



MASS DUST-RUCTION

"This war is a campaign of humanity."

- Donald Rumsfeld US Defence Secretary.

"The mother held one child after another. Her eight-year-old daughter had been killed. A small girl, half naked, was cradled in one of the woman's arms, emitting tearing screams whenever she was moved -- into the X-ray room, out again, into the treatment room. Her face was ripped by shrapnel. Another child was in a bed. The doctor lifted the blankets to reveal a bloody mess of open leg. She howled and screamed as they tried to clean it, called out to Allah while her mother and aunt held her. Her head was heavily bandaged and one eye closed and swollen. 'The skull is also open,' the doctor said."

- Jo Wilding, activist staying in Baghdad.

So let's get this straight. America and Britain are busy helping to save the Iraqi people by blowing them up (instead of liberate read eliminate), bombing them with weapons of mass destruction because we are told Iraq has, er, weapons of mass destruction. After last Friday, Iraqis have been treated to the 'mother of all bombings' - the most momentous display of firepower in the history of warfare.

This has then been followed by 'smart bombs' so pinpoint accurate that they've hit everything from a Baghdad market to a Syrian bus carrying civilian passengers to their own planes! As Dr. Mohammad T. Al-Rasheed so aptly pointed out, "The logic of killing hundreds

of thousands to get rid of one man is the logic of the megalomaniacs and the demented."

Many of the bombs being dropped on Iraq contain Depleted Uranium (DU), a radioactive by-product from nuclear reactors. So no need to worry, if the bombs don't get you then the uranium will. When a DU shell explodes, it sends out dust particles contaminated with uranium that are small enough to be inhaled - high doses kill, low levels can cause cancer. And the dust particles make no distinction between civilians and the military.

The United Nations has passed two resolutions which include depleted uranium weapons among "weapons of mass or indiscriminate destruction", and have also found them incompatible with International humanitarian or human rights law. The uranium used has a half-life of 4.5 billion years (for all you non-scientists out there, that means it takes a bloody long time to decompose) and Professor Doug Rokke, a former US Army physicist, sees it as "a form of nuclear weapon that contaminates everything and everyone."

Since the last Gulf War, leukaemia and Hodgkins disease in Iraq have increased tenfold, as has the proportion of babies born with birth defects - without heads, brains, spines and limbs. Cancer specialist Dr Jawad Al-Ali describes the dust as carrying "the seeds of our death" and estimates that in the southern Iraqi city of Basra almost half the population could develop cancer within ten years.

If the bombs and poisonous dust don't kill Iraqis, then how about the last twelve years of sanctions, the most draconian ever imposed by the United Nations (see SchNEWS 235).

CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK

For dressing up as a bunny!

Children in New York were distressed to see the Easter Bunny being taken away in handcuffs from outside the local K-Mart last week. The bunny was protesting about the shop replacing the traditional chocolate Easter bunny in their baskets with candy toy soldiers armed with machine guns and rifles. For her trouble, she was nicked for trespassing.

The sanctions block medicines, ambulances, food, and even pencils and crayons destined for primary schools (they might take out the graphite for use in nuclear power stations!). Denis Halliday, who was sent to Iraq as the UN Humanitarian Coordinator, described the sanctions' effects on Iraq as "nothing less than genocide." Similar words have been used by his successor, Hans Von Sponeck. Both resigned in disgust.

Before the sanctions, Iraq had the best national health service in the Arab Middle East. Now, according to UNICEF, up to six thousand children die each month as a direct result of the sanctions and not, as Blair assures us, because Saddam starves them. 32% of children under 5 are chronically malnourished and suffer and die from preventable and curable diseases due to a massive lack of medical supplies. A visiting child psychologist reported that some children no longer play games because the games remind them of dead friends they used to play with.

The sanctions have also made the catastrophic effects of depleted uranium in Iraq even worse. After the last Gulf war, southern Iraq is

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still littered with burnt-out tanks contaminated with the remains of a million depleted uranium shells. While in Kuwait millions were spent on environmental clean-up efforts, Iraq had only scarce funds for reconstruction, leaving radioactive waste to rot, untreated. The resultant epidemic of cancers is a catastrophe that Iraq's health care system can't cope with, thanks to sanctions which block medicines getting through and which make drugs too expensive for the vast majority of people.

But then this war was never

about liberating the ordinary people of Iraq, but about oil and controlling the Middle East. As journalist Paul Routledge said, "The New World Order turns out to be the World Ordered Around by the USA. The 21st century looks like being the century of unrelenting American imperialism. Its slogan: 'Agree with Washington – or you are dead.'"

For a different perspective on the war see:

www.indymedia.org;

www.zmag.org;

www.aljazeera.info

Recommend reading: John Pilger "The New Rulers of the World" (Verso 2002); Anthony



www.peaceposter.org

In the Hands of Fools - Iraq Contaminated Again

Depleted uranium (DU) is a waste product from the process of enriching uranium for the nuclear energy and weapons industry. Left around it is extremely expensive and difficult to store. Turning DU into weapons 'solves' this problem for the nuclear industry – no longer are they liable for the storage of the waste they have created. For the military this ensures an endless supply of effective, and almost free, weapons material. But using DU in weapons is nothing less than bombarding your enemy with radioactive waste.

DU was first known to be used in the 1991 Gulf War and was used again in the NATO attacks on Bosnia and Kosovo in the Nineties. Its use in Iraq in 1991 has been linked closely to Gulf War Illness in British and US veterans and a massive increase in cancers and childhood birth deformities in

Iraq. Upon impact a DU weapon penetrator can oxidise up to 70% of its mass into a chemically toxic and radioactive dust that stays in the environment and can be breathed in by humans. The half-life of DU is 4.5 billion years and it is predicted by the United Nations Environment Programme that it will contaminate the local environment and food and water supplies forever. This means that Iraqi civilians will be suffering the effects of the British and US attacks for generations to come.

It is now clear that both the US and British Governments have used depleted uranium again in the recent attack in Iraq. The amount is not yet certain, but given the much greater firepower seen in this attack than was used in the first Gulf War we can expect a much greater amount of DU to have been used. Estimates have been put at around 1,000-2,000 tonnes, and although

these amounts are not confirmed, it is horrifying to compare them with official figures of 320 tonnes of DU used in the first Gulf War. Another extremely disturbing development has been the use of DU weapons in urban, densely populated areas. We know the effects from the radioactive hotspots in the Balkans.

Gulf War Illness II

One of the most hypocritical aspects of this war has been the 'support our troops' line thrown out by the Government and some sections of the media to silence criticism. By continuing to expose troops to DU the government has made it clear how much concern it has for the well being of soldiers: almost as little as it has for Iraqi lives. The British government, unlike the US, has never recognised the existence of Gulf War Illness in veterans from the 1991 attack and has never paid any compensation. There is a schizophrenia in official policy which claims to instruct troops to follow strict precautions when handling DU weapons or working in areas exposed to high levels of DU contamination, while at the same time insisting they do not present a health problem and that troops have nothing to worry about.

As the fighting in Iraq slows down, depleted uranium is an issue that, literally, will not go away. There have so far been two international days of action against depleted uranium: to find out more visit the CADU (Campaign Against Depleted Uranium) website: cadu.org.uk.

Brighton, March 21st





Winston Churchill shuffles on his perch at Parliament Square, London at dusk the day war starts.

THIS IS WAR

On Thursday March 20th people woke up knowing that this was it - the bombers had left for Iraq. It was really happening. Thousands bunked off work and school and took to the streets from Dundee to Brighton, and all points in between...

* In **Worthing** a few hundred blocked roads and occupied McDonalds.

* In Tory toy town **Saffron Walden**, once host to the Levellers rebellion, people re-discovered their roots and staged a protest in the town centre.

* **Rochester** saw protesters bring traffic on the A2 near Rochester Bridge to a standstill with a demonstration and sit down protest.

Edinburgh



To keep up to date with anti-war protests check out the SchNEWS party and protest section on our website.

We are also compiling a list of regular demos and vigils etc so please send details to stopwar@schnews.org.uk. Also check out our useful list of anti war resources and let us know of any we've missed out.



Blocking the M32 motorway, Bristol

* Thousands caused gridlock in **Bristol** all day and surged through police lines to close the M32 motorway.

* After a huge lunchtime demo in **Cardiff**, main roads in the city centre were closed for the evening, later other junctions were closed.

* In **Dublin** over 3,000 people gathered at the US embassy - who heard a speech from a Libyan child speaking about the children of the middle east, and then the crowd paid the British Embassy a visit.

* In **Cambridge** 400 people sat down in the city centre bringing traffic to a halt for six hours. The nearby Army Recruitment Centre was shut down for the day following an occupation by 35 people. Aggressive Cambridge police (one had to be restrained by a colleague) arrested 22 people, some as young as 14.

* Schoolkids in **Lancaster** shut down the city for five hours and occupied the town hall.

Scotland: In **Glasgow** there were school students strikes and walkouts, 2-300 demonstrators filled George Sq, closed the whole centre of town and blocked the motorway. In **Edinburgh**, in the 4th consecutive day of strikes and protests thousands marched from Edinburgh Castle to block Princes Street, bringing the city centre to a halt for an anti-war rally. And in towns across Scotland from **Shetland** to **Dumbarton** people took to the streets.

Many cities were closed down by thousands: Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham, Sheffield, Swansea, Barnsley, Little Nothington... the list goes on.

I'm from Chertsey Mums Against The War. We feel that Tony Blair is misinformed and that the war is ill conceived. And what ever happened to fair coverage in the BBC...





Foiling around at Menwith Hill, Foil The Base, March 22nd
Pic: pza@yahoo.co.uk

UNUSUAL BUSINESS

We all know about the 200,000 people who turned out to march through central London on Saturday the 22nd, but what we're not told about are the numerous small groups, like the 300 protesters who gathered in Bangor, Wales, to mark the end of a 24 hour rally. At the US spy base at **Menwith Hill**, North Yorkshire, a thousand people took part in a '**Foil the Base**' demonstration. Attempting to disrupt satellite signal receivers by having as much foil in the air as possible, people came dressed in glitter wigs and silver body paint while decorating police vans with tinfoil, fake blood and No War signs, then deflating the tyres for good measure. There were 11 arrests, but all but two were released without charge. One of the two, Christine Reid of CAAB, was charged with criminal damage for writing a peace message on a barrier at the main gate and adding the word War to a traffic Stop sign.

And this week the protests continued. On Monday, 7 people blocked the runway at RAF Valley, Anglesey for four hours by chaining themselves to drag nets, preventing Hawk fighter jets from taking off and training pilots for the war. More people blockaded and chained shut the main gate. Fortunately, there were no arrests. At RAF Welford in Berkshire on Tuesday, 4 activists locked themselves to a car and then to each other, successfully preventing a convoy from transporting bombs to RAF Fairford.

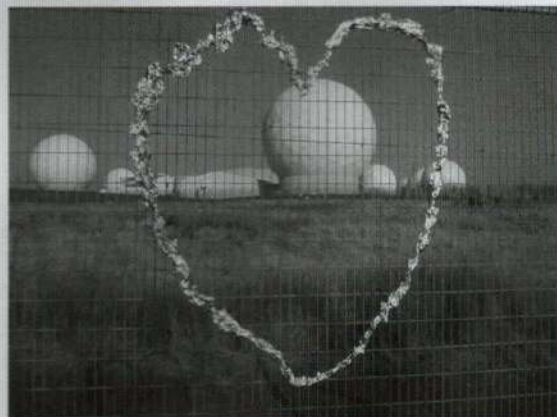


(left) In the early hours of Wednesday morning, on March 26th, a man climbed to the top of Hulme Bridge

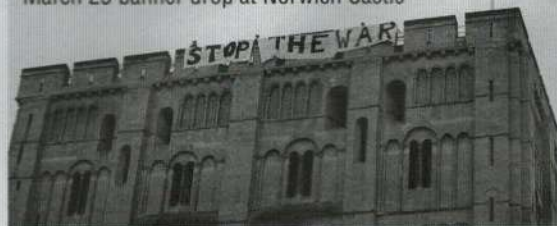
in central Manchester and fixed a 'No War' banner to it. He stayed up there for around 8 hours, during which time the bridge, a busy road, had to remain closed. He eventually climbed down, leaving his banner behind, and was arrested for "placing items above a carriageway and causing danger to road users." This came after a hundred closed the bridge down the previous Friday with a sit-down protest. For the latest on protests see: www.indymedia.org.uk

A few selected highlights of upcoming events and demonstrations planned for the coming weekend and onwards are: **Saturday (29) London** Various stop the city actions. Meet noon outside London School of Economics, Houghton St, off Kingsway, (Holborn tube) **Wandsworth Stop The War** will be meeting at 11.30am, Clapham South Tube Station & head for Brixton Ritz for 1pm to join a South London protest. **Edinburgh**, 1pm, assemble Waterloo Place, **Manchester**, 1pm, meet

Heywood St. Cheetham Hill or Platt Fields, Wilmslow Rd, **York**, Block & Awe disruption in city centre (blockandawe@hotmail.com), **Swansea**, noon, protest in Castle Square, **Chatham**, noon, Riverside to Rochester Castle ** **Sunday (30) - London**, 1pm, picnic in Parliament Square, **Stourbridge**, 1.30pm, Balloons not Bombs, picnic area, Mary Stevens Park ** **Monday (31) Blackpool**, 6pm, assemble opposite Winter Gardens ** **April 5-6 Reclaim the Bases** Lots of actions across the country. To find out where 07887-585721w www.reclaimthebases.gzzzt.net/listing.html.



