another milk machine, sent to stud or fattened for food, often in the veal crates. Milk is extracted from the cow twice a day but will eventually dry up - just as in humans. The only way to get more milk is for the cow to be made pregnant again. So we have the situation where a dairy cow is continually forced into pregnancy and then has the calf removed every time. This cycle continues for up to about five years maximum before the exhausted cows yields drop. Don't think it then retires to a nice green field - as soon as it becomes uneconomic then it is off to the slaughterhouse. So, whenever you drink milk, eat cheese, have your milk chocolate sweeties or whatever with whey powder in you are supporting this system. **You don't support cruelty to animals? Don't make I laugh!**

**3) Economics** - easy one to deal with. lb for lb, **animal derived protein is more expensive than vegan protein sources** (nuts/pulses/grains). End of story diet wise. Non-food vegan items may be more expensive but this is only due to the economies of scale of production. The more people start using them then the cheaper they will become.

On a larger scale, the industrial rearing of animal protein requires more money and land than would be needed for the same amount of vegan protein. So cut out the crap excuses about not being able to afford being a vegan everyone!

**4) Environmental** - Another easy one. Rainforests are cut down for cattle ranches (often for burger chains), all over the world more land is being taken up for animal protein rearing than would be necessary if vegan protein were grown, land is being taken up growing food for animals rather than growing food for humans, the animals themselves generate vast amounts of waste which has to be disposed off and which often ends up polluting the land and water supply, the processing of these animals into consumer ready carcasses also produces a vast amount of pollution etc. etc. Basically, **animal production means environmental destruction.** *All those farty cows are adding to the greenhouse effect too!*

**5) Religious** - Many religions have a reverence for all life which means that their adherents refrain from taking it. Perhaps the most extreme example are the Jains, a Buddhist sect. Some priests wear masks to prevent them swallowing insects and have the floor in front of them swept to avoid stepping on things. Even Christianity has its vegan adherents (though from reading their literature I think they've got serious hang-ups!)

Well, there's a few reasons for being vegan but there are plenty more than I have space for here.

All the way through I've emphasised that this is about a vegan lifestyle **NOT** a vegetarian one. Whilst becoming a vegetarian can be a positive step it should never be an end point. **A vegetarian diet supports milk production and its attendant horrors and it supports the egg industry.** Whilst many vegetarians plead that they eat only free-range eggs this production method is far from humane. As soon as a hens egg output falls it's a wring of the neck

and curtains time. Some eggs are obviously kept and hatched to

replenish the stock of birds. About fifty percent of the chicks will be males - not much use for laying eggs are they and their aren't many opportunities down the dole office for ex-free-range chickens. The usual method of slaughter is suffocation or drowning. **Free-range = cruelty-free? Bollocks!**

Becoming a vegan isn't difficult. At the beginning you may worry about what to eat all the time but it soon becomes automatic.

Veganism is often seen as a form of denial, as a 'giving-up' of something. Well, I wouldn't argue with that. By rejecting an animal-based diet you are giving up the toxins and poisons injected into food animals every day, you are giving up the massive waste of the planets resources for animal protein production and you are most certainly giving up the cruel and unnecessary slaughter of millions of animals worldwide who are killed just to satisfy the taste buds.

For further information on veganism then check out some of the following sources:

**The Vegan Society, 7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, E. Sussex. TN37 7AA**

**Vegan Nutrition, Gill Langley, c/o The Vegan Society etc.**

**Animal Liberation, Peter Singer, Thorsons, Wellingborough, 1983**

**Food for a Future, John Wynne-Tyson, Centaur Press, 1979**

**Veggies Ltd, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. NG1 3HW 0602 585 666**

There is masses of information and advice about diet and cruelty in the Rainbow Centre library. You can go in and peruse it at your leisure and the people down there aren't all weirdos or vegan fascists. Ask and they'll be happy to help you.

Eating out is pretty easy if you are vegan, most restaurants these days offer a choice. If you haven't already then toddle off down to Out To Munch (above Hiziki in Hockley) an exclusively vegan and highly successful and tasty cafe. (That must be a worth a free piece of cake for me at least!)

**Support the animal abuse industry or go vegan - the choice is yours!**

## Sab Killed

The following statement has been released by the Hunt Saboteurs who were present at the tragic death of **Tom Worby**. The incident occurred at a meet of the **Cambridgeshire Hunt**, at Low Farm in the Everton area as Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

About forty sabs from Thames Valley, Northampton and Bedford & Cambs. turned up for the Cambridgeshire Hunt's last meet of the season. Once sabs had tracked down the exact whereabouts of the hunt, they proceeded to call hounds out of covert. After this had happened, the hunt simply gathered their hounds by the edge of the covert, refusing to continue until the sabs left. Here they remained for about an hour, during which time the atmosphere was quite friendly, with one sab even helping a hunt master back onto his horse.

The hunt then appeared too be heading back to the meet, so sabs walked across the field onto a track leading to the main road. Further down the track, the hunt had boxed up their hounds. As saboteurs made their way up the track, the hunt hound van, a 7.5 tonne truck, drove up behind them and started to 'nudge' them as they walked.

The driver then started to rev. the engine to get the sabs to move. The vehicle rapidly picked up speed, and the group of saboteurs scrambled to get out of its path.

In attempting to avoid being run down, Tom Worby ran to the side and became trapped between the 18 inch high grass bank and the left hand side of the truck. As the vehicle sped past, its wing mirror caught him and he was dragged some distance before managing to get a foothold on the running board to steady himself. He was, by this time, obviously in great pain and frantically hammering on the side window of the van and shouting in an attempt to get the driver to slow down and stop.

The other saboteurs present had seen what was happening and were shouting at Tom to jump clear, while also screaming at the van driver and frantically waving for him to stop. The next thing they saw was Tom's grip appear to go limp as he slipped, rebounded from the bank and rolled under the vehicle. His head was directly in the path of the van's rear wheels which dealt him such severe injury that he must have died almost instantaneously.

Sabs were still shouting at the driver of the van to stop - and trying to make him realise what had happened, all to no avail as the vehicle sped off.

Some of the sabs present rushed over to where Tom lay in an attempt to try to resuscitate him, others ran off to get medical assistance. Three hunt riders were close by and sabs implored them to ride off to call an ambulance, this they were most reluctant to do, preferring to amble slowly away. In desperation, some of the sabs ran up the track towards the main road. As they did so, they saw a police car approaching. The officer was quickly informed of the situation and asked to call an ambulance, which he did in due course.

The sabs attempted to reach the road were subjected to abuse and taunts from aggressive hunt supporters. One sab put down his walking stick and attempted to explain to the hunt supporters what had happened, only to be met by a barrage of laughter as they were quite obviously pleased that one of the "enemy" - a saboteur - had been killed.

It must be added that the action taken by the van driver, Huntsman **Tony Ball**, is yet another example of his consistently violent attitude towards hunt saboteurs which has been steadily increasing over the years.



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## Who Owns Britain?

