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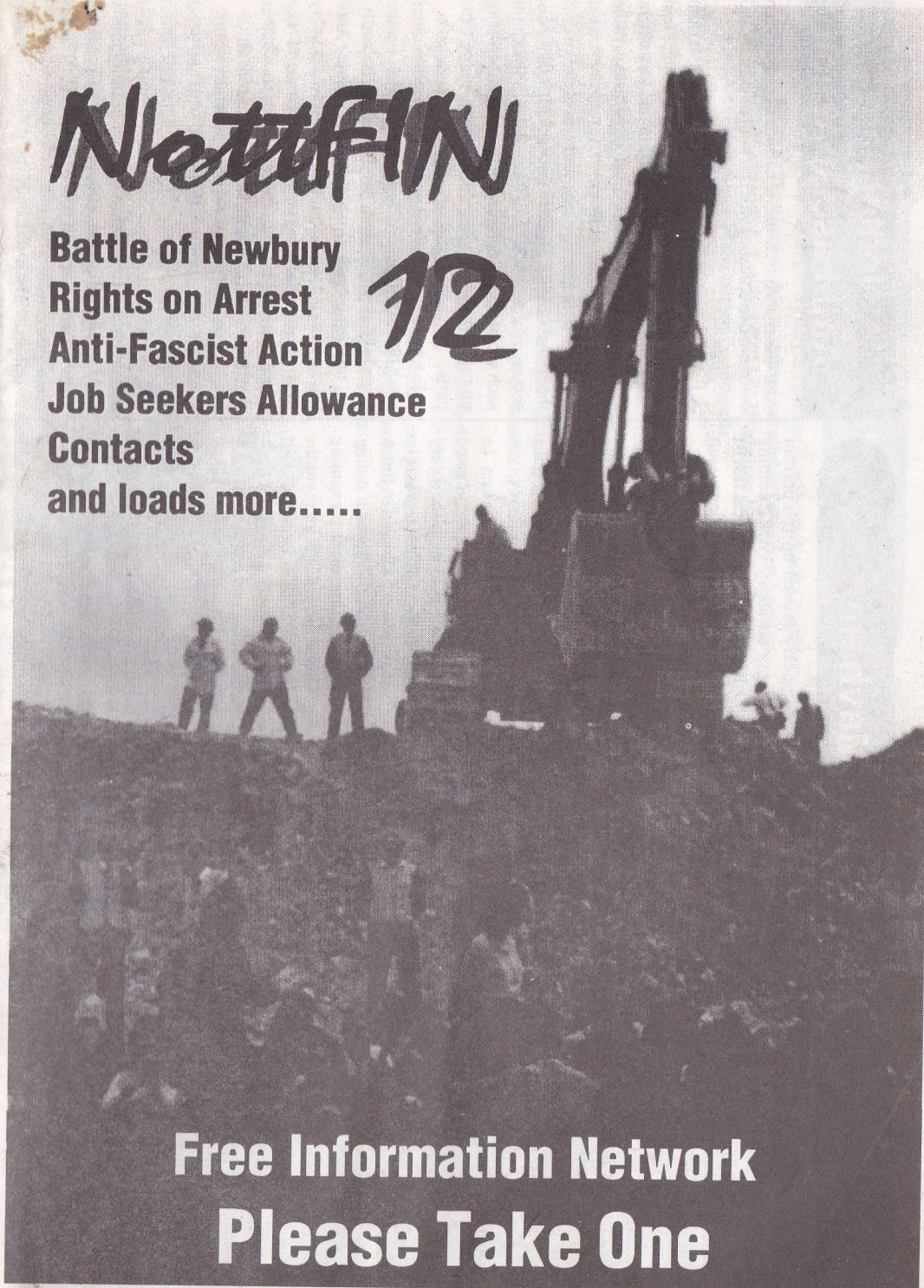


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Rights on Arrest

The following piece is based partly on the London Anarchist Black Cross's new improved Defendants Guide to Arrest, available free from London ABC, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London, SE24 0LR (enclose s.a.e.) and mainly on personal experience of the author and friends.

You have been arrested

You have to be taken to a designated police station to be 'processed'. If you are de-arrested after a time and dumped somewhere, as has happened to some hunt sabs, you may have a claim for false imprisonment. Once at the station, you should be handed into the 'care' of the custody officer - he/she should not be concerned with investigating your alleged offence, but they will decide whether there is enough evidence to charge you, report you for summons or release you.

You have to give your name, address and possibly date of birth (depending on who you talk to, some people say you don't have to give it if you're over 21 - take advice). Make sure the name and address you give are verifiable and agree with any i.d. you are carrying. The police normally check the electoral role to see if you're on it. If you're not on the role or if they are suspicious they will ring up or send a car round to check up - You need someone there to say "Yes Fred Bloggs lives here". But be careful, if you are nicked for something like shoplifting or ALF/monkeywrenching activities, they will want to search Fred's room. Remember, you only have to give a name you are known by to the police. (Warning. On many protests nowadays, there will be private security firms, like Brays Security, compiling files on protesters; the police will give your name to these firms and have also been known to pass on hunt sabs details to hunts.) If you are already on the police national computer records, or are carrying i.d. in the name you have given, they will often leave it at that. If the police don't trust the name and address you've given them, they will hold you under section 25 of the police and criminal evidence act until they are satisfied. If you attend a police station to enquire after a mate who has been nicked, remember that they may be using a false name and so don't drop them in it and don't answer any questions. If you are charged or they also have the right to take your fingerprints although it's worth kicking up a fuss as they sometimes back down. They have the right to take your photo although they cannot legally pose you for it - put your hands up, head down etc. They often try to surprise you by taking your photo as they open the cell door or even as you're walking out the station - be aware. Under the CJA, the police now have the right to take non-intimate body samples (mouth swabs etc.) for their DNA database.

The custody officer will make a record of your personal property, some of which may be retained. You should be allowed to keep personal effects and have writing material, but often this is refused. You will be asked to sign that the list of your property is correct - sign under the last item listed, so the police cannot add anything else afterwards. This also lets them know that you know your rights which is often more than they do. Keep your wits about you, remember what is done and said to you. The police often have as little respect for the law as you do. Once they have indulged their power trip, you can often sue them for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment (a tactic used very successfully by many hunt sabs). You should also be asked at this time if you wish to have someone informed of your arrest and if you wish to consult a solicitor. You should ring your solicitor, if you have one. If you don't, you can use the duty solicitor, but be very wary of these as they can be working with the police - tell them as little as possible. You will then be placed in a cell. Use this time to collect your thoughts before the interview. Being in custody especially for the first time can be very intimidating. Just keep calm and cool, you are on their home ground. If you are vegan/veggie insist on your diet, they are obliged to feed you if you are in for any length of time. It is sometimes possible to take food in the station for prisoners. If you're arrested on a demo, hunt sab etc. there will often be someone outside waiting for you - whatever the coppers say.



The Interview

An interview is the police questioning you about the offences they want to charge you with. The interview will usually take place in an interview room in the police station and be recorded. They will tell you that they just want your side of the story to sort things out - this is bollocks. An interview is **only of benefit to the police**. They are not interested in the truth, they want evidence to convict you.

As from April 10th 1995, the CJA removed the traditional right to silence. However it is important to remember that **the police cannot force you to answer questions** whatever they say. Section 34 of the CJA talks of the failure to mention any fact that is later used as an element of your defence. That is that the fact that you didn't mention these facts to the police can be pointed out in court and inferences drawn. You cannot be convicted on the basis of your silence alone. The general consensus seems to be that the best course of action is still to answer **"No Comment"** to all police questions and refuse to be interviewed without your solicitor being present. The London based Legal Defence and Monitoring Group have suggested the following response to police questioning (if you can remember all this) *"I have been advised I should answer no questions. It is not right that I should have to give a complete case for myself until the charges have been made and properly explained and until there are other people around to check the questions put to me are fair and legal. I will say nothing until I am advised to do so by a fully qualified legal adviser."*

One other way round it being considered by the legal profession is to listen to the police questions answering **"No Comment"** to each one. This will give you a good idea of the police case, as they often read witness statements to you and ask you to comment. Then after consulting a solicitor you can **definitely** trust, you can decide to make a written voluntary statement mentioning in the barest detail any fact which you will use in your defence and then refuse to be questioned on that statement. Under the CJA they should not be able to point this out in court although this has yet to be tested in law. **Do not** take this course of action without consulting your solicitor. Remember: Unless advised otherwise by someone you can trust, answer all police questions **"No Comment"**. If you are to be interviewed it shows that you are in a good position and they need more evidence. Do not be tricked or intimidated by the police, they are lying, evil bastards who will tell you anything to get you to talk. **"No Comment"** down the line. You might get out quicker by talking, but what's a couple of extra hours in the cell compared to months or years inside. If you are nicked on very serious charges, or for serious violence to a police officer, the cops may rough you up, or use serious violence and torture to get a confession (true or false) out of you. If this happens, obviously it's your choice to speak rather than face serious injury, but remember, what you say could land you inside for a long time, even if it's not true. Don't rely on retracting a confession in court. If you are mistreated, see a doctor immediately on release. Get a written report of all bruising and marking. Remember police names and numbers.

