

# itoiz

On the evening of the 7th April a group of 8 people sabotaged the construction of the Itoiz dam deep within Basque territory. This ended one of the most controversial public constructions in Spain.

The dam was being built in Itoiz, near the city of Aioitz, one of the most beautiful places in Basque Country. This area forms the transitional landscape between the Pyrenees mountains and the plain. Three Natural Reserves were declared as a result of the areas ecological importance. (A fact the Spanish Government choose to ignore when they decided to use one of the reserves as a quarry for limestone for the dam.) Nearby is the largest beech forest in Europe.

Gabriel Urralburu, former president of the regional administration and the councillor of public works Antonio Aragon were imprisoned for being paid commissions by the different companies which awarded the works. Gabriel Urralburu was also involved in organising the paramilitary anti-basque group G.A.L. and ironically he was born in the next valley. You bastard!

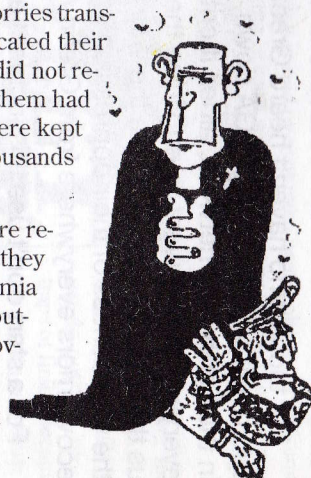
The Co-ordinate of Itoiz has been campaigning to stop the construction of the dam since the government decided to build it 11 years ago.

## "Solidarios con Itoiz" in action

"Solidarios con Itoiz is not an organisation but a collective of people. On the night of the 7th April, eight Solidarios got inside the construction area and after locking the security guard up in the barrack they went to the dam wall. There in front of journalists, they sawed the eight transporting cables with circular saws. The transporting cables are used to move the concrete for the dam. (700 lorries transported concrete to the dam every day). They communicated their successful action to the security forces. Although they did not resist being arrested, they were brutally beaten. Some of them had to be taken to hospital. Once they were arrested they were kept in isolation. The Co-ordinated backed their action and thousands showed their support on the streets in Basque Country

Due to a huge solidarity campaign the Solidarios were released two months after. Between the hundreds of letters they received from all over the world there was one from Mumia Abu Jamal. Mumia is still on death row awaiting the outcome of his recent appeal. Despite all this the Spanish government is still trying to carry on with the work!

The report on the action will be available in the next Undercurrents #6. ITOIZ GELDITU



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## sued for libel - without saying a word!

Bookmarks and Housmans Bookshop face a very serious legal and financial threat. They have been singled out and are being sued for libel because they sold Searchlight, the anti-fascist

magazine. Anyone claiming they have been libelled by an item in a magazine can, under current laws, sue any bookshop or distributor which they allege sold the issue concerned (as well as suing the publisher).

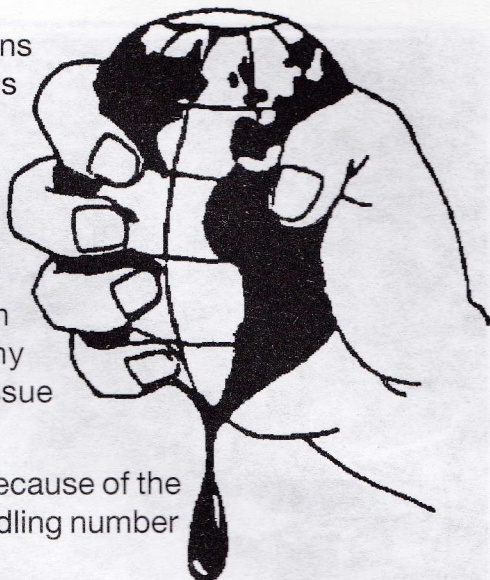
This situation is not only absurd, but also dangerous because of the threat that it poses to the continued existence of the dwindling number of outlets for alternative and progressive literature.

A campaign has been launched to raise the funds necessary to legally defend the two shops - it could cost thousands of pounds. Also, the Defamation Bill currently before parliament should be amended to end the right of litigants to harass distributors and retailers as a by-product of their argument with a magazine.

If you wish to see thriving independent bookshops which refuse to be intimidated, please give generously.

Send any donations payable to "Bookshop Libel Fund" to

Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London N1 9DX or Bookmarks, 265 Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London N4 2DE.



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## Green Anarchist is Dead?

For those who haven't heard Green Anarchist have been busted by agents of the state who seem hell bent on shutting GA down. Green anarchist were one of the first groups to get involved in the Earth First network, albeit it critically. They have asked for support from Green Enrages everywhere and want to publicise their trial. The repression of GA's activities are a warning to all of us that the state doesn't like the way that the Environmental movement is going and will increase the viciousness of their oppression in proportion to our effectiveness. So some handy tips to ecowarriors everywhere from Green Anarchist.

For a start don't use this incident as an excuse to stop what you're doing or moderate your activity. The only proper response to state oppression is to hit back harder.

- 1) Mask up on demos and don't carry any ID. Give false details and keep your mouth shut.
- 2) Target police and security cameras they are there to help lock you up. If nothing else just stand in front or annoy the sods.
- 3) Don't believe the lies. From some of the media coverage you'd think Earth First! were a bunch of ecoterrorists on a binge of mayhem and slaughter, as GA will tell you this is far from the truth.