March 29 banner drop at Norwich Castle





Full spectrum resistance: all walks of life walk for life to Fairford Airbase, March 22nd.

SCARE FORCE

Fairford Airbase 22nd March: Before last Saturday, SchNEWS hacks thought that going for a peaceful walk in the Cotswolds was about as law-abiding as you could get. How wrong we were! Despite it being a day of brilliant sunshine, the long arm of the state hung a dark cloud over the national day of action at USAF Fairford in Gloucestershire.

From the minute they arrived in Fairford, the 4,000 strong crowd was surrounded by layers of riot cops on horses, men with dogs, RAF police, US security police and bog-standard military police - armed with guns, batons and other maiming weapons - plus razor wire all arranged to protect B-52 bombers being loaded with cruise missiles. Police snatch squads darted into the crowd, grabbing a few people who were wearing white overalls and arresting four people. Police evidence gatherers filmed peaceniks as they strolled down country lanes, while other coppers had a go at people for sitting on a town green and threatened them with arrest for 'deviating from the agreed march.' Some coppers even refused to

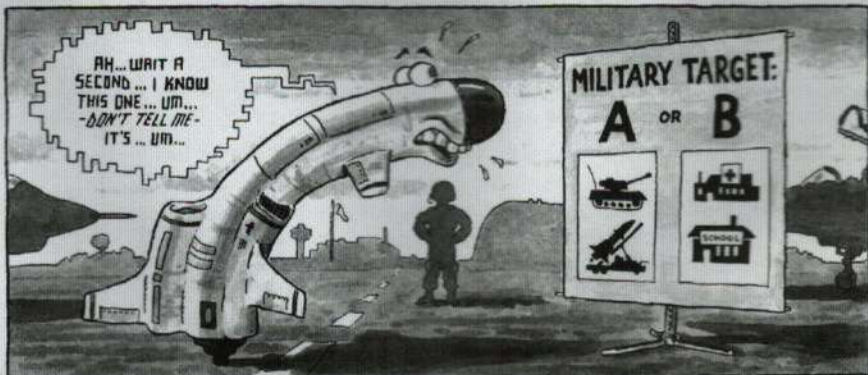
let children put flowers by a fence.

Three coaches driving up from London were turned back before they even reached Fairford. A would-be peace protester explains, "The police called in 4 police forces specifically to stop us. There were about 200 officers involved. We were searched and filmed when we got to within 10 miles of Fairford. We were then escorted back to London by a helicopter, 3 police vans, and 6 motorcycles, an escort which changed in each county!" Police searched people and vehicles for "offensive weapons" under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice Act, but the only things they found worth confiscating

were headscarves and body padding. Among the passengers was the 64-year old aunt of one of those killed in New York on September 11th. Over the past weeks hundreds of people have been stopped and searched in the Fairford area by police using powers under the 2000 Terrorism Act. For legal info see www.gwi.org.uk

* Sam Grafton and Joss Garmen were arrested inside Fairford on Wednesday night "by a Texan with a machine gun." They're being held on remand under various conspiracy and criminal damage charges. They've been told that because deadly force has been authorised in the area, it is for their own protection that they are being held! Contact: 07773 1552657.

SMART BOMB PRE-LAUNCH BRIEFING



OIL EXCHANGE

A week before war started, twenty anti-war activists disrupted trading for 2 hours at London's International Petroleum Exchange (IPE), Europe's major centre for trading in futures contracts for crude oil. They highlighted the obvious links between war in Iraq and the west's compulsive oil habit. Sandra Reid, a member of the direct action group Infernal Petroleum Experience said: "Oil courses through the veins of the capitalist system, turbocharging its destructive impacts. We are taking direct action to stick a well placed spanner in the war machine."

Despite being set upon by traders, the protesters were able to unplug telephones and computers and bring trading to a standstill. Two people managed to barricade themselves into an office for 40 minutes until they were dragged out by police.

Repeated claims by politicians that the war in Iraq has nothing to do with oil are contradicted by the desperate volley of leaflets that continue to rain down on Iraq, reminding its citizens that: "If the oil industry is destroyed, your livelihood will be RUINED!", and by Bush's desperate pleas to the Iraqi people not to set fire to their oil wells.

Earlier this month, 60 anti-war student protesters, many of them dressed in tiger suits, invaded the grounds of ESSO's UK HQ. A 12 foot wooden model of an oil tanker bearing the slogan "ESSO's Going Down" was dumped in the company pond. This followed actions in February in which activists shut down the power to pumps and locked petrol nozzles together at 119 ESSO stations across the UK. Further info from

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* A Methodist minister and two grannies dressed in mourning garb were arrested on Tuesday night during a 30-strong peace demonstration at an ESSO petrol station in Exmouth. One of the women, Mo Mooney, an ex-Wren said: "I served my country for many years and as far as I'm concerned I'm serving it now." They were bailed to return to Exmouth police station next month.

* **March to the End of the World** Saturday 29th, to mark the second anniversary of Bush's dumping of the Kyoto agreement on Climate Change. The 20 mile march starts at Esso HQ in Surrey and ends at the US Embassy in London, but you can join it along the way. Contact: www.campaignagainstclimatechange.net 020 8855-3327.

* **Behind the Propaganda - deconstructing BP.** Talk about BP's dirty tricks and human rights abuses around the world, speakers from West Papua and Colombia, 31st March, 7pm, Cowley Club, London Road, Brighton.

* On April 24th join the **Carnival Against Oil Wars & Climate Chaos** as they greet BP's annual general meeting at the Royal Festival Hall in London. 01865 241097 www.burningplanet.net

Inside SchNEWS

As so many people are being arrested for non-violent direct action and protests, it's as important as ever to write to prisoners and to support them in court. Here are a few people who'd love to hear from you...

Toby Olditch and Phillip Pritchard - caught on USAF Fairford property allegedly trying to damage war machinery: Toby - JT 5132, Phillip - JT 5131, both at HMP Gloucester, Barrack Square, Gloucester, GL1 2JN. ** **Angie Zelter** - Charged for trespassing onto a US air force base near nuclear capable F-15 Strike Eagle aircraft, contact David 01508-550446. ** **Karen Fallon** - charged with criminal damage to a hanger window at Shannon Airport - Limerick Prison c/o 210 Le Fanu Rd., Ballyfermot, Dublin 10, Ireland. ** **Barbara Smedema** - Disabled an American communications satellite at the military airport of Volkel, in the Netherlands. Contact: P.I.Ter Peel, Patersweg 4, 5977 NM Evertsoord, Netherlands. ** **Arthur Milling and Dr Margaret Jones** will be in court on 23 May for cutting their way into Fairford and causing £50,000 of damage to B52 support vehicles two weeks ago. Contact: media@tridentploughsh.ares.org. ** **Other peace prisoner info:** www.peacenews.info. For Legal info check out www.gwi.org.uk/legal.htm

BRIGHTON AGAINST THE WAR

Schoolkids Peace Demo, Saturday 29. Come show your support for the coolest kids ever!! Assemble Madeira Drive (by Sea Life Centre), 11am.

Hove Peace Demo, Saturday 29, 11.30am at Hove Peace Statue for march to Hove Town Hall at noon.

Anti-War Gathering, every day at the War memorial, Old Steine, 5.30-6.30pm.

Weekly Anti-War Demo, every Friday starting today. Assemble Churchill Sq, 5.30pm for a rally and peaceful protest.

Public Meeting, Wed 2 April "Where is the anti-war movement going?" Brighelm Centre, 7.30-9.30pm.

Protest At Northwood Military Hq, London, 6 April - Transport leaves St Peter's Church, Bton at 9am. £5. Tickets will be available from Community Base, Queen's Rd, Brighton
Sussex Action for Peace 01273 706820 www.safp.org.uk

"It was just eat, sleep and work: getting up at 4.30am, leaving the market at 8.30pm and having something to eat before falling into bed at 10pm. It really takes it out of you, standing all day, shouting on the market floor. The only relief we got was one hour when the Stop the War demonstrators burst in... It's a bit like a toyshop which must make most of its profits at Christmas. We have to make up for lean periods when the price of oil falls, as it's doing now."

- An oil trader describes the 'busy period' at the International Petroleum Exchange just before the war. In the run up to war 'uncertainty' about how oil supplies were going to be affected pushed the price up, making huge profits for lucky oil companies. Once bombing started the city realised that oil supplies were assured for the time being, and the price fell. Still, kind of those Infernal Petroleum Experience folks to shut down the trading floor at the perfect moment, and give the overworked city boys a breather...

CANNON FODDER

When two brutal regimes clash, they always need as much human cannon fodder as possible. Saddam's policy is to keep his loyal Republican Guards close to him, to protect him from the US/UK invaders. While he puts poorly-equipped conscripts as cannon fodder to face US/UK forces in the desert, and threatens them with torture of their families should they desert the frontlines. The US has a different arm-twisting technique - to dangle offers of skills training, free college education and health care in the faces of poor Americans in order to get them to sign up to whatever crazy cowboy scheme Bush comes up with. The sad result is a disproportionate number of 'people of colour' on the US frontlines in the Gulf. During the first Gulf War, over 50 percent of front-line troops were non-white, although people of colour only make up around 10 percent of the overall population. Over 30 percent of US troops are non-white but they make up only 12 percent of officers.

When recent studies showed a dip in young African-Americans' interest in becoming patriotic cannon fodder, the Pentagon schemed up a flashy new Spanish ad campaign targeting Latino youth. But all the promises of 'adventure', and 'career' are as empty as the thing between George Bush's ears. Most recruits never get any college funding from the military

**SOME OF OUR BOYS MAY
NOT COME BACK...**



**...BUT YOU WANT GAS IN
YOUR TANK DON'T YOU?**

**KEEP MORALE AMONGST THE TROOPS HIGH -
DON'T TELL 'EM THEY ARE PAWNS FOR AN EMPIRE**

and only a small amount graduate. To top it all off, the skills you learn in the military are geared towards military jobs, not civilian careers; so when you finally leave after years of blind discipline, many employers may tell you to go back to school and get some proper training.

As vice-president Dick Cheney smugly put it, "The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars... it's not a jobs program."

So the US military can't guarantee that you'll get educated or that you'll even be alive at the end of your eight-year

commitment. They can't even promise you won't be desperately ill from one of many "mystery illnesses" like those of the Vietnam and Gulf wars. What they can promise is a series of absurd conflicts, all aimed at lining the White House's pockets and often placing the soldiers in extreme health risk. Whether it's atomic testing in the 1950s, Agent Orange during the war against Vietnam or exposure to depleted uranium in Gulf War I the US military excels in using its soldiers as guinea pigs and then covering up any supposed 'side effects'. The big hush hush at the moment is the disastrous effects of Gulf War Syndrome.

Gulf War II has proved to be not too dissimilar from the first Gulf War. The US frontlines are filled with stupendous amounts of 'cannon fodder of colour'. As coalition casualties pile up, the human faces of the US military machine are revealed. The dead US Marine, Kendall Waters-Bey, comes to mind. His irate father appeared on CNN berating George Bush and saying the only reason his son had joined the Marines was to escape the streets and be able to provide for his son. Kendall's sister Nakia also hit out "This war's all about oil and money. (Bush) ought to send his own daughters over there to fight."

See www.objector.org, www.afsc.org

War briefs

If you want some interesting new **anti-war posters** check out www.uhc-collective.org.uk/ ** **Media Storm Shelter** everyday at the London Action Resource Centre (LARC) with a café and open access radio - where the war media gets torn to pieces. Broadcast across London on Resonance 104.4 FM, online at <http://freeteam.nl:8000/uknowar> 11am-12pm. LARC is open daily 10:00am till 10:00pm, 62 Fieldgate St E1 (Whitechapel Tube) 020 73779088. ** **'Salt in the Wound'** an anti-war single featuring Jello Biafra and Conflict is out this week. If you fancy seeing Conflict on Top of the Pops, why not get yer hands on a copy. www.peace-not-war.org ** If you get arrested at a military base, you could use the defence that you are upholding **international law**. http://osstw.lautre.net/article.php3?id_article=30

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SchNEWS in brief

The Court of Appeal has upheld a High Court Ruling that **Section 55 of the Immigration and Asylum Act is illegal**. Section 55 was set to withdraw all financial support to asylum seekers who didn't immediately apply for asylum on arrival in the UK. Because of the finding, asylum seekers can now continue to look forward to a massive 70% of the dole, but this may be short-lived as David Blunkett has vowed to make changes to Section 55 in order to make it legal. www.refugeecouncil.org.uk ** While war hysteria continues, the state is continuing to further erode our rights. In the latest **Criminal Justice Bill** making it's way through Parliament are proposals to give police powers to take fingerprints and DNA from anyone who is arrested regardless of whether they're charged or not. ** **Stuff the War!** The SchNEWS mail-out will bite the dust if we don't more help, if you've got a couple of hours spare on Friday afternoon to help out in the office then get in touch with us.

...and finally...

Last Thursday in San Francisco, direct action found a new form of expression when a group tired of samey-samey protesters set up Pukers4Peace - inducing vomiting in the plaza outside the Federal Building in San Francisco to show how sick the war made them feel. One barfer said, "Militarism makes me sick. Puking is the most disgusting display of emotion that is still legal." "My puddle is the longest-lasting one," proudly declared one protester, as pools of chuck had people pegging their noses for the afternoon.