After 6 hours in detention an officer of inspector or above must review your detention and decide whether it is 'proper'. Thereafter your detention must be reviewed at nine hour intervals. After 24 hours review must be by the station superintendent, who can then authorise a further 12 hours only in the case of a serious arrestable offence (murder, rape, etc.), after which review must be by magistrates. If you are charged in this time the police may bail you to appear in court at a given date, or detain you until the next available sitting of the magistrates court (bit of a pain over a bank holiday weekend). If you have no fixed abode (N.F.A.), they will almost certainly keep you in, so it's worth sorting out a verifiable address.

The police may offer to release you if you sign a caution. This is basically you admitting to your 'crime' but no charges will be pressed - basically a telling off. What it really means is that they haven't got enough evidence to charge you and they want you to sign away any right to sue them once you're released.

As soon as you have been released, write down all you can remember about your arrest and the events leading up to it and contact potential witnesses and get them to do the same.

If charges are dropped or you win in court, consult a solicitor about suing the police this can net you quite a bit of cash (several hundred quid for each hour in custody) and will make the bastards think twice next time.

Further Information:

London Anarchist Black Cross, s.a.e. for free booklet, c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 0LR.

Legal Defence and Monitoring Group, c/o B.M. Box Haven, London WC1N 3XX.

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

The following is an extract from the book *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* written by Robert Tressell, concerning the lives of a group of labourers in the year 1906. It is claimed that this book won the 1945 election for Labour, well it wouldn't do that now.

"Money is the real cause of poverty," said Owen. "Prove it," repeated Crass.

"Money is the cause of poverty because it is the device by which those who are too lazy to work are enabled to rob the workers of the fruits of their labour."

"Prove it," said Crass.

Owen slowly folded up the piece of newspaper he had been reading and put it into his pocket.

"All right," he replied. "I'll show you how the Great Money trick is worked."

Owen opened his dinner basket and took from it two slices of bread, but as these were not sufficient, he requested that anyone who had some bread left should give it to him. They gave him several pieces, which he placed in a heap on a clean piece of paper, and, having borrowed the pocket knives they used to cut and eat their dinners with from Easton, Harlow and Philpot, he addressed them as follows: "These pieces of bread represent the raw materials which exist naturally in and on the earth for the use of mankind; they were not made by any human being, but were created for the benefit and sustenance of all, the same as were the air and the light of the sun."

"Now," continued Owen, "I am a capitalist; or rather I represent the landlord and the capitalist class. That is to say, all these raw materials belong to me. It does not matter for our present argument how I obtained possession of them; the only thing that matters now is the admitted fact that all the raw materials which are necessary for the production of the necessities of life are now the property of the landlord and capitalist class. I am that class: all these raw materials belong to me."

"Now you three represent the working class. You have nothing, and for my part, although I have these raw materials, they are of no use to me. What I need is the things that can be made out of these raw materials by work: but I am too lazy to work for me. But first I must explain that I possess something else besides the raw materials. These three knives represent all the machinery of production; the factories, tools railways and so forth, without which, the necessities of life cannot be produced in abundance. And these three coins" - taking three half pennies from his pocket - "represent my money, capital."

"But before we go any further," said Owen, interrupting himself, "it is important that you remember that I am not supposed to be merely a capitalist. I represent the whole capitalist class. You are not supposed to be just three workers, you represent the whole working class."

Owen proceeded to cut up one of the slices of bread into a number of little square blocks.

"These represent the things which are produced by labour, aided by machinery, from the raw materials. We will suppose that three of these blocks represent a week's work. We will suppose that a week's work is worth one pound."

Owen now addressed himself to the working classes as represented by Philpot, Harlow and Easton.

"You say that you are all in need of employment, and as I am the kind-hearted capitalist class I am going to invest all my money in various industries so as to give you plenty of work. I shall pay each of you one pound per week, and a week's work is

that you must each produce three of these square blocks. For doing this work, you will each receive your wages; the money will be your own, to do as you like with, and the things you produce will of course be mine, to do as I like with. You will each take one of these machines and as soon as you have done a week's work, you shall have your money." The working classes accordingly set to work, and the capitalist class sat down and watched them. As soon as they had finished, they handed the nine little blocks to Owen, who placed them on a piece of paper by his side and paid the workers their wages. "These blocks represent the necessities of life. You can't live without some of these things, but as they belong to me, you will have to buy them from me: my price for these blocks, is one pound each."

As the working classes were in need of necessities of life and as they could not eat, drink or wear the useless money, they were compelled to agree to the kind capitalist's terms. They each bought back, and at once consumed, one-third of the produce of their labour. The capitalist class also devoured two of the square blocks, and so the net result of the week's work was that the kind capitalist had consumed two pounds worth of the things produced by the labour of the others, and reckoning the squares at their market value of one pound each, he had more than doubled his capital, for he still possessed the three pounds in money and in addition four pounds worth of goods. As for the working classes, Philpot, Harlow and Easton, having each consumed the pound's worth of necessities they had bought with their wages, they were again in precisely the same condition as when they had started work - they had nothing.

The process was repeated several times: for each week's work the producers were paid their wages. They kept on working and spending all their earnings. The kind hearted capitalist consumed twice as much as any one of them and his pool of wealth continually increased. In a little while, reckoning the little squares at their market value of one pound each, he was worth about one hundred pounds, and the working classes were still in the same condition as when they began, and were still tearing into their work as if their lives depended on it.

After a while the rest of the crowd began to laugh, and their merriment increased when the kind-hearted capitalist, just after having sold a week's worth of necessities to each of his workers, suddenly took their tools, the machinery of production, the knives away from them, and informed them that as owing to over production all his storehouses were glutted with the necessities of life, he had decided to close down the works.

"Well, and wot the bloody 'ell are we to do now?" demanded Philpot.

"That's not my business," replied the kind-hearted capitalist. "I've paid your wages, and provided you with plenty of work for a long time past. I have no more work for you to do at present. Come round again in a few months' time and I'll see what I can do for you."

"But what about the necessities of life?" Demanded Harlow.

"We must have something to eat."

"Of course you must," replied the capitalist affably;

"and I shall be very pleased to sell you some."

"But we ain't got no bloody money!"

"Well you can't expect me to give you my goods for nothing! You didn't work for me for nothing, you know. I paid you for your work and you should have saved something: you should have been thrifty like me. Look how I have got on by being thrifty!" The unemployed looked blankly at each other, but the rest of the crowd only laughed; and then the three unemployed began to abuse the kind-hearted capitalist, demanding that he should give them some of the necessities of life that he had piled up in his warehouses, or be allowed to work and produce some more for their own needs; and even threatened to take some of the things by force if he did not comply with their demands. But the kind-hearted capitalist told them not to be insolent, and spoke to them about honesty, and said if they were not careful he would have their faces battered in for them by the police, or if necessary he would call out the military and have them shot down like dogs, the same as he had done before at Featherstone and Belfast.



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I.W.W. Then and Now

At the turn of the century the United States was emerging as a new power in world politics. The influx of immigration from Europe and the rest of the world led to a rapidly increasing population and industrial growth was beginning to outstrip that of the established European powers.

The existing trade unions, based in particular crafts, had no room for the new immigrants or black workers who had gradually been drifting away from the southern states, looking for work in the emerging industries.

The Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies) were set up by militant workers determined to organise the working class into 'One Big Union' rejecting the racism and timidity of the existing movement.

The prime concern of the delegates at the first congress in 1905 were rooted in the realities of everyday life. The surplus of labour forced workers to drift from one job to another, virtually defenceless before the whims of their employers. Where employment was found, they often had to suffer subsistence level wages and conditions that were ruinous to their health.

The idea of 'One Big Union', for all people who sell their labour to survive, across national boundaries is the guiding principle under which the Wobblies have always organised. The use of direct action won huge gains for workers in the period before the entry of the USA into the first world war, the greatest triumph being the victorious textile strikes of 1912.

The employers resisted the Wobblies with baton charges and bullets and in almost every strike, workers were murdered by the 'Pinkerton' squads of hired thugs. The growth of Wobblies was ended abruptly by the largest federal and state operation to smash an organisation ever seen in the USA.

Thirty five years before McCarthyism, Wobblies were persecuted for their 'Un-Americanism'. Government infiltration and the manipulation of the Communist Party led to schism and decline. There were a number of successful campaigns in the 1930s but after the second world war, the I.W.W. ceased to have any real influence in the U.S. trades union movement.

The democratic and anti-authoritarian nature of Wobbly unionism was its strength. Members were able to learn for themselves and their fellows the tactics to fight the employers, without self-serving elected officials or party bosses dictating policy to the membership.

The collapse of authoritarian 'communism' and the undeniable failure of capitalism to provide for the needs of any but the tiny few, has led to renewed interest in libertarian and anarchist unionism. In the last few years, the I.W.W. has begun to re-emerge.

Today the I.W.W. is organising under the same principles, particularly aiming their activities at workers in industries where there is no union recognition and conditions are particularly bad. In September 1994 in New York, 600 motor cycle couriers formed a local section of the I.W.W.. The venture has since spread to Washington, Cleveland, Los Angeles and London.

Spreading information on sharp company practices and successful actions taken for better wages and conditions, has boosted the couriers section to well over a thousand members in the USA, Canada and Britain. In France, Anarcho-Syndicalists have forced union recognition and doubled the wages of McDonalds workers, proving that workers can take on and beat even the largest international corporations.

Speaking in 1985, I.W.W. veteran Jack Miller commenting on the unchanging task of working people said:

Unless working people take hold, our species will pass out in atomic holocaust, or we will starve, or smother to death in air unfit to breathe..

Nick

CRITICAL MASS

Nottingham's Critical Mass has now entered its second year reclaiming the streets for a few hours every month. The bike ride has now moved to the 4th Friday of every month, to coincide with the many and growing number of Critical Masses around the country. There have still only been two arrests on the Nottingham Mass, with the police being forced to release the protesters when they couldn't think of anything to charge them with.

If you've got a bike and you fancy sticking two fingers up to the Kar Kulture then come along to the next one.

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The local hunts have been having quite an easy time of it this season, with very few sabs at all taking place. They and the police doubtless believe that this is due to the Criminal Justice Act and the new offence of aggravated trespass. This is not the case. In fact, the only thing stopping us getting out is the lack of transport.

We need cash to put towards a new vehicle.

If you can help with benefits, fund-raising or just donations or if you want to come out sabbing, contact us

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McLibel Update

For those who aspire to avoid using clichéd speech, how about replacing the old maxim "how long's a piece of string?" with "how long's a court case against an American fast food giant?"

Now the lengthiest civil libel action in British history, the incongruous trial between the McDonalds corporation and Helen Steel and Dave Morris of London Greenpeace looks set to toil on until this summer at least, having reached its first anniversary in November.

Ever since Justice Bell, presiding over the case, swallowed the claim of prosecuting QC Richard Rampton, that the evidence would be too complex for a jury to grasp, the dice have seemed loaded against the defendants. Yet these issues of unfathomable complexity have been reported in journals the world over, including the British tabloid press - not renowned for overloading their readers' logic capacities.

Rampton himself, whose original estimate for the trials duration was seven weeks, constantly employs phrases like "as we can all clearly follow" when cross-examining.

Having lost the public relations battle from the outset, McDonalds have recently had to sit in sufferance as a procession of their former employees and store manager have queued up to pour derision on the company's work practices and health ethics. Rampton, unable to cower these witnesses, who have come forward freely with nothing to gain, has launched a series of futile character attacks aimed at 'proving' that each one left the company under a cloud. Scant return really for his fee of £2000 a day.

Whenever the defendants appear to be making significant headway on a point, McDonalds are granted leave to recall half a dozen of their own fully briefed partisan witnesses. Added to these unwarranted delays, comes the rank coarseness that wafts from McDonalds side of the courtroom and endless wearing pauses as the judge scrolls back up his transcript screen to catch the bits he missed whilst stargazing. If this really is "the best free entertainment in London" as Auberon Waugh wrote, then the city buskers need to sharpen up their act.

And yet Waugh has a point, in that it's worth an hour of anyone's time to see how Steel and Morris, dressed in unconventional legal garb - Morris often howlingly so - are responding to the challenge of a lifetime.

Gareth Thompson

The McLibel Support campaign operates actively from Nottingham's Rainbow Centre. Contact Patrick/Gareth or Bill on 0115 958 5666.



Little Boys

There was a little boy, who sat in the sun, far from here. He was used to getting what he wanted and he would bark orders just to watch people jump. He would silence people just to hear himself better. He knew many people in many different countries, and sometimes they would frown at him, usually though, they just patted him on the head and smiled.

He liked his life, his books, and his toys, and he especially liked his pocket money. The trouble was some people didn't like the way he got his pocket money. They didn't like it so much they raised their voices. He tried to silence them - his friends were getting annoyed. They raised their voices louder - 2/3 of the entire Ogoni population demonstrated peacefully on January 4th 1993.

One came with a voice so pure, it reached the farthest corners of the globe. The frowns of the friends from around the world, didn't stop General Abacha's murder of Ken Saro - Wiwa, and eight other Ogonis. The message he carried so well echoes in the consciousness of all who could have done more. General Abacha's concession is to have released 6 of the political prisoners he held on New Years Day. At least 13 more Ogonis could shortly be going down the same road that Ken Saro - Wiwa and fellow Ogonis went down. The Ogonis are a strong and intelligent people, who know their rights and are struggling non violently to assert them. I'm asking you to support them.

If the Royal Geographic Society can boycott Shell, who it usually receives sponsorship from - to the tune of £40,000, then I'm sure you can too!

Take the toys from the boy. Withdraw General Abacha's pocket money, and get the Shell out of Nigeria.

One place to start to protest Shell's hypocrisy could be the uplifting, Shell "Better Britain Campaign.", Victoria Works, 21a Graham St, Birmingham. B1 3JR. Tel. 0121 2129221

An inspirational quote from their leaflet: "The Shell Better Britain Campaign encourages action by local people to improve the quality of life at neighbourhood level, in ways that respect the earth's resources."

Some contact numbers:

Peoples Embargo For Democracy in Nigeria. 0171 9249033, 0956 132143

Ogoni Community Association UK, Suite 5, 3-4 Albion Place, Galena Rd, Hammersmith, London W6 0LT

Ogoni Campaign Hotline 01903 844244

National Democratic Coalition of Nigeria, 146 Quadrangle Towers, Cambridge Square. W2 2PL Tel. 0171 402 0280.

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Info. and general contacts

Anarchist Communist Federation. 84b Whitechapel High ST., London EQ1 7QX. Produce Organise mag. send large sae.

Anti-Nuclear Network. c/o 265 Seven Sisters Rd., London N4 2DE. Federation of autonomous local groups opposed to nuclear power. Latest newsletter (8A4) 40p +sae.

Campaign Against The Child Support Act. Kings Cross Womens' Centre, 71 Tonbridge St., London WC1H 9DZ. 0171 837 7509.

Catalyst Collective. Advice on co-operatives, info. on civil/animal rights, health, environment etc. Produce Greenline mag. Send £1 for sample copy. PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, PL22 0YT Cornwall.

Class War. PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW. PO Box 772, Bristol BS99 1EL. PO Box 4297, Dublin 1, EIRE. Groups nation-wide and local. Produce regular newspaper.

Close to the Edge. 1 Lerryn View, Lerryn, Lostwithiel PL22 0QJ. A vegan catering co-op in the south west.

Critical Mass (London). Last Friday of every month at NFT piazza, South Bank, Waterloo, 5.45 pm.

Fairs and Festivals Federation. 27 Kelly Meend, Berryhill, Coleford, Gloucester GL16 7AD. A network for all those organising, performing and trading at fairs and festivals. 60p + sae for newsletter.

Faslane Peace Camp. Shandon, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, Scotland. G84 8HT 01436 820 901. NVDA against Trident nuclear weapons and Clyde sub. base.

Festival Welfare Services. 61b Hornsey Rd., London N7 6DG. 0171 700 5754. A5 sae for fezzie survival guide.

Green Anarchist Network. BCM 1715, London. WC1N 3XX

Land Stewardship Trust. c/o PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, PL22 0YT, Cornwall. A holding trust to hold land for the purposes of ecological education and conservation, benefit to local community etc.

Lesbian and Gay Switchboard. Emergency 0171 837 7324.

London Greenpeace. 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1. Fighting McDonalds libel writs, support needed. 0171 837 7557.

Musicians Network/Festival Music Co-op. 181a Brecknock Rd., Tuffnell Park, London N19 5AB. 0171 278 0503 or 0171 515 4205. Sae for latest newsletter.

Oxford Earth First! Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford OX4 1RQ. 01865 721898. Eco-action forthcoming events.

Peoples' Land Group. c/o PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, PL22 0YT, Cornwall. Newsletter free to members. £3 minimum subscription. Trust to purchase and steward land.

Plants for a Future. The Field, Higher Penpoll, St. Veep, PL22 0NG. £1 for a catalogue of useful plants.

Radical Routes. 24 South Rd. Hockley, Birmingham B18 5NB. A network of radical housing and workers co-ops. Run a national loanstock scheme so you don't need to invest in big banks. SAE for info.

Rape Crisis. Emergency 0171 837 1600.

Scottish Federation of Anarchists. Box 1008, Glasgow G42 8AA. £1 for magazine, sae for newsletter.

Solidarity Federation. PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester M15 5HN.

Survival International. 310 Edgeware Rd., London W2 1DY. Campaigns for native peoples' rights.

Squatting/Housing

Advisory service for squatters. 2 St. Pauls Rd., Islington, London N1. 0171 359 8814

Homeless Information Project. 612 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1JB. 0171 277 7639. Large range of info. packs on housing/squatting rights. Sae for details.

Squall. PO BOX 8959, London N12 5HW. Magazine for the squatter/homeless. Free/donation. A4 sae.

Squatters Action for Secure Homes (SQUASH). Address as for Squall. 0171 226 7639. Voluntary group opposing the criminalisation of squatting. A4 sae for publication 'A crime to be homeless'.

Animal Rights(see also local groups)

ALF Press Office. BM4400, London WC1N 3XX. 01954 230542 (24h). 0836 310763 (Mobile)

ALF Supporters Group. BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. email: 100302.1616@compuserve.com

Animal Rights Coalition. PO Box 1229, Clwyd LL16 5ZA.

Hunt Saboteurs Association. PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY. 0115 959 0537. Info. on your local group. See elsewhere for Notts. groups.

Vegan Society. 7 Battle Rd., St. Leonards on Sea, E. Sussex TN37 7AA. 01424 427 393.

Veggies Catering Campaign. 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. 0115 958 5666. Vegan catering for all events.

Eco protest (* = direct action occurring now, activists required)

***A299 Thanet Way.** Kent. Blue Route Action Group. 01227 788031 or 01227 463368 or 0378 693157 (mobile).

***A30, Exeter.** Fairmile Camp 0385 278 156/7.

Alarm UK. 13 Stockwell Rd., London SW9 9AU. 0171 737 6641. Co-ordinating and advising local opposition to road schemes.

Annesley. North Notts, (by junction 27 of the M1) One of the last remaining bits of ancient woodland in Notts being felled for a link road. 01623 756426.

***Derby Bypass.** 01332 601871 actions.

Dongas Tribe. Alex c/o Annie Durrant, 11 Maes Refaii, Henryrd, Conwy, Wales, or c/o Nia & Dom 01248 600 089.

Campaign Against The Levels Motorway. Wynchwood House, Church Rd., Undy, Gwent. 0633 880 148 or 0633 880688.

***M65,** Blackburn, Lancs. 01124 776642 or 01772 704 103 or 01161 861 7895 or 0585 164311.

***M77, Pollock Free State.** c/o Glasgow EF! PO Box 180, Glasgow G4 9AB. 0141 636 1924 or 0141 226 5066.

***Newbury Bypass.** PO Box 5520, Newbury, Berks RG14 5FB. 01635 45544 or 01635 550552 (24 hr info line)

***No M11 Link Campaign.** Leytonstone Delivery Office, 6 Joseph Ray Rd., Leytonstone, London E11 1AA. 0181 518 8222 or 527 4896. email: nom11link@gn.apc.org. Last house on route being squatted now.

Road Alert! Up to the minute info. on road protests. PO Box 5544, Newbury RG14 5FB. 01635 521 660. email: roadalert@gn.apc.org

Save Our Severnside. Magor House, The Square, Magor, Gwent NP6 3HY. 0633 881 630.

Save Our Solisbury. c/o 103 Ringswell Gdns. Bath, Avon BA1 6BW. 01225 448556.

***Selar Opencast.** Cwmgratch, W. Glamorgan. First ever destruction of an SSSI. Camp set up. Evictions of tree village imminent 01222 383 363 or 01685 720884. email: scelh@gn.apc.org

Wells Relief Rd. Somerset. 01935 825074.

***Wymondham Bypass.** 60 Northcote Rd., Norwich NR3 4QE. 0603 789 969.

Civil Rights and Prisoner Support

Anarchist Black Cross. PO Box 3241, B'ham B83 DP or London ABC c/o 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 0LR. Supporting class struggle prisoners. See also under local groups.

Campaign Against Campsfield. c/o 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford OX4. 01865 724 452. Protest at imprisonment of asylum seekers at Group 4 run prison.

Friends and Families of Travellers. 33 Bryanston St., Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7AZ. 0258 453 695. Travellers support group to help defend Travellers' way of life and rights. Sae for info, pack and regular newsletter.

Legal Defence Monitoring Group. BM Box, Haven, London. SW1X 3NN. 0181 802

Contact

If you think you should be on this list, or tell us.

The mail sent to some of the contacts or be monitored by the 'authorities'. You accordingly.

Notif

9804. Monitor police activity at demonstrations and actions. Legal observers always needed.

Liberty (formerly National Council For Civil Liberties). 21 Tabard St. London SE1 4LA. 0171 837 7324. Monitoring implementation of the CJA, supply a Travellers' campaign pack.

McLibel Support Campaign. c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caldeonian Rd., London N1. Supporting McLibel 2 in longest running libel trial in British history.

Nomadic Peoples Action Group. c/o The Trinity Centre, 53 Ramsey Rd. Winchester SO22 5DE.

Release. 24h. confidential advice and helpline on drugs and legal matters. 0171 603 8654. Office 0171 729 9904.

Publications/Media

Arkangel. BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX. Magazine of animal rights direct action.

Bad Attitude. 121 Railton Rd., London SE24 0L. 0171 978 9057.

Bypass. PO Box 61, Wallasey, Merseyside L44 8HZ. Excellent review/listing service for zine/pamphlet self-publishers. Send in publication to receive listing and free copy.

Conscious Cinema. PO Box 2679, Brighton, BN2 2EF.

Contraflow. 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17. Phone/fax 0171 326 0353. Excellent underground newspaper. Free or donation + sae. Also on Fastbreeder BBS 0171 501 0126.

Counter Information. c/o Transmission, 28 King Street, Glasgow, G1 5QP. Recommended reading. Free/donation + sae. Local, national and world-wide news of revolutionary struggle, direct action etc.

Class War. PO Box 772, Bristol BS99 1EL. Say no more.

Defending Your Freedom. - Guide to the CJA for activists and lawyers. £3.95 or £6.95 to organisations. Legal Research and Campaign Services, PO Box 2764, London E9 7EJ.

Do or Die. c/o SDEF!, Prior House, Tilbury Place, Brighton. A voice of British Earth First! Radical direct action, eco-anarchism, fluffy - not! Available from DS4A distro. 80p + sae or £3.50 for 5.

Earth First! Action Update. c/o Cardiff EF! PO Box 7, Cardiff CF2 4XX. 01222 383 363. Distributed by subs by Dead Trees EF, PO Box 25, 82 Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5BB. 30p + sae or £4/12 issues.

Faslane Focus Newsletter. Address as camp listed elsewhere. 20p + sae.

Flux. Flux collective, Box A, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. A journal of libertarian socialism.

Greenleaf, c/o George Firsoff, 96 Church Rd. Bristol 5. Quarterly journal of Robins

Greenwood Gang. 90p inc. p&p. Sacred sites, road protest etc.

Greenline. PO Box 5, Lostwithiel, Cornwall PL22 0YT. 01726 850500. Long running magazine produced by Catalyst Collective. Reviews, News and Articles **On The Fiddle.** The Levellers Information Service, PO Box 4044, London W9 3ZN. 24H. info. 0181 964 2828.

Organise. Magazine of the Anarchist Communist Federation. 84b Whitechapel High St., London E01 7QX Send large sae.

SchNEWS. c/o On the Fiddle, PO Box 2600, Brighton, E Sussex. 01273 685 913. email: justice?@intermedia.co.uk Excellent weekly newsheet following the progress (or lack of it) of the CJA. Send 1st class stamps to receive.

Squall. PO Box 8959, London N12 5HW. Magazine for the squatter/homeless. Free/donation, A4 sae.

Stone. 45 Westwood Hill, London SE26 6NS. Fezzie list free/folk/fayres/camps. Sae.

Taking Liberties. (36 A5) Guide to civil liberties and CJA. £1 from Liberty, 21 Tabard St. London SE1 4LA.

Teepee TV. Independent film/TV co-operative. 0171 735 5926.

Tribal Messenger. c/o John Pendragon, Box 21, 118 Grosvenor Rd., Bristol. Comprehensive festival listing + articles. £2.60 inc. p&p.

Undercurrents Productions- Alternative News Video. 16b Cherwell Street, Oxford, OX4 1BG. 01865 203661. Undercurrents 3 now available £9.50 inc. p&p.

Distros

Active Distro. BM A ctive, London WC1N 3XX. Catalogue - 29p stamps + sae.

AK Distribution. 22 Lutton Place, Edinburgh. Write for catalogue. Anarchist literature.

DS4A. Distribution Service 4 Anarchists. Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol BS1 5BB. Sae for catalogue.

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any details have changed, write and

on this list and phonecalls to them will
you should be aware of this and act

Haven Distro. BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX. Publications, tapes, records, posters. Mainly @narchist, sae for catalogue.

Hawkfrendz/Zephyr Publications. PO Box 6, Wallasey, Merseyside L45 4SJ. Henge, Hawkwind, cannabis booklets. Sae for list.

Anti-CJA (some groups/publications may be listed elsewhere)

Advance Party. PO Box 3290, London NW2 3UJ. 0181 450 6929. Fighting for the rights of sound systems and party people. SAE for newsletter & Know Your Rights Leaflet + reporting form for parties.

Campaign Against The Criminal Justice Bill (Nottm. Group). PO Box DIY, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottingham. Produce Right to Party booklet, free + sae.

Exodus Collective. Long Meadow Community Farm, Chelton Cross, Sundon Rd., Luton, Beds. 01582 508 936. CJA opposition, community housing and free parties. Break the law not the poor.

Football Fans against the CJA. 352 Southwyck House, Moorlands Estate, Brixton SW9 8TT. 0171 737 4845. Sae for info.

Freedom Network. PO Box 9384, London. SW9 7ZB. 0171 582 3474. Action line 0171 793 7343. Co-ordinating and networking the fluffy opposition to the CJA. email: freedomnet@gn.apc.org . Sae for local contacts

Justice? See SchNEWS in publications.

Legal Defence and Monitoring Group. BM Box Haven, London WC1X 3NN. 0181 802 9804. Co-ordinate/train demo observers, legal support during and after demos, court monitoring, bust cards. Needs volunteers, donations. Send sae for info.

Legal Research and Campaign Services. See 'Defending You Freedom' in publications.

Liberty Public Order Monitoring Project. c/o Michele Poole, Advance Party, address above.

Penal Affairs Consortium. 169 Clapham Rd., London SW9 0PU. 0171 582 6500. Booklet on Part V of CJA.

Taking Liberties. See publications.

Travelling Itinerants Truss. West Down, c/o Chilbolton PO, Chilbolton, Stockbridge, Hants. Networking group campaigning against the repeal of the 1968 Caravans Site Act.

United Systems. Tel/fax 0181 959 7525. International free party network, focussing on CJA and possible European legislation.

Alternative Info. Centres/Bookshops

Aardvark Centre. 1215 Alcester Rd., Mosely, B'ham, B13 8DD. 0121 449 5452. Cafe, art/ bookshop etc.

Beacon Centre. 42a Richmond Rd., Kingston Surrey KT2 5EE. 0181 547 0507. Eco, info, cafe, trade, fairs etc.

Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre. 54 Saltergate, Chesterfield. 01246 231 441.

The Greenhouse, 42-46 Bethel St., Norwich, Norfolk.

Mansfield Unemployed Workers' Centre. 2 Beech Ave, Mansfield, Notts. NG18 1EY. 01623 424 720. Fax. 01623 424 723. Info on Benefits, Restart and campaign against Job Seekers Allowance.

Mushroom Bookshop. 10 Heathcoat St., Nottingham. 0115 9582 506. Radical co-operative bookshop.

Nottingham Rainbow Centre. 180 Mansfield Rd. Nottingham NG1 3HW. Information Resource Centre. 0115 958 5666. Animal rights, human rights, eco, CJA, large library, meeting room.

One World Rainbow Centre. Ye Olde Church, 23 Highgate Rd., Kentish Town, London NW5. 0171 267 0828 or 0171 241 6233. Environmental arts and crafts, netwebbing, Agenda 21, workshops, music, cafe etc. Open 12-9.

The Peace Shop, 56 Mackintosh Place, Cardiff CF2.

Rising Sun Institute. 30 Silver St., Reading RG1 2ST. 01734 866 788. Arts centre, veggie cafe, recording studio, wholefood co-op. Sae/phone for info/calendar.

Rugby Rainbow DIY collective. c/o 45 Hudson Rd., Rugby, Warks. CV22 6DE. 01788 817 786. Setting up community action centre. Materials wanted for displays, exhibitions etc.

SheffIN Centre. 201 Crookes Valley Rd., Sheffield S10 1BA. 0114 267 1200. Information resource centre.

Yr Enfys. 32b Cowbridge Rd. East, Carston, Cardiff CF.

121 Centre. 121 Raiton Rd., Brixton. Wed - Sat 1-5 pm. Bookshop/cafe.

1 in 12 Cafe and Club. 21-23 Albion St. (off Sunbridge Rd.) Bradford. 01274 734160.

56a Info Centre. 56 Crampton St., London SE17. 0171 326 0353. Info. resource centre. Extensive anarchist library.

Local Groups

East Midlands Anarchists. Box EMAB, 88 Abbey St., Derby.

International Workers of the World, IWW. c/o 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB.

Leicester Anarchists. PO Box 320, Leicester LE1 5WS.

Loughborough Anarchists. Box L'bora Anarchists, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW.

Mansfield Hunt Sabs. PO Box 39, Mansfield, Notts.

Northampton Anarchists. c/o 'J.B.', 8 Cranbrook Rd., Northampton NN2 6JJ.

Notts. Anarchist Black Cross. PO Box 192, Nottingham NG1 1FJ. Supporting class struggle prisoners.

Notts. Anti Fascist Action. PO Box 192, Nottingham NG 1FJ.

Nottm. Animal Rights Coalition. 180 Mansfield Rd. Nottingham NG1 3HW.

Nottm. Class War. PO Box 192, Nottingham NG 1FJ.

Nottm. Critical Mass. Box CTM, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. Mass cycle ride thru streets of Nottm. every fourth Friday of the month, 5.15 pm, Old Market Square. Create a car free space.

Nottm. Hunt Saboteurs. Box J, 10 Heathcoat St., Nottingham.

Nottm. Rainbow Centre. 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW. 0115 958 5666. Information resource centre.

Sheffield Anarchists. PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY.

Free Information Network (send sae + donation please)

Aberdeen FIN. 174 Deeside Gdns. Mannofield, Aberdeen AB1 7PX.

Bath & West FIN. c/o 1 Dover House, Snow Hill, Bath BA1 6DE.

Birmingham FIN. PO Box 85, Balsall Heath, B'ham B12 9RL.

East Albion FIN. 10 Boundary Rd., Norwich, Norfolk NR6 5HT.

EFFIN. Bob, c/o 1 in 12 cafe, 21-23 Albion St. (off Sunbridge Rd.), Bradford, Yorks.

EuroFIN. Juno, c/o OWRC, Old Church, 23 Highgate Rd., London NW5. International rainbow translators required.

FishFIN. 41 Clifford Rd. West Bromwich, W. Midlands B70 8JY.

Free Universal Network (FUN Times). 101a Kings Cross Rd., London WC1.

GuilFIN. PO Box 217, Guildford, Surrey. FINformation line 01483 203122, w/e only fax anyday.

Isis Brum FIN. c/o 29 Silverton Cres., Moseley, B'ham B13 9ND.

London FIN. c/o 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5 2RX.

Maidstone FIN. PO Box 263, Maidstone, Kent.

ManFIN. Dept. 53, 1 Newton St., Piccadilly, Manchester M1 1HW.

MoorFIN. 3 Church St., Calstock, Cornwall.

Never Never FIN. 8 Campbell Rd., Southsea, Hants. (no publication).

NottFIN. Box FIN, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham NG1 3HW.

OxFIEND. BCM 1715, London, WC1N 3XX.

RatFINK. Formerly TVFIN, c/o Rising Sun, 30 Silver Street, Reading RG1 2ST.

SheffIN. 201 Crookes Valley Rd., Sheffield S10 1BA. 0114 267 1200. The SheffIN centre, same address, open Mon-Sat, 10-6.

South West FIN. c/o The Wild Pear Centre, Combe Martin, N. Devon.

Walsall FIN. c/o 17 Newhall House, Newhall St., Caldmore, Walsall WS1 3DY.

Annesley Road Action

The A608 passes through a very beautiful and historic part of Nottinghamshire, linking junction 27 of the M1 and the main Mansfield - Hucknall road. To the south of this road lies Annesley Park with its historic hall and church, both Grade 2 listed buildings. Having literary links with Byron and D.H. Lawrence, this area is recognised by English Heritage and the Garden Society as being of national importance. To the north, a large area of previously virgin countryside, criss-crossed by countless footpaths well used by local people has been purchased by Kodak Ltd because of 'unique pollution free environment'. Kodak have now turned this area into something resembling a First World War battlefield in their quest to create a massive industrial zone.

Despite overwhelming public opposition, Notts. County Council have now given the go ahead to upgrade the A608, calling it the 'Gateway to West Notts.' because of its strategic link to another large industrial zone planned to the south of Mansfield. Standing in the way of this upgrade is an area of ancient woodland and a unique Ice House used in bygone days as a food storage house by Annesley Hall. 25% of the woodland would be trashed and the Ice House is supposedly to be 'moved'. The trees, many of which date back to when the A608 was a packhorse route, are also unique to the area. The destruction of this the main haven of natural beauty in the Ashfield district is a cynical attempt to open up more green belt land for industrial development. We believe a stand must be made against this vandalism and rape of our heritage. Local public opinion is overwhelmingly against this project and the council have only £3.5 million to carry this project through. Newbury is an inspiration to us, but we need support.

Ashfield Against Road Development

Stop Press: Work was stopped on Sat 21 Jan. at the Annesley site, by 40 activists in the first direct action. Subcontractors are currently putting in bids to build the road. continued action at this vital stage will make them think twice about getting their fingers burnt. Keep an eye out and your ear to the ground for further actions. Since this was written, work has been continually disrupted for a month, with several arrests, but with the ancient woodland having been felled. Actions continue, phone 01623 756426 for details.



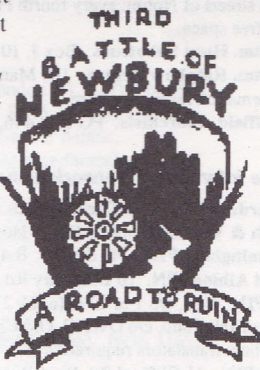
Third Battle of Newbury



It looks like Twyford Down and it sounds like it too. Yellow-coated security troops looming out of the 8a.m. forest mist, the creak of timber, the cries of panic, screams of abuse and protest, all topped off with the sickening growl of chainsaws in the gorge.

Thus, the front lines and daggers are drawn at Newbury and another road to ruin commences, albeit at such a slow crawl that even after the first week you could sense the alarm building in several teak lined boardrooms.

This alarm became palpable on the first Friday morning, when a protest that had "bordered on illegality" to quote Thames Valley police, suddenly crossed the legal threshold and burst open the Criminal Justice Act floodgates. Section 68 was invoked, and now it's aggravated trespass all round. However if legal aid can be acquired for representation then this always tenuous loophole may be ripe for exploitation. Certainly the current occupiers of the land are the sub-contractors, but that's a mighty margin from actual land ownership. The land in question straddles the Berkshire/Hampshire border a few miles south and west of Newbury town centre. Along the proposed bypass route, a number of camps have grown. Some like the impressive Visitors Transit Camp, are official and environmental health approved. Some, like one just north of Tot Hill are forged of more spontaneous stuff. Here, a small group of insurgents have invoked a 1976 Land Act and laid claim to a small section of path for themselves. Police attempting to escort a fresh batch of prisoners through this clearing, turned away in confusion and took another route. Prisoners?, pilgrims more fairly, for most of the campers have gathered from far and wide bringing an armful of essentials and a gutload of grit and defiance. Jack Kerouac, who once prophesied a revolutionary "rucksack generation", must be chortling smugly in whisky heaven.



Humour is less evident in Newbury itself. Walking through the town in combat jacket, smoky sweater and black boots, you felt conspicuous to say the least. Eyes are averted and the residents seem either ashamed of their own inaction or just wish the bypass would appear in a blinding flash and be done with. Certainly the traffic congestion, not helped by the routine line of singly occupied cars, seems scarcely worse than any other English town and sheer paradise compared to any city centre of major stature.

Yet with the Department of Transport's own consultants describing the scheme as an "environmental disaster" and genuine proposals having been proposed for over two decades, it's hard to take seriously the claim that local support for the road is unanimous.

If young children, predominantly influenced by parental opinion, are any yardstick, then things are not quite what the town's vested interest lobby would have us believe. A Newbury junior school teacher I spoke to, took a poll among her class of 9 year olds; they voted 19-5 against the bypass construction. Gareth

For further information, or a map of the protest campsites and surrounding area, contact Gareth/Bill/Patrick at Nottingham's Rainbow Centre; 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham. 0115 958 5666. Or ring Newbury on 01635 45544.

If you are unable to get involved personally at Newbury, but you have any climbing equipment, rope, tarpaulins, tools, screws, nails, bolts, cooking equipment, money etc., then contact the Rainbow Centre as above.

According to Construction News, the six big companies, including Tarmac, Costain and Mowlem, who are putting together bids for the contract to construct the Newbury bypass (The present work is merely the clearance work by Blackwells) are having to inflate their bids dramatically to account for added security costs on top of those already accounted for. They are also having difficulty in finding sub-contractors willing to carry out the work. Maybe the subbies are finding it hard to afford the insurance premiums in the light of the amount of night-time breakdowns associated with equipment involved in road construction or maybe they've got a conscience!

The local police forces have appealed to the Home Office for a special grant to fund the massive police operation to force the clearance work at a mere snail's pace. The Old Bill are rapidly going broke as the government told them that the work would not begin in this financial year. After making over 350 arrests under the CJA in attempt to stop the protests they are now setting ludicrous bail conditions. If you get nicked down there Tim Walker a local solicitor is keen to hear from you and available for advice on 01246 559065.

On 26/1/96 the High Court in London granted permission for the eviction of some of the 12+ camps on the route. These evictions are imminent and may have been attempted by the time you read this. NottFIN.

STOP PRESS The authorities attempted to carry out evictions on Tuesday 20 Feb but due to a mass break down of all their motor vehicles (and strangely enough the JCB's and cherry pickers) the whole thing had to be called off.

Forward 'Intelligence' Unit

Since the Oct 94 Hyde Park demo the police have set up a "Forward Intelligence Unit." This 12 strong team can now be seen on every sizeable action around the country. They aim to build a "rapport with 'key' activists so that people likely to provoke disorder can be identified early in an event". The aim of this is to split the direct action movement from within. They are relying on people talking to them or simply grassing other activists up.

Don't get paranoid but get sensible - don't talk to cops, don't take pictures without asking first and if your arrested on any action say 'no comment'!

JSA - No Way!

Unemployment Benefit and Income Support are due to be replaced in October '96 with the Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). It will be harder to get this benefit and those under 25 will lose £10 a week. Under JSA the government estimates that at least 90,000 claimants will lose their benefit. This will save the government £200 million a year. Put more bluntly, loads of us will lose our dole to pay for tax cuts at the general election.

Claimants will have to sign a contract setting out the steps they intend to take to find work. The employment service will be reformed into "back to work teams" to match (harass) claimants with lobs every time they sign on. This will be known as active signing. It will be used to disqualify us from benefit. Refuse some low paid, unsuitable, dangerous job and you will lose all your benefits for two weeks, then a further four weeks.

The Employment Service will have powers to order claimants to take specific action to make themselves more employable. This will include attending courses, so called training or workfare schemes, or directing claimants to have a haircut or wear certain clothes to make themselves more presentable to employers. Fail to do this and again your benefit could be stopped. Under Income Support, you had to be willing to work for at least 24 hours each week. Under JSA, this will increase to 40 hours.

At present if you leave your job or are sacked, you may get your benefits cut by 40% for 26 weeks. Under the JSA you will get nothing for 26 weeks, thus forcing people to stay in low paid shit jobs. Employers know this, wages will go down and conditions get worse.

Employment Service staff, many of whom are presently threatened with redundancy are also bracing themselves for the inevitable rise in assaults and abuse.

The JSA is about coercing, intimidating and harassing the unemployed and intimidating those with jobs not to step out of line. It is an attack on the entire working class - waged and unwaged.

Haringey Community Action

Local contact: Mansfield Unemployed Workers' Centre, 2 Beech Ave., Mansfield, Notts. NG18 1EY.

Phone: 01623 424720



A "wargame" was conducted by the Department of Social Security on the basis of a halt to all benefits. How long would it be, the game asked, before moneyless people began ransacking shops?

The answer was 3 weeks!!!

Spectacular Times



Reviews

A Time to Travel? An introduction to Britain's newer Travellers. by Fiona Earle, Alan Dearling, Helen Whittle, Roddy Glasse and Gubby. ISBN 0 95223316. 184 pages large format paperback, with over 200 photos and illustrations. £7.99 This is all we know about it, send us a copy and we'll review it.

SchNEWSreader, published by Justice? in Defiance of the Criminal Justice Act. A compilation of issues 0-49 of SchNEWS the weekly newsheet produced in Brighton, chronicling the 'progress' of the CJA and the rise in grass roots protest and direct action. 202 pages. £3.99 from Justice?

The Book - Directory of Active Collectives in the UK. Over 200 entries written by the groups themselves - their aims, interests and resources and packed with hundreds of quotations and illustrations. 116 pages A5 softback. £4 from Justice? or £7 for *The Book* and *SchNEWSreader* together p&p free.

Life In The Fast Lane - The No M11 Story. Feature length, full colour documentary showing the inside story of the No M11 Campaign. Including the battle for George Green, Wanstonia and Claremont evictions and the music of Zion Train, The Clash and the Levellers. Available from Nottingham Rainbow Centre for £6 + £1 p&p.

Homeless Information Project Info. We have been sent a long list of Information and Action packs on Homelessness, Squatting and general Housing Rights. They also produce a newsletter. Send them an SAE or ring them up - see Homeless Information Project in Contact List.

How To Defend Yourself In Court. By Michael Randle and published by The Civil Liberties Trust. ISBN 0 900137 41 X. £4.99. Again, it sounds like a good book, but we lost the flier and we will review it and use it if anyone sends us a copy.

Writing to Prisoners

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Besides visiting, writing is the most important thing you can do to help break down that isolation, so the prisoner does not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write, just send a card wishing the well - it is the fact that you have bothered to write that matters. If you know a prisoner personally it is especially important to write, as obviously contact from old friends is valued. But this does not mean that if you are a stranger to the prisoner they won't appreciate your letter. Remember all letters to prisoners are opened and censored so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or someone's freedom.

You must put a return address on the letter or the prison will not accept it, but do not expect a reply, as most prisoners are restricted to a limited numbers of letters they can send.

Listed below are Animal Liberation, Earth Liberation and MOVE prisoners. For further information and a comprehensive list of the many class struggle prisoners, write to the Anarchist Black Cross, c/o 121 Railton Road, London SE24. 0171 326 0353.

Animal Liberation Prisoners

Melonie Arnold GJ0940, HMP Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS17 3QJ. On remand for section 2 of the explosives act against an abattoir in Glos.

Gurjeet Auja HV2047, HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, B'ham B18 4AS. 6 years for Justice Dept. actions.

Greg Avery HV3313, HMP Birmingham, Winston Green Road, B'ham B18 4AS. Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Dave Callender HV3314, Birmingham, Winston Green Road, B'ham B18 4AS. Remand prisoner charged with conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

Darren Cole XD2301, HMP Exeter, New North Rd. Exeter EX4 4EX. Remand prisoner charged with an arson attack on farm buildings (in connection with live exports and veal trade).

Michael Green AV2923, HMP Gloucester, Barrack Square, Gloucester GL1 2JN. On remand for section 2 of the explosives act against an abattoir in Glos.

Angie Hamp TW1687, HMP Askham Grange, Askham Richard, York YO2 3PT. 4 years for conspiracy to commit arson. 3/4 million pounds worth of damage at raid in question.

Niel Hanson HF3184, HMP The Mount, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP3 0NZ. 3 years for conspiracy to dispatch a hoax bomb and criminal damage to Glaxo (vivisectors).

Keith Mann EE3588, HMP Full Sutton, Nr. Stamford Bridge, York YO4 1PS. 11 years (recently reduced from 14) for attempted arson to meat vehicles, criminal damage to meat vehicles, escape from custody, attempted incitement, possession of 'explosive' substances under suspicious circumstances.

Geoff Sheppard MD1030, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Rd., London SW18 3HS. 7 years for possession of a shotgun and planting incendiary devices.

Barbara Trenholm RL1292, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd., Holloway, London N7 0NU. On remand in connection with an attack on the White Hart pub.

Rod Coronado #03895000 FC1 RR#2, Box 9000, SAFFORD, AZ 85546, USA. 47 months for offences relating to acting as spokesperson for ALF in USA.

Carl Robinson BV1659, HMP The Mount, Bovingdon, Herts, HP3 0NZ. Although serving 3 years for attempted GBH and affray against sex offenders, Carl is a well known sab and a/r supporter.

Earth Liberation Prisoners

Stuart Edwards PB1864, Standford Open Prison, Church Rd., Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent ME12 4AA.

"Nobody was supposed to survive"

Ramona Africa was the only adult survivor of the 1985 FBI bombing of the MOVE commune in Philadelphia, visited Britain in February.

MOVE were a radical ecology group set up by black Philadelphians in 1971. They were persecuted by the authorities after protesting against police racism, animal abuse and environmental destruction. Events culminated in when a joint FBI and police operation a bomb was dropped on their home. Police fired 10 000 rounds of ammunition as people tried to flee the burning property.

Ramona was seriously burnt in the massacre. For surviving, she was arrested for assault and sentenced to seven years in prison for "riot". She spoke in London, Oxford and Newbury about Mumia Abu Jamal and other MOVE prisoners still languishing in US jails.

Mumia Abu Jamal is still on death row sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit. Mumia, former black panther, MOVE supporter and award winning journalist, is still waiting on the outcome of an appeal launched after his recent stay of execution (granted after worldwide protests).

Mumia's statement in response to the MOVE massacre and his own imprisonment is worth remembering: *Don't mourn, Organise; pull together, unite, come together to resist this system's usurpation of your inherent and god given rights to freedom, clean air, uncontaminated earth, fresh water and uncontaminated gene pool.*

MOVE started something - let's finish it! Please write to Mumia and other MOVE prisoners.

For more information contact:

Friends of MOVE, PO Box 3069, London SW9 8LU.

Tel./Fax: 0181 519 9228.

Prison Survival Letter

Dear Friends

Just read your excellent FIN and thought I'd write regarding 'prison survival'. I got out of prison in 1993 and hope you don't mind me making a few points.

Preparation

You cannot take phonecards, tobacco, cigarettes or matches in as they basically take everything you have off you when you go through reception.

Radios

You are allowed radios with FM and radio cassettes.

Food

You do not have to join the veggie/vegan society. When you go through reception, they should ask you if you are on diets. Tell them and they'll put you on the veggie/vegan diet.

When I was in I turned from veggie to vegan and they said that I couldn't so I wrote to the Vegan Society and went on hunger strike. They put me on a vegan diet the same day. A couple of days later I got a letter from the Vegan Society saying that I did not have to join. The bastards don't tell you or give your entitlements if they can get away with it.

Wages

Don't work, it's slave labour pure and simple. If everyone did not work the prison would grind to a halt and go bankrupt. Prisoners pay for their own incarceration through doing contract work and running the prison. Work wise, go on education the pay is £3-£4.

Rule 43

Don't go on it. You're jumping from the pan into the fire. You'd be a target for the rest of the prison. If they get hold of you, you'll get slashed, stabbed etc. and as for being on Rule 43 I don't think the prisoners on there are gonna be nicer etc. considering the crimes they're in for.

I hope it's of some use to you. I can only speak for the prisons I was in and they all vary and a year and a half has passed since I was last in. Well that's about it.

Love and solidarity.

Iggy

MOVE prisoners

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Local BNP Election Mayhem

Garry Marshall, one of Kirkby in Ashfields resident BNP members decided to stand in the May local elections this year. It seems that the local group was hard pushed to find a party member amongst them who didn't have a criminal record, and so selected Marshall who only had convictions for beating up his previous girlfriends (a tad hypocritical considering they were standing on a 'law and order ticket!'). Besides the 'Ashfield Chad' giving them a full front page advertisement several weeks before the election, plans were afoot to try and build a successful public campaign. Local Anti-fascist militants on the other hand had different ideas.

A.F.A along with Alliance members made it their decision to occupy the BNP's sales pitch in Kirkby precinct every week and leaflet local estates right up to the day of the election. This they did without problem and with great support from local people. The week before the election A.F.A received accurate information that the local fascists were to come out of their hiding holes and mount a leafleting around the Coxmoor estate (a place notoriously high in unemployment, and which previous councils had neglected). On the day in question A.F.A located BNP scouts on the high street, following them to the main body of

leafletters. A.F.A quickly moved up to confront them. The BNP, seeing an angry crowd coming towards them, immediately took flight (local fascist Steve Bellshaw was reported to have been seen hightailing it up the road with a dirty brown stain on the back of his trousers).

By this time, the police protection provided to the BNP suddenly woke up and rapidly intervened using mounted police and dog handlers.

In the ensuing melee between A.F.A and the coppers one activist received serious dog bites to the leg and had to be taken to hospital. A.F.A were then 'boxed in' under heavy police guard while the fascists, visibly shaken, were allowed to finish their leafleting. (A thing worth noting is that while standing there preventing A.F.A getting at the fascists, local youths reportedly came out of their houses to hurl taunts and abuse at the coppers!). Leafleting over, the fascists were spirited away, and A.F.A, still under police guard were taken to the edge of the estate and released.

Despite later attempts at locating the BNP again, they were nowhere to be found (obviously knowing what was good for them they up and legged it.)

The aftermath of this saga is that the BNP scored a rather low count of just 96 votes. Still, some of us think that's 96 too many.



Greenlibel Threat

COPEX a company organising exhibitions for the 'security and special operations' industry is suing a fellow publication GreenLine Magazine along with the Campaign Against the Arms Trade, Peace News and several individual peace campaigners. GreenLine Magazine operates on a similar basis to NottFin and so is appealing for funds to fight this threat. Such legal actions as this and the McLibel trial, now the longest running trial in British history (see elsewhere in this issue) are designed to intimidate people from objection to the activities of the multinationals and must be fought. For more information and help GreenLine, contact them via their address in the contact list.



This is Class War.....

Peoples perception of the Class War federation will be quite varied and probably opinionated. Are we the 'Fascists of the Left?' Extremist rabble rousers? Or just fucked off members of the Working Class who don't need Middle Class leaders of some vanguard party to tell us how we get shat on every day. As for being extremists, well yeah, we must use such tactics against a state that attempts to take the extreme measure of oppressing people to become simply profit making labour for the rich.

This is the self realisation of our roles in society, those who benefit and those who don't. The outcome for the Working Class is inequality and misery. The result is our anger. Our response to coppers getting a kicking and people standing up to show their hatred for the bosses is....NICE ONE! Lets get off our knees and stop taking the shitty end of the stick. Do we want a bigger slice of the pie or are we just content with the crumbs that fall from the table?

The road ahead is a long one and the bosses are not going to hand over the power without a fight, when the time comes we must be prepared to defend our class by any means necessary. They try and make us feel guilty when some copper gets the hammering he deserves, but why should we? They could 'nt give a fuck when one of us gets framed or dies in police custody.

Nottingham Class War has been set up to support the struggle of the Working Class against those who continue to control what is rightfully ours.

Information, education, action and participation.

Contact us at: PO Box 192, Nottingham NG1 1FJ or just sit on your arse and moan.

Nottingham Anti-Fascist Action

Anti-Fascist Action are a national organisation committed to defeating fascism both physically and ideologically.

A.F.A use physical force to prevent the fascists from organising such things as demo's, paper sales and leafleting. They will be opposed in this way where ever they think that their kind of politics will be accepted (even down the pub!). Literature is used to inform people in our communities of the kind of threat that fascism poses to the working class, how groups like the BNP and National Front exploit such social ills as unemployment and crime to whip up racial hatred and try to win support for their party.

A.F.A have come in for much criticism from other more liberal anti-fascist/anti-racist groups over the years who describe what we do, rather flippantly, as "just being macho" or at best "ineffective". Anti-fascist activists who tow this line have a naivety that shows they have underestimated the opposition, and should seriously consider whether they have a place in Anti-fascist politics at all.

What A.F.A is saying is that its all well and good waving a few placards and having a nice demo like the ANL but when you start getting petrol and death threats coming through your letterbox and the only response some middle class liberal gives you is to "write to your MP", then such tactics seem ludicrous.

Nottingham A.F.A have a good record of fighting fascism and racism. On a national level we have joined with other A.F.A groups to provide security and assistance to marches that have put us in direct confrontation with fascists intending to attack them (Manchester's 'Bloody Sunday' march for instance).

In Nottinghamshire, local militant anti-fascists were involved in combating the BNP's attempts at gaining a seat on the council in the Ashfield ward during the May elections (see article elsewhere). Information is the basis for all activity, readers of NottFin are urged to send in ANY information that they have on local fascists. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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Veggies Offer

50p for burger and salad with this advert, during March

**Veggies Stall,
Clinton Street East,
nr. Victoria Centre.**

Hello

Welcome to NottFIN 12. If you 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 on subcultures and the fightback against this earth-raping, exploitative and oppressive system. NottFIN is just one of a network of FINs and other publications around the country. Although we obtain much information from this network, we also rely on you writing and sending us stuff, particularly about local issues. If you like NottFIN then give us some cash. **ONLY DONATIONS KEEP US FREE.** If you organise gigs or are in a band then do a benefit for us. We can help in the organising.

It's been a while since we last got one of these together and quite a lot has happened - the CJA has had its first anniversary with not many criminal convictions under its belt, apart from the lack of free festivals it seems to be business as usual or better. Live exports came and went as a sexy media issue leaving one brave woman, Jill Phipps, dead, lots of burnt milk tankers and the dairy industry in disarray. Mumia Abu-Jamal got a last minute reprieve from the death sentence in the USA after worldwide protests and direct action against American interests. Road protest has just leapt back in the news with the amazingly together 3rd Battle of Newbury and meanwhile our own home-grown protest brews north of Nottingham at Annesley. The main cloud on the horizon is the Job Seekers Allowance planned for introduction in October. We've got information on all the above and more.

It is often a while between NottFINs so if you're bored in the meantime, either send us material for publication, cash or better still produce your own FIN/newsletter/posters/fliers, it's easier than you

think and the more the merrier.

While we've been away, we got a mention in the newsletter of The Advance Party, implying that we were naive in giving space to allegations concerning the 'Veggie' Bus project (formerly of Nottingham). The allegations in question were made in a leaflet produced and distributed at the Big Green Gathering last year by ex 'Veggie' Bus workers. In fact, NottFIN has not published these allegations, although we had been asked to publish a disclaimer from Veggies of Nottingham, stating that they are in no way connected with the 'Veggie' Bus project apart from being owed loads of money by them. Regarding the 'Veggie' Bus project itself, we have had dealings with them in the past, we think that the motives and actions of the person behind it are suspect and we will have no further dealings with the project apart from accepting the money they owe us as well.

After the attempts by the 'Socialist Workers Party' to hijack the grassroots anti-CJB campaign as reported in the last FIN, it was pleasing to here that concerned members of the public have been attending the Nottingham SWPs supposedly public meetings and challenging the party line. At a recent meeting to cash in on the release of the excellent film 'Land and Freedom' they got most upset when the audience pointed out to them that the film concerning the Communist betrayal of the of the Spanish Civil War, that they were trying to use as recruitment propaganda, in fact showed them and their authoritarian politics for the for the bag of shite they are. We find the SWPs activities insulting and would urge people considering joining the SWP to get involved in grass roots politics, think for yourself and challenge these people when they attempt to use our struggle for their ends.

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Earth First! Quarry Shutdown

Earth First!'s national hit on Whatley Quarry in Somerset on 4th December, proved to be a resounding success. The superquarry, one of the largest in Europe looked like a demolition site by the time we left.

At 5.30 a.m., 500 activists invaded the site, brushing aside the waiting security guards and police. All the CCTV security cameras on site mysteriously broke down almost immediately and people were on every piece of machinery within minutes.

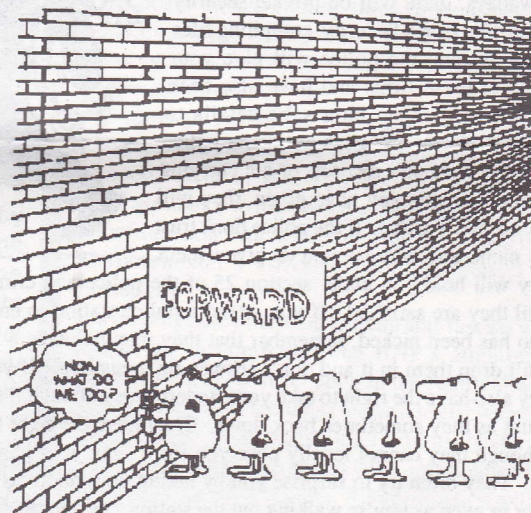
For many hours, the quarry resembled the film set of a Monty Python film, with protesters leading the authorities a merry dance along walkways 50 feet above the ground. The police and security bumbled along behind, babbling Criminal Justice Act Speak out of loud hailers. On investigation, much of the machinery on site was found to be damaged or faulty, it's a wonder they get any work done at all.

Whatley Quarry supplies aggregate for the governments road program. To date rock blasted from the Mendips have been used at Solsbury Hill and at Twyford Down.

Amey Roadstone (ARC) who run the quarry want to double it in size, making a hole visible from space and swallowing 2/3 of the Mendip Hills.

Earth First! shut down Whatley for 10 days, ensuring that ARC were forced to pay a more realistic price for Mendip stone. Not counting lost production, the cost of the action to the bad guys is put at £250 000.

Nottingham Earth First!



"An efficiently hierarchised army can win a war, but not a revolution; an undisciplined mob can win neither. The problem is how to organise without creating a hierarchy;.... the only safeguard against authority and rigidity setting in is a playful attitude."

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Poverty in Nottingham

Nottingham has:

16.2% unemployment with 10.1% nationally

40% unemployment in Radford

32% of registered unemployed people out of work for more than two years.

Over 47,000 households in receipt of Council Tax Benefit/and or Housing Benefit.

Nearly 50% of households without access to a car.

Approx. 2,150 single homeless people living in hostels.

46% of 16-17 year olds in full-time education compared with 62% nationally.

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