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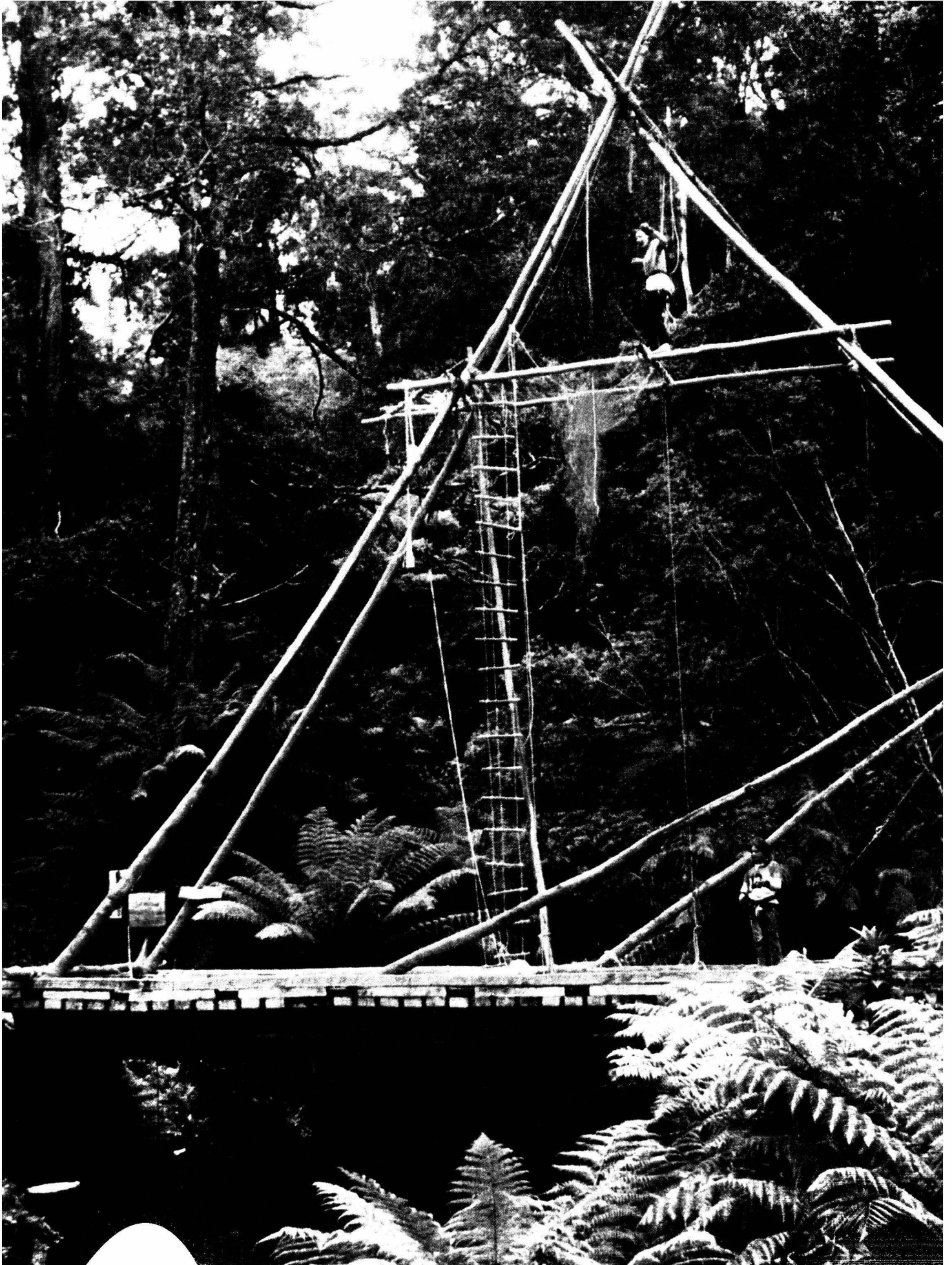
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A LOOK INTO ACTIVISM, TACTICS AND STRATEGY

We thought it was time to take an introspective look at our strategies, tactics and collective vision. As some of the articles herein will demonstrate, the political ground under our feet is shifting rapidly. Resource extraction industries, along with their minions in the government, media, Wise Use movement and mainstream environmental groups, have long attempted to brand us as "ecoterrorists." As Earth First! took off in the '80s, a massive radical direct action movement kicked into gear, changed the face of environmentalism and got smacked down pretty hard by the feds. By comparison, much of the '90s was relatively placid, but the branding from the previous era managed to stick.

Today, those who would destroy the planet for a buck have mounted a formidable campaign with which we must come to grips. Heavily funded by corporate America, designed by public relations firms, promoted by the mass media and carried out by the state, the wave of anti-environmentalist hysteria has reached a new peak. Eco-defenders face increased penalties for all forms of protest while the press routinely reports mellow demonstrations as violent and terroristic in nature.

The other part of this feedback loop is that as activists get hammered harder for long-established tactics such as banner-hangs and blockades, and as the new administration no longer pretends to care about the environment, folks have escalated their tactics. As these actions increase in frequency and intensity, the consequences and political climate become more severe.

Whither the grassroots eco-resistance? Whither Earth First!? Some feel the *Earth First! Journal* should be a mirror to reality, others feel we should be a hammer with which to shape it.

We *Journalistas* seek to support a diverse array of tactics and strategies.

It would not be honest to say that we think all tactics are equally effective in every situation, but likewise we do not want to fetishize certain ones. Our role is to push the envelope, catalyze, create debate, put the word out, get people thinking and most of all *acting*. You will not see us jumping up and down about writing letters to elected "representatives," but you will see us covering lawsuits and legislation side-by-side with news of tree-spikeing and torched buildings.

We are never going to entirely agree on tactics as a movement, and that is fine, perhaps even good. Diversity provides strength, and monoculture weakens. We *may* have a decade or two left to stop the destruction of the Earth, so it's time to just get on with whatever form of resistance moves us into action.

Lastly, we believe it's crucial at this time for people in this movement to reserve the term "violence" for matters involving harm to life. The road-rippers with pickaxes in hand, tree-sitters high up in the old-growth canopy, stealthy elves moving quietly through the night, these are not violent people. They are folks who love life deeply and are moved to commit unusual and desperate acts in a last ditch attempt to preserve what is still wild. Researchers who twist the very basis of our genetic makeup for corporate profit, executives emotionlessly calculating cost-benefit analyses on controversial Earth-raping projects, politicians drafting death penalty legislation for acts of ecotage, these are the types that environmentalists should recognize and describe as violent.

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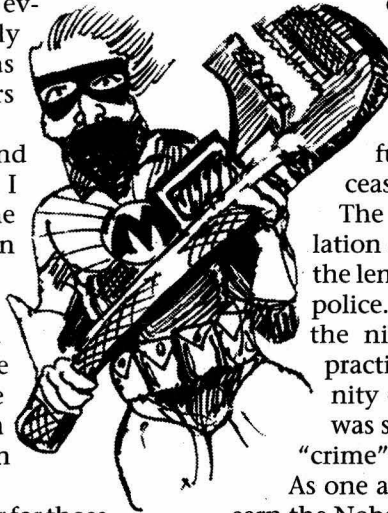
BY PAUL KINGSNORTH

Contrary to what many think, international anti-dam campaigning is not new. Activist Sigmund Kvaloy recalls to Paul Kingsnorth how an Icelandic anti-dam campaign back in 1970 resorted in radical measures to save a river from damnation.

Shortly before it happened, I was standing on the bank of the Laxá ("salmon river") with Eysteinn Sigurdsson, a local farmer who was leading a campaign in the region against a recently built dam. Like dams everywhere, the construction had severely damaged the river's ecosystem and was wrecking the livelihoods of the farmers and fisherfolk in the region.

"I've lived by this river for a thousand years," said Sigurdsson. "Destroy her and I will be destroyed." Like other farmers in the region, Sigurdsson viewed his own position in the region within the context of his ancestors and future descendants. His was not an isolated existence, but was rather a small part of a very long chain. Many of the inhabitants of the region had the same mentality. For this reason, the campaign against the Laxá dam was fueled with an unstoppable energy.

Laxá was more than simply a body of water for those whose lives depended on it. In 1970, when the river was dammed, locals swore to use any and all avenues to reverse it. They fought long and hard with every legal means. They failed. It was when they failed that the concept of the "nonviolent" use of gunpowder arose. The concept was simple: The dam would be blown up. This would not be an act



of violence, but an act of salvation for an ecosystem devastated by destructive development. Care would be taken to avoid harming any living creature. The objective was to use dynamite to prevent a violation of the natural world.

One of the strongest supporters of local campaigners against the dam was an author and national radio programme editor. When the time came, he made the necessary dynamite available (for his efforts he was later elected a member of parliament for Thingeyarsýsla, the county where Laxá is situated).

On August 7, 1970, 250 women, men and children gathered at the site. Two farm tractors dug into the dam foundations on both sides and the dynamite was placed. The fuse was lit, and a few moments later the dam ceased to exist.

The following morning virtually the entire population surrounding Myvatn, and those living along the length of the Laxá valley, made calls to the local police. Each one claimed personal responsibility for the night's activities. For obvious reasons, the practicalities involved in placing an entire community on trial made proceedings impossible. Laxá was saved, and no one was ever convicted for the "crime" of destroying the dam.

As one activist said shortly thereafter, "We ought to earn the Nobel Peace Prize, since we actually used Nobel's invention [dynamite] to re-establish peace between humans and nature." Thirty years later, Laxá remains a symbol of independence from destructive industrialism, as well as a symbol of a rooted people's strength.

This article first appeared in The Ecologist, Vol. 30 No. 6, www.theecologist.org.

Dear Shit For Brains...

Dear Shit For Brains,

I would like to express my utmost respect for everyone out there who is doing their share to bring global and environmental issues to the attention of the public and our leaders. Also those who are taking personal, direct action.

I think the Beltane 2001 issue of *Earth First!* is a fine magazine. Keep up the good work. I learned a lot from it, and the animal pictures are great; not to mention the content of the articles.

Having lived in a negative prison environment for several years, I truly appreciate the opportunity to read about such significant issues and

how people are taking responsibility upon themselves to do something about the problems. Thanks! Thus, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to print my name and address so that any interested individuals or groups can drop me a line or send me some literature. I am into anarchist philosophy, alternative government, and environmental and other global issues (etc.).

Feel free to write and express your ideas, or send literature, or just say hello.

Sincerely,

—CURT SMITH #589526
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Earth First! Comrades,

Well I see that you have relocated to AZ. I guess it is for the better. I really like the new form of print you have May-June magazine style. I was glad to see Dear Ned Ludd, let's demolish all SUVs. No more cars or highways. I see the feds are still harassing Craig Rosebraugh. They had him on *World News, 20/20, 60 Minutes*, they are constantly harassing this man. I say harass their corporations to make it even. I just want to touch base with you, and tell you that I appreciate getting the *Earth First! Journal*. Thanks.

Together for Mother Earth,

—WILLIAM

Dear SFB,

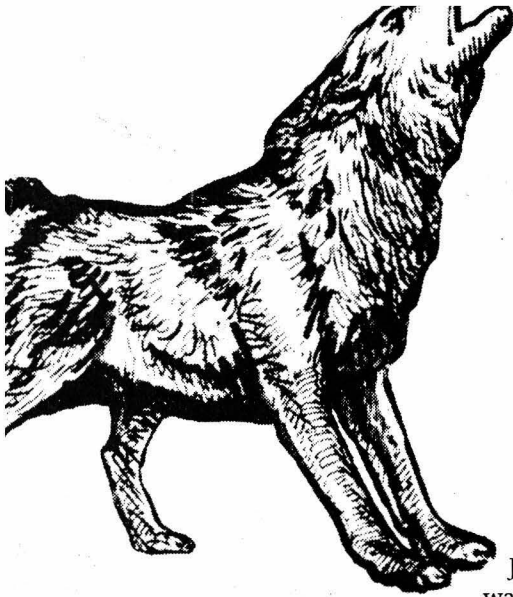
I just read Dear Ned Ludd (see *EFJ* May-June 2001). I would like to say that I am glad for the high price of gas. I hope people will stop buying SUVs. Fossil fuels are not the way. We need to wake up. If people will stop buying them, Ford and others will stop making them. So, the high price of gas is a great thing.

But I think people should make driving SUVs a living hell! If someone doesn't stop this, we will not have to worry about; we won't be here!

Stay strong,

—CHARLES R. HOKE

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Sentenced to Nearly 23 Years

On June 11, Jeff "Free" Luers was sentenced to 22 years and eight months for setting a fire at Romania Chevrolet and attempting to ignite a gasoline tanker at Tyree Oil Company in Eugene, Oregon last summer. The Romania fire, which torched three pickup trucks, caused \$40,000 damage, while the Tyree Oil tanker failed to ignite.

Judge Lyle Velure found Free guilty on 11 charges, including three counts of first-degree arson, two counts of attempted first-degree arson, criminal mischief and making and possessing a destructive device. Under Measure 11, Oregon's minimum-mandatory sentencing law, first-degree arson carries a sentence of seven and a half years in prison.

According to Lane County chief deputy district attorney Kent Mortimore, "Our philosophy is that people in this community have a right to be safe, and have a right for their property to be safe. If terrorists try to disturb that security, our response is going to be exactly what we saw here."

"The intent with [Free's] sentence was definitely to set an example to deter other actions, but I don't really think that it's going to have a big effect on the continuation of acts of economic sabotage," said Gumby Cascadia of the

Free and Critter Legal Defense Committee. "I think that what it does is it makes people understand the deadly seriousness of choosing to do that kind of action, and it may weed out the people who think it's a game from those who are really serious."

Free, a 22-year-old anarchist and longtime tree-sitter, had admitted to criminal mischief in last summer's Romania

Chevrolet fire. At the sentencing Free read a statement taking accountability for the Romania fire and emphasized the care he took to ensure no one would be injured. The judge responded by saying that he "never doubted Free's sincerity." Velure continued by stating that Free's political beliefs would not influence the sentencing, that he would be sentenced "solely on the severity of the crimes." Yet Free received a sentence harsher than that of many murderers and rapists.



I believe it is time for a serious re-evaluation of human priorities. No longer can we separate ourselves from wild nature, pretending that technology will keep us safe and intact. We must accept and embrace the fact that we, too, are a part of the natural life cycle, not above it, not on top of it. We must scrutinize the effect that we are having. We have the means to change, the question is, do we have the desire?

—Free

Velure made comments during the trial that indicated he had already decided the outcome. He was often seen completely ignoring the testimony and typing on his laptop instead of listening. An appeal is underway.

Throughout the past year, Free was forced to remain silent about his actions at Romania Chevrolet, due to the fact that the state insisted on linking the two incidents, Romania and Tyree Oil Company, together. The judge denied many motions to separate the two events. Free has stated and maintains that he had no involvement in the attempted arson at Tyree Oil.

The Free and Critter Legal Defense Committee asks for your continued support of Free and Critter and of all prisoners of war. Free's co-defendant, Critter, is serving

a five and a half year sentence after accepting a plea bargain in the case.

A war is being waged on the Earth and all its creatures. The state's campaign attempts to marginalize and incapacitate those who take radical action in defense of the Earth. Failure to support our political prisoners is tantamount to sanctioning repression by the state.

for Free

Free's Statement at his Sentencing

"I want to make clear why I set a fire at Romania Chevrolet. I'm not going to offer excuses. I want this opportunity to explain my actions so that they are not misunderstood or misinterpreted.

I didn't do this for anarchy or because I'm anti-government. And I didn't do this because I enjoy property destruction. I don't.

I did this because I'm frustrated that we are doing irreversible damage to our planet, our home. It is not an exaggeration to say that right now we are experiencing a period of extinction equal to that of the dinosaurs. Forty-thousand species are going extinct each year. Yet we continue to pollute and exploit the natural world.

I'm not going to justify my actions. I can't do that anymore than one can justify the destruction of the environment for profit. They are both wrong.

I take responsibility for what I've done. You can judge my actions, but you can't judge my heart. It cannot be said that I am unfeeling and uncaring. My heart is filled with love and compassion. I fight to protect life, all life, not to take it.

I took every precaution to insure that no one would be injured by this fire. If I thought for any reason that anyone—be it Mr. Kelly or any responding firefighter or police officers—would be injured, I never would have set this fire. It was not my intention to hurt anyone or place anyone at risk.

I'm not going to ask the court to grant me leniency. All that I ask is that you believe the sincerity of my words. That you believe that my actions, whether or not you consider them to be misguided, stem from the love I have in my heart."

For now, letters can be mailed to both Free and Critter c/o the Legal Defense Committee at POB 50263, Eugene, OR 97405. Checks and money orders to assist with Free's appeal can be sent to the Free and Critter Legal Defense Fund c/o OUR Credit Union at POB 11192, Eugene, OR 97440. For more information, visit www.efn.org/~eugpeace/freecritter.



Photo by Jasco

Romania Chevrolet, March 2001



The Criminalization of Ecology

BY WARCRY

As the assault on the environment intensifies, so does the criminalization of the resistance to that assault. Crafted under pressure from various right-wing elements and the corporate lobby, recent "ecoterrorist" legislation seeks to neutralize all forms of direct action that interfere with industry production. Additionally, Congress has steadily fattened the FBI's counter-terrorism budget—from \$78.5 million in 1993 to \$301.2 million in 1999. Illustrating this increasingly repressive climate, Joint Terrorism Task Forces have been set up throughout the US with the goal of organizing local law enforcement agencies into effective counter-terrorism units. By establishing surveillance and information sharing on activists, the FBI can empower and encourage the subsequent prosecution of "ecoterrorists."

The result is an increasingly dangerous climate for

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activists. Free's case is a wake up call. We must re-strategize and evolve our tactics if we hope to maintain an effective defense of the environment despite these treacherous political developments.

The Juvenile Justice Bill

After the Columbine High School shootings, the US Senate passed the May 1999 Juvenile Justice Bill. Though unrelated in any way to "juvenile justice," several provisions were included that directly target animal rights and environmental activists. Reflecting industry pressure and influence, the Juvenile Justice Bill condemns people who commit politically motivated nonviolent offenses with exceedingly disproportionate prison terms. Unfortunately, this law is only one example of a systematic attempt by industry and government to discourage direct action by punishing activists with jail time that far exceeds time given to truly violent and dangerous people. Such sentencing preferences illustrate the priority the state gives to property over human life.

The Juvenile Justice Bill also:

1. Makes it a federal crime to distribute information on how to make bombs (over the Internet or otherwise) or other weapons of mass destruction if the "teacher intends" for the information to be used to commit a federal violent crime or knows that the recipient will use the information to commit such a crime.

2. Enhances penalties under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act by changing a minimum sentence to a mandatory five years instead of one.

3. Creates a "National Animal Terrorism and Ecoterrorism Incident Clearinghouse" to "accept, collect and maintain" information on crimes against animal enterprises or commercial activities because of their "perceived impact" on the environment. Records of such incidents are available for all law enforcement agencies.

4. Enhances sentences for "gangs," defined as the assembly of three or more people. These sentencing guidelines promote selective and politically biased prosecution by applying more serious penalties against those who commit crimes in defense of animals or the environment. The courts are being asked to evaluate the actions of an individual and the thoughts behind an action instead of simply evaluating the actual crime. The bill also undermines the First Amendment protection of websites and publications.

The RICO Act

Also in May 1999, Senators Orin G. Hatch (R-UT) and Diane Feinstein (D-CA) introduced an amendment to the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act, aimed at "Animal Enterprise Terrorism and Ecoterrorism."

RICO was originally designed to combat traditional organized crime and its infiltration of legitimate enterprises; however, its most innovative and controversial aspects are provisions which allow the state to seize property owned by anyone charged with being part of a "criminal enterprise."

RICO targets illegal activity organized across state lines. Thus, if you "organize" using email and telephone, you can potentially be prosecuted under federal laws. In the past, RICO has been employed primarily against white-collar criminals, anti-abortion protesters and mobsters. Now, target groups can include just about anyone.

Oregon Declares War on Activists

On March 12, two bills intended to stiffen penalties for "ecoterrorists" were unanimously approved by the Oregon House of Representatives. Under HR 2344 and 2385, Oregon's organized crime laws would be expanded to include activities such as tree spiking and sabotage of animal research, livestock or agricultural operations. Convictions under the laws would be punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$300,000 fine.

Reflecting the hysterical attitude and culture of propaganda currently prevailing in the Oregon legislature, Representative Bob Jenson claimed he received threatening letters and phone calls a year ago when lawmakers were first considering HR 2344 and 2385. He stated, "I will do everything to ensure that if you break the law as part of those protests, you will get free room and board for 20 years."

The process of attacking social movements in Oregon fits into a larger pattern of criminalizing dissent with respect to the anti-globalization movement, which is made up of anarchists, environmentalists, animal rights activists, students, unions, teachers and others concerned about the



fate of the planet and each other. David Helvarg, author of *The War Against the Greens*, stresses how difficult it is for ecologically destructive industries to "look good" and publicly justify their actions; therefore, their strategy has been "to make us look bad, demonize us and make themselves look respectable as a result." If one were to compare a cancer-causing industrial polluter to a teenage monkeywrencher, it would become glaringly apparent to the public as to who is the real "ecoterrorist."

Groups to Watch Out For

"A growing network of pro-technology activists is making sure that the message of my book, *EcoTerror: The Violent Agenda to Save Nature*, will produce results. By results, I mean congressional hearings and legislation to protect the public from environmentally motivated violence."

—RON ARNOLD

Arnold is a spokesperson for the right-wing Wise Use movement and the executive director of the Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise. In a 1992 interview, he said, "We're out to kill the fuckers. Our goal is to eliminate environmentalism once and for all." He is a former spokesperson for Dow and Union Carbide and has financial support from corporations such as Exxon, DuPont, Georgia Pacific and Boise Cascade.

Public relations firms, lobbying groups and think tanks work with and fund the Wise Use movement. Included amongst these institutions is the Heritage Foundation, which published a report entitled, "Ecoterrorism: The Dangerous Fringe of the Environmental Movement." The report is a typical Wise Use mixture of truth, fiction and innuendo which targets Earth First! as a violent terrorist group. The report concludes with a strong denunciation of the use of violence as a tactic and claims that radical environmentalists are locked into an ever-increasing rampage of terrorist activity which is maiming, and which will inevitably result in the killing of innocent people. The report goes on to identify EF! as the enemy and pleads with the environmental community to isolate EF! and other so-called violent radicals from the environmental movement. It is interesting to note that this report was

released in April 1990 and spread quickly through the Wise Use network.

A think tank linked to the CIA, the National Strategy Information Center, operates a Counterterrorism Study Group (CSG). The CSG has identified all the possible sources of terrorism in the world today. Along with Iraq, Syria and Lybia, it has concluded that a new source of terrorism exists within the "ecological movement," especially the elements of the movement which espouse biocentric views.

The mission of the CSG is to identify the nature of various terrorist threats, devise new methodologies to analyze them and to implement responses through legal, military, political and intelligence means. The CSG has an international composition with academics, corporate officials and former government specialists in terrorism.

Disinformation campaigns and psychological warfare against environmentalists are only some of the techniques that are practiced—not only by the FBI,

but by a whole alphabet soup of federal organizations, along with local police forces, private security firms, local government and Wise Use sympathizers. "The environmental movement is being subjected to obvious surveillance, intimidation, anonymous letters, phony leaflets, telephone threats, police over-reaction and brutality, dubious arrests and other threatening actions unfamiliar to most activists," says Chip Berlet in his article "Hunting the Green Menace."

Berlet continues that the "labeling of a group as violent, terrorist or pro-communist is often a first step toward delegitimizing that group. Such labeling undermines public support and sanctions the use of aggressive surveillance and harassment by government agencies or private security firms. There is also a self-fulfilling prophecy with labeling, as police are likely to respond with unjustified force when they have been trained to think of peaceful protesters as violent terrorists."

Frontiers of Freedom, Boise Cascade & Ron Arnold Attack Environmentalists

Anti-environmental activists recently stepped up the campaign against Rainforest Action Network (RAN) by requesting that the Internal Revenue Service repeal RAN's nonprofit status. The campaign may be the extension of efforts by Boise Cascade, the embattled logging giant responsible for clearcutting national forests in the US, to smear RAN for its successful campaign protecting forests by reducing consumer demand for products made from old-growth wood. Recently Boise Cascade sent threatening letters to many funders of RAN.

