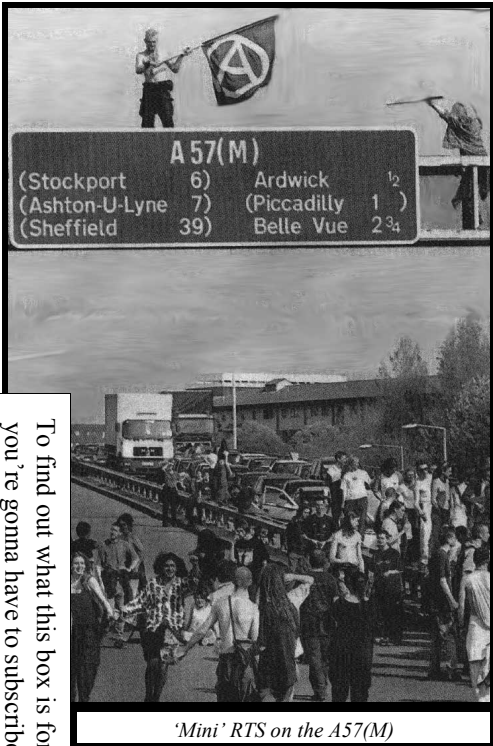


A57(M) - THE ROAD TO ANARCHY

The 'Mini' RTS announced in Manchester for 30th April, became a major success with a motorway blocked, the city centre gridlocked and 6 hours of partying despite heavy police presence including helicopters, CS gas attacks and cops in riot gear. The plan was to block a side-street near the university, to protest against their transport policies. But the police, expecting the much larger Oxford Road to be taken, sent in the riot squad A couple of cop units surged into the crowd, batonning and stamping on people More people, including many student bystanders, moved in to protect the sound system which was forced back out onto Oxford Road.

Now mobile, the party carried on. It moved towards the inner city motorway A57(M) where the party continued for several hours, blocking the traffic over most of South Manchester on Bank Holiday Friday afternoon. 10 arrests were made, and 10 cops were injured.



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ANOTHER GERMAN NUCLEAR PROTEST

From May 13-15, the German Anti-nuclear movement will have a camp near the Greifswald nuclear power station. This plant in the North of East Germany is destined to be used a temporary nuclear waste depot, after the protests in Ahaus and Gorleben have made it virtually impossible to get any Castor-transports near those two sites without provoking a state of emergency. The government is hoping for an easier game in the economically depressed East, but opposition is alive and alert. Contact Burgerinitiative Greifswald, +49 (0)3834 594876; bigreifswald@topmail.de

★ **A20 – NEIN DANKE** Another camp on the German coast of the Baltic Sea will be held from May 21 –24, on the route of the soon to be built A20 Motorway in Northern Germany. One of the first construction sites is very close, and an RTS is planned for the weekend. The organisers offer to refund 50% travel cost. Contact JUP Bad Oldesloe, +49 (0)4531 4512, jup-od@lynnet.de; or through EF!AU

BONFIRES IN THE STREET

After 4 months, the squatted 121 centre in Brixton, South London, is still occupied and awaiting the bailiffs. During that time people have been trying to maintain a 24-hr occupation of the building without losing sight of all the reasons why such autonomous space is so vital and important and fun.

It's been hard though, to keep spirits and energy levels high, and find enough to keep us amused in what can be a dark and lonesome building. So people decided to hold a street party, to celebrate the continuing occupation, 121's history, our desire and ability to claim our own space in this world...

On Saturday 10th April - our 86th day of 'resistance' - the party took place directly outside the building. The sun came out just as the barricades had been assembled and the sounds were kicking in. The music took a bold, innovative (and much-appreciated) 'no techno' stance, and was accompanied by dancing puppets and at one stage, a show by the 121 striptease team.

Most of the neighbours joined the party (as did an incredible number of passing shoppers on their way home from the market) of an estimated 500 people. The music went on till late. Police hovered in extremely small numbers and observed, not even complaining about the bonfires in the streets!

The party was 'organised' by a handful of people at 2-3 weeks' notice. In response to all the clamours 'why don't you lot do this every week?' we'd like to encourage everyone to organise their own community parties this summer - not necessarily in a street but on any unused land in your area.

Having said that, the 121st 'day of resistance' falls on a Saturday - May 15th - so there may well be something happening on that date.

121 Centre:0171 274 6655

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2ND KIDS MOOT HELD IN WALES

Following the success of the first Kids' Moot, another was held in Wales last month: a weekend gathering of kids, parents and friends.

Lots of different activities - storytelling, trampolining & nature walks among them - took place in a very unstructured way. The idea is to provide some new experiences for the kids, and a chance for them to spend time with each other. For their parents, it can be a bit of a break, and an opportunity to discuss their activism, home education, health issues, other projects, whatever...All ages are welcome, and non-parents welcome to come along and:

- * make friends with some inspirational rad young people (and their parents are pretty cool too!)
- * support frazzled activist parents by taking on some of the eg, cooking, nappy-changing etc.
- * read stories, play games
- * put on a workshop - as informal as you like - suitable for (mostly) under-7s

The 3rd Moot is likely to take place on the 22nd/ 23rd May. The venue should include some indoor sleeping space, camping and parking for live-in vehicles. The food's done on a communal basis. Please get in touch if you're interested:kids' moot, c/o Great Milton Manor, Llanwern, Newport, Gwent NP6 2DU. 01633 411 364.