The pukers were part of a protesting marathon during which a San Francisco cop told the local paper, "After 16 hours of fighting communists and anarchists, a Red Bull can help us go another 16 hours. We're here as long as they are." Lovely product placement! Don't it make you want to puke?

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SchNEWS warns all pigs with wings not to take any bull.Honest!



Books Not Bombs, Adelaide March 26th

MINORS STRIKE

Perhaps the best thing about the global protests against the War in Iraq was the central role played by schoolchildren. Taking adult activists and headteachers alike completely by surprise, a pattern was repeated all over the world of kids forming their own groups and sorting out their own actions and protests.

It's hard to say where this wave of autonomous schoolkid militancy came from. Some reckon that its because mobile phones and the internet have given this generation of kids access to new channels of information and communication that can't be monitored or controlled by adults, allowing them more space to form their own politics and hatch their own plans. Being adults ourselves (well we're trying) SchNEWS doesn't know if that's true or not, but there are two things that are certain: first, whatever the kids were doing, they were definitely doing it for themselves. Even the cops recognised, for the most part, that the schoolkid actions were schoolkid led. Second, in the UK at least, kids have got more than a few things to teach seasoned 'revolutionaries' about 'having it on the streets'. Whilst so-called anti-war unions organised lame rallies outside workplaces, outside working hours, kids sent shockwaves through the education system with a series of illegal student walkouts. In Brighton, on the day the war started, anarchists watched in slack-jawed admiration as GCSE students smashed in the windows of HSBC bank and tore up publicly displayed US flags. Probably not what Tony's cronies had in mind when they added "citizenship" classes to the curriculum last September to combat the "political apathy" of kids today!

There was spontaneous resistance all over the country, without coordination from any one point. One group or another would spring up, and word then passed from school to school, often by email or text messaging. Some kids uploaded mouthy websites,

"Tony Blair doesn't think Iraqi children are too young to be bombed, so how can we be too young to protest?" - 16 year-old anti-war protestor.

including the Cornwall-based Kres – the Cornish word for peace – which had one page titled: "Humiliation – Let's destroy the President".

Kids were already out in force on the February 15th demo in London, making a sizeable presence among the 2 million protestors. Also in February 60 teenagers and students dressed in tiger suits invaded Esso's UK HQ. And this was just the beginning.

On March 5th thousands of children walked out of classrooms nationwide to make their feelings clear. Seven sacks of dung were deposited outside Labour HQ and kids tried to storm Downing Street.

Plenty of cops managed to overcome any qualms about grappling with pint-sized activists. In Cambridge one baton-wielding child abuser had to be forcibly restrained by colleagues and three kids were arrested 'on suspicion of public order offences'.

March 19th saw the biggest ever coordinated child demos, with 10,000 kids bolting from classrooms nationwide. Many schools tried to stop them by locking the gates, forcing kids to break out. This was the first truly national protest by children since the 1970s and the media coverage was frenzied, comparing it to the May 68 riots in France which started with schoolkids and university students and almost brought down the government.

While some school heads turned a blind eye, many teachers' unions joined police in condemning this outbreak of freedom. "Treat it as normal truancy and take appropriate action" ordered the draconian secondary heads' association. Several expulsions followed across the country. Kids were given lines: "I will not walk out of school." But they did anyway.

When the US started bombing on the 20th March, school was out again. In Lancaster schoolkids shut down the city for 5 hours and occupied the town hall; in Brighton the chant of "One two three four Tony Blair is Bush's whore" rang through the streets as kids shredded the stars and stripes outside the American Express building (see SchNEWS 297/8). In Cambridge 22 people, some as young as 14, were nabbed by the nasty child-catchers. The list goes on.

On 24th March police in Bristol decided it was time to find the dangerous and manipulative adult activists behind the continuing under-age unrest, and began questioning onlookers in the city centre where kids had yet again brought traffic to a halt. But the other grown-ups present were



Police in Hamburg disperse schoolkids with water cannons

as baffled as the cops and the horrible truth finally dawned - the kids were doing it on their own.

But anti-war kids in the UK weren't the only ones showing the grown-ups how it's done. Here are some of the global highlights from the playground insurrections that swept the planet:

In Australia 27,000 kids joined a nation wide demonstration called 'Books Not Bombs' on 26th March. Aussie cops proved not to be very child friendly, with observers saying there was a 'clear attempt to intimidate the kids' with large numbers of mounted police and riot cops present. When one kid in Sydney got his first taste of pepper spray the kids fought back and 33 were arrested. Overall 56 kids were nicked on the day, some as young as 11. A day earlier 1,000 angry 12-14 year-olds joined Aborigines at the entrance of the national parliament in Canberra, and then despite intimidation from 'Walk Against War Coalition' (!) another 'Books Not Bombs' took place on April the 2nd.

In Germany it kicked off at a 20,000-strong school-kid demo in Hamburg on 24th March, when 8,000 kids (according to police) splintered off from the main march and made for the US embassy. The cops (who later claimed that they were pelted with tree branches) then waded in with batons and water cannon, splitting up the group and forcing some onto nearby train tracks and others into a kettle formation. Numerous kids were injured, 36 arrested, and 125 held by police.

In Athens on March 20th a Black Bloc of around 1,000 was joined by unruly schoolkids who helped them 'unrenovate' a recently restored posh hotel, stone the embassies of Italy, Portugal and the UK and set the Ministry of Internal Affairs ablaze with Molotov



"Come on love - you don't want to miss Top Of The Pops" March 21st, Westminster Abbey

cocktails. Sadly their plans for the US Embassy were put to a halt by such massive quantities of tear gas that an over-flying pigeon fell out of the sky stone dead!

In Spain there was a series of 'general strikes' by schoolkids and students. The fourth, on March 26th, saw student walk-outs in more than 70 towns and cities, with over 1,000,000 kids taking part in protests.

In Bahrain 400 teenagers held a sit-down outside the US embassy, burning US and UK flags.

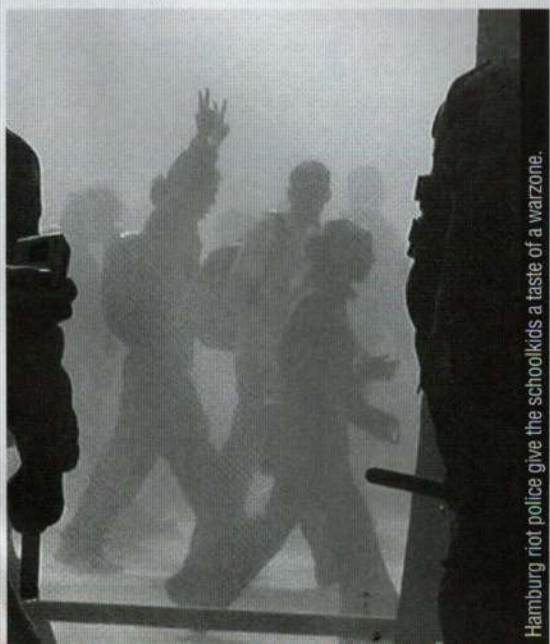
In Seoul enterprising teenagers eager to occupy the US embassy decided their best bet was to dress up in business suits and pretend they were going in for a meeting - unfortunately the cops thought

they were a bit too young and innocent looking to be bona fide fat cats and an unseemly scuffle ensued.

In Jakarta 50 children dressed in black protested outside the US embassy with placards reading 'UN useless'. In Syria 1,500 school kids demonstrated outside UNICEF on April 2nd with banners saying 'stop killing Iraqi children.'

Back in the UK a lot of schools are determined that kids should pay a heavy price for missing the point of the 'political participation' module in Citizenship class. An estimated 30-40 have been suspended or expelled, with one girl from Essex being excluded for 30 days for organising demos even though she was due to sit her GCSEs. She refused to accept her punishment and took the school to high court where the judge ruled in her favour, but not before telling her she was a 'very silly girl'!

But it's going to take more than lines and detention to put the spectre of under-age anarchism back in its box. Neo Labour's determination to go to war at any cost, and to silence or ignore all protest, has taught the next generation of activists a more valuable lesson than a decade of Citizenship classes could: that democracy's a joke, voting's pointless, and the only way to change the world is to fight for it. As one Pimlico 6th former said, "We're questioning the whole way the government works and are finding that it lies, it stinks and it's hypocritical." Apathetic? If you say so, Tony...



Hamburg riot police give the schoolkids a taste of a warzone.





A new generation reclaims the Old Steine, Brighton, March 20th

Striking school children, some as young as 11 and 12, brought Brighton City Centre to a halt on Thursday March 20th in protest over the British and American invasion of Iraq.

Taking to the streets with chants of "No War," "One, two, three, four, Tony Blair is Bush's whore," and other brilliantly unprintable slogans, the students blocked roads in the city centre for nearly four hours, telling perturbed motorists to "Turn off your engines, you ain't goin' nowhere." Cynical, disillusioned Brighton activists were spotted in the area, wandering in a haze of shock, awe and respect, gobsmacked by people half their age with twice as much energy and imagination. "I was just about to trade in my Palestinian scarf and trendy body jewellery for a thankless call centre job," said one old, formerly disenchanted 23-year-old in a faded Che Guevara t-shirt. "But today has convinced me that the revolution may still be possible!"

Meanwhile, one group of school kids (pursued by rabid Socialist Worker's Party paper-sellers) broke off from the main march and paid a visit to the local American Express building. The pledge of allegiance was not said, the star spangled banner was not played, but nonetheless, the American flag became the centre of attention for much of the crowd, who decided the old stars and stripes were in need of a drastic makeover. An upstanding, tax-paying, Daily Mail-reading bystander who was later quoted in the Argus, described the event as sickening and depraved, but a nearby American reckoned it was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen.

Earlier in the day, in an important lesson on free speech, teachers and heads around the city locked many young pupils into their schools, desperate to keep them from expressing an opinion. Pupils at Blatchington Mill, Cardinal Newman, Dorothy Stringer, Varndean, and Patcham were threatened with suspension, expulsion, and extra citizenship classes (to teach them the real meaning of democracy and blind obedience) if they left school to participate in protests. In some cases, pupils even faced locked gates and the harrowing spectre of future visits from local blood-thirsty pro-war MPs.

But in a series of daring walk-outs and escapes, hundreds of locked-down school kids still managed to join the protests in the town centre.

SchNEWS were on the scene at Blatchington Mill when, at 11am, a brave group of around 50 students walked out of school past barely-opened iron gates and a grimly frowning headmaster. (Readers may remember Blatch's open-minded head, one Mr. Neil Hunter, when he referred

to pupils that had staged a spontaneous anti-war demo a few weeks ago as "mindless idiots." Since the spontaneous walk-out, six Blatch kids have been excluded and the "always wanting to show both sides of the argument" Mr. Hunter has invited the local pro-war MP, Ivor Caplin, to come and spew pro-war propaganda at the school.) After leaving Blatchington, the triumphant procession of Blatch kids met up with nearly 200 other excited and out-of-breath pupils who had just rushed out of Cardinal Newman. "We've just escaped, we've just escaped our school," they panted. "They tried to lock us in!" Teachers had tried to lock gates and chase anti-war escapees through the school grounds, but many kids still managed to find a way out. As SchNEWS rounded a corner near Cardinal Newman school, the sight that awaited was grand indeed - 20-30 blue and grey-jumpered Newman kids pouring over an exterior stone wall after teachers had blocked all other routes of exit from the school.

Eventually the whole group of anti-war pupils made it safely and soundly down to the Old Steine for a day of protest and road-blocking. Many of the kids were still around at 5:30 the same afternoon, when nearly 5,000 people (probably Brighton's biggest ever demo) converged on Churchill Square. Even in the evening, most of the chants and road sit-downs were led by school kids from all over the city. As one young protestor explained, "We did it because we wanted our voices to be heard. We were rebelling against the Government because we feel it is rebelling against us."

* Kids in Therfield school Leatherhead who bunked off to go to an anti war demo where given lines by the Headmaster "I will not walk out of school."

* Thousands of newly politicised school kids took part in anti-war demonstrations all across the UK last week. For more info from the school-uniformed frontlines in Manchester, London, and hundreds of other cities around the world, check out www.indymedia.org



KIDS SPEAK OUT

When the schoolkids came in force on the streets against the war, right-wing hacks and headteachers alike made the same assumptions: that they were too young to understand the issues, that they must have been following the lead of agent provocateurs, or that they were just doing it to have a day off. In fact it wasn't just a matter of bunking off for a laugh - many were walking out of school in the knowledge that they might face expulsion or suspension for their actions.

So let's see what kids from Brighton comprehensive schools had to say about it all, their responses to some of the criticisms levelled at them, and reflections on what they learned from their involvement in the protests.

1. Anti-war protestors 'incite' or 'encourage' school walk-outs

'What's great is, we organised this ourselves!' (Yr 10 student, Varndean).

'Contrary to the opinion of many teachers, young people aren't sheep: they form their own opinions and organise their own protests' (Yr 12 student, Varndean).

2. Walk-outs and other protests put students at risk.

'Young people are considered incapable of looking after themselves, but adults have put us and the world at most risk by going to war.' (Yr 11, Falmer)

'Young protestors get called 'delinquent' while pro-war MPs who voted for a war we don't want get paid to 'represent' us!' (Yr 10, Dorothy Stringer)

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3. Protesting damages young people's education

'We aren't educated in school, we're suppressed' (Yr 9, Cardinal Newman).

'It's all tests and being told off for not wearing uniform. And you pass exams, for what? To do more exams at college or get a boring job.' (Yr 11, Dorothy Stringer).

