

# NEWS VETS COLLEGE RAIDED

On 1 March 1987 members of the Central Animal Liberation League entered Bristol Veterinary College in Langford near Bristol. The raid was done to expose the fact that it is not only the medical profession that callously experiments on animals for profit and gain.

C.A.L.L. entered several buildings in the Langford complex and found cows in cramped conditions, rabbits in cages, rats being forced to breath noxious fumes, dogs, guinea pigs and cats. C.A.L.L. rescued 15 cats by cutting through a steel door with oxy-acetylene cutting gear. The cats were destined for eye-, breeding- and venereal disease-experiments. One of the rescued cats was covered in cancer growths.

The vets college at Langford is always in the local media for its "wonderful" work for animals. C.A.L.L. action exposes another side, where animals are experimented on to make them into better meat and dairy machines and where animals are experimented on for the lucrative pet drug industry. The same reasons why you should avoid artificial drugs apply to pets too. If you need a vet there are homeopathic ones.

C.A.L.L. will continue its fight against animal exploitation but is very short of money so send a donation (organise a benefit gig etc) to:

C.A.L.L., PO Box 45, Birmingham B1.

## MUSTARD GAS

Two new mustard gas dump sites have been identified, Lydeford Gorge near Uргуort and at Bridistone in Devon. It's thought that they're using mustard gas for training on Dartmoor. The gas stays in the soil for decades and can cause bad medically untreatable burns.

Enyon Inc, Rainfield, New Jersey seems to have developed a nerve gas antidote for the US military. This would allow the gas to be actually used rather than be just a deterrent. If any readers are aware of chemical and biological warfare contracts going on in local universities, please contact; P. N. Rogers, 37 Pemberton Drive, Bradford, W. Yorkshire.

## THORN/EMI

Fans of the Thorn/E.M.I empire will be interested to know that they also produce chemical weapon field sensors for NATO; Remploy ICI, Charcoal Cloth Ltd and the British Oxygen Corporation also make protective equipment, masks &c for export to the Gulf War as supply to NATO.

## PILGRIMAGE

Plans for Walks are going well, and many free festivals are being planned. Pilgrimages to Stonehenge so far are as follows: Colchester, 21st of May; London, 1st of June; Oxford, 5th & 6th of June, Wales, Bristol & Bath, 2nd week in June; Glas-tonbury, 16th & 17th of June.

For up to-the minute details send SAE to FIN. c/o 99. Torriano Ave. London. NW5 2RX.

Holloway for 14 days and 10 were given fines totalling £2200. The 'Gatecrash Fund' write: Could you please put out a call for moral + cash help... cos we need it. We've only collected £70 so far. Please help us. Yours hopefully, The Gatecrash 11, c/o REVS, 82. Barclay Rd, Heartsease Estate, Norwich, Norfolk. NR7 9QR.

Norwich anarchists. Greenhouse, Norwich, normally Wednesdays.

## PEACE CAMPERS WANTED

Unless new people are prepared to take over, Upper Heyford Peace Camp will close by the end of April. If you don't want the camp to close, please write to the present residents at Upper Heyford Peace Camp, Portway, o/s USAF Upper Heyford, Oxon.

Molesworth Peace Camp are planning to start a recycling scheme. They would be grateful if a compost generator and proper containers for recycling tins, glass & paper could be made available. If you can help,

please write Molesworth Peace Action Camp, Peace Corner, o/s USAF Molesworth, Brington, nr. Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

## EDINBURGH

The 5th Edinburgh 'Punx Picnic' is on June 20th in Princes Street Gardens - we're going for a 1000 this year - Defy the Public Order Bill. Also a large open-air Anarchist music festival has been organised in a big park in Glasgow on Aug. 1st. There should be a wide range of @ music with, hopefully, Chumba-wumba, Culture Shock, Toxic Ephex, and Disorder playing.

## DENMARK

This year the festival exceeded all expectations. Punks from Denmark, Scandinavia and North Germany came together for the Monody Festival at Arhus, April 23-24. Maybe 20 bands played and people were in high spirits. A lot of shops were raided for beer, food and alcohol. The power in the town changed to our favour in those two days.

Ekomedia Arhus, Denmark.

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## IS THIS GREEN ANARCHISM?

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Alan Botts.

## SMALL ADS.

"Outlaw" magazine, news, views & cartoons on green/anarchist issues, 20p + SAE. Write to 16 Wood St., Bolton, Lancs.

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QUEER ANARCHIST NETWORK. Seeking revolution made of caring, sharing love pro sex fantastic magick planetary healing co-operation active defense of life. Be free. PO Box 6705. Stn A. Toronto, Ontario. M5W 1X5. Canada.

"No Class" Fanzine No. 11, Chumbabwa interview/Fall Fea-

## ALTERNATIVE INFO

A new free alternative information service is being planned using hi-tech equipment. Geoffry needs loads of info. on dates and details of free, alter-

tures and much more. 30p + large SAE. From 37 Hodder Dr. Perivale, Middlesex UB6 8LL.

KARMA BADGES. Large Range of Animal Rights, Anti-nuclear and Anarchist badges available. Send SAE for list. Plus, we will do your own designs. Karma Badges. Box 1, c/o Earth 'n Wear, 15 Cowley Road, Oxford.

If anyone has space for some of my friends/anyone with a bus; to park up for small amount of leisure time unhounded by police, local council etc. Also to allow for repairs and maintenance of buses. Local Oxford area is ideal, but other buses may need park ups in other counties. Anyone wishing to help out these alternative new-age travellers, could they please contact Kate on Oxford 863179.

native groups, gatherings and events. Phone number is 01 - 585 - 3163, address is 8B Oberstein Road, London SW11. The spirit of FIN lives on!

# NEWS SIZEWELL GO-AHEAD

The government has decided to go ahead with Sizewell B, Britain's first pressurized water reactor nuke station on the Suffolk coast. Since the Layfield report lukewarmly favoured Sizewell, following a two-year inquiry, fossil fuel prices have collapsed (making a farce of the CEBG's economic justifications of nuclear power), and Chernobyl has exploded, irradiating land, people and animals throughout Europe. Energy Secretary Walker speaks of the UK's "superior safety culture" to Chernobyl, but forgets (ignores?) that Sizewell's design is more closely similar to America's 3-Mile Island Station, closed after a severe accident in 79.

The CEBG also said it would be applying later this year to build another station like Sizewell at Hinkley Point. Lord Marshall, CEBG chairman, envisions a "small family" of 5 or 6 such stations in Britain. There's a warm, Christmassy image for you.

Chernobyl did not explode because of the station's design, but because the men running the place played fast and loose with safety precautions. Those mad Russian scientists made some serious mistakes. All Britain needs to be safe is perfect humans, automatons incapable of human error and misjudgment, "infallible operatives". Where does Lord Marshall plan to buy those?

Thatcher has a problem, and she knows it. Oil and coal are running out, and alternative technology is a long way from being able to supply energy for present industrial society, (let alone sufficient plutonium for the military). As Maggie sees it, nukes are a necessity to preserve the status quo, to provide "growth" for tomorrow. And she can't farm them out to private industry, as she would no doubt like, since nuclear power is decidedly unprofitable.

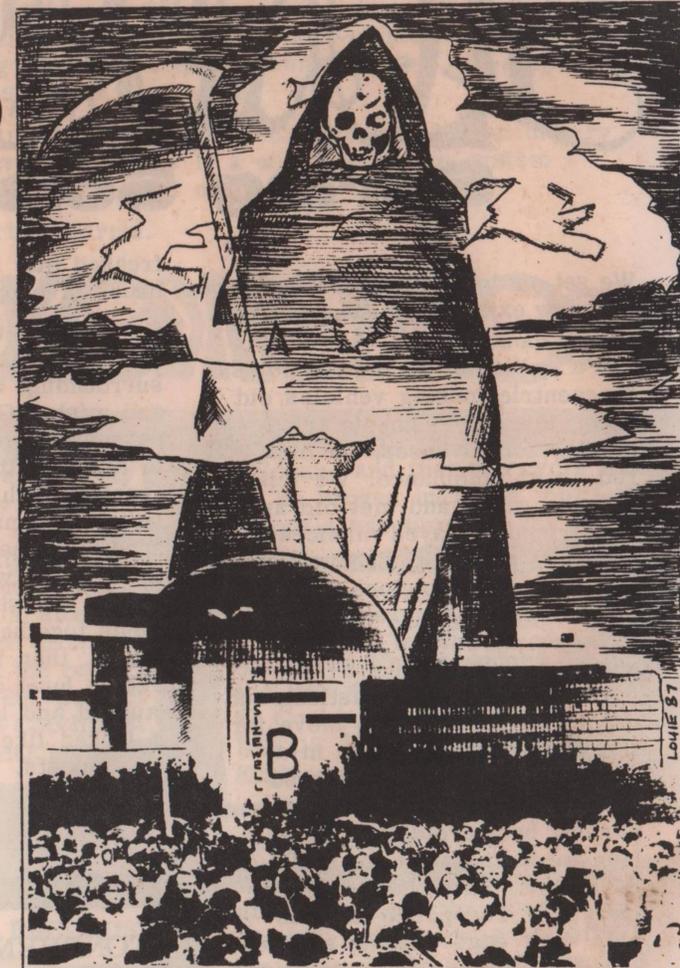
## CANCER IN NUCLEAR TRIANGLE. HOT SHEEP

Researchers have found 29 cases of leukaemia amongst children under four years old living in the Berkshire - Oxon nuclear triangle formed by the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, Aldermaston, the Royal Ordnance Factory, Burghfield, and the UK Atomic Energy Authority's establishment, Harwell.

Normally less than half this number of cases would be expected. Dr Valerie Beral of the Medical Research Council says there is an increased risk of 11 % of people living in the area developing leukaemia and 8% for all other cancers.