ISRAELI GATHERING

For the first time in Israel, Green Action, a grass roots environmental group, with the help of many green activists and rainbow people, organised a three day Earth First-style gathering.

The gathering was located in the Jerusalem forest, which is threatened with destruction due to three major road schemes and neighbourhood expansions. The gathering included many workshops concerning the globalisation of the economy, permaculture, D.I.Y. recycling, green consumer traps, road protesting in Britain, animal rights, etc. This also included walks around the endangered area to watch the rare flora and fauna. The weekend was a real success and managed to include a vast variety of people from all spectrums of society. One man said: "We hope this gathering will be a step towards more anti-road actions and protesting in Israel. Who knows, we might see the first protest site in the "Holy Land" before the end of the millennium."

NORTH DEVON WILDLIFE SITE THREAT

A beautiful wildlife site on the estuary of the Taw/ Torridge rivers has recently come under attack by cowboy developers, after local groups have been fighting too keep it safe for over 30 years. The area along the Tarka Trail famous for its otters, has been up for sale for £1Million when it got sold for a tenth of its value to North Devon Asbestos. They are now planning to cover it with 400 000 tons of aggregate to turn it into an illegal waste tip. Local people need support to save this scenic spot teeming with rare plants and wildlife. Anybody wanting to give a hand in setting up a camp over the summer? Contact 01271 860989

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"'Everyone can feel the nothingness, the void, just beneath the surface of everyday routines and securities.'" - John Zerzan "

IN 1999, TO ST. GEORGE'S HILL...

On the third of April, 350 years after the original band of revolutionary roundheads that called themselves the Diggers settled in to cultivate St George's Hill in Surrey, a new group of like minded diggers set out to do the same.

In 1649, when the original diggers settled on St George's Hill it was common land. Nowadays it comprises two golf courses and one of the most

Specifically, the group tried to find a permanent home for the Digger's Memorial Stone, in a public place with a new right of way leading to it. Negotiations on this were not successful and the stone is currently in Weybridge Museum until a satisfactory home can be found for it.

Eventually the owners, North Surrey Water, obtained an eviction order. The diggers, deciding that a defended eviction was not part of the aims, left the hill on 16th April. TLIO 01865 722016

TEST SITES START TUMBLING

April has been another busy month in the truggle to keep the mutants at bay.

Covertly. Another five sites were destroyed in the dark this month. Two of the sites were in Norfolk and three on the same farm in Tadcaster, Yorkshire. Don't forget to let GEN know if you hear of any more. 0181 374 9516

In the Open at a GM site in Loanhead in the Lothians during a public site visit. Despite the pleadings of the Green Party members that they did not enter the GM field, many people took action and climbed the barbed wire fence protecting the mutant crops. About 30 people were ripping the plants from the ground, and six people were arrested. All were released the same day after all being charged with vandalism,one for obstruction, and one was even charged with the theft of a GM plant! Contact Fife EF!

Accountably. Genetix Snowball campaigners targeted 3 sites for their Silent Spring weekend on April 16/17. However, the weekend was

somewhat silenter than hoped. AgrEvo was successful in gaining an injunction against six named snowball activists the day before the planned actions. Two of the three targeted sites were heavily guarded by police, the third one had already been covertly decontaminated a few days before by persons unknown. More successfully, an ethical shoplift was carried out in Manchester.

April 19th was another date in the long list of Monsanto's PR balls-ups when their attempt to extend their injunction against the Snowball campaign was rejected by the jury in the London trial. The injunction, if granted, would have prohibited any person who had ever ordered a Snowball handbook to go near any of their fields. The handbook can now be downloaded from the



exclusive estates in Britain, home to retired dictators and corporate directors alike.

The more recent occupation started with a march of 300 people onto the hill, following which activists continued on to a nearby part of the hill to establish a communal settlement Plants were planted and structures erected.

There was one violent incident a few days later when a resident of the estate pulled up in a four wheel drive vehicle, started removing information boards, and when challenged, punched a man in the face. On the other side of the coin, many residents were supportive of the idea (not to the. point where they gave up their land and privilege, of course!)

One of the aims of the occupation was to increase public rights access to St George's Hill.

The Monthly Round up of Ecological Direct Action from around Britain.

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web address <http://www.gn.apc.org/pmhp/dc/backlash/>

Inspections A number of local campaigns have sprung up against specific test sites. In Nottingham a 'walk the beet' site visit to the local test site at Ruddington took place, A group in the Borders is meanwhile rallying against a trial of oilseed rape in their area. Find out more in the Green Shop in Berwick-on-Tweed, or ring 01289 330 879 or 0141 946 2257

Prevented A farmer in Suffolk has

withdrawn from GMO testing, due to "protester risk". Mr Reeve of Riding farm, Walsham le Willows Near Bury St. Edmonds, had a licence to grow GM crops the year, but decided against it because "...I am sure they would have been pulled up."

Up and coming: The first farm size GM trial of oilseed rape has been approved now, on the land of Captain Barker, chum of Prince Charles. The man owns 3000 acres near Hannington, Wiltshire, of which he is offering 100 to the experiment. 23 acres in the centre will be the GM crop. "I don't want to destroy anything, but if I can grow food half price I must look at it" is Mr Barkers justification. Well of course nobody wants to destroy anything, but...can anybody look at it please?

AVON RING ROAD CONTRACT INFO

The contract for building the Avon Ring Road has been awarded to Christiani Nielsen. Their head office is in Leamington Spa and they also have a subsidiary in Cardiff. Research shows they are quite a small company for a contract of this size, so solidarity actions and hitting them hard will be really worthwhile. This company is hated in the West Country. They got the job of the Wells Relief Road in Somerset a few years ago, then followed it up with the nasty evictions on the quarry road through Dead Woman's Bottom on the Mendips. They expect to start on site early May. The protest camp is well established now and is getting ready for full-on action. Contact 0836 653723 or 0797 9990389

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News In Brief

- ◆ Critical Mass cycle rides returned to Norwich last October. Recent ones have been pretty good, but more cyclists with attitude are always welcome. Meet 2pm, the last Saturday of the month at St. Peter Mancroft by the Old Library car park. Also Norwich direct action forum is now set as a regular event. The evening is a chance to meet up with different group using Direct action, and there is usually a video. 1st Thurs of each month, The Plough, St. Benedicts Street Norwich.
- ◆ The Non Alignment Action Group continues to rally support against the proposed road near Roslin south of Edinburgh. Public meetings and route walks are being held regularly. Contact NAAG, 01968 675109
- ◆ The infatigable people at 'La Goutte d'Eau' action camp in the wonderful Aspe Valley in the Western Pyrenees have been fighting the widening/building of the E7/RN134 road - including a 9 km tunnel - for 11 years, and the battle is not over yet! With the changing French political climate and an increasingly resisting local population, the campaign has renewed hopes of success. Contact +33-55934-7883
- ◆ **The EF! Summer Gathering is going ahead!** People are still desperately needed to help out on both site based and program based practicalities. The focus will be on skill sharing, active networking and campaign planning, with all the long term strategy being left to the next Winter Moot. Dates are 19th-24th August. Contact Leeds EF!
- ◆ On June 12th (date tbc) there will be a day called 'Gene-Free Jamboree' in London and there's a plan to have an EF! stall at it. Please call 0161 2266814 if you want to be involved
- ◆ On April 3rd, Manchester activists occupied two major Mc Donald's branches. While the first action was cut short by the fact that a van load of police were buying their lunch at the time (!), the second branch was brought into chaos for over an hour with thousands of leaflets distributed to interested shoppers.
- ◆ Manchester's 4th OKasional Cafe was a big success with £3000+ raised through donations & a multitude of events happening. It lasted for over a month and made a brief re-appearance during the RTS on April 30th.
- ◆ Days after the Crystal Palace evictions, Manchester EF!ers occupied UCI's head office in the city centre for 1 1/2 hours.
- ◆ Tarmac sneakily changed their AGM date from 8 June to 24 May in Birmingham. Call Notts EF! NOW if you can go and help shut it down!
- ◆ On April 20th Shell's international headquarters in London were spattered in green and red paint in an act of solidarity with the people of the Niger Delta, coinciding with Shell boss Mark Moody-Stuart's launch of 'People, planet, profit - an act of commitment', their latest greenwash piece.
- ◆ The 1999 Ecotopia gathering for European Youth activists takes place in Romania this year 1st -21st August (it's on the eclipse route) For more info and an application form, please contact: Address: OP nr 12, CP 986, 1900 TIMISOARA, Romania Tel/Fax: +40-(56)- 199137 Email: ecotopia@banat.ro
- ◆ At a public meeting on GM food in Somerset, Steve "smoothy" Smith of Novartis was pied. He cleaned himself up in the toilets, only to be pied again. The organisers of the meeting condemned the "deplorable" action of "outsiders". But 'Captain Custard', the entarteur, commented: "'Proper devate' is clearly irrelevant to corporations intent on forcing GM food down people's throats".

MCLIBEL APPEAL VERDICT

A high court appeal launched by the McLibel Two has resulted in significant improvements to the judge's original McLibel verdict. In the appeal decision formally delivered on March 31st, the judges ruled that claims that excessive consumption of burgers enlarges the risk of heart disease, and that their employees get bad pay for work in crap conditions are justified. The appeal judges' ruled that in the light of their revisions of the original verdict, the £60,000 damages awarded to McDonald's should be reduced by £20,000 – which the McLibel crew won't pay anyway. "The appeal verdict's really a pile of shit with two cherries in it," commented Helen. "With a staggering 65 million hits to its credit, the McSpotlight web-site is seriously worth checking out". www.mcspotlight.org

BAE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- April 28th saw another successful AGM action from anti-arms trade campaigners. Between 70 and 100 people were carried out after a first bout of major disruption at the start.
- The company decided to persevere with the meeting, and other shareholders asked pertinent questions of the board for three hours. Campaign Against the Arms Trade's major scoop centred around a contract which BAe has won to run a high explosive production plant in the US. The plant will produce RDX, a component of landmines. Now the US has not signed the Ottawa Convention banning the production of landmines, but CAAT believes that it is illegal under the convention and in British law for a British company to be involved in this sort of activity in another country. BAe's response was that they had no knowledge of the project and so couldn't answer questions about its legality.
- Another arms trade company, Alvis, held their AGM on the same day, presumably to avoid protesters. However, it didn't work. Seven people occupied their offices at 8.30 in the morning, catching a bit of more intimate questioning with chairman Nick Press before he left Their building was scaled to hang a banner and there was also a presence inside their AGM Contact: CAAT 0171 281 0297
- ## DIY ANTI-GLOBALISATION DAY
- A group of around 50 people from a range of backgrounds met in Birmingham on Mayday for an action tour of some of the city's corporate premises. They entered the Natwest HQ and went in search of senior managers to ask about their ethical policy in the third world and involvement with vivisectionists Huntingdon Life Sciences. The outside was decorated with posters of animal experiments and scenes of poverty
- Eventually everyone was removed from the building and set off into the city centre, accompanied by the sounds of Little Nora sound system being wheeled along in a pushchair. A McDonalds was entered and closed down. Carrying on past Labour party HQ the tour arrived at a Ferrari/Jaguar showroom, which was stickered with anti-car stickers. The police removed people from the building, but four other showrooms on the same street shut up shop for two hours in case they got invaded too. Another drive in McDonalds was shut down and then everyone went to Lee Bank, one of the most deprived estates in Western Europe, to chill out.
- The action was really successful at bringing people together, and it is hoped that a new direct action group will spring up in Birmingham as a result of it. Contact 0961 810356
- ## WOMEN AGAINST WAR
- On April 16, one day after Nato warplanes bombed a refugee convoy in the Kosovo war, three women climbed the fence of the RAF base Fairford, from where bombers take off. They unfolded banners with pacifist slogans and tied them to the planes in the presence of American soldiers. Later

on they were dragged off by MOD police, but no arrests were made. Other actions and blockades took place throughout Europe, including a hunger strike in Italy

REALITY OF WAR on-line anti-war information point: <http://sfmhp.pasdex.com.au/war>

ITIOZ DAM / BASQUE COUNTRY

- A protest took place at the Basque regional parliament in Pamplona, Spain against the building of the massively destructive Itoiz dam. The dam, which is being built as part of a wider plan for industrial and tourist development of the region will flood 81 square kilometres. There has been a history of resistance to the project. In 1996, 8 people cut cables across the valley each weighing 140 tonnes, causing untold damage and setting work back by 11 months.
- On the 7th April, people from 20 countries chained themselves to metal grills surrounding the parliament building, scaled the side of the building, and hung banners. Parliamentary police yanked people off the windows, cut chains, poked people with scaffold tubes to get them off the façade and mauled people off the balcony. The fire brigade was used to remove people from pillars.
- 33 people were arrested. Charges and expulsion proceedings are being brought against them.
- As one British activist commented "this is not a local issue, it's a European one. European companies and tourists are the reason this dam is going ahead. The Basques are really keen to network and build international resistance to this project so why not go over and visit"
- Solidari@s Con Itoiz, Apdo. 2105, 31080 Iruna, Euskal Herria (Estadoo Espanol), Spain www.eusnet.org/partaide/solidarios/home.htm
- ## NEW SOCIAL CENTRE FOR LEEDS
- On 24th April, a collective drawn from a range of groups in the Leeds area - including Earth First! and Green Action - reclaimed an unused church complex at Leeds University, and established the 'A Spire' autonomous zone.
- A key function of the centre is to promote activism through education (workshops, displays etc.) and inspire participation, both in the collective and in direct action. The initial range of facilities include a vegan cafe, bookshop/library area, gig and party room, meditation area, and bike maintenance. There are also facilities for arts and crafts and children's activities. The collective is in touch with a range of local community groups to try and extend these resources and to involve as many people as possible. The university, who own the building, have stated that they will be going to court after the Mayday weekend, but the collective intend resist the eviction if it comes before 10 weeks into the project.
- Cafe Mobile 0961 367421 or contact Leeds EF! www.geocities.com/capitolhill/parliament/3344
- ## TRIDENT PLOUGHSHARES 2000
- Seven Scottish Trident Ploughshares activists blockaded the north gate of Faslane Naval Base. They attached themselves to a steel wire which they slung across the gateway with banners reading 'Trident=Genocide'. It took MOD police more than half an hour to remove them, delaying the departure of the nuclear warhead convoy from Coulport to Albemarle
- Four protesters held up a Trident nuclear warhead convoy, in Balloch on Loch Lomondside. The convoy was halted for about 20 minutes by people standing in the road whilst others held banners.
- Contact: TP 2000: 01603 611953

MAYHEM AT THE AIRPORT

- Last month, the camps at Arthurs Wood and Cedar Wood were thought safe, after pledges from National Trust not to cut any trees during bird nesting season, and to wait for the House of Lords appeal to be heard in late summer. Never to be trusted, the contractors moved in with chainsaws anyway and cut a number of large trees between the camps. Meanwhile sabotage at the runway site continued and caused considerable damage. On April 21, four campers at Arthurs Wood got caught out by between 30 and 40 police in full riot gear to "secure evidence of theft", arresting several people. One person got bailed off site. The cops also ripped benders apart to secure AMEC fence posts, and generally trashed the site. Apparently they used evidence from a video they snatched from a French video team who had filmed the camp. More people have moved back on site since then, and more are needed still.
- Contact 07931 931850
- ## A55 ANGLESEY
- Work on the Euroroute to Dublin has started with hedges being cut down and construction work due to start at the end of April. Tarmac and Laing are the contractors for this 20 mile long DBFO road and you are welcome to visit their local branches near you. Locally, people are fed the usual lies about economic development, which makes setting up camps difficult but days of action might still go ahead. Help with this is needed. Contact Gwynedd & Mon EF!, 01248 371 941
- ## PERSIMMON HOMES AGM ACTION
- Protesting shareholders were turned away from a luxury housebuilding company's AGM because of what they were wearing. Local residents from the Campaign Against Stevenage Expansion (CASE) had hooked up with activists from URGENT to purchase shares in the company in order to raise their concerns about Persimmon's involvement with the development of the Langley Valley in Hertfordshire and the biggest incursion into Green Belt land in fifty years. The Mayfair hotel where the AGM was held [Wed April 28th] conveniently took exception to the dress of some of the protestors.The AGM was packed with security: men in suits lining the lobbies, cameras recording the event and the first rows full of suits with "Guest" labels on. Referring to their proposals as "Garden City 21", Persimmon continued their desperate attempts to fob off the greensies but sadly, failed to realise that greenwash doesn't work and they need to stop building luxury houses on greenfield sites before the protestors will go away.
- Once inside the local campaigners kept it cool by asking sticky questions about the company's environmental record - and why their appearance had been deemed offensive.
- With the proposals still at the planning stage, campaigners are getting organised early. There are plans to step up protest if the development goes ahead. URGENT 01865 721366
- ## ANYONE FOR A REFERENDUM?
- ...raising awareness, empowering from below, networking, demanding the impossible - a global ban on genetiX?
- As revealed on the Mark Thomas show, it is possible for local people to demand a local referendum on any issue of concern to them. And so to coincide with the Euro elections on June 10th, in Devon, Dorset, Buckinghamshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Merseyside, Brighton, Newcastle and elsewhere people are getting their own referenda

- together....and it isn't too late to get involved.
- Under the 1972 local government act it requires six "local government electors" to call a parish meeting. If at this meeting ten electors (or one third of those present whichever is the LEAST) call for a referendum it happens. Quite simple really! The idea being to set the ball rolling to demand a national referendum. To get involved contact SYGEN on 01226 762359 for a information pack or email pp3mo@aol.com. A spare quid or two to help with costs would go a long way. SYGEN, Box 1, 1- 19 Lower Townhead, Dunford Bridge, Sheffield. S30 4TG (cheques to "mobile office")
- ## FASLANE ACTIONS
- To demonstrate their objection to the war the peace campers have been holding a vigil at the gates of the base. H.M.S. Splendid, based at Faslane, is currently firing cruise missiles at Yugoslavia. On May 15th there will be a mass vigil starting at 7:00 pm, which hopefully will turn into a 24-hour vigil.
- In a complete divergence from established procedures the new nuclear submarine HMS Vengeance, on its arrival in the Clyde estuary, did not go to its berth at Faslane. It went instead to the base at Coulport , to try and avoid prying eyes and TV cameras. However, protesters left their vigil on the Gareloch and hiked 3 miles across the hillside to get into the waters of Loch Long close to the submarine. At least six people swam out towards Vengeance despite heavy police presence, some of them getting within 100 yards of the vessel.
- Faslane Peace Camp: 01436 820901
- ## PARTY LINE - TUBE RECLAIMED
- The latest London RTS action against tube privatisation and in support of tube workers saw 800-1000 people reclaiming a Circle Line train. As various small groups joined the party at each station, the train was decorated with notices saying 'This line is under joint passenger-worker control' and music played; techno in one carriage, acoustic in another. However, years of dealing with football hooligans had made the police well prepared for this sort of situation, and they kept doors shut at stations until eventually shepherding everyone onto a Northern Line train to join the pro-cannabis 'Mayday is j-day' festival in Brixton. So the aim of making a complete circuit was thwarted, but it was felt to be a good action anyway. Reclaim The Streets. 0171 281 4621
- ## GENETIC CROP SQUAT IN MAY
- A camp will be set up to highlight alternatives to corporate based food production, with practical displays and workshops on local food production. The camp will try to link this struggle with other struggles across the globe and include information about June 18th (see insert). It is also timed to coincide with the intercontinental caravan of 500 Indian activists linking struggles through Europe and India. Meeting outside Lincoln train station 10:00 am Thurs. 27th May Tel. 07971 755 823 after 9:00 on the 27th. Bring tents and food donations, also desperately needed: Marquees, Yurts etc.
- ## BUTTS WATER MEADOW REPRIEVE
- Plans to take action were called off on Tuesday when a judicial review judged that Green King Breweries had been wrong in not conducting an independent environmental assessment over their plans to build an access road across Butts Meadow, Bury St. Edmonds. The decision means Green King will have to start again and reapply for planning permission, which they may not do. The Meadow was host to a protest camp last year, this was evicted in March, at which time trees were illegally felled. Two people were recently fined after prosecution under trade union laws during the protest.

Action Diary

- May.**
- 8.** Hull RTS Meet 12 noon, Pearson Park (off Beverly Rd)
- 13.** Anti-car action, Leeds 0113 262 9365
- 13.-15.** Anti-nuclear camp in Germany (see back page)
- 16-17.** Doing It In The North action number 4. Sheffield (workshops 16th, action 17th) Meet 2pm Wigfall, Rutland Road, S3 0114 2731978
- 17.**Anti-BNP direct action at Oxford. Contact South Downs Earth First!
- 18** West Yorkshire June 18 Meeting, 7pm A Spire autonomous zone, Leeds 0113 262 9365
- 21.** Annual General Meeting of Zeneca, the UK's largest biotech company. Action details: 0161 224 4846.
- 21.** June 18 benefit, Bristol Skate+Ride, Citizen Fish
- 22.** Anti-Fascist benefit, Bristol, Gary Clail, Rhythmites both at New Trinity Centre, Trinity Road, Bristol
- 21.-24.** Anti-roads camp against the A20 in Germany (see back page)
- 22-23,** Beam, Aspe valley, French Pyrenees: action & big demo! (see News in Brief)
- 24** Tarmac AGM **Changed Date!**- for shares contact veggies@innotts.co.uk, **27.** Anti-Genetic crop squat. Camp on a former test site with an anti genetics and june 18 focus. Meeting outside Lincoln train station 10:00 am Thurs. 27th May or Tel. 07971 755 823 after 9:00 on the 27th.
- 27-30.** Inter-Continental Caravan in Britain. 07970 896 736
- June**
- 3-9.** Portugal - Bilderberg Group meets in Caesar Park Penha Longa, Sierra de Sintra, 45 km northwest of Lisbon - gathering of multinationals, bad politicos, media moguls and the like. Contact TLIO **12.**RTS party in Newcastle Meet 1pm at Central Station or Monument. Contact - Newcastle.rts@iname.com, or tel 0709 1135047
- 12.** Gene-free Jamboree, London, see News in Brief
- 12.** Genetically Modified Cycle Ride (to a test site) Leaves Roundhay Park, Leeds 5pm
- 18.** Actions in financial centres around the world. Contact RTS. 0171 281 4621
- July**
- 17.** National action against Tarmac.
- 31- Aug 2.** Setting up Ecological Communities course at Stepping Stones Co-op, mid-Wales 0870 7332538
- August**
- 2.-8.** European Animal Rights gathering, Norway. noah@noahonline.org
- 19-24.** EF! Summer Gathering, East Anglia. Contact Leeds EF!

Prisoners

- This is by no means a comprehensive list. For a full list and other info on earth and animal liberation prisoners, contact Earth Liberation Prisoners. See contact list. Or check out their new website: www.geocities.com/RainForest/Jungle/1664
- Jean Lawless.** On remand for throwing red paint over the foyer of the ministry of defence on the day the last Gulf War broke out.
- Jean Lawless EH4134, HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd, London N7 0NN**
- When writing to Jean you must write your name and address on the back of the envelope or postcard.
- Mick Ashton.** On remand for tearing up railway line at Whatley Quarry in 1995. He bunked off the original court case but has now been arrested. Also, Ruth Browning and Richard Dixon are still inside for similar offences.
- Michael Ashton BK 8778, HMP Horfield, Cambridge Road, Bristol, BS7 8PF**
- Ruth Browning, ME 36330, HMP Eastwood Park, Falfield, Wooten-under-Edge, GL12 8DB**
- Richard Dixon BF20, HMP Layhill Open Prison, Wooten Under Edge, GL12 8BT**

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in the run up to the global action on June 18th, here's a

BRIEFING ON THE WTO FREE LOGGING AGREEMENT, -how global capital is preparing to decimate the world's remaining forests.

Like all industry, forestry has become dominated by a relatively small number of large multinational companies who are increasingly becoming the only decision makers on a global scale. With US companies venturing south into Latin America, and Scandinavian companies eying up the vast tracts of Russian forests that have been made available to capitalism as the USSR collapsed, the remaining forests of the world are under siege. And this November, a major new weapon may become at the disposal of the corporate elite, as the World Trade Organisation signs its 'Free Logging Agreement'.

The World Trade Organisation Formed in 1994 as the sister organisation to the IMF and World Bank, the WTO has a mandate to remove any barriers to free trade that member countries might have. Over the last 5 years, the organisation has been gradually negotiating free trade agreements in more and more sectors of the economy. It is the WTO that is introducing sanctions that are causing the current EU-US 'banana war', and the threat of a much larger trade war is one of the main reasons why stopping genetic engineering in its tracks is proving so difficult.

Free Logging Agreement In the next round of negotiations in Seattle from November 30th - December 3rd this year one of the new areas to be targeted will be the forest products industry. And, as in every case where the interests of big business encounter those of the environment, the results are likely to be fairly dire.

This, like all WTO agreements, seeks to eliminate 'tariff' and 'non-tariff' barriers to trade. A tariff is like a tax that a country imposes on a certain import, often to discourage its consumption over what is made at home. By eliminating them, prices come down, stimulating consumption. This means the further growth of the forestry industry which is bad news for forests and the ecosystems and communities they support. Whether it's old growth logging or the planting of fast-growing sterile eucalyptus monocultures, the global timber trade is exceedingly destructive.

By making free trade easier, multinational companies can invest and disinvest in countries far more easily. As well as the direct social effects, e.g. mass redundancies, when a

BOISE CASCADE IN CHILE

More and more US and Canadian timber companies, after years of resistance and pressure for sustainable forest management at home, are setting their sights on Latin America. The US Boise Cascade company have recently announced that they are building a woodchip mill in Chile, a project so huge that it would double the rate of deforestation in Chile's temperate rainforests. The company has also been shutting down mills in its traditional heartland of the Pacific Northwest, blaming environmentalists for the job losses rather than the real reason: the opportunity to plunder Chile's resources more cheaply. The same company was last year finally chased out of the Costa Grande forests of Mexico by the protests of farmers. However, since the NAFTA free trade and investment treaty was signed in 1994, another 15 companies have established operations in Mexico. Companies have already forced Mexico to loosen its environmental regulations and restrictions have been lifted on corporations buying up indigenous land to turn into plantations.

company pulls out of an area, the threat of disinvestment often encourages countries to drop environmental and social protection legislation in order to maintain competitiveness in the global economy.

Equally disturbing is what could be made illegal as a 'non-tariff barrier to trade'. Whatever the WTO decides are 'unreasonably high standards of forest protection' are potentially challengeable by WTO rules. Another likely victim of free trade is eco-labelling. The WTO only recognises product labels which indicate how a product performs on the job (ie. as a two-by-four or as pulp for paper). The WTO sees all other kinds of labels as barriers to trade. It is likely that the WTO will accuse certification and ecolabelling such as Forest Stewardship Council's international scheme of certifying sustainably produced timber of violating WTO trade laws.

As the volume of forest product trade increases, so do the chances of alien species invasions. Exotic beetles, moths, fungi, and other pests often "hitchhike" on international shipments of wood products that have not been processed or treated with chemicals and fumigants. When imported into a country where forest ecosystems do not have natural immunities against these pests, large-scale infestations, disease and destruction result (this phenomena, known as bioinvasion, is currently the second largest cause of species loss, after deforestation). Currently many countries insist on wood being chemically treated before import to rid it of destructive pests, but it is likely that these regulations will also be declared barriers to trade under the new agreement. WTO agreements usually stipulate that the least trade restrictive of all import restrictions must be the only acceptable policy for governments to take.

The Investment Agenda

As well as the forest products agreement, expect a new 'Millennium Round' of WTO talks to be announced at Seattle. This will be a vast extension of the WTO's powers, in effect a resurrection of the MAL, the investment treaty that was defeated last autumn. This will of course affect all areas of life, but to stick with the effect on forests...

Firstly, investors will be granted equal rights, regardless of which country they come from. Therefore foreign multinationals can buy up forests around the world, and if they are designated as indigenous or nature reservations then they have the cash and power to challenge that designation and ensure they get the right verdict. Also, investing companies would be able to challenge governments if they believed they had introduced regulations which denied the company profits which were rightfully theirs - this means if a government were to bring in new environmental standards they would have to compensate the companies that lost out.

ACTION POINTS:

- Leeds EF! is producing a guide with more information on this agreement as well as details on specific companies which have offices and premises here in the UK. Often actions against companies will also be in solidarity with campaigns in other countries - most multinational timber companies are up to something dodgy somewhere in the world. For your free copy, get in touch with Leeds EF! at the Action Update address. It will be available from mid-May.
- A SEED Europe have a new book out - 'Europe's forests -A Campaign Guide' which contains lots of information on all aspects of forest stuff
- People's Global Action is the global network of grassroots groups resisting the WTO and neoliberal economics. Contact them for events happening in Seattle and globally during the summit.

(all addresses on contacts list)

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT JUNE 18 BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Erm, what IS June 18th? It's a day of "protest, action and carnival in financial centres across the globe", recognising that "capitalism is at the heart of our ecological and social problems" In the UK we are targeting the City of London.

I don't live near London. Do I have to go all the way to get involved beforehand?

No you don't. Many local groups are having meetings, organising actions, support and providing transport for the day:

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I think economic inequality is hideous, but my main focus is animal rights/genetics/arms trade. Is June 18th about these things?

YES! As London Animal Action state "animal abuse is as transnational as capital" and that goes for genetics and the arms trade and everything else too. For specific focus info/leaflets etc:
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 genetics: 0181 3749516 genetics@gn.apc.org
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Might we not get in trouble with the law with all this?