"The timber industry is attacking not just RAN, but the First Amendment itself," said Chris Hatch, RAN's Executive Director. "Boise Cascade is attacking RAN because we have exposed its destruction of the world's last remaining old-growth rainforests. As for the anti-environment activists, they are trying to scare our funders. Let there be no doubt: The work to protect our forests will not only continue, but will escalate."

"This is a major abuse of the IRS process and an attack on the free speech rights of RAN," said Jim Wheaton, a senior attorney with the First Amendment Project, a nonprofit, public interest law firm that defends individuals, civic organizations, journalists and media organizations involved in free speech cases. "There's no basis for the claims these anti-environmental activists are making."

Two right-wing organizations, Ron Arnold's Center for the Defense of Free Enterprise and the Frontiers of Freedom Institute, are behind the orchestrated campaign against RAN. Arnold's attack website, ranamuck.org, contains quotations cited by Boise Cascade in a series of intimidating letters it sent to environmental foundations. Already defensive, Arnold claims on his site that his attack on RAN "is not a question of stifling their free speech rights."

In a 1991 *New York Times* article, Arnold proclaimed, "We want to destroy environmentalists by taking away their money and their members."

Lockdown Society

BY B

As brave souls who commit acts of destruction in the name of the Earth are facing harsher repression and even more prisons are being built, it is time for our movement to take a serious look at the struggle against the prison industrial complex and examine the common ground we share.

Two communities have been pitted against each other in a fight for survival, one attacked by draconian drug laws, mandatory minimums and zero tolerance, and another facing the predatory onslaught of agribusiness, huge feedlots and urban sprawl. Rural communities are desperate for jobs and the prison industrial complex has become a quick fix, creating dependence on the trade in victims of inner city poverty.

A new coalition has been forged in a rural western Pennsylvania county bringing together local farmers with urban anti-prison activists. On June 21 in Wayne County, the Urban/Rural Coalition Against Prisons, a network dedicated to stopping prison expansion nationwide, marched from the broken ground at a prison construction site to the town commissioners' public meeting with the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP). The coalition disrupted the session, shouted down the commissioners

and demanded the construction be permanently stopped.

The commissioners handed the land over to the FBOP for one dollar after threatening local farmers with federal seizure under eminent domain, while ignoring a 1997 executive order to protect agricultural land. Citizens had to force an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be implemented through the courts, and so far two stop work orders have been issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection because of runoff silting streams flowing into the Lackawaxen River. FBOP poisoned rare bats in the area and have refused to do the required plant life surveys. "I don't want this prison in my backyard or anyone's," said Sandi Gambuti of

the coalition. "Not only will the prison destroy prime farmland and unique historic and natural resources within our community, but transferring prisoners from Washington, DC to Pennsylvania will devastate the families of the 1,500 inmates who will be nearly six hours away from their homes." The price tag for the construction was just increased from \$115 to \$125 million. The prison in DC is being demolished to build a golf course. The FBOP plans to add 50,000 new beds for 30 new prisons, the largest single expansion in the history of the federal prison system.

The promise of economic revitalization is quick to vanish. A nearby town where a prison was built in 1995 saw the unemployment rate stay the same. The proposed prison in Wayne County will create a mere

26 local jobs after construction because employees from the closing facility are promised the jobs. An unsustainable boost in construction jobs, like those from industrial logging, leads inevitably to economic decline. US Technologies sold its electronics plant in Austin, Texas, leaving its 150 workers unemployed. Six weeks later, the electronics plant reopened in a nearby prison. Small furniture manufacturers around the country complain that they are being driven out of business by UNICOR, which pays 23 cents per hour and has the inside track on government contracts. A new correctional facility opens up



each week in the US, almost exclusively in rural areas facing economic crisis.

The slaughter goes on in prison construction across the nation. In April, a lawsuit settled was against FBOP for mass-poisoning of black-tailed prairie dogs around a prison in Englewood, California. In Hertford County, North Carolina, they are attempting to build a prison on a former slave plantation to import almost exclusively African-American inmates. The FBOP issued a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact), hereby decreeing an EIS "not necessary." This despite its critical wetlands which drain into the designated nutrient-sensitive Chowan River, it being in the middle of a flood plain, having Native American burial

grounds and providing habitat for endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers which are dependent on 80-year-old living pines and an undisturbed nesting area. With all prison construction there is huge road construction and expansion to accommodate large prisoner buses, construction vehicles and delivery trucks. All prison construction defoliates the surrounding region, clearing and spraying the landscape so escapees can't find cover. Prisons depend on huge increases in sewage capacity, garbage transfer, and cleaning agents. They rely on heavy water use and electrical drain with light pollution flooding the area severely impacting wildlife. The sweatshops inside often release toxic emissions. What are the lasting effects of a community when it bases its economy on training people to guard and beat people? We need to consider the social and psychological pollution as well. We create no go zones that become the cornerstone of a new kind of sprawl, where only cruel and polluting industries flourish. Lawsuits have targeted prison projects through the EIS process, but these often only buy time.

Dehumanizing, sterile walls. Stifling lack of air. Sensory monotony. When talking about the environmental devastation of prison construction, we also need to examine the environment that these "correctional institutions" create. When food gets recalled and pulled off the shelves of your local supermarket, it is all too common to have it appear inside the prison walls, "dumping" waste on consumers without a choice. Vegans are served inferior meals void of nutritional content, punished for their political beliefs. Riker's Island, the world's largest prison complex, was

built on top of a giant landfill, which still leaks fumes and fluids, endangering inmates and workers. The rampant drive to privatize prisons is taking its toll inside. Privatization ultimately means fewer services for prisoners. Private contracts means less public scrutiny. Prison owners rake in billions by cutting corners which harm prisoners. Substandard diets, extreme overcrowding and abuses by poorly trained personnel have all been documented and can be expected in these for profit institutions which are unabashedly about making money.

When prison labor conditions are unhealthy or dangerous, prisoners have little recourse. No strikes. No union organizing. No unemployment insurance or workers' compensation. It's a corporate dream world.

Probably the most devastating prison environment is often that reserved for political prisoners. The control unit is the ultimate in cruelty. No

windows. No human contact. Total solitary confinement except one hour a day and (only on weekdays) to walk alone outside. Two cold meals a day. No way of contacting guards in case of emergency. Almost no reading material, except for allowing a few legal documents and one "personal religious book." Poet and long-time South African political prisoner Dennis Brutus described solitary confinement: "It's amazing how effective the isolation was in creating literal madness, losing total grasp of reality."

Right now the US has the highest per capita incarceration rate in the world. In 20 years, the prison population has quadrupled, with a 570 percent increase in prison spending versus a 33 percent spending increase for elementary and secondary education. The war on drugs began as a war on political dissent. It has now morphed into a war for oil in the Andean region and a war on the poor, keeping communities facing the brunt of environmental racism down by sending them to another environmental hell hole. In police-patrolled schools and lockdown housing projects with metal detectors, armed guards, bulletproof glass, concrete and barbed wire, many already live in a prison.

If you build a prison, they will find a way to fill them, if not the drug war then the criminalization of dissent.

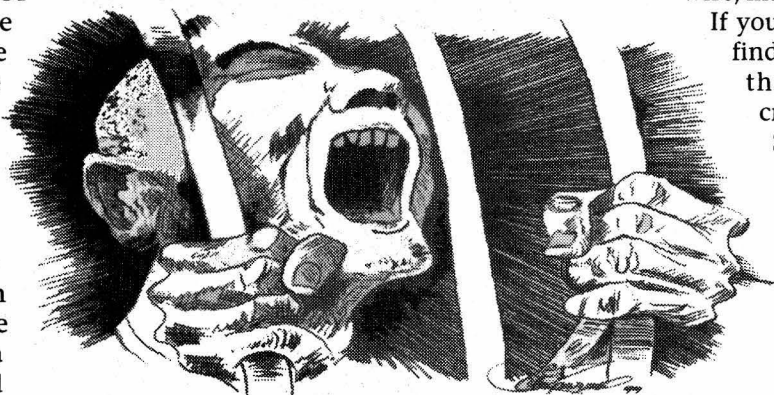
So it is time to stop the building. New legislation is singling out acts of conscience as terrorist acts with special task forces, harassment, national databasing and mandatory minimums.

It's time to take action. A student-led campaign against Sodexo Marriot, the largest prison food service provider in

North America, has forced the company into a corner. The manufacturers and lobbyists who drive the increasingly privatized prison industrial complex are meeting in Philadelphia August 10-15. The American Correctional Association sets the standards for accreditation of prisons, dramatically effecting treatment such as cutting the minimum cell size in half. This will be a giant trade show for electrified shields and fences, pepper spray and other "compliance" (read: torture) devices.

Prison is the logical conclusion of the civilized state with its drive to domesticate, enclose and destroy all that is wild. Like any industry, the prison economy needs raw materials. In this case the raw materials are human beings.

For more information, visit www.FarmsNOTJails.com, www.criticalresistance.org, www.prisonactivist.org, www.nomoreprisons.org and www.360degrees.org.



PRISON THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION OF THE CIVILIZED STATE

Confronting Oppression

Sitting in the canopy of this old-growth forest on tree platforms that we created with our friends, we contemplate the beauty of the Earth, this place and the imminent threat of logging. We also reflect on the resilience and strength of the Fall Creek Tree Village. We have been here for more than three years trying to create an alternative to the patriarchal death culture. We'd rather the Fall Creek Timber Sale was canceled so we could take down the tree village and leave the red tree voles and flying squirrels in peace. But the forest service and Zip-O Lumber want their profits, they want "their" trees.

The forest defense community has gone through tremendous changes. We've dealt with forest closures, law enforcement, cold weather, diarrhea and oppression within our campaign. Those of us who currently make up the Cascadia Forest Defenders collective want to provide some insight in dealing with problems that affect all campaigns. This information is the collective experience of wimmin and men involved in the preservation of this campaign. Sometimes issues of sexism and power-tripping are ignored or excused, but left to fester these problems will inevitably divide people and weaken the group. When that happens, our efforts to save the forest and end patriarchy suffer. Most individuals would rather look the other way when it comes to dealing with problems. We chose to be responsible for our community and pursued the difficult step of getting people who would not stop being abusive to leave.

In January, it became apparent that several men were creating an unsafe environment for wimmin and were keeping others from fully participating. Fall Creek traditionally had many men involved on a long-term basis with only a small number of

wimmin visiting for short periods. Some men who lived at Fall Creek were abusers or supporters of abusers. They espoused sexist stereotypes, actions and words which had become ingrained in their minds (as we all

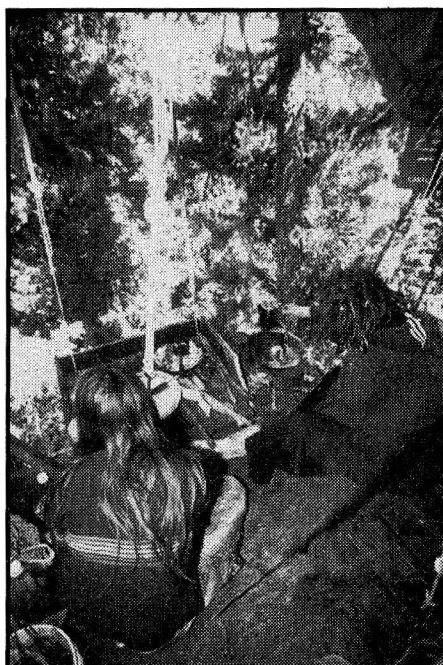


photo by Kurt Jensen

Living the high life up in the old-growth douglas fir canopy.

have, society puts them there). They refused to consider their sexist actions or even to begin working to address them.

We all suffer from sexism,

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externally and internally. A beginning step in deconstructing sexism is to recognize the institutional role it plays by training men to be sexist in a patriarchal society. Some men created a "boy's club" within Fall Creek; they would

stick up for each other, defend each other's actions and deny that any type of abuse had occurred.

Some people wanted to avoid the issue of sexism because they were afraid that the campaign would be hurt financially or strategically, since several of the men in the boy's club had vital skills and resources. People tend to be valued for the money they provide and the skills they possess. Traditionally, men hold these skills and share them with other men, thus perpetuating inequality. To prevent this chain of male dominance from happening in your campaign, it is important to emphasize sharing skills with wimmin and divide tasks between many individuals. We have found that it is not worth putting up with abusive people because when they are asked to leave, it can open up space for anti-oppressive people and funding can still be found.

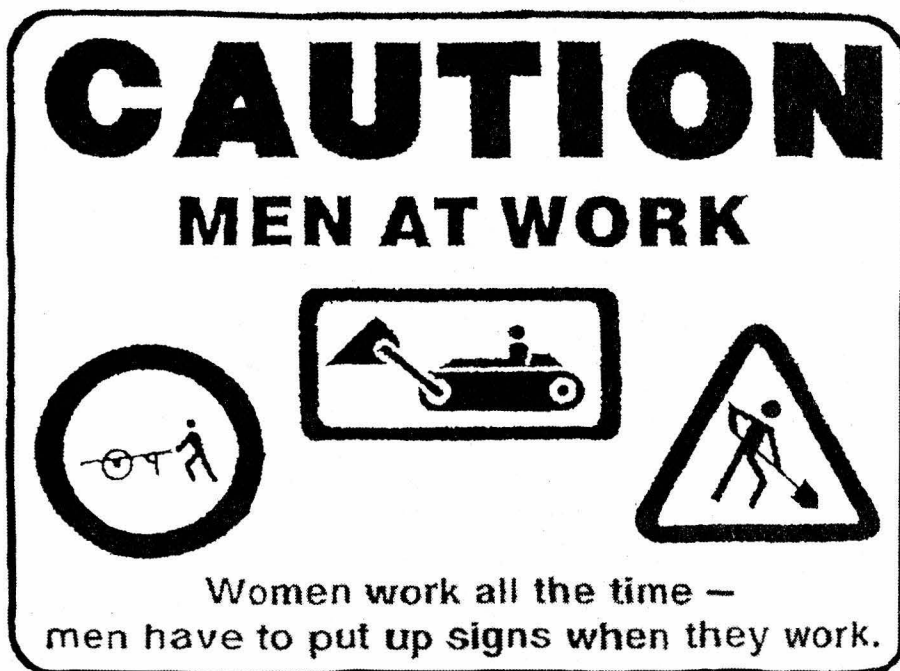
Another reason why abusive men felt justified in their behavior is because they felt that an eco-direct action campaign is not a place for feminist politics. Sound familiar? They were either "sick of hearing wimmin whine about sexism" or were self-righteous and denied that they had any sexist, racist, homophobic, classist, speciesist, ageist or ableist behaviors. It takes a lot of thought, open-mindedness and hard work to

challenge our inherited beliefs, the "isms" that dominate our lives.

After putting up with sexist behavior for years, some felt totally disempowered to do anything. We did not like the way things had been going and had no hope that it would change. We became pessimistic and depressed with

the situation. Forest defenders from Eugene and Fall Creek started to have meetings about what to do. It was agreed upon that two men, because of the level of their abuse, were no longer welcome in the campaign and two others were given a chance to

at the Fall Creek Tree Village



evaluate themselves and learn the importance of an anti-oppressive attitude before returning to the forest. All men were asked to participate in a "gender bender," where traditional gender roles in the campaign would be switched for a period of time.

There were those who felt that people in town had no right to make decisions regarding people in the forest. We feel justified in the decisions that were made, as town and forest are part of the same campaign and support each other. Many people in the forest supported the changes too. We all have a responsibility to confront oppression wherever it may occur and to work for an atmosphere where every gender is included.

No physical force was used to remove people from the forest. Each man was approached in a way we hoped would minimize defensiveness and help communication. One style was to have a representative of the larger group who was also a friend of the man to approach him one on one. We also tried a group approach with wimmin and men taking part. In either case, talking with people was not easy. A few people had a hard time with the idea of asking anyone to leave permanently. This led us to sugarcoat our words, compromising our group's decision. It was very frustrating to not be firm. We were met with

much hostility and verbal abuse by the men who were asked to leave. This strengthened our confidence that our decisions would benefit the campaign and that we had not misjudged their characters.

One man who needed to leave was in a treesit and refused to be replaced. After determining that he had enough food and water to survive, we cut off his ground support. He came down in a few days and the "gender bender" month began.

This entailed having an all-wimmin occupation in the forest, teaching and learning practical skills about forest defense and wilderness survival. Many new wimmin came to Fall Creek with fresh energy, skills and resources. They also came with stories of intimidation and offense that had kept them from getting involved when it was predominantly male. During this wimmin-only forest time, supportive men were in town organizing funds, rides, food and the office. This let wimmin from town have the opportunity to go to the forest. Everyone's knowledge of forest defense was expanded.

Fighting sexism should have equal importance as the fight for the forest. The oppression of wimmin parallels the oppression of Mother Earth and "non-

humyn" animals. There is no fighting for one without fighting for them all. We made a good choice by empowering ourselves to fight sexism and truly create what we want at Fall Creek—a safe space for challenging oppression where we have the opportunity to learn together and from the forest.

The men whose abuse and denial of abuse inspired this action did not support the "gender bender" and chose to leave the campaign. Any loss of resources or skills that might have been felt from their absence was then met by people who are as dedicated to a community free of abuse and hierarchy as they are to forest defense.

As the *Journal* goes to print, some of these individuals have resurfaced and are attempting to rejoin the campaign without dealing with the issues presented to them. We are upset by this behavior, but we have no regrets about the actions we've taken and the lessons we've learned. These deep-rooted problems will not go away easily.

Making the situation much more intense, the Forest Service just announced that our tree village in the Clark Timber Sale is their number one priority for logging this summer. So now more than ever, we need dedicated people who are willing to come out and defend Mama Earth.



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—A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY
WIMMIN AND MEN

PROTESTING THE WTO MINISTERIAL IN QATAR

BY JAMES BELL

The WTO has announced it will hold its first post-Seattle ministerial on November 9-13. No one should be surprised that the WTO chose a location "secure" from dissenters. If you want to physically disrupt the WTO, you will have to travel to the Persian Gulf oil kingdom of Qatar.

The *Seattle Times* featured a letter announcing the WTO meeting date on January 26 with the headline "Starbucks in Qatar?" It ends with what seems like a "we got you" sort of attitude: "The flight time is 16 hours, via Amsterdam. Round-trip tickets were quoted at \$2,221. For those who wrecked downtown Seattle, enjoy!"

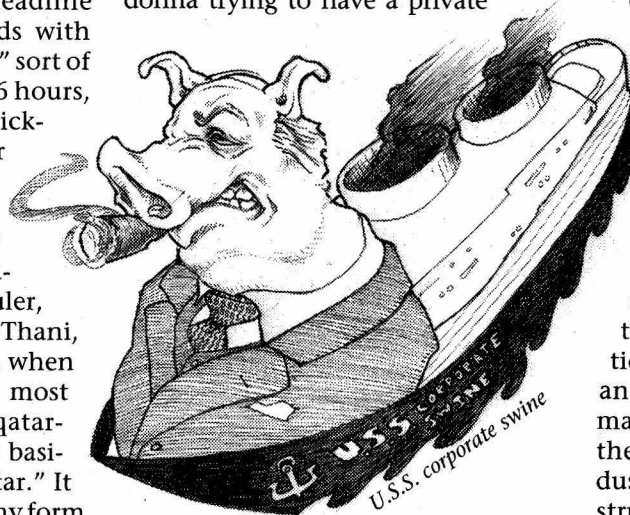
It goes on to describe how Qatar plans to deal with organized protesters: "Qatar's ruler, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, has been in power since 1995, when he overthrew his father." A most informative website, www.qatar-info.com, advises, "Politics is basically a subject to avoid in Qatar." It adds, "A dim view is taken of any form of dissent." As for the standards of behavior, the website advises men to avoid "prancing around in tiny, tight sport vests and women to keep their knees covered at all times." No advice is given to the women who protested bare-breasted in Seattle.

Visitors must have a visa to enter Qatar. In order to get a visa you must be personally invited by a Qatari resident or have a room in a Qatari hotel. There are, however, not enough hotel rooms for the WTO delegates. Qatar has offered to house delegates on cruise ships.

Should the anti-globalization community organize convoys of protesters to go to Qatar? Yes and no. A different strategy is called for here. The WTO in picking Qatar as a location is preparing to fight a battle it lost in Seattle. This is a classic failure of modern bureaucratic strategy, which is always best prepared to fight the last battle and not the one at hand.

The WTO fails to understand a number of key factors in the postmodern protest world. The first is the "end of distance." In the age of global commu-

nications (that WTO members helped to build no less), distance means nothing to mass electronic crowds. The second is the "end of privacy." The WTO's own membership describes what they are now calling the "naked economy," meaning a company is open to immediate global assault from just one disgruntled employee, protester or consumer. The third is the "end of secrecy." I'm sorry to inform the WTO that going into hiding in Qatar to have a meeting is like Madonna trying to have a private



wedding in Scotland. Media will be there and cover the dissent because that is the story. The mere scent of panic will have the media intent on reporting the "WTO evades protesters" story, even without protests in Qatar.

One interesting feature on the Internet is that it doesn't matter where your opponent is located, as the game takes place on the screen. In the case of the WTO vs. the forces of anti-globalization, the screen is the whole mediasphere, a virtual world composed of the web, cable TV, satellite, broadcast radio, newspapers, word of mouth, etc. Seattle introduced the players to the world, sort of like challenging one another to a fight in a global coliseum. It set the stage for the game. If the WTO had thought ahead and met in Qatar instead of Seattle back on November 30, 1999, then the world wouldn't know the players. The actual location of the WTO meeting is now a moot point because both sides are already engaged in the mediasphere, like the two players on a virtual game board.

The underlying psychological rea-

son as to why the WTO would choose to meet in the rich oil lands of Qatar is because it is a symbol of the old industrial economy, unlike Seattle—a panacea to deal with this increasing level of abstraction in the world. Likewise, the defeat of the WTO in Seattle is also symbolic of the rejection of the old industrial rulership unable to control or even understand the rising new information economy (recent high-tech stock crashes highlight this confusion of the market).

We must understand these new postmodern global dynamics and incorporate their ramifications into our strategies. For instance, we know that delegates to the WTO will be meeting and staying on cruise ships. We might not be able to physically go to Qatar, but we can begin making cruise ships symbolic with pollution and environmental destruction. If we can stage image events and disseminate information into mainstream consciousness that turns the cruise ship into a symbol of industrial greed and environmental destruction, then we deal a large blow to the heads of industry choosing to meet and stay on such ships.

We have the ability to define the parameters of a new era while the present one is tiring of holding itself together with an outmoded belief systems and worldviews. We are constructing the cultural and philosophical frameworks of this new era through our social and environmental actions.

The movements for social change are drawn into the same abstraction that causes the WTO to recoil. Some of us search for meaning in a thousand histories and ideologies resurrecting numerous signs and talismans to confront the power of the new "old" world order embodied in the WTO.

What has shown to be effective is the many courageous individuals who have embraced the challenge of organizing globally beyond the barriers of ideology, language and distance—forming new dynamic structures and organizations. It is here that we catch a glimpse of this new era, and it is from here that we will hack out of the current neoliberal feedback loop and into a socially just future.

A New Monopoly

LARGE-SCALE, GLOBAL ANTI-CAPITALISM PROTESTS PUTTING SMALLER, LOCAL, ANTI-CAPITALISM PROTESTS OUT OF BUSINESS



Calls have been made for multinational pro-anarchy pressure groups to be investigated for monopolistic practices after the London Radical Left Movement for Socialist Revolution disbanded due to lack of interest.

The group's spokesperson, leader, treasurer, secretary and only member, Nigel Wilkinson, believes that global anarchy movements such as the ones responsible for the WTO riots in Seattle and the disturbances in London on May Day are to blame for forcing out smaller, independent operations like his.

"These large American anti-capitalist movements have effectively taken over the militant scene in this country," he said from his small flat in Highgate. "There used to be lots of small, independent groups all with their own unique character. Now it's the same old anarchy all around the world."

Wilkinson has seen his group's membership dwindle by almost 70 percent in the last year from a peak of three members to just one—himself. "We used to stand outside shopping centers and try to sell *Socialist Worker* to students. Now it's all balaclavas, spray paint and

massive crowds of people. I dunno. The character of these protests has totally changed."

However, Kyle Redmond, spokesperson for WorldProtest, which has thousands of members in 20 countries and coordinates protests around the world, defended his organization's approach: "We give anarchists what they want. It is a supply and demand situation. We offer a basic menu of building defacement, vandalism of a McDonald's outlet and general looting, ending with a confrontation with the local police. All our research shows that this is what the average anarchist on the street wants."



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Seattle Cop Reinstated

A King County sheriff's deputy who was fired for using excessive force during the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Seattle will get his job back after an arbitrated ruling.

Sheriff Dave Reichert fired John Vanderwalker in April 2000, after a long internal investigation into accusations that he pepper-sprayed two students in a car and kicked a medic as she knelt on the ground in unrelated incidents on December 1, 1999, during WTO protests.

The recent ruling "stunned" Reichert and other officials, said Sargent John Urquhart. "The arbitrator basically ruled that it was OK to pepper-spray those girls in the car and to kick that medical worker while she was on the ground," Urquhart said. "We disagree, and we believe it was a legitimate termination."

Vanderwalker, 48, was a 19-year veteran on the force before his firing. When asked about his reinstatement, he told the *Associated Press*, "This is great."

Ruling on an appeal to last year's firing of Vanderwalker, arbitrator Michael DeGrasse ordered the sheriff's office to reinstate the former deputy to his patrol position in the Maple Valley precinct. The ruling also compels the county to compensate Vanderwalker for back wages and lost off-duty and overtime pay.

Fighting Hog Farms

The Sicangu Lakota (Rosebud Sioux Tribe) are struggling to stop the construction of the world's third largest hog farm on their reservation. The first phase of 24 barns is already in place and in spite of tribal opposition and legal intervention, Bells Farms (Sun Prairie) continues construction. When completed, there will be 13 sites of 24 barns each. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is valiantly battling the matter in the judicial system, with its sovereignty in serious jeopardy. The tribe has established a vigilance camp, in the vicinity of the hog farms. The US District Court of South Dakota held proceedings resulting in a restraining order against the tribe.

For hog farm operation of this magnitude, an Environmental Impact Study was strangely circumvented. The only hearing was held in a remote reservation community without sufficient notice.

Not Fighting for the Holy Land

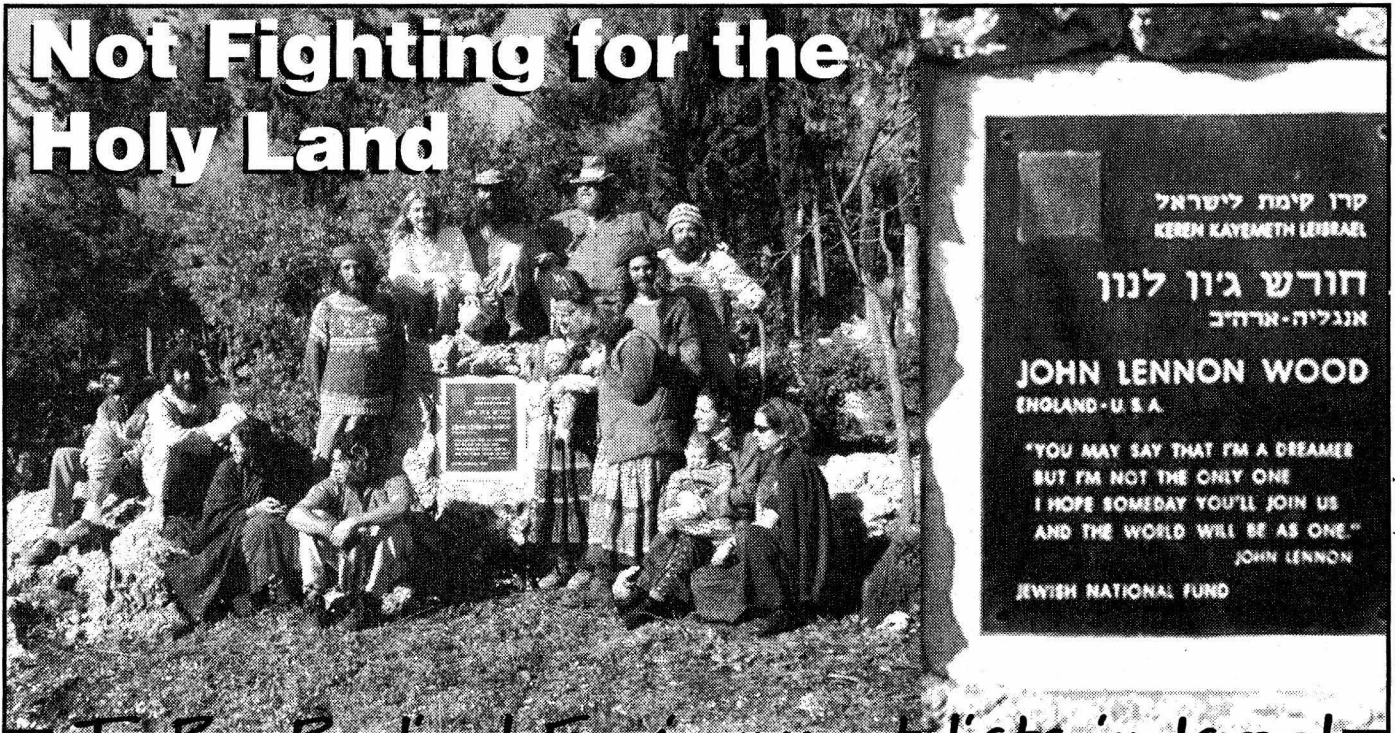


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To Be Radical Environmentalists in Israel

BY ALLISON AND SHMUEL OFANANSKY

In the hills of the upper Galilee, wild boars root around in the wild garlic, griffin vultures with two-meter wingspans nest in cliff-caves among the fossils of "Galilee Man," one of those pre-sapien homos and gazelles race across rocky terraces of fig and olive trees.

Five years ago we, a couple of Wild Rockies EF!ers who perhaps some of you haven't completely blocked out of your memories, relocated to northern Israel. We've set up a yurt in a squatter settlement at the head of Wadi Amud, a nature preserve watershed which flows down towards the Sea of Galilee. It's the lushest and most undeveloped area in this dry and crowded country.

In the spring, flocks of storks, pelicans, hawks and a half dozen species of eagles pass over on their way from Africa to Europe. Wildflowers cover the hillsides in waves of color—first a burst of red, paling to pink and purple, then fading to yellow and white before the brown of the long, dry summer takes over. In the fall, the birds come by again on their way back to Africa, and the hills are full of ripening fruit: pomegranates, grapes, figs, olives, lemons, almonds and carob. The first rains fall and, unlike most places we lived, the land starts to get green at the beginning of the winter.

Most people are not familiar with this side of Israel: what the land looks like and what plants and animals live here. The images the media puts out to the rest of the world mostly concerns the political conflict. The fact is that through all the centuries of empires, crusades and wars, no matter who has been victorious, the non-human inhabitants and the land itself have always suffered. The ancient Romans cut down trees to build their siege machines. The modern Israeli army cuts down trees which snipers hide behind. Bears, wolves and leopards have been squeezed out by the ever-escalating baby-race fueled by all sides' fears of being outnumbered.

We came to Israel thinking that, as Jews, we have an especially deep connection and heavy responsibility to this particular piece of the planet. We found ourselves unwillingly enmeshed in an escalating ethnic conflict. Our environmental activism took a different form than what we'd been involved with in the Wild Rockies. Surrounded by war, we distanced ourselves from the ecowarrior image. Let us make one thing clear before we get bombarded with indignant SFBs. This is *not* a condemnation of monkeywrenching or of any specific tactic, which every activist must weigh in every situation and choose the most appropriate. Our situation has forced us to re-examine not only tactics but also the attitudes we cop, the language we use to describe ourselves and the role models we choose.

The basis of radical environmentalism is to subvert the dominant paradigm. In Israel, as in much of the world, part of the dominant paradigm is the assumption that the only way to accomplish anything is by force. This can be seen not only in terrorist attacks and bombing raids, but in neighborhoods being built and fields being planted as though they are military operations. It can be felt in daily interactions between people, the readiness to fight as a way to solve any difference of opinion, the unwillingness to cede even the smallest point. It reaches the absurdity of a peace poster urging everyone to join in "fighting the war against violence." In a part of the world where the first response to disagreement is to burn or blow something up, searching for different ways to convince people to change is, in itself, a radical step in the right direction. Wars wreck everything in their paths.

Confrontation can create short-sightedness and cloud our ability to think beyond the battle to envision what kind of community will be created after the battle is over. There have been countless revolutions throughout history,

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Choosing Our Strategies, Our Tactics, Our Field of Battle

Following the Heart of the Ecowarrior

BY MICHAEL A. LEWIS

As Western civilization blunders closer to the edge of societal collapse, ecosystem failure and general cultural ennui, a small and scattered cadre of dedicated environmental activists work to save what little is left of the wild. Eschewing the path of armed insurrection and violent revolution, these foes of corporations work in their home bioregions to oppose and physically stop, when necessary, activities destructive to the living Earth.

Recent articles in the mainstream press have focused attention on property destruction at facilities related to genetic modification, urban sprawl and animal experimentation. CBS has publicly identified the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) as a "group" that has claimed responsibility for these acts and stated that the FBI

is attempting to infiltrate the ELF "and other ecoterrorist groups."

The mainstream press, security industry and polite society in general fail to recognize that the ELF, Animal Liberation Front and the original Earth First! are not "groups" in the sense of a recognized gathering of members with officers, leaders or even facilitators. There are no meetings in boardrooms or high rise office buildings plotting "the overthrow of the government by force and violence." No four color newsletters, membership cards or free gummed, self-return labels with pictures of cute animals in living color.

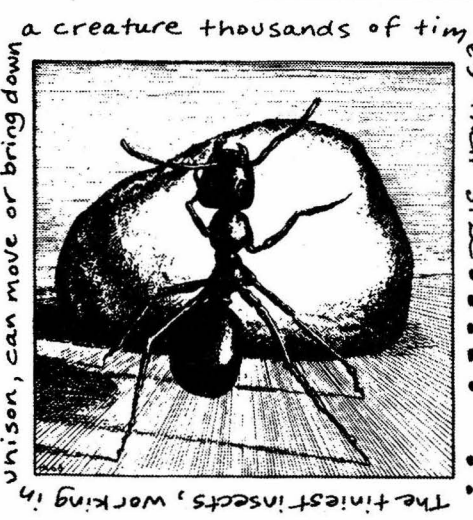
The label "ecoterrorist group" fits rather loosely on this dispersed cadre of dedicated environmental and biodiversity activists who forsake public recognition for their acts of opposition and instead depend on the act itself to spread political and environmental awareness. Although "spokespersons" have stepped forward, to claim responsibility for these physical acts of opposition, none can claim status as representatives for any universal "group" that guides the actions of adherents around the world. The

unavoidable response by the world security industry is to attempt to locate and neutralize the "leaders" of any opposition to the economic and political status quo. Repeatedly at anti-globalization protests, the immediate response by the constabulary is to "round up the usual suspects" and incar-

cerate them, at least until the fun and games are over. While the intent is to remove the "leaders" from "planning" the protest activities, the security establishment has yet to understand that there are no leaders; planning is by consensus and grassroots organization. The people they have captured are merely the most visible participants, who ironically serve as the most effective martyrs and "poster children" for the opposition cause.

In the face of centralized oppression, a decentralized, non-hierarchical opposition is the most effective response.

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Army Demonstrates Low-tech Weapons

Two homemade weapons capable of frying electronics and crashing computers have been demonstrated at the US Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. The tests were requested by the US government, to determine whether cheap but effective radio wave weapons could be made with little technical know-how.

The US Department of Defense fears that terrorist groups could use radio frequency weapons to disable commercial or military computers or even to bring down airplanes.

The weapons were cobbled together using electronics available from department stores, catalogues and on the Internet. Based on basic radio transmitters, the weapons can induce circuit-burning currents in electronic devices, essentially frying them. At lower powers, they can disrupt electronics and wipe out stored data.

The device, which could fit inside a car, crashed computers, destroyed data and disrupted the functioning of medical systems from 10 meters away.

Tropical Storm Kills Lab Animals

Flooding in labs beneath the Texas Medical Center killed more than 30,000 animals and destroyed federally funded research worth millions of dollars. The college has about 500 labs, an annual research budget of \$310 million and thousands of scientists.

Although larger research animals, such as dogs and pigs, were saved, some 30,000 animals were trapped and died. One animal rights group lamented this loss of life at the facilities, saying it indicates researchers believe the animals are expendable. "There's really no excuse for this," said Peter Wood, a researcher at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in Norfolk, Virginia. "The center should have had evacuation plans."

Give Up Activism

Editors' note: the following critique applies equally well to the ecology movement in North America as it does to anti-capitalism in Britain.

The activist is a specialist or an expert in social change. To think of yourself as being an activist means to think of yourself as being somehow privileged or more advanced than others in your appreciation of the need for social change, in the knowledge of how to achieve it and as leading or being in the forefront of the practical struggle to create this change.



Activism, like all expert roles, has its basis in the division of labor—it is a specialized separate task. The division of labor is one of the foundations of our civilization, the fundamental division being that between mental and manual labor. For example, the division of labor operates in medicine or education where knowledge becomes the specialized property of doctors and teachers—experts that we rely on to do these things for us. Experts jealously guard and mystify the skills they have. This keeps people separated and disempowered.

A division of labor implies that one person takes on a role on behalf of many others who relinquish this responsibility. A separation of tasks means that other people will grow your food, make your clothes and supply your electricity while you get on with achieving social change. The activist, being an expert in social change, assumes that other people aren't

doing anything to change their lives and so feels a responsibility to do it on their behalf. Defining ourselves as activists means defining *our* actions as the ones which will bring about social change, thus disregarding the activity of thousands of other non-activists.

Form and Content

The tension between the form of "activism" in which our political activity appears and its increasingly radical content has only been growing. The political progress that has been made in the activist scene has resulted in a situation where many people have moved beyond single issue campaigns against specific companies or developments to a rather ill-defined, yet nonetheless promising, anti-capitalist perspective. Although the content of the campaigning activity has altered, the form of activism has not. Instead of taking on Monsanto and occupying its headquarters, we have now seen beyond the single facet of capital represented by Monsanto and so develop a "campaign" against capitalism.

Our methods of operating are still the same as if we were taking on a specific corporation or development, despite the fact that capitalism is not at all the same sort of thing. Activism can successfully accomplish bringing down a business, yet to bring down capitalism a lot more will be required than to simply extend this sort of activity to every business in every sector. With the targeting of butcher shops by animal rights activists, the net result is probably only to aid the supermarkets by closing down all the small butcher shops, thereby assisting the process of competition and the "natural selection" of the marketplace. Thus activists often succeed in destroying one small business while strengthening capital overall.

A similar thing applies with anti-roads activism. Widespread anti-roads protests have created opportunities for a whole new sector of capitalism—security, surveillance, tunnellers, climbers, experts and consultants. We are now one "market risk" among others to be taken into account when bidding for a road contract. We may have actually assisted the rule of market forces, by forcing out the companies that are weakest and least able to cope. Protest-bashing consultant Amanda Webster says, "The advent of the protest movement will actually provide market advantages to those contractors who can handle it effectively." Again activism

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can bring down a business or stop a road but capitalism carries merrily on, if anything stronger than before.

These things are surely an indication that tackling capitalism will require not only a quantitative change but a qualitative one—we need to discover a more effective form of operating. It seems we lack the knowledge of what it might actually require to bring down capitalism.

Roles

The role of the “activist” is a role we adopt just like that of policeman, parent or priest—a strange psychological form we use to define ourselves and our relation to others. The “activist” is a specialist in social change—yet the harder we cling to this role and notion of what we are, the more we actually impede the change we desire. A real revolution will involve breaking out of all preconceived roles and the reclaiming of our lives. Seizing control of our own destinies which is the act of revolution will involve the creation of new selves and new forms of interaction and community. “Experts” in anything can only hinder this.



The role of the activist is just one of these roles, and therein, despite all the revolutionary rhetoric that goes with the role, lies its ultimate conservatism. The supposedly revolutionary activity of the activist is a dull and sterile routine—a constant repetition of a few actions with no potential for change. Activists would probably resist change if it came because it would disrupt the easy certainties of their role and the nice little niche they’ve carved out for themselves. Like union bosses, activists are eternal representatives and mediators. In the same way that union leaders would be against their workers actually succeeding in their struggle because this would put them out of a job, the role of the activist is threatened by change. Indeed revolution, or even any real moves in that direction, would profoundly upset activists by depriving them of their role.

It is easy to fall into playing the activist role because it fits into this society and doesn’t challenge it—activism is an accepted form of dissent. Even if as activists we are doing things which are not accepted and are illegal, the form of activism itself is like a job. It has a certain attraction precisely because it is not revolutionary.

We Don’t Need Any More Martyrs

The key to understanding the role of the activist is self-sacrifice—the sacrifice of the self to “the cause” which is seen as being separate from the self. Revolutionary martyrdom goes together with the identification of some cause separate from one’s own life—an action against capitalism which identifies capitalism as “out there” in the City is fundamentally mistaken. The real power of capital is right here in our everyday lives. We re-create its power every day because capital is not a thing but a social relation between people (and hence classes) mediated by things.

The role of the activist creates a separation between ends and means: Self-sacrifice means creating a division between revolution as love and joy in the future but duty and routine now. The worldview of activism is dominated by guilt and duty because the activist is not fighting for one’s self but for a separate cause.

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Hawaiian Marine Environment Assaulted

The US Department of Energy plans to pump 40 to 60 metric tons of liquefied carbon dioxide into the pristine ocean waters of Hawaii. This is an international joint experiment between the US, Japan, Canada and Australia.

Meanwhile, the US Navy is proposing the Hawaiian Islands Shallow Water Training Range project to saturate a 60-square-mile area of pristine deepsea bottomfish habitat with hydrophones, interconnected by fiberoptic cables that will be run ashore and be routed to deliver real-time information to the Pacific Missile Range on the island of Kauai. The project is being pushed as a necessity for submarine training where the Navy will be able to use the hydrophones to track their inert torpedos during target practice. Deepsea bottomfish in this area are depleted to the point of being extirpated.

Paper Production Thrives in Computer Age

Instead of shrinking with the advent of computers, paper sales have ballooned. The biggest beneficiary country was Canada, the world’s largest exporter of office printing paper, which more than quadrupled its exports in the last 15 years—the height of the computer revolution.

Paper companies around Canada are riding what may be the biggest printing boom in history. The computer age has produced a golden age of paper, putting aside 1980’s predictions that new paper mills would one day be as unnecessary as new power plants.

During the 1990s, the number of laser printers in the US increased 12-fold and the number of fax machines increased 22-fold, according to Dataquest, a San Jose, California research company. And new paper-hungry appliances are coming. To feed all of those devices, analysts forecast that office-paper consumption will increase by at least another 50 percent in the next 10 years.

Deep Ecology, Earth First! and Anarchism

BY DAVID ORTON

This essay is an examination of the inter-relation of anarchism and ecocentrism. It was precipitated in part by reading "Ecocentric Anarchy" by Daktari in the 20th anniversary edition of the *Earth First! Journal*. The article by Daktari concluded by stating, "For all the internal stress it can bring, eco-anarchy is EF!'s greatest strength and the best hope for a future ecotopian society." I felt this article, marking 20 years of EF!, was laying out an apparently uncontested philosophical future, previously represented in more fragmentary form in past articles. But rather than taking this for granted, the fundamental question to address is whether or not anti-industrial activists who try to follow deep ecology can or should also be raising the anarchist banner?

To call for activists and for the public, to rally to the black flag of anarchy, and not to the deep green or some other flag, is a major ecological, political, economic and social statement. It is not something to be undertaken lightly. After all, we are saying that this is the way forward for all of us, against Earth destruction and for a socially just society.

Activists sympathetic to anarchism associate this perspective with ideas like the personal freedom to live your own life; direct action; support for the good but not the comfortable life; hostility to the state and to taking part in the electoral process; hostility to large centralized organizations; mutual aid and free cooperation through voluntary communal organizations; social reforms before political reforms; decentralization and some form of bioregional confederation controlled by and accountable to a citizen base; hostility to

"property" and support for distribution of wealth according to need; a belief that humans are social and tend naturally towards "goodness" and that governments negate this; support for the organizational principle that "nothing should be done at a higher level than can be done at a lower level."

However attractive, these are all social, not ecological, ideas and belief in them illustrates criticism of the social dysfunctionality of industrial capitalist society and contemporary civilization. How humans interact with the Earth is both a social and an ecological question. Those with an ecological understanding see that this same dysfunctional society has led most humans from being part of Nature, as in animistic societies, to the belief of many that our species is no longer part of it.

Deep ecology provides us with a non-human-centered philosophical relationship to the natural world. This is an interdependence of humans with other life forms, on a basis of equality, with all of Nature—humans are not set apart from Nature. According to deep ecology, the further people are removed from Nature, the more that humans value themselves, the more Nature is devalued and treated as nothing but a commodity. Deep ecology says that through a fundamental revolution in consciousness, we can change existing human relationships of attempted dominance over the natural environment. This is deep ecology's profound and unique contribution to our time, but the most appropriate social, political, cultural and economic relationships for such a world are yet to be determined.

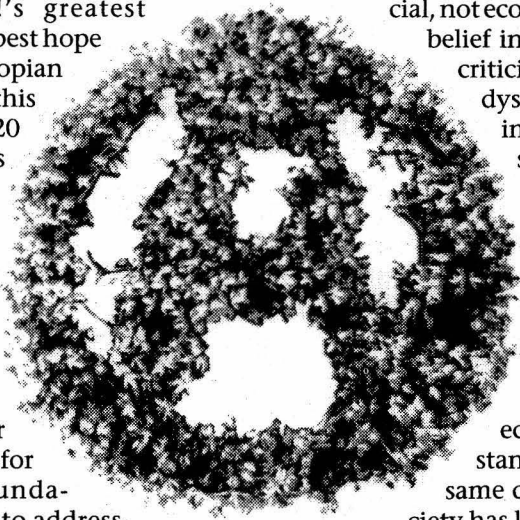
While the reality of a deteriorating ecology will ultimately force all of us to accept an Earth-centered value

structure, is a belief in anarchism part of the way forward? Is the black flag the future? The answer given to these questions will steer activists towards certain political priorities, such as attempting to use or boycott the state. A public discussion on this question is needed within the radical environmental, green and alternative movements.

Many activists, both in the radical environmental and in the social justice and anti-globalization movements, now seem to declare themselves to be anarchists. Social ecology also raises the anarchist banner, even though in the mid-eighties its founder Murray Bookchin (and also George Bradford of the anarchist newspaper *Fifth Estate*), bitterly attacked deep ecology, which most Earth First!ers support. Bookchin, despite his important theoretical contributions, has become a symbol of intolerance. More recent published writings of Bradford seem to indicate some rapprochement with deep ecology.

Anarchism today has a new social base. Historically, it appealed to peasants and workers, but today anarchism's main appeal seems to be to educated, ecologically and socially aware (and alienated) young people in industrialized countries. Today's anarchists are in the new social movements, not the labor movement.

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From Riots To Sabotage

In the wake of Seattle, Prague and Quebec City, resistance is taking a refreshing and much needed direction. The anti-globalization movement has helped to encourage people to make connections between issues and to look deeper at the causes of ecocide, genocide and social inequity. It is becoming clear that fundamental changes are necessary and that those changes will not come through reformist means. More than ever, direct action is a vital part of the struggle.

As more people have come to recognize this, they have banded together to turn their beliefs into action. Monotonous symbolic protests with banners and chanting have given way to active resistance—smashing the symbols of corporate power, fighting street battles with the armies of the elite and disappearing into the mayhem of mass demonstrations. Frustrated with the failure of traditional protests, the black bloc expresses an anger and urgency suitable for our current state of global annihilation. It is an uprising that cannot be ignored.

The mass demonstrations that create good rioting conditions only happen once a year and far from your home—don't let that limit you. The exhilaration of breaking corporate windows can be had in your hometown. That passion can also be felt by sabotaging equipment, pulling genetically engineered crops, liberating animals or torching corporate headquarters. These actions take much planning but can be extremely effective with a small number of people. Use mass protests to find like-minded folks and practice working together. When the convergence is over, form an underground cell in your area, research potential targets, learn about appropriate tactics and strike.

You don't have to wait for a big event to experience the joys of monkeywrenching the societal machine. Covert direct action can strike anywhere at anytime. Utilizing the element of surprise, a handful of people can cause hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to Earth-destroying institutions.

Overt and covert direct action compliment each other. Outspoken support of sabotage is essential. It provides a voice to those who work in the shadows and encourages others to act. Think strategically about what role you can best fill. If you are able to engage in covert direct action, do it. If you truly cannot participate in it yourself, be a strong advocate and supporter of the underground.

It seems to be a common progression that when people start getting excited about radical direct action, they are very vocal and visible about it. Although this may be an integral part of the process, it is probably safer to skip this phase and just act on your desires. Rather than becoming known as a purveyor of militant ideas, sitting around talking about monkeywrenching, writing 'zines about industrial collapse or making patches that say "Burn the Rich," go out and just do it.

It isn't as hard as you may think. Gather a few trustworthy friends. Read *Ecodefense*, *The Nighttime Gardener: A Guide for the Shy Gardener in North America*, and *The Final Nail*. Start small. Remember that the police will look closely at the first in a series of actions because activists get better at covering their tracks with time—good security is crucial from the beginning. Study the security chapter in *Ecodefense*. Take time to select a good target and plan the action thoroughly. Numerous people have been arrested recently because of insufficient preparation or poor security. At the same time, don't be paralyzed by paranoia either—a little thought goes a long way in keeping out of jail.

We need a culture of resistance, but the resistance is not just a subculture. You can fight the industrial machine. Now is the time to act.



Young, gifted and masked up: Wild Rockies EF! in action.

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Big Names Backing Big-game Trophy Hunter

A wealthy American safari hunter has triggered the latest skirmish over sport hunting in Africa—not because of his shooting, but over the identity of his political gun-bearers. Steven E. Chancellor, a major Bush administration supporter, has lobbied the government of Botswana to lift a recent ban on lion hunting, adding muscle to his efforts with high-powered letters of recommendation from former President George Bush, former Vice President Dan Quayle and Persian Gulf war hero General Norman Schwarzkopf. All four men are prominent members of Safari Club International, a US-based advocacy group that promotes big-game hunting worldwide.

Conservationists say that Africa's lions have been in trouble for decades due to habitat loss, over-hunting and poaching.

Botswana harbors one of the largest populations left in the wild, and experts worry that years of sport hunting may be wreaking havoc on the species' remaining gene pool.

Derek Joubert, a veteran wildlife filmmaker and leading proponent of the ban, said that while Botswana's hunting quotas were small—between 30 and 50 cats were being shot each year—safari hunters penchant for killing only trophy males was disrupting the lions' breeding patterns. Joubert also claimed that sport hunting masked a much higher mortality rate for lions, because once a top male is shot, others move in and kill its offspring. The hunters say, "We only shoot 50 lions a year," but the actual toll is far higher, closer to 10 times that much, said Joubert, who like other conservationists cites a decade-long drop in Africa's lion population from 50,000 to 15,000.

GLOBAL ANTI-GE DIRECT ACTION "ROUNDUP"

Belgium

Not one, not two... but three in a row! The number of uprooted PGS-Aventis oilseed rape experimental fields in Belgium during the last week of May eventually amounted to three. "This action is to be seen as a trial to strike a blow to the current genetically modified organisms (GMO) invasion creeping from our fields to the daily food," said unknown gardeners after the first test was decontaminated.

Britain

The first votes on the election day of the prime minister were cast not in a ballot box, but in a field of genetically modified (GM) oilseed rape. In the early hours campaigners cut an "X"-shaped swathe through the controversial GM crop growing at Munloch on the Black Isle, Inverness. All around the country GM crops continue to be mysteriously trashed. Six out of 13 oilseed rape trials have been destroyed by nighttime pixies and mother nature destroyed another two. The remaining five sites may not provide enough data for the pharmaceutical giant Aventis to introduce the crop as a commercial variety.

GM maize was proven to be unable to withstand spraying by champagne when seven jubilant GM crop pullers celebrated their court victory on June 12. This was the first victory for GM crop pullers in a magistrate court. The seven defendants held a press conference at a GM farmscale trial site to signal that there is more GM crop decontamination work to be done and the resistance continues. Their supporters confirmed this message by immediately rolling up their sleeves and literally pulling up the GM maize plants. The police interviews indicate that all seven of the defendants had claimed responsibility for destroying GM maize, and most said they were acting to prevent GM pollution in the public interest.



France

Demonstrators staged protests in several parts of France on April 17 as part of a worldwide day of action to demand a halt to the cultivation of GM crops. Protesters gathered outside the premises of the country's gene research program, Genoplante, in Evry, northern France, while activists stormed an experimental farm in Aveyron in the southeast.

Local authorities in the southeastern town of Cabeuil ordered a ban on all planting of GMOs starting in 2002 and further demonstrations were held in Marseilles and nearby towns.

The protests were part of a worldwide campaign launched by Via Campesina, a global network of farming, environmental and other organizations. In early June, a Montpellier court gave confederation activist José Bove a 10-month suspended sentence and put him on two years' probation for destroying 3,000 GM rice plants at a research institute in June 1999.

Indonesia

Forty tons of GM Bollgard cotton seed arrived at the Makassar airport from South Africa in early April amid strong protests from farmers and environmentalists. The cotton seed, be-

longing to Monsanto, was distributed under military armed guard to seven agricultural agencies throughout the country. A crowd of activists, waving banners reading "Reject Genetically Modified Cotton in South Sulawesi" tried to intercept the convoy of trucks carrying the cotton seeds, which contain *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), and to block them from leaving the airport.

Italy

In early April, arsonists attacked a Monsanto grain store in northern Italy a week after authorities seized seeds suspected of containing banned genetically modified material. Aside from cutting open and setting fire to bags of soybean and corn seeds, the activists also left the following graffiti on the walls: "No GM" and "Monsanto killers."

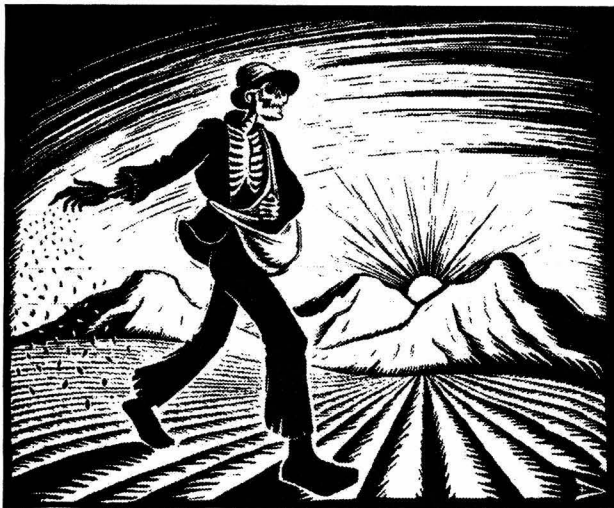
The week before, Italian police seized 112 tonnes of Monsanto maize at the Lodi warehouse which authorities suspected contained banned GM material. Police also seized some 300 tonnes of soybean seeds suspected of containing GM material which Monsanto had already distributed to retailers. The use of GM seeds in open fields is forbidden by law in Italy due to concern of the possible health and environmental impacts.

Netherlands

On the night of June 25, activists calling themselves "Razende Hazen" (Enraged Hares) sabotaged the country's only two field tests of GE sugar beets. Targeting plots of Monsanto's Roundup Ready frankencrops, "We removed the green of the plants, making the test uncompletable," reported a communiqué. "The purpose of this action is to directly stop the spreading of genetically modified organisms in our environment and food."

New Zealand

In early April, the Shadow Ministry for the Environment carried out a molotov cocktail attack at the



artwork by Eric Drooker

AgResearch Ruakura Research Centre. The attack burnt 20 meters of pampas grass along a fenceline at the center. A shed was reportedly sprayed with graffiti which read: "No GE. Stop the tests." Two molotov cocktails were found nearby.

A man interviewed by the *Waikato Times* claimed to know those responsible for the attack. The group planned further actions against the AgResearch site, awaiting the outcome of a High Court appeal of an application by AgResearch to carry out field tests of transgenic cattle, he said.

United States

The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) has claimed responsibility for sabotaging the University of Idaho biotechnology building in opposition to genetic engineering on June 10. This is the second strike by the ELF at the new biotech building. Survey stakes were removed and the exterior of the building painted with such sentiments as "NO GE" and "Go Organic." A communiqué stated that, "Biotechnological research may be intended for good ends by the scientist, as was nuclear research, but in our free enterprise police state society it will be used almost solely for greed and control. With genetic engineering we are creating another bomb."

On June 10, anti-biotech activists destroyed thousands of Roundup Ready peas at a Seminis research center in Idaho. According to the communiqué, "A bunch of us around here doing farming and trucking crops decided to find out anything we could about Seminis. The information we got made us take things into our own

hands and go out into their field one night and rip out their pea plants. These peas weren't normal. They had their genes changed to make the plants stay alive when sprayed with glyphosate herbicide. That's like the brand Roundup for people who don't know."

On June 25, two activists barricaded themselves in the offices of a Novartis distribution center in St. Louis Park,

Minnesota, to protest Novartis' relationship with Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). Activists gathered at a Novartis location in St. Louis Park to protest that corporation's involvement in xenotransplantation and biotechnology. The action was held in solidarity with the protests in San Diego, California, opposing biotechnology and the protests in Barcelona, Spain, against the World Bank—a meeting which was canceled due to fear of protests.

At approximately 8:15 a.m., six people converged on the building. Two climbed the roof and dropped a banner over the Novartis sign reading, "Novartis/HLS destroying Mother Nature and her inhabitants one experiment at a time." Four people entered the building and two locked down in an office. By 10:00 a.m., the St. Louis Park Police had arrested the two individuals locked in the office. Captain Ron Walker explained that the police had broken the door down at the request of Novartis. The two individuals inside had barricaded the door with filing cabinets and desks.

A congressionally mandated report released in mid-June by the USDA Agricultural Research Service and US Forest Service, "Criminal Acts Targeting USDA Research Facilities," found that "criminal acts targeting research laboratories have interrupted some cutting-edge research, contributed to funding shortfalls, destroyed laboratory equipment, damaged facilities and adversely impacted the lives of the affected research scientists and other staff."

The report said that protest activity including destructive civil disobedience and other criminal acts "has been a constant" for the Forest Service in the past five years.

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GMO-Free Labels Removed

Loblaws, Canada's largest grocery retailer, has ordered its suppliers to remove or cover labels that identify food as being free of genetically modified ingredients by September 1. The move has angered many of the organic food processors that market their products in Loblaws' health food department as being free of chemical additives and genetically modified material. Many suppliers are afraid to criticize the giant grocery chain publicly because they fear losing shelf space. In a memo sent to suppliers in late January, Director of Procurement of Health Food Jamie Cooney said the products of distributors who didn't remove the non-GMO labels could be removed from the shelves. "It is our position that until such time as a government and/or industry-supported definition of genetic modification exists in Canada we will not support product packaging containing non-GMO claims," said the letter dated January 29. There are no laws preventing anybody from putting a GMO-free label as long as they can prove it's GMO-free. The head of the Canadian Health Food Association said that the Loblaws policy leaves consumers in the dark about whether they are eating foods containing genetically modified ingredients.

BLM Moves to Ban Off-Road Vehicles

The US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently published a notice announcing their intention to implement parts of the Center for Biological Diversity, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility and Sierra Club lawsuit settlement to protect nearly 480,000 acres of wildlife habitat in the Sonoran and Mojave deserts from off-road vehicles.

"Closing washes to off-roading is a good conservation step, but BLM must do more desert-wide to protect and recover native wildlife," said Donna Charpiet, an eastern Riverside County organic farmer and activist. The notice comes three and a half months late due to stalling by Interior Secretary Gale Norton. Meanwhile, the BLM is delaying on-the-ground action.

TUCSON LUXURY HOMES TORCHED

BY DAVY "THE DUCK" DIAMOND

On June 12, more than 60 firefighters responded to several 911 calls from Pima Canyon Estates, a luxury gated community on the edge of the Coronado National Forest just north of Tucson, Arizona. As firefighters extinguished one fire, they noticed three other "trophy" homes ablaze. Fire fighters believe the third and fourth fires were being set while they were fighting the first and second. In all, four luxury homes were burnt causing an estimated \$2 million in damages. Beginning in 1998, nearby Phoenix has seen a string of more than 11 luxury homes torched—total damages there have topped \$5 million.

Pima Canyon Estates sits in the once pristine Pima Canyon, which until recently was one of the last undeveloped areas surrounding Tucson. Pima Canyon was the home of countless deer, coyotes, mountain lions, javelina and bobcats, but now it is the hotspot for trophy homes belonging to the

upper class gentry. The letters "CSP" were left spray-painted on one of the four luxury homes. These same initials have appeared in the fires in Phoenix, and police there claim it stands for Coalition to Save the Preserves. Tucson police prefer the safer route, "We have no suspects, no leads and no motives."

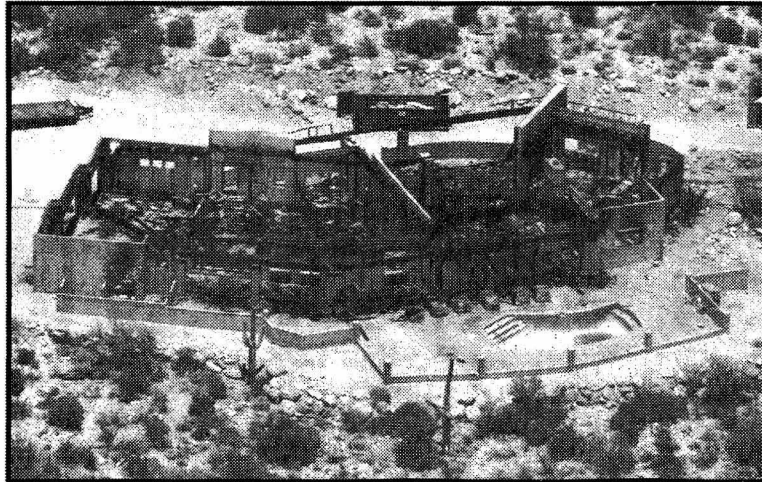


Photo by Jim Davis/Arizona Daily Star

One of the four luxury homes burned to the foundation.

The local media has filled its pages with sensational articles about the imminent threat of eco-terrorism, and how it seems to be the recent relocation of the *Earth First! Journal* to Tucson that has brought this blight on a once happy and safe community. Local environmentalists have nearly tripped over themselves for their chance to denounce the arsons. Never once mention-

ing the cancer of urban sprawl, a majority of the activists interviewed have focused on preserving their respectability and on their shock that someone might torch a luxury home to defend the Earth.

Pima Canyon Estates has been sold as an ecologi-

Frontlines

ALF/ELF Strikes Again in Long Island

In a communiqué released jointly, the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front, took credit for attacks on five Bank of New York (BNY) branches on Long Island, New York, on June 13. The underground activists claimed to have glued locks and ATM machines, spray-painted slogans and smashed more than 25 windows at the BNY office in Farmingdale.

The actions are part of a larger campaign to encourage BNY to divest from Huntington Life Sciences (HLS), a massive animal testing company based in the United Kingdom. Activists have previously targeted Stephens Inc., a private investment firm which recently bailed out the besieged HLS, and Primate Products, which supplies HLS with animals and testing equipment.

Streets Reclaimed in North Carolina

On May 23 in Asheville, North Carolina, 11 people were arrested at a Reclaim the Streets party. After an hour-long spirited street parade, Asheville police could no longer accept the crowd's blatant disrespect for traffic and began arresting people. In the beginning, only four arrests were

made. Later at the "solidarity" demonstration outside of the jail, the locale sheriff's department attempted to disperse the crowd by brandishing shot guns. Sheriff Bobby Medford was quoted as saying, "I'll fucking kill you, I don't give a fuck, move off the sidewalk or be shot." Seven other people were arrested during this display of professionalism on the part of Asheville police.

30,000 Demonstration Against the World Bank in Barcelona

On June 24, more than 30,000 people took to the streets in Barcelona, Spain, to celebrate the decision by the World Bank to cancel its scheduled meeting. The World Bank bailed out, fearing massive demonstrations and civil unrest. Many corporate businesses along the route had windows smashed and were covered with anti-capitalist graffiti. Towards the end of the demonstration, riot police attacked the crowd with tear gas and truncheons. Thirty-two people were injured and 19 were arrested.

Anti-World Bank Protesters Shot in Papua New Guinea

At least three students are confirmed dead and several others are in critical condition after riot police dispersed (using tear gas and automatic weapons) a five-day blockade

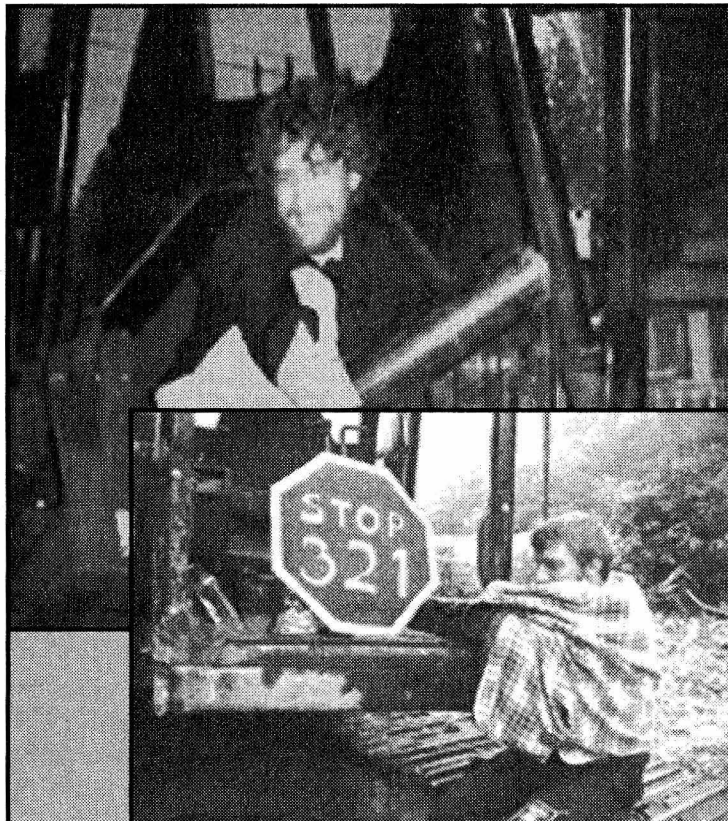
cally sensitive development. However, a University of Arizona biologist suggests that one large house per acre is a barrier to wildlife and large mammals cannot coexist with such a project. The developer's idea of ecological sensitivity is to restrict housing height to avoid obstructing the view and to allow houses to be painted only in desert hues.

With the Tucson population expected to double in the next two decades and to grow at a rate of seven square miles a year, one would think that local environmentalists would use every chance they can to raise public awareness. Environmentalists need to demand that the cancerous growth of American cities stop. We are running out of space and resources. No matter how much money is lost by developers regardless of the cause, it will never compare to the destruction of the natural world by development.



photo by Jim Davis/Arizona Daily Star

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.



photos by Patrick Ironwood

On June 25 members of Katúah Earth Firsts locked themselves to construction equipment to resist the widening of Tennessee Highway 321. On the edge of the Smoky Mountains National Park, the highway development threatens to bring more strip malls and golf courses within yards of the park.

Frontlines

of government buildings on June 28. The students were protesting World Bank economic reform and claim that privatization will place large parts of the economy under foreign control. The students demand that the World Bank pull out of Papua New Guinea. The shootings sparked looting and the burning of government vehicles. Police have refused to say how many people died, but it is believed that more than 60 people were injured.

Three Shot at Anti-European Union Demonstration in Sweden

On June 15, Swedish police sparked rioting by blocking a more than 20,000 person legal demonstration against the European Union (EU) in Gothenburg, Sweden. Police forced demonstrators (using horses, clubs and dogs) into a business district where people then started smashing corporate property and defending themselves from police attack. Later that night, police surrounded a Reclaim the City party in a park. Intense fighting broke out between the police and protesters with both sides throwing rocks. At some point a group of eight police became surrounded

by protesters and began to fire real bullets into the crowd, hitting three people. All of the victims survived though one sustained critical injuries.

The next day more than 25,000 people peacefully protested against the EU, and police violence was barred from the city center. This demonstration is believed to be the largest in Swedish history.

Protester Injured at Treesit

On June 13, Jenna "Sparrow" Griffith was critically injured when she fell out of a redwood tree near Boulder Creek in Northern California. She fell approximately 30 feet and hit her head on a stump on the forest floor. Sparrow was part of a treesit that was preventing Redwood Empire Inc. from logging the area. She has been released from the hospital and is recovering with her family.

Burma Dam Action

On March 5th, the Karen National Liberation Army Sixth Brigade attacked a dam construction site in Burma's Mon state, 50 kilometers south of Moulmein. Fifty pieces of earth-moving equipment and a fuel depot were destroyed, and the dam construction director was taken prisoner. Three State Peace and Development Council (Burmese army) soldiers were killed in the attack.

Dear Ned Ludd

Dear Ned,

All my life I've wanted to experience the joy of massive blackouts; you know—anonymous sex, partying in stalled elevators, looting malls—but we're just sitting here with the lights on. Plus, it seems that we not only have power for us, but we're helping to keep California from blackout fun as well. What can we do?

Please advise,

—THE CASCADIAN ILLUMINATI

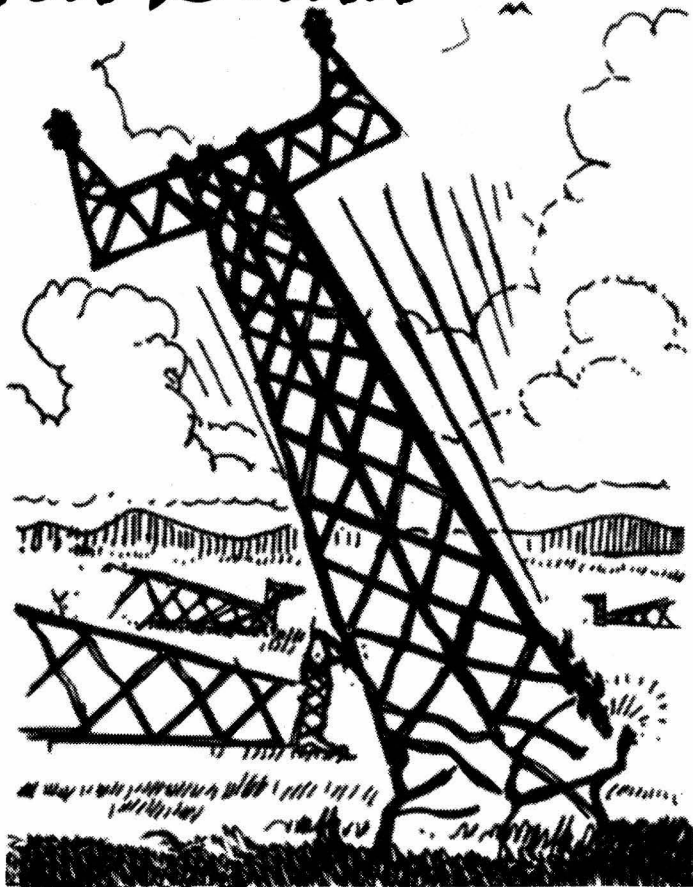
Dear Cascadian Illuminati,

I've been tipped by a climbin' buddy about ways of launching line long distance, and I think herein lies the answer to your dark desires. First, take an old tennis ball and cut a hole large enough to pour plaster-of-paris through. OK, now fill the ball with p of p and stick an eyescrew into the plaster. Let it set. You should have a hard, heavy tennis ball that you can tie a line to.

Next, acquire a few hundred feet of fairly fine steel cable and put it on some kind of spool such as a fly reel.

Now you need a delivery system. Aerosol spud-guns are cool and a multitude of designs and propellant analysis are on the Internet. These are basic PVC bazookas, powered by igniting a short charge of hairspray (or some other aerosol), usually used to launch apples and potatoes. Another answer is the line-launching slingshot—a slingshot with long tubes, attached to a pole for long draws. You can buy these out of an arborist supply catalog or make one yourself. With an eight-foot pole, it can launch your line 200 feet vertically and more than 300 feet distance-wise.

So pick a secluded stretch of serious powerline, relay station or other likely target. Plant your reel in front of you in the ground (Ben Franklin's dead—whoever holds



this reel will be too, and laughed at as well), place ball in delivery system, launch and leave. The cable will arch over the lines or the sub station, drop and pass current violently until the electricity burns through the cable, shorting out the whole mess, bringing the darkness you desire and probably forcing those pesky Californians to dry their clothes on a clothesline. Hmm, last I looked, there was a schematic of the Northwest power grid on the "Republic of Cascadia" website, zapatopi.net/cascadia.html, in case you run out of ideas about where to work (use an anonymous browser, duh!).

Have fun and stay safe,

—NED

Dear Ned,

I've read the Bible (*Ecodefense*, that is) from cover to cover, but I'm looking for more detailed sabotage techniques and some new ideas. Can you point me in some useful direction?

—THE WOULD-BE SABBER

Dear Ned Ludd has been an irregular column in the *Journal* since the early '80s, and a compilation of entries became the notorious book *Ecodefense*. It serves as a forum for the discussion of creative and diverse means to effectively defend the Earth. Neither the EFi movement nor the *Journal*, nor any of our friends, family, neighbors, lovers or pets necessarily encourage anyone to do the things discussed on this page, and the contents should not be legally construed as anything other than mindless entertainment. Please write to Ned via the *Journal* with your top tips on *ecodefense*.

Dear Will-Be Sabber,

I'm glad you wrote to me, because I just came across a wonderful publication that I want to share. It's called the *Ozymandias Sabotage Handbook*, and

you can check it out on the Internet, burn.ucsd.edu/~unalucha/sabotage1.htm. Geez, this better be the last website I endorse for a while! Anyway, this guide covers a lot of ground that *Ecodefense* does not.

May the force be with you!

—NED

Ned Seyz:

Whoever stands around while using a valve-stem core remover (see *EF!J May-June 2001*) is the activist equivalent of a slow deer. The escaping air makes an attention-grabbing shriek, and you lose five seconds of fleeing time twisting the little bugger out. Much faster is to grab the valve stem with a decent pair of vice-grips, give a good twist and the valve stem pops out of the rim. Instant deflation, instant egress. If you want the subtle, slow leak, take a razor and slit the valve stem where it fits in the rim. Or even better, punch a scratch awl into the tire's sidewall. That sucker is going nowhere!

Wild Rockies Earth First!



Wild Rockies Earth First! was reborn out of the Cove/Mallard Coalition and the activists who spent years defending that vital biological corridor. WREF! will bring the same grim determination to the issues we face in our bioregion now. Knowing that we must utilize all the tools in our box to defend a vast region with a low number of people and even lower number of activists. We will utilize monitoring and public education to try and stop projects before they start. But when it comes down to the felling of trees, pollution, corporate domination, mining, energy development, and road building, we will be in the way. We invite you to come check out our bioregion. It is a unique place of raging rivers, miles of unbroken canopy, and home to every species that has ever existed here over the last millennium. It is one place where you can still walk 300 miles and not cross a single road.

A legacy of direct action to defend the largest ecosystem in the lower 48 states

Long ago, or long to some, there was a group called the Ancient Forest Bus Brigade, another called Wild Rockies Earth First!, and another called Seeds of Peace. The first two groups came together in then a little known spot in Idaho called Cove/Mallard in 1992. That year for the first time ever people dared to get arrested in Idaho. The

locals were amused and the residents of Dixie brought the activists pies. The next year brought Seeds of Peace and a whole lot of activists. The residents of Dixie were down right unfriendly and openly hostile.

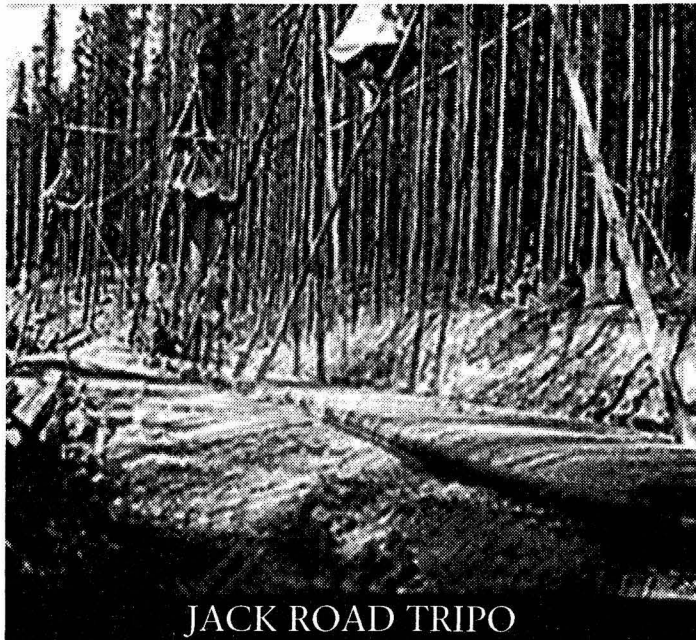
Highland Enterprises filed a SLAPP suit against a lot of people and a whole bunch of folks were arrested. In 1994

there was an injunction against the “two timber sales too terrible to ignore”. After the watershed year of 1993, when lots of people came to Idaho, it came down to a desperate band of activists. In 1996 the Jack road was blockaded for 41 days and during the RRR somehow much of that road got destroyed. In 1997 the Jack Road was blockaded for a total of 71 days. During those years three out of nine sales were roaded and logged. The next year the roadless moratorium was put into effect and the forest supervisor declared that the agency was not going forward with the other 6 timber sales.

In 1998 the coalition chose to defend the Wing-Twenty Mile roadless area just north of the Gospel Hump Wilderness Area. The two sales, Otter-Wing and Mackey Day, are exempt from

the roadless rule because they were and still are under contract. That year a crazy band of between five and fourteen people set up five different tree villages, managed to all get arrested, and stopped Highland Enterprise from finishing 2.3 miles of road. They also endured an attack by employees of Highland Enterprises and Shearer

Lumber Products. The tree sit support camp and many of the activist’s belongings were destroyed. This is now the subject of a 3 year law suit against the company and the cops (who did nothing about the attack, threw away evidence and appear to have known it was coming.) In 1999 the final stretch of road for Otter-Wing was completed and more people were arrested. In 2000 the same thing happened but the jail time (around five days in



1995) had jumped up to 45-60 days. The forest service cops have said that activists have routinely cost the federal government at least six figures a campaign season. Many people have come and gone and hundreds have been arrested. But from year to year the campaign to protect this huge area stumbles along and proceeds, no matter how few people we have. The wild woods of the Rockies draw you in and inspire the passion and courage to do activism in one of the most hostile parts of the country. Wild Rockies Earth First! continues that legacy and dedication with our Summer/Fall direct action tour. We will stand with those who came before and say “no more” to the corporations.

Threats to the Wild Rockies

Mining

Because of the wonderful 1872 Mining Law pristine wildlands in our region are up for grabs by lowbidding mining corporations. One of the worst current threats is posed by Sterling Mining Corporation. These people want to set up a mine that will tunnel under the Cabinet Wilderness Area in northwest Montana near the town of Noxon.

The Forest Service is set to give this company to mine silver and copper for the next 30 years. The complex would be located on Rock Creek and could pollute the Clark Fork River and Lake Pend Oreille. The area is home to Grizzly Bears and has critical spawning habitat for Bull Trout. Wild Rockies EF! will be spending a month in the area and should the mine get a permit we will be in the way.

Corporations who don't care!

The Northern Rockies is home to some of the worst multinational corporations in the world. We have the distinction of being the home of Boise-Cascade, Plum Creek, Potlatch, and Smurfit Stone-Container. These entities run rampant, trashing the land, closing mills, polluting our air and water. Boise-Cascade is one of the largest resource extraction corporations in the world. They are logging in Canada, Chile, and Mexico to name just a few places. Boise-Cascade is also a lead plaintiff in the case to overturn the roadless policy. They violate workers rights and pollute on a global scale. WREF! will do direct action to bring these corporation to account for their crimes.



Ecosystem Restoration and Fire

Recovery

These are the new words that the Forest Service has come up with to justify a massive increase in logging on all the lands of the Bioregion. New and massive sales are popping up live mushrooms on every single forest. Almost all of the sales proposed thus far included logging in roadless areas. The

Bitterroot National Forest is just proposing the worst of the sales. They intend to log on 73,000 acres and send 280 million board feet of timber to mills all over the place. WREF is working with a number of other groups in opposing this bondogle. The proposals are still in the Draft Environmental Impact Stage. However, we expect that direct action will be needed before the year is done.

Bush's love of Oil Corps

The new administrations policy on energy is one of the worst threats to this bioregion. Oil and gas leases in Wyoming and Montana represent a major challenge to the area. The government is renewing old plans to allow drilling on the Rocky Mountain Front and in the Tetons. The Front represent some of our last pristine watersheds and is critical habitat for Grizzlies. The new policy has a vision of lots and lots of public land drilling and not just in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

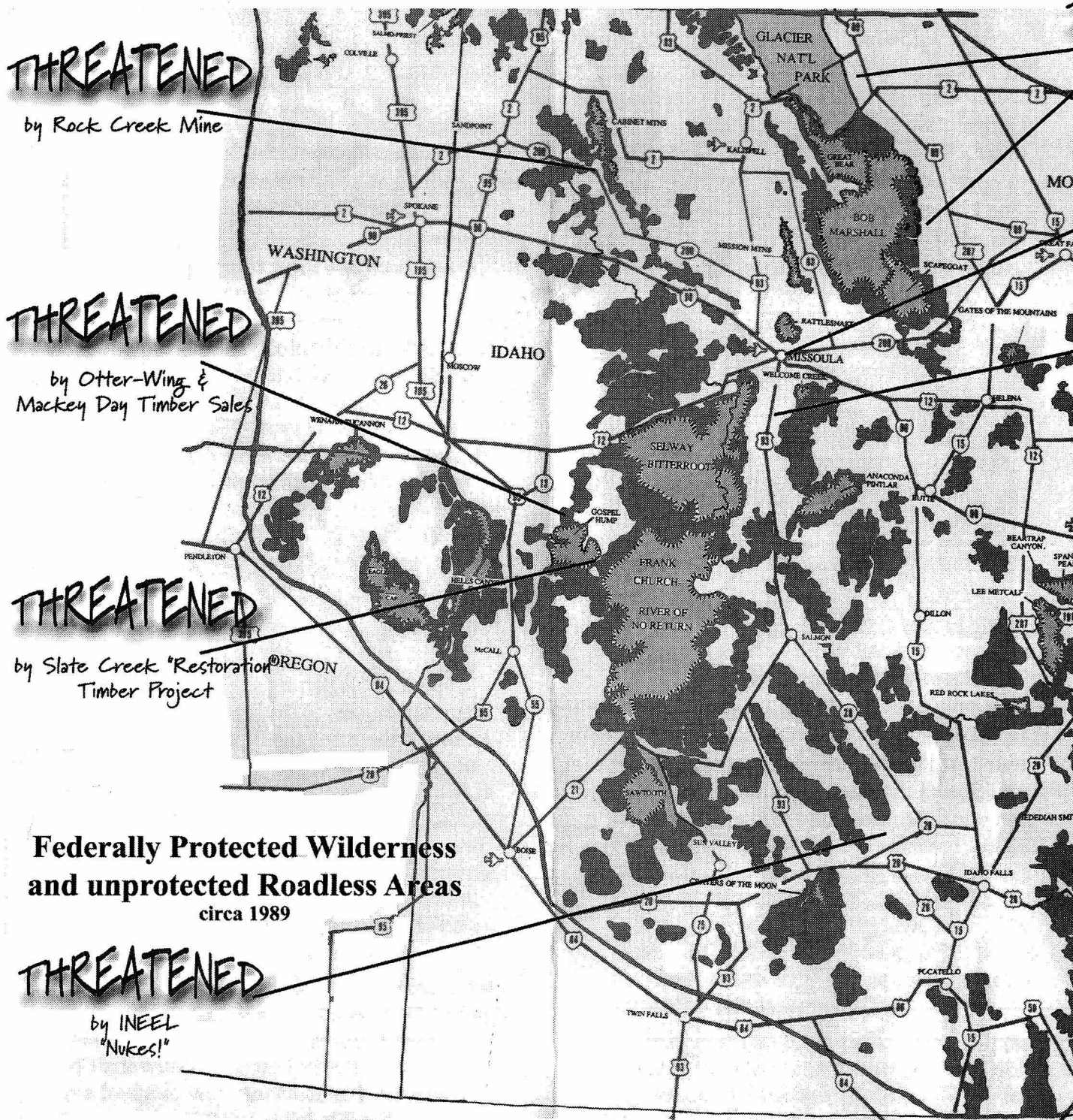
The End of the Roadless Rule

Federal Judge Edward Lodge issued a temporary injunction halt implementation of the roadless rule. Many of the National Forests of our area had sales in roadless lands before the moratorium. All these could come back to haunt us including the Cove/Mallard Timber Sales.



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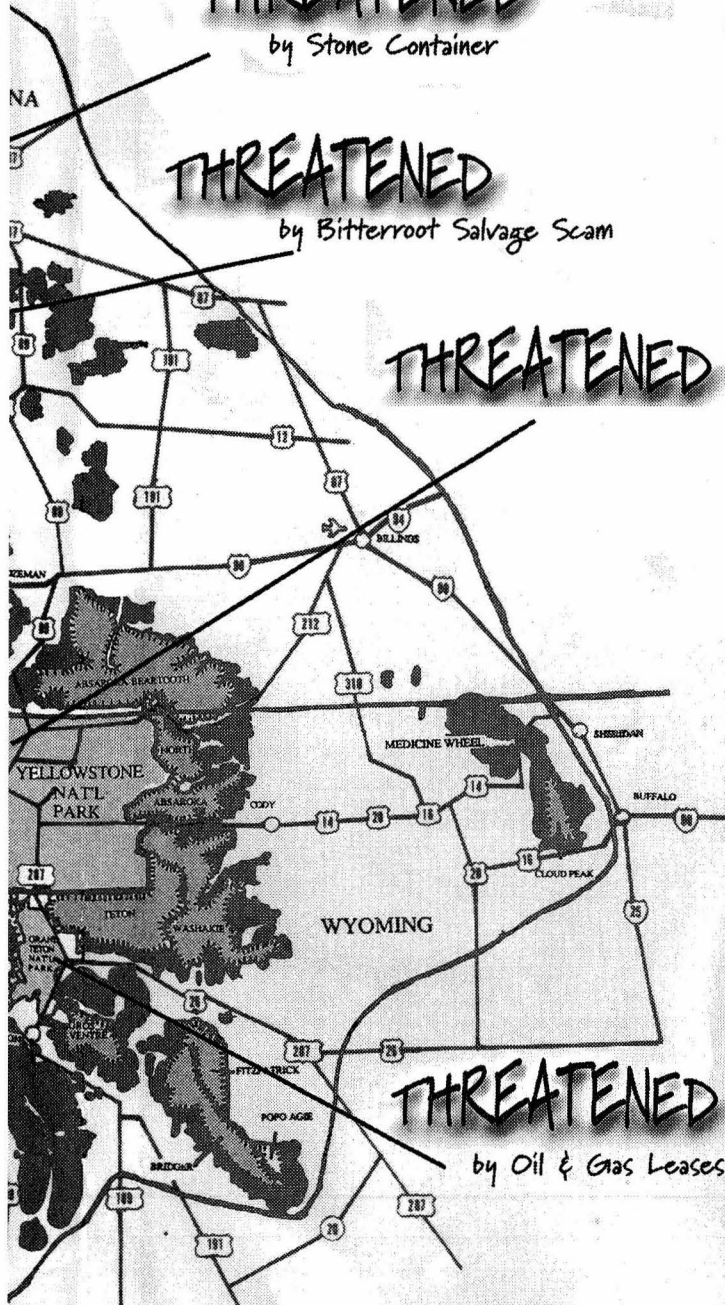
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by Stone Container

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by Bitterroot Salvage Scam

THREATENED



A Living Wilderness

The deep forests of Cove/Mallard provide an integral contrast to the steep, rocky canyons of the Salmon River in the adjacent portion of the designated wilderness. These forests are the critical components of the diversity in the Big Wild.

Because of its largely unaltered character, the Greater Salmon-Selway Ecosystem (GSSE) is a reservoir of biological diversity harboring many rare, sensitive and threatened creatures including bull trout, chinook salmon, steelhead, westslope cutthroat trout, fisher, marten, lynx, wolverine, river otter, gray wolf, bald and golden eagle, boreal and flamulated owl, northern goshawk, and winter wren. Cove/Mallard is part of the Central Idaho Grizzly and Wolf Recovery Areas and has irrefutable wolf activity. The Forest Service has documented evidence of 92 wolf sightings in the Cove/Mallard region. The area's remoteness makes it prime habitat for large and healthy herds of big game animals.

The sheer size of the GSSE allows evolutionary processes to fully function—something that has been stopped almost everywhere in the temperate world by industrialized human activity. Less than 5% of the US's primary forest remains intact, yet over 90% of the GSSE's forest is still unlogged—so far. There are 34 huge roadless areas in the GSSE totaling 11 million acres. This represents more than 20% of the nation's unprotected national forest.



Threats to the Northern Rockies Ecosystem

Idaho:

Otter-Wing & Mackey Day Timber Sales:

- *qualifies for the roadless rule in every way except it was under logging contract at the time.
 - *part of 52,000 acre Wing-Twenty mile mostly roadless area on the northern border of the Gospel Hump Wilderness
 - *includes logging 20 million board feet of timber off 1,000 acres.
 - *units are almost all old growth
 - *streams in the project area are home to chinook salmon, bull trout, and steelhead trout. All these species are listed as threatened under the ESA.
 - *logging will take place this year!
- ### **Clean Slate Restoration Project:**
- *includes logging in the Slate Creek roadless area.
 - *thinning and some clearcuts on 7,000 acres.
 - *will yield 41 million board feet.
 - * Old growth sale

SALVAGE SCAM!

- *Clearcut/grazed areas are more vulnerable than natural forests
- Lrgst fires in Bitterroot started in heavily roaded and logged areas
- Post-fire recovery vital to soil and all species
- Landscaping w/i 130ft of home determines the likelihood of burn
- Cuts in burned areas are much worse than green forests

- BNFS filed for exemption on temp. stays during appeals (circumventing public process). They want to log this Dec.

ROCK CREEK MINE DISASTER

- Cabinet Mntn Ecosystem is CRUCIAL to griz, grey wolves, bald eagles, bull trout and us!
- Mine will run 24hrs for 22 years damaging the water quality of Rock Creek, lwr Clark Fork, & Lake Pend Oreille
- Mine will dump 3 mil.gal. of polluted water into Clark Fork every day! Even post-22yrs.
- 1 ton rock mined = under 15lbs copper & 2oz silver
- Tailings pile over 300ft high, covering 320 acres (1/3 mile from Rock Creek & Clark Fork) will be there forever & ever
- Sterling has a history of cyanide leaks, leaving residents sick and stuck with superfund sites

BOISE CASCADE: GLOBAL FOREST DESTROYERS

- 78% of the planet's old growth is gone/degraded
- BC is #1 buyer of timber from public lands
- Largest logger on fed'l pub. lands
- BC owns or leases more than 2 million acres in the US

- BC logging industry opponent to the USFS Roadless Policy
- BC is a top importer of old growth from Chile
- Top force behind the demand for Canada's boreal forests
- 2mths after BC strong-armed its way into Mexico, a massacre of 17 local farmers occurred. BC knowingly went into a volatile situation with money in mind

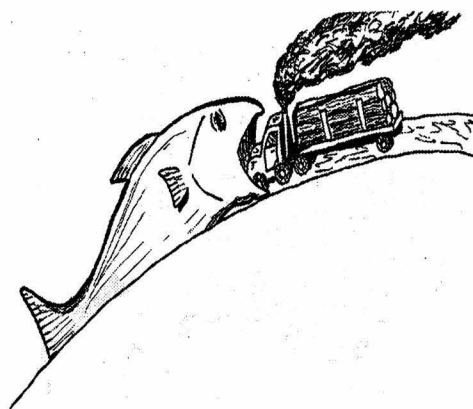
FOSSIL FUELS

- 85% of U.S. energy comes from burning oil, coal, & natural gas
- For every ton of fuel burned, 3 tons of CO2 are released
- 2001 CO2 levels = 370ppm vs 1750's 280ppm
- Bush's energy plan calls for building a power plant every wk for 20yrs
- Global warming is real! There's hope, but not for us!

STONE CONTAINER MAKES ME COUGH:

- stone burns 30,200 lbs of plastic a day
- they also burn 200 lbs of chlorine a day
- the company now has 7 large diesel generators for electricity and is consuming huge amounts of fuel per day
- they have received an exemption from the clean air act for the generators, because they are a so called temporary energy source.

Wild Rockies EF! would like to thank Seeds of Peace for their nine year dedication to supporting activism in our part of the world. They can always use help and will be traveling to Washington D.C. for the Homes not Jails/Anti-Bush/ IMF/World Bank protest in late september. So go help chop veggies or if you have some cash send them a check. Seeds of Peace, P.O.Box 8896, Missoula, MT 59806. If you want to volunteer e-mail the collective at seedsofpeace@wildrockies.or



WREF! Summer/Fall 2001 Direct Action Tour

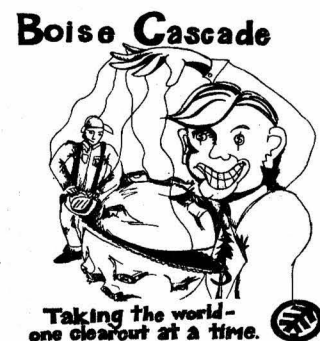
July 25-August 15: Rock Creek Mine-NW Montana. This mine is in the final EIS stage and could be implemented as early as this summer. The mine would go under the Cabinet-Yak wilderness area. Treatment of waste-water poses terrible threats to the streams of the area. In addition the location of the mine facilities is in a critical area of grizzly bear habitat.

August 16 to September 16: Bitterroot National Forest-Montana. This project is on a fast track and could be implemented this fall. The current proposal calls for the logging of 65,000 acres yielding 270 million board feet and the reconstruction of 600 miles of logging road to modern industrial standards. This is the largest timber sale ever proposed on National Forest Lands.

September 17-October 10: Stone Container Pulp Factory-French Town, MT. Stone is one of the worst polluters in the entire Northern Rockies ecosystem and we will serve notice that this is no longer acceptable.

If you are interested in attending any stop along the way or in joining us for a part or all of the tour please contact us. We have an info. packet we can send you. Food and transportation will be provided by Wild Rockies EF!

Classic Wild Rockies Earth First T-Shirts plus some new designs are now available. Be the latest Fashion plate in your town and help us raise some desperately needed funds. Shirts are 100% reused. (Rescued from thrift shop) Send us the size, color (give us a few options, and design



Wild Rockies Review

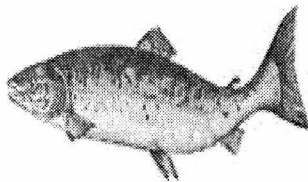
The Wild Rockies Review is a publication of Wild Rockies Earth First! We welcome any and all submissions that further bio-centric philosophy, direct action, anarchy, and anti-corporate information. This rag depends on the generosity and donations of our readers in order to exist. The Review will be put out on the two solstices and equinoxes. We welcome your letters to the editor, feel free to share your rants, raves, and criticisms in the next issue. WREF also accept communiques about all kinds of actions. The deadline for the next Review is September 1, 2001. Send your stuff to:
Wild Rockies Earth First!
P.O. Box 1742
Missoula, MT 59806

America STOP this madness!



What you can do to help:

- *you can join the WREF! Tour and help us in the field directly
- *spend some time helping us put out the Review, do outreach, and organize actions.
- *write to the officials responsible for this madness and ask them to stop it. (we can send you a contact sheet)
- *Distribute the Review and other propaganda in your city.
- *Do everything in your power to end the domination by corporations wherever you are in whatever way you choose.



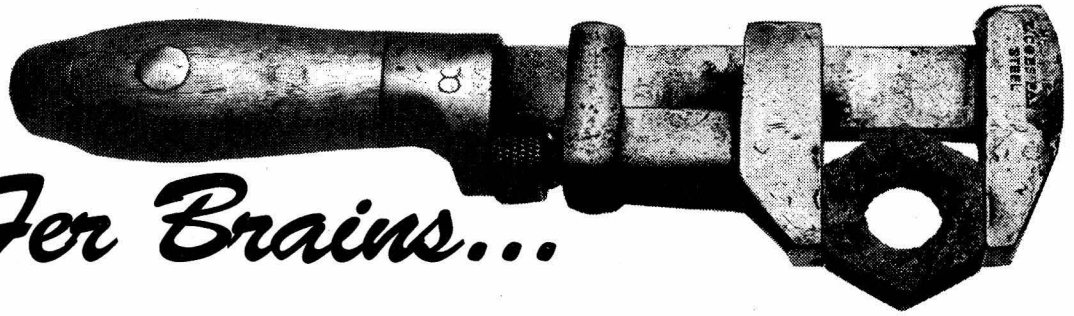
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This is a pathetic yet a truly heart felt plea for funds from us to you. The city has banned pan handling and since we are often mistaken for bums it is difficult to raise money . Please keep us from embarrassing ourselves at public functions or winding up in jail and send a few bucks our way. It cost a pretty penny to produce the Review and support our direct action field campaign. If you have no cash you could send coffee, stamps, spices, film, tea, climbing gear, or envelopes.

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- Here is my contribution to help you lowbaggers continue the resistance.
- I don't have any cash but please send me the Wild Rockies Review

Dear Shit For Brains...



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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to say your most recent issue was one of the best I have seen EF! produce. I especially enjoyed "The Lost Esoteric Art of the Wink." Unfortunately, for some this type of learning is a little late but its never too late to improve on methods. I sincerely hope you will continue this line of educating as the needs will greatly increase as notoriety increases. Anyone who reads into the "COINTELPRO" will realize that the government will not only spy on other countries but also on their own citizens and anyone who threatens the Status Quo.

Please continue what you are doing as it is appreciated by myself and others.

War on!

—TODD (HYUNG-RAE) TARSELLI

Dear EF!J,

I'm responding to the recent letters you have printed that have expressed opposition to ELF-style tactics.

If an assailant attacks you on the street, I would hope that you would do whatever necessary to secure your safety. This could entail fleeing the scene, or if required, applying counter-force against the attacker. If you agree that industrialism is inherently coercive, and that it entails both the destruction of ecosystems and the implementation of oppressively authoritarian political institutions, I would hope that you would either engage in or support any actions necessary to bring about industrialism's collapse. As opposed to the case of the street assailant, civilization offers few escape routes. Hence, the only alternative is to fight.

By petitioning the state and corporations for ecological favors while never questioning their legitimacy, "nonviolent" environmental organizations actually perpetuate the institutionalized violence that the current order is based upon. These "pacifists" need to step down from their moral high horse—every aspect of their existence is violent, from their support of the state to their usage of mass-produced commodities. With the exception of the few small-scale self-sufficient indigenous communities that remain, we all directly or indirectly subsist by means of the widespread destruction of other living beings, regardless of how minimalist or "organic" our consumption habits may be.

The impact that ELF-style actions have had so far in the fight against industrialism is not certain. What is certain is that wide-scale economic sabotage will be required if the machine is to be dismantled. If you view industrialism as coercive, then your actions and statements should reflect it! The implications of your existence won't be any less violent if you refuse to support those engaged in self-defense against entities responsible for the implementation of an imperialist social order.

—ANGRY AARDVARK

Dear Shit for Brains,

This is an open letter to anyone who has ever considered themselves a supporter of, or has stated that they were in solidarity with an imprisoned insurrectionist or saboteur. I'd like to start by saying that the truest form of solidarity that anyone has

shown me has been the continuing ELF/ALF actions, and the anti-authoritarian/anti-capitalist actions (no, not holding signs) happening throughout the world. Only by continual actions like these will we ever be able to overcome this dominant system. Only by hitting corporations and governmental establishments where they "feel" it will they ever collapse and take this "whose stinking order" with them. Writing 'zines, or letters to judges or Congress people has never changed anything, while destroying all of a corporation's assets, on the other hand, will remove them from their position of power, and if we're really lucky maybe a CEO may commit suicide or better yet go postal after having "lost it all." Destroying these pricks where they live, now that's solidarity. Walking around holding signs is a weak ass piss poor excuse for solidarity and support, whose main function is to pacify the minds of those who are too comfortable to act out in a way that will actually change something. Writing letters to fallen comrades raises the spirits of those of us who are incarcerated, but when someone picks up a bomb, instead of a pen, is when my spirits really soar.

Comrades of an accused person should never, except by reprinting a statement written by the accused, claim innocence or guilt for them in any matter, because misrepresenting them will only destroy their future credibility and possibly take power away from any message the perpetrators were trying to convey. It is their and their attorneys' job to deal with guilt or innocence.

If someone chooses to be a supporter, it is their duty to raise funds for retaining a competent lawyer, to make sure mistreatment of a prisoner be known, to spread the word that yet another comrade is being held hostage by the state, and most importantly keep up the fight. In no way am I saying not to write those that are locked up, because this indeed keeps one's spirits up, but what I am saying is don't make this the only things you do.

Revolt!

—CRITTER

To the editor,

I am in my eighteenth year of imprisonment for anti-nuclear/pollution actions and have 13 years of supervised release to follow the 27 year sentence. I will refuse to cooperate for reasons that I think others in the same situation should be aware of. The government doesn't really care when releasees like Rod Coronado live, work or travel or what views they express. The only point is to exact voluntary obedience.

My cell has a steel door and bars on the window. Outside are 2 fences with coils of razor wire and armed officers in patrol trucks. Obviously, I am no match for this physical force, so my remaining here cannot be considered voluntary.

Just the opposite is true of supervised release. That status seeks cooperation, and every act of it signals to the government that the releasee now belongs to it. First low level acquiescence, then the ante is upped. I have a friend whose probation officer actually forbade her attending her

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Dear Shit For Brains...

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own son's wedding! At each level, the tacit question is: How much are you willing to give to Caesar? Your freedom of movement? Freedom of speech? Your conscience? Your family?

Supervised release is a form of voluntary servitude. If a releasee is "silenced," it is by his own choice and cooperation. If that is, indeed, his intention, so be it, but the slogan should be Earth Fifth or Sixth, not First.

Sincerely,

—HELEN WOODSON
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Dear Shit for Brains:

Now that the *EF! Journal* has moved to Arizona, are we now supposed to become politically correct by pretending that immigration as well as other sources of overpopulation do not affect the environment? Are we supposed to become good Catholics?

I refer to the really stupid "Myths & Facts" on page 19 of the May/June issue. The lies stated here have been promoted by the Catholic Church for many years now. After multiplying out of control, Mexicans are now crossing the border "for a better life," i.e. to multiply out of control North of the border. Let them curb their population explosion, clean up their own environment and political scene. We have too many people in the US already. The US needs to decrease its population to below 50 million to have any hope of sustainability.

Pretending that corporations are the ultimate cause of evil is nonsense—overpopulation fuels corporate expansion and control, as does greed. Overpopulation fuels poverty and environ-

mental destruction.

Pretending that developers cause sprawl is even more stupid. If we do not increase our numbers either through fucking or immigration, they will not build because there will be no demand.

Has EF! forgotten its Earth-environmental roots. Has EF! been infiltrated by Catholic

doesn't allow me to point out all of the mistakes but here are a few key points.

1. Without immigrants and their children, the population of the US would actually be decreasing. If we want to stop suburban sprawl and loss of habitat, we have to address the root of the problem. The source of the problem is the demand

to stop the population bomb from exploding in the rest of the world but we do have the responsibility to stop immigration here in the US.

3. It may not be true everywhere but here in southwest Florida over 70% of children in school are either immigrants or children of immigrants. Why do you think those corporate high priests are so pro-immigration? They need a steady supply of new consumers to buy those CDs, new clothes, SUVs, single serving snacks etc.

Opposing immigration may not be PC but it's the right thing to do. The war for the Earth must be fought on many fronts. Habitat loss, toxic waste production, ancient forest destruction, global warming, genetically engineered foods—the list is seeming endless but one thing is certain. If we can't control our population, all the progress in the other areas will be meaningless.

For the Earth,

—M.M. SMITH



artwork by Pete Winick

social activists who glorify the poor, ignore overpopulation, and are willing to sacrifice the environment?

The Earth needs to be protected from destruction by the poor as well as the rich, from Mexicans and Gringos alike.

—ANNE BELLA

Dear SFB,

I read the article in the Beltane issue regarding "myths and facts" of immigration. The limited space

for housing which is driven primarily by population growth which is driven by immigration. This isn't scapegoating, it's just the hard facts.

2. If we want to cut off the supply of new converts (consumers) to the religion of supermaterialism we have to stop the tidal wave of immigrants. The US accepts more immigrants than all the rest of the world combined. Ever hear the phrase "think globally, act locally?" We may not be able

To the editor,

Folks, this ain't the field of dreams. Build it and they will come, my ass. This is big money we're talking about. No one's building shit unless they know there's already people waiting to move in. And the people just keep moving in.

So where do they come from? Quick geography quiz: Where do all the rich white people come from, and what is it that makes them so rich and so white?

ANSWER: California.

You know it's true. And this is what brings me around to say Dudes, you're guarding the wrong border.

Look at the subdivisions, look at the malls. What kind of people do you see? That's right, white people. Rich white people who like to go

to El Super Chocolate Chunk Mall to buy pictures of cute Indian children to put in their adobe homes in Vista del Double Fudge Nut Housing Community to remind themselves of what it was like here before their Viking-ass ancestors came to rape and pillage.

Now, look at the people we're spending so much money trying to keep out, the ones that show up dead in the desert. I saw pictures of some of them in *The Tucson Poet* not too long ago, and they didn't look too rich or too white to me.

So kids, it's simple. All we gotta do to bring sprawl to a crawl is just switch which border we're guarding. We've got the troops, and I'm sure ranchers from Yuma to Carson City will all be more than happy to pop any unwanted Calis trying to swim across the Colorado river.

We don't have to worry about the Mexicans. None of them will be moving into Vista del Double Fudge Nut any time soon. History has shown that it's poor, hardworking immigrants that have built America up, and soulless rich white leaches who have sucked it dry. So why are we killing the one and giving tax incentives to the other? We've got it all backwards, folks. Let's switch it around. Think of what a wonderful world it would be.

—ANONYMOUS

Cyborg Shit for Brain Activity,

Why doesn't the *Journal* cover the real enemy or at least the lifeblood of the enemy—technology? Technology is the primary means of accumulating power over nature and power over people.

If EF! is against concentration of power then it ought to be more anti-tech. Soon the technology of the police state (surveillance, identification, security and crowd control) will be so invincible that we can hardly imagine the consequences. Better take it out now.

Seems like the only chance we have to bring down the system is to attack all the technologies we can (computer, power systems, hospitals and broadcast/cable communication systems). To keep the post-revolution evolution healthy and decentralized, we will have to keep on destroying any complex technology we find or that attempts to self-resurrect.

—BEAST-BUSTER NEO

Dear *Journal* Collective,
I would like you to strongly



consider removing Ted Kazynski's name from the political prisoners list. What is a political prisoner? I think it's someone who is in jail for solely for her/his politics or someone whose sentence has been lengthened because of his/her politics. TK fits neither of these categories.

He is an implementer of the death penalty, more of-

ten than not randomly and without any accompanying political statement. His bombs were found by janitors, secretaries, college students, as well as the occasional mid-level corporate executive. Even his final victim was unintended.

I find it curious that people who generally oppose state sponsored death penalties heartily approve of implementing their own. It is no wonder at all how Stalin came to power. Leftists, when given the power of life and death,

Will someone kill me because of my opinion as he killed others for theirs (when he managed to reach his obscure targets, that is)? I ask this to make my point. It is a slippery slope to endorse the killing of people for any reason. When does it stop. Who is the arbiter of who should be killed? Ted Kazynski? This is the politics of the very paradigm I thought we were trying to transcend.

It is an insult to the likes of Leonard Peltier to list TK as a political prisoner. He is a criminal and a deranged one at that, who happens to have a political opinion, just like most prisoners. And since we don't list them all, we should be selective so as to further our own wilderness and biocentric agenda and not shoot it in the foot. To in any way express sympathy for TK offers our opponents ammunition to, in the words of J. Edgar Hoover, "neutralize and eliminate" us.

—DARRYL CHERNEY

Notification to Inmate and Publisher/Sender of Rejected Publication

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INSTITUTION: United States Penitentiary, Administrative Maximum

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RE: "EARTH FIRST!" May-June 2001 Pages 5, 38, 48, 56, and 74

The above named publication has been rejected in accordance with the Bureau of Prison's Program Statement 5266.09, Incoming Publications, which states in part: "The Warden may reject a publication if it is determined detrimental to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution or if it may facilitate criminal activity."

[excerpted... blah blah blah]

—MICHAEL V. PUGH, WARDEN

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-ARMED WITH VISIONS-

THE MORTALS EDGE

The sharp-as-glass monzonite Granite beats
a steady pulse loud so loud I can't resist;
It is the palpating PA-WUMP of life & death
laid bare and bleeding for better acquaintance...
I met Her face-to-face
on a four-star leader fall.

We are exposed & ravenous for a reality
beyond TV, a ride beyond seatbelts and stop signs,
main courses for the soul that defy packaging
and microwaves,

Not just the fingers that creep
along the tiny rock fractures,
(when Her slow-healing fissures meet
my oozing knuckle-cuts
we become Blood Sisters)

but also the heart
that must learn to accept the body's weight,
the mind's cruel wanderings,
the spirit's desire to fly.

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—Susan McCampbell Ring

MAY 21, 2000

I have finally
Discovered my home
The mellowed tang of melting leaves
Suits my nose.

I can finally distinguish
Eighteen shades of light green
Revel in the subtlety of designed
Jagged and lobed leaf-edges

Mud colored branches
Embrace instead of pierce
Barren sky without
Clouds that have comforted me.

I remain in love with
Red rock, spiny covered desert
Big slug moist embrace of west cascade
And now I add centipede and Honey
Suckle.

—Alix

FOR THE TREESITTERS

The treesitters live high
with the ancient giants
They call
themselves things
like Butterfly &
have those wild
& crazy eyes looking out
of the branches on my TV

I can't help but think
of them way up there
where the trees exhale
& the birds go
to have their wild
& crazy dreams

But it is not all just sap sugar
& tree breath
It is the way we all
can recognize that there is
something
moving up there
helping you sail through
all that weather

Tell us what the trees tell you
Translate their poetry
into something we all
can recognize
Give them your voices
& move us all

—Steve Toth

IN THE ARMS OF THE EARTH

Trying to move beyond human loneliness
in the arms of the Earth,
assumptions and dependency on another's
troubled mind a sickness
cured only by faith in the vast patterns
of unfolding natural time
Vanilla leaf and Pathfinder reaching up again
from the crumpled life trails we leave
many of us staying behind to ensure
that these five century-old firs
will still be standing to shelter the dreams
of our tribal children
singing old and new songs by the campfire,
expanding the circle of warmth and light
stopping from our hurried ways to talk deeply,
dive into the cleansing lake waters
with friends we only see here,
only touch once every one or two years.
More and more relations
of fertile colors of Earth joining us
in story, ritual, dance and struggle
—a young girl raising her hand in the
Nonviolence training,
Offering to risk the felony rap when all
the adults declined
—a brother from Chicago learning the wonders
of the “carnivorous forest with skags”—
together we find our way slowly further
like the small snail waving its feelers,
lifting the shell of its past life
over the small twigs
and crushed plants of our wanderings.
Naked bodies like the day we were born
swaying around the fire
pounding rhythms, swirling flames
and fireballs of pulsing energy
yet the bodies hold tequila;
the flames fume of kerosene;
a loud electric generator raises the volume.
We scavenge through a post-industrial
nightmare but bring up
industrial garbage
in our art of returning
as if we need to saturate ourselves
with the sounds of gunfire
in our mob-like purging.
Even as we step into the green-tinged world
of the Thrush's song
we scare away the bear

who would forage through our lives.
It's been such a long road here
of death, jail, love and courages—
time to rip up the asphalt
that is compacted our vision,
destroy the circumscribing painted lines
telling us to stay in oppressors' boundaries
like the roadpeckers in Warner Creek
and the bunnies on the Jack Road
but digging deeper into ourselves,
looking into our actions
and seeing our goals clearly reflected
seeing the sun sparkles glittering
on the waves more clearly
after diving deep into the cool that refreshes
History, a dead machine of lies
Our story, alive and breathing
glowing in the embers
of the fire that warms us
and lights our faces
as we look at each other
and see ourselves.

—Karen Coulter

NEW WORLD ODOR

On the neon winds of night
Wafting from some strange bright emporium
Of fast-forward food
Comes the ravenous aroma
Of frying cow flesh.

Vaporized bovine luridly lures
Consumers desperate to devour
Congealed grease on bleached bun
Garnished with glutinous “special sauce”
Tasteless tomatoes and limpid lettuce
Pitiful pickles and sad grey cheese.

Oh irresistible odor,
Belched from blackened smokestack,
Drift to my open window
With the diesel and dust.
Deliver to my senses
That graven image
Of the great
Hamburger fry in the sky,
Where Ronald McDonald holds court
And the souls of dead cows cavort
In the plastic Playland of eternity.
—Restless

CLEAR AS CUT GLASS AND JUST AS DANGEROUS!!!!

**SEND POEMS TO:
WARRIOR POETS SOCIETY
POB 14501
BERKELEY, CA 94712-5501**

Nonviolence & "Violent" Consequences?

July 28, 2000

To ELF:

The undersigned members of the Wisconsin environmental movement have a simple request for the Earth Liberation Front: stay out of Wisconsin.

The recent destruction of 500 trees in a federal forestry laboratory near Rhinelander, for which the ELF claimed responsibility, was an act as cowardly as it was stupid. The trees were not genetically engineered, which is your stated reason for the attack. However, even if they had been, we condemn your use of vandalism to make your point. Moreover, ELF members refuse to take responsibility for their violent acts. The principle laid down by responsible activists is that those who commit acts of civil disobedience should be willing to suffer the consequences of their actions. You pointlessly destroyed a legitimate long-term research project, committed \$750,000 in vandalism and then retreated to the shadows without attempting to justify your acts or to take personal responsibility for them.

Your website openly advocates the use of vandalism and violence. It suggests that powerlines should be sabotaged, transformers blown up, computers should be smashed, buildings should be flooded and trees should be spiked. It suggests that "nonviolence has violent consequences." We reject ELF's use of violence and its cowardice. ELF's methods are both morally reprehensible and damaging to the legitimate environmental movement. Stay out of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

—DAVID CIESLEWICZ,
1,000 FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN;

—CARYL TERRELL,
SIERRA CLUB, JOHN MUIR CHAPTER;

—DAVID WOOD,
CENTER ON WISCONSIN STRATEGIES;

—GARY WERNER, CONSERVATION CHAIR,
SIERRA CLUB, JOHN MUIR CHAPTER;

—SPENCER BLACK, RANKING MEMBER,
ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE;

—TODD AMBS,
RIVER ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN;

—PETER MCKEEVER,
HEARTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS;

—CARL ZICHELLA, MIDWEST REGIONAL
STAFF DIRECTOR, SIERRA CLUB

August 14, 2000

Fellow bipedal apes:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 28, 2000, sent to the Earth Liberation Front care of III Publishing. Since III Publishing has no direct involvement with ELF, but posts information about many environmental and liberation groups on our website, I have posted your letter to the site, where others may see it. Its exact address is www.iiipublishing.com/elfto.htm. My personal take on your letter is that you are confused about both environmental and moral issues.

You say ELF claimed responsibility for destroying trees in a federal forestry laboratory in Wisconsin. You say the trees were not genetically engineered. Why would anyone in their right mind believe anything corporations or national governments say at this point? Have you not noticed that you have been lied to, over and over again? Corporations and their wholly owned governments and news media are now habitually lying about ELF actions, consistently pretending that the targets were not engaged in practices harmful to the environment. It's the standard line.

You call the ELF action cowardly. So now environmentalists who risk their lives to save the environment are cowardly, but those who run paper-pushing organizations are what? Brave?

I doubt very much anyone is "using vandalism" to make a "point." ELF is destroying the things that are being used by corporations and government to destroy the Earth. This is called direct action. In my opinion, given how rapidly the Earth is being destroyed and how little is being done about it, a lot more direct action is needed.

You say my website "openly advocates the use of vandalism and violence." Actually, my website advocates minimizing violence by defending the Earth and her biped apes against institutionalized destruction and violence. You work with the government of Wisconsin and the US Federal Government, which are both violent organizations. They killed more than two million persons in the Philippines and more than two million in Vietnam, murdered most of the aboriginal peoples on this continent (estimates vary) and continue their murdering ways on a daily basis. They are murdering children in Iraq and peasants in Columbia as I write.

You say "ELF's methods are both morally reprehensible and damaging to the legitimate environmental movement." I presume that means you think you are the legitimate environmental movement. Need I comment on such arrogance?

You say "Stay out of Wisconsin." You don't own Wisconsin, though maybe your corporate sponsors think they own most of it. Certainly they own the politicians there, or the environment would not be in such trouble. But in reality no one owns the Earth.

I hate to break the news to you, but it's highly unlikely anyone would go to Wisconsin to do the action you described. I believe that if you could poll the people of those who live in the artificially constructed legal fiction, called the State of Wisconsin, and people could answer without fear, many more people would support ELF-style actions than you can imagine.

Why can't biotechnology food even be labeled as such in this country? Why can corporations flood the landscape with Roundup? Are these not acts of violence? If a company is doing its best to poison me and the Earth, have I no right to defend myself, my community and the Earth? The Third World War is the war against the environment by the multinational corporations and their flunky governments.

I admire the courage of those who do ELF-style actions and wish them well. I hope some day you join this struggle to save humanity and the environment.

—WILLIAM P. MEYERS
III PUBLISHING



The US military needed to save its prestige. So when an old Apache surrendered one day saying he was Geronimo, General Miles jumped at the chance and so did the east coast media. Newspaper headlines screamed, "Geronimo Captured." No one listened to the Apache scouts who tried to say otherwise. Geronimo never surrendered and lived out his life in the mountains of southern Arizona.

Of course the real man they called Geronimo they never did catch—the real Geronimo got away." ... to whites all Apache warriors looked alike, and no one realized that for awhile there were three different warriors called Geronimo.
—Almanac of the Dead

GERONIMO LIVES FOREVER

GERONIMO LIVES ON
IN THE SPIRIT OF RESISTANCE
AGAINST THE DESTROYERS
OF MT. GRAHAM
AND ALL SACRED
WILD PLACES.

TOUCH THE LAND.

FEEL THE POUNDING HEART
OF THE RESISTANCE.

LISTEN TO YOUR HEART,
AND THEN

DO WHAT GERONIMO
WOULD DO....

Geronimo lives forever
and he walks the ground we
share. Why don't we listen?
He might be here...

Radical Environmentalism in Israel continued

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and the revolutionaries almost always turn into the next oppressors. We began to feel that in order to repair the damage being done to the planet by the war-paradigm, we had to rid ourselves of warlike attitudes. We want not to fight for the Holy Land (as too many people are already doing), but to work for the sacred Earth. So, we organize neighborhood compost projects, plant urban gardens, lead nature clubs for kids, host ecology fairs and permaculture seminars and help our community move towards eco-village-ness. We are building solar ovens and a water reuse system for an organic tofu workshop. We also spend a lot of time just trying to get to know the land, since one of the worst aspects of the war mentality is destroying something you hate and fear because you don't understand it.

To be honest, we did not choose these activities purely out of a desire to be as peaceful as possible. A movement

has to consist of more than two people, and these were the only environmental activities we have been able to get anyone in our area interested in. Most progressive-minded Israelis are tired of conflict, especially after finishing the mandatory army duty both men

and women serve, and they aren't so eager to be on the "frontlines" of another confrontation. As further witness to just how deep the problem is, even limiting ourselves to such benign activities hasn't kept us from getting into conflicts with people about them. We've had two environmental education sites bulldozed. Once we cleaned up a garbage-filled urban lot and planted a garden with neighborhood kids, only to have the GLF (Garbage Liberation Front), apparently incensed at the imprisonment of trash in bins, free the diapers and soda cans to roam about freely again. If we had an affinity group interested in blockades we probably would have done them. If the affinity group eventually comes together as a result of our other activities (as we hope it will), we will try to expand our range of tactics, but as mudhead kachinas, not warriors.

Though there is more environmental activism going on in other parts of the country, we retreated from the overcrowded center to the still-green fringe up north, near Israel's borders with Lebanon and Syria. It's *cabala*-country, hilltop cities shrouded in clouds of mysticism, where even Woodsy Owl seems radical and progressive. The forest closest to our little village is one of the region's most diverse, with the typical planted pines and eucalyptus interspersed throughout the now rare native *horesh* of oak, cypress, pistachio, sumac and birch, with an understory of thorny bushes, climbing plants and outrageous wildflowers. It is actually called the John Lennon Wood! The story behind that is in 1969 John and Yoko sent acorns to all the world leaders (as in "fifty acorns tied in a sack..."), including then-prime minister of Israel Golda Meir.

On the other side of our village stands a massive 1000-year-old *aylah*, a type of wild pistachio tree, planted at the 2,000-year-old gravesite of Rabbi Tarfon whose saying, "You are not required to finish the work, but you are not allowed to withdraw yourself from it," inspires us when the task we've taken on seems impossible. Like when we discovered that raw

sewage is being dumped directly into the Wadi Amud nature preserve, which means directly into the Sea of Galilee, which means directly into our drinking water. Even more so when we discovered that our discovery wasn't news to anyone, that everyone knows raw sewage is going, not only into Wadi Amud, but into every wadi flowing into the Sea of Galilee. Or as we watch a road being gouged into the hillside right above Wadi

Amud, and every attempt to protest

is met with the refrain, "There's nothing to do about it." And each time another bite is taken out of the John Lennon forest. Like when... well, you get the point.

So on we go, seeking out like-minded people and trying to work together in a language we're still learning and across huge cultural gaps. There

has been some talk in the *Journal* about creating community within our own ranks... a difficult enough task which has yet to be achieved. In such a tiny country as Israel, we have realized that if there is any hope of doing anything positive for the land, we have to create a community with people who see the world very differently than we do.

Being more radical does not necessarily mean being more militant, it means overturning the destructive and warlike attitudes that are killing the wolves and griffin vultures, choking the streams, driving tanks over the wildflowers. Being militant may feel empowering and righteous as long as we're the underdogs, but what happens when we start winning? Do we take the next step, continue to up the stakes? Winning through war is ugly. It warps the winner. We must win some other way.

Israel holds a lot of spiritual power for people around the world. But it's a living bioregion, habitat and home to beautiful plants, animals, streams and forests, and the war being waged against the land is as real as the one being waged over territory. It is difficult to convince people raised in a climate of conflict that it doesn't do any good to fight for land which is being destroyed in the process. Being a "pacifist" doesn't always have the best name in EF! circles, and understandably so, since the word has connotations of being passive. In Hebrew, on the other hand, the word for peace, *shalom*, comes from the same root as the word for "whole." Ridding ourselves of the warlike attitudes we've all taken from a destructive dominant culture will make us more whole, more able to dream the dream and keep at the task of protecting the sacred, holy land.



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The Heart of the Ecowarrior continued

Ecowarrior

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In our modern age of centrally organized, militarized police forces, our only hope for an effective counterforce is through widely dispersed individuals operating under an overarching banner. Even the traditional "cell" organization of guerrilla opposition is subject to infiltration by the constabulary. What is necessary now is a truly anarchist organization, with no leaders, no followers and no organizational structure.

While Earth First! groups and the annual Round River Rendezvous may be fun, they necessarily draw attention to our unswerving opposition to the dominant paradigm and serve as a convenient fishing hole for would-be FBI informants, industry sycophants and government toadies. The popularity of such gatherings has driven many from the fold, preferring instead to conduct their creative field services beyond the light of public scrutiny, in the cool enveloping darkness of remote locations and stealthy maneuvering.

While EF! puts on the lively show, blocks the roads and timber sales, dances on the capital steps and makes bold speeches in highly visible gatherings, we distract attention from those who avoid public recognition, who prefer to work in anonymity, who treasure the unstructured, unfettered life of the solitary activist, who carry the banner and the ideal of Earth First! in their hearts but not on their sleeves.

In effect, Earth First! has two activist arms. The public, propaganda arm consists of highly visible, politically pointed protests, guerrilla theater, road and equipment lock-downs, banner hangings and assorted public protests against corporate excess. The actions of this group serve to educate the public, bring attention and additional resources to the cause and thrust a well-placed middle finger in the face of the established authority. These activities are designed to create a respite for beleaguered and threatened ecosystems, giving those who work within the existing system increased oppor-

tunities to craft and implement legal impediments to corporate hegemony. At the same time, a dispersed minority of EF! followers prefer the muted clink of bolt cutters in the night air, the slow drip of vital fluids on cooling desert sands, the solid thunk of a well placed spike and the cheery glow of blazing billboards against the night sky.

These pleasant evening activities harken back to the mythic origins of Earth First! and the ecowarrior tradition. Ned Ludd is our patron saint, reminding us that it is not people we oppose, but social institutions that oppress human individuals and bring about widespread destruction of the wild. As ecowarriors, we have an obligation to ourselves and to our fellow activists. Doc Sarvis explained the guiding principles of ecotage in Ed Abbey's *Hayduke Lives* as the code of the ecowarrior: 1. No one gets hurt. 2. Don't get caught. 3. If you do get caught, you're on your own. 4. The ecowarrior forms no network, creates no club or party or organization of any kind. 5. The ecowarrior works without recognition or reward. 6. Keep fit. 7. The ecowarrior does not fight people. S/he fights an institution: the Planetary Empire of Growth and Greed.

This doesn't mean we can't enjoy our gatherings around the fire, our naked woo-woo dances, our activist workshops and our monthly strategy sessions. Remember that the security industry is searching for just these signs of centralized organization to infiltrate, instigate and to incarcerate those perceived as the movement leaders. We may know in our hearts that we have no leaders, but they must show results in order to justify their own oppressive regime. It is up to us to deny them any satisfaction at our expense. In our activist lives, we choose our strategies, our tactics, our field of battle. We cannot afford to discard any of our tools; we cannot ignore any effective tactics. We must make use of all resources available to oppose the corporate growth maniacs, who want only one thing in this world: everything!

Eco-Executive Salaries: Ever wonder where your membership dues go?

Group and Executive/1998-99 salary

Ducks Unlimited Matthew Connolly Jr., executive vice president	\$346,882	The Wilderness Society William Meadows, president	\$204,591
National Wildlife Federation Mark Van Putten, president	\$247,081	Defenders of Wildlife Rodger Schlickeisen, president and CEO	\$201,337
World Wildlife Fund Kathryn Fuller, president	\$241,638	Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund Vawter "Buck" Parker, president	\$157,583
National Audubon Society John Flicker, president	\$239,607	Sierra Club Carl Pope, executive director	\$138,103
Natural Resources Defense Council John Adams, executive director	\$238,964		

Give Up Activism continued...

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As an activist you have to deny your own desires because your political activity is defined such that these things do not count as "politics." You put "politics" in a separate box to the rest of your life. Because it is in this separate box, "politics" exists unhampered by any real-world practical considerations of effectiveness. The activist feels obliged to keep plugging away at the same old routine unthinkingly, unable to stop or consider, the main thing being that the activist is kept busy.

Part of being revolutionary might be knowing when to stop and wait. It might be important to know how, when and when not to strike for maximum effectiveness. Activists have this "we must do something now!" attitude that seems fueled by guilt. This is completely untactical.

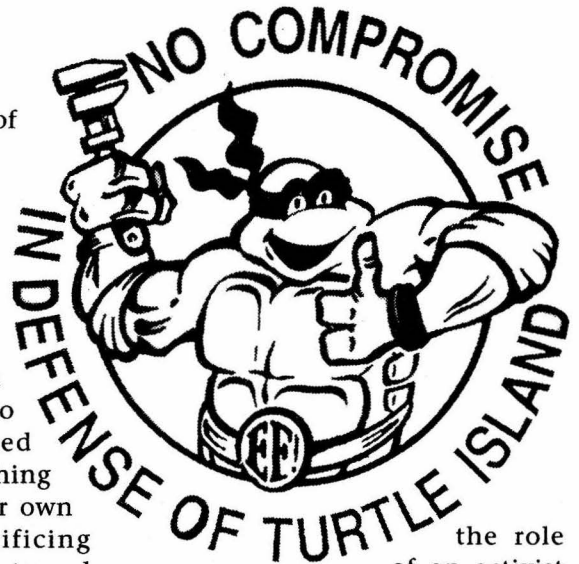
The self-sacrifice of the activist is mirrored in their power over others as an expert—like a religion there is a kind of hierarchy of suffering and self-righteousness. The activist assumes power over others by virtue of a greater degree of suffering. The activist uses moral coercion and guilt to wield power over others less

experienced in the religion of suffering. Their subordination of themselves goes hand in hand with their subordination of others—all enslaved to "the cause." Self-sacrificing politicians stunt their own lives and their own will to live—this generates a bitterness and an antipathy to life which is then turned outwards to wither everything else. We can see this in our own movement. The self-sacrificing martyr is offended and outraged when he or she sees others that are not sacrificing themselves.

In the old religious cosmology, the successful martyr went to heaven. In the modern worldview, successful martyrs can look forwards to going down in history. The greatest self-sacrifice, the greatest success in creating a role (or even better, in devising a whole new one for people to emulate—e.g. the ecowarrior) wins a reward in history—the bourgeois heaven.

Isolation

The activist role is a self-imposed isolation from all the people we should be connecting to. Taking on



the role of an activist separates you from the rest of the human race as someone special and different. People tend to think of their own first person plural (who are you referring to when you say "we?") as referring to some community of activists, rather than a class. For example, for some time now in the activist milieu it has been popular to argue for "no more single issues" and for the importance of "making links." However, many people's conception of what this involved was to make links with other activists and other campaign groups, voluntarily relegating ourselves to the ghetto of good causes.

Our activity should be the immediate expression of a real struggle, not the affirmation of the separateness and distinctness of a particular group.

Activism reproduces the structure of this society in its operations. This is the basis of capitalist social relations. Capital is a social relation between people mediated by things—the basic principle of alienation is that we live our lives in the service of some *thing* that we ourselves have created. If we reproduce this structure in the name of politics that declares itself anti-capitalist, we have lost before we have begun. You cannot fight alienation by alienated means.

Contact the author via SDEF! c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY, England.

Questionnaire for Potential Revolutionaries

1. Do you think about Revolution:
 - a) often
 - b) infrequently
 - c) only after consuming alcohol
2. Which Revolution do you think about most often?
 - a) the American Revolution
 - b) the Sexual Revolution
 - c) robots taking over
3. Where were you when Vail burned?
 - a) watching TV
 - b) no comment, I want to speak with a lawyer
 - c) can't remember
 - d) all of the above
4. What special skills would you be able to bring to the Revolution?
 - a) tenure
 - b) hacking (IBM/Mac?)
 - c) profound spiritual awareness
 - d) awesome boots
5. How do you prefer Revolutions to occur?
 - a) after 10:00 a.m.
 - b) in cyberspace
 - c) through electoral politics
 - d) other
6. What distribution of capital would you support after the Revolution?
 - a) cash only
 - b) any ATM machine
 - c) mutual funds

Hypocrisy is the Greatest Luxury

BY CRIME THINC.

It is impossible to avoid hypocrisy in any struggle against the status quo.

Political and economic structures are constructed so that it is practically impossible to avoid being implicated in their workings. Today, whatever a person thinks of the employment opportunities available or of our economic system itself, there is almost no choice except to work if you don't want to struggle for food or die of an illness due to unaffordable health care. If you do not believe in material property, you still have no choice but to buy food, clothing and to buy or rent living

space—for there is no free land left that has not been claimed by someone, almost no food or other resources anywhere that are not someone's "property."

If people want to distribute material criticizing the capitalist system of production and consumption, they still have no way to produce and distribute this material without paying to produce it, and selling it to consumers to finance production. If a

person does not want to finance the brutal torture and slaughter of animals in the name of capitalism, you can stop eating meat and dairy products, purchasing health products which are tested on animals and wearing leather and fur; but there are still animal products in the film for cameras, movies, vinyl records and in countless other products. The companies you buy vegetables from are most likely connected to the companies who make meat and dairy products, and these vegetables themselves were probably picked by oppressed labor.

This does not mean that resistance is futile. Indeed, if our choices today are so limited that we cannot act without replicating the conditions from which we were trying to escape, resistance is all the more crucial.

Besides, demands that we avoid hypocrisy deny the complexity of the human soul. The human heart is not simple; every human being has a variety of desires which pull him or her in different directions. To ask that a human being only pursue some of those desires and always ignore others is to ask that he or she remain permanently unfulfilled... and curious. This is typical of the kind of dogmatic, ideological thinking which has afflicted us for centuries: It insists that the individual must be loyal to one

set of rules and only one, rather than doing what is appropriate in a particular situation.

It might well be true that the whole self can only be expressed in hypocrisy. Certainly a person needs to formulate a general set of guidelines regarding the decisions one will make, but to break occasionally from these guidelines will prevent stagnation and offer an opportunity to consider whether any of the guidelines need re-evaluation. A person who is not afraid to be hypocritical from time to time is in a great deal less danger of selling out permanently one day,

It is impossible to avoid hypocrisy in any struggle against the status quo.

because he or she is able to taste the "forbidden fruit" without feeling forced to make a permanent choice. This person will be immune to the shame and eventual despair that will afflict the person who strives for perfect "innocence."

So be proud of yourself as you are, don't try to get the inconsistencies in your soul to match up in a false and forced manner or it will only come back to haunt you. Rather than holding inflexibly to a set system, let us dare to reject the idea that we must be faithful to any particular doctrine in our efforts to create a better life for ourselves. Let us not claim to be innocent, let us not claim to be pure or right. But let us proclaim proudly that we are hypocrites, that we will stop at nothing, not even hypocrisy, in our struggle to take control of our lives. In this age when it is impossible to avoid being a part of the system we strive against, only blatant hypocrisy is truly subversive—for it alone speaks the truth about our hearts, and it alone can show just how difficult it is to avoid living the modern life which has been prepared for us.

The thing is to act, to act joyously, not to accept that we are helpless to effect change, even if we really are. For if we seek to resist the roles and lives set forward for us, if we fight a spirited fight against the forces that would keep us in despair, if we dare to act on our own and to act passionately and joyously, then that is in itself the revolution we seek.



Life is full of contradictions, there's no denying it.

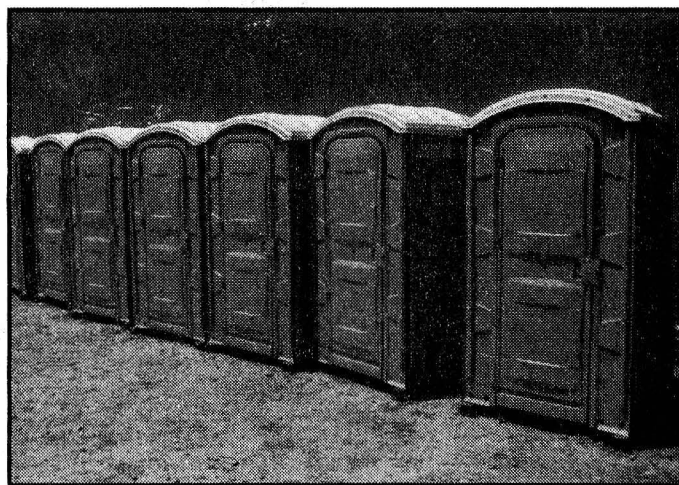


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For years, some EFlers insisted on hauling chemical toilets into wilderness areas during the Round River Rendezvous.

Deep Ecology, EF! and Anarchism continued...

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The slogan Earth First! is quite brilliant, because it expresses what everyone's priority should be. Large numbers of people were inspired by this slogan to come forward and make personal sacrifices for non-human life forms. But people can make contributions to the defense of biodiversity, wildlife or wilderness, and yet not be theoretically aware. In general (there are some exceptions), the *Earth First! Journal* does not pay much attention to theoretical issues within deep ecology, what the actual spectrum of positions are and what this means for the direction of a revolutionary movement against industrial civilization.

The article by Daktari, "Ecocentric Anarchy," has a microscopic analysis focused on the *Journal*. It does not deal with any of the larger issues or produce the evidence for why eco-anarchism is necessary for an "ecotopian society." I do not believe it to be true that the radical environmentalism of Earth First!ers is based upon their alleged anarchist beliefs. Anarchist ideas are mainly an add-on.

There was an extended and lively critical discussion on anarchy during 1986-87 in the *Journal*, involving a number of writers and letters to the editor. One important focus of discussion was whether or not there was

a necessity for a state to combat ecological destruction and social disorder (i.e. to protect humans), versus the anarchist dissent from such a position. Dave Foreman and John Davis were then with the paper, and theoretical discussions played a large role in the *EF! Journal*. Today a simplified anarchy is promoted as a *fait accompli*.

The *Journal* has shown little interest in examining what a left position within deep ecology entails and what its contradictions are. The theoretical fusion that Judi Bari was engaged in, for example, has not been seriously examined. Similarly for the work done by left biocentrists. The work of people like Andrew McLaughlin, Richard Sylvan and Rudolf Bahro is unknown to most EF!ers. Instead of such a theoretical discussion, there has been a persistent flirtation with social ecology and anarchism, as if this would solve the non-ecological questions. Coalitions with others are fine only if the defense of the natural world remains the first priority. Deep ecology has to work out its own trajectory, not just "add on" anarchism or social ecology. Even in adding on anarchism, while there is much to admire in it, there are many contradictions which a serious, ecocentric revolutionary movement needs to examine. Just as there is a spectrum of positions within deep



Anarchy in the USA: Folks on the street in struggle for a green future.

ecology, the same is true for anarchism.

The theoretical tendency which is undermining EF! can be called "social environmentalism." Essentially, social justice is upheld above environmental justice. Social ecology, anarchist and eco-feminist beliefs feed this position. Negative language is used to promote social environmentalism, e.g. "white," "privilege," "white male," likely to soften up ecocentric activists and make them feel guilty about something they cannot change, that is, their social origins. This is a psychological ploy to put ecocentric activists on the defensive and make them uncritical of social environmentalism. With social environmentalism, aboriginal interests are prioritized above wildlife and wilderness/park/old-growth interests.

Of course, human social interests are important, but they must be secondary to Earth preservation. My position on the events leading up to the eventual split in EF!, which resulted in Foreman, Davis and quite a number of others disassociating themselves from the *Journal*, is given in a 1990 letter "Points of Consideration re: the Earth First! Debate." I did not see this as the triumph of anarchism in the *EF! Journal* as does Daktari. I said that social justice was only possible in a context of ecological justice, that the US was the contemporary imperial world power and "what this means for the soul and practice of EF! has to be a major concern, not dismissed as leftist anthropocentrism."



What should be the belief system of radical deep ecology supporters? My limited examination of anarchism has made me much more sympathetic than when I started out. Yet the anarchism I am supportive of is collectivist, not based on the supremacy of the individual.

Left biocentrism has been influenced by two thinkers who have been described as anarchists: Richard Sylvan and Rudolf Bahro. Therefore left biocentrism (and by extension deep ecology) needs to see anarchism as contributing to its theoretical exploration. Support for anarchism should be considered a non-antagonistic contradiction among left biocentrists.

Some of the contradictions within anarchism have been pointed out. There is a friendly, but substantive critique from our side of the barricades. I do not believe we can say with certainty what the new organizational forms need to be for the future post-

industrial Earth-centered society, or that anarchism mimics in some way how the natural world is organized. There is also the baggage that anarchism carries, both among the non-anarchist left and the public at large, where anarchy is mistakenly equated with chaos and disorder.

I do think we have to treat the existing institutions with disdain and work to create alternative structures within industrial society. Anarchist thinking contributes to this. Anarchism also helps us understand that we cannot fundamentally change the state by marching through its institutions. The green electoral road is therefore a cul de sac. Deep ecopolitics need to be entirely different from existing green electoral reformism.

State-organized societies, whatever their economic configurations, do not seem to be ecologically sustainable in the long term. Anarchism helps us see

this. Yet for left biocentrists, it is a class-influenced industrial society which is the main target of our organizing.

We do need to remember that political categories like the "market" and "state" are not tied to any particular economic formation such as capitalism. Richard Sylvan spoke of supporting "regulated markets without capitalism." It is the increasing high-speed complexity of current industrialized societies, with their global inter-linkages and the globalization of capital, which suggest that a single-minded anarchist focus on opposition to the state belongs to the past.

I believe that anarchism should be part of the "left" in left biocentrism.

An uncondensed version of this article, "My Path to Left Biocentrism: Part V—Deep Ecology and Anarchism," is available from Green Web, RR #3, Salt Springs, Nova Scotia, BOK 1PO, Canada; greenweb@fox.nstn.ca; fox.nstn.ca/~greenweb.

Yet More Letters...

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Dear EF,

In regards to the activities of ELF, I figure it was inevitable that such a thing would evolve. Coming under the jurisdiction of "those that can't stop themselves must be stopped." Perhaps not, but it's certainly worth a try! What they got that I don't have is raw courage and youth. And that goes for ALF too, maybe even more so, since ya can't just burn down a lab, or fur farm full of critters, tho I suspect that act in itself would be more humane. There's that word again! Conjures up the scene at the end of the movie "Saving Private Ryan" as Capt. Hanks was laying on the ground telling the guy they all died for in saving, "Earn this." Yeah, that world "humane" needs some work!

—CORY E. MASON

Dear SFB,

Thank you for inspiring me! Its groups like yours and Earth Liberation Front that have advanced the conservative movement in America! People are suffering and dying all over the world and all you sick fuckers can do is whine and cry about animals and plant life. No wonder our people are hated all over the world! I have started my own club! It has only 4 members now, but we are starting recruitment soon. To be a member you have to promise to dump 1 quart of oil per week in a stream, river or storm drain. Once per month we travel to any national park and dump weed killer on the protected plant life. Every three months we meet and see who has killed the most endangered species. The winner gets a \$500 bonus! Write back if you'd like to join our club!

—B. KAUFMAN <ARNIEK@INREACH.COM>
PRESIDENT OF CARE (CALIFORNIANS AGAINST
RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALISM)

P.S. If you stop your activities, so will we!



Dear EF! Journal Collective,

Upon reading the Litha issue, I couldn't believe that you didn't include me in your staff photo! After all the time I spend in your office, after all the fun games of catch and "bark at the new person coming through the door," how could you insult me like this? Some members of your editorial clique (who shall remain unidentified) need to examine whether they are truly biocentric thinkers, or just speciesist human nincompoops.

Love and rage,

—ELLEN

CLINTON'S ROADLESS POLICY: FACT OR FRAUD?

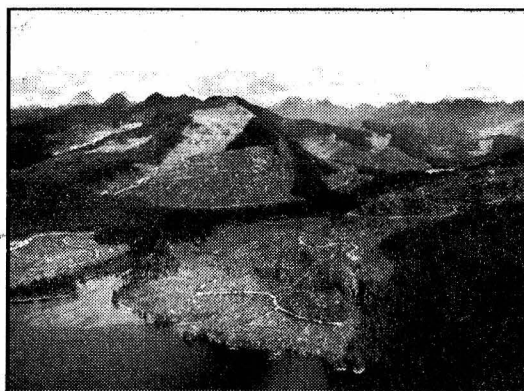
BY DENISE BOGGS

The sad truth about former President Bill Clinton's roadless policy is not that it protects too much, but that it protects too little. Despite media rhetoric, western lawmakers and the beneficiaries of corporate welfare (logging, grazing and mining industries), the Roadless Area Conservation Policy doesn't ban road building. Conservation policy provides numerous justifications for continued logging and permits motorized recreation, mining, oil and gas drilling, grazing and other practices that are inconsistent with the public's perception that these roadless areas have been protected.

So why did the environmental community settle for this incredible loss while simultaneously hailing it as a major victory? The answer lies in the vast difference between local, grassroots environmental groups and big-money national organizations. Many of the large national environmental groups are obsessed with acquiring and retaining political power and influence. They fail to hold the line for genuine environmental protection for fear of alienating the real power brokers: politicians and corporate campaign contributions. The result is deal cutting, compromise and the fettering away of the nation's last wild places. Environmentalists are often labeled "extremists," yet we are fighting for the last two per-

cent of our native forests. The other 98 percent has already been logged. Who exactly is the extremist? And why are the national groups so quick to barter away that last two percent?

The distinction between the grassroots and national organizations is critical to understanding why so little real environmental protection has occurred in the past 20 years. Many in the grassroots community



believe the Roadless Area Conservation Policy was a ruse to help get Al Gore elected, and several people working on the Heritage Forest Campaign were counting on a job in a Gore administration.

It is unconscionable that self-proclaimed environmental advocates would pander to politicians and big money at the expense of the environment, but that is exactly what happened with the Roadless Area Conservation Policy. According to the Republican polling firm

American Viewpoint, most Americans want to ban all logging, mining, off-road vehicle use and other destructive activities from unspoiled areas in our national forests. American Viewpoint found 76 percent of voters nationally favor that goal, with only 19 percent opposed. The poll found support held across geographic regions with 80 percent support in the East, 73 percent in the South, 78 percent in the Midwest and 72 percent in the West.

What the national organizations settled for is not what many of the grassroots groups or the American people asked for. The very sad truth is that our roadless areas have not been protected from anything.

The Heritage Forest Campaign was a failure that left grassroots forest activists worse off than before. Frankly, our work has become more difficult under the conservation policy because it gives the Forest Service carte blanche to enter roadless areas under the "exceptions" and "modifications" included in it, and the public has the perception that roadless areas have been protected. It is a great disservice to us all to declare victory where none exists. There is a monumental difference between a paper victory that will allow untold environmental degradation to continue and a substantive victory that protects the integrity of the land and life contained therein.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Golfers Love Uranium Drivers

A once-secret metal used to penetrate enemy armor is helping golfers hit very long shots. The metal—a combination of ceramic, tungsten and four other materials—was "necessary" because steel and titanium are too soft to pierce modern-day armor. An ex-navy engineer working with a small golf company in Connecticut, NGC Golf, has applied the metal to the face of a driver, and some golfers are hitting shots so far they have to use the three-wood on a par four to avoid over-hitting the green.

"Twenty-three years in the business, and I have never seen shots hit so far. This new Armor Pierce Metal clobbers balls like

a battering ram. There is virtually no loss of energy at impact. All the juice goes into the ball. At high-club speeds, it can actually break balls! And it's easy to control," stated a news story published by the Gannet news empire.

When NGC Golf was asked if the metal in question was depleted uranium, the receptionist insured that it was, as if there were cause for worry. Didn't it concern her that her company was selling nuclear waste? Not at all. For more information, contact (800) 285-3900; www.ngcgolf.com.

Farmers Flock to Block Burps

Australian farmers are signing up

their livestock to take part in a proposed methane vaccine program. "Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas—around 21 times more potent in greenhouse terms than carbon dioxide," said Dr. Rob Kelly of CSIRO Livestock Industries. He continued, "Sheep and cattle produce significant amounts of this gas as part of their normal digestive process, producing around 14 percent of Australia's total greenhouse emissions." The commercial vaccine is expected to reduce methane emissions by 20 percent or a "total saving equivalent to that which would result from a reduction of 300,000 tonnes in carbon dioxide." The hope is to have one million cattle and two million sheep available for vaccination every year starting in 2005.

Corresponding with Timothy McVeigh

Priya,

I have a serious backlog of work right now, but I wanted to drop you a quick note to let you know I received and read your letters. I, in fact, agree with your observations; it has simply been a question of getting reporters to present my words in context. Thanks for taking the time to write, esp. the lengthy "T = E S." — trust that I'm workin' on it.

As I wrote FOX's Rita Cosby: 'Many foreigners hate Americans for the exact reasons most Americans have said they loathe me. Think about it.'

BY WARCRY

Terrorist (adjective or noun): The systematic use of terror especially as a means of coercion; characteristic of someone who employs terrorism as a political weapon.

Only weeks before Timothy McVeigh's execution (which he referred to as "state-assisted suicide"), I wrote him a letter titled "Truth and Execution Strategy." I had read an essay McVeigh wrote in 1998, which discussed the legacy of brutality in US foreign policy as well as the double standards in society, which enabled and even applauded such aggression.

Remember Dresden? How about Hanoi? Tripoli? Baghdad? What about the big ones—Hiroshima and Nagasaki? At these two locations, the US killed at least 150,000 non-combatants in the blink of an eye. Thousands more took hours, days, weeks or months to die. (T. McVeigh, June 1998, *Media Bypass* magazine)

Being a student of International Relations, I knew McVeigh was pointing out the obvious. He had an accurate analysis of US capacity to inflict damage on a vastly more devastating scale than most other nations. As the world's pre-eminent superpower, this nation has the most advanced weaponry and has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to use it indiscriminately.

I asked McVeigh if he would be willing to extend a similar acknowledgment to the "non-combatants" he killed in Oklahoma City. In my letter, I pointed out the contradiction of hating the government, and yet mirroring its disregard for human life. Whether we like it or not, McVeigh's "propaganda of the deed" set a historical precedent. A clarification from him recognizing the wrong of targeting civilians might prevent would be imitators from taking lives in the future. Furthermore, the state consolidated its defenses as a result of Oklahoma City and only grew stronger. After the bombing, the government passed reams of anti-terrorist legislation.

At his sentencing, McVeigh quoted US Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, "Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or ill, it teaches the whole people by its example." I wrote McVeigh that, "Napalm and nuclear weapons are pretty good examples of what the government teaches. Your use of the phrases—body count, collateral damage, etc. in your interviews, indicate

Wishing you luck and success,
Priya.

Tim

exactly which lessons you've learned. We put the Germans on trial in Nuremberg after World War II, but who put the US on trial for the five million people killed in Southeast Asia, or the millions of Native Americans and Africans that were killed here? This continent was soaked in blood long before you came along, Tim." He responded to me by saying, "I, in fact, agree with your observations."

Aside from US bombing victims, more than a million people have been killed in Iraq as a result of the US sanctions alone, according to a 1996 UNICEF report. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, when questioned in a 60 minutes interview specifically about the dying Iraqi children, responded "we think the price is worth it."

Do people think that government workers in Iraq are any less human than those in Oklahoma City? That Iraqis don't have families who will grieve and mourn the loss of their loved ones? Do people come to be-

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lieve that the killing of foreigners is somehow different than the killing of Americans? (T. McVeigh, June 1998, *Media Bypass* magazine)

When I mention that Tim McVeigh wrote to me, people sometimes act offended. Would they be equally repelled if Henry Kissinger or Madeline Albright had written to me instead? Both of whom are responsible for a far greater "body count" than McVeigh. Some dismiss McVeigh's critique, because he had been linked to white supremacist groups. I've never heard McVeigh advocate racist ideas, however I have heard him discuss government misconduct at length. I can only conclude that the former is far less important to him than the latter. My purpose is not to excuse anything about McVeigh—but rather, to put his terrorism into a useful perspective for social analysis.

This country condemned McVeigh and cut him off like a cancer without recognizing that the whole body politic was diseased. If McVeigh was a monster, it's because this system needs and creates monsters. We know he was responsible for tremendous horror in Oklahoma City, but who is responsible for Timothy McVeigh?

"I wanted to see more of the world. I had never really gotten out of my hometown. I fell for the sales slogans: "Be all you can be" and, "We do more before nine o'clock than most people do in a day." I said, alright, let's try it." (McVeigh interview with *Time* magazine)

McVeigh was a decorated veteran of the Persian Gulf War, which he referred to "as getting medals for

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killing people." As a soldier, he recognized Waco as an act of war on the American people, and he reacted the way he was trained to, violently. When I had read that he was submitting the poem *Invictus* by William Henley as his final statement, I wrote saying that "such a dramatic exit wasn't going to be enough." I encouraged McVeigh to use the attention around his execution to attack US foreign policy and the massive social hypocrisies that legitimize government criminality. I didn't want McVeigh to squander the world's attention with a melodramatic poem that according to *USA today*, "rebellious teenagers give to their parents." I suggested that he "highlight the actions of the most powerful terrorist on the block, by contextualizing his atrocity with those committed by the state." In my response to his letter, I described to McVeigh a short anti-war punk rock music video I had just completed which uses Vietnam war era footage. It is a gruesome but truthful history lesson for the kids who would see it.

No matter what McVeigh said, his words would be overwhelmed by the bloodiness of his actions. Maybe that's

why he chose to say nothing. The day McVeigh died, I received an envelope from him in the afternoon mail. In his final hours, he had forwarded to me a letter from a 77 year-old man who wanted to start an anti-war group in Arizona called "War No More" and wanted McVeigh to describe his experiences as a soldier in the hopes of teaching school kids about the consequences of war. Enclosed with the letter was the famous photo of the little Vietnamese girl who had been napalmed and was running down a road with her brother—their faces full of agony. Exactly what my video was about. Maybe my video could be of use. Why did he fail to assert the issues and criticisms he raised in his essays and interviews in front of an attentive world? What the hell can I do about it now? I was really disappointed that he hadn't said anything useful about this entire tragedy. What a waste of 168 lives and now 169.

That evening, Tom Brokaw referred to the execution as "McVeigh's twisted legacy" and encouraged viewers to "keep faith in the law." President Bush addressed the matter as "concluded." The only follow up reporting was on the tumultuous feelings of the bombing survivors, and details such as McVeigh's last meal and how quickly the lethal injection worked.

Terre Haute, Indiana, where McVeigh died, is French for "high ground"—ironic in a situation where no moral high ground is available for this nation. McVeigh's last words to me were, "Most foreigners hate Americans for the exact reasons most Americans have said they loathe me. Think about it."

The only thing out of the ordinary about Tim McVeigh was that he launched an act of pure tactical aggression on US soil. McVeigh was a terrorist because he used terror for political ends, but by that definition, he's hardly the only one.

All those here share a single penalty for the same fault. He said no more.

Inferno VI/Dante



Prisoner Support: They Are in There for Us

Ecodefense

•Jeremiah Rush Bowen #108016, DCC, 1140 E. 10 Road, Delta, CO 81416. Serving two years for the attempted arson of a townhouse in Boulder, Colorado, in the summer of 2000.

•Jeffrey Luers (a.k.a. Free) #13797671, 82911 Beach Access Rd, Umatilla, OR 97882. Recently sentenced to 22 years for 11 charges relating to two arsons in Eugene, Oregon.

•Craig Marshall (a.k.a. Critter) #13797662, 2605 State St, Salem, OR 97310. Serving a five and a half year sentenced for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of unlawful devices.

•Ted Kaczynski #04475-046, US Pen-Admin Max Facility, POB 8500, Florence, CO 81226.

•Helen Woodson #03231-045, FMC Carswell, POB 27137 Admin Max Unit, Fort Worth, TX 76127. Serving 27 years for robbing a bank and then setting the money on fire while reading out a statement denouncing greed, capitalism and the destruction of the environment.

•Lee Himlin EX7748, HMP Perry Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, N65 3AG, England. On remand for criminal damage to quarrying equipment at the Nine Ladies quarry.

•Nikos Maziotis, c/o Dafni Vaganou, Ozortz 3, 10689 Athens, Greece. Serving five years for bombing the Greek Ministry of Industry in solidarity with the residents of Strymonikos Bay opposed to the attempts by TVX-Gold to build a factory there.

•Silvano Pellissero, Com. Mastrolferio, Via Ferrerinioli #2, Sanponso, 10080 Torino, Italy. Serving six years and eight months for allegedly sabotaging a rail line construction site in the Northern Italian Alps. Silvano reads French, Spanish and Italian (not English).

Animal Liberation

•Mel Broughton DJ8216, HMP The Mount, Molyneux Avenue, Bovingdon, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 0NZ, England. Serving four years for conspiracy to cause explosions.

•Barry Horne VC2141, HMP Belmarsh, Western Way, Thamesmead, London SE28 0EB, England. Serving 18 years for various anti-vivisection arsons and attempted arsons.

•Dave Blenkinsop, HMP Dedford, MK40 1HG, England. On remand for allegedly causing grievous bodily harm to the managing director of Huntingdon Life Sciences.

•Bloomington Defense Committee, POB 3503, Bloomington, IN 47402; (812) 333-0173; defensecommittee@yahoo.com.

•Santa Cruz 2 Defense Fund, POB 917, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; railpirate@apexmail.com.

•Free and Critter Support Committee, 454 Willamette St Ste 205, Eugene, OR 97401; (541) 343-8548; www.efn.org/~eugpeace/freecritter.

•Connor Cash Support, c/o ADL, POB 1117, Huntington, NY 11743; (631) 340-4708; freeconnorcash@yahoo.com.

Anti-capitalist

•Robert Lee Thaxton #12112716, OSP, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310. Rob threw a rock at a cop in self-defense at the 1999 Eugene J18 RTS and received a severe seven year sentence as part of a "mandatory minimum." He was recently moved back to this address for unknown reasons.

•Michael Collins FR6303, HMP Elmley, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AY, England. Two years to a number of charges including affray and arson.

•Garfield Marcus Gabbard FT9062, HMP Camp Hill, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5PD, England. Serving 18 months for allegedly setting fire to a police van during the N30 demonstrations.

Indigenous

•Eric Wildcat Hall #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002. Serving 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American resisters.

•Leonard Peltier #89637-132, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048. An American Indian Movement (AIM) activist, serving two life sentences after having been framed for the murder of two FBI agents.

•Robert Wilson (a.k.a. Standing Deer) #640289, Estelle Prison Pack, 264 FM 3478, Huntsville, TX 77869. In 1978, Standing Deer exposed a government plot to assassinate Leonard Peltier. His reward was life in prison.

•Lenny Chavez, POB 28703, Oakland, CA 94694. An AIM activist who defended himself and his family from an armed racist. Lenny disarmed his attacker by stabbing him with a penknife and was jailed for attempted murder.

MOVE

•Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308), Janine Philips Africa (006309), SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238.

•Michael Davis Africa (AM4973), Charles Simms Africa (AM4975), SCI Grateford, POB 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244.

•Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974), SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200.

•William Philips Africa (AM4984), Delbert Orr Africa (AM4985), SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612.

Prisoner Support Groups

•Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, POB 583, Lawrence, KS 66044; (913) 842-5774.

•Anarchist Prisoner Legal Aid Network, 818 SW 3rd Ave, PMB 354, Portland, OR 97204; aplan@tao.ca.

•North American Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network, POB 11331, Eugene, OR 97440; naelpsn@yahoo.com.

•Friends of MOVE, POB 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

•UK Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network, Leeds, LS7 3HB, England; www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk.

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Transform Columbus Day

A CALL to end the "celebration of 500 years of genocide, environmental destruction and globalization from above."

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The fight against globalization will make it's next stop in Denver, Colorado, October 8, 2001.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) of Colorado and allies shutdown the "celebration" of Columbus where it began—in Colorado—in 1992, on the quincentenary. This year, AIM and allies will present a massive, vigorous opposition to the parade. What began more than 500 years ago with Columbus—genocide of indigenous peoples, exploitation of their land and resources, destruction of the natural environment, all in the name of profit—continues today, and has reached its logical culmination in the current "free trade" regime represented by the WTO, World Bank, IMF, NAFTA and the proposed Free Trade of the Americas (FTAA).

Reclaim the Streets of Denver! Join us to confront the parade, end this symbol of racism and genocide, and transform Columbus Day into a symbol of cultural diversity and globalization from below.

**For more information, go to:
transformcolumbusday.org**

Permanent Autonomous Zone Conference

August 31-September 3, 2001, Labor Day Weekend, Louisville, Kentucky
PAZ Conference, POB 4964, Louisville, KY 40204
www.infoshop.org/paz/index.html

WHAT IS A PAZ? WE OFFER THESE DEFINITIONS:

An autonomous collectively-run community center, a community living space (communes, squats, self-sustaining villages and treehouses), independent and/or free schools, self-education centers, a community garden or greenspace and efforts to preserve nature. A non-authoritarian news organization, publisher, low power or pirate station, infoshop, Internet service provider or other nonprofit group that provides a service to the community. Collectively-run organizations or networks that promote non-hierarchical principles and localized autonomy. Any continuous space, group, co-op, or individual effort accessible to a community that is founded on anti-authoritarian principles and autonomy within an egalitarian community. A PAZ is not controlled by the government or a religion.

*** ABOUT THE CONFERENCE *** This is the first annual conference about Permanent Autonomous Zones. It aims to promote the institutions we are creating which provide alternatives to those controlled by government or profit-motivated forces.

Questions this conference will pose include: What kinds of PAZes exist right now? How do we begin a new PAZ or improve an old one? Where do we get the startup funds? How do we structure it? What can we do to increase membership and attract more reliable members? How do we overcome the unique problems encountered by organizations that are collectively-run, such as making sure all members of the community (women, people of color, etc.) have an equal voice? How can we ensure that responsibility won't fall onto one or two "leaders?" How can we ensure that our organizations will have the independence and strength to continue after we do?

Human Earth Animal Liberation Gathering

Los Angeles

August 17-19

From the individuals that brought you the *West Coast Food Not Bombs Gathering*, *Solidarity Festivals* and the *North Anarchist Conference*, we present:

THE HUMAN, EARTH AND ANIMAL LIBERATION GATHERING. Workshops, speakers, films, art show, live music, theatrical play, & more...

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agcollective@disinfo.net; www.geocities.com/healgathering/**

The name of this gathering was chosen to represent all the various aspects of our collective struggles.

Human: We are struggling for a world where humans are truly liberated and free from all forms of oppression and domination. To achieve this ultimate goal, we wish to build solidarity, with various groups who are working towards a vision of a free society. In order to build these bonds of solidarity many different groups will be present at the gathering including groups concerned with: anti-police brutality struggle, women's empowerment, gay and lesbian rights, indigenous rights issues, political prisoner support, workers rights and many more. **Earth:** The struggle to preserve what is left of our natural environment is a very important part of the struggle for Human liberation, for without a healthy Earth, human existence will be impossible. Ecological Armageddon is quickly approaching and we must fight with all our collective power to prevent this from occurring. From the skies filled with breath choking smog, to the clearcutting of the northwestern forests, to the pollution of our water, to the genetic engineering of our foods, we have a lot of work to do. At the gathering, many groups who are concerned with these issues will be present to share their knowledge and discuss various means of struggle that will empower us all to take direct action to stop the raping of the Earth.

Animal: And let's not forget that humans are not the only life form on this Earth. We share this planet with millions of animals that deserve to live free from exploitation and domination just as humans do. At the gathering we will discuss ways in which we can live our lives without the exploitation of animals. Groups will be present to provide information about the meat industry, health issues concerning meat consumption and the struggle against vivisection.

Many different groups will be present at the Human, Earth and Animal Liberation Gathering. We wish to build a bond of solidarity amongst a wide range of groups struggling for similar ends. This means that all the groups attending and sharing information at the gathering will have the ultimate goal of the total liberation of all life on Earth and the healing of the planet. We do not wish to work with sectarian or authoritarian organizations, including groups with sexist, homophobic, racist or other authoritarian tendencies.

Bands: There will be live bands each night of the gathering. If you are in a band and would like to play at the gathering please contact us ASAP.

Housing/Transportation: Limited housing will be available for people from out of town, please contact us in advance if you need housing. Locals who want to volunteer for car pools, picking people up from the airport, or train station, or who have places where they can house people, please contact us.

Workshops: If you would like to do a workshop at the gathering please contact us as soon as you can and let us know. Anyone who wants to set up a table should also contact us ahead of time as space will be limited.

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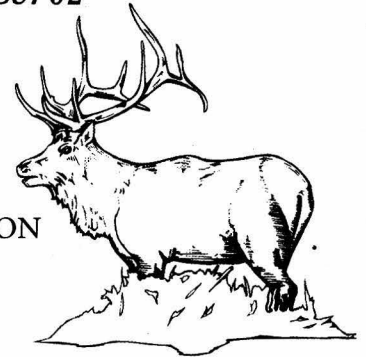
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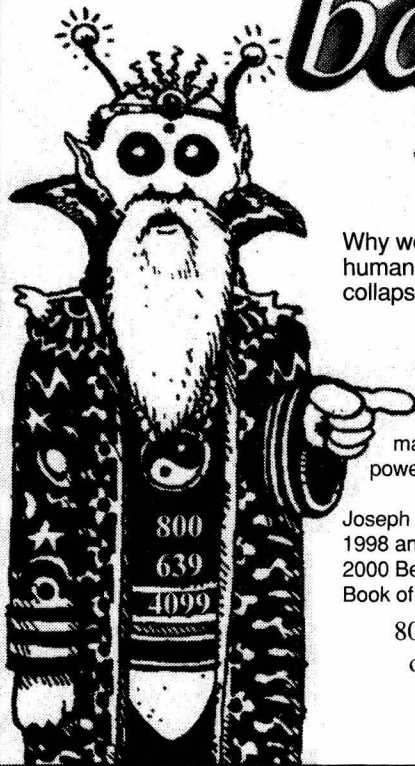
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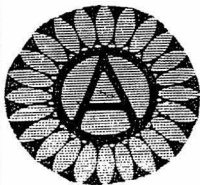
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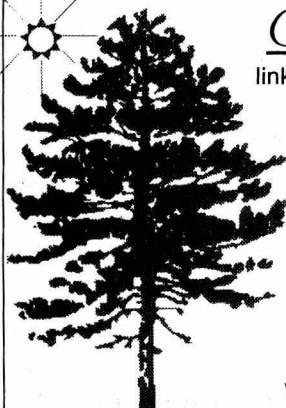
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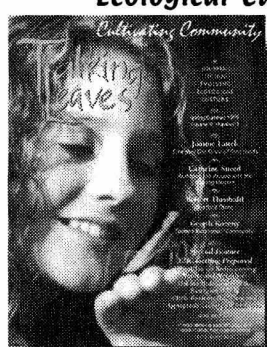
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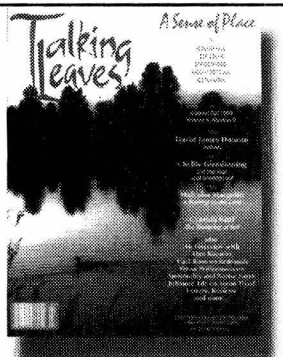
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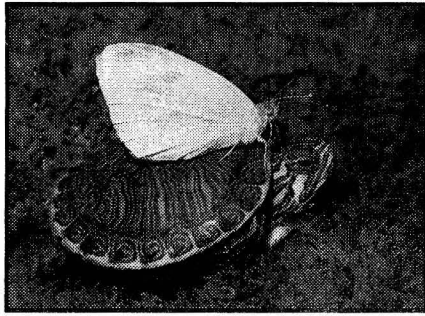
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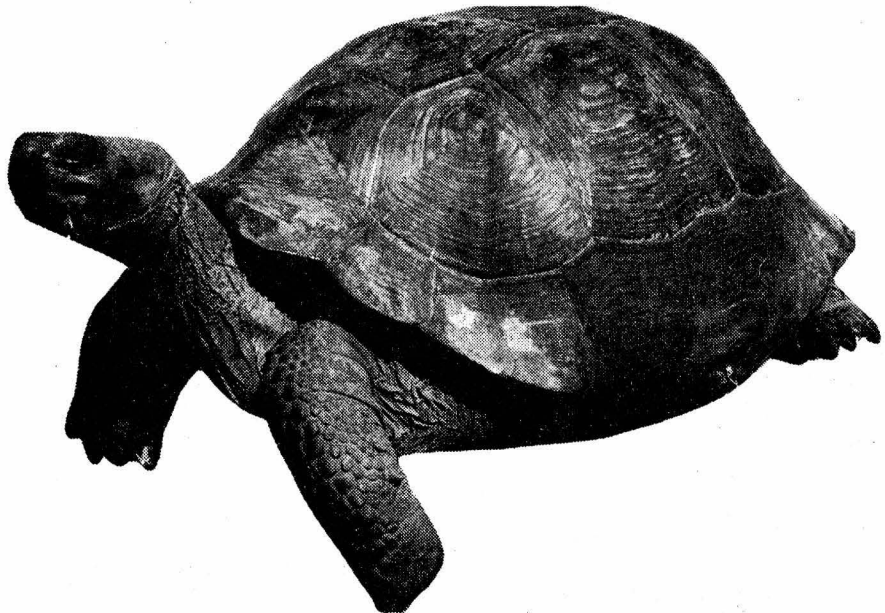
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The Associated Press

Local farmers prepare to ship square watermelons in Zentsuji, in southwestern Japan. The melons are grown in square tempered-glass molds, making them easier to fit into the fridge. No word on whether they'll be coming to the United States. Price tag: \$83.

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£200. Reward

WHEREAS

The **WAREHOUSE** of Mr. William Radcliffe,
COTTON MANUFACTURER,

ADJOINING TO HIS DWELLING-HOUSE IN THE HIGHER HILLGATE,
STOCKPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF CHESTER,

Was, between the Hours of 2 and 3 in the Morning
of **FRIDAY** the 20th of March, instant,

Wilfully, maliciously, & feloniously

Set on Fire,

By some wicked and desperate Incendiaries, who broke the Windows thereof, and threw in five Flam-beaux or Torches, composed of Pitch, Tar, Oakum, and Spirits of Turpentine; and some Wate Cops of Cotton-weft, which had been dipped in similar Spirits.

The Villains left on the Outside of the said Warehouse, three Clubs or large Sticks of a peculiar Sort, which may be the future Means of a Discovery.

A Reward of £200. will be paid to the Person who may give such Information as may lead to the Discovery and Conviction of the Principals concerned in this diabolical Crime, upon Application to

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