A year after Chernobyl and sheep in the Lake District are still too radioactive to be moved let alone to eat! Some farmers in the area believe that British Nuclear Fuels vented the stacks at Sellafield under the cover of the radioactive Chernobyl clouds.

This would explain the 'coincidence' of a radioactive cloud travelling over 1000 miles to deposit itself upon the hills around Sellafield. Cumbrian county councillor and sheep farmer Geoff Brown says, "A lot of farmers came out of the closet over nuclear power after Chernobyl . . . . Sellafield is now seen as totally incompatible with a rural way of life." With any luck the farmers will stay 'out of the closet' and start fighting to



There's a groundswell of opinion against Sizewell, but at this point it will take a dramatic turn of events to stop them breaking ground, which is scheduled for December. A drama needs actors. Fellow nuke-o-phobes, let us act!

preserve the environment for a change.

## MAGISTRATES SEE SENSE

3 Devizes magistrates cleared Jan Lee of Criminal Damage to a Cruise missile convoy on the grounds that he had 'a lawful excuse'. He had pleaded that his lawful excuse (s.5 of the Criminal Damage Act 1971) was that he was acting to protect endangered property (in Eastern Europe) and his own and friends property which was vulnerable to nuclear retaliation. The magistrates accepted his argument! The State of course is going to appeal.

(from Southern Resister)

# STONEHENGE

## Spring Solstice

We set out to find the meeting place we knew existed somewhere. We finally came upon a campfire and a collection of mellow folks & eccentric-looking vehicles, old vans, lorries, a couple trippy-looking school buses, an old red cross ambulance. We fell into the group and met old and new friends, played music and listened, got high, and waited 'til closer to 5 o'clock, when the so-called Owners had told us we could borrow "their" stones.

A bit past 3 we got restless and organized ourselves to move for Stonehenge. 25 vehicles in a line, driving slowly and resolutely the three miles or so, parking by the old festival entrance. There were over 100 of us at first, more arriving all the time. The police kept us out, their dogs yapping and howling and drooling for a taste of their hippie prey. We asked what the hell difference an hour made, but the cops stood firm & motionless, looking like six-foot stones against the night sky.

So we waited, noisy but peaceable. They finally opened the gates and we strolled onto the stones, a couple hundred of us by now. Lots of things started happening, people drummed and danced and strummed guitars and filled chillums and juggled. The dogs loved each other,

freaked out; we may have a bunch of puppies soon.

Dawn snuck up on the night, spreading subtle purple. The surrounding farmland was still and misty. Chillums were passed all 'round. Del started to drum in the stones' center, chanting with a friend a Red Indian affirmation of life in balance with the earth. I was in a trance. We walked and danced around the stones awhile, joined hands together all around the circle, then rushed back in. People hung out and talked and laughed and left after awhile. It looked like a good Saturday for tourists.

- Alan

### STONEHENGE MAGICAL MYSTERY CARNIVAL

Warm welcoming vibes are at this moment penetrating the cosmos willing you to participate in a celebration of life. Yes, it's the 3rd Stonehenge Magical Mystery Carnival! A peaceful pilgrimage walking from London and other towns throughout the land of Albion at the beginning of June. Gathering in Wiltshire to hold a festival during the week leading up to the celebration of the summer solstice. Glastonbury at £20 per person.... you must

### ARMY VANDALS

The traditional bullshit from English Heritage is that free festivals at Stonehenge caused damage to archeological remains in the area. However a recent report from a committee of MPs shows how ridiculous this is. The report says that the ARMY has SERIOUSLY damaged almost a third of the archeological monuments on Salisbury Plain during the last 10 years.

Tanks are regularly driven across ancient burial mounds and gun emplacements and trenches have been dug directly into these and similar sites of special importance within the area.

As well as blockading Cruise missiles lets make sure the solstice celebrations screw up the "conventional" methods of destruction too. Lets make 1987 the year we reclaim OUR HERITAGE and take back our land on Salisbury Plain from the maniacs of the Ministry of Offence.

be joking!! (or on glue?) A gathering on Salisbury Plain is planned both to hold a festival and to blockade Cruise from June 14th to 20th. This is particularly important as all the CND types will be stuffing their brains with Billy Bragg and polishing their 2CVs at Glastonbury. For more information write to: Stonehenge '87 Campaign, c/o 99a Torriano Avenue, London, NW5. Send them a SAE and a donation if you can afford it.

## THE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS

"Every gun, every bomb, every shell we produce has a cost. It is a cost in the genius of our scientists, the sweat of our workers, the hopes of our children. It is our society crucified on a cross of iron." (President Eisenhower)

When Gorbachev came to power he found 15-30% of the Soviet economy spent on arms, and the Russian people queuing in the streets for bread made from American grain. The Soviet Union has come a long way from Stalin's insistence that Russia should be able to feed itself. For the Soviet Union to return to this 'happy state' Gorbachev would have to have cut back on the arms spending that sustained the new Cold War.

At the Reykjavik Summit last year Gorbachev offered

the total abolition of nuclear weapons in Europe, the immediate scrapping of 50% of intercontinental nuclear missiles and the total phasing out of such weapons in a decade. Reagan refused because he wanted Star Wars, which would give America the power to attack the Soviet Union without fear of nuclear retaliation. Reagan's insistence on carrying out a series of underground nuclear tests in the Nevada Desert as part of the Star Wars project also put an end to the Soviets' attempt for a global ban on all such tests which would have effectively ended the nuclear arms race.

Earlier this year Gorbachev offered to withdraw all Soviet nuclear weapons from Europe (ie. SS 20s) if the US. would do likewise (ie. Cruise and Pershing IIs) - the US. put forward this self-same arms control

package four years ago, but now seem unwilling to accept it! Additionally, even if the US. did this, they would be bringing several thousand tactical nuclear weapons into Europe in 1989.

Gorbachev has also called for nuclear-free zones from the Balkans to the Baltic to ensure that neither East nor West will be panicked into the early use of nuclear weapons when faced with conventional attack. Reagan has refused to recognise such zones.

Finally Gorbachev has announced the Soviet Union will scrap its chemical weapons in Europe and has called

for a chemical weapon free zone from the Atlantic to the Urals.

If the Soviet peace proposals were accepted, the export of arms to the Third World would be reduced, the expropriation of foodstuffs from them ended, and the Soviets would be able to provide for its own needs without recourse to Third World exploitation. It is the commitment of the States to continuing its arms sales, maintenance of its foreign markets and threatening World War Three and thus global extinction that is the real threat to peace.

P.N. Rogers.



RADIO is one of the cheapest and, once you have the equipment, easiest methods of reaching a large number of people. But its main advantage is its spontaneity. What you're reading now could be months old.

### RADIO AS IT HAPPENS

Everyday radio receivers can only tune into a small part of the whole radio spectrum, although at a price you can choose to be able to receive it all.

What you are 'allowed' to hear is closely regulated by the authorities, as was the press at one time (and still is!). You normally 'need' a licence to transmit radio signals which will not only cost you a lot of money and time to obtain but restricts what you can say. (Citizens Band, CB, radio is a good exception to this but who listens to it?)

The present government was intending to allow a few experimental community radio stations to operate in the popular frequencies, however it appears they became too worried about 'subversives' appearing on the air.

It is of no surprise that in civilian/military uprisings across the globe the radio stations are the first to be

controlled, or freed, and why the police and armies rely so heavily on their own radio stations.

### RADIO IS A POWERFUL TOOL

In defiance of the controlling authorities groups of people broadcast without a licence, commonly known as pirate or free radio. Many pirates at present are very similar in content to establishment radio, ie. unprogressive and boring. They still get raided by the police and Dept. of Trade and Industry officials by using detector vans (similar to TV detector vans) in order to trace the radio waves to their source.

More political stations tend to receive extra attention, but not necessarily more raids/busts, the latter being fairly harmless, although the equipment is usually confiscated.

Some very radical stations have appeared in other countries especially in Western Europe.

During the events at Stonehenge and similar events the authorities jammed on the CB radio band.

IF YOU CAN BUY AND PLUG IN A CASSETTE TAPE DECK, THEN OBTAINING AND USING A RADIO TRANSMITTER IS JUST AS POSSIBLE.

If you understand basic electronics, or know someone who does, you could get on the air for as little as £10. If you wish to broadcast with more quality, reliability and ease to a larger area, 'professional' equipment can cost less than £300.

There will come a point when they will no longer be able to control the vast number of illegal radio stations appearing on the air.

### LET 1000 AERIALS RADIATE.

In the London region alone there is room in the radio spectrum for over 400 'one mile' FM stations, not including the large area pirated by the police. Never before has there been such a good opportunity for you to start your own station. In fact you now have no excuse not to do it with the recent publication of a very good DIY manual for pirate/free radio entitled "Radio Is My Bomb", £2.40 from Hooligan Press, c/o BCM Hurricane, London, WC13XX, or from 'Free the Airwaves' campaign, BCM Box 1502, London WC13XX, or from Radio Support Group, c/o Box 010, 37 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS13PY, who are also a technical and development research group for radical pirates.

This excellent book has good list of contacts for equipment, practical advice etc: and if you've ever used dope, dropped litter or ridden a bike without lights then you're not going to even blink at being a Radio Pirate.

Chris.

# THE WORLD

## BERLIN RIOT

On the 1st of May after a street festival, the autonome (anarchists), provoked by the police, started Berlin's biggest ever riot.

"A lot of people joined the fights, not only the autonomes; the mass of the people were punks, foreign inhabitants, grandmas and dads, normal people, tramps, kids, festival visitors, families etc. . .

So the police couldn't get the situation under control. In a lot of the streets barricades have been burning, the first supermarkets got plundered. And from hour to hour more and more people, some thousands began to destroy their district and to fight against the police.