The Legal Defence & Monitoring Group will be monitoring on June 18th with Legal Observers on the streets (more of which are desperately needed!), providing a 24hr phone support line on the 18th & 19th and organising a defendants meeting on the 19th. Support of those arrested will be unconditional. As this is a global event it is important to offer solidarity to those on other shores as well as in our own prisons and courts. Although there will be legal observers on the streets, it is still our individual and collective responsibility to look out for each other's liberty and well-being, e.g de-arresting people. Also local groups have often organised their own legal support and defendants group, so check this out. This is really important, so get involved! Ring 0181 3745027 for more details.

My group hasn't organised an action. Is there any point coming?

YES!! Firstly, there's still plenty of time to get something together. For information for action order your resource pack from J18Info at Corporate Watch. 01865 791391. But even if you don't have an action planned, there is to be a massive Reclaim the Streets carnival at 12 noon, meeting at Liverpool St Station.

What is the City of London?

It's not the the whole of London, but the financial centre which is about 4 square miles. For a map, check out the website on www.j18.org !

I've already booked my holiday abroad. Does this mean I'll miss out on bringing down global capitalism?

No, not if your holiday is in one of the (to-date) 30 or more countries that are involved in June 18th actions. Check out the website www.j18.org for international contacts, get international leaflets from London RTS or subscribe to the international j18 email list. send an email to listproc@gn.apc.org with : subscribe J18DISCUSSION your email address.

I can't cope with the heavy traffic on the j18discussion email list - I'm an asthmatic. Does that mean i can't keep in touch via cyberspace?

Not any more! There is the j18 London email list which is much lighter and free from the pollutions of debate into 'pork monopolies in China' and the like. This can be subscribed to by sending an email to listproc@envirolink.org with SUBSCRIBE J18-london <you email address>

Is there anywhere safe I can lock up my bike? Or is the City full of ruffians?

Why not bring it with you? There is a critical mass at the ungodly hour of 7am to spread goodwill amongst car-commuters. Meet West Smithfield, EC1 (near City Thameslink & Farringdon rail stations)

My mate/grandmother/cat has another action on June 18th and can't make it. She feels very left out. Are there any goodies I can give her?

Oh yes. Nobody has to go away empty handed. She can decorate nearby walls with flyposters and stickers, watch the promotional video with her activist group and there are general leaflets available from local groups and from Corporate Watch and London RTS. AND DON'T HESITATE TO PRODUCE YOUR OWN!!!

For stickers and posters: London RTS 0171 2814621

For resource packs (inc. a guide to the city with map and timetable) j18info/Corporate Watch 01865 791391

For video: free IF showing to groups and at meetings. send jiffy bag with enough stamps (in UK 83p) to RTS:PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY.

For real people to do talks/workshops: see local groups or RTS

Can someone record the Archers for me?

You'll have to sort that out yourself I'm afraid but talking of radio... there is an internet radio project planned so send any programming you would like to see aired: rants, skits, music, events etc to : capitalism sux! Box 6, Greenleaf, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB (preferably digital - DAT, CD, MD but tapes will do) email: capitalismsux@hotmail.com tel: 07788 491899

Is it true that the City of London is difficult to get into? And are there special police powers with the square mile?

Unfortunately yes. The eight major access points to the City are now policed by officers and an extensive closed circuit television system, monitored 24 hours a day at the control room at Wood Street police building. Each entry point also houses two cameras, recording the occupants and registration number of the vehicle. The registration number is then fed via an automatic number plate reader to three police databases to check their validity. From point of entry, a lost or stolen vehicle can be identified within four seconds. With a heightened security alert, the City of London Police have the authority to organise random armed road blocks where specially trained armed officers will stop and search vehicles. In the event of an emergency, police may also set up pedestrian cordons in the City. To prevent disruption to financial and business activities, "business continuity teams" are allowed through the cordon to carry on work, equipped with safety clothing and equipment. For this purpose, the Corporation of London keeps a database of key personnel. Companies with CCTV are encouraged to share cameras with neighbouring organisations and the police. As of May 1997, there are 1280 cameras in operation here. There are 850 or more Police officers, and about 350 civilian support officers, active in the Square Mile. Currently the City is divided into two territorial divisions, Snow Hill and Bishopsgate. Both these stations are fully operational and open 24 hours a day. The City of London Police force's headquarters is at Old Jewry. The Specialist Crime and Operational Support departments operate from the Wood Street police building.

Thanks to this high police surveillance, dodgy looking characters are likely to be stopped at the borders on June 18th, whereas those who look like they work in the City stand more chance of getting in.

Since my wages were cut I have been unable to afford the rent on my London flat. This means I have nowhere to stay the night before. Can you help?

If you need somewhere to stay on the 17th or on the 18th or both then fill in this handy form and return it to: J18 info, Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ. Breakfast not included.

Accommodation needed for people, coming from.....

For June 17th June 18th Both (please ring)

We would like to stay together in groups of.....

(obviously smaller groups are easier to house but affinity groups that want to be together can be accommodated)

Contact name/number/details where we can confirm it's sorted:

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