'Anxiety over students' walk-outs highlights the real purpose of schools: teaching young people to accept authority, become a passive, efficient workforce, and accept that 'democracy' just means putting a cross on a ballot paper every 5 years (if you are 'mature' enough)' (Yr 11 Falmer)

What next?

'We're guinea pigs for tests and new types of school and we'll have to pay for university education. They tell us what to wear and we can't even go on strike. But if lots of us refuse to do the exams or wear the uniform, Tony Blair will have to listen - or get out.' (Yr 12, Varndean College).

'This was about a war but it was also about us having no rights. If there's another war, that'll be really big because what I didn't realise was that loads of people do what I do, watch TV and stuff and think I can't do anything, but then when something big happens, you do, everyone does, and we scared the government, even if we didn't stop them, we showed what we could do and next time there'll be more, but the other fight is for our rights and that seems like a small thing, just one school in one town in England, but it should go on.' (Yr 11 Patcham)

'At the anti-war demo in Brighton people shouted 'Our Town Hall!' when it got occupied. I want to shout 'Our school!' We've got to keep protesting, occupy schools or walk out, keep shouting about exams and all the other crap until someone listens.' (Yr 11, Blatchington Mill).



Can someone pass me a chair?
Books Not Bombs, Sydney March 26th



Blocking traffic at Churchill Square, Brighton March 21st



THE SECOND SUPERPOWER

"There may still be two superpowers on the planet: the United States and world public opinion." - New York Times, February 2003.

What happened when the bombing started was always going to be a moment of truth for those opposing the war. The military build-up and the movement of troops and equipment from bases in Europe to the Gulf had been the target of direct action from Ireland to Turkey. An unprecedented series of mass demonstrations before the war had begun with the biggest marches for a generation in Europe, North America and Australia. As war got closer, countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Asia started to wade in with their own big rallies - many targeting US and British Embassies.

Here is a global round-up of anti-war protests from the start of the war onwards...

This report - of course only a glimpse of the full story - pays particular attention to the Middle East, Asia and North Africa, but covers the rest of the world in much

less detail. Sorry, but we just can't do it all! If you're interested check out the large network of Indymedia websites www.indymedia.org

One last point: however big, mass marches alone were unlikely to, and of course didn't stop the war - symbolic gestures will only take things so far. That said, there was something unique about the scale and momentum of these protests which made them more important and exciting than the usual inconsequential a-to-b marches. Frequently in these protests the distinction between symbolic and direct action was blurred. The fact that anti-war demos were often violently repressed even by states who were opposed to the war may indicate the potential that these actions had to spill over into more generalised expressions of discontent.

Middle East/Nth Africa

A picture emerged of people in the Arab world seeing the huge international opposition to the war, and being empowered to come out onto the street *en masse* and even have a swing at some US Embassies. But to put some context on this list of marches it is worth remembering that on some of the days mentioned below it was more life threatening to be out on the streets of Sanaa, Amman or Cairo than it was to be on the perimeter fence at Fairford Airbase. Note also that some Middle Eastern countries don't even feature here, even though their populations were certainly anti-war, such as Saudi Arabia. This only goes to show the level of state oppression in these places.

The events listed are only what we could find on the web - and as such don't necessarily reflect the actual shape of what happened. Factors which influenced this research included Arab news websites mysteriously going offline during the war, and their focus changing towards events in Iraq.

War Starts the night of March 20th

March 21 Friday

Egypt: In Cairo a peaceful protest of 40,000 is brutally suppressed by police, with 500 arrested. One group of 5,000 is dispersed by the police spraying blue soapy water! In eleven other Egyptian cities large demos and strikes take place, with several hundred injured in police attacks.

Yemen: Tens of thousands march in the capital of Sanaa. 3 protesters and a policeman are killed, plus 23 injured, when police try to disperse a crowd as it approaches the US Embassy. The crowd is angry that the Yemen government is cooperating with the US's "war on terror".

Jordan: Despite a ban on pro-Iraq demonstrations, 80,000 gather in Amman, where tear gas is used to break up crowds in the predominately Palestinian neighbourhood of al-Wahdat.

March 22 Saturday

Lebanon: 1,000 march in Beirut, where protesters are repelled with water cannons as they charge the British Embassy. Other towns in Lebanon saw large anti-war demonstrations.

Palestine: 20,000 demonstrate in Gaza.

March 24 Monday

Yemen: 15,000 gather peacefully in the Yemeni port of Aden.

Sudan: Police use tear gas to break up a demonstration of hundreds of students in the capital, Khartoum.

Palestine: Demonstrations continue in the West Bank.

Egypt: More than 12,000 students rally on two university campuses.

March 25 Tuesday

Lebanon: More than 10,000 march in Beirut. Demonstrators try to storm the British Embassy, but are pushed back by riot police with batons, water cannons and tear gas.

Syria: An estimated 500,000 demonstrate in Damascus. Schools, universities and government institutions are closed to allow people to take part. Five are arrested when a large group try to break past roadblocks to get to the US Embassy.

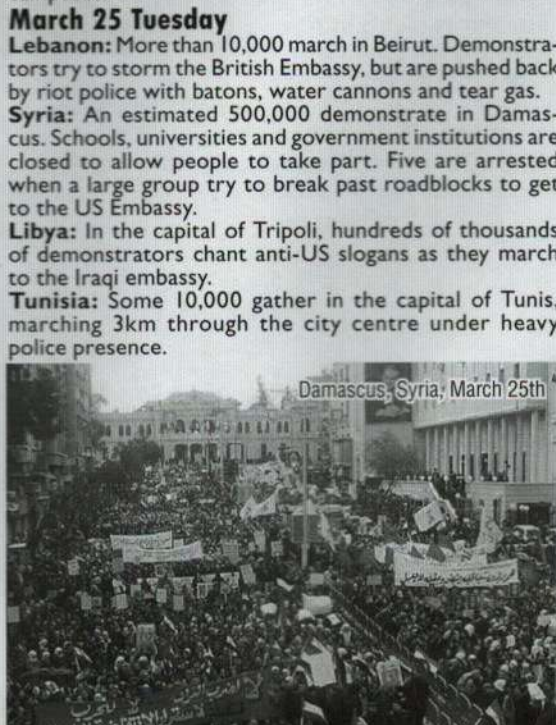
Libya: In the capital of Tripoli, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators chant anti-US slogans as they march to the Iraqi embassy.

Tunisia: Some 10,000 gather in the capital of Tunis, marching 3km through the city centre under heavy police presence.



Cairo, March 24th

Damascus, Syria, March 25th





The Stars and Stripes burns brightly in Amman, Jordan

March 26 Wednesday

Bahrain: About 400 people, mostly teenagers and young men, hold an anti-war sit-in outside the US Embassy.

March 27 Thursday

Algeria: Several hundred thousand people around the country converge on the capital Algiers - flouting an official ban on demonstrations - and march through the main streets shouting anti-war slogans.

Yemen: 100,000 turn out in the capital Sanaa venting their anger at the "unjustified" invasion of Iraq.

Egypt: More than 10,000 rally in the northern city of Zagazig. 4,000 students gather on the campus of Cairo University, but are held back from marching to Giza Square by riot police. Professors give speeches surrounded by banners reading "Jihad is the answer" and students burn American flags. The Egyptian government threaten to violently prevent any further political unrest.

Iran: Hundreds of families of victims of the Iran-Iraq war rally in front of the UN office in Tehran. The demonstrators denounce the war and voice support for the "innocent Iraqi nation".

Lebanon: About 40,000 students march through the northern city of Tripoli. As the march is winding down several hundred trash a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet. Students throw stones at police in response to water cannon attacks which injure 10. Some 2,000 people gather in the main square of the southern town of Jeb Jannine to watch the burning of an effigy of Bush and an Israeli flag.

Palestine: In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinians march through the streets, holding posters of Saddam and waving Iraqi and Palestinian flags, whilst stomping over Israeli and US flags placed on the ground.

Syria: In Damascus some 1,000 Syrians and Palestinians march through the main streets, while 30 women hold an anti-war sit-in at the Red Cross building.

March 28 Friday

Iran: Tens of thousands demonstrate in Tehran. Some pelt stones at the British Embassy, breaking windows and shouting for the embassy to be closed.

Yemen: 100,000 take to the streets in the capital of Sanaa.

Egypt: In the first authorised demonstration on Cairo's streets, some 15,000 march in Cairo behind a huge Iraqi flag. Riot police guard the US Embassy.

Lebanon: Protesters take to the streets for the eighth day running, with 5,000 school children and university students marching from the UN building in central Beirut to the British Embassy. In southern Lebanon, more than 7,000 women march through the Palestinian refugee camp of Bourj ash-Shamali.

Jordan: Riot police attack 2,000 people who have gathered after prayers for an attempted march on the Israeli Embassy in Amman. Police attack and tear gas a group of 10,000 anti-war protesters in the southern city of Ma'an, some of whom marched on the police station. Protesters at the Palestinian refugee camp at al-Wahdat are also attacked by police. Much of the protest centres on the Jordanian government's aiding of the invasion forces.

Palestine: In the Nasser district of Gaza City more than 20,000 march, including many from the Islamic resistance movement, Hamas. In the West Bank, 5,000 + march in Nablus and burn effigies of Bush and Blair.

March 29 Saturday

Egypt: 10,000 march in Port Said.

Libya: Thousands of protesters demonstrate in several Libyan cities. Libyans fasted on Friday in solidarity with the Iraqi people and held sunset prayers at Tripoli's main square, praying for Iraq's victory over its enemies.

March 30 Sunday

Morocco: 30,000 march through Rabat, which winds up with several hundred battling riot police guarding a McDonalds.

Palestine: In the Nusseirat refugee camp south of Gaza City, 5,000 people demonstrate with Iraqi and Palestinian flags, chanting "Death to Israel and America," and "From Jenin to Baghdad, Arab leaders have let us down." In Bethlehem 200 Palestinian Christians stage an anti-war demonstration in the Church of the Nativity.

Israel: More than 20,000 Arab Israelis gather in the northern town of Sahhnin.

April 02 Wednesday

Yemen: Thousands march to the Iraqi Embassy in Sanaa demanding the expulsion of US and British Embassy staff.

Lebanon: In the southern city of Sidon, 10,000 Lebanese and Palestinian demonstrators voice their anger with Arab leaders for failing to act against the war.

Syria: 1,500 Syrian school children stage a sit-down outside the UNICEF offices in Damascus. Government employees observe a ten-minute work stoppage.

April 18th Saturday

Iraq: As the process of installing a US-friendly regime in Iraq begins, so too does the long journey for the Iraqi people to reclaim power and autonomy for themselves.

Over 200,000 Iraqis demonstrate in Baghdad and other cities shouting "Iraq for the Iraqis!" with many gathering after Friday prayers. A large spectrum of Baghdad society comes out, including Shias from the eastern parts of the city; Sunnis from the west and central Baghdad; clerics; members of the Baath Party; merchants, members of professional associations, and students. The largest of the demonstrations occurs when 50,000 people jam the streets of Al-Sadr City (formerly known as Saddam City) despite the presence of Kalashnikov-wielding guards.

In addition, hundreds of thousands pour out of mosques in Najaf, Karbala, Mosul and Basra to protest against the US occupation.

To follow the events in Iraq under US occupation visit Iraq Indymedia at www.almuajaha.com



April 2nd - Schoolkids in Damascus, Syria

Asia

March 20 Thursday

Philippines: The US Embassy in Manila is pelted with red paint bombs.

March 21 Friday

Pakistan: Students and teachers go on strike at Karachi University.

India: Six protesters and 12 police are injured in Calcutta when 1,000 people storm the US cultural centre. Thousands of workers took the day off work in Delhi to demand that the government oppose the war.

March 22 Saturday

Bangladesh: 15,000 in Dhaka.

India: 15,000 in Calcutta, 5,000 in New Delhi.

Indonesia: Jakarta: 2,000, Yogyakarta: 1,500.

Philippines: 10,000 farmers plus workers, students and children from poor urban communities gather outside the US embassy in Manila.

March 23 Sunday

Indonesia: Thousands take to the streets across the country to express their opposition to war. In Jakarta, 2,000 protesters stage peaceful rallies in front of a heavily guarded US Embassy in Jakarta.

Pakistan: 100,000 march in Lahore with numerous smaller protests in other cities.

Bangladesh: 3,000 are confronted by police as they march on the US Embassy in Dhaka.

March 24 Monday

Bangladesh: 1,000 students protest as riot police stop dozens of women from marching on the US Embassy.

Thailand: Around 3,000 stage a peaceful protest in front of the UN Building in Bangkok.

Afghanistan: Fearing protests could get out of hand, authorities in the eastern Afghan province of Laghman clamp down on a second day of demonstrations against the war after more than 10,000 had hit the streets of Mehtarlam the previous day.



Lahore, Pakistan March 23rd

March 25th Tuesday

Bangladesh: 3,000 protesters are attacked by police soon after beginning their procession from central Dhaka towards the US Embassy.

March 26 Wednesday

Pakistan: Some 2,000 march through the city of Multan. On the same day, workers in the towns of Mailsi and Hasilpur go on general strike, while 1,000 students rally in Karachi. In the north western tribal district of Bajaur bordering Afghanistan several thousand tribesmen and traders take to the streets.



Indonesian protesters burn an effigy of President Bush in front of the U.S Embassy in Jakarta Friday, March 28

South Korea: In Seoul, police arrest 30 after they scale a wall at the US Embassy and unfurl a banner reading "Stop The War". Another protester with a toy rifle and a George W. Bush mask climbs a 50-foot McDonalds sign.