In the whole district barricades have been built, cars burned and the attacks against the police got harder. Shops got plundered in front of the police. The



firebrigades stopped their action against burning barricades and shops because they got attacked. At 23 o'clock the police left the district. Thousands of people celebrated a big party with things from the supermarket opened for free shopping. In the night 36 shops got plundered, mostly supermarkets; a weapons shop, but also a lot of small shops. Hundreds of people got hurt, also nearly 200 police. Damage amount between 15 and 20 million DM. (about 5-7£m). Echomedia Berlin.

## COCA COLA IN BELIZE

The latest episode of corporate imperialism in the Third World is found in the Central American jungle country of Belize. Coca Cola has recently bought 196 000 acres of land there, most of it wild, virgin sub-tropical forest. The motive? Coke is the world's biggest orange juice producer (it owns the American leading brand Minute Maid), and needs some location outside the US to supplement domestic orange production. So a few million trees and animals are torn away to make room for orange groves for the benefit of American executives and their children. Orange juice from Belize can enter the US duty-free, under Reagan's Caribbean Basin Initiative (thanks Ronnie) which will save Coke two dollars on every box of oranges. One third of the world's rain forests have been destroyed in this century, much of it by landless peasants evicted from their own farms, but now increasingly by mega-corporations in search of another buck/quid. Coca Cola says it is not destroying any rain forests. Technically it's right. It's moist temperate forest which it is destroying instead. Love a jungle - don't buy Coke.



## HOPE FOR THE PALESTINIANS

For eleven years the Lebanon has been turned into a battleground by the Palestinians who have been turned out of their own land by us and by the Israelis. The Lebanese, understandably, want the Palestinians out of the Lebanon and after 11 years are using brutal ways to do it, besieging the Palestinians in their refugee camps, starving and killing them. But the Palestinians have nowhere else to go.

Now there is hope. Land for the Palestinians can only be the West Bank of the Jordan, now occupied by Israel. Immense pressure on Israel is building up. It tried invading Lebanon and Beirut to get rid of the Palestinians. That failed. Israel's economy is in tatters. It can't afford military solutions.

It's kept afloat financially by America, itself broke. Saudi Arabia, horrified by America's Irangate fiasco is flirting with Russia. America is going to have to put pressure on Israel if it is not going to lose the whole Middle East and its oil.

Russia and Israel are holding talks about increasing diplomatic relations. Russia's final carrot might be an offer to release Russian jews wanting to go to Israel in return for Israel giving the West Bank to the Palestinians.

## MEXICO'S OTHER DEBT

International banks are scared that they're not going to get back the hundreds of millions of dollars they've lent to Mexico. And now they're even more scared. When the debt crisis arose in 1982 Mexico, to stop money leaving the country, raised interest rates to 150%! Now, they've got to pay back that internal interest which is now 95% of their entire income. The bubble is expected to burst in about a year's time. Mexico is going to start printing even more money. America, to save its own banks, will be printing money too. This means prices go up. The poor will be paying to save the governments and the bankers. America is going to have to move in to support its corrupt democratic puppet in its 'own backyard', which means, being broke itself, it will have to relinquish hold on its more distant possessions.

## US Government Sells Guns For Cocaine

A convicted drugs smuggler in an American prison being interviewed in the BBC programme "Private Wars of Col. North" talked about a routine shipment of US arms to Costa Rica to Contra training camps, funded by Col. North and his associates. The payment taken for the arms was in the form of cocaine. In his own words; "Don't take my word for it, ask the government." So how is the US government getting rid of this cocaine? What other backhand dealings are going on with terrorists, drug smugglers and mafia to fund their racist policies?



## U.K. BLOCKS OZONE PROTECTION

The ozone layer of the atmosphere, which protects us from ultra-violet light, is being destroyed by fluorocarbons used in aerosols and expanded polystyrene. The American chemicals firm, Dupont,

has discovered an alternative to fluorocarbons. ICI has not. So Britain is blocking international agreement to reduce manufacture of fluorocarbons to protect ICI. That is how the pursuit of profit is destroying our planet.

# AUSSIE COMMUNES

The Australian Labour government is sort of encouraging land communes.

IN AUSTRALIA at the moment there are many young people and families from the cities who are moving back to the land. This is being made easier in New South Wales by legislation recently brought in by the State Labour Government. It has had the effect of facilitating this process through the following measures.

- House building regulations have become progressively more relaxed and the specifications which would be necessary for an urban or suburban dwelling, and which often applied to rural dwellings far from their nearest neighbour are now more realistic. Owner-building from on-site materials such as mud-brick (adobe) which seems to be the most favoured, stone, timber, wattle and daub or any combination of these with recycled windows and doors from demolishers is now permitted.

- Land zoning regulations have been changed to allow certain acreages in the country... often pieces which are environmentally devastated from long-term monoculture or overgrazing... to be settled through a process called 'multiple occupancy'. This now enables a group wishing to build houses to do so without obtaining costly separate sub-division surveys for each building. A certain piece of land will obtain permission for a viable number of houses and then these can be built either singly, in small clusters of three or four often sharing common bathing, cooking and recreational facilities, or as hamlets of up to ten houses.

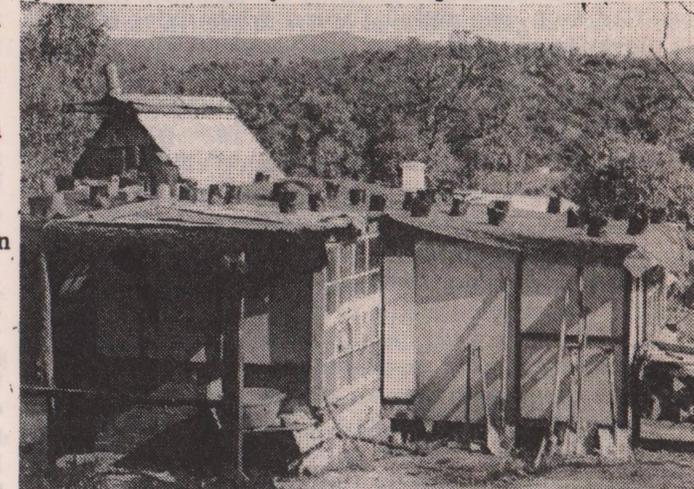
- It has become much simpler to form an 'incorporated company' with the aim of purchasing land for development into a community. This has the advantage of allowing low and unwaged people to buy their share at very reasonable rates and pay off most of it over a period. One such community asks \$20 a week to be paid off one's share price of only \$1500 for example. Shareholders become members of embryonic rural communities and the aimlessness of being unemployed in the city is replaced by a commitment of building an eventually self-sufficient community... and doing this from one's unemployment pittance. This amount, though, then goes much further when there is no rent to pay, only a community donation, where much of one's food is grown on the land and where resources such as vehicles and tools are shared. A community donation amount of about \$10 each week (this is part of a shareholder's contractual obligation as a community member) goes to funding the community infrastructure like water supply, recreation facilities, workshops etc. But by qualifying as a disadvantaged community member these funds for common projects would be doubled up by the government on a dollar for dollar basis.

Apart from the obvious advantages for participants in such schemes there are also two benefits gained by the State government. The social services in the cities are relieved of some folk who would eventually fall victim of poverty and idleness, funds can

then be diverted to assist in self-help projects in the country, particularly in areas affected by rural depopulation and where land prices are relatively inexpensive. The majority of the young families moving back to the land are from the poorer parts of the cities, naturally, where there is never a shortage of labour voters; they go to rural areas which are often marginal seats held by conservative politicians and in some cases have already tipped the balance in having elected what (in Australia) is definitely the lesser of two evils.

(Voting at elections is compulsory in Australia and so even for the really dedicated anarchist the spoiled paper is preferable to a fine if one does not have a 'valid' reason for not voting)

In bald economic terms, a community of say 200 dole recipients, each at an average of \$100 a week brings into a community a total of \$20,000, some thing in excess of a million dollars a year. Virtually all of this money will be disposed of in the



local area, thus bringing a commensurate amount of positive reaction from traders, shopkeepers and services etc.

If a community share offering is well subscribed and membership builds rapidly, ideally the land should be paid for after only a few years. For example 200 shareholders each paying off at \$20 a week diminishes the debt by about \$50,000 annually. The community would also have at its disposal an income of a similar amount from the government. This money builds workshops, buys community tools... everything from spanners and shovels to computers and printing presses.

Watch this space for progress reports as these communities and others like them develop.

John Humbert



# PAGANISM

In 1985, when the Government ordered the police to stop the Stonehenge festival at any cost, they cannot have foreseen that the demand for access at Summer Solstice, far from fading conveniently away, would grow louder and louder, that people would come in ever increasing numbers, caring nothing about the freezing cold at Midwinter and Spring Equinox, still merry but now more resembling a pilgrimage, not in the name of 'sex, drugs, booze, and rockand roll' but 'Sacred Rights'. Many, inspired by American Indians and Aborigines struggling to recover their dispossessed sites of worship, call themselves 'Pagans'.

What is a 'Pagan'? Simply a 'dweller far from town', as is a heathen, or in Kings's English 'irreligious, unspiritual, primitive, ignorant.' Throughout history enemies of Paganism have tried to bury the very knowledge of it in oblivion; eg. knowing Pagans revered God as a man wearing horns symbolising fertility, the clergy taught their flock that the Devil was horned. I'd like to explain what Paganism really is, facts which should interest all Greens and all anarchists, including the practically-minded who have no time for anything 'other-worldly', 'airy-fairy' or 'mystical'.

Ecologists now liken all life on earth to one body, each of whose parts work together for the good of the whole. Animals return their waste, ultimately their bodies, to the soil to feed trees; trees generate the atmosphere the animals breathe. Foxes prey on rabbits, but should all the foxes of an area die the rabbits would multiply till disease or famine destroyed them. Victorian scientists saw nature only as all species at war to dominate each other, and drew up a 'class system' from highest to lowest forms to mirror that of human society. Their descendants regarded everything on earth as a resource for man with brains and capital to exploit, and develop more and more effective technology to do so. Now we're beginning to see the long-term damage short term profit can do, it seems obvious that humanity can in no way survive unless nature is treated respectfully, not as a 'resource', and the balance redressed.

The force that quickens dead matter, which orders the cycle of life, death and the seasons we choose to call 'Goddess' or 'Mother' - the Pagan way of expressing respect. We consider she lives in us when we do her work. We follow the traditions of pagans of old, not slavishly - eg. no animal sacrifices - but celebrating their festivals in their places.

Long before I heard of Paganism, I happened to become a 'dweller far from town' - intensely aware of how weather influenced my every action and feeling, celebrating Summer Solstice as a truly important event. Paganism was the logical next step. Pagans celebrate Midsummer and Midwinter, the equinoxes, the beginning of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, and Witches - Pagans who work magic - meet at each full moon.

Magic is working change in the environment by the power of the will. Witches draw from the power of earth's cycles and say Goddess works in them. Anyone end can develop the power of magic by total belief in it.

(Women have most magical power due to their cyclical nature, so the most experienced woman of the coven leads it, never a man. In my experience of many groups with all kinds of different causes, there is always a leader, someone who is the most committed to the group's activities, whose ideas have the greatest influence on the group's progress, including 'totally equal' and 'leaderless' groups. The word 'leader' is poison, I know, but why waste time debating words? The question is what form will leadership take? I prefer a coven where all the members decide what puposes to work for, and how to go about working for them in proportion to their confidence which comes of experience. Any new creative ideas are welcomed and the priestess has responsibility rather than power. Her responsibility is to instruct the less experienced by explaining, and more importantly, giving them a chance to experience different forms of meditation, different symbols and magical techniques, so each can discover what she needs to know - in no way to decide what is best for them.)

Witches encourage self-love and self-respect, not self-hatred and guilt, and aren't easily governed. Christianity arrived in Britain in no way as a grass-roots movement, but was imposed from above on the pagan population by an alliance of the 'temporal and spiritual authorities'. However many, who overtly conformed, secretly remained Pagan. (Rob-in-the-wood and Marion are ancient God and Goddess names - could it be that peasants held rituals for a successful night's poaching and midnight feasts on stolen venison, taking more pleasure in that than all the parson's sermons about hellfire?) Unlettered village women prescribed herbs more effective than the remedies of university-trained physicians - obviously by the Devil - even abortive and contraceptive herbs which gave women control over their fertility, which enraged the Church more than anything. The Witches sought happiness on earth, unwilling to wait for an after-life of unchanging perfection. The Witch persecutions deprived the poor

of self-respect as well as control of their bodies. fear and greed and informing were encouraged so no one could trust her neighbour, the community was divided against itself. Witch persecutions were fiercest where famine or war bred such discontent that the rulers went in fear, eg. Germany during the Hundred Years War, England under Cromwell. In Italy last century witchcraft was a massively popular underground movement just before the anti-monarchist revolution - which may or may not be coincidental.

Modern covens vary - I have even heard of one whose High Priest is a senior policeman, but I would have nothing to do with such. Our coven is proud of the practical tradition of self-reliant herbalism, and the anarchist traditions of Witchcraft.

I hope to explain more about how to work magic and how witches' rituals go in future issues. "Theory without practice is sterile; practice without theory is blind." Christina.

# KILLING THE TREES

Tropical Rainforests are being destroyed on a vast commercial scale (about the area of the UK/year). Compared to the 1950s, some countries have lost up to 90% of their forest, eg, Madagascar. Many tribespeople lose their habitat and are forced into western civilization. By the year 2000, one in five plants (or 60 000 in total) will be extinct. Only 1 in 10 of wild/plant life in rainforests is thought to be known to people. If deforestation continues, within 50 years the western world will experience mediterranean temperatures but decreased rainfall. These conditions would be described as a drought. This would happen since trees evaporate alot of water and absorb sun energy.

But do you know that . . . .

Large corporations control major areas of rainforest eg, MacDonalds, VW, Coca Cola, Unilever. It's often unprofitable to cut out the commercially useful hardwood trees (90% of trees are usually destroyed). The main reason that commercial deforestation continues is that cleared land left behind can be used for growing cash crops (eg, coffee, oil-palms etc). These cash crops, harvested by cheap labour, are sold to the western developed countries for vast profits. Once exposed, the soil of the cleared land is in fact very infertile and can only support monoculture (one type of crop) for perhaps two years. Once cleared, the exposed soil loses nutrients and minerals to erosion and the forest can never (naturally) grow again. By the year 2000, one third of usable arable land will have become barren.

And don't forget that . . . .

Vast areas of cleared land are used for beef cattle, which uses the land even more inefficiently, again for food (hamburgers) for the western developed

world. 80% of deforestation is caused by peasants clearing new land after being driven off their own by government force. Ethiopia used to be 90% covered by rainforest. Trees are vital to maintain a balance of carbon dioxide and oxygen in the global atmosphere. All life on this planet depends on this delicate balance. Our planet is dying. Your governments know all this. (Ethiopia's problems have been around for years). And yet your government supplies guns to the rainforest countries to ensure the protection of their cash crops. The landless peasants would like to claim their land back but they get shot with our guns.

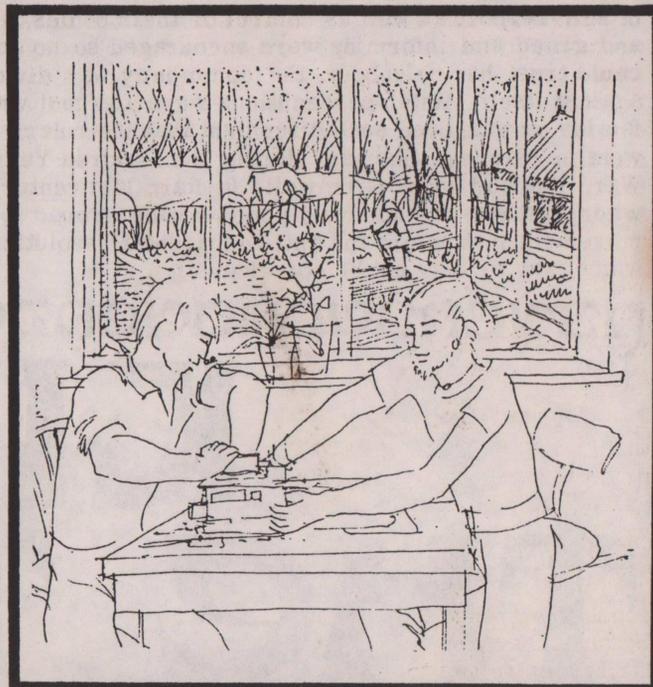
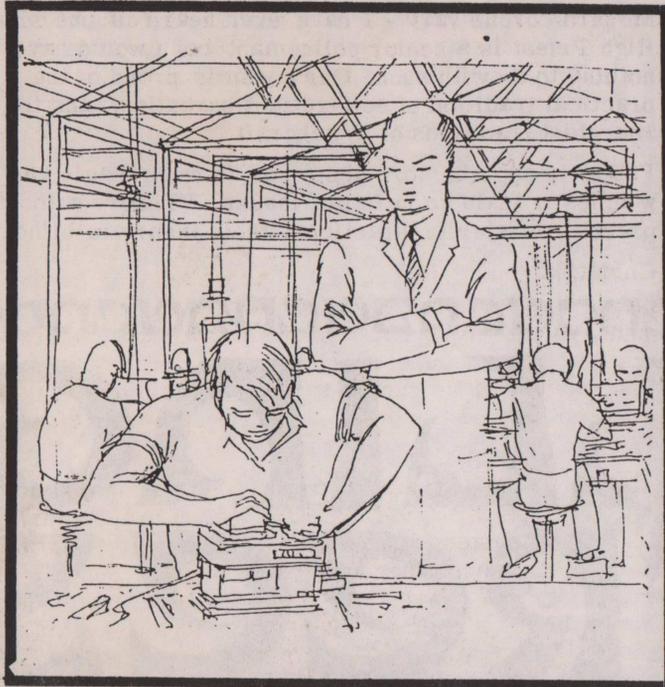
What are you going to do about . . . .

Pollution from our industry and car exhaust in the atmosphere together with water and sunlight form acid rain, which can be as strong as lemon juice. It falls to earth polluting freshwater and killing green plant life. Ozone, a gas in the high atmosphere, filters out harmful ultra-violet light from the sun. Certain gases such as freons from aerosols take many years to rise up and break down the ozone. This effect is now being observed. Ultra-violet light can not only directly cause cancer death in humans but destroys many oxygen producing plants. A build up of some gases such as carbon dioxide in the atmosphere act like a greenhouse, trapping sun energy heating up the planet. The greenhouse effect has already been detected. A  $\frac{1}{2}$  °C increase in the average global temperature would cause polar ice to melt, raising the planet's sea-levels by approximately 20 feet, engulfing most cities and covering about 30% of the present land area.

Worried? Then don't just sit there and die. DO something!!

They're sitting in an office deciding your future. All you need . . . . air, water, food, shelter. And they control them all. You're just a puppet.

Take away the strings.



In such a system everyone would share in the work of producing things which are necessary and which enhance the quality of life for their village and their community. People would share as equals. They would make decisions about matters which directly affect their lives and community. No one would want to, or need to, work for another person. Of course, to many people this all sounds too good to be true. Too idealistic. Pie in the sky which can never happen.

Well, of course it never will happen whilst ever people reject it as fantasy and pour scorn on the idea. It can and will come about however as and when people begin to believe in it and work towards it as their goal.

The Trades Unions called for a boycott of the Sun and the Times. This is easy to support whether there is a printer's dispute or not. It is a pity that they don't extend their boycott to the rest of Fleet Street and the media in general. They could then go on to boycott producing and using the majority of the socially worthless junk in industrial society. Capitalists would then cease to function and so then too would the Trades Unions. Perhaps this is one reason why unions restrict themselves to merely fighting for improved con-

ditions of work. It is for this reason we restrict ourselves to rejecting the present attitudes towards work. It is not the right to jobs we fight for but the right to land and resources to make such jobs unnecessary. Only then will all people be able to work for and share in the necessities of life. Only then will all people be free from exploitation and free from being crapped on. Sun printers included.

By rejecting the right to do such work as print the Sun or similar socially worthless jobs we are helping to change long accepted attitudes towards work which we cannot do merely by arguing for such work to be better paid, or more secure, more abundant, etc. It is for this reason that we cannot support the printers in their present situation, or other workers in similar situations.

This in no way prevents us from feeling sympathy and pity for those who find themselves being crapped on by the present system, whether they be unemployed people, women, black and other minorities or even Sun printers. It does however prevent us from supporting demands by people for their right to work to preserve and maintain such a system.

Paul Whymark

# INDUSTRIAL SLAVERY OR RURAL FREEDOM

Green Anarchist annoyed many people when it stated that it did not support the sacked Sun printers at Wapping. Maybe this can help explain why we should think twice before supporting the so-called "workers" in their industrial disputes.

It is not always the case that people must either be for something or against it. It is also possible to be indifferent and to view something as irrelevant, as was the case with the recent struggle between the printers and Murdoch.

If you are a slave, of course it is better to have good working conditions rather than bad ones, but it is better still to be free. With this simple truth in mind we can see that the Sun printers dispute, like so many other industrial disputes, was not about obtaining freedom but merely to obtain the right to be a wage slave, working to support the system of wage slavery.

Of course printers have families to support, mortgages to pay etc, and of course they now face hardship because of Murdoch crapping all over them, but if you work for an arsehole, surely you will be shat on.

The printers have, by working for the Sun and the Times helped the ruling class crap on many people not only in this country but throughout the world. They have helped glorify the murder of Argentine conscripts on the Belgrano with their headline "GOTCHA", they have helped encourage racist and sexist ideas and values and have made attacks on both the working and unemployed classes who have been unable to respond. They have done all this and more in return for their wage packets and their right to be wage slaves.

The printers and their supporters argue that they have no control over what is printed and are therefore not responsible for the lies produced. "They are only doing their job", or "only following orders". It's an old excuse and one used by many different groups of people through the years. The SS guards who worked

in Hitler's death camps used it. The US soldiers in Vietnam used it. The police in this country still use it.

Sometimes it's hard to disobey orders. The SS guards and maybe even the US soldiers would have been shot for doing so. The policeman and the printer would be sacked from their jobs and probably face a certain amount of hardship. Disobedience to a powerful authority is never an easy option.

Whilst we can sympathise with the predicament people find themselves in, we surely cannot advocate and support them struggling to maintain themselves in this situation. This is however exactly what the Trade Unions are doing.

It is because people are willing to work for other people as wage slaves that we are stuck with the present capitalist system. We must seek to find ways of changing people's attitude and philosophy towards work and society in general. Higher pay, better working conditions and job security may seem like things worth fighting for in the short term, but if the end result is merely to strengthen the system in the long term then we should reject these goals.

We need to reject all work which is socially worthless and especially work which helps to maintain an exploitative society such as ours. All Fleet Street jobs fit into this category along with the bulk of most other jobs in this country. There is simply no point in fighting for one group of worker's right to do this work rather than another.

Instead we continue to work towards achieving a society where all people can share in the production and enjoyment of the necessities of life.

The basic needs of food, clothes and shelter can only be met for all the people of the world if we abandon our faith in our present industrial society and instead move on towards a system based on small self supporting communities and villages.

# HOW ADAM SMITH'S THEORY OF 'DIVISION OF LABOUR' IS USED TO EXPLOIT THE THIRD WORLD

Both Capitalism and Marxism derive from 'Division of Labour'.

IN 1776 ADAM SMITH published his 'Wealth of Nations' to identify what is wealth and how to increase it. He got it all wrong. He worked from two false premises, first that the lives of 'primitive' societies was 'nasty, dull, poor, brutish and short'. We now know that this is untrue. Marshall Sahlins has called them the 'original affluent society'. Food and fuel is plentiful and free. They are long living, well-fed and peaceful. So although Smith could see the poverty of the peasants, he still thought, wrongly, that it was an advance on 'primitivism'. Smith's second mistake was to see the evident wealth of British towns and cities but not to realize that the wealth was built by workers fed with food extracted from the peasants and that the wealth of the towns was only created by the poverty of the countryside.

Adam Smith said that the urban wealth, instead of being created by the food, was created by trade and industry. The rich loved this. It gave them the intellectual justification to screw the peasants even harder. They could take the peasants land to grow cash crops for trade which 'increased the country's wealth'. Adam Smith said so. The peasants starved but the country as a whole was supposed to be wealthier. The rich could make lots of wealth from trade and industry which would 'trickle down' to the middle classes in return for their professional services, and some of the food would 'trickle down' from the middle classes to the artisans. Smith assumed that it continued to 'trickle down' back to the peasants. It never did. It had all been eaten. All that was left of the raw materials looted from the countryside to 'trickle down' back to the peasants was soot, shit, scrap and second-hand clothes.

In some things Adam Smith was right. If people work together specialising in different jobs of production, more is produced in shorter time. He was right that many of the workers and all of the middle classes ben-

efit from this increased production. (Nevertheless, if a new machine is brought in to increase production, the worker must still work just as long for his pay. And the level of pay is determined by the hungriest - which is why work is being transferred to the low-wage Third World, kept non-unionised by our guns.

So, with the blessing of Adam Smith's theories, Ethiopians are driven off their land in order that beef and coffee can be grown to sell abroad to increase Ethiopia's wealth. The Ethiopian elite, its middle and artisan class benefit. The peasants starve.

In France Louis XIV forced his peasants to supply him with food. At his glittering court at Versailles he distributed the food to his ministers, mistresses, soldiers, cooks; even the beggars at his gates benefited from this 'trickle down'. The French peasants starved. 'Division of Labour' showed that the cooks could produce more and better cakes for the King, and the artisans could make more and better baubles for his mistresses. But Smith was wrong to think that therefore the whole of France was wealthier. It was the expropriation of the crops which produced the wealth, not 'Division of Labour'. And after the French Revolution the new government had to send out the army to force the peasants to continue sending their crops to the cities. After the Russian Revolution the Bolsheviks had to do exactly the same, and are still doing so.

The theory of 'Division of Labour' was expanded by Ricardo to work at an international level, the theory of 'Comparative Advantage'. He assumed that everyone benefits if one country specialises in making cakes, one in making baubles and one, the sucker, in growing the food. Our governments, quoting Smith and Ricardo, send in development 'aid' to force the suckers to grow the food. And they send in the guns as an extra encouragement. The Third World elites benefit, so do their middle and working classes. Their peasants starve.

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AN ANARCHIST CLASSIC BY:

# FERRER

## Francisco Ferrer: The Origins and Ideals of the Modern School

Francisco Ferrer was a Spanish educator and free-thinker. He was born on a farm near Barcelona in 1859, both his parents being devout Catholics. But his uncle and the grain merchant for whom he worked in early life were atheists. Ferrer soon developed anti-clerical views, and as Paul Aurich records, a taste for conspiratorial adventures. However, becoming involved in republican politics he was compelled to leave Spain in 1885. For the next 16 years he lived in Paris. Married with three daughters he earned a living teaching Spanish, and selling wine. He was soon active in radical causes, and abandoning republicanism became more and more involved in anarchist and rationalist activities. He came to meet prominent French anarchists like Louise Michel and Elisee Reclus, and became a close friend of Jean Grove who was editor of *Les Temps Nouveaux*. Ferrer became increasingly interested in education, and met and corresponded with Paul Robin, who had started a 'free' school at Cempuis near Paris in 1880. It was to be a model for his own school, *Escuela Moderna*. Ferrer had long thought of starting his own libertarian school in Spain. In 1900 his dream became a possible reality, for he inherited unexpectedly a large sum of money - almost a million francs. It had been left to him by a middle-aged Frenchwoman to whom he had given Spanish lessons; and who had been inspired by his teachings. So the following year Ferrer returned to Barcelona after 16 years of exile. It was a time of widespread political unrest. After the defeat by the United States in the war of 1898, Spain had lost most of her colonial empire, and there was widespread demands for social reforms. This included the demand for secular education.

In September 1901 Ferrer opened the *Escuela Moderna*, with a class of 30 pupils. It was a co-educational experiment, both in terms of gender and social class. Critical of the Catholic Church which Ferrer saw as the greatest obstacle to public enlightenment, the school aimed to give the children a rational education. Against the orthodox dogmas of religion Ferrer set a system based on reason, science, and observation. He was, as Aurich stresses, a direct descendant of that educational tradition which includes Rousseau, Pestalozzi and Froebel, and which was adopted by anarchists like Kropotkin and Tolstoy. As a philosophy it attempted to put into practice the following: learning by doing in a natural environment, cultivation of manual as well as intellectual skills, teaching by example and experience rather than by note and memorisation; the exclusion of rewards, punishments and competitive grading, and above all, the recognition of the rights and dignity of the child. Ferrer followed Bakunin in believing that the child belonged neither to their parents nor society, but to themselves and their future liberty.

Such were the general principles on which Ferrer's modern school was based. The school was a great success and its numbers increased annually until 1906 when the authorities closed down the school. But Ferrer was a skilled organiser and the school was

much more than an educational institution: it was also a centre of propaganda and agitation. It published its own textbooks and its printing press turned out a continuous stream of anarchist books and pamphlets. Adult literacy classes were also established. Not surprisingly Ferrer was seen as a dangerous and subversive figure by the church and the defenders of the establishment. In 1906 an attempted assassination was made on the life of Alfonso XIII by Mateo Morral, an anarchist friend of Ferrer. The attempt failed and 25 onlookers were killed. Ferrer was arrested and charged with planning the assassination. After spending a year in jail the charges against him were eventually dropped through lack of evidence. On his release, Ferrer continued to campaign for libertarian education. But the following year a general strike and demonstrations against the colonial war in Morocco broke out in Barcelona. Street-fighting and mass arrests occurred. By all accounts the uprising was a spontaneous affair, but Ferrer was accused of organising an 'anarchist plot'. After a mock trial he was found guilty and condemned to death by firing squad. No evidence was brought against him. It was his ideas that were dangerous. He was shot in October 1909. He was 55 years old. It was a case of judicial murder. His execution aroused a storm of protest all over Europe. There were large demonstrations in all the European capitals.

The martyrdom of Ferrer inspired a host of libertarian experiments in education. Modern schools were established in the United States, and in many European countries. Ferrer, the obscure teacher, instantly became a universal figure, and his writings on education were translated into many languages. 'The Origins and Ideals of the Modern School' was published in 1913 and contains the following idea:

'All the value of education rests in respect for the physical, intellectual and moral will of the child. Just as in science no demonstration is possible save by facts, just so there is no real education save that which is exempt from all dogmatism, which leaves to the child itself the direction of its effort, and confines itself to the seconding of that effort... Education is always imposing, violating, constraining; the real educator is he who can best protect the child against his (the teacher's) own ideas, his peculiar whims; he who can best appeal to the child's own energies...'

Brian Morris.

Readings: there is a useful essay on Ferrer in Emma Goldman's *Anarchism and Other Essays*. New York, Dover Publications 1969 p 145 - 166.

Ferrer's *The Origin and Ideals of the Modern School*, London, Watts, 1913 is difficult to obtain, as are the two biographies;

Leonard D Abbott (Ed) - *Francisco Ferrer: His Life, Work and Martyrdom* (New York, Ferrer Assoc. 1910)

William Archer - *The Life, Trial and Death of Francisco Ferrer* (London, Chapman & Hall, 1911)

# BOOKS

'The Modern Crisis' by Murray Bookchin. Turnaround. £5.95. Murray Bookchin is the 'most significant anarchist writer to date. He was the first anarchist to appreciate the 'green' problem-solving solutions in ethics and municipalities. Ethics, up until now, has always been concerned with the treatment of one person by another. Given the ecological and nuclear crisis, Murray Bookchin is trying to incorporate out treatment of the planet into an ethical framework, so that what we do to the planet can be as 'good' or 'bad' as what we do to other people.

Philosophers divide into two main schools, the first thinks that people behave well because it is in their self-interest - "nice guys finish first", the other, including Bookchin think that people have to be encouraged to behave well by imposed or

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Ethics and municipalities are the major issues of the first and most important essays in this book. The others are; "What is Social Ecology", "Market Economy or Moral Economy" & "An Appeal for Social and Ecological Sanity."

Richard Hunt.

agreed standards, ethics. He writes; "Social ecology is .. guided by an ethics that emphasises variety without structuring differences into a hierarchical order, ... participation and differentiation the wider is the degree of participation in elaborating the world of life. An ecological ethics not only affirms life, it also focuses on the creativity of life."

That's his summary on ethics (and there has to be simpler way of saying it). But how does that guide me in my behaviour to either the planet or to other people? Does it make it 'immoral' to kill plants by weeding the cabbages? If certainly seems to give the green light to the anti-abortion lobby. That's not being facetious. Ethics have a nasty habit of being used to force people to pay taxes etc. Ethics are often the philosophic foundation of obedience. Which eco-priests are going to interpret these ethics? Writing about ethics is playing with fire.

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"Tipi Living" by Patrick Whitefield, illustrated by Anne Monger, Unique Publications, Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset, 36 pages.

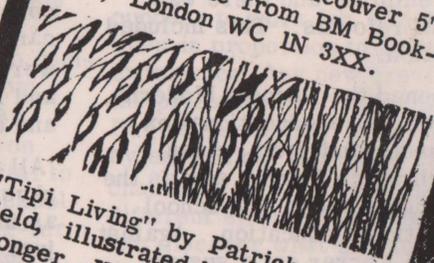
Choosing a tipi, pitching, maintenance, moving, firemaking, furnishing, daily life, food and cooking, and "the sheer beauty of it". Except for making it, it's all here, a practical, dreaming booklet.

## VANCOUVER 5

Are we born of this earth to further the power seeking desires of deluded fools, fat cats, and tyrants who fuck up our lives time and again in service to their great god - cash, who rape and abuse our world in the name of profit, our only avarice and unwielding cynicism. The questions are asked and deep in the reality of our controlled and oppressed existence, an existence imposed and maintained by fear, prejudice, division and violence we answer, NO.

This is a booklet containing the ideals and vision of five people who through direct action fought back, harbouring no illusions about the nature of liberty, and with hope, sought to redress the mass injustices caused by corporate states and capital. The five are now imprisoned but the struggle shall continue, for our very survival it must, unrelentless sabotage is dangerous and utmost necessity. Propaganda by deed acts as a catalyst inspiring others to act and fight back against the ruling powers, the irrationality of which is only too real, and must be opposed.

"Writings of the Vancouver 5" £1.00 available from BM Bookserv, London WC IN 3XX.



## You Call This Living?

This booklet is a selection of poems written by Alex Neilson. His poetry reflects his devious flair of originality and individuality. I particularly liked his poems as they are all very articulate and intelligently written. The topics mainly covered in his prose are peace/CND, green and environmental issues plus the inherent misery of human beings living in an inhumane world. I personally really enjoyed reading one poem called 'Teuchter Uber Alles'. It links nationalism and alcoholism with the labelling of an individual living in a society. Alex has collaborated with several artists to produce this booklet. On page one he also gives a list of various writers' workshops running in his area.

Well worth a read if you can acquire a copy. No contact address is given. But if you ring the Edinburgh Community Printshop on 031-557-2135 they should be able to give you details.

# HERBS

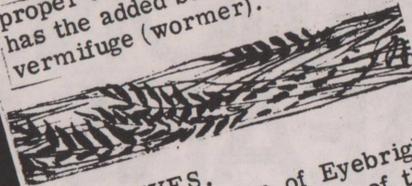
'THE COMPLETE HANDBOOK OF HERBAL MEDICINE FOR THE DOG AND CAT'. Juliette Levy. £3.95.

An invaluable guide to cruelty-free, effective alternatives to the chemicals vets retail. It may save you £100s and even your animal's life. Too often vaccination fails and these unfortunate creatures resist herbal treatment which would otherwise easily cure them, as Levy's experience with thousands of animals confirms.

Distemper - dreaded puppy killer. If your pup is listless or manic, with a hot dry nose, give a garlic pill (crushed garlic, breadcrumbs and honey) daily. Give no food as he's not fit to digest, but water with a little fresh lemon till he's well. Garlic pills also prevent infection starting. For your animals sake get it, read through it, practice it!

HAY FEVER. Hay fever is an allergy that may in part be due to poor digestion of protein. A really good aid to digestion is papaya, (paw paw).

It can be bought fresh from supermarkets or powdered from herbal suppliers. It promotes proper digestion and the juice has the added bonus of being a vermifuge (wormer).



## SORE EYES.

Make a decoction of Eyebright herb in one cup of water for 5 mins, afterwards straining carefully. Bathe the eyes and drink the remainder. Repeat daily for a week. Plantain and Bucks Horn Plantain are also good. These last two herbs will also over a period of days stop streaming noses, other sores and ulcers etc.

Rob.

# POETRY

Twenty Poems About Animal Rights

Here we have 20 well written, expressive and desperate poems ... by just turning over the cover your eyes are opened by a picture of an ALF liberator holding a freed dog. Underneath is a quote from Claude Bernard, 'the father of modern vivisection'.

The actual poems cover a wide range of animal issues, including fox-hunting, vivisection plus pictures, photos and poignant captions. The poetry collection is all written by Peter Smith. You can contact him at 50 Sowden Park, Barnstaple, N. Devon, EX 32 8EJ.

# FILMS

'SPIRIT OF ALBION', a film by Richard Philpott. We haven't seen it but we understand it's about travelling communities, the travellers, Rainbow Villagers, the convoy, Rainbow travellers, their search for an end to human and global exploitation and their right to gather at Stonehenge. It has been well received by travelling folk. It's being shown on Channel 4 on June 8 in the 'Eleventh Hour' slot. It's available on 16mm or video, hire or sale from Zood Pictures Ltd, 11. Tremlett Grove, London. N19 5LA.

# RECIPE

ADUKI BEAN CASSEROLE

Ingredients:  
8 oz. dried aduki beans, soaked overnight and cooked.  
1 medium cabbage, shredded.  
1 lb. carrots, sliced.  
1 lb. onions, chopped.  
1 lb. potatoes, pre-cooked and sliced.  
2 red peppers, seeded and chopped.  
2 bay leaves.  
1 teaspoon celery seeds.  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 1/2 pints dark vegetable stock.  
butter and paprika as garnish.

Method:  
Add cabbage, carrots, onions and enough vegetable oil to cook, into pot. Simmer for twenty minutes. Add red peppers, bay leaves, celery seeds, black pepper, vegetable stock and aduki beans. Bring to the boil and simmer for a further 15 mins. Place aduki bean stew into casserole dish and spread sliced potato pieces over surface. Add knobs of butter and garnish with paprika. Bake in oven at moderate heat until potatoes are brown.

# COUNTER CULTURE

# EXPLOITATION, NOT MEAT, MEANS FAMINE

There was a Japanese peasant who had a poster which read: "Which path is the correct one . . . is it the way of Confucius, Buddha, Jesus, Gandhi . . . or is it the way of Genghis Khan, Napoleon or Hitler?"

I don't find this much of a choice. It's a choice between aggressive imperialists and religious mystics. It is a choice, say, between the Kshatriya who represent dominance and power, meat-eating and the military virtues, and the Brahmin who exemplifies vegetarianism, ritual piety and spiritual purity. This false dichotomy seems to pervade contemporary thought, and the choice we are invariably given is between mechanistic science and religious mysticism, between agribusiness and vegetarianism. I reject both paths.

But what is of interest is how, on fundamentals, these two paths tend to converge; both have a hierarchical and instrumental view of the world; both are obsessed with power and control, and both express profoundly anti-ecological attitudes. It's hardly surprising, then, to discover that Buddhists and Brahmins have supported repressive state structures, and Hitler was a vegetarian. Alex Neilson's piece "Meat Means Famine" exemplifies the affinities between these two paths. Although he makes an important plea against "the passion for meat", which is salutary, his letter follows the essential premises of the capitalists.

1. He interprets what is fundamentally a political problem to be a technical one. There is of course no shortage of food in the world: it is simply grossly maldistributed, both within and between nations. But it is both fallacious and reactionary to suggest that famine is determined by dietary habits and not by economic forces and institutions. It is reminiscent of the present government's suggestion that ill health of the poor is caused by their personal life styles. Capitalism, in its very nature, is extractive and exploitative, and the production of peanuts, fruit, and many other agricultural products - which have nothing at all to do with meat - are equally implicated. In any case, capitalist enterprises are not particularly attached to meat - their only concern is for growth and profits. So who makes these meatless hamburgers? And at what cost?

2. Neilson follows the old ploy of blaming the victims - the peasants - rather than the system itself. While he is reafforesting the expanding wastelands, what are the peasant/pastoralists to eat? Many ecologists have suggested that many of the marginal regions at present being cultivated, would be better put under pasture, (for many animals can eat grass), and Neilson seems blissfully unaware that the main producer of soya beans is American agribusiness - at what social and ecological cost?

The overgrazing of much marginal land is the direct outcome of the fact that most of the good land has been appropriated by multinationals to grow plantation crops, which again have nothing to do with meat. As for coffee, ecologists have stressed that in many tropical regions permanent tree crops are infinitely preferable to annual cropping - given the serious soil erosion problems. Exploitative relationships can be circumvented by marketing arrangement via co-operatives, so that the primary producers can get their just reward. Neilson suggests reafforestation - a favourite concept of the capitalists - but again what kind of afforestation? Reafforestation programmes are taking place throughout the tropics, mainly to the detriment of local meat-eating peasants, who are pushed into marginal land to make way for the pines and blue gums. Ecologically and socially the issue is not what is produced, but how it is produced, in terms of maintaining a stable and sustaining ecosystem, and in terms of a more equitable system that does not extract wealth from its producers.

3. Neilson largely follows the same kind of reasoning beloved of the Thatcherites, namely assessing issues by cost-efficiency analysis. So we can understand the point, he even employs a fiscal example. By such criteria meat production is of course wasteful. This is the argument given for monoculture and intensive agriculture. But nature works on completely opposite principles. It is concerned not with efficiency but with complexity, stability, and diversity. That's why animals came into existence in the first place.

Human food production, as meat-eating peasants long ago discovered, must try to emulate nature as far as possible. A vegan planet devoid of animals is, I suggest, ecologically reductive and aesthetically barren.

4. Like the capitalists, Neilson assumes a hierarchical view of the world - though it is a medieval view that he espouses, rather than a mechanistic one. Animals are seen as of a higher value than plants, so one is quite justified in killing and eating plants. The peasant woman who suckled a young chevrotain deer at her own breast, and then a week later killed it and ate it has, it seems to me, a much more realistic and life-affirming attitude towards the world. Writers like Wynne-Tyson are almost embarrassed by the existence of carnivores like hyenas, although their function in the scheme of things is no different from that of swallows and herons.

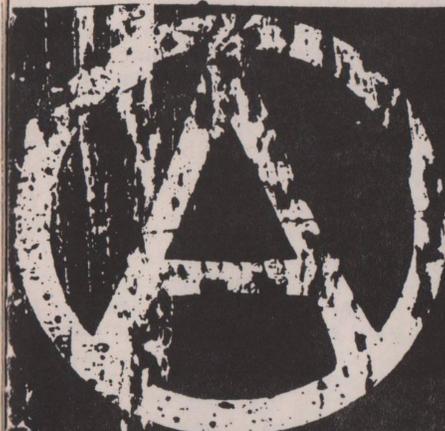
The sentiments expressed by Neilson about intensive livestock production and the situation of the Third World have been voiced by non-vegetarians long ago. Having vast herds of beef and dairy cattle feeding

on barley and imported protein concentrate is a wasteful and irrational mode of production. And the priority given to meat and dairy produce certainly needs to be challenged. But thoughtful ecologists have seen that the crucial issue is not meat vs non-meat, ie, what we produce, but how we produce it, in terms of human well-being and the maintenance of viable life-supporting systems. It demands a "whole earth" or "organic" perspective, not a vegan one. I have yet to read an adequate response to John Seymour's contention that farming without animals can never be anything but ecologi-

cally unsound, and that we must embrace the whole of creation (and not just plants) in our husbandry. What is wrong is not the killing and eating of animals (or plants) but causing unnecessary suffering, and through profits or short-sightedness, committing acts that are detrimental to the life-support systems of this earth.

Famine, poverty, and its attendant human misery have their roots in a socio-economic system - capitalism - not meat.

Brian Morris.



## MUSIC

Fab Dirt Sitters have a variety of influences as they have busked all over Europe. Their interests include calypso, gypsy music and Irish gigues. 'Flapping Out' is available from alternative bookshops and can be ordered direct from them at the rather exorbitant price of £5! Contact the 'Fab Four' at 16 Colville St. Nottingham, NG1 4HQ.

children, and that the cycle will not be broken until the multinationals are burnt to the ground.

The album costs £3.99 plus postage and packing from:

Agit-Prop/Chumbawumba  
c/o Box 4  
59 Cookeridge Street  
LEEDS 2  
England

### Queens of Heart

Initiated through the label of Heart Throb, a new series of mini-albums are available under the title of 'The Queens of Heart'. This whole production is a space for the decade's best women singer/songwriters. Irrepressible feminist talent, lashing back against the backlash. The women who won't go away.

Three records are to be released now - Heart Throbs 1, 2 and 3, which will be supported by a promotion campaign, nationwide advertising and a British tour. Heart Throb 1 features singer Vi Subversa and Richard Famous of Poison Girls. The format is new, exciting and direct and is entitled 'That Famous Subversa'. Heart Throb 2 is an electro-dance plus pop orientated and conjured up by Babara Stretch - ex Jam Today and Hi Jinx, plus Chris Taylor. Heart Throb 3 is also available, featuring Janice Perry, a wacky American singer of international success. The Queens of Heart are the ultimate! 'Quite perfectly in tune with what you're feeling but haven't quite said.' For more info contact 'Heart Throb', 201 Hainault Road, London, E11 1EU or phone 5396019.

Kate

### PICTURES OF STARVING CHILDREN SELL RECORDS - by Chumbawumba

This record is firstly a scathing attack on the hypocrisy of Live Aid, how it perpetuates the myth that the poor unfortunate Third World needs charity whereas in reality our wealth is built upon their backs. The first track, "Slag Aid", is a very satirical song attacking the hypocrisy of various pop idols.

All the songs on the album are well produced, very entertaining and most importantly it is an excellent piece of propaganda. There are songs on the issues of Nicaragua, the media, and multinationals. The album also includes some snippets of adverts, one American Coca Cola advert is unbelievably sick.

The overall message is that the whole media hype of charity only perpetuates the status quo and so the cycle of hungry children continues. What is needed is real change, we must face up to our guilt that we are responsible for those hungry

Firstly, let it be known that Green Anarchist was actually launched by a musical event. Poison Girls kindly donated some of their time and expertise and did a benefit gig to coincide with and raise money for the very first issue. More from them later. Green Anarchist will soon be re-introducing its music page with impetus on anarchist bands, what they are up to, press releases and reviews etc.

The Fabulous Dirt Sisters have announced the release of their record entitled 'Flapping Out'. Their special brand of music, incorporating fiddle, sax, trombone, bass, accordion and percussion, has lifted the spirits of many at demos and peace camp gatherings. They are a four-piece band who have put together and recorded an eleven track album. The songs featured are manic, dreamy, dancy and angry! The main theme running through all the songs is anti-militarism and feminism.

# NEW MAGS

## 'The Animal Campaigner'

'The Animal Campaigner' is a magazine I had not come across before. Initially I was put off by the stark typed pages - on pink paper! and the lack of pictorials. But after a thorough read of this mag I have come to the conclusion that it is both very factual and thought-provoking. Page after page of concise, well written information. The compilers and contributors to the mag provide a wide spectrum of national and a small amount of international news relating to the plight of abused animals etc. In issue no. 7 the latest copy, there is a good article on Sea Shepherd II and its crew, giving you up to date info, plus an expansive account of an interview with John Hobhouse, then the chairman of the RSPCA and Lord Soper, chaired by Robin Day.

The magazine is produced by Horsham Animal Rights Group, produced on recycled paper and is available from 'The Animal Campaigner,' c/o Trevor King, 97 Oakhill Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5LH. Cost of each issue is 30p or £2 annually.



'OUTLAW'. From a strong intellectual base - revolution on the periphery, the Third World, the workers' dependence on a strong ruling class - this Bolton group of greens, anarchist and animals rightists have produced a militant and entertaining mag. From: 'Outlaw'. 16. Wood St, Bolton.

'BEYOND LEFT AND RIGHT'. from the South Wales Meatball Collective. They say: "We must learn to live in harmony with each other and the planet on which we all depend. We must recognise that our affluence is built on the poverty of others." The rest of the mag is an exuberant invective against pollution, God, animal exploitation etc. From: 69. Merthyr Rd. Tongwynlais, Nr Cardiff, South Glam. Wales. CF47LG.

# LETTERS

Dear GA

Hi, I think perhaps we're having some difficulties with the English language. While I appreciated your editorial comments concerning crops and non-violence in issue 14, I have a feeling that you were using words without explaining what those words mean.

Take, for instance, the words "non-violence". What do these mean to you? Some people take non-violence as meaning passive protest. Others, of which I am one, take it as meaning a way of living with the Earth without harming life. However, it also means that when others are harming life, you are prepared to stop them. It also means that when you are attacked, you are prepared to defend yourself as necessary. Thus non-violence does not preclude defending the crops or the land using "violent" means, it does, however, mean using violence only as a last resort, a defence. For instance, a woman under sexual attack would be completely justified in killing or seriously wounding her assailant as the situation demands it. Also women are justified, due to the daily threat of rape, in not trusting men they don't know (and many they do) no matter how peaceful these men seem, even though trust is an essential element of peaceful cooperation. Such self-defence is thoroughly justified in the context of non-violence.

Now what do you take the word "feminism" to mean? I personally feel that feminism is an essential part of living in balance with the earth, a balance that is threatened by over-emphasis on the patriarchal power-trips of this society. I believe that wars are caused, as you've said, by the theft of crops and/or land. However, I also believe that this theft is inspired by male aggression. Masculine aggression to me is synonymous with power, power which is maintained by war. Yes, wars and Communist-bogey men are used to maintain our power over the 'third world', but that power is being maintained to keep some very powerful people on top, who are making a lot of money from the theft of land and the genocide directed at 'third world' peoples. That desire to maintain a powerful position is fuelled by a patriarchal quest for power, hence war is caused by masculine aggression. Also, this aggression is used to promote glory amongst soldiers, those who do the fighting; if the values of dominance and power, essentially masculine values, were not encouraged, I doubt you

would find so many people willing to kill for another's crops. And this industrial society we live in which is dependent upon those crops, is responsible. If we didn't live in a way which is so totally disconnected from the land, we would not need to steal other people's crops. This separation from nature is also a masculine value, of domination over our natural environment. Hence feminism is also appropriate.

I believe it is fully possible and in fact more likely that the "un-macho male" is the one who will be prepared to defend the land more fiercely than most. Men who re-learn their connection with our Earth, and our own place in it, will be much more ready to defend their home than men who still think in terms of power over the land - because to them the land is only a commodity, hence not valuable, whereas to the un-macho male it is his life and home.

Revolutionary feminism/non-violence is that which enables us to defend the Earth, our Mother with all our collective strength, while enabling us also to solidify and grow in strength due to our cooperative and un-macho ways of relating to each other. A resistance based on self-defence and group cooperation will in the long run be able to sustain itself when faced with the present fascist situation, whereas I feel a movement based on a purely economic analysis is doomed to die along with our industrial world.

This is what I see these words as meaning to me. If you're going to use concepts like these again in your strong editorials I think you would do better to explain further. Bluntness is nice, but details can sometimes be helpful too. Anyways, I hope to hear more from you in the future, keep it coming!

Love Kevin.

Dear Friends,

I would be interested in hearing from someone who has experienced communal living in order to organise an effective (near) self-sufficient communal in the city. I am hoping the communal will be formed before 1991. This giving me time to work out all possible flaws. Thank.

Sometimes regression is the greatest progression.

Mike Hora. 61. Chesterton Drive, Nepean, Ontario. K2E 5T3. Canada.

Dear GA

I fully accept that "most people don't think a policeman being murdered is funny", equally I believe most people don't think Hopi Indian prophecies and Pagan sun-worship rituals bear the slightest relevance to their needs or the needs of society. Whatever any anarchist papers say, no one should be tempted to "follow" any of them. I have made acquaintances among various "boring trot", Labour Party factions etc recently and when I tell them I'm an anarchist the usual response is "are you a Black Flag supporter? Class War Federation?" etc etc, to which the usual reply is "no, I'm just an anarchist, OK?" - I hope I'm not unusual in this respect. The only form of anarchism I see as mutually exclusive to other forms is the farcical anarcho-capitalism espoused by sections of the old FCS.

For unity and commonsense among anarchists, (and justice, peace, equality and freedom) regards,

Geoff Lockwood.

Dear GA

In response to the "meat means famine" article: I am 17 and have only been a vegetarian for 6 months. Though I am not ready to renounce my meat-free eating habits, there is a question that nags me enormously: if we were all to give up meat surely the amount of our agriculture which goes to animals today would only increase as the numbers of animals did? Whenever I'm having a discussion (peaceful or agitated) with a meat-eater I am usually able to convince him/her that we can live without meat, conditions in slaughter houses are disgusting, and the meat they eat in the 20th century is unhealthy. But when I try to link starvation, de-forestation and soil erosion with meat eating they come up with the question that I have stated above, and I am forced to admit what they say makes sense. Yet I continue to have faith in vegetarianism, it isn't enough though, and I'd like to understand, know the answer to this question, for it is a vital part of the vegetarian ideology. Though my conversations with people don't always go that far, it is in great part because of this "fault" in my reasoning that I have not been able to convince anybody to become a veggie. Please answer in some form or another.

In frustration - Pascal.

(Reply to Pascal Bertrand)

Dear Pascal

Your 'problem' wasn't too clear to me on first reading but I'm assuming you mean this: if everybody stopped eating meat all at once, there'd be all these uneaten animals roaming about all over, breeding and eating up everything in sight and taking up even more land. Well, this is just muddled thinking. It makes no sense to argue a case on a totally and imaginary premise, namely that everybody stops eating meat at once. That's not how things happen. Further, the numbers of domestic farmed animals is controlled by breeding levels, which can be just as easily adjusted downwards as upwards to follow a changing diet of consumers.

It doesn't surprise me that you have problems linking up meat-eating with starvation, deforestation and soil-erosion, but not because of this spurious argument put forward by your friends. In this issue there is a very clear and persuasive article by Brian Morris called 'Exploitation, Not Meat, Means Famine' which sets out how misleading it is to try and establish a causal link between eating meat and all these things. Slogans like 'meat means famine' are very attractive given the obvious and obscene contradictions which exist, but they hide the truth about hunger and starvation much like Live Aid did. (Typist)

Dear GA

Economic sabotage is a vital element in the struggle against exploitative big business.

With the growth in the use of computers most businesses rely heavily upon them. Examples of breaking into such systems have been known. Perhaps a way of reeking financial havoc to such establishments as big banks that screw the environment, animals, Third World etc by supporting the international trading systems is to mangle up their operations by removing millions of pounds through computers.

A few people may be having a go at this now. I know nothing of computer systems but some anarchic whizz-kid might be able to crack it.

Yours

E. Brown.

# COMING UP

JUNE.

1. 'Magical Mystery Carnival'. Walk to Stonehenge. High noon from South Bank to arrive at Battersea Park Peace Pagoda.
6. Week-end party at Calleva Roman town, SW of Reading.
7. Anarchist picnic. Parliament Hill. Hamstead Heath, London.
6. Strawberry Fayre. Midsummer Common. Cambridge. Info: 022331209.
- 1-7. Twm Barlym Free Fest. Near Newport, South Wales. High Cross M4.
- 6-10. Appleby Horse Fair. Darlington Yorks. Info: 0325 383337.
13. Stonehenge walks meet at gathering on Salisbury Plain, near Salisbury for festival and cruise blockade. Info: 99a. Toriano Ave. Kentish Town, London. NW5.
14. Rainbow Peace Fayre. The Hurn, Nr. Beverly racecourse, Beverly, Yorks. Info: 0469 30721.
16. Glastonbury-Stonehenge march starts.
- 19-21. Beverly Folk Festival. camping etc.
- 20-21. Leamington Festival of International Peace.
21. Summer Solstice at Stonehenge. (Sunrise. 21/22 June. Solstice: 22.11pm.)
- 19-21. Glastonbury CND Festival.
- 26-28. Mines not Missiles. Aylesham, Kent. Sunday free.

JULY

4. St Pauls Caribbean Carnival. Bristol.
- 11-12. Ashton Court Festival. Bristol. No camping.
12. Nottingham Peace Festival. Victoria Embankment, Nottingham
- 18-20. Rolright Free Festival. Long Comton, Chipping Norton. Bring all you need + sapling to plant.
- July?. Reading Community Festival. Info: Acorn Bookshop. 17 Chatam St. Reading. 0734 584425.
- 19-20? Norwich Rainbow Fayre. Earlham Park, Norwich. Info: The Greenhouse, 48. Bethel St. Norwich.
- 31-Aug. 2. Cambridge Folk Festival. Info: 0225 358977 Ex. 3801.

AUGUST

- 7-9. Warwick Folk Festival. Camping.
- 14-16. Earth Mysteries Gathering. Penmen Maur. N. Wales.
- 14-15. Fairport Convention Reunion. Banbury. Info: PO Box 37. Banbury, Oxon. (£16 last year).
- 22-23. Cosmic Bears Picnic. Heapy Moor, Rivington Pike, Nr Chorley. Lancs.
- 30-7 Sept. Earth Mysteries Camp.