Source : People's Land Group Newsletter, Winter 1992

Britain's largest landowner is the **Forestry Commission** with 2,878,785 acres. In theory the Commission manages its lands in accordance with the interests of the people. Yet they do not represent the people. Five of the seven men who have chaired the Commission since it was founded in 1919 (to ensure Britain was sufficient in timber in case of war) have also been private land owners. The Forestry Commission have been responsible for the encouragement and plantation of thousands of acres of regimented conifers - by the middle of next the century, if the policy continues, 3 million acres will be covered by money making conifers at the expense of our own ancient copses and native trees. Instead of encouraging the age old practises of pollarding and coppicing and the promotion and maintenance of our own species of trees, modern forestry imposes its own environment and is run on industrial lines. These conifers are all planted at the same time and chopped down at the same time. A heath, a deciduous wood - whatever the ill fated spot - is felled and cleared, and the ploughed to a depth of 18 to 29 inches. The crop of trees is planted. The area is then sprayed with herbicide to suppress any plants that might compete with the saplings which are force fertilized to make them grow quickly. After 35 years they are chopped down. There is no concern for the wood as a natural habitat. Fir is the food plant for only 16 different insects compared to 284 that live in oak. So you find less birds. They shelter far fewer secondary plants - you will not find hazel, holly, rowan, elder, willow or dogwood among the fir forests. Many of the natural woods that have been felled in favour of firs were ancient woodlands with origins that were pre-man. Leicestershire, Pembrokeshire, Lincolnshire, Gwynedd, Clywd, Somerset and Cornwall have lost 50% of their ancient woodlands since 1945.

Many private land owners derive a major part of their income from forestry. The Forestry Act 1981 allows the Forestry Commission to sell off massive tracts of land into private hands, and the government trend at the moment is to encourage forestation; it reaps tax benefits as well as timber. Archeological sites, landforms, moorland habitats and many more are all sacrificed.

Most of the pathways through Commission land are *permissive paths* and not rights of way.

**Public bodies.** In 1985, the ministry of Defence owned 561,710 acres - including 206 tenanted farms. Substantial tracts are owned by local authorities, water companies, electricity generators, the coal board, the waterways board and British rail. But the holding of all these only amounts to 12.6% of the surface of the island. The trend at the moment is the release of land into the private sector.

**Financial institutions.** These comprise Property Unit Trusts, insurance companies and pension funds. They go mainly for agricultural land. They own about 4% of Britain. The land is usually obtained and used without public consent and run by farming firms who employ intensive farming methods to reap as much profit as possible for their shareholders.

**The Aristocracy** are still a ruling force in this country. They own a third of the island. Their prevalent attitude is that they have a right to the land and a right to do what they please with it. By intermarriage, exclusive social circles and primogeniture (all wealth inherited by the first born instead of being split up among all the offspring) they ensure that ownership of land is kept within the family. Forestry, farming, gaming and fishing permits, tourism, mineral resources and rents are all ways in which they exert and exploit their privileges. Many have several scattered estates and properties.

A typical specimen is the 10th Duke of Northumberland. Thirty miles from Newcastle he looks down on his 105,000 acres from his home in Alnwick Castle. He has 3000 acres of front and back garden plus 51 and a half miles of the river Aln that passes through it. At the bottom of his garden he has a forest managed partly for timber and partly as cover for pheasants. Two monastery ruins are amongst his historic monuments. Beyond his garden and down towards the coastline are the coal seams that provided much of the estate's income in the 19th century. He also has 167 tenanted farms, 620 houses in 13 villages, more forest, grouse moors and more stretches of the River Aln. This is 'Home Sweet Home' but it doesn't stop there. 3,500 acres in Surrey which encompasses farms and forestry plantations, much beautiful countryside, private parkland, a sawmill and sand quarry and estate cottages. Whilst visiting London home is Syon House, a mansion set in a 200 acre park. He is not the richest! And don't forget - **his grandad stole it for him from your grandparents.**

For further information about the People's Land Group write to:

People's Land Group, 58 Clarence Street, Burnley, Lancs.

## Go Underground



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Want info? Send an S.A.E. to : PO Box 613, London SE22

## Police and Group 4 unite in motorway protest

Hampshire Constabulary and Group 4 security guards were united in a failed effort to prevent a motorway protest.

Hundreds of demonstrators disrupted work on the controversial M3 motorway extension near Winchester.

Around 150 Group 4 guards, employed by the motorway contractors to protect the site, joined forces with more than 200 Hampshire officers at the height of the protest, but demonstrators broke through razor wire fences before climbing onto a 30ft high bridge. The bridge was being moved to link two parts of the £35 million motorway extension at Twyford Down.

The road has been the cause of protest for more than 10 years by environmentalists, who maintain that areas of natural beauty will be destroyed. After a five hour sit-in by protesters, officers eventually scaled the bridge themselves to pull them down. Superintendent Stogdon said: "There was a certain degree of co-operation between us and Group 4 but the company has its own command structure and did not operate under our control."

Source : Police Review  
28th May 93

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## Council Under Siege

Angry gays and lesbians besieged Nottingham's symbol of civic majesty, the Council House in the Market Square, on Saturday 24th May to protest at the death threat letter sent to the OUT HOUSE Project, the lesbian and gay centre co-op, by an anonymous City Councillor.

A confident and noisy procession had marched from Hockley through streets thronged by curious shoppers. At the head were sombrely dressed pall bearers carrying aloft a black coffin with the words 'Here lay the remains of Nottingham City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy' inscribed in silver on the top with gay and lesbian emblems on the sides.

To cheers, catcalls, shrieks, whistles and chants of "We're here, we're Queer and we're not going shopping", the Council House was put under siege for half an hour as the "Community Safety Day" inside was coming to an end.

Speeches were made by the OUT HOUSE Project and by OUTRAGE, who had organised the demonstration. Noreen Baker, Labour Cllr for Bulwell, also came out and gave her support. Then, with heads bowed, the pall bearers held the coffin high and the assembled throng gave a minute's silence for the death of Equal Opportunities before the coffin was carried up the steps and stood end up in front of the locked glass doors of the Council House.

An earlier demonstration had taken place there to coincide with the Council Meeting on Monday 5th May. Equally well attended, that event had concentrated on getting the Council Leader, Betty Higgins, to come out and explain the Council's failure to expose the death threat councillor. But despite chants of "Betty, Betty, Betty, Out, Out, Out!" Betty had stayed in, in, in. Cllr Noreen Baker had accepted the "Bernard Manning Equal Opportunities Award", which she later presented to Cllr Higgins. Fifteen of the protesters had already taken the message inside, unfurled a banner over the gallery into the Council Chamber and held a fifteen minute silent protest.

Betty Higgins was deposed as Council Leader soon after the protest - though OUTRAGE is no claiming all the credit.

Source : outright!, May 1993

## Divide and School

My teacher is like a battle tank  
Roaring at the enemy  
The enemy is us  
And the roaring is the lessons.  
He keeps us in a prison camp  
Torturing us each day  
And he will keep on torturing us  
Till our minds are worn away.

Anon. 12 year old boy.

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Write to : Babel Burble's, Box No. 8, 118 Mansfield Road, Nottingham.





# Contacts Listing

Security: Be warned that many of these organisations/publications listed below are considered worthy of the attention of the powers that be, so you should be aware that any contact with them may be monitored and act accordingly. Remember just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean they're not watching.

## Groups etc.

**Advisory Service For Squatters**, 2 St.Pauls Rd., Islington, London, N1. Tel. **071 359 8814**.

**Animal Aid**, 7 Castle St., Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1BH. **0732 364546**.

**Anti Fascist Action Northern Network**, Box 151, 52 Call Lane, Leeds LS1 6DT

**Anti-Nuclear Network**, c/o 265 Seven Sisters Rd., London, N42DE. Federation of local autonomous groups opposed to nuclear power.

**AK Distribution**, 3 Balmoral Place, Stirling FK8 2RD.

**ALF Press Office**: BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX. **0836 310763**.

**ALF Support Group**, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

**Attack International**, BM 6577, London WC1N 3XX.

**Campaign Against Leather and Fur**, PO Box 17, 198 Blackstock Rd., London N5 1EN.

**Campaign Against The Child Support Act**, PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU. **071 833 4817**.

**Catalyst Collective Ltd.**, 82 Andover St., Burngreave, Sheffield S3 9EH.

**Compassion in World Farming**, 20 Lavant St., Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3EW. **0730 64208**.

**Class War**, PO Box 496, Glasgow G14 0PG. PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW.

**Direct Action Movement - IWA**, PO Box 29, SW PD0, Manchester M15.

**Flamingoland Dolphin Campaign**, PO Box 11, S.E.D.O., Manchester M18 8GU.

**German Anti-Racism Info**, Siewall 38, 2800 Bremen, Germany

**Glastonbury Assembly Rooms**, High St., Glastonbury **0453 34677**; Shares £500.

**Green Federation**, c/o The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd L57 1AX.

**Greenpeace (London)**, office 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1. Fighting McDonalds libel writs. Support needed for McLibel Support Campaign, also Anti-car Reclaim the Streets Campaign.

**Human Rights for Child Abuse Survivors**, c/o M. Charles, 27 Old Gloucester St., London WC1N 3XX. SAE for further info.

**League Against Cruel Sports**, 83-87 Union St., London SE1 1SG..

**Legalise Cannabis Campaign**, BM Box 2455, London WC1N 3XX.

**Lesbian Line**, Mon - Weds, 7-9 pm, **0602 410652**

**Living Land Project**, 122 Charles Barry Crescent, Hulme, Manchester M15 5DW. Aiming to buy smallholding for veganic farming project. Loans required.

**Lothian Campaign Against Racism and Fascism**, PO Box 474, Edinburgh EH11 2QT.

**Merseyside Green Anarchist/Earth First!**, c/o Green Group, PO Box 187, 160 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L69 7BR.

**Movement for Compassionate Living** (The Vegan Way), 47 Highlands Rd., Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8NQ.

**Musicians Network**, c/o 29 Brackan House, Watts Grove, Bow, London, E3 3RG. **071 515 4205**. Open meetings 2nd Tuesday every month.

**Nottingham Anti Fascist Action**, PO Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ.

**National Anti Vivisection Society (NAVS)**, 261 Goldhawk Rd., London W12 9PE.

**National Claimants Federation**, c/o Swindon Unemployed Movement, 37a Regent St., Swindon, Wilts. **0793 615773**.

**Nottm Bisexual Group**, for everyone attracted to both men & women, meeting 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month 8pm Room 3 I.C.C. Ffi Box B, Hiziki, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottm NG1 1FE.

**Nottingham Charter 88**, 21 Bosworth Walk, The Meadows, Nottingham.

**Nottingham Community Arts (NCA) Resources**,

courses etc. 39 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green. **0602 782463**.

**Nottingham Conviction**, Box Conviction, Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW.

**Notts. CND 0602 588586**.

**Nottingham Earth First!**, Box EF!, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham, NG1 3HW.

**Nottingham Friends of the Earth**. Central Library, Angel Row 2nd Thurs. each month 7.30-9.30. Free. Local contact Alex Howe **0602 845984**.

**Nottm. Greenpeace**. 1st Mon. each month, Narrowboat 8pm. Contact: Richard Brown **0602 208185**.

**Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs**. **0602 590357**.

**Nottingham Motorcycle Action Group**, Andy Bailey, 24 Bodmin Drive, Aspley, Nottingham NG8 5LG.

**Nottingham MOVE** (Men Overcoming Violence) **0602 272426**.

**PADRAS**, c/o 96, Church Rd, Redfield, Bristol, 5.

**Paganlink Network**. For info., events etc., contact John Male, 25 East Hill, Dartford, Kent, **0322 288110** or Anne Barrowcliffe, c/o Box Q, 34 Cowley Rd., Oxford.

**Peoples Land Group**, 1 Kingsbench St., Hull, HU3 2TW. £3/yr. for newsletter. Membership free. Land trust with a fund of over £6000 so far.

**Radical Routes Network**, 24 South Road, Hockley, B'ham B8. Secondary co-op of radical collectives / co-ops.

**The Rainbow Centre**. Resource centre, shop and library. 180 Mansfield Road. Open Mon-Fri 10-5. **0602 585666**. Video evening on environ. issues, human rights, peace etc. 4th Wednesday every month 7pm. Ring for programme.

**Red Rope** - Socialist Walkers and Climbers. Margaret Johnson 0602 704471, Jake Jackson **0602 232410**.

**Refugees Ad Hoc Committee for Asylum Rights**. Tel **071 738 6408**

**Release**. 24hr. confidential advice and helpline on drugs and legal matters. **071 603 8654**, Office **071 729 9904**.

**Save The Green Belt**, Guy Jones, **0602 706699**

**Sea Shepherd**, PO Box 5, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2PY.

**Skool Bus**. Travellers' school. c/o 206 Lawford Rd., Rugby, CV21 2HS - send donations etc.

**Sheffield Earth First!**, c/o Green Movement/Student Union, Uni. of Sheffield, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TG. **0742 660894**.

**Shelter nightline**. Emergency housing help outside office hours. Freephone **0800 446 441**.

**South Downs Earth First!**, c/o Prior House, Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY. SAE for newsletter.

**Southall Monitoring Group (anti-racist attacks)**, 6a South Rd., Southall, Middlesex, UB1 1RT Tel **081 843 2333**

**Squatters Action For Secure Homes (SQUASH)**. Meetings in London on alternate Thursdays. **071 359 8814** or **071 8377580** for further info.

**Stonehenge Campaign**, c/o 99 Torriano Ave., London, NW5 2RX.

**Subculture Alternatives Freedom Foundation (SAFF)**, 6-8 Burley Lodge Rd., Leeds, W.Yorks., LS6 1QP. Safeguarding the right to freedom of belief for religious and philosophical minorities.

**Travellers Aid Trust (TAT)** 41 Littledown View, Great Durnford, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**Vegan Bikers Association**, 48 Hawkins Hall Lane, Datchworth, Knebworth, Herts. SG3 6TE.

**Vegan Community Project**, 31 Caerau Rd., Caerau Rd., Maesteg, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF34 0FB.

**Vegan Society**, 7 Battle Rd., St.Leonards-on-Sea, E.Sussex, TN37 7AA. **0424 427393**.

**Veggies** (Vegan catering), Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. **0602 585666**.

## Publications

**Arkangel**, £1.80 from BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX.

**Counter Information**, PigeonHole CL, c/o 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1, Scotland.

**Dogzine**: c/o 32 Hill Rd., Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 1JZ.

**Do or Die** - A voice of British Earth First! (excellent magazine). SDEF!, c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY. **0273 683205**.

**Green Anarchist**, Box ZZ, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford OX4 1RQ.

**Greenleaf**, c/o George Firsoff, 96 Church Rd., Bristol 5 - quarterly journal of Robins Greenwood Gang. November Issue, 60p + large SAE. Ethnic cleansing - UK, Stonehenge conference group, paganism, Cornish dreamtime, news etc.

**GuilFin**, PO box 217, Guildford, Surrey.

**Hoblink**, Box 1, 13 Merrivale Rd., Stafford, ST17 9EB - Newsletter of the national network for gay and lesbian and bisexual pagans, £5 waged / £2 unwaged per annum.

**Isis Brum Fin**, c/o 29 Silverton Cres., Moseley, Birmingham B13 9ND.

**Lobster**, State secrets exposed, £2 from 214 Westbourne Ave., Hull HU5 3JB.

**London Fin**, c/o 99 Torriano Ave, London NW5 2RX.

**MerseyFin**, PO box 110, Liverpool, L69 6AU.

**Monolith News/Legalise Stonehenge Campaign**, P.O. Box 4, Syston, Leics. LE7 4RD.

**Outlook**, 87 Kirkstall Ave., London SW2 4HE. Nov/Dec Issue 24, £1.20 + 30p p&p; sabotage, security services, balkans, music, reviews etc.

**Oxfin**, 21 Cave St., OX4 1BA. Tel. **0865 790673 / 240545**.

**Sheffin**, c/o The Ecology Co. 199 Crookes Valley Road, Sheffield S10 1BA.

**SQUALL**, c/o 2 St.Pauls Rd., London N1 2QN. Magazine for the Squatter/Homeless. Nov/Dec Issue 3, FREE (send A5 SAE); travellers, reactions of official bodies to the intended criminalisation of squatting, action letters etc.

**Support Animal Rights Prisoners (SARP)**, PO Box 96, Northampton NN5 5JT. Free newsletter, donations needed.

**Taking Liberties**, PO Box 446, Sheffield, S.Yorks.- Magazine of The Northern Anarchist Black Cross.

**Tribal Messenger** c/o John Pendragon, Box 21, 118 Grosvenor Rd., St.Pauls Rd., Bristol. Magazine £2.50 inc. p&p.

**Turning Point (Animal Rights)** £1.50 + SAE to PO Box 45, Northolt, Middx, UB5 6SZ.

**Ugly Fanzine**, (50p) Anton, c/o The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Gailey, Staffs.

**Underground** (free bi-monthly newspaper), sae to PO Box 613, London SE22.

## Badger digging update

You may remember in the last FIN, we reported on the trial and conviction of 4 badger diggers from the Mansfield area. All were fined £500. One of the defendants, Wayne Coupe, has since been sentenced to 3 months in prison on the charge of illegal possession of dead badgers. After the trial, the magistrate ruled the 12 dogs found in the possession of the men when they were arrested and kept in kennels whilst the trial was pending, should be returned to them. Unfortunately for them, at the same time as he was making his ruling, the dogs mysteriously disappeared from the kennels. The ALF are suspected to have carried out this public service. The loss of their terriers, lurchers etc. is likely to affect the attitude and activities of these bastards far more than a £500 fine.



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## Festie time again - Ethnic Cleansing UK.

The start of the summer has seen the predictable over reaction of the police, politicians and media to travellers attempting to gather peaceably on common land for a free festival. The Beltane festival at the start of May was prevented with a massive police operation in the Stratford area. 90 vehicles were evicted from Coombe Farm near Stratford by 260 police officers. There were also unconfirmed reports at the time of vigilante groups trashing vehicles in this area. At the same time, a small free party adjacent to the Dongas protest camp at Wiltshire was closed down by a large no. of Hampshire police in full riot gear, who illegally confiscated the sound system. Officers were seen with video cameras, and some with what appeared to be gas cylinders strapped to their back?

The next major fezzie, the Avon Free, was prevented using the usual tactics of harassment and illegal road blocks in a police operation estimated to have cost over £5 million! On the 29 May the Northbound M5 was blocked by 100 traveller's vehicles on the Avon/Gloucestershire border - later pushed on to disused Strensham services for the night. On the next day 80 vehicles stopped on the Southbound M5 as the police blocked off 16 miles of the motorway on a Bank Holiday. The police **not the travellers** blocked the motorway and at least three junctions prior to this. They then closed the opposite carriageway to prevent the general public witnessing what followed. The travellers confronted with riot police were forced to park in single file on the hard shoulder "or we will trash your vehicles" and were then made to disperse in small groups. As usual the police and straight media turned this round with reports of travellers throwing stones at the police (Of course the M5 is littered with handy stones). In fact the only 'missile' was a bunch of flowers offered to the police, which they refused. The police have also been briefing the media on their tactics and 'the enemy'. The police apparently have a operation centre at Devizes in Wiltshire, from where they monitor the reports from 26 forces in the south, on the location of travellers. A similar centre in Penrith in Cumbria, covers the north. Travellers are constantly photographed, video taped and monitored with directional microphones and there are reports of infiltration of traveller groups by the police, although this may just be a rumour started to sow the seeds of mistrust. Julia Pollock legal adviser to the Country Landowners Association says that their members can now get emergency injunctions against named travellers within 24 hours, courtesy of the police. The General Secretary of the civil rights group Liberty stated "There clearly is police harassment of travellers. Police intelligence should not be keeping tabs on people who have not committed a criminal offence." The police are managing to portray the travellers as highly organised groups using radios, faxes, mobile phones and scanners, all of which is clearly bollocks.

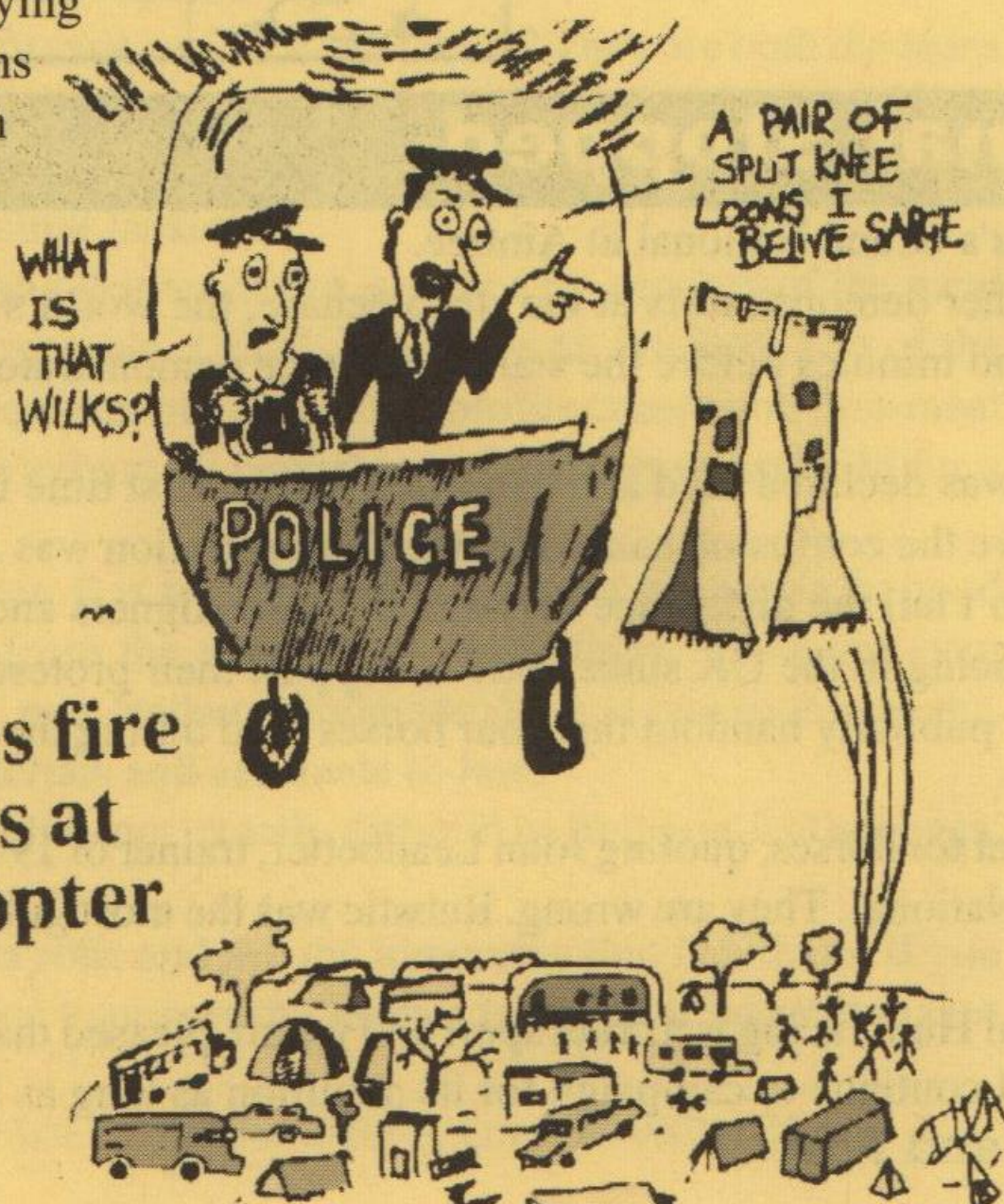
All this expense and media hype is no doubt designed to hurry along the new draconian laws being proposed by this knee-jerk government. Mind you it doesn't seem to bother the police - they are acting as if they already had the extra powers they want. The unlawful act of trespass is being combated with illegal paramilitary operations paid for by the

tax payer and cheered on by a lying and corrupt media and politicians glad of the opportunity to be seen to be doing something. Where were the press at Strawberry Fayre last week - a free(ish) fezzie right in the middle of Cambridge with no trouble or hassle at all.

There's still plenty of time for free festivals this summer, hopefully some of them will crack off and we can party - might see you there.

Source: Eye witness accounts, Observer 6 June 1993.

**Hippies fire flares at helicopter**



## Section 39 of the Public Order Act

The Public Order Act 1986, Sec. 39 created a new two-stage criminal trespass law, described in the marginal notes as "Power to direct trespassers to leave land". The first stage of the section permits police in certain specified circumstances to direct persons to leave land which they have entered as trespassers. The second stage provides that trespassers who fail to comply with the direction or who trespass again on the same land within three months commit a criminal offence punishable on conviction with up to 3 months in prison.

**Stage one:** Under the act Sec. 39(1), the 'senior police officer' may direct persons to leave land (not buildings - *NottFIN*) if he reasonably believes that all 4 of the following preconditions apply:

1. 2 or more persons have entered the land as trespassers, **and**
2. they are present with the common purpose of residing there for ant period, **and**
3. reasonable steps have been taken by or on behalf of the occupier to ask them to leave, **and**
4. (i) any of them caused damage to property (does not include any foliage or fruit of any plant or tree growing wild on the land - *NottFIN*) on the land, **or**  
(ii) any of them used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour towards the occupier, his family or an employee or agent of his, **or**  
(iii) they have between them brought 12 or more vehicles on to the land

**Stage two:** A person is guilty of a criminal offence contrary to SEC. 39(2) of the act if:

1. the senior police officer has given to that person a direction to leave the land, **and**
2. that person knows the direction has been given and that it applies to him, **and**
3. he fails to leave the land as soon as reasonably practicable, **or**
4. having left the land he subsequently re-enters the land as a trespasser within three months.

A full explanation of Sec. 39 and the rest of the Public Order Act can be found in 'Public Order Law' by Peter Thornton, ISBN 1 85185 040 6.

The following piece is based on a press release from the Dept. for (destroying) the Environment, released on 31 March 1993.

The press release was titled "CRACKDOWN ON ILLEGAL CAMPING AND RAVES", and was a response to the 939 replies received after they published their consultation paper 'reform of the Caravan Sites Act 1968'. They acknowledge replies from all the powers that (shouldn't) be, police, landowners etc. and "not least, gypsies and other travellers."

Briefly, the main changes to the 1968 act will be:

- "to give local authorities in England and Wales a new power to direct trespassers to remove their caravans from land; failure to comply with such a direction would be a criminal offence.

- "the duty that the 1968 act places on local authorities to provide caravan sites for gypsies will be repealed although local authorities would be given a discretionary power to do so."

In addition they do not propose to give local authorities the power to seize caravans and they're not going to give financial assistance to gypsies to move into conventional housing, as was suggested.

To complement this piece of oppression the Home Office is also proposing to increase police powers to "deal with large-scale illegal camping and cases where there is a threat to public order." (All quotes in this section are attributable to Kenneth Clarke in a written answer to a parliamentary question) They intend to amend Section 39 of the Public Order Act, extending it to "minor highways (including green lanes and byways open to all traffic)" and "reducing from 12 to 6 the numbers of vehicles required as one of the triggers for the powers." Further powers will "enable the police, where they reasonably believe that ten or more people have gathered on a site and that a rave (what's a rave? - *NottFIN*) will take place with the result that a local community will suffer distress on the account of the music played during the night, to direct those people to leave. Failure to heed such a direction will be a criminal offence. In order that the police may enforce this effectively, I propose to give them powers to turn back within a radius of five miles anyone they reasonably believe is intending to go to the rave site. I also propose to give the police powers to seize the amplification equipment being used for the rave and, if they arrest persons for failing to obey a direction to leave the rave site, to impound any vehicles or equipment (for example a lorry with a generator) necessary for continuing the rave. Such vehicles and equipment would be returned to their owners on release, subject to a fee if the persons concerned had been convicted. The government believes that these measures are necessary to prevent serious damage to the quality of life in rural areas and that they will be welcomed by law-abiding citizens (read reactionary Tory bigots - *NottFIN*) throughout the country.

Not quite as bad as expected you'll probably agree but still a massive infringement of civil liberties and the right to live your life as you please. Tied in with

the new proposed legislation to criminalise squatting, it looks like anyone not conforming to the accepted norms of this shitty government is going to be up against it over the next few years. Watch this space - *NottFIN*.

## Pet Stealing Alert

Nationwide, cats are increasingly going missing, in some cases thought stolen, but others are actually being advertised for, in shop windows, supermarkets, newspapers etc.

One person in particular is displaying adverts that plead plausible and believable promises that the cats are for good homes, however, we have good reason to believe they face an evil and cruel destination.

For legal reasons the personal details cannot be divulged. However, if you come across any adverts offering homes to cats or kittens, or are aware of any suspicious feline or canine disappearances, (we now believe small dogs are also going missing), then please contact :

PO Box 94, Cheltenham



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## 30 Years of Oppression : 1963-1993

Irian Jaya known to its indigenous population as West Papua, was a Dutch colony from 1828 until 1962.

Promised its independence, the country was assigned, by the UN to Indonesia until the time when the Papuans were deemed ready for nationhood.

Indonesia annexed West Papua in 1963, with the full support of the USA who wished to lure the Indonesians from the influence of the Communist bloc.

Since then over 100,000 West Papuans have been killed in the violent struggle for national sovereignty. An estimated 19,000 refugees have entered neighbouring Papua New Guinea. Due to political and military pressure from the Indonesian government, they have been denied refugee status in Papua New Guinea, many have been forcibly repatriated to face interrogation, torture and execution in Irian Jaya.

Political pressure from Jakarta has also forced the Australian government to deny any refugees entry there.

Armed resistance to Indonesian control began in 1965 with an isolated attack on an army barracks. The guerrilla struggle has grown and continues under the banner of the OPM, Organisasi Papua Merdeka, the Free Papua Movement.

Using traditional weapons only, they have staged many small determined uprisings around the capital Jayapura as well as the towns, Fakfak, Kinman and Sorong. Increasing numbers of military personnel have been sent into eliminate the opposition, bombing, strafing and torturing tribal leaders. 100s of people are now serving long prison sentences on subversion charges.

The Indonesian armed forces are equipped with arms from UK and other European suppliers. The UK has been one of the biggest suppliers since 1978, supplying armaments, military aircraft and naval vessels.

Jakarta, officially referring to the indigenous tribes as "backward and alien people," they have no interest in them but wish to exploit the untapped minerals and tropical forests that lie in Irian Jaya, resources which are now being stripped.

The exploitation of Irian Jaya has now made the region Indonesia's sixth most profitable province but the tribal people see none of this profit. For though the area produces substantial exports of oil, timber, copper and other minerals, they are displaced from the land and an Indonesian and ex-patriot workforce moves in.

The relocated indigenous people are forced to work for very low wages or become debt slaves, in the large government owned plantations, which are being rapidly developed all over the region.

Over 50% of the forests in West Papua have been granted in concession for logging companies, this logging is starting to take a terrible toll.

The land of 150,000 Marind, Auwya and Mandobo people, 850,000 hectares of natural forest which as hunters and rubber tappers they are completely dependant on, is being felled to make way for a massive soft wood eucalyptus plantation, with a wood chip and pulping plant.

PT Astra, an Indonesian paper and logging company, were to exploit the area working in conjunction with Scott Paper, USA; the toilet roll and tissue manufacturer. They withdrew from the project in 1989 due to "pressure from non-government organisations", namely Survival International; as they feared a consumer boycott. However the project continues, with another company, the Indonesian state owned PT Inhutani II taking Scott Paper's place.

PT Astra's major shareholders are the International Finance Corporation a subsidiary of the World Bank.

Losing the forest, the tribal peoples will lose their way of life, yet a spokesperson for PT Astra, has stated that the majority of the 6,000 jobs created on the plantation will go to Javanese.

The Indonesian government are now trying to destroy the Papuan culture spirit and lives by an insidious transmigration programme.

The official policy is a humanitarian one, to relieve the appalling overcrowding in Java, Bali and Madura by moving 4 million people to Irian Jaya.

However the programme has resulted in more extensive forest destruction and an even greater take-over of tribal lands. As their land rights are denied, the people are pushed aside to make way for the incoming settlers.



The indigenous population of Papua is only 800,000 the flood of immigrants will outnumber them 4 to 1, making any further resistance useless, and forcing the Papuans to adopt a new way of life.

It is the largest colonisation programme in history, unfortunately for the transmigrates life was better before they moved, as many of the sites once cleared of forest are infertile, with settlers experiencing a 50% decline in crop yield by the second year, and total crop failure following soon after.

Starving migrants abandon their sites, moving into nearby towns, or clearing more forest near the roads. This leads to further land conflict between the Papuans and the transmigrates, conflict that has escalated, causing many deaths and widespread human rights abuses.

Many transmigrates sites have been selected on national security grounds as a means of controlling

the local population. The Ministry of Transmigration for Irian Jaya is Lieutenant General Sugiarto, who put down many rebellions in Indonesia, saw active service in East Timor and has a long experience of carrying out the policy of territorial management, where the army keeps a tight control of the Indonesian peasants. His appointment has given grave concern to Survival International and Amnesty International, about the human rights situation in Irian Jaya.

Transmigration is actively sponsored by the World Bank. Pressed by Survival International on this issue, they denied the military intent and played down the seriousness of the problems faced by the tribal peoples.

The bank justified transmigration by asserting that there were "no plans to settle migrants in the densely populated highlands where the majority of Irianese live." However the Ministry of Transmigration have proposed to settle transmigrates in that area.

Popular resistance in the highlands has always been strong since the mid-70s when the government attempted to force the Doni people to reject their cultural traditions and to wear clothes. The Indonesian government resorted to bombing to Doni to restore order.

This invasion will seriously disrupt the lives of the regions inhabitants and lead to increasing conflict that they will inevitably lose.

You can help by getting in touch with Survival International and joining their campaign to stop transmigration.

Boycotting goods from and holidays in Indonesia and telling people why can also help. There is currently an exhibition on tribal people from all over the world, at the *Out to Munch Café*, Hockley.

Contact:

Survival International  
Box Survival  
Rainbow Centre  
180 Mansfield Road  
Notts.

### Ginkgo Wholefood



Vegetarian and  
vegan baked goods  
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42 Foxhall Rd  
Forest Fields  
Nottingham NG7 6LJ

## Grand National Stopped

Nottingham animal rights supporters are claiming victory for helping to stop this year's Grand National at Aintree.

A party of ten from the Nottingham based Animal Rights Confederation joined 75 other demonstrators at the steeplechase, the world's premier National Hunt meeting. During the afternoon the Nottingham group handed out leaflets near the first fence and minutes before the start of the race demonstrators invaded the track and sat down in the path of the horses, delaying the start for eight minutes.

After two false starts the race, which had £75 million in bets riding on the outcome, was declared void and cancelled for the first time in 46 years.

Nottingham man Paul Goodwin of the Animal Rights Confederation, said: "We believe the confusion caused by the demonstration was instrumental in the cancellation of the race. The jockeys were able to see us running on to the course and couldn't tell the difference between the campaigners and stewards."

The campaigners point to statistics showing over 1,000 horses killed while racing in the UK since 1987 to support their protest.

The anti-racing organisation Action to Abolish the Grand National states in a publicity handout that four horses died during the 1989 Grand National and in 1990 the race's death toll rose to seven.

They also claim that jockeys and trainers admit the National is a terrifying ordeal for horses, quoting John Leadbetter, trainer of 1979 Grand National winner Rubstic, as stating: "People tend to think that it takes a horse with great guts to win the National. They are wrong. Rubstic was the most gutless horse I have ever come across. He jumped because he was frightened to death of hurting himself in a fall."

Paul Goodwin commented: "National Hunt racing is a cruel sport and we are pleased that the Grand National was stopped.

We feel it is a cruel race and we will continue to campaign for its abolition as long as horses continue to die during it."

Source : Nottingham Herald and Post



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# How to answer the Restart interview form (Employment Interview form - UB671R)

The following piece is a copy of a leaflet produced by the National Claimants Federation - *NotFIN*  
The Restart interview and form are designed to force the unemployed off the unemployment register and into cheap labour schemes and low paid jobs.

## Points to remember:

- It is important to take someone with you to this interview - contact National Claimants Federation, or take a friend.
- Make sure you read the notes provided with the form.
- Think carefully before writing your answers down - this advice is for guidance only - do not simply copy the answers down. If you give 'standard' answers, you may be asked to fill in a fresh form.
- Keep a record of your answers.
- From time to time the Department of Employment makes changes in its forms and in the questions asked.

## Job Offers

It is possible you will be invited to apply for certain jobs when you attend a Restart interview. If you are offered jobs which you do not want, if you turn them all down flat they could question your 'availability', putting your benefit at risk. However it is easy to write things on an application form, or say things at a job interview that will ensure that you don't get the job! We must stress that we do not encourage claimants to take up low paid or unsuitable jobs - our suggested answers below are designed merely to stop you losing benefit.

Don't let the Restart force you into something you don't want. Always go accompanied by a friend or adviser. You can contact the addresses at the end of this piece - please give as much notice as possible.

The Restart interviewer should not object to someone being with you in the actual interview. This is your right. If they do object - insist on your friend being present and let us know (N.C.F.). In the interview, it's best to take the initiative. Don't wait for the interviewer to ask you questions - prepare what you are going to say and tell them at the start of the interview. We can help you with advice beforehand.

If your benefit is suspended for failure to attend a Restart interview, or following a Restart interview, you should appeal immediately against the decision and make a fresh claim - and seek advice.

## How to answer the questions

**Questions 1-5** are relatively straightforward asking about your previous employment and your qualifications/experience.

**Q.6** Since you became unemployed, have you been on a training course or taken part in any of the Government programmes to help unemployed people (such as Job Club)?

**Answer:** If you have been on a course of any kind, put it down.

**Q.7** What jobs are you now looking for?

**Answer:** Enter the kind of job you would normally do, or the type of job you would like and are able to do. The job should be available in your area and you should be capable of doing it with your present qualifications/experience.

**Q.8** What other jobs would you consider?

**Answer:** Anything that fits in with my experience skills (and qualifications - if you have any).

**Q.9** In which areas are you looking for work? (say which town or district)

**Answer:** Reasonable travelling distance (They consider an hour each way reasonable.)

**Q.10** Which other areas are you prepared to travel to?

**Answer:** Reasonable daily travelling distance.

**Q.11** When could you start work?

**Answer:** Immediately.

**Q.12** If you cannot start work immediately, please say why?

**Answer:** Leave blank

**Q.13** Do you have any adults or children to care for during hours you are available for work?

**Answer:** If you answer is yes, you have to answer questions 14 and 15.

**Q.14** What arrangements can you make for their care if you get a job?

**Answer:** You have to say you can make arrangements within 24 hours - leaving the kids with a neighbour or relative. Make sure you don't use anybody's name who is claiming benefit - otherwise their availability for work could be in doubt. Warn the person whose name you are using.

**Q.15** How soon after being asked to start work could you make those arrangements?

**Answer:** Enter immediately or right away.

**Q.16** Are you looking only for a temporary job?

**Answer:** Tick No.

**Q.17** Are you looking only for part-time work?

**Answer:** No

**Q.18** What hours can you work on the following days?

**Answer:** Put down 8am - 5.30 pm Mon. to Sat. but if any of the

jobs you are looking for might involve shifts put 'any hours Mon. to Sat.

**Q.19** What is the lowest weekly wage or salary (before stoppages) you are willing to work for?

**Answer:** Put a slightly lower amount than your last wage, e.g. £5 or £10 less. If you have never worked before, seek advice.

**Q.20** Does your health limit the work you can do?

**Q.21** What limits does your health place on the work you can do?

**Answer:** Complete this if you are registered disabled or have a long term health or injury problem. Do not put yourself in a position whereby you are forced to take work that is bad for your health. You cannot be required to work in an environment or occupation which will cause further damage to your health.

**Q.22** Are you registered with the job centre as a disabled person? (Do you have a Green card?)

**Q.23** Is the Disablement Resettlement Officer (DRO) giving you help to find work?

**Q.24** Are you getting extra help to find work from any one else at the Job Centre because of your health problem or disability?

**Answer:** If your health is a problem, you can register with the DRO who can give you specialised advice. This is voluntary but can be helpful in certain situations. In some cases, people may be put on different benefits, e.g. sickness benefit.

**Q.25** Please give details of what you have done to find work in the last four weeks. For example attach your jobsearch record and evidence of applying for jobs. Give details of your interviews with employers.

**Answer:** You must put down several names of employers you have applied to. You may be asked for further details at the Restart interview. If you have copies of any replies from employers, use these. If you can get a letter from an employer offering a job interview, that would be particularly helpful.

**Q.26** Do you need any help to get you back to work? (tick yes or no)

**Answer:** Of course you have every right to tick no. However the interviewer is not likely to take kindly to this reply. So unless you are prepared for a confrontation, with a possible risk to your benefit, we would advise ticking yes.

**Q.27** What help do you need?

- advice on what work to look for and where to look
- help with job applications and interviews
- training
- advice on starting a small business
- advice on benefits you may be able to get after you start work
- advice on coping with health problems
- some other help (please say below what you need)

**Answer:** This section is designed to tick or pressurise you into a government course, a low paid job or otherwise get you off the unemployment register.

## With Question 27 what happens

**If you tick advice on what work to look for and where to look or help with job applications and interviews.** They will probably pressurise you to go onto the Job Club or onto the Restart course (usually lasting one week).

**If you tick training.** They will probably pressurise you to go on the Employment Training Scheme. This cheap labour scheme means working full time for your normal benefit plus an extra £10 per week. The "training" given is often poor quality or non-existent. Due to claimants resistance, the Scheme is over 100,000 short of its target number of participants. The newer Employment Action Scheme also pays benefit +£10. As a "temporary work scheme" it doesn't even pretend to offer proper training.

**If you tick advice on starting a small business.** They will push you towards the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

**If you tick advice on benefits you may be able to get after you start work.** They may try and push you into a low paid job.

## So...

Unless you definitely want to go to the Job Club or the Restart Course, we suggest you tick either advice on starting a small business or some other help. You can ask for information on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme without committing yourself to anything - but you should be prepared to tell the interviewer some ideas about your potential business.

If you tick some other help. You can either ask for things you really want (whether or not they can provide them), or you can just ask for things you know they cannot give you. You could ask for money to attend interviews outside your region or for info. on college courses and grants, both of which they can sometimes provide.

If you have been unemployed for less than two years, all the Restart options you could be offered - Job Club, Restart Courses, Employment Training, Employment Action, Enterprise Allowance - are all voluntary. All you have to do is show that you are actively seeking work.

If you have been unemployed for over two years, Job Club, Employment Training, Employment Action and Enterprise

Allowance are still all voluntary. But regulations introduced in Dec. '90 state that where people unemployed for two years or more are notified in writing of a specific Restart course but do not attend it in full, their income support will be reduced by 40% for a period not longer than the length of the Restart course (usually one week). You are still counted as unemployed for over two years even if you have had periods off the register of less than 57 days in that time.

The regulations passed by Parliament do not state that every claimant unemployed for over two years must be notified of a Restart course. It is up to the Employment Service who they notify.

Employment Service internal instructions are that "exemptions from attendance will only relate to a small minority of claimants.". However Edinburgh Claimants Union were informed on 5/4/91 by Mr. Mackie, manager of High Riggs UBO in Edinburgh that everything depended on an individual's circumstances and that if someone was not going to benefit from a Restart course then there would be no point in forcing them to attend.

So if you do not want to attend the Restart course, argue vigorously at the interview that this is not appropriate to you and explain why (e.g. you already have the knowledge and facilities to do good job applications). Put forward your alternative plans. They do not have to send everyone unemployed for over two years on these courses, the interviewers are supposed to select people. If you are forced onto a Restart course, contact us. Try and get the name of the interviewer.

It is important to resist this new repressive measure against claimants. It is yet another step towards doing away with benefits and forcing us to work for our dole money.

## Snoopers

If you are harassed by snoopers (the fraud squad), please tell us (NCF). Don't let them into your home, don't speak to them alone, don't stop your claim or sign anything without first getting advice. If you know they are operating at a particular office let us know - we have driven them off the streets before, and would like to do so again!

## Claimants Fightback

The National Claimants Federation wants unemployed and unwaged people to join together and resist these attacks - and to take action to gain a better deal for us all. Isolated, we can be harassed and intimidated. Together we can turn the tables and make any state official who harass us scared of us instead!

The groups in the NCF are involved in a wide range of activities - resisting attacks on claimants, publishing newsletters, fighting the poll tax, joining together with other claimants groups nationally and internationally, making links with workers at the Benefit offices and elsewhere, providing use of facilities to claimants at our Centres. Our groups and our national organisation are run by claimants for claimants. Local groups are autonomous, coming together at countrywide conferences to share experiences and organise joint projects.

**National Claimants Federation Contacts**

National: Swindon Unemployed Movement, 37a Regent St., Swindon, Wilts. 0793 615773

South West: Plymouth Claimants Union, PO Box 21, Plymouth, Devon.

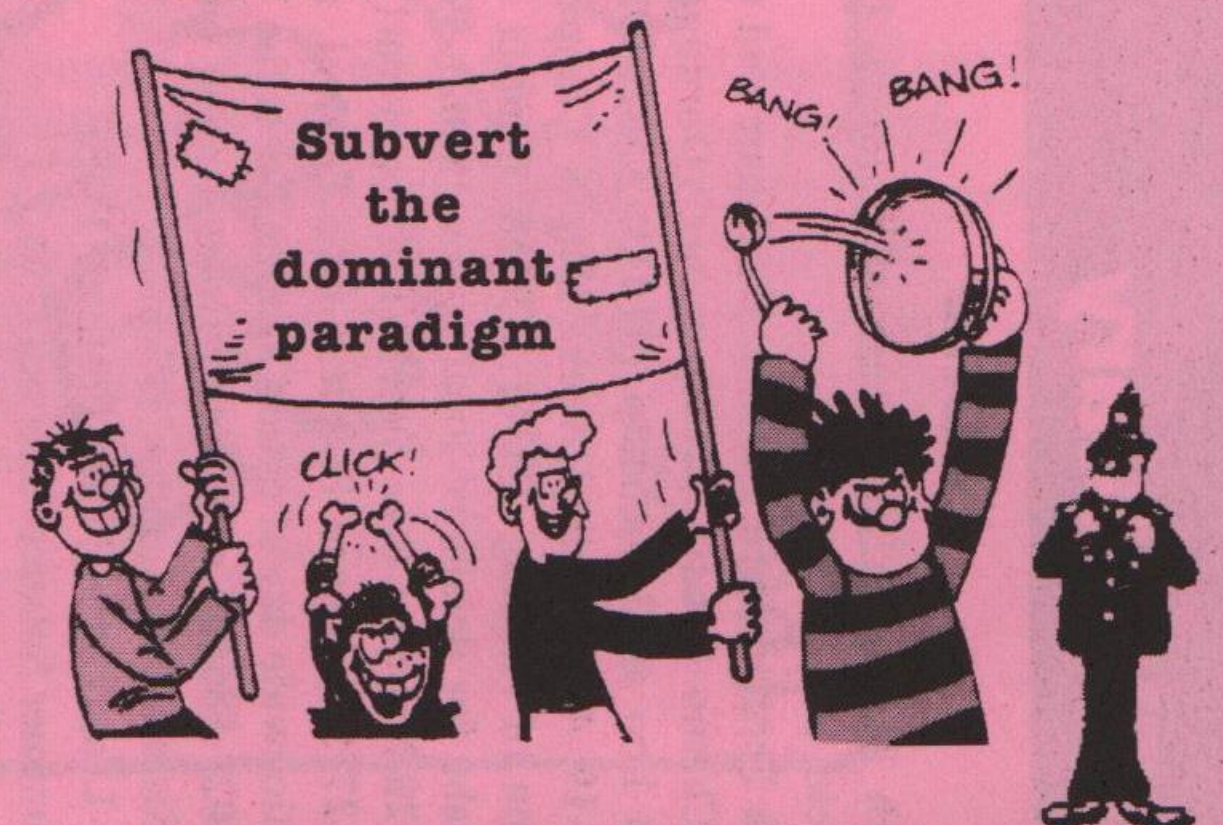
South Coast: Brighton Unemployed Union, Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Carlton Hill, Brighton. 0273 671213.

London and South East: Tottenham Claimants Union, c/o The Unwaged Centre, 72 West Green Rd., London N15. 081 802 9804.

Barnsbury Claimants Union. 071 837 8078.

North of England: Leeds Claimants Union, Hyde Park Priory, 158 Hyde Park Rd., Leeds. 0532 753160.

Scotland: Edinburgh Claimants Union. 031 332 7547 or 031 557 0718.



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