Give us a hug - Seoul, South Korea March 28

March 27 Thursday

Indonesia: Protesters cause a ruckus outside McDonald's branches in Java: "We warn Indonesians to shun American products because a portion of the profits goes to Israel," said a protester outside a McDonald's in Central Java

March 28 Friday

India: 20,000 Muslims in New Delhi take to the streets, as police arrest India's chief Islamic priest for alleged incitement to take up arms. Protests also build up in Madras, Guwahati and Ranchi, and tens of thousands of students in Calcutta boycott classes to join a large rally. In Andhra Pradesh anti-war protesters force the closure of a water bottling unit owned by Coca-Cola.

Bangladesh: In Dhaka 10,000 take to the streets after weekly Friday prayers.

March 29 Saturday

Malaysia: 10,000 march in Kuala Lumpur in heavy rain.

March 30 Sunday

Indonesia: Around 1 million people demonstrate in Jakarta with 100,000 congregating outside the US Embassy.

India: 30,000 march in Calcutta.

Pakistan: 300,000 flood into the north-west city of Peshawar for an anti-war demo.

South Korea: 50,000 march in Seoul.

April 2 Wednesday

Pakistan: 25,000 demonstrators march through Quetta

- a provincial capital in southwestern Pakistan - in a protest organized by Islamic leaders.

April 3 Thursday

Indonesia: 5,000 university students demonstrate in the city of Makassar in South Sulawesi. At Cirebon in West Java some 2,500 people rally outside the city hall and torch a Bush effigy. Meanwhile another 1,000 school students take to the streets of Semarang City in Central Java.

Thailand: In the southern town of Pattani, tens of thousands of Muslims demonstrate in Thailand's largest protest against the war.

April 4 Friday

Bangladesh: In Dhaka police clamp down as thousands of people demonstrate in the streets after Friday prayers. US-owned shops are attacked, and police lines hold back hundreds from marching on the US Embassy.

Indonesia: A crowd of 10,000 people burn a mock Statue of Liberty and chant "Bush is a Terrorist" during a boisterous rally in Jakarta.

Pakistan: More than 50,000 people march through the streets of Multan.

April 6th Sunday

Indonesia: Thousands gather for an anti-war protest outside two McDonald's stores, demanding they cease business. In Bandung on the island of Java, around 2,000 protesters shout anti-US slogans outside a McDonald's in the city centre.

April 13th Sunday

Indonesia: 300 high school students hold a protest outside the US embassy in Jakarta.



Africa

March 21 Friday

South Africa: Schoolkids lead the protests in Cape Town and are joined by factory workers. The US consulate sees a continuous picket once the war starts, with at least 50 people continually maintaining a presence.

March 24th Monday

Mauritania: 40,000 demonstrators shouting "Death to Bush, Victory for Saddam" march to the US Embassy in Nouakchott.

March 27th Thursday

South Africa: 500 schoolkids lead a mock funeral through the city of Pietermaritzburg.

March 28th Friday

Senegal: In the capital Dakar, more than 1,000 teachers and students march through the streets.

April 2nd Wednesday

Ghana: Around 10,000 people take over the streets of Accra in a five-hour anti-war demonstration that brings the government and business districts to a standstill. Breakaway groups repeatedly breach mounted and armed police lines that have cordoned off the American and British Embassies.



Australasia

March 21 Friday

Melbourne: With less than 3 hours notice 30,000 people converge on the city centre: a simulated air-raid siren is sounded to remind residents of the realities of war. Later, 500 pelt the US Consulate with paint bombs.

Sydney: 20,000 take to the streets in the pouring rain. The New South Wales premier has his car paint bombed.

Perth: 2,000 workers down tools and walk off construction sites in the city centre to join protest against the war. Schoolkids walk out of classes to hold a sit-in in front of the US consulate before police wade in and arrest eleven.

March 22 Saturday

Perth: 10,000 march

New Zealand: 4,000 march in Wellington. One police photographer suffers cholesterol damage when he is hit by an egg.

March 23 Sunday

Sydney: A 50,000-strong crowd march through the city.

March 24, Monday

Canberra: 15,000 anti-war protesters attempt to storm Australia's parliament, demanding the withdrawal of Australian troops fighting in Iraq. When police halt entry into the building, protesters block the entrance with a sit-down protest.

March 25 Tuesday

Canberra: Police are confronted by 1,000 angry 12-14-year-old school kids screaming in their faces at the national parliament building. Aboriginal leaders join them at the doors of parliament.

March 26, Wednesday

Books Not Bombs: Tens of thousands of schoolkids across the country participate in a national day of action which sees police turn violent and arrest over 60 kids - one as young as eleven (see **Minors Strike**).

March 29, Saturday

Melbourne: 40,000 march in the city's third major demonstration in 10 days.

April 2 Wednesday

Sydney: Despite intimidation from police, pro-war media and even a sections of the anti-war movement, school children in Sydney stage another Books Not Bombs event.

April 7 Monday

Melbourne: Anti-war protesters shut down an Australian Defence Force in the city centre, the third such Monday-morning action in as many weeks.





Athens: the US Embassy gets a friendly visit from that happy-go-lucky Greek black bloc. March 21st

Europe

(minus stuff from Britain cos you'll find all that all through the SchNEWS issues)

March 21 Friday

Spain: Thousands take to the streets in opposition to Prime Minister Aznar's support of the war. In Madrid police charge a crowd attempting to kick off at the US Embassy.

Slovenia: In the capital of Ljubljana, protesters gather in front of the US Embassy as soon as the bombing starts at 2pm. A presence is maintained until the main demo at 4pm. When a 1,500-strong crowd tries to storm the embassy they are driven back by riot cops.

Turkey: 250,000 demonstrate in Diyarbakir, with hundreds of thousands marching in other cities. In Istanbul, protesters are greeted by friendly cops with submachine guns & tanks. Despite such massive police presence, protesters close down the streets for a few hours.

Greece: In Athens, up to 500,000 gather as up-for-it Greek Anarchists are joined by hoards of unruly schoolkids. The embassies of pro-war countries (Italy, Portugal, Britain) are pelted with stones; the Ministry of Internal Affairs is attacked with Molotov cocktails, and a branch of American Citibank is firebombed (for more details see **Minor's Strike**).

It was the third demo in three days since the war began: On the 20th about 200,000 took to the streets, and on the night of the 19th 3,000 people stayed outside the US Embassy until the morning.

In other parts of Greece: more than 11,000 people march to the US Consulate in Thessaloniki, while about 10,000 hit the British Consulate in Patras, with many throwing eggs and petrol bombs at it.

PLUS... In Göteborg, Sweden, over 40,000 people march through the city on Saturday, as well as 60,000 in Stockholm * 20,000 gather for a march in Bern, Switzerland. * 40,000 in Helsinki, Finland, 12,000 in Köln, 10,000 in Berlin and 8,000 in Nuremberg Germany and finally the Danish PM is covered with red paint, just after he gives a speech offering support for George W. Bush.

March 22 Saturday

Turkey: 15,000 march in Istanbul

March 23 Sunday

Italy: Several thousand anti-war demonstrators rally outside two US bases in Italy (see Trainstopping). In addition, protesters set off air-raid style sirens outside the US Naval Air Service base at Sigonella, Sicily in solidarity with the people of Baghdad.

March 24, Monday

Italy: 500,000 teachers and students march across Italian cities, with demonstrations in Rome, Milan Turin, Venice, Bologna, Naples and Palermo. Although the strike was initially planned to protest about school reform and teachers' pay disputes, the protest soon turns into an antiwar rally, with demonstrators waving rainbow flags and chanting peace slogans. Union officials say that 60 percent of the schools remained closed across the country.

Germany: An estimated 25,000 protesters join in a peace march through the streets of Leipzig, following the route used by demonstrators before the collapse of the former East Germany in 1989. A similar demonstration in Berlin marches peacefully from the Brandenburg gate to the US Embassy. In Hamburg 20,000 - including 8,000 school kids - get attacked by police with water cannons. Over 125 under-18's are arrested (see **Minors Strike**)

March 26, Wednesday

Spain: A general student strike is called as a protest against the war - the fourth of its kind - which sees 90% of school and university students walking out (see **Minors Strike**). There are marches of around 250,000 students in Madrid, 150,000 in Barcelona, 30,000 in Seville, 25,000 in Valencia, 15,000 in Bilbao, 10,000 in Tarragona and Oviedo, plus thousands in Santiago, Salamanca, Gijon, Granada and Vitoria.

Turkey: A rally is held in Dolmabahce, with a public workers protest in Ankara the following day.

March 28 Friday

Italy: 100 activists block access to a refinery of Eni's AGIP in central Italy for three hours in the morning, disrupting tanker deliveries. Protesters also burn at least 10 brand new US-made Ford

cars at a dealership near Rome leaving behind a banner saying, "Sabotage the Imperialist War".

March 29, Saturday

Germany: 100,000 demonstrate in several cities including around 30,000 who form a human chain between the northern cities of Munster and Osnabrueck - a 35-mile route taken in 1648 by negotiators who ended Europe's Thirty Years War.

Ireland: 30,000 march in Dublin as a reaction to the US use of Shannon Airport as a military airbase.

Italy: Marchers in Rome hang black mourning banners from the city's bridges. At Vicenza in northeastern Italy, demonstrators throw red paint and flares at the walls of a



Barcelona, March 26th



Athens on general strike against the war, April 2nd

U.S. military base where hundreds of paratroopers sent to northern Iraq have been based.

Greece: 15,000 turn out in Athens with protesters spattering paint on the road outside the U.S. Embassy and on the windows of a McDonald's restaurant.

France: Protests in Paris attract about 10,000.

Scotland: In Edinburgh 15,000 march from Waterloo Place.

Hungary: 2,000 people whistle and jeer as they march past the U.S. and British embassies in Budapest.

Poland: 2,000 march to the US Embassy in Warsaw – the biggest anti-war demo in Poland yet.

Russia: Around 6,000 people demonstrate at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

March 30 Sunday

Turkey: A convoy of US military trucks in the south east of Turkey is damaged after being showered with stones – the stone throwers leave before the security forces arrive. This

March 30th, Sanliurfa, southern Turkey
- villagers throw eggs at US military vehicle.

was one of several similar attacks on military convoys.

April 2 Tuesday

Greece: State services, banks, transport, schools and shops are closed around the country as Greece has a general strike in protest against the war. In Athens, about 10,000 people march past the US Embassy shouting anti-war slogans while another 15,000 head towards the American consulate in Thessaloniki. Smaller protests are held in cities around Greece.

April 5 Saturday

Bulgaria: Some 2,000 held a demonstration outside the governments HQ in Sofia against Bulgaria's complicity in the war.

Germany: 2,000 went down to make some noise at the US Army HQ in Heidelberg

April 12 Saturday

Glasgow: 5,000 march.

Berlin: More than 12,000 congregated at the Brandenburg Gate.

North America

In the first two weeks of the war there are almost continuous protests in **San Francisco**. Unsurprisingly, the scale of the protests is matched by unprecedented police numbers and levels of harassment, with over 2,000 arrests, mostly for failure to disperse and highway obstruction.

The whole of San Francisco is shut down for 16 hours on Thursday March 20th. Rather than having one mass march protestors split into many different mobile groups. The mobility of the protests is particularly effective in shutting down the city - by blocking intersections, occupying buildings and performing hit and run actions on corporate targets, the cops were out-manoeuvred and overstretched all day. Many police vehicles are rendered useless by having their windows smashed and tyres slashed.

* The award for most unlikely US protest goes to a group of women who held a knit-in under the banner "Crafty Bitches, Knitting for Peace."

March 22 Saturday

250,000 people march through **New York** city centre, while in **Chicago** over 10,000 gather. There are over 800 arrests when police pen in protesters and refuse to allow protesters to return to their convergence point. They are then arrested for not leaving the area!

See www.indymedia.org for the full story...

Latin America

Would you
like fries
with that
sir?
March
26th, Quito,
Ecuador



March 26th

Ecuador: Police in Quito attack students with tear gas at the US Embassy and as two branches of McDonalds get re-decorated.

March 27th

Bolivia: Riot police use tear gas and rubber bullets to try and rein in a 7,000-strong protest outside the US embassy in Bogota.

March 29th Saturday

Chile: 3,000 protest in Santiago.

March 30 Sunday

Brazil: 30,000 march in Sao Paulo

Apologies for several sections of this 'round up' being lame. It's because the whole thing started out as a brief rundown of demonstrations around the world the day the war commenced called 'World Opinion' in SchNEWS 397, which got heavily expanded. Before we knew it, it was developing into a rambling, running timeline of protests around the world from the beginning of the war onwards. A lot of work was put into researching activity in the Middle East and Asia, because it was barely covered in any media, and the war was on their doorstep. To follow up some of the massive and continual protests and direct action in both North and South America visit the regional Indymedia websites (start at www.indymedia.org), Africa is more difficult to research online.

...like war's bad cos yeah and I'm not going back to school until they stop having wars and like I hate Tony Blair yeah and no more bombs and ...



A Day Out In Barcelona

The city of Barcelona was shaken on Thursday April 10th as thousands of people took to the streets in a day of protest against the killing in Iraq and the permanent war. Many businesses were closed, following a call by several unions for a 24 hour general strike. Actions continued until the late evening.