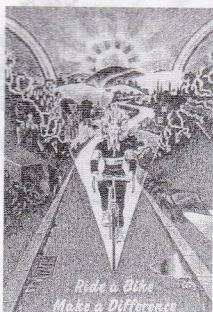
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### **FORWARD 'INTELLIGENCE' UNIT**

As reported in the last Nottfin this 12 strong team now have a presence at every sizeable action around the country. Set up after the Oct 94 Hyde Park demo their aim is to gather information on individuals so that "people likely to provoke disorder can be identified early in an event." Clearly they should be interested in

just about everyone on your average action but seem to have a strange notion that events are organised by leaders or key individuals. They aim to build a rapport with activists so watch out. Recently they have been involved in the raid on London Reclaim the Street's offices, followed activists home after various actions in London and have been seen taking a keen interest in peoples lives.





**CRITICAL MASS** is a monthly (dis)organised coincidence: an enjoyable way of confronting serious issues caused by Kar Kulture and motorise madness. The piecemeal, hypocritical and contradictory policies of local and national government and the apathy of much of the public won't solve these problems. Given the large number of cyclists in Nottingham there's a massive potential to make an effective statement. If you care about what is threatened by exhaust pollution, traffic noise, congestion, road 'accidents' (often a misnomer), road building, the domination of our communities by the kar etc then get down to **MARKET SQUARE IN THE CITY CENTRE ON THE 4TH FRIDAY (not always the last!) OF EVERY MONTH AT 5.15pm**. Pedestrians, skateboarders and wheelchair users are also welcome.

## ...McLibel.....McLibel.....McLibel

The McLibel trial is now 27 months old, and is expected to continue into winter 96/97. All the evidence has now been completed, and the general feeling of observers is that McDonald's critics have been completely vindicated by the evidence. 130 witnesses have given live evidence in court, 70 for McDonalds (including 18 executives/dept. heads) and 60 for the defence mainly various experts and approximately 30 ex-employees and trade unionists from around the world.

McDonald's witnesses have tended to be evasive but many have made admissions or ludicrous statements under questioning. The McLibel Two though have no illusions about a verdict based on a jury-less trial and U.K. libel laws.

A detailed judgement is expected at the end of 1996 or early 1997. Whatever the verdict the campaign will continue and the McLibel Support Group call for each and every McDonalds store to be leafleted on the Saturday afterwards.

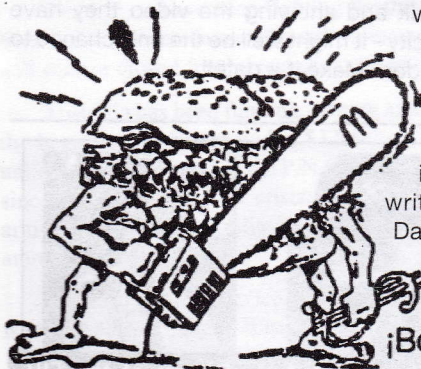
The trial is still generating publicity world wide and features in the media have appeared in such countries as Australia, South Africa, Japan, Trinidad, Russia, Thailand, India and Israel to name a few.

McDonalds corporation are trying to portray the case as 'an English issue' and their lies to the media, revealed in a confidential internal McDonalds memo in Australia were to 'Contain it as a U.K. issue', 'Keep it at arms length- not become guilty by association' and that 'We could worsen the controversy by adding our opinion'. McDonalds are definitely on the defensive world-wide

We must not underestimate the power of McDonalds to swamp the country and the media abroad with advertising and propaganda for the rest of the trial and afterwards, that way we have to continue to circulate and distribute the 'What's wrong with McDonalds leaflet' whatever the verdict at the trial. Protests and campaigns against McDonalds continue in over 24 countries.

**McSpotlight is on the internet**- making available across the globe everything that McDonalds don't want you to know. With tonnes of info. And campaigning news, it's already been accessed nearly 3 million times since February 1996.

**McLibel Gathering** - Sunday 29 Sept. 10.30am to 8pm - Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 -.stalls, discussions, workshops, adopt-a-store, vegan food.



**McLibel - Adopt-a-store** - Over one and a half millions leaflets have been handed out in this country alone since the writs were served on Helen and Dave, many thousands of people have already pledged to continue to distribute leaflets

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about McDonalds whatever the outcome in the high court case. Can you adopt a store now to assist in the co-ordinated leafleting of all seven hundred plus McGarbage outlets when the trial ends and on other future days of action. The aim is to have an individual campaigner/group associated with every branch. Get in touch with the McLibel Support Campaign (Adopt-a-Store), 180 Mansfield Rd., Notts., NG1 3HW (0115 9585666) and soon, as the annual World-wide Day of Action Against McDonalds is on 16 October.

At the recent 10 day punk festival in August, held in Edinburgh, 100 Punk Activists besieged Ronald McDonald in McDonalds Prince's Street store. The happy chappy was to tour the street and give away McShit freebies but he didn't dare show his face as the activists would have made a Punx Picnic out of him!

The National Trust recently announced that they would consider a tender by McDonalds to have a store at the soon to be developed visitors centre at Stonehenge. This would be a horrendous crime and can never be allowed to happen, by means fair or foul.

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**HOME BREWING** has had a bad press in recent years. People think that it is hard and complicated to make. takes a long time and is very strong. This is not so. It can be very strong (if that's what you like!) but is dead easy to make. If you make your own it could hopefully be:

Organic (if you buy organic sugar) \* Vegan \* Made locally \* Produce very little waste - most of which simply ends up on the compost heap \* Will not give money to bastard companies (well hardly any)

People have been brewing their own for thousands of years, it's only recently that the "supermarket" mentality has meant the multi-nationals have cornered the market for weak, fizzy crap.

The definitive book for making wine is "First Steps in Winemaking" by C.J.J. Berry which costs about six quid. This contains recipes for every season of the year.

What it doesn't say is where to get materials and equipment from. Car-boot sales, Loot, Evening Post, Let's directory etc. A good spot to always try is the cattle market on a Saturday morning which often has home-brew kits which you can pick up for £2. Put a notice up on your local shop board - people have this sort of thing clogging up their lofts or sheds for years and will only be too happy to sell it to you.

The basic ingredients can usually be collected in the country or inner-city waste ground e.g. ELDERFLOWERS & BERRIES, BLACKBERRIES, STINGING NETTLES. (ed's note: avoid collecting from busy roadsides or contaminated ground - you don't need to be drinking industrial pollutants as well as breathing them!) Or else have a chat with your local greengrocer who may well be happy to give you boxes of fruit or veg that have gone off and are perfectly for wine making. Finally skipping, or the back of veg shops at night can provide many useful goodies. When picking in the wild I reckon on picking one third for me, leaving one third on a bush and the other stays as wildlife food.

In the book it says that it takes about a year to make a good wine. Well, it depends upon how much of a connoisseur you are but believe me after three months most brews are well drinkable. I regard bottling as a pain in the ass, just siphon it straight out of the demi-john and drink. (ed's note again: have hazy recollections that it is probably better to avoid drinking too much of any gathered sediment to protect against that "never again!" feeling)

Beer from kits is even easier - just follow the instructions. Crank the sugar up a bit if you like "Special Brew" but take it easy. Unlike in the adverts not all the sugar turns to alcohol and you can end up with a strong but very sweet brew. Beer only takes about five weeks. If you can get hold of a pressure barrel this will save loads of hassle cleaning bottles. If you want bottles then pubs allegedly have loads out the back!

Good luck and happy brewing!

As we reported in the last Fin don't get paranoid get sensible. Don't talk to the police, they get loads of information from nice cosy little chats. You can usually spot members of the Forward 'Intelligence' Unit by their blatant stupidity. They rely on people talking to them so don't. Be aware that people who display a strong interest in who's organised the event or in a particular person may be doing so for the wrong reasons. Don't take pictures without asking first and if you get arrested on any action say "no comment."

## FOOD NOT BOMBS

"He's stealing from the homeless! He's stealing from the homeless!" Keith McHenry shouted as he chugged after a pick-up loaded with empty shopping trolleys near Civic Centre Plaza, San Francisco. He caught up with the truck, admonished the driver who drove off chastened and rhetorically outmatched, taking no further trolleys. He then resumed his spot in front of the City Hall, defying a city ordinance buy serving vegetarian soup, bread, bagels and fruit to the destitute.



This is Food Not Bombs at work. Feeding the homeless for free in the good ol' US of A. For their efforts the various members of the San Francisco chapter have been arrested over 500 times in the past five years. In the country of capitalism it's a crime to give food to the homeless.

Keith McHenry, who co-founded the group in Cambridge, Mass. in 1980, just avoided a life sentence last year for his activism. He's not a bomb-throwing, ranting urban terrorist. In fact he's pot-bellied, pony-tailed and a pacifist. Yet, it took a clever bit of plea bargaining to avoid a life sentence under California's "Three Strikes, You're Out" law (where if you commit three felonies you automatically get life. A felony can range from murder to smoking a spliff.) Instead, he's now on a year's probation and allowed to carry on serving.

To McHenry, feeding the hungry with surplus food on public property is a political statement, a consciousness-raiser that highlights "the ridiculousness and irony of arresting people who are giving away free food" and as vehicle for showing "the interconnectedness of progressive issues."

Food Not Bombs have been active on a whole range of causes, feeding the homeless as well as supporting anti-war, gays & lesbians and squatters causes. They serve over 500 meals a day in San Francisco and this is just one of over 37 autonomous chapters all over the country that operate on a non-hierarchical, consensus basis. Everyone is a volunteer and their budget is twenty five grand tops.

The police have a different view of the work that Food Not Bombs do. Though they have now stopped arresting people for simply giving away free food the obstruction, harassment and arrests continue. Often violently. Rarely do charges appear. If they do they are usually minor ones and often thrown out.

In Keith McHenry's view "The U.S. government can be shown clearly to be the most genocidal, vicious, manipulative, repressive organisation there is on Earth, ever since the beginning of time." The campaign against them is not just due to their highlighting of the failure of the city and its political managers. It's also because they are showing people that there is an alternative, that people can work together for change and have a real impact. This is the really subversive aspect. **Talk is allowed but actions hurt.**

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Food Not Bombs are embarking on a European tour during September and October 1996. Various people have arranged for Keith McHenry to visit Nottingham on either 30 or 31 October, just before he goes back to the States. He'll be giving a talk and showing the video they have produced. Look out for the publicity - it might well be the only chance to see and hear him outside of London. Make it a date!!



Barry Norman & Andy Britain of the FIU



# ! CLASS WAR !

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU

Class War have come in for a lot of criticism lately. Particular criticism has come about due to Class Wars publicity stunt before Euro 96, when they created their "Class War Hooliganz" for the media. They boasted in the Daily Star (28.5.96) that "The European and British Nazis had better stay away if they know what's good for them."

Class War have previously had no involvement in anti-fascist work in football, and the Guardian wrote a more realistic article saying even the police and the F.A. weren't taking Class War "seriously". You need more than a snappy sound bite to fight fascism at football you actually have to do something!

Class War also continually wish to identify themselves with "national liberation movements" such as the FLN and the IRA. The FLN in Algeria formed another oppressive regime after overthrowing the oppressive French colonial government. They have dominated Algeria for the last 30 years driving huge numbers of people into the arms of Islamic Fascism.

All "national liberation movements" are bourgeois, they oppose the existing rulers merely in order to step into their shoes. Class War has a body of opinion within it that is sympathetic to such "oppositional capitalist" movements, in particular Irish Republicans. The IRA are a nasty bunch of "alternative rulers", who once in power would create a brutal capitalist state the same as every other one. They are supported because they are "fighting the British state" or as "the Government opposes/fears them". But both they and the state have one thing in common; that they can only offer slavery, misery and war to the working class.

All governments, already in power or potential ones, are the enemy of the working class.

Class War are accused of having a predominately middle class membership, and that most working class people have left because they could get no where in its present environment. They have become pioneers of all talk, no action and their members live off the "cool" attention that Class War has been given since their overblown involvement during the Poll Tax Revolt. They have lost touch with the working class; one member at a recent Class war meeting stated that Class War should find out what people on the street want! But shouldn't they already be constantly aware of this, if they are the working class heroes they pretend to be and not the self advancement seeking politicians that they really are.

They have also crassly stated that they have no time to deal with the issues of sexism in the class struggle, and constantly patronise the working class by appealing to peoples base instincts, "page 3 topless bird or page 3 hospitalised copper. Take your machoistic choice!" The general opinion seems to be that class war has had its day, and about time too.



## PARTY TIME!!

# Reclaim the Streets

**London's Festival of Resistance turned the M41 motorway near Shepherds Bush into the most spectacular street party yet .**

Partygoers gathered in their thousands at a pre-arranged tube station, while a three hundred strong Critical Mass set off leading the police a merry dance around London. Meanwhile two huge sound systems pretended to be

broken down lorries on the M41 hard shoulder. At the 'venue' police were waiting with blockades and riot vans but underestimated the size and creativity of the crowd. As people began to arrive the police were overwhelmed, they tried at first to arrest people, but soon backed off when they registered the arrival of a 7,000 strong crowd intent on occupying the motorway. Climbers hung enormous banners the breath of the M41 proclaiming 'The society that abolishes adventure, makes its abolition the only adventure.'

And with that the party got underway. The broken down lorries peeled back their canvas's to reveal two sound systems, one section of the motorway was turned into a beach for kiddies, graffiti artists set to work to brighten up the tarmac, poets ranted from the railings, strolling players performed, the car was placed on trial and two giant panto dames appeared as if by magic spraying confetti on all who danced. For the next ten hours the M41 vibrated to the sounds of human uprising. Under the skirts of one of the panto dames de-constructionists set to work with a pneumatic drill to return the concrete eyesore to its 'natural state'. Tree sapling rescued from the path of the M11 were planted and the fast lane soon resembled a lunar landscape. As one party goer said 'Today we are only practising . Tomorrow anything is possible.

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London Reclaim the Streets office and one persons private home were raided by police on Friday 2nd August, they seized computers as well as personal effects. Mark Sully from the Forward Intelligence Unit, Scotland Yard and Hammersmith CID were involved in the raid. At the moment it seems as if one person is to be charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage to the M41.

## mushroom

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*Defending Your Freedom.* £5 paperback. A Guide to the Criminal 'Justice' and Public Order Act 1994.

*Festival Eye.* £1.50 Fezzie list and magazine.

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**10 Heathcote St.  
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## Info. and general contacts

**Anarchist Communist Federation.** 84b Whitechapel High St., London E01 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 Agents.** 61b Hornsey Rd., London N7 6DG. 0171 700 5754. AS 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. 0171 277 7639. fax. 0171 732 7644. Produce newsletter and info. packs and run various workshops on housing rights, squatting etc.

**Squall.** PO BOX 8959, London N12 5HW. Magazine for the squatter/homeless. Free/donation, A4 sae. 0171 561 1204

**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 2786, Brighton. BN2 2AX. 01273 622827

Info. on your local group.

**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)

A1M Actions near Alconbury 01767 692326 or 01438 367452

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

**\*A30, Exeter.** 01404 815729 Mobile 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.

**\*Dongas Tribe.** Alex c/o Annie Durrant, 11 Maes Refai, Henryd, Conwy, Wales, or c/o Nia & Dom 01248 600 089.

**\*Mendip Hills not Holes, Whatley Quarry expansion.** Actions could start at any time. PO Box 2113, Shepton Mallet. BA4 01749 880144.

**\*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 7YW 01635 45544 or 01635 550552 (24 hr info line)

**\*Wandsworth Eco-village,** Gargoyl Wharf, York Road, London. 0171 223 8557.

**Wells Relief Rd,** Somerset. 01935 825074.

**\*Wymondham Bypass.** 60 Northcote Rd., Norwich NR3 4QE. 01603 666879

## Civil Rights and Prisoner Support

**Anarchist Black Cross.** PO Box 3241, B'ham B83 DP or London ABC c/o 121 Raiton Rd., London SE24 OLR. 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. 01258 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 837 6687. 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. 0171 713 1269

# Contact

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

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

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**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 Raiton 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. 01273 278018

**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, fluffly - not!

**Earth First! Action Update.** PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY. 0171 561 9146. Min contribution of @5 for 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.

**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 6 now available £9.50 inc. p&p.

## Distros

**Active Distro.** BM Active, 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.

**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.

## 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 Railton 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'boro 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.

**Nott Campaign Against the Job Seekers Allowance, c/o PO Box 192, Nottingham, NG1 1FJ.**

**Nottingham 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.

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## 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. 0171 837 6687 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.



Life goes on for the people fighting the destruction of our countryside, regardless of the fact that the fickle mass media has 'moved on'. Highlights amongst recent actions include the storming of four compounds. This allegedly resulted in 14,000 worth of damage to various pieces of land raping equipment. Send donations to the DoT for repairs!

Whilst leaving their hovels in a hurry a number of security guards were relieved of the lovely hard hats and jackets, no doubt making this paranoid bunch of mercenaries even more nervous. The security lights around the compound at Enbourne Rd have mysteriously stopped working but the as some of you know pixies don't like wearing sunglasses especially at night. Apparently the pixie astrologers are delighted as they can study the stars a lot easier now this source of light pollution has been removed.

As for the much talked about security fence only one mile of the nineteen miles has been erected to date. Lets hope that the localised freak winds continue to blow at night. The fence is eight feet tall with good old razor wire on top - I wonder if its the 'aesthetically pleasing' green variety?

Anyway, a woman called Mell Parker is languishing in Holloway prison hospital on hunger strike. She is apparently taking a stand against the abuse of her human rights in respect of the onerous bail conditions. Letters will be greatly appreciated!

On the subject of arrests over 1000 people have now been arrested during the third battle of new bury. Approximately 21 people have lost their liberty and gone to or are in prison for a variety of reasons- non-payment of fines being the main reason.

There are still several camps along the route who welcome anybody who wants to go along and get involved at any level. If you have some time try and get down there 'No experience Necessary' on the job training will be provided.

**PS The people down in Newbury wish to give a big thank you to all the people who have given their support to the campaign.**

## Judas Climbers

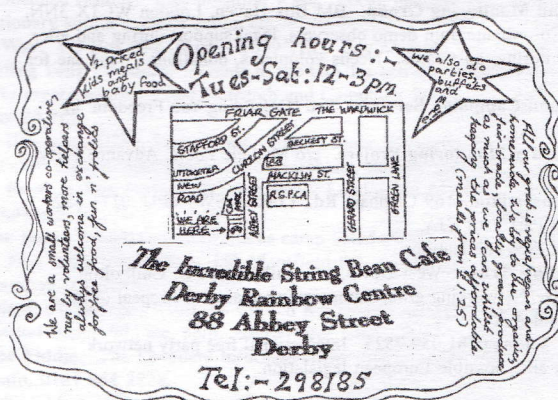
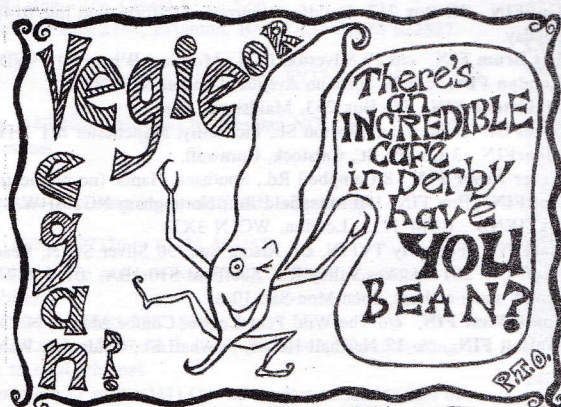
These are three of the five central climbers who have been involved in tree-top evictions from the start. Thanks to them less than 10 oaks remain on 880 acres of doomed land. These boys have been spotted at Stanworth Valley, Brenhenllys, Selar, the No 66 Campaign Daisy Nook site and Newbury.

Nice to know that these men employed by Richard Turner Ltd of Old Tupton, Chesterfield (01246 861738) are such good chums that Ian Harrison, Andy Coish and Paul Newton of 1 Lismore Rd, Meersbrook, Sheffield (01142 501131) live together. Richie Brooks and Danny Newton also live together nearby and cosily enough Paul and Danny are brothers.

Fancy popping around for a chat? (There are quite a few activists whose limbs they broke and whose's faces bare the marks of tree top encounters with these thugs who might be interested in seeing them again!) Or even ordering them a new fitted kitchen or a family size pizza? The choice is yours. Well known in their locality, they are banned from indoor climbing centres in Sheffield city centre and were condemned for their actions by the British Mountaineering Council. Its sad that Ian crashed his exquisite red sports car bought with blood money into a tree - pixies about maybe? As another professional climber Jim Perrin, said "I want to ask this, of you who've betrayed your community, friends and fellow human beings: how long will your money last? And when it's gone, remember - Judas, when he faced what he had done, had a rope too..."



Contact 01635 45544 office or 01635 550552 answerphone update





# if i had a hammer.....

You've decided that the time is right and the democratic process has failed. Direct Action is the way forward. So what do you do? You plan your action, what to do, how to get there, what to wear, what tools are required, press releases etc.

Perhaps most importantly you plan on how to get away from the scene of your crime. Yeah, yeah. You don't think that what you are doing is a crime, it's the state/capitalist big business that is the real villain but they run the show at the moment and if they catch you you are in BIG trouble so getting away is the rational thing to do.

That is, unless you are Lotta Kronlid, Andrea Needham, Joe Wilson. They entered a British Aerospace factory in Lancashire in January this year and took household hammers to Hawk aircraft destined for Indonesia where they would have been used to suppress the indigenous people of East Timor. No security appeared and so they resorted to phoning the Press Association to tell them what they had done! The P.A. then informed the company who quickly descended and banged them all up. A few days later a fourth woman (Angela Zelter) was arrested after making a statement of intent to carry out a similar action.

This is where the action against the Hawks takes another remarkable twist. The women, defending themselves in court, argued that they were merely acting to prevent a crime. Despite believing themselves to be morally right the women were under no illusions that the state judicial system would give them a fair hearing. So when the foreman of the jury stood up Andrea Needham was thinking "Well, I've

prepared myself for several years in jail and here it comes." The foreman then delivered the verdict, by a 10-2 majority of not guilty to seven counts of conspiracy and criminal damage! The courtroom erupted and jubilant celebrations carried on outside. It's not every day that you can cause £1.5 million worth of damage to a military plane, turn yourself in and get away with it!

Whilst on remand Andrea Needham wrote "*Whilst 'hit and run' actions - such as those of some animal liberation groups - can be very effective in purely practical terms, they are too easily dismissed by the state as terrorism or vandalism and the real issues get ignored. Ploughshares activists can bring the issues into the public domain and use their trial as an opportunity to expose government crimes.*"

This action and publicity has received a lot of publicity but to put it into perspective, it is the first time any ploughshares activists have ever been acquitted. Most have spent long periods incarcerated.

They may have been morally pure but how much does the state care about morals?

They may have seen to be martyrs and inspirations to others but the states worldwide aren't apparently falling apart because of their actions.

They may have caused a lot of damage and gained a lot of publicity but how much more has been done by activists who have got away and repeated their actions whilst the above ground organisations have explained the reasons for it?

Moral heroes or luckily naive?

## Bougainville

On the 15th July a small band of activists besieged the Australian Embassy, to bring attention to Australia's secret war in Bougainville, an Island of 160000, east of Papua New Guinea. The group had their own video camera, and the footage was shown all over Australia that night, causing quite a stir.

The people of Bougainville revolted against the mainland Papuan government after it sent in the military, which was assisted by the Australians.

This was a response to the Bougainvillians closing down the Rio Tinto Zinc owned copper mine, which after twenty years had grown to a huge crater half a kilometre deep and nearly seven kilometres in circumference and had created a billion tonnes of waste, totally polluting the Jaba river valley, one of the Islands biggest river systems.

In 1988 after two decades of peaceful protest, a number of Islanders stole company explosives, destroying electricity pylons, buildings and machinery. By using guerrilla tactics they succeeded in closing the mine. The mine had accounted for about 45% of all P.N.G.'s total export earnings.

With the arrival of P.N.G.'s military Bougainville declared itself independent and the Bougainville Revolutionary Army (B.R.A.) was formed.

The B.R.A. have been fighting for the last eight years, with antiques and hand made guns made out of water piping and planks. They declare "The mine will remain closed for the rest of our lives".

Australia has been funding, arming and directing the P.N.G. military since the beginning, it has provided \$32million in military aid plus much more in untied aid. Almost half of the P.N.G. defence force has been trained in Australia since the beginning of the crisis. Australian military advisors direct the P.N.G. army operations. Australia also supplies the P.N.G. army with its guns and ammunition.

A total goods and service blockade of the Island, including medical supplies is taking place, many of those trying to carry supplies in or refugees out have

been killed by the P.N.G. army who maintain a strangle hold around the Island thanks to the Australian provided patrol boats, speed boats, Iroquois helicopters and Nomad aircraft.

Since the start of the war, 10 000 Bougainvillians -7% of the population have died, due to massacres and preventable diseases. To isolate the B.R.A. from the civilian population, the P.N.G. military have been demolishing villages and holding villagers in "care centres". This is P.N.G.'s preferred terms for concentration camps.

Australia's interests lie in the fact that the Rio Tinto Zinc's subsidiary (C.R.A.) who own the mine is Australian and that resistance on Bougainville could weaken Australia's position of regional superpower. P.N.G. once a colony of Australia (up until 1966) is in a strategic position, a block between Australia and the ever aggressive Indonesia. The government in P.N.G. is weak as there is no national cohesion, and no one language or culture, if the Bougainvillians are successful, it would trigger similar struggles for self rule all over the mainland.

P.N.G. has just launched its biggest ever offensive and land mines (provided by you know who) are being laid, with orders like "Any civilians that are suspected of harbouring the B.R.A. must be killed without question".

"Destroy all food gardens, houses and any shelter found in the jungle, clean it up." It is time to let the world know of Australia's secret war. Target the offices of Australian interests in Britain, target the mining company R.T.Z., HELP RAISE MONEY FOR MEDICAL AID.

For further info. The Bougainville Freedom Movement (U.K.) c/o SDEF! Prior House, Tilbury Place, Brighton, East Sussex.



# Job Seekers Allowance - a fundamental conflict

At first sight, the changes in the benefits system on October 7th, which will replace Unemployment Benefit and Income Support by the Job Seekers Allowance, might seem to be just a slightly nastier Restart and Job Club regime, something only to be expected under the Tories. But this would be a mistaken view. Before we get into the details of changes under JSA and what we're doing about it in Nottingham, let's look at what really makes it different from the shit we've been served up till now.

The Welfare State was introduced as a compromise in the class struggle when we were given the NHS, benefits, and pensions to prevent a return to the unrest of the 1930's which our rulers rightly feared. But world capitalism needs a cheap and willing workforce, and to maximise profit they have always relied on cheap labour from other parts of the world who they didn't have to pay off with the welfare carrot. Now that carrot has gone rotten everywhere, but profits must be maintained, so sticks like the JSA are needed to force down benefits and wages here and in the rest of Europe. It's not just about the cost of benefits to governments due to high unemployment, it's about a desire to get us to work for peanuts whether that's 'work for dole' (like Project Work recently tested out in Hull and Medway, or the Labour Party's proposed 'workfare' equivalent) or low-paid 'real' work. They're serious about it - the government wants 216,000 claimants signed-off the dole in 1997 and have set that as a target for the Employment Service, compared to the 135,000 to be referred to adjudication this year. It might seem crazy but JSA is really more about creating crap, degrading jobs than about benefit cuts. If claimants are forced into taking any old job the employer can think of at whatever wage, as will be the case under JSA, this can only force down wages across the board. For this reason, we should very wary of any idea of 'jobs not JSA' (which is in fact a TUC slogan). Instead, we say "No Wage Slavery! No Dole Slavery!"

JSA means the merging of the DSS and ES, which is needed to put into practice the 'job seeker' part of signing-on. Here are the main changes of JSA, some of which are already in place in Nottingham and elsewhere in the run up to October.

## \* The Job Seekers Agreement and Job Seekers Direction.

The agreement is a legal contract saying what you will do to get work, which will be used to make sure there's no get-out if you don't do as you're told. This coercion means extensive use of Job Seekers Directions - orders to do this or that in order to find a job, including 'improving' attitude and appearance (e.g. get your hair cut). If you disobey a direction you will automatically lose all your benefit for 2 weeks. Similar sanctions are available if you don't attend an interview, refuse to attend a training program, or sign-on at the correct time.

## \* Active Signing.

This will already be familiar to people with a Back-to-Work plan. Every time you sign-on you will face a 'job search review', where you will be grilled on your efforts to find work. This will be in addition to 'full advisory interviews' when you make a new claim and after about 13 weeks, and 6 monthly Restart interviews. This is to make sure you are fulfilling your agreement, that is, to give them lots of chances to get you off the dole. After 13 weeks they can make you take just about any job, this being the end of a 'permitted period' where you have some say as to the type of job and pay.

## \* Labour Market System

This is a new computer system which contains information on claimants and on available jobs. This is intended to match you to a job during an interview and even submit an application to an employer there and then. If you don't follow this up or refuse to accept the job, or subsequently leave the job (or get sacked), you could get no benefit for 6 months.

## \* Compulsary Training Scheme

Many training schemes at the moment are voluntary. Under JSA most will be compulsory.

## \* Benefit Cuts

The period for which you get non-means tested benefit has already been cut to 6 months. If you've a partner in paid work you may get nothing after this. Under-25's will be worse off.

## Nottingham Campaign

Nottingham Campaign Against the Job Seekers Allowance was set up at the beginning of the year. We aim at getting claimants (and people in work) together to fight the JSA. Part of this is about getting the facts across to claimants which we are doing by public meetings and leaflets, but it's mostly about trying to cause as much disruption as possible, to scare the management and government, and to try and get dole workers to fight the JSA effectively.

Unfortunately, JSA is designed to get front line staff in Job Centres to decide who gets their benefit cut off, which puts more of these workers in a difficult position. Attacks on staff have increased by 240% over the last 3 years, and JSA will obviously make things worse, so unions like the CPSA have mounted industrial action over demands for security screens in Job Centres, which they claim is an indirect swipe at the JSA. The problem for claimants is, workers are getting their screens, but bugger all else is being done about stopping the JSA. More and more dole workers will have to take personal responsibility for the role they will be forced to play in implementing JSA, which will undoubtedly include trying to meet local signing-off targets.

One campaign which has been put forward via the Groundswell network of anti-JSA groups (which NCAJSA is part of) is called '3 strikes and you're out' which is aimed specifically at over-zealous dole workers. The idea is to give them personal hassle if unemployed centres or anti-JSA groups get complaints about them. Action is taken in the form of letters to the worker and the management, followed (if necessary) by wide publicity of their wrong-doing. Unfortunately this has been taken the wrong way by some workers. Let us make it clear that we will actively support effective action against the JSA, and we call on workers to do so as soon as possible, not least because management forecast that the ES staff will be reduced from 46,000 to 22,000 in 1996/7, many of which are likely to experience JSA themselves. Of course, behind the scenes, management are hard at work trying to make sure the JSA gets off to a good start. Regional Job Implementation Managers (JIMs) have been targeted by Groundswell groups, including flyposting of names, addresses and photos. NCAJSA has also organised various actions and a successful benefit gig.

NCAJSA is keen to get more people involved. We meet fortnightly from 7.30pm in the Newcastle Arms, North Sherwood Street, near Nottingham city centre (just round the corner from the International Community Centre off Mansfield Road where we have held our larger meetings). The next dates are 11th, 25th September before the JSA comes in officially. After that it's 9th, 23rd October and so on. There is also a public talk at 7.30 on 9th October at Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows, organised by Meadows Advice Group, with a speaker from Mansfield Unemployed Workers Centre on 'Job Seekers Allowance- know your rights'.

NCAJSA, c/o PO Box 192, Nottingham, NG1 1FJ

Mansfield Unemployed Workers Centre, 2 Beech Avenue, Mansfield, Notts, NG18 1EY. Tel (01623) 424720



## Gedhun Choekyi Nyima

At seven years old, this is probably the worlds youngest political prisoner. He went missing after being recognised by the Dalai Lama as the eleventh reincarnation of the Panchen Lama.

The Chinese authorities have admitted to holding the boy in protective custody having previously denied all knowledge of his whereabouts. Meanwhile they have attempted to impose a "pretender" Panchan Lama on Tibet. The Panchen Lama is the second most senior Tibetan Lama and is responsible for recognising the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama. The Chinese attempts to impose their own Panchen Lama goes against the beliefs, traditions and religious practises of the Tibetan people.

The Chinese enthroned a 6 year old boy Gyaltsen Norbu, in December 1995.

The Dalai Lama - believes Gedhun may have been "killed, drugged or put in some sort of asylum where he maybe rendered useless".

The "pretender" has been taken by the Chinese authorities to Beijing, rather than the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama - Tashilhunpo monastery where he would have received his education. It would be hard for the Chinese to indoctrinate him there as most of the senior Lamas in Tibet continue to support the Dalai Lama.

If the Chinese control the Panchen Lama, the next "chosen" Dalai Lama will also be a creature of Beijing, leaving the Chinese in control of the traditional leadership of Tibet. The Tibetans will then lose the focus of their desire for self determination.

**Boycott the Holiday Inn** - Owned by the British company Bass Plc., it is the only western multinational working in Tibet with the Chinese regime. This partnership resulting in the Holiday Inn Lhasa, excludes Tibetans from ownership.

The hotel is one of the largest earners of foreign currency for the Chinese authorities, whilst displacing business from Tibetan owned hotels and restaurants. At a time when Tibetans face the possibility of being reduced to a minority in their own country, this investment is detrimental to the Tibetan cause.



A demonstration by the Notts. Free Tibet Group took place outside the Nottingham Holiday Inn near Castle Boulevard on the 7th September. They can be contacted at 7 The Orchard, Oxtou, Notts.

The Guardian recently reported an alleged attempt by various chiefs of police that the anti-terrorist branch starts monitoring green activists. This is only the latest in along line of articles that are trying to push green/direct action and animal liberation activities into the category of terrorism. Our response to this increased surveillance and repression should be two fold.

Firstly, we should not be denouncing people in the movement purely because of different opinions on which tactics to use in defence of the natural world. There is room in the movement for all responses to ecological devastation and we must not be divided on small issues when there is agreement on almost everything else. To do otherwise is to play directly into the hands of those that seek to destroy the entire movement. While this increased oppression and surveillance is not welcome it should be realised that we are attracting it because the movement is becoming increasingly effective and popular. If we were ever to evolve beyond a relatively small number of people with comparatively little influence into a mass movement it was inevitable that we were going to attract this type of response from those that put profits before life. In reacting to this increased attention we must not deny our potential as a force for real and lasting change but instead to embrace it and draw up the battle lines between us and those who would want to destroy us.

Our second response to these developments should be a reappraisal of our personal and group security. If anybody is in any doubt over the lengths that the state will go to destroy radical groups they should look at recent history in the USA and the way that groups such as the Black Panthers, the American Indian Movement, MOVE, and Earth First! have been treated over there.

At the very least our response should be to assume routine interception of mail, tapping of phones and investigation by state agencies or private detective firms into individual activists and groups. The most simple measures can make life harder for them. One measure that people can and often take is covering up their faces on actions and demonstrations when cameras are present (for example there were four special branch photographers at the Whatley quarry action in December last year) in some cases this is a sensible thing to do but be aware it can look intimidating and can alienate many people that may otherwise get involved with us. One measure that everybody should be taking is to be far more careful about what is said over or even near a phone. In addition to this people should be trying to use a secure address as a postal contact point. A few simple measures can make it harder to identify activists and to work out where that next action is going to be.

In becoming more aware of security we need to be careful that we do not fall into the traps of firstly becoming so paranoid that we become inactive and secondly, but equally as importantly, we need to make sure that our increased awareness over security matters does not lead people to falsely accuse each other of being state infiltrators, either of these things will lead to mistrust between people and internal disputes in groups, in which case we will have done the work of those that want to destroy us.

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