

# EVENTS CRUISE- WATCH

TO MAKE OBVIOUS WHAT IS SECRET.

A cruise launcher convoy left USAF Greenham Common. Cruisewatch was alerted. The convoy was followed to Salisbury Plain where 100 demonstrators kept the launcher surrounded, and public. On Tues. night Feb. 21 the launcher started its return. Cruisewatch already knew it was imminent. The relevant roads, icy, had been gritted three times. (The wife of an official, whenever he is going to take part, leaves her baby with a neighbouring baby-sitter, who is a cruisewatcher!)

The launcher convoy left Salisbury Plain watched by Cruisewatch, accompanied by Cruisewatch, and welcomed by Cruisewatch at Greenham with banners, "Cruisewatch is watching you."

Cruisewatch has good reason to think that the military is very angry about all the publicity. It's all supposed to be deadly secret.

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## Snowballing

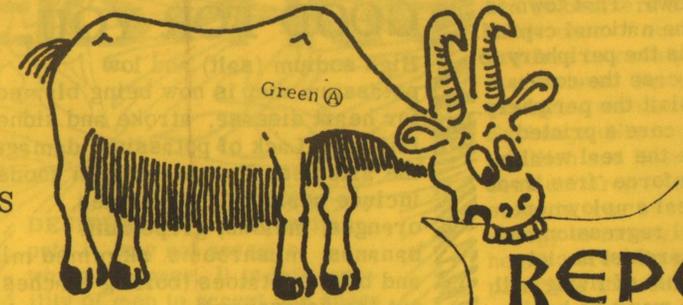
In Jan. the third stage of the Sculthorpe 'Snowball Campaign' took place. It involved 27 people from East Anglia symbolically cutting one strand of the fence around Sculthorpe air base. Pre-written statements to the police outlined the different ideas and feelings. The next stage, in March involves 81 people, increasing by a factor of three. After this stage the aim is to involve people from all over the country.

The law states that criminal damage can be committed if the life or possessions of a person are in immediate danger. This is our defence. There are three requests, only one of which needs to be fulfilled in order to stop the Snowball.



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## ACTIONS

These are:

1. That Britain votes in favour of multilateral disarmament at the UN.
2. That Britain publicly encourages the US to accept freeze proposals.
3. That Britain takes some unilateral step towards disarmament such as getting rid of cruise.

Info: Roy, Emma or Janet, on Wendling 564



## RIDE FOR LIFE 1985

This will take the form of several simultaneous Rides culminating at Molesworth for the Easter Demo. Anyone who can organise a leg of the Ride get in touch with: Tony Fletcher. Rainbow's End, 27 Portia Terrace, Mount Pleasant, Swansea. SA1 6XW.

Apr. 26-29. Molesworth Easter demo. CND seems to be nervous about this. So if we are going to take any effective action, we are going to have to organise it ourselves, locally.

Apr. 30. 'Stop Business As Usual' "The time has come to hit back. All our lives are a series of differing forms of repression and oppression. We cannot accept this, the destruction of our lives. Organise in your own city and pick out the corporations that offend you most...."

May 5. Anarchist Picnic. Hamstead Heath, London. "The basic idea is for lots of people to have a good time and inject some enthusiasm back into the movement as well as presenting an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, and to

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promote a bit of solidarity."

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May 30. Brighton 'Stop the City'. 9-9.30am. Churchill Square. Peaceful Demos.

"Soon we will have no right of demonstration, as the government gradually erodes our freedom of movement and protest. We are faced with the decision, sit back and hope it goes away or say no. We won't just stand back and let our planet be destroyed. We won't let them play with life as if they have some divine right to say this is how it will be, like it or lump it. On the 30th it's up to you to have some form of protest lined up. Pick yourself a target and do something to it. The form of your protest is up to you. Only you can say how far you're willing to go to make your protest. Maps and where certain targets are will be given out on the day. Stop the City London May & Sept didn't work because not enough people turned up. How pleased the greedy, power-welding oppressors must be. What a laugh they must have had at us. Let's wipe the smile off their faces. Tell them what to do with their screwed up ways. Resist them."

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# UNIFORMITY AND THE STATE

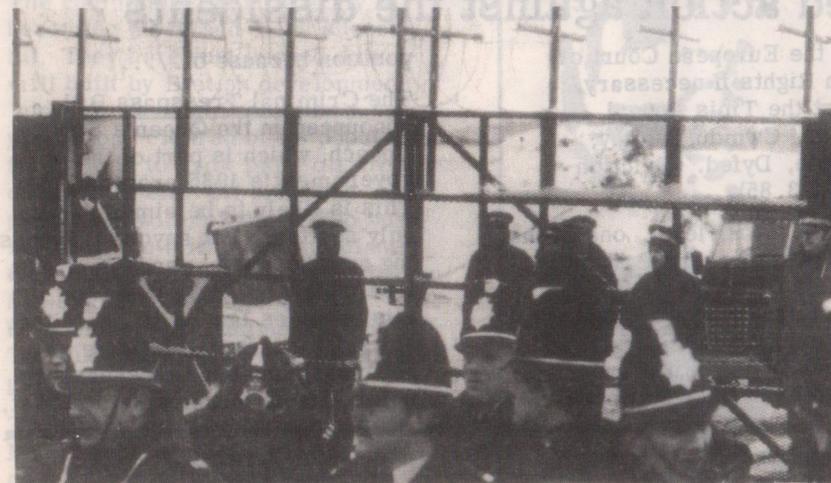
Control of ones destiny and actions are lost directly one puts on uniform. To the state the individual is a cog in a machine and to put on uniform is to accept that. A person may be required to become a guinea pig for radiation tests, as the recent Australian Inquiry on British A-bomb testing show. A person may be required to destroy a city via Dresden, Nagasaki Hiroshima Coventry and Guernica. A person may be required to bludgeon ones fellow citizens, demanding more control over their lives, as in the miners strike. A person may be required to be a concentration camp warder, or to defend the property of some multinational, that screws coloured people in South Africa, robs the third world or poisons cities land and waterways. One may guard nuclear installations that are depositing radioactive waste, or designed to murder fellow citizens by the million.

Power will always be abused, law will always be used to back that abuse, and those in uniform will always be the victims and the executioners of that power. The goebels like figure of Heseltine would no doubt like to see rows of medals across his chest as he heads his storm troopers against a handfull of unarmed protesters. What do these people know about good housekeeping or husbandry? These politicians who lie and cheat and take decisions in secret that effect the lives of millions? An economy of the market place with the same ethics. An economy propped up by the luck of finding oil near by. Sold to keep people in unhappy idleness and to defeat those who wish to retain some dignity and control over their lives. The powerfull who spend vast resources on suicidal weaponry, where expenditure is never capped amid our decaying sewers, leaking water mains crumbling housing stock and potholed roads. Why even our civil servants are leaking in protest. The nuclear power stations are not to be closed on economic grounds as they are the feed stock for bombs and cancer patients.

Uniformity in mind and body is the aim of the state through education and the media. Where professionals uniformed by education and status vastly outnumber those engaged in needfull production. Bribed by financial inducements the ranks of blue uniforms support the primacy of money against the value of future chemical feedstocks. They are also their to defend those inverted concentration camps that house the instruments of death that perpetuate the climate of fear on which all states thrive.

Alan Albon

# NEWS INVASION OF MOLESWORTH



In the depths of a February night, after 5 months of detailed organisation and training, Field Marshal Heseltine led 3000 troops and police in the successful re-occupation of Molesworth, putting to flight the combined resistance of of a hundred peace campers, 2 goats and a horse. Heseltine's intelligence, which had reported that the campers were armed and aggressive, perhaps needs improving. Nevertheless a great victory. (see centre pages)

## PONTING ACQUITTED!

Clive Ponting, a senior civil servant, leaked MOD documents to MP, Tam Dayell because his superiors, Heseltine and Stanley were trying to lie to Parliament about statements about the sinking of the Belgrano. Ponting claimed he was acting in the public interest. The judge instructed the jury that the "interests of the state" were the same as the interests of the government. The jury disagreed and acquitted Ponting.

Even the Civil Servants are beginning to say 'enough is enough'. In spite of vetting the jury, and with all the forces of law against him, Ponting was acquitted. Even a vetted jury could not stomach the lies and deception that was part of the prosecution case.

However let us not be deceived, most of the politicians of which ever party were prepared to see hundreds of ordinary people sent to the bottom of the sea for political reasons that ordinary people have no part in. The Argentinians were conscripts sent to the bottom by volunteers. The British establishment has never been too happy about conscription. Weapons are apt to get into the wrong hands.

## Stonehenge threatened

The National Trust is trying to stop the free festival

Stonehenge Free Festival is under threat. The National Trust has announced that they will take "all necessary action" to ensure that Stonehenge '85 will not take place. They have also sent solicitors letters to all the voluntary organisations which habitually go to the Henge, demanding written assurances that they will not attend this year and threatening injunctions if these organisations do not comply.

So far Festival Welfare Services and the Samaritans have written back saying that the NT can issue

injunctions if it likes (and if it wants the publicity of taking voluntary welfare organisations to court), but they will be at Stonehenge regardless - unless of course the NT manages to achieve the impossible by preventing the festival.

Meanwhile rank and file festival-goers are said to be making contingency plans for huge convoys to Stonehenge from various secret assembly points throughout Britain.

Brig Oubridge

The British establishment has obtained its hegemony by subterfuge, secrecy, and the sort of bribery and corruption that has a patina of legality. If the law does not suit them, they change it; if they are unable to, their partners in the business of ruling interpret in their favour. They may drop Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act but they will always dig a little deeper into the legal dung heap to find a law that will do.

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# CRACKDOWN ON ALTERNATIVES

Is there an orchestrated action against the dissidents?

Is there a government inspired conspiracy in operation to stamp out 'alternative' life-style communities? The straws in the wind could easily lead people to conclude that there is.

The police trashing of the Convoy at Wakefield last August was an outrageous incident (see G.A.No.3), but it is now looking like part of a pattern. In Wales two 'alternative' communities, the Tipi Village at Talley in Dyfed and Llwyn Piod near Rhæader in Powys, have both been issued with enforcement notices by their respective District Councils. These notices allege that these communities - both established over eight years on land owned by the residents themselves - are in breach of the planning laws (ie. an unauthorised change of use of agricultural land), and require that everyone should disappear by March. Both communities intend to appeal, and Talley folk are determined to go as

far as the European Court of Human Rights if necessary. Support the Tipis Appeal, Wernlas, Cwmdu, Talley, Llandeilo, Dyfed. (Eviction date: 14.3.85).

In Norwich, Argyle St, one of the largest squats in Britain is scheduled for eviction in February. Residents are resigned to this eviction taking place, but squatters in future are likely to be in an even worse

position because of.....

The Criminal Trespass Bill, announced in the Queen's Speech, which is part of the government's 1985 programme. This is likely to be aimed at not only squatters, but anyone trespassing anywhere (eg. peace campers, free festivals etc.). When (or if?) this becomes law, it is likely that eviction orders will become unnecessary and such trespassers will be liable to immediate arrest.

## YTS or starve

The Government is planning big Social Security cuts.

The government plans to keep us all under control through the Social Security system have taken another step in the decision to exclude 16-18 year olds from their right to supplementary benefit. This will effectively mean that either under 18s will have to live at home supported by their parents or accept a place on the Youth Training Scheme (YTS) If they do not do either they will simply starve. Furthermore the government plans to cut out all extra payments for special diets extra heating costs etc. and all single payments for essential items. The long-term rate of benefit will be abolished and students will no longer be entitled to housing benefits and supplementary benefits.

## HUNT SABS

At a major event in the hunting calendar, attended by Princess Anne and Mark Philips, the Hunt Saboteurs mounted a carefully co-ordinated demo. The Hunt killed no foxes that day. In infuriated huntsmen in their black riding gear thrashed about as nearly 100 hunt sabs, using CB radio, entirely disrupted their proceedings.



Greenpeace (London) are launching a campaign against angling. In a letter to anglers they say: "As you sit by the river or canal this afternoon you have plenty of time to think. Only the sick deliberately inflict pain. Of course it is pleasant to be sitting outside, away from the groaning traffic and desperate rush of modern life. But do you really need that rod at your side? Bring a book to read, food for a picnic, some paper to write or draw. Think about it."

The Argyle St. squat in Norwich has now been evicted and the houses bulldozed to make way for new houses for those better off than the squatters.

In Stanford-in-the-Vale low level nuclear waste from hospitals is being dumped on the surface of local tips. Demanding that it be buried, protesters were told that the subsequent compression would turn the low level nuclear waste into MEDIUM level nuclear. What are they doing with your local hospital waste? Write to Dick Nettleton, 111 Farringdon Rd. Stanford-in-the-Vale, Oxon.

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# Hot spot getting hotter

The South Pacific is heading towards turmoil.

### THE PHILIPPINES.

The communist guerilla army is becoming more and more successful. They have just burned down a mill built by British development 'aid' to process oil palm on a new plantation, cleared of its population for Britain to grow palm oil for our cooking oil etc. Oil palm has to be processed within 24 hours so burning down the mill ends that plantation. Tanaka, an opposition politician has said that development aid " will be considered an unfriendly act". The guerillas have made the same point, forcefully.

The president, America's puppet, Marcos, is ill. The regime, corrupt and tottering. America's biggest foreign military base is in the Philippines. If Marcos dies and civil war erupts the base and America's vast profits in agriculture are threatened.

### AUSTRALIA

Prime Minister Hawke has retracted secret arrangements to monitor test flights of America's MX missile from California to the Tasman Sea. Hawke has just had a nasty shock from anti-nuclear movement successes in the recent election. And he's decided to go leftwards.



### NEW ZEALAND

Prime Minister Lange has said that no US boats carrying nuclear missiles can enter NZ ports. America has threatened trade retaliation to bring NZ to heel and safeguard the ANZUS pact (US, Australia and New Zealand). America is accused of over-reaction but if NZ left Anzus, what might Japan or Holland or Belgium do?

### FIJI

The Fiji Prime Minister has just sold his country down the river by agreeing with the US for 'military co-operation, ie. if America loses their Philippines base, they'll re-build it on Fiji.

### NEW CALEDONIA

The Melanesians, the indigenous peoples (now only 43% of the population against 37% French colonists and 20% others) are demanding independence, violently. The colonists are fighting it. Many have come after being turned out of Algeria. The colonists now own most of the land and get great profits from the nickel mines which supply nearly 10% of the world's production. In the end the French will have to go, but it's going to be a bloody business.

### VANUATUA

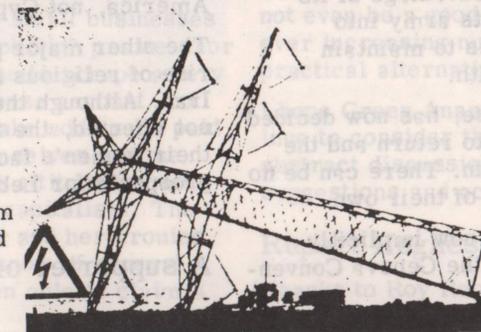
The newly independent New Hebrides, getting increasingly anti-American with contacts with Gaddafi, is actively supporting New Caledonia's Melanesians. And their help could spread to Papua where they are trying to oust Indonesia. The South Pacific is hotting up.

# EUROPEAN GUERRILLAS

Bombing and shooting is on the increase.

A New Alliance is developing between the European guerilla movements, the Red Army Faction (RAF) in Germany, Action Direct (AD) in France and the Fighting Communist Cells (CCC) in Belgium.

A theft of explosives in June '84 from a quarry near Brussels has provided material for all those three groups. In July in France AC bombed a government building. This January they shot Audron, director of international arms sales at the French Defence Ministry. The RAF was also



possibly involved.

In Belgium in December NATO emer-

gency fuel pipelines were broken in 6 places by explosives.

In Germany in December a nuclear power station was closed down because a pylon was blown up. The RAF tried to bomb the American-run NATO officers' training school in Oberammergau. On Feb. 1st Zimmerman, an influential arms manufacturer was shot. Most of the RAF are in jail, on hunger strike demanding status as political prisoners. But some have now ended it.

# HOPE FOR PALESTINE?



In 1948 Britain decided to allow the Jews from all over the world to settle in Palestine. The ownership of the land was taken from the Palestinians and given to the Jews, now the Israelis. There's been trouble ever since. Today four million Palestinians are refugees from their homeland; three million of them are in Lebanon, doubling the population. So there's trouble in Lebanon too.

The Palestinians and all the other Arab countries have, ever since, refused to accept the existence of Israel, and Israel has refused to talk to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO).

In Lebanon Yasser Arafat, in the 70s, formed El Fatah, the most important faction of the PLO. Arafat is short, about 5'3", medium build. He is going bald and his beard is going grey, not the image of a great charismatic leader. But he builds confidence and optimism. He is always cheerful with brown smiling eyes. He can be firm and angry but the anger quickly passes. Everybody loves him. He's known as the 'Old Man'. He leads from the front, and it was from Lebanon that Arafat launched increasingly successful attacks on Israel. In 1982 after successive failures to dislodge the PLO, Israel invaded Lebanon right up to Beirut. The PLO is now dispersed all over the Middle East.

The effect of the Palestinians in Lebanon has been to exacerbate the divisions between the Lebanese Christians and Moslems, and between the Moslems themselves, the Sunnis, the Shias and the Druzes. They all obtain their arms through Syria (since the Mediterranean is blockaded by Israeli boats). Syria, which calls Lebanon 'Greater Syria', is taking advantage of its monopoly supply of guns by moving its army into Lebanon where, presumably, it hopes to maintain control and milk Lebanon of its wealth.

Israel, unable to control the Lebanese, has now decided to withdraw. This will allow Arafat to return and the whole thing could start all over again. There can be no peace until the Palestinians get land of their own.

But things have changed. Arafat has now implicitly recognised the state of Israel under the Geneva Conven-

breakthrough. Peres has now been elected Israel's Prime Minister, which no other Arab country except Egypt has yet done. This is a breakthrough. Arafat is now asking, not for the expulsion of all the Jews, but for an independent homeland for the Palestinians on the West Bank. (Autonomous, in today's newspeak, doesn't mean independent.)

It is pretty certain that since the invasion of Lebanon, Peres has already talked to Arafat. That's another Minister, so it could be possible, finally, to get the Israelis and Palestinians talking together about giving the Palestinians the West Bank (owned by Jordan but occupied by Israel) and perhaps a bit of the Left Bank too.

The chances for the Palestinians are good. The chances for the Lebanese are not so good. Syria will be unwilling to withdraw, though it might be amenable to its paymaster, Saudi Arabia. There is already de facto partition in Lebanon with the Christians, the Sunni, Shia and Druze Moslems each controlling their own territory, and there is general agreement within Lebanon that this partition must stay and be legitimised. There seems to be general agreement outside Lebanon that it must not.

The major opponent to partition is probably Syria who would find it difficult to impose a puppet government of its choosing. Likewise the superpowers would be unable to ensure communist or capitalist affiliation in a divided Lebanon. They don't like partition. Even now America is trying to reunite Cyprus. And if America is trying to reunite Cyprus, it's because there's something in it for America, not Cyprus.

The other major problem which Lebanon faces is the rise of religious fundamentalism imported from Shia Iran. Although the Palestinians, who are Sunni, are not affected, the Shia Moslems are already covering their women's faces. Alcohol is already forbidden. The prospects for Lebanon are not happy.

A supporter of Abu Jihad.

HOW WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE

# ALTERNATIVE ECONOMY



Illustrations by Tony.

A GROWING DISENCHANTMENT with industry and commerce has led to the realisation that it is impossible to create a green society when tied down to the stifling confines of capitalism. Capitalism with its modes of production and distribution, is centralist, alienating, polluting and exploitive of plants, animals and minerals. The alternative is to set up something as far removed from capitalist means and values as is practically possible. One of the most important directions this belief is taking is 'the alternative economy'.

Individuals and groups are building their own 'enterprises', usually small and often on a co-operative basis. Some provide the essentials, like food and clothing, while others provide goods of a more aesthetic nature, such as craftwork, though the two can combine as one (as with clothing). Some are run from home, almost on a cottage industry basis, often using mail order; some rent or squat on shop-type property - witness the ever-increasing number of wholefood shops and radical bookshops. As well as making 'work' a pleasant experience, the aim of both is to sell worth-while goods at reasonable prices. Some (shock! horror!) are even known to give away goods, or barter when they are able.

Despite this limited generosity it might be argued that these enterprises are simply 'alternative capitalism'. But I do not believe that these are the small businesses upon which Mrs. Thatcher bestows such high praise. For a start, no one rarely earns more than to scrape a very basic non-consumerist living (no expense account, no company car); indeed, many have to take additional paid work or dole (or both) to support themselves and the venture. More importantly, the whole attitude (small, non-profiteering etc.) is at odds with capitalism. The irony is that the zeal of Mrs Thatcher and her cronies can help us here (if nowhere else): I know of several co-operative ventures which have been able to claim a

useful government grant by applying as a 'small business'.

The alternative economy is important even if it only allows a few comrades to work outside of big business, in a convivial atmosphere, but it does more than that. It can allow for the practical change of lifestyle stressed by Marcus in 'What is Green' (GA3), not only on the part of those who run the 'business' but also its 'customers'. It is particularly valuable for food and toiletries where it can be one of the few outlets for products not poisoned by noxious chemicals, nor containing, nor tested on, butchered animals. The literature sold has ideas, in non-glossy form, unacceptable to most bookshops and newsagents, and the crafts can be of a kind without the planned obsolescence of capitalist knick-knacks and the bland uniformity of mass production.

Especially important, the alternative economy promotes itself to others. I wonder how many people have become aware of wholefood and vegetarianism, not by some activist on a soapbox 'who knows what people need', but simply by wandering round a wholefood shop and finding a wide range of tasty goods?

I hope for radical change but I do not believe it will come with sudden, sweeping, overnight change (this may not even be a good thing). I believe it will come by an ever increasing number of small units offering a practical alternative.

I hope Green Anarchist and green anarchists will continue to consider this important area, not simply with abstract discussion, as this piece is, but practical suggestions and actions.

Rupert Hughes.

(Thanks to Roy Roberts for his invaluable comments)



THE MOST POWERFUL DEPARTMENT in government (possibly excepting the Ministry of Defence) is the Department of Transport. And the most powerful government lobby, without exception, is the Road Lobby, vehicle manufacturers oil refiners, petrol producers, civil engineers, construction companies, consultants, surveyors, tyre manufacturers Tarmac producers Cementation, the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association, the British Road Federation, the AA and the RAC and a multitude of giant industrial corporations.

The Road Lobby runs the Department of Transport (DTp) and when/if the major urban strategic authorities are abolished, the DTp will assume responsibility for thousands more miles of roads. Various Road Lobby organisations have already published lavish and expensive (to stop you and me reading them) reports (in fact policy directives to the DTp) in which they demand minimum expenditure of £20 billion on the road network (approximately half of this in London). The result will be wholesale destruction of our environment with millions made homeless while exploitative hauliers line their pockets with vast capital subsidies and all the Road Lobby relatives get rich quick.

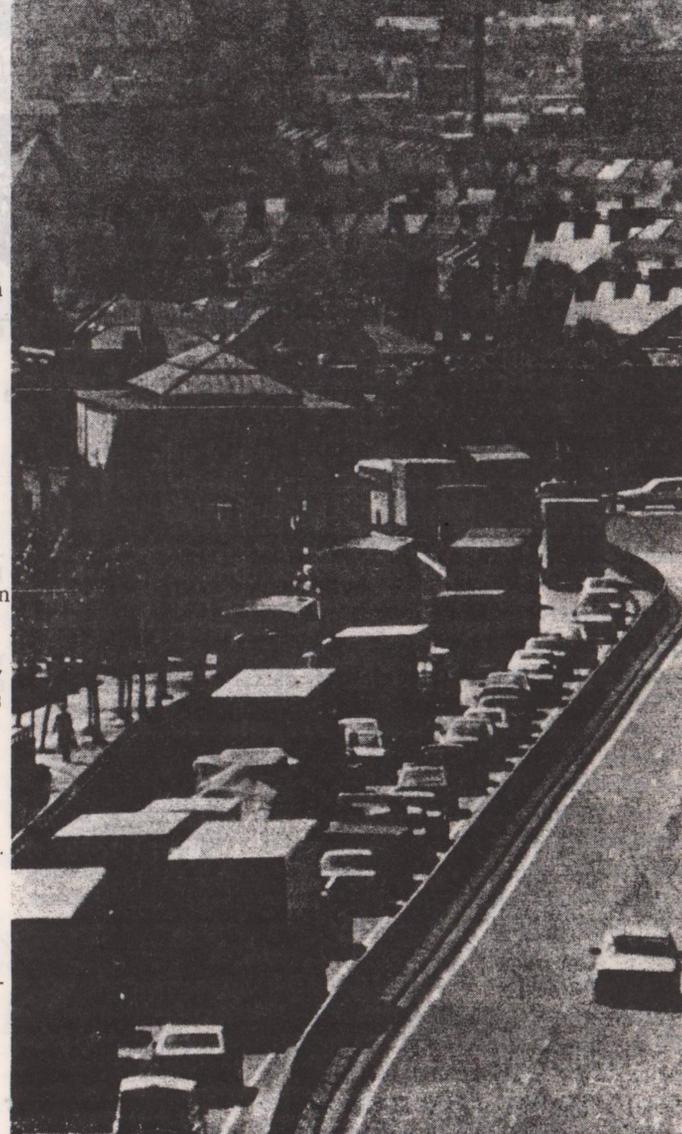
The greater the road capacity, the greater the number of cars attracted onto the roads the greater the justification for more road building. All our major urban centres will be effectively levelled and carved up, millions will be made homeless and the nature of society irrevocably altered. During the planning stages and the construction period of a major road scheme, the community infrastructure disappears as those, unable to tolerate the upheaval, leave the area. Subsequently, the motorway and its tributaries create an uninhabitable hinterland - or one inhabited only by the poor, homeless, the uncared-for the elderly, the infirm and the insane.

Motorway construction also produces property speculation on a vast scale. The speculator buys cheap, blighted property on a roadline, sells it at inflated compulsory purchase price to the DTp (though this is still well below its non-blighted 'market value'), buys land near the limits of the construction project which then soars in 'value' as an industrial estate linked to the (highly subsidised) distributive road network is developed.

Vast areas of Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle, Manchester, London etc. etc. have been destroyed in this way. But these 'developments' or 'improvement schemes' are as nothing compared with those you can expect to see proposed by the DTp as soon as it has control of urban roads currently under the control of metropolitan strategic planning authorities. As the Ministry of Social Planning, the DTp is developing two scales of living: one for those trying to survive in the shadow of an urban motorway amidst programmed inner city decay, and those living in satellite towns such as Milton Keynes where the whole of life is programmed rather than lived, where social intercourse is nil, where a vast road network linking cable-TV housing estates to hi-tech factories sprawls into the everdiminishing countryside. Thus two societies will be produced, both unworthy of the name and both terrifyingly alienating.

At Archway Road in North London we've been fighting public planning disasters for 15 years. We've fought and 'won' four public inquiries so far. We've (allegedly) driven one inspector to an early grave, another to a nervous breakdown and another one plagued into resignation after receiving abusive phone calls, letters, broken windows and a packet of shit (this last was a former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff - see how easily the State cracks when faced with genuinely popular opposition).

# MORE MOTORWAYS!



But the fact is that objectors don't need to get up to any of these tricks since the Road Lobby and their friends in the DTp do it for them, so hysterical are they at the thought that their inspector might actually be listening to objectors - so he is always removed.



The Archway group has made two newsreels which, for expenses, they'll show anywhere in the London area. They've also made a film 'Road Movie' available on 16mm and video from Contemporary Films, 55 Greek St. London. W1.

# CAR-FREE WORLD

ONE NICE THING about Norway is that at the road junctions cars stop for you. As a pedestrian, used to the continual war between pedestrians and car owners the real terrorists, this comes as something of a shock to the nervous system. But why shouldn't it be better here? Even better, what about the dream of a car-free world.

As anarchists we are all concerned with the eradication of oppression, be it directly by governments or the militarists, or indirectly by pollution. The oppression of people by the traffic Empires is also something that we Anarchists should be concerned with.

The facts are stark and have been published in many another journal and yet are still not registering with a lot of people - 15million (plus) people killed by cars worldwide since 1900. On British roads each year 6000 killed and 400,000 maimed or injured. This says nothing of the air pollution and structural damage to buildings cars cause, or the way that land is needlessly used up, which would be better used for growing food or housing - both urgently needed. On top of this the continued damage of car terrorism results in nervous breakdowns for some, our hospitals are full of people maimed or injured by cars, while those needing less 'urgent' attention may wait for two or more years, unless they want to 'go private'.

Meanwhile bileways and pedestrian ways are continually under attack by these terrorists - it used to be 1 in 14 - now it's 1 in 12 of all attacks upon pedestrians by cars taking place upon the footpath and not the carriageway. Cars, far from helping people to have better communications from place to place, have helped to immobilise people and not helped them get around better. Try walking around Brent Cross, Birmingham, crossing the Euston Road or a 1000 other places - never mind the way in which public transport - trains and bus services have been cut.

Clearly cars are the problem and we should be working to create a car-free world. So imagine what it would be like to live in such a world.

## A New and Better Car-Free World.

Imagine being able to run, or leisurely wander around, mile after uninterrupted mile, without the danger of being mown down - If you have ever experienced the pedestrian streets in Denmark or West Germany you might get a slight glimpse of what this might be like.

Then we would also be able to have many safe, pleasant and clean bike ways. The bike is ideal for most journeys which are on average within 5 miles of where people live.

We would also be healthier by better and healthier travel and cleaner air - no cars to obstruct the way of the children, the handicapped and the elderly people or to cause them injury. One myth that goes with cars is that they help to give the elderly and handicapped a way to travel. This is far from the case within our society for they



cannot afford them in the first place. The reality is that the elderly and handicapped people would be better off with better and cheaper public transport (better still, free public transport). With better access on to the vehicles - vehicles that are separated from the foot and bike paths - ie monorails railways, underground etc - even river/canal transport. The Thames was once a great highway within London. Now it's just been left. Canals that were once the great means of moving goods and people around are now unsafe and dangerous. Clearly something that could easily be reversed as a situation.

Being car free - there would be more land for housing or to grow crops where people are and so help (long term) the situation in the Third World. In many places it is dangerous to eat what's grown in towns, because of the pollution caused by the defecations of terrorist vehicles. We would also not need to rely upon pesticides. Combined with a vegetarian diet, Britain and Western Europe should become a mass exporter of food. Consume the wealth of the third world and thus helping to kill off the people in those countries.

I have only given a small glimpse of my dream - the dream and the immediate campaign against cars tends to become intermixed - a result of daily anger at the oppression that cars cause me and other people and also resulting from the immediate campaigning needs.

We can all help to create a car free world. Firstly by the abandonment of all cars then by the refusal to cooperate with car users - then by walking, using public transport and bikes, then we may well be on the way to the creation of an anarchist world.

Martin Lowe.

# HARDER WORK FOR ALL

A report has been issued by the Institute of Economic Analysis at New York University, written by Nobel prize-winner, Leontief, which shows authoritatively that there will not be enough workers to operate all the machines we want. The Guardian writes: "the study strongly implies that the likely technological changes up to 2000 are going to increase the demand for labour rather than reduce it - exactly as past technological changes have done." This is in line with the long term historical trend. Agriculture was more work than hunter-gathering; Cornwall tin miners in the 16th cent. worked 4 hour shifts, in the 19th cent. the shift was 8-10 hours.

At first glance this looks like a vindication of capitalist technological society. I can provide employment, even more employment, ie. harder work.

But the unspoken promise of capitalism is that the machines will do all the work and we the people will have a golden age of leisure. This report refutes that. It promises not leisure but harder work. Capitalism is not vindicated but convicted.

Richard Hunt.

# MOLESWORTH

# WHAT NOW



"It was about midnight. We'd just come out of the sweat-lodge and we were standing naked round the fire. Then we saw moving lines of headlights in the dark, the convoys of soldiers and police.

They put a cordon round the Rainbow Village and said, "We want you to move within the hour and if you don't we have the men and machinery to do it for you."

It took Jules and her husband Sid Rawl 17 hours to take down their tipi and bender. And Jules was 8½ months pregnant. (Jules has now given birth, at Grafham Water. Mother and daughter doing nicely).

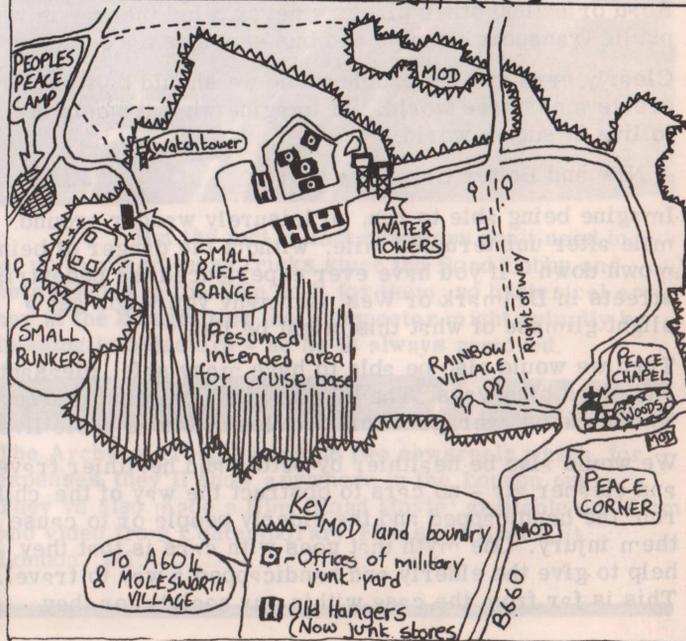
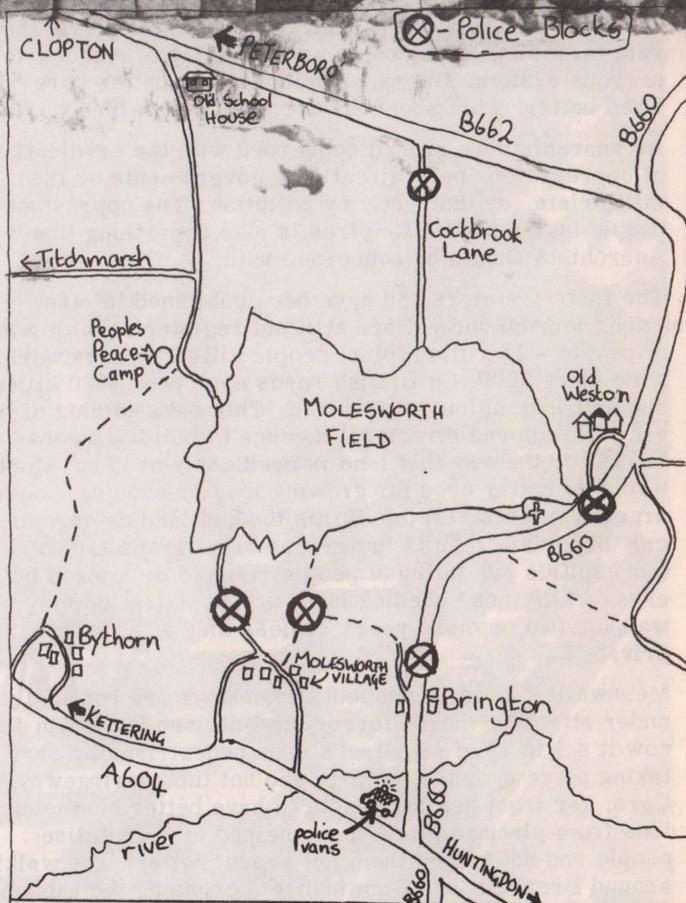
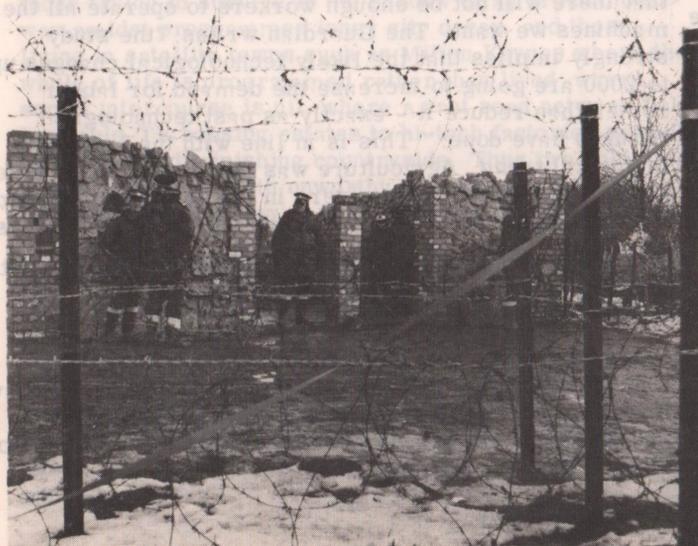
At the Peace Camp, with a black flag and anarchist symbols, Nick said: "We saw the convoys of lights coming. It was very frightening. I went up to Clopton and stayrd there all night and into the morning, phoning all the pledge groups. The police stopped all access to pledgers and press."

The peace camp is being harrassed by both Health and planning, and four of the 'permanent' campers are being taken to court for eviction. But they think they were getting too comfortable anyway. So they'll get into tents and benders and be more active.

The Rainbow Village is being evicted from Grafham Wate. Some are going to a site at Corby about 17 miles away. Others arn't going so far. They don't think their vehicles will make it.

The best turnout so far was when (Feb 19?) about 300 from the Nottingham area arrived. Many groups went over the fence and were held in detention portakabins. 5 (it is thought) were held and charged with criminal damage.

Cruiswatch in East Anglia had already noticed the military



convoys and a fortnight before the actual occupation had phoned in a warning. This turned out to be a sort of false alarm. It was just a fortnight too early.

Brig Oubridge writes:

In the first few days there was a constant stream of pledgers in and out of the Molesworth area, despite the thick snow and police harassment. A CND information point was set up (with police blessing) on the A604, and as well as the constant vigils at Peace corner there have been people getting into the base every day, and many others simply keeping lots of MOD police occupied in watching in watching them walk around the outside or escorting them up and down the bridge path from Peace Corner to Cockbrook Lane. (This path is officially still open, and if you are lucky you will be allowed to pass along it provided you are escorted all the way and do not stop.)

The vital task now is to keep up the pressure so that CND's "vast reinforcements" do not become a fast-fading nine day wonder, and so that the authorities have to maintain their police state and pay the full price in both financial and political terms for guarding their seven miles of barbed wire.

Having started in the worst possible weather and in a worse state of preparedness than we might have hoped for, things can only get easier and better organised from now on.

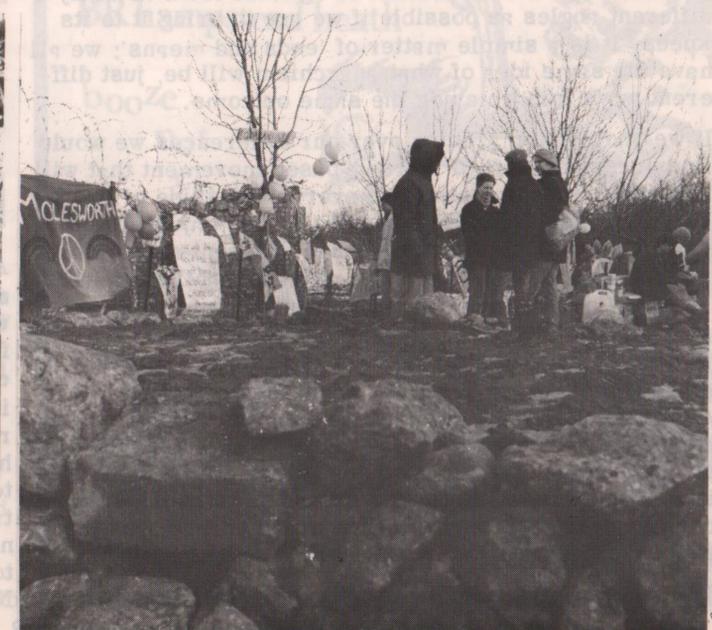
A group of people in Birmingham want to suggest that we start now to retake the initiative at Molesworth. In the last few weeks, since the fence went up, people have quite rightly felt that they must visit the place on the strength of their outrage and anger.

As the edge goes off these emotions, we need to develop a campaign that builds on this scattering of individuals. We hope that other people will push for a week-long action, with days shared out along the lines of the pledge in three or four months' time. Of course this will give everyone something to look forward to after Easter. The most successful perhaps, of this type was the Upper Heyford action of June '83. Perhaps the end of June or the beginning of July (before holidays) would be best.

Whaddya think?

**STUFF UP MOLESWORTH'S ARSE!**

How about letting Nature get the MOD off Molesworth? If we stop the rain-water draining off the base, it would turn it into a swamp. This means filling in the ditches which drain the land (the ones on the south of the base?). If they manage to build underground drains, it would mean something more ambitious.



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# UNITED WE WIN

## Divided, we remain dreamers.

I consider myself to be an ANARCHIST. That is to say a person who wants to see a society based on the principles of freedom, peace and self-determination without governments. Furthermore I want to see anarchism in my lifetime so I can personally reap the benefits that will be on offer in an anarchist society. I refuse to subscribe to any line of thought that says 'anarchism tomorrow' or 'but the people ar'nt ready yet', as I believe the time is drawing near when people will be ready for anarchism. And failure for us to grab the opportunity will result in future generations being subservient to the state machine

I genuinely believe that anarchism can be achieved SOON, but first we have to prove to non-anarchists that we are a real movement, a unified force to be trusted, and a collective mass that can help bring about revolutionary change. To do this we must stop the petty infighting between different anarchist factions who argue about who is more anarchist than whom. For too long this argument has been thrown back and forth and has now spilled (with boring regularity) onto the pages of two excellent anarchist papers, FREEDOM and BLACK FLAG. Such infighting serves nobody within the anarchist movement, and if we're not careful we could end up as divided and sectarian as the left. Then what chance will we have for grabbing the real opportunities for anarchism that are to come our way? For fuck sake the state must be revolting in our infighting and the lack of solidarity between us that keeps us off its spineless back! What chance have we of tackling the state if we can't accept the differences between us?

Personally, as an anarchist, I accept other anarchists' choice of roads for achieving anarchism. I find no personal contradiction in aligning myself with such diverse anarchists as anarcho-pacifists and Class War, or anarcho-syndicalists and anarcho-drop outs. My acceptance of different anarchist arguments for the best way of achieving revolution stems from the fact that I recognise us all as individuals and having personal preferences. Further, that the state must be agitated from as many different angles as possible if we are to bring it to its knees. It is a simple matter of 'ends and means': we all have the same idea of what anarchism will be, just different ways for achieving the same outcome.

If we should stop arguing over our differences we would find ourselves part of a broad-based movement that will be able to offer something to everyone outside of it. Proof for this theory can be seen by the way different anarchist factions have influenced different sectors of radical activity. For instance anarcho-pacifists have reached into and drawn from the anti-war movement. Similarly Class War and anarcho-syndicalists have built bridges with striking miners and other working class unions/groupings. The same also applies to the Animal Liberation Front, anarcho-feminists and green anarchists all influencing the causes they subscribe to. It is clear to me that our anarchist ideas are touching sensitive areas of anti-state activity and if we could unite behind one another our influence would spread, and the response from non-anarchists would be staggering.

The reason for this call for unity stems not only from a

personal desire to see a united anarchist movement, but as I briefly mentioned above, we now have a chance of actually achieving our aims. For us, NOW, we have an opportunity that has been denied the anarchist movement for over a hundred years since the industrial revolution.

Once again the state is on the verge of another change, though this one is to give capitalism a scientific face. But for this transformation to take place the state will have to deal with certain situations that will cause instability. Some of these situations the state will have to bring upon itself for wanting technological change, while others will naturally occur due to such changes. It is these unstable situations that will be a united anarchist movement's best allies.

I don't want to sound like a Marxist of the 1930s who genuinely believed capitalism was on its last legs. I'm not that naive. In fact I reckon if too much pressure isn't put upon the state, it will be able to tackle each situation as it arises, deal with it, and actually achieve the transformation - even though few people will gain from it. However, no anarchist wants to see the state become a technological centralised power, so we have no choice but to agitate and exploit every unstable situation and use each to our advantage. That means ALL OF US and in EVERY POSSIBLE WAY!

We are all aware of the de-stabilising pressures upon the state. We can see them in our daily lives, and as each day goes by we can see them getting worse. Obvious examples are: the military build-up with new scientific weaponry, a stronger centralised police force to protect the state from threats within, continually rising unemployment, the lack of spending power for an ever-growing number of people, cut-backs in government spending on hospitals, housing, roads, schools and education, the uncertainty of sterling in the international market, industrial pollution on the one hand and industrial decay on the other, the bulldozer approach by the present government on every issue, lack of parliamentary opposition and so on . . . . These and other situations will continue to bear down on ANY government trying to take capitalism into the new technology no matter what reformist tactics they attempt to employ.

And what of pressures that are to come? We can already see the energy crisis getting decidedly worse, oil price uncertainties (which won't lessen as stocks diminish), the failure of nuclear power to provide, and 300 years of coal could fail to alleviate the problem thanks to capitalism's incompetent management. Other foreseeable problems relate to areas as diverse as specialised technocrats having more muscle than the NUM could ever hope for, to transport systems unable to meet the mobility we now take for granted because no one's planning for our future needs (it'll probably be easier for the State to send ships to the moon than for you or I to get from Wales to Norfolk). Then of course there are problems that neither

us nor them can foresee.

The real effects of the build-up of all situations will not only be upon government, but more importantly, upon ordinary people. They will experience changes in their world and daily lives which will not just disturb them, but will radically change their attitude and acceptance towards authority that forced these changes upon them. Of course, those with power, wealth or vested interests in the transformation will find their standard of living increase while the rest, the majority, will find themselves not only getting poorer, but discarded and not wanted or needed by the new technological state. It will offer them nothing as it believes they have nothing to offer it.

It's with this last group in mind, those who will suffer from this transformation, that I see a golden opportunity to push anarchism forward. The unwanted will, as time goes by, need to organise themselves without the state, for the state will offer them nothing but crumbs from its scientific cake. They will have to learn the arts of solidarity, self-survival, free exchange of information and resources, self-sufficiency as communities, and other acts of mutual aid that people have to employ if they are to survive. These people, which includes you and me, will be leapt upon by every reformist group, organisation and do-gooder. All will proclaim to be on 'our side', but realistically (and I emphasise this is not a hopeful wish) it will only be a broad-based anarchist movement that will be able to offer any real help to all people so they can organise free of and outside the state.

One may wonder why anarchists should be anymore successful than others? Well the answer is as simple as anarchism itself. We are not a religious sect or order which promises pie in the sky, we don't say to people suffer happily and god will reward you when you die. Nor are we a political party that asks for their vote so we may be able to offer a better society sometime in the future. Neither are we a lefty group with an hierarchical or centralised structure that is bogged down with bureaucracy. We fit into no such categories and what we have to offer will be a lot more. Because of our philosophy we have no choice but to encourage people to organise themselves so they can weather the state's hostility towards them. We know the benefits of mutual aid and how it helps people survive. Only we can impress upon people to get their act together for themselves and to take control of their own destiny without leaders.

It is as we agitate and organise that we will begin to see the dawning of anarchism. At first it will be a juxtaposition with the state forging ahead with its technological nightmare while at the same time those who suffer most from this transformation will begin to act for themselves, organising themselves in the homes, streets, places of work, in the dole queue, college etc. Eventually we would see the state confronted by a people who have had enough, and begin to demand total control over their own lives. What will the state do then? It will have several options open to it, but once the tide begins to turn it will be as useless as King Canute. But before we can begin to appeal to non-anarchists, we must have a united front that is looking outward, agitating and organising in every sphere, wherever and whenever and however possible. A broad-based movement that will have something to offer everyone.

The opportunities are coming our way, and it is thanks to

capitalism's desire to adopt scientific technology. But if our lust for infighting causes us to blow this opportunity (that hasn't happened since the industrial revolution) then we will leave future generations prisoners to an all-powerful technological state.

UNITE FOR ANARCHISM NOW!

Though I believe for anarchism to come about it must be on a world wide scale, I have not dealt with the matter beyond these shores as the article would become too generalised. Also it goes without saying that the problems that face British capitalism are not unique and that all forms of capitalism (including state-run) are up against the problems that arise with their desire to adopt new technologies. Further, I do not believe in abolishing ALL new technology (even if it was possible) just certain aspects of it and the way in which the remainder is managed.

## Anarchist Festival?

Finally, to further encourage bridge-building within our movement, BLACK SHEEP will be pushing the idea for a united movement both in words and action. One way we see of achieving this is for us to help organise an ANARCHIST FESTIVAL this summer, where ALL anarchists can meet, get to know one another, entertain, lay plans, love, relax and begin to unite. As a movement we have the resources needed, except for one important ingredient - the land. If anyone out there has the space and would like to see an anarchist festival take place, contact BLACK SHEEP via GREEN ANARCHIST.

Jon Preston.

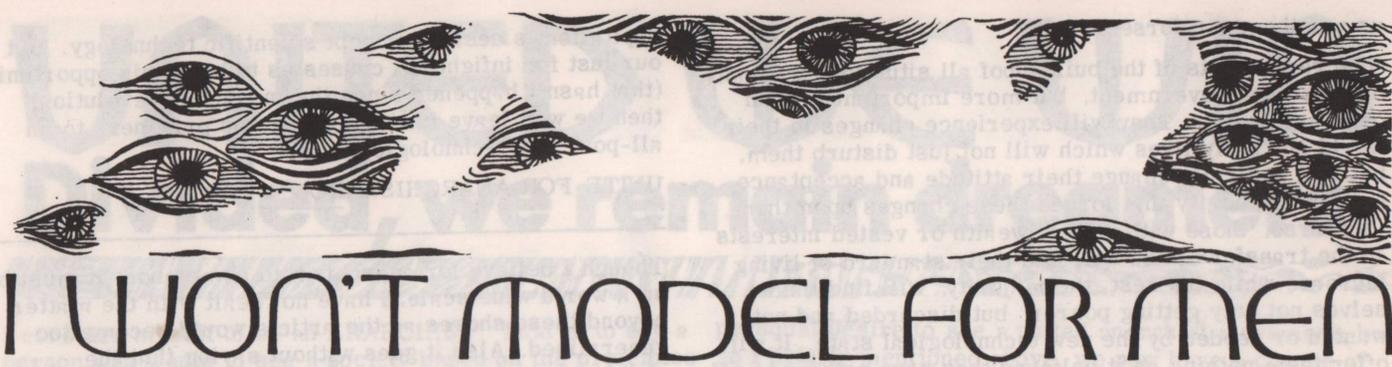
Green Anarchist seconds the motion. It sounds a great idea. And so does the Anarchist picnic, below.

Anarchist Picnic!  
Hampstead  
Heath Bandstand  
1pm Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
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IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE LODGE

SPREAD THE WORD...



# I WON'T MODEL FOR MEN

I STARTED MODELLING at an art college about nine months ago. I had thought about it beforehand and decided that modelling was a way of shattering the stereotyped images that are held of women. In simplistic terms women do have body hair, they don't have inverted stomachs and they are people, not merely sex objects.

Most of the time I found myself working with women. I found the atmosphere calm and relaxing. We spent hours talking about the work they were doing, they all became quite concerned about the female images they were presenting and started thinking a lot about how they themselves were presented in art.

As time went by, I became more and more uncomfortable every time a man came into the room. On one occasion a tutor came into the room. I felt so ill at ease with him being there that I just had to leave, making the excuse that I needed the loo. I could not go back until he had left.

In this situation, I felt totally weak and helpless. I knew with all my heart that I did not want him there but could find no justification for asking him to leave, after all he was doing his job. I feel this illustration is a situation every woman has found herself in throughout her whole life. A woman finds herself in a situation she cannot reasonably escape from, 'reasonably' being the operative word. In a society like ours logic and reasons are the only acceptable terms on which someone is allowed to express themselves.

On another occasion a male student asked if he could use me. I was waiting for someone else. A few moments later someone gave him a cassette. He was overjoyed and said: "Cor, isn't that that really sexy woman?" His comment shocked me. How on earth could he expect me to model for him if I knew that he could describe another woman like that, how could I be sure that he wasn't

going to mentally rape me too. I couldn't. The other woman artist didn't need me so I left.

It was then that I realised that I could never model for another man again. I was naive to think that male artists were anything more than normal men, unable to disassociate themselves from the stereotyped image that they have of women and from what they consider the right to debase a woman any way they like.

The next afternoon another tutor came in requiring my services. I told him I would not model for his class. He seemed a bit confused and asked me why. I told him I did not like the way the students portrayed my body. The week before I had done the same class. They were supposed to be working with the body mass using clay. I couldn't quite understand why one male student had spent the entire lesson modelling my breasts!! He asked me who the hell I was to make such subjective criticism. After all it was only my body!! He then said I'd done it once before. He couldn't understand why I couldn't do it one more time. I still ask myself whether he's one of those men among many who believes any woman who is not a virgin can be raped, after all if she's been fucked once, it's not going to hurt her to be fucked again. Her feelings are irrelevant. What she wants to do is irrelevant, and anyway with a bit of persuasion a woman will change her mind.

By this time he was screaming at me. He told me I was getting paid for it and in not so many words informed me that during that time my mind and body were not my own.

Don't assume that this situation is by any means unique. This situation just sums up very well men's general behaviour to women. A woman's body is not her own, it has the right to be stared at, whisted at, hooted at, at any time no matter how she may feel about it. I left.

## Children and Revolution

MOST SO-CALLED REVOLUTIONS almost completely ignore children in their analysis of society. Occasionally (as in the case of the SWP and the Anti-Nazi League) teenagers are approached as potential recruits to the class struggle but never as a group with a common interest of their own.

As with Feminism the demand for the liberation of children hits a little too close to home, it is a little too personal, it demands more than the recitation of slogans. Marxists can only recognise economic class oppression. Yet children, for anyone who wishes to observe, are commonly subject to every form of oppression possible - physical abuse, conscription into institutions, indoctrination, humiliation, patronising attitudes. Moreover it is in childhood where we learn to suppress our imagination,

spontaneity, creativity, sensuality - all those things which are most subversive to the existing order and which it needs to repress. Boys build up their fear of tenderness, compassion, sensuality and learn to build a character structure which holds all those capacities down. Thus they learn to rape, make war, destroy life. All this happens in childhood.

Under the present order of things children learn to see education as a great commodity to be consumed and learn to see their compatriots as rivals in the competition to consume more of it - more prizes, more certificates. Those who do not succeed in this race learn to see themselves as failures incapable of any worthwhile achievements. Once you have been through the education process successfully you are regarded as having been

educated. The rest of your life is then supposed to be evenly and neatly divided between work and leisure. The acceptance of the false split between 'education' and 'life' is a necessary precursor to the acceptance of work and leisure as separate entities. Any challenge to the position of children in our society must attack that separation and must encourage the child to live and thus learn.

In order to suppress children it is vital that we suppress the child within ourselves. As I walk down a street I have to suppress the desire to run, to skip, to jump, for no reason. This would be too much like evidence of life. It would have to be suppressed, put down - by stares, comments, insults, physical action. The general level of survival must be maintained. By thinking of children as

a separate species we are able to allow their playfulness and life-fulness within certain bounds without it threatening our character status as adults. They are just children after all. And when they are a little older they will learn what it is to be an adult in this society.

The two greatest insults you can give to a man in this society are to compare him to a woman or a child. We insult and denigrate what we most fear. Men fear femininity and they fear the child within them. The transformation of society demands the liberation of women and the woman within the man; and it demands the same of children. Nothing less will do.

Simon Smith.

### HOW WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE

## ANARCHY IS HERE AND NOW

Don't wait for the revolution. We can be anarchists today

"THE ANARCHISTS are right in everything, in negation of existing order and in the assertion that, without Authority, there could not be worse violence than that of Authority under existing conditions. They are mistaken only in thinking that Anarchy can be instituted by a (violent) revolution. But it will be instituted only by there being more and more people who do not ask governmental power for protection, and by there being more and more people who will be ashamed of applying this power... To use violence is impossible - one would only become its instrument. One course therefore remains - to fight the government by means of thought, speech, actions, life, neither yielding to government nor joining its ranks and thereby increasing its power".

This passage by Tolstoy, written 85 years ago, is a valuable contribution to the debate that has arisen in (and thanks to) "Green Anarchist" on the question of Utopia and how to reach it. Just as the labels are confusing (gradualist/quietist/evolutionary/non-violent revolutionary), so too is the Utopia being discussed. The confusion arises not in the features this Utopia has - absence of Authority, violence and Capital - but in people's understanding of its nature: people persist in thinking of anarchy as a cloud-cuckoo land that will arrive, no-one quite knows how, at some time in the distant future. But anarchy is not some future Eden: anarchy is here and now. Anarchy has existed alongside the State since the beginning of history. Just as in every individual there are authoritarian and libertarian character traits, so in society there are - and always have been - authoritarian and libertarian situations.

"Throughout the history of our civilization, two traditions, two opposing tendencies, have been in conflict: the Roman tradition and the popular tradition, the Imperial tradition and the federalist tradition, the authoritarian tradition and the libertarian tradition" (Kropotkin)

Anarchy exists whenever people regulate their lives and solve their disputes without reference to authority; the Utopia anarchists imagine is simply when the libertarian tendency is more widespread than the authoritarian tradition. This interpretation of anarchy places emphasis on people putting their anarchist ideals into practice in their daily lives and trying to overcome their authoritarian character traits:

"The state is not something which can be destroyed by a revolution, but is a condition, a certain relationship between human beings, a mode of human behaviour; we destroy it by contracting other relationships, by behaving differently." (Gustav Landauer).

Anarchy can only stem from people's consciousness - it cannot be imposed by legislation or violence. If the people will not make their revolution, it cannot be made for them by Anarchist MPs (a contradiction in terms and a monstrosity which should be banished from the pages of GA and every other anarchist paper) or by anarchist insurrectionaries. Consciousness is the key:

Non-violent revolution supposes a plan for action on three levels:

1) Personal revolution - people ridding themselves of their authoritarian behaviour patterns and excluding the State from their lives (non-cooperation, non-payment of taxes, consumer boycotts, using alternative structures) - living anarchy through your lifestyle;

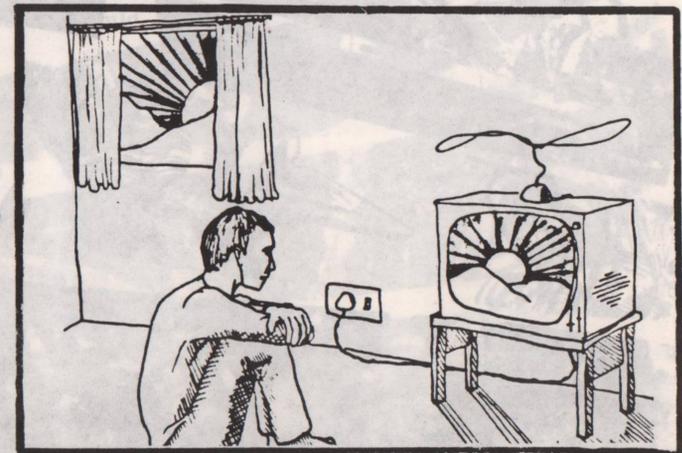
2) Creation of alternative structures - whether this be wholefood co-ops, free schools, antiauthoritarian alternatives to the State organs for welfare, childcare, counselling, housing, etc;

3) Non-violent resistance to the State - publicising and seeking to obstruct the State's plans both as individuals and in groups, using symbolic and direct action.

By becoming anarchists in our emotions as well as in our intellect, we will not alienate people from anarchism, as those who advocate revolutionary violence do. By offering an alternative to the authoritarian way of doing things, we can show people that anarchism really can work, that it is not utopian.

WAKE UP, MATE, STOP LOOKING FOR UTOPIA, ANARCHY IS HERE AND NOW.

David Stephens.



# Cut the State's lifeblood.

The power of the state depends simply and totally on the taxes it can raise. Without those taxes it cannot build its prisons, buy its guns, pay its soldiers or police. At the moment the Government has a huge programme of income and expenditure. In order to pay for the National Health Service, State Education, the production of arms, a huge income is required. We automatically think of taxation as income tax. But 60% of taxes are indirect taxes, paid by the poor. These are a tax on our expenditure. Food is taxed. Rates also increase the cost of food. The state is in an enormously strong position to be in control of our daily lives.

The ideal society will have its services provided informally, by the community, not by paid employees of the state. In an anarchist society there will be no central administration forcing us to benefit from state education etc. We will no longer be specialists, but generalists, having a far more satisfying life. There will therefore be no need for centralised funding of the services. Consequently there will be no taxation. In an anarchist society there can be no taxes.

So to get from here to there we have no choice but to cut taxes. If taxes were reduced, work in the community would become more worthwhile. As the community took on more services, the state will reduce its budget. Taxes will therefore be cut further. The cost of living will go down. People who want their children educated would help build the school. The will be more involvement in the community by the community. The power of the state will have been successfully eradicated; its power being in direct relationship with its ability to tax the ordinary people.

David Brooks.



# HOW WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE Revolution, Reform. Stop Militarism.

Ecologically aware people want a society radically different from the one we actually have. No doubt all these views of how society should be have a lot in common. Mine looks like this.

Society will be decentralised, that is, no large urban areas or depopulated agricultural ones. Both industry and agriculture will be on a small scale with maximum possible use of renewable resources. There will be a massive reduction of the number of hours worked and there will be no enforced unemployment. Lastly and most importantly, society will be egalitarian, with neither rich nor poor.

The question is, of course, how we get from the society we have to the society we want.

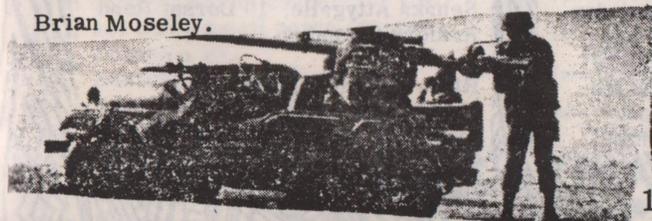
The belief that an egalitarian society can be recycled through peaceful change is an illusion. An egalitarian society means taking away the privileges of the rich, and if we ever become strong enough to make this possible, the rich will set their police and army on us. This is what happened in Spain in 1936, what happened in Chile in 1973 and what will happen in Britain if we ever pose a threat to the rich. (Date and venue will be announced in Green Anarchist.)

So what happens when the troops come? Either cave in or fight and the fight option is what is meant by revolution. It's not that any of us want to see blood on the streets, it is that the rich won't give us an alternative. Now for the bad news.

To say that we can only reach an egalitarian society through revolution is quite another thing, since even leaving aside the minor drawback of people getting maimed and killed, revolution has three massive drawbacks. The first is that revolutions rarely occur. (When was the last one in Britain? The second is that when revolution does occur, it is usually defeated by the (already existing) regime. (Spartacists, Spain etc. The third drawback is that if revolution does occur, and isn't defeated by the forces it is trying to overthrow, then what emerges after the revolution may well be worse than what went before. This is what happened in Russia when the Bolsheviks gained power after revolution had overthrown the Tsarist dictatorship and what happened in Iran when religious bigots gained power after revolution had overthrown the Shah's dictatorship. It is possible that there is an insoluble paradox here: an egalitarian society can only be reached through revolution but revolution will result in a (very) inegalitarian society. I am not saying that this is definitely so, only that it is possible, and also that anyone advocating revolution should honestly consider its drawbacks.

But anyway, what has all this got to do with our daily lives and what we're going to do tomorrow? We are not in a revolutionary situation and whether or not there is a revolution does not depend on small groups of self-appointed revolutionists but on mass uprisings. For practical purposes there is little difference between those of us who want revolution and those of us who want reform. One day (I hope) the difference will be important but for the moment I suggest we get on with spreading our ideas, living our lives as close to our ideals as possible and generally undermining our corrupt and lunatic society.

Brian Moseley.



Walking through Stoke-on-Trent I noticed the signs: Pneumaconiosis and Silicosis Medical Boards - a legacy of the Coalmines and Pottery industries. Industrial diseases are an aspect of our class society. To believe that we live in a classless society is to deny private and public education: Private and Public Medicine: Private and Public Money.

But the most dominant class in our society is the military class. In this I include police and security. Although largely invisible - and a microcosm of our society for 'officers' are still 'gentlemen' and 'other ranks' are 'men' - their policing role is quite evident in Northern Ireland. It is visible in training programmes and on ordnance survey maps by land utilisation. To believe that the Falklands policy is exceptional is only to ignore the year by year budgets devoted entirely to military programmes. Obviously in a year of open warfare, the sky's the limit. But the gross overspending on military and militarised police projects is subject to little questioning.

One of the roles of any peace group should be to expose military spending at every level. To simply question nuclear weapons is to ignore the other weapons of massive destruction; and more importantly to ignore their role in military planning. What we have to encourage within both CND and pacifist movements is a policy to counter militarisation, to oppose the military, to build up strong peace groups of pacifists and anarchists, to create non-violent revolution. A disarmament movement is purely an aid to parliamentary opposition groups unless it becomes a libertarian peace movement. A libertarian peace movement, unless it embraces feminism and ecology, will remain marginal.

My experience, since leaving the army in the late fifties has convinced me that only a long term strategy has any hope of success. We have to face the prospect of an abolition movement similar to the 150 years campaign of the Anti-Slavery Movement. That is, if we really want to remove our thousand year history of military culture, we need to be forming more radical bookshops, cafes, meeting-houses (our own homes!) community hall and affinity groups. We need to be involved in animal liberation groups, feminist collectives, green gatherings and anarchist summer camps. We should support pacifist community groups, non-violent direct actions, help edit produce and sell libertarian, local magazines. And most important of all, be based in our local community in setting up sqats, finding land for occupation, growing our own food and sharing our ideas. And as a continuous expression of our ideas - be living now the life we wish to see possible for all those currently wage slaves and employees. Freedom is heady and good for you.

Dennis Gould.



# LETTERS PAGE

Dear Green Anarchist,  
The Rainbow Village is alive and well and living at Grafham Waters. We are totally committed to the non-violent peace movement. Despite the eviction we shall continue to oppose cruise missiles and militarism.

Your help is needed to extend the growing support. Last weekend over a thousand people gathered outside USAF Molesworth. There is a constant vigil. Many people have arrived despite the heavy police presence. Film crews have experienced major difficulties. Everyone here is under great pressure, especially the Rainbow Village at Grafham Water; the original 3-year-old peace camp near Clopton; and Molesworth Ploughshares at Old School House, Clopton. The following donations are urgently needed: money, food, diesel, petrol, towbars, oil-lamps, CB radios, gas cylinders plus regulators, gas fires, paraffin, wood, coal, tarps, plastic sheeting, hay and straw, candles, petfood, blankets, love and support. Jennifer, Ian and Nick are still living in Peace Lane outside the main gate close to the fenced in Peace Chapel. Please remember them.

Andy, Fennel, Keith, Anne, Liz, Monica and Tony. Rainbow Village, c/o Old School House, Clopton, Nr. Kettering, Northants.

DESIREABLE" as the writer puts it, why not accept a woman's space. It is this inability of men to accept our space which provides a "wedge". The writer feels isolated and implies that Greenham is exclusive!!! If the writer would like to get off his backside and form his own version of "Greenham" he would find Greenham women the first to give support. But maybe he doesn't know of the active support the women here give to a large number of causes. I doubt it; I doubt that the writer has ever visited Greenham. I also think that judging from the writer's preference for "Greenham People are everywhere", that the writer would rather not do his own thing, but wants the security of an existing space. Finally, the writer suggests that a true anarchist/pacifist society can only be attained through bloodshed and civil war. I fail to see the point of killing large numbers of people in order to pre-empt the government from doing so. I shall oppose violence, violence from governments, military and from supposed anarchists.

Yours, Jane. 'Emerald', G Common Women's Peace Camp, Outside USAF base, Near Newbury, Berks.

## Pacifism?

GA,  
I would like to reply to the mess, mess of an article on pacifism (Jan-Feb issue)  
The writer urges people to affirm their individuality, to form small groups and to do their own thing - yet he criticises women at Greenham for doing just this. Greenham is a rare space for women to develop awareness of themselves as women and as individuals. WHY IS IT NECESSARY THAT MEN BE AT GREENHAM - WHY CAN'T THEY PROTEST SOMEWHERE ELSE ??? Are women to be denied a space for themselves until after the revolution? If "DIVERSITY IS

## Don't wait for the revolution.

Dear GA,  
The "Class War" article last issue was ambiguous. It said we should work towards "mass insurrection", "widespread rioting and looting" etc. Yet it also advocated "collectivising our homes and places of work, establishing communes." Naturally the reader is provoked to ask: "If when all's said and done, we are going to have to create these institutions which are independent of the state institutions, why not do that first, instead of wasting any time? How does the mass insurrection and looting make the creation of anarchist

institutions more possible? There are no barriers at this moment. In the case of our every need, we are free to create self-governing institutions. To take just one example, we can create Learning Exchange networks as advocated by Illich and Holt (it is legal not to send children to school). The same same is true of everything from energy to money currency to health care. To me Anarchy is the principle that our ends are our means.

Could it be that the "we must unite" thinking is easier to face than creating just one actual neighbourhood institution? That's why we get CND and the Ecology Party. To me Anarchy does not mean 'uniting' and 'masses', but disuniting from masses.

Yes, I agree there is cause for anger, but unfortunately anger interferes with your physical health, corrupts your objectivity and thus makes you a less potent agent for change. It defines the enemy in such a way that s/he can feel no room to come around to our point of view.

Recommended book: 'Neighbourhood Power'. From: ILSR, 1717 18th St, NW. Washington DC, 20009, USA. \$8 incl. postage.

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## Two Questions.

Dear Green Anarchist,  
Concerning 'Where We Stand' in Sept-Aug issue, what do you mean by the terms 'core' and 'periphery'? Are you talking in terms of international trade where the core is the developed world and the periphery is the less developed world? Or are you talking in national terms where the core might be the industrialised regions, and the periphery the non-industrialised regions? Or something else?

Secondly, how would there be a regression in technology that would inhibit the ability to build the bomb? Surely we have the technology to build the bomb and despite being in a situation of lower technology in the future, if the desire to build the bomb existed, then it can be built. I would be very grateful if you could answer these questions. Thank you very much.

Senaka Attygalle. 10 Dorset Road Radford, Coventry.

Richard Hunt replies:  
Thank you for your questions. By 'core and periphery' I meant both

your examples. The village is the periphery to the town. That town is the periphery to the national capital. The Third World is the periphery to the West. In each case the core makes laws to exploit the periphery. eg. to enforce the core's printed money and remove the real wealth, the crops, or to enforce 'free trade' which destroys local employment. As to technological regression and the bomb, in an anarchist society with no taxes the cost of living will be much lower (we won't be having to feed all those bureaucrats and soldiers) so it will not be profitable for capitalists to invest in labour-saving technology. Low-tech co-ops will be able to undercut high-tech factories. Since technology is so interdependent, it seems unlikely that there can be selective regression. Aluminium smelters (requiring enormous energy) won't have enough demand and will close down. Aluminium simply won't be there, however much some maniac might want it to build a bomb. Does that answer your question?

Dear Green A,  
Concerning Cathy Ashley's letter written in the Jan-Feb issue, I can do nothing but agree with her. It has come to my attention that a lot of these prats are mostly Plastic Punks and idiots that think it's really hard and cool to call themselves anarchists. Now before anyone goes mad at me for saying what I have above, please note that I wrote PLASTIC PUNKS not punks because I'm punk anyway. Also I would like to hear from punk bands in the Bedfordshire area as I am forming a band with a friend of mine and at the moment we are looking for a lead guitarist from the Dunstable, Houghton Regis or Luton area. The reason I want to get in touch with other bands is for doing a charity concert for CND and other small peace groups. Thanks a lot.  
Anarchy for the World,  
Peace for the World.  
Love from Kris.

## POTASSIUM IS GOOD FOR YOU.

High sodium (salt) and low potassium diet is now being blamed for heart disease, stroke and kidney failure. Lack of potassium damages the arteries. Potassium-rich foods include nearly all vegetables, oranges, melons, grapefruit, bananas, mushrooms, skimmed milk, and baked potatoes (boiling leaches out the potassium).

Hunter-gatherer societies have a high potassium diet. Faecal matter from prehistoric agricultural sites suggest early cultivators changed to a high sodium diet.

Experiments with rats (!) confirm the benefits of potassium.

From a paper given to the American Heart Association by Dr. Louis Tobian Tobian.

## REVIEW

'Tears in the Fence'. A Literary Magazine for the Green Movement. 75p. Sub: £3.00 for 3 issues from: 26 Jardine Rd. Birmingham B6 6JH.

The second volume, visually, is a great improvement on the first. It gives a real sense of occasion and thought. The political line is a bit 'shallow' green, environmentalist, a line followed by most of the poems. The prose pieces were much more varied and interesting. A high standard and a good read.



POET'S MANIFESTO  
For Noah's Ark Cottage on Greenham Common

Take back the land for our descendants  
Take back the earth for our poor souls  
Take back the Commons for our ancestors  
Take back the soil for our wholeselves  
Take back the empty property  
Take back the empty officeblocks  
Take back the empty factory floors  
Take back the empty homes & shops  
Take back the military training-grounds  
Take back the army camps and barracks  
Take back the airfields and shipyards  
Take back the food & ordnance depots  
Take back your roads and footpaths  
Take back your roots and birthplace  
Take back your time  
Take back your space

Dennis Gould For Janet, Roshna, Sasha and Kate.

## 'STING'

The second edition of 'Sting' is due out soon. It is produced by Black Sheep in Wales. The first was A5. The second will be tabloid "similar in layout and style (if not in content) to 'Class War'." From: 7 Beili Glas, Llansadwrn, Llanwrda, Dyfed, Cymru.

## Recipe

### ROZ'S LEEK & ONION FLAN.

Ingredients:

- 6 oz. wholemeal flour.
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 3 oz. vegetable fat
- pinch of salt.
- 1 lb. chopped leeks.
- ½ lb. ground almonds.

Method:

Rub fat and flour together. Add baking powder and salt and water to bind. Rollout and line a flan tin. Partly cook.

Filling: Fry leeks till soft. Mix almonds with ½ pint of water to a paste. Add leeks and shoyu/tamari as seasoning. Fill partly cooked pastry case. Bake for 30 mins. Gas 5. It's delicious hot or cold. And try it with mushrooms or cauliflower and different ground nuts.

Caroline Bradbury.