From early in the morning, groups held protest actions in front of banks and chain shops, shutting many down and convincing others to participate in the general strike. Around midday, large groups of people - many of whom gathered spontaneously - converged on the city centre from all sides. There at least 10,000 people started a loud and colourful cacerolazo demonstration, banging on pots and pans, lampposts and police cars, and setting up mobile sound systems. Protest rallies were held in front of a big bank (BBVA, which is involved in the arms business), at the stock exchange, and at the Ministry of the Economy.

Moving back to the city centre, a group of protesters shut down the Burger King "restaurant" at Plaza Catalunya and opened a popular kitchen on the street in front of it as part of the "Active Boycott" campaign. Demonstrations continued until late evening, including an anarchist demo, a shut-down protest at a petrol station, and a human mosaic. As had happened every night for a few weeks previously, the day ended with a giant cacerolazo.

All over the city, people were going for it with the pans. Each night a deafening roar filled the streets, a massive outcry against the war. Also heard was the increasingly popular demand of "Que se vayan todos!" (They all must go!), a slogan taken from Argentina's popular revolt and now shouted in Barcelona as a rejection of the right wing Popular Party government. *from www.indymedia.org.uk*



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PERLES OF WISDOM

"There are a lot of people getting rich during war." - *Chuck Lewis, Centre for Public Integrity.*

"If we just let our vision of the world go forth, and we embrace it entirely, and we don't try to piece together clever diplomacy, but just wage a total war ...our children will sing great songs about us years from now." - *Richard Perle.*

Despite whimperings from Prime Minister Blair, US corporations look set to single-handedly rebuild the health, education, transport and political systems of Iraq - with the UN and international aid agencies not getting a sniff of the £60 billion worth of contracts being dished out by the US government. As fat corporate cats lick their lips at the money to be made from building airports and modernising Iraqi telecommunications and oil wells, SchNEWS can reveal that this is indeed a war of liberation - liberating Iraq's resources from Iraqis and handing them over to caring US companies.

A spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain, Inayat Bunglawa, warned that these contracts will stoke anti-US sentiment and cause further violent resistance in Iraq. "People will believe the US is there to loot the wealth of the Iraqi people and draw money from Iraq back to the US, benefiting US corporations."

And what do you know - the reconstruction of Iraq will be awarded to a coalition of Bush's closest cronies! Overseeing rebuilding and humanitarian relief (if Bush has his way) will be Jay Garner, a retired US general who is, incidentally, the president of an arms company! Garner, a firm supporter of the Israeli military, has spent the last few years building weapons systems now being used in

the Iraq war. How handy! And then there's Halliburton, the firm who'll get the job of putting out oil fires and making emergency repairs to Iraq's oil infrastructure, who oddly enough used to be run by US vice-president Dick Cheney. Cheney was chief executive of Halliburton until three years ago and still receives up to a million dollars a year from them. Union-busters Stevedoring Services of America have been handed the \$4.8 million contract to run the port of Umm Qasr, while bidders for other contracts include Fluor, whose board includes a former director of the National Security Agency and deputy director of the CIA, and the Bechtel Group, whose boardroom boasts a former secretary of state and a former defence secretary!

But where is all this money coming from, one may well ask? After being bombed back to the Stone Age by the non-coalition US forces, Iraq certainly won't be able to cough up the money to pay the non-coalition US companies for its reconstruction. But here's the most beautiful part of all - it's the very people who Bush refuses to give a decent healthcare and education system to (i.e. the US taxpayer) that will line his mates' pockets. A significant chunk of the money being paid to US firms to rebuild Iraq was made available by the Iraq war bill, passed by Congress and giving Bush a \$75 billion budget to wage war with taxpayers' money. Half of the money goes to blow things up, while the other half goes to make the rebuilders rich.

According to Charles Tiefer, author of a book on US government contracting, this is naked evidence that the Bush administration has used 'shortcuts' and 'exceptions'

CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK
For being poor...

A Californian man who stole videos for his kids including Cinderella and Free Willy has had his 50 year jail sentence upheld by the American Supreme Court. Under the US's '3 strikes and you're out' law, he is serving a 25 year minimum sentence for each theft.

to put billions of taxpayer dollars into the pockets of its mates. Tiefer believes "a large credibility gap looms between the administration's plausible excuses that tight deadlines and exceptional security needs compelled them to forgo the usual competitive safeguards and the critics' observations that it is awfully convenient for juicy plums to land in the lap of the the vice president's former company."

Diamonds & Perles

That credibility gap grew even wider last week following Richard Perle's resignation as chairman of the Defence Policy Board. Though the board does not pay its members and is technically not a government agency, it wields tremendous influence. Perle decided to leave after revelations of a fairly huge conflict of interest - he is in line to receive \$600,000 from bankrupt telecommunications company Global Crossing for helping it to 'overcome Defence Department resistance' to its proposed sale to a foreign company. The person he is being paid for persuading is none other than his old pal and a man he regularly advises, Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld.

In 1996 Perle helped write a study for an Israeli think tank entitled, 'A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm', calling for regime change in Iraq

Perles of Wisdom cont...

and a redrawing of the geopolitical map of the area. Just before the current bombing began, Perle spoke at a conference sponsored by Goldman Sachs titled, "Implications of an Imminent War: Iraq Now, North Korea Next?" At the conference, he advised business leaders about possible investment opportunities that might arise from the war.

Perle is also on the board of British firm Autonomy Corporation, a Cambridge based computer company that, surprise surprise, recently won a huge contract with America's new Department of Homeland Security, set up after September 11th to increase public monitoring and surveillance. Autonomy has developed high-tech eavesdropping software that is capable of monitoring hundreds of thousands of e-mail and phone conversations at the same time. Add to all this the fact that Perle was one of the 'brains' behind the Project for the New American Century think tank whose demands included the establishment of a global American

empire with the US policy of 'total war' and 'full spectrum dominance' (See SchNEWS 387) and it's hard not to feel sick to one's stomach.

And now our beloved Perle stands to do very nicely out of the foreign policy he has campaigned so strongly for. His own pockets are sure to be lined by his role in the venture capital firm Trireme Partners, which invests in homeland security and defence projects. SchNEWS is sure that the fear of terrorism stoked by bombing other countries does a handy job at helping his investments to prosper. For daring to insinuate that Trireme's and Perle's agenda might not be strictly altruistic, journalist Seymour Hersh has himself been labelled a "terrorist" by Perle and threatened with a libel suit. Apparently not confident enough to face US courts, however, Perle plans to bring his case to the UK, where libel laws are more relaxed.

As Chuck Lewis points out, "A defence contractor class that was already well fed is now getting bloated because we have so increased the defence budget in the last couple of

years...(it is) the military industrial complex that Eisenhower warned this country about 40 years ago, the former generals and the former defence security experts that serve in government then go into the private sector. They go to work for contractors and people see their names, they're impressed, it has credibility. And that's how they get their contracts. And it just is a continuation of itself. And then they tell us what weapon systems we need, and they tell us what wars we should be fighting, and it's a self-perpetuating situation. And it's been going on for years, but what we're seeing in this instance is absolutely unabashed."

* To read the full interview with Chuck Lewis www.alternet.org

* To read more about fingers in dirty pies <http://cryptome.org/iraq-booby.htm>

* Check out 'Corporations and War' - by Corporate Watch £1 inc postage from 16 Cherwell St Oxford OX4 1BG www.corporatewatch.org/newsletter/issue11/issue11_part1.htm

POSITIVE SchNEWS

This weekend, the Centre for Alternative Technology in Llanelli, North Wales, will be turning on the first ever community managed wind turbine. At the moment, all the wind turbines in this country are owned by big energy companies, but CAT's turbine is different in that it is owned and managed by a local community. About half of the energy produced will be used to power the CAT site, while the rest will provide green energy for the local grid www.cat.org.uk 01654 705950

SchNEWS In Brief

What's happening in Palestine? This Saturday (5th) 2pm-5pm, people fresh back from Palestine talk about their experiences there. Cornerstone Community Centre, Church Rd, Hove 07776 183619 ** **Benefit night for the people of West Papua** featuring Papuan Musicians, Matt Black from Coldcut and the showing of new film 'Merdeka'. 15th April, The George IV - Brixton, London.

OBJECT OF DEFECTION

As the current UK/US war on Iraq has no United Nations backing, it is an illegal invasion. Any British soldier fighting in Iraq may find themselves hauled up in front of the War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague and SchNEWS would advise all of them to down their guns and come home.

And that's exactly what two have done! The two soldiers have been sent back from the Gulf after refusing to take part in a war where innocent civilians are being killed. Under British law, you are legally entitled to an honourable discharge as a conscientious objector, but the procedure can be difficult and prolonged. Lawyers for the two servicemen believe that rather than looking at a long summer's break, the two could be looking at two years inside for showing concern about who's at the receiving end of their bullets.

If you know anyone in the Armed Forces who's struggling with their conscience, there's an organisation called At Ease who will provide free, totally confidential advice. At Ease, c/o 28 Commercial St, London E1 6LS. 020 7247 5164, atease@advisory.freemove.co.uk www.ppu.org.uk/special/so_stuff_03.html

* See Bush's excuses for not serving in the Vietnam war: <http://awolbush.com/>



Freedom - how many crimes have been committed in your name?

UNFAIR-FORD

The area surrounding Fairford airbase in Gloucestershire is now a mini-police state where, depending on your political persuasion, you are either left alone to get on with your day-to-day life or harassed continuously for your beliefs. For the past 28 days, Section 44 of the Terrorism Act has been used to stop and search people who are opposed to the US Air Force using Fairford to launch bombing raids on Iraq. In a clear case of intimidation, Section 44 has been used by the police to search people living at the local peace camp up to nine times a day. The police are physically preventing anyone who looks like they are going to stay a while (carrying rucksacks, tents, water, whatever), from going anywhere near the camp... And what legislation are they using to justify this? Er, the boys in blue don't really seem to know and usually say "common law" or "we're not telling you". The Section 44 order runs out tomorrow (Saturday) but is likely to be extended for another terror-filled 28 days.

Despite all this blatant police harassment, the peace camp is still there, so try and visit them if you can! Mail is also getting through, and they could use money and postcards, so write to people at: Peacewatch, Gate 10, USAF Fairford, Near Kempsford, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4EJ. www.gwi.org.uk

War Briefs

Reclaim the Bases! This weekend will see loads of actions at military bases across the country. Details from 07887-585721 www.reclaimthebases.org.uk. ** On Sunday 6th, protest at Northwood, the British Military HQ. This is where the war in Iraq is being planned! Meet 11am, Pretty Corner, Sandy Lane/Watford Road (North London, nearest tube Northwood). www.thed10group.org.uk 0845 458 2564. Tickets for coaches from Brighton from the Cowley Club, London Road. ** **March on the US Embassy**, this Saturday (5). Assemble 2pm BBC Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London. 020-7538 2521 www.stopwar.org.uk

** **Peace Soup - A new Anti-War CD** featuring music and poetry by people from Brighton is out next week. Launch Cabaret Tuesday (8), Marlborough Theatre, Pavillion St, Brighton. £4/3. 01273 672354 ** **Day of direct action against army recruitment centres**. Meet this Wednesday (9) 11.30am, Burger King, Charing Cross Road, London. ** **Rant against the War** - an evening of songs and poetry to raise funds for the anti-war movement, Hobgoblin Pub, London Rd, Brighton, next Thurs (10) 7.30pm. £5/£3.50 ** **Mayday 2003: Weapons of Mass Construction**. Plans are underway for this year's May Day. A map is out now with details of targets for possible pre-emptive strikes against capitalism. Send an SAE to BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX

www.ourmayday.org.uk ** **The Labour Party have a Freepost address**, which means they have to pay the postage on anything you send them. Please don't send bricks or heavy phone directories to: The Labour Party, FREEPOST LON 10417, London, SW1P 4UT. All the local party offices also have freepost addresses that can be found on election leaflets ** **3 US military vehicles in Italy have been firebombed**. No one has claimed responsibility yet, but SchNEWS lays odds on: Friendly fire 2-1; Anti-War Activists 4-1; Al-Qaeda 5-1; Local Hooligans 10-1. ** SchNEWS has heard rumours that one of the US Air Force's smart bombs hit the run-down **West Pier** in Brighton last Friday, leaving it a burnt out shell. What a Noble act! ** For an in-depth look at **how the US treats international weapons treaties** see "Rule of Power or Rule of Law?" at www.lcn.org/pubs/RuleofLawPDF.pdf ** **The Working Class Movement Library** in Salford, a national collection of the history of British and Irish radical and labour movements from the 1790s to the present day, is continually collecting material and would love to receive any books, pamphlets, leaflets, videos, press cuttings, photos or newsletters from the current anti-war movement. Send them stuff at Jubilee House, 51 The Crescent, Salford M5 4WX Tel: 0161-736-3601, enquiries@wcml.org.uk

The World's First Ever Sponsored 'Stop & Search'

There is a weekend of independent weapons inspections and the world's first ever sponsored Stop and Search at Fairford this weekend (5-6). According to the creators of the event, "If you are in the vicinity of the base, visiting G10 Peacewatch camp or observing the bombers, you will likely be stopped by police and searched. This can easily occur several times in one day. So get your mates to sponsor you a fixed amount or an amount per search.

Once you've collected your sponsorship money send it direct to the charity of your choice. A list of charities working in Iraq can be found at <http://www.casi.org.uk/info/charities.html>." SchNEWS top tip to increase your tally: Be sure to mask up and wear a white boiler suit with padding! But PLEASE don't carry any bin bags filled with manure, as the poor old police would be sure to get their hands dirty searching them!





H2O-KAY

Organisers of the World Water Forum in Kyoto, which ended on March 23rd, were expecting a rubber-stamping session of their plans to put the planet's most precious resource in the hands of the corporations.

Instead they got no resolution, no agreement and no common ground thanks to the robust determination of activists who crashed their party from all over the world.

More than 200 of the regular delegates lost their appetite for workshops with tasteless titles like "How the Poor will become Customers" and signed up instead to "Water is Life" – a statement condemning plans to privatise water supplies in the developing world and stating that access to clean drinking water is a basic human right.

When World Water Council chair

Michael Camdessus, ex Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, took to the platform to champion the Global Water Grab, people jumped up waving homemade lie-detector tests.

When Camdessus advocated that corporations should start their water grab by seizing control of ground water supplies, activists spoke up from the floor, telling the forum that in Brazil, where underground water is owned by private companies, the water often ends up getting bottled for sale as mineral water while the people have to make do with polluted surface water.

Activists also brought up the riots in Bolivia in 2000 which left several dead and over 200 injured when peasant farmers took to the streets to protest water privatisation. The Bolivian privatisation had resulted in 200% hikes in water costs, with some families paying \$20 a month

for water out of an average wage of \$100. Shocked delegates also learned that poor families in South Africa, where water supplies are privatised, routinely get their water cut off if they can't pay the bills.

Meanwhile, alternative Social Water Forums sprung up in Florence, New Delhi, New York and Brazil. The latter was the largest, attended by 400 delegates who resolved to take the case against water privatisation to the International Court of Justice. They also initiated a co-ordinated defence of water reserves in the Amazonian jungle and river systems extending into Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay.

As the bloody war in Iraq continues, writer Norman Mailer issued a water wake-up call, pointing out that control of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in a region where water sources are scarce could be very important for the US's intentions of future domination in the Middle East.

More info: www.blueplanetproject.net

...and finally...

Never mind that they've been sent to fight a war that's illegal and which nobody wants, and that they're more likely to be killed by the person sitting next to them than by an Iraqi soldier, American soldiers are now being told that they must pray daily for the chimps of a President who sent them there. George W, who successfully managed to snort his way out of fighting in the Vietnam War, is now asking for pledges from his soldiers to pray daily for him, his family, and his staff. The pledge comes from a pamphlet given to US marines called "A Christian Duty". Maybe somebody should send them an insert to pray that they suddenly discover a conscience and get the hell out of there. Or that a smart bomb finally finds its way to the White House. Or that Bush himself becomes the next victim of friendly fire. Hmmm, let's see now... Dear God... www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s819685.htm

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AID 'N' A BET

"Unfortunately, Bush and Co are not through yet. This invasion and conquest will encourage them to do it again elsewhere. The real purpose of this war was to say to the rest of the world, 'Don't Mess with Texas - If You Got What We Want, We're Coming to Get It!'"

- Oscar-winning comedian Michael Moore.

Last week the White House got the green light for yet another \$75 billion to be spent on the Iraqi invasion and on it's favourite new form of at-home repression, homeland security. This is on top of the \$360 billion budgeted for 'defence' every year - an annual military budget that exceeds the combined annual military budgets of the next 25 top countries! The sums are mind-boggling, but to put them in some sort of perspective, the cost of a single cruise missile costs \$800,000, which means that the opening blitz on Baghdad, when 320 missiles were dropped in a single day, cost the US a stupendous \$256 million. Considering that the war was touted as a "humanitarian war," this has to be the biggest single expenditure of "aid" in world history.

Last year, after America finished bombing the living hell out of Afghanistan (while still never managing to get hold of Osama bin Laden), the United Nations estimated that Afghanistan would need at least \$10 billion for reconstruction over the following five years. The US, which had just spent \$4.5bn on bombing the country, offered a measly \$300m for the first year of reconstruction and refused to make any commitment for subsequent years.

This year, George Bush managed to "forget" to produce an aid budget for Afghanistan at all until he was forced to provide another \$300m by Congress. That George Dubya! Ain't he such a great liberator!

SchNEWS is overwhelmed by his boundless generosity and concern for oppressed and suffering peoples throughout the world. However, the US government's true priorities are highlighted by the amount it's willing to shell-out on a single stealth bomber—\$1.26 billion—which is about the same amount as America gives in aid each year to sub-Saharan Africa.

And while the US and UK have focused their budgets and military might on Iraq, the United Nations is facing a massive shortfall in feeding the world's poorest people: In the drought-struck Horn of Africa, 11 million Ethiopians are at risk from hunger, yet only half their food needs have been pledged by richer nations. In neighbouring Eritrea, two thirds of the population face starvation, but just over 2 per cent of the \$163 million asked for by the UN has been offered. Southern Africa is also in the grips of drought with 14 million

Whose side were you on in the war Granad - CNN or SKY?



CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK

For getting in a jam...

An irate Irish copper who'd stormed in to remove anti-war protesters from blocking a road in protest at George Dubya's arrival in Belfast, found himself in a sticky situation after treading on a bag of jam. As well as getting a few good bashes with a baton, the owner of the jam (who'd intended to use it for a bit of street theatre) was arrested for assault and criminal damage. Another protester came to a sticky end getting dragged off by the hair after attempting to smear jam on a riot shield. Beware the heinous offence of making a copper's uniform sticky! www.indymedia.ie

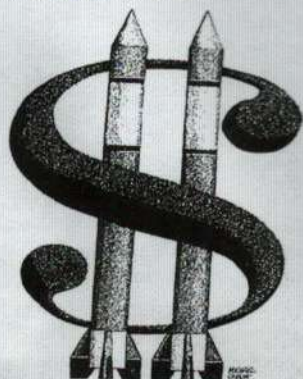
people in desperate need of food aid yet Western aid has been trickling in. In Burundi, almost one sixth of the inhabitants have been forced out of their homes by conflict and natural disasters. The country has now been officially listed as the third poorest nation on earth, but has received only 3% of its UN request.

Two and a half years ago at the Labour party conference, Prime Minister Blair talked about Africa as "a scar on the conscience of the world, but if the world focused on it, we could heal it." Now, however, Tony's so focused on scarring Iraq with his war of conscience that any chance of helping Africa is remote at best. As journalist George Monbiot points out, "The payments and promises that have been extracted so far chart the collapse of international concern for the people of almost every nation except Iraq." Yet in the post war carve-up of Iraq, while Western companies battle for control of resources, it will be the Iraqi people's turn to be forgotten by their 'liberators', just as the people of Afghanistan have been.



HOME-MADE TERROR

While the "humanitarian war" was taking place in Iraq, liberating an entire nation through massive bombing raids and civilian deaths, the IDEX arms fair was happening in the United Arab Emirates. "The Gulf region remains the ideal market in the world for military hardware," said Major-General Sultan Al-Suwaidi, head of the committee that organised the five-day event. Every permanent member of the UN Security council had big exhibitions at the fair, hoping to entice countries like Iran, Syrian Algeria, and Libya to step right up and buy their weapons of mass destruction. But Britain held pride of place by being the largest exhibitor at the show, with some 100 UK firms taking part. Organisers of the fair had, after all, announced that despite the war 'the show must go on.' Oh well, at least the next time that "our boys" follow the US into battle, they can be proud of being shot by British-made bullets.



WEAPONS OF MASS CONSTRUCTION

The tradition of Mayday has always been about the celebration of life, a way of people uniting all over the world to celebrate their power and to reclaim public spaces. A day of defiance against authority. This year's action on will see a pre-emptive strike against the real weapons of mass destruction: oil companies, the arms manufacturers, multinationals and banks.

In London on May 1st there will be a number of autonomous actions with the main meet ups at 2pm at Lock-Heed Martin - the biggest arms company in the world - Berkshire House, corner of High Holborn & Endell St, and 4pm at the headquarters of oil company Shell UK, The Strand. More info: www.ourmayday.org.uk or send an SAE to BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX.

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SchNEWS in brief

Radio 4A is on the airwaves in Brighton this weekend 101.4 FM and internet streams at www.radio4a.org.uk ** **Atkins Education**, who'd taking on running schools in the London Borough of Southwark, have discovered that running schools ain't as profitable as they had hoped and so they've walked away after just two years. Whoopee for privatisation!! ** The **Mayday Football Tournament** is on May 4th, Clissold Park, Stoke Newington, London, they're looking for teams to enter. 07958-112870 Blackstarrebels@aol.com **

October Books, Southampton's co-operatively run independent bookshop, has moved to 243 Portswood Road, Southampton SO17 2NG. 023-80581030 ** **The Anarchist Press: What's it for?** Discussion Tuesday 15th at LARC, 62 Fieldgate St, London, 7.30 pm ** **Mad Pride**, which campaigns for improved civil liberties and social conditions for psychiatric patients, is launching a 'Stop the Suicides' campaign, Friday 18th, 8pm, at Chat's Palace, 42 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton, London. £4 on the door. 07985780385 madpridelondon@hotmail.com **

Francisco Ramirez, president of a Colombian mine workers' union, is in Britain April 21st - May 12th and is willing to give talks to groups. Info: 020-7254-4699 solly@talk21.com ** To see how all the companies that are pushing for the commercialisation of GM crops are linked, then get hold of the **biotech family tree poster** from Corporate Watch, 16b Cherwell Street, Oxford, OX4 1BG. 01865 791391 mail@corporatewatch.org (Donations appreciated) ** The ETC Group have produced a report on **Terminator Technology & Exorcist Technology** in GM crops. www.etcgroup.org ** **Benefit night for the people of West Papua**, with Papuan Musicians, Matt Black from Coldcut, and film showing of the new film 'Merdeka'. Next Tuesday (15), The George IV, Brixton, London ** **Greg Pallast**, author of "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy" will be signing books and talking at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, 6pm, 23rd April. £5/£2 07077-229459 Proceeds go to the firefighters.

War Briefs

Stop the War national demonstration, Saturday 12th, in memory of those that have died in Iraq. Bring flowers, cards, wreaths etc to lay outside 10 Downing Street. Assemble 12 noon at either York Road, Waterloo or Victoria Street 020 7053 2153 www.stopwar.org.uk ** If you don't want to trudge through London on Saturday but want to listen to the same old speakers, then stay at home and listen to www.cableradio.co.uk who'll be broadcasting live from the main stage. ** For **anti-war protest in Scotland**, meet 11.30am Blythswood square, Glasgow 0131 538 0257 www.edinburghstw.org.uk ** On Monday (14) there's a **Kites for Peace at MOD Llanbedr**, nr Harlech, at 2pm. Meet Machynlleth Station, 12.30pm. Bring pictures, ribbons and flowers and a kite to fly. Flying kites is forbidden at MOD

Llanbedr, so they will be flown as a symbol of opposition to the war machine. Info: 01654-702166 ** **London school students Direct Action planning meeting**: To create a network of school activists and to follow up the anti-war student walk-outs with a student strike on Mayday. Meet 19th April, 1pm on Houghton St, WC2 near Holborn and Temple tubes. schoolaction@london.com ** The next mass blockade of **Faslane Naval Base** in Scotland, the home of Britain's very own weapons of mass destruction, will be on 22nd April. More info: www.banthebomb.org/rbb. Coaches from London and elsewhere. £20/£30. To book a seat ring 07810 192905 or email faslanec oach@hotmail.com. ** **Australian Prime Minister John Howard** and other top Defence officials watched red-faced as HMAS Sydney set sail

for the Gulf with a "No War" banner attached to its bow after protesters arrived on inflatables and surfboards and clambered up the hull in a daring anti-war demonstration. Two protesters were arrested, but not before they had forced the ship to a halt ** Film Premier of **'Jeremy Hardy versus The Israeli Army'**, 23-24 April at Bloomsbury Theatre, UCL, 15 Gordon Street, London, 8pm. Tickets £6.50 020-7388-8822 ** A BBC television producer, moments before he was wounded by an American fighter aircraft that killed 18 people with friendly fire, spoke to his mother on a satellite phone. Holding the phone over his head so that she could hear the sound of the American planes overhead, he said: "Listen, that's the sound of freedom." For more brilliant cover of the war see <http://pilger.carlton.com/print>



Summit To Shout About

The EU Summit in Athens on April the 16th was supposed to focus on European unity, with a ceremony to welcome the 10 new member states into the Union. But in the end it was about bitter divisions between pro and anti-war leaders, and about the EU's role in the rebuilding of Iraq (not that they had a say).

These 'bitter divisions' paled into insignificance next to the divisions between the 'representatives' inside the conference and the people they were supposed to represent. While the leaders choked on their vol-au-vents, only a block away from the summit there was a full-scale street riot kicking off between 20,000 riot police and 8,000 protesters. The nearby Italian, British and French embassies were attacked, and banks and stores were trashed and burned by a black block armed with stones, Molotov cocktails and buckets of red paint. Greek police retaliated with tear gas rounds (as is their habit) and eventually arrested 30 demonstrators. A large banner reading "Killers, Imperialists" was hung over the offices of British Airways. uk.indymedia.org



FRIENDLY FIRE

"The 'fog of war' obscures more than just news from the battlefield. It also provides cover for radical domestic legislation, especially ill-considered liberty-for-security swaps which have been historically popular at the onset of major conflicts." - Matt Welch, *Alternet*.

Nearly two years ago, while American troops were busy 'sorting out' Afghanistan, Bush and his cronies used their patented 'if you're not with us, then you're against us' rhetoric to push the USA Patriot Act 2001 through Congress. The Patriot Act became law just 7 weeks after the downing of the Twin Towers and was the most dramatic expansion of state power at the expense of civil liberties in the history of the US. It gave the state new powers to wiretap phones, confiscate the property of suspected terrorists, spy on its own citizens without judicial review, conduct secret searches, and even snoop on the reading habits of library users.

So with the US war machine pounding away once again, it's no surprise that there's a whole new round of even more repressive laws in the pipeline for Americans - this time in the form of The Domestic Security and Enhancement Act, the so-called Patriot Act II. This Act includes more than 100 new provisions aimed at taking

away all the freedoms they accidentally left people with in the first Patriot Act. The Patriot Act II does quite a nice job of filling in the cracks in the first Act, adding a whole new range of oppressive measures to the state's already massive arsenal. The act allows the connection of DNA from people "suspected of wrong-doing", the ability for American citizens to have their citizenship revoked if they are deemed to have contributed material support to organisations deemed to be 'terrorist', the ability to monitor a person's internet usage without a warrant, and the expansion of the death penalty to include 15 new offences. The Patriot Act II would also allow for the creation of a vast database of consumer, personal and political information on all US citizens, called the Total Information Awareness system - 'We got all the information on you, little citizen, and you're completely unaware of it.' For further info on Patriot Act II www.alternet.org/story.html?StoryID=15541

With the euphoria of the war 'victory' setting in, the US government may have to wait for the next terrorist attack to get their new bit of dodgy legislation passed, but in the meantime the US police and the legal system are acting as if they've already got totalitarian powers.

On Monday morning, California police opened fire on a peaceful anti-war protest at the Port of Oakland where military supplies were being shipped from. 500 protesters had blockaded the port and many dockworkers had walked out in solidarity. On arrival, police gave protesters two minutes to disperse, then opened fire with wooden bullets, concussion grenades and tear gas. Several people, including six dockworkers, were injured when police began shooting at very close range. The protesters didn't manage to close the docks for long, but the incident caused dockworkers to go on strike for the day. The union official Trent Willis said, "They shot my guys. We're not going to work today. The cops had no reason to open up on them." See <http://sf.indymedia.org/> for more on the California port situation.

Last October, three Roman Catholic nuns entered the N-8 Minuteman III missile silo in Colorado to protest against US war mongering. This week they have been convicted of obstructing national defence and damaging government property. The nuns are expected to receive five to eight years each for cutting two gate chains and a fence, painting six crosses on the missile silos with their own blood and symbolically tapping hammers on the railway tracks used to transport the missile.

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Swiss anti-nuclear eco-anarchist prisoner, **Marco Camenisch** is serving 10 years in jail for blowing up power lines leading to nuclear power plants. He can read and write in French, German, Spanish and Italian. He can read English, but does not feel confident to write long letters in English. Write to: Marco Camenisch, Sennhofstrasse 17, 7000 Chur, Switzerland.

Animal rights campaigner **Sonia Hayward** has been sentenced to 15 months for her involvement in campaigns against Huntingdon Life Science. Letters of support can be sent to her Sonia Hayward, KV 5943, HMP Cookham Wood, Rochester, Kent, ME1 3LU.

Carnival Against Oil Wars and Climate Chaos

Protest outside BP's Annual General Meeting on April 24th. 10am, Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, South Bank, London.

BP would like to give the impression that they are a lovely, green, sustainable corporation, while still keeping busy wrecking the environments of Colombia, West Papua, Alaska and Azerbaijan. Let them know the game's up! Expose them for the liars they are!

www.burningplanet.net
Transport going from Brighton.
Tickets available for £5 from the Cowley Club, London Road.

...and finally...

War! What is it good for? Well, apart from the obvious, like arms dealers, oil companies, world dictators and George Bush's mates, it's also pretty good for toy companies. Hasbro, one of the largest toy manufacturers in the world has just marketed its latest costume for 'G.I. Joe', America's equivalent to Action Man. Joe's new get-up is none other than a stunning Gulf War II nuclear, chemical and biological suit, complete with gas mask, boots and gloves. Another topical 'action doll' that's been marketed in the U.S. recently is the National Guard 'Homeland Security Army'. Too bad it doesn't come complete with life size wire taps, computer monitoring systems, and loads of new jails in which to put evil-doers.

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LIBERATE THIS!

"25,000 litres of anthrax. 38,000 litres of botulinum toxin. 500 tons of sarin, mustard [gas] and VX nerve agent. Several mobile biological weapons labs. An advanced nuclear weapons development program." - what George W. Bush reckoned Saddam was hiding under his moustache.

Remember why the US/UK went to war? Supposedly Iraq had a massive stockpile of weapons of mass destruction and was therefore a threat to world peace. Hans Blix and his team of UN weapons inspectors went looking for them, Saddam Hussein grudgingly cooperated, and the inspectors found... er, not a lot.

But despite the blatant lack of justification, Emperor Bush invaded Iraq anyway (he'd been told to by his dad's mates) and Iraq used its weapons to defend itself - not mustard gas or inter-continental ballistic missiles after all, but rifles and crappy old tanks against the world's foremost military superpower. Someone should have listened to former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter who described the Iraqi army as being "in total disarray, capable of little more than manning security pickets along the Iran-Iraq border... I have visited numerous Iraqi military barracks and have seen soldiers in tattered uniforms and bare feet."

So, where DID all those supposed evil weapons of mass destruction get to? Well, your on the ball SchNEWS has managed to track down some of them at Britain's own Faslane naval base in Scotland. 166 people were nicked at the base on Tuesday when hundreds of protestors blocked the gates for hours while others jumped the fences, sparking a security alert and waving banners that read "Here Blix, we've found them."

Faslane is home to three of Britain's four Trident submarines. Each submarine carries 48 nuclear warheads, each one 8 times as powerful as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima which destroyed the city and killed 140,000 people. British Minister of War Geoff Hoon was keen to use them, threatening Iraq that if they unleashed THEIR weapons of mass destruction, his country would do the same. But Saddam never did unleash anything, which is a bit strange since he never seemed one for restraint.

And now, if Bush doesn't turn up some weapons of mass destruction soon, he will be exposed as the bullying liar he truly is. Tony Blair is worried too - worried that no big bad weapons will be found, or that if they are, the Americans will be accused of planting them (surely not!). Last week, Blair said that "some sort of objective verification" of any weapons found might be a "good idea." Smart boy, Tony.

Thank-you and goodbye

Saddam's statue in Baghdad was pulled down by a US tank for the benefit of the Western corporate media, who fell all over themselves to show a crowd of happy Iraqis on the scene (Who wouldn't be happy that a scumbag tyrant had been overthrown?). But if the TV cameras had panned out just a little, you'd have seen that the square was really quite empty. Maybe it was because those who had been maimed or killed by US bombs (we'll never know how many cos' the US can't be bothered to find out) just couldn't be asked to join in welcoming their liberators.

And now the army of "liberation" is all too quickly and predictably becoming an army of occupation. "No to America, no to Saddam, no to tyranny," people chanted in Arabic on Tuesday during a religious pilgrimage organized by Shia

CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK

For jumping in puddles!

A twelve year old boy was arrested in Florida for "purposely stomping in the water." For his crime, committed on school grounds, he was handcuffed on his way back to class, taken to jail, and charged with disruption of an educational institution. The boy spent two hours sitting by himself in a police holding cell before being released!

leaders in Iraq. In the city of Kerbala on Wednesday, hundreds of thousands of Shia protested at America's first attempt to put together a puppet government, while in Mosul thousands protested and the pro-American governor's car was torched. American soldiers killed at least 10 Iraqis and wounded dozens of others when they fired on the rally. One Iraqi demonstrator warned, "If the US prevents us having a religious leader as president, we will reject it. If al-Hawza [the Shia leadership] orders us to turn ourselves into bombs, we can make the US leave Iraq. We say, 'Thank you for getting rid of Saddam. Now goodbye.'"

Respected journalist Robert Fisk observed, "All across Baghdad you hear the same thing, from Shia Muslim clerics to Sunni businessmen, that the Americans have come only for oil, and that soon - very soon - a guerrilla resistance must start. No doubt the Americans will claim that these attacks are 'remnants' of Saddam's regime or 'criminal elements'. But that will not be the case." As Dr Wamid Omar Nadmi, a leading political scientist at Baghdad university commented "What we're faced with today is not a choice between secularism and religion. We're facing an invasion and foreign rule. We have to work together to end it."

* Read 'War Plan Iraq' by Milan Rai (Verso 2003)

Liberate This! cont...

'OIL 'AVE IT!'

Fancy that! Amnesty International has accused US-led forces of better "preparation to protect the oil wells than to protect hospitals, water systems or civilians." Ever since US forces rolled into central Baghdad, one of the sole public buildings untouched by looters has been the massive oil ministry, which is under round-the-clock surveillance and guarded by 50 US tanks, with sharpshooters positioned on the roof and in the windows. "They came from the other side of the world. Do you believe they're going to do much for me? They've just come for the oil," fumed Salam Mohammad Hassan, a doctor who lives near the ministry. Just next-door, the Irrigation Ministry has been torched, with US soldiers apparently unable to do anything to help.

* The US is demanding North Korea halt its nuclear weapons programme,

but the US has, after a 14-year break, recently resumed production of plutonium parts for nuclear bombs. Where's Hans Blix when you need him?

PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE

Next Thursday is May Day, when hoards of rioting anarchists try to bring the very foundations of our society crashing to the ground...or something like that. This year it's time for our very own war on terror, with pre-emptive strikes and "an attack on the real weapons of mass destruction: oil companies, the arms manufacturers, multinationals and banks." In London there will be a number of autonomous actions with main meet ups at 2pm at Lockheed Martin - the biggest arms company in the world whose F-16 and F-22 fighter jets were used extensively by the US during the war in Iraq and whose profits have shot up accordingly. Meet 2pm Berkshire House, corner of High Holborn & Endell St. There will also be a critical

mass bike ride meeting 11am under Waterloo Bridge, South Bank, and a 1pm Mayday Picnic at Queen Anne's Gate. There is also a 2pm meet up at the Home Office, Birdcage Walk, SW1. Later, everyone will be meeting up at the headquarters of oil company Shell UK, on The Strand, 4pm.

* London Class War have called a picket of the Wilkinson store in Stratford, London. Wilkinson's use prison slave labour to make many of their goods, picket 11.30am-1pm at Wilko's, 78-102 The Broadway, Stratford.

* To help your day run smoothly send an SAE to BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX www.ourmayday.org.uk

* For the incomplete history of the origins of Mayday www.midnightnotes.org/mayday

* There's a Mayday benefit this Saturday (26), music featuring Headjam, The Lams, Fusing Naked and the Serum Soundsystem. At Eton Mission Social Club, Hackney Wick, London E9. 8pm till late. £4/3

IRAtE

As Tony Blair presses the IRA to provide 'crystal clarity' as a prerequisite for restoring devolution in Northern Ireland, his own government continues to ensure that the £10 million Stevens 3 report - which details how senior-ranking British army officers and police helped Ulster Defence Association (UDA) paramilitaries commit murder - will never see the light of day.

Last Thursday, a 20-page 'summary' was all that was released of the massive 3000 page report (the result of 14 years of investigation) which centres on the murder of human rights solicitor Patrick Finucane in 1989, and details how this was just one of many killings by UDA paramilitary murder gangs acting on direct instructions from the British army's Forces research Unit (FRU), targeting 'IRA sympathisers'. In other words, the kind of state-sponsored terrorism that Blair is so busy criticising when it happens anywhere else in the world.

The report also proves conclusively that M15, Special branch (RUC), and the army colluded to ensure that nobody was ever investigated, let alone prosecuted for what Finucane's son, Michael, has described as "a policy of state-selected assassination". The report is known to contain the names of at least 20 army and police officers who, if the evidence ever reached the public domain, would certainly face prosecution.

One such prominent army figure

is former head of the FRU, Brigadier Gordon Kerr, recently spirited away to the 'theatre of war' in the Gulf. What's more the key witness in any such prosecutions would have been the main double agent, Brian Nelson (codenamed 1033), who infiltrated the UDA whilst working for the FRU. Conveniently he 'passed away' last week just days before the Stevens 3 report was due to be released. What a strange coincidence!

Metropolitan police commissioner John Stevens (who headed the investigation detailed in the report) has openly complained of obstruction, being spied on, and betrayed by police and army colleagues. An arson attack destroyed his first report Stevens 1, in 1990.

As early as February this year, N. Ireland's Chief cop Hugh Orde predicted that the Stevens 3 report - which has cost £10 million in tax payers' money - would never be published in full due to 'intelligence issues'. With Human rights groups protesting this blatant cover up, the call is out for justice and a 'full, transparent public enquiry.' Now surely 'crystal clear' Tony Blair can't have a problem with that? Can he?

Read all about it in the book they tried to ban: "The Committee: Political Assassinations in Northern Ireland" by Sean McPhilemy and "Ten-Thirty-Three" by Nicholas Davies.

Find out more: www.relativesforjustice.com www.irlnet.com

CAGEY DEALINGS

After a 30 month battle, the animal rights group Uncaged have overturned a court order and won the right to publish over 1000 leaked pages of details on animal experiments.

The leaked documents relate to xeno-transplantation, the use of animal organ transplants in humans. The company involved, Imutran, now part of Novartis, had claimed back in 1995 that it was on the verge of successful xenotransplants. But the documents, detailing work done at Huntingdon Life Sciences, reveal a different picture - pig hearts were transplanted into baboons, who all showed signs of organ rejection. The baboons then suffered spasms, vomiting, diarrhoea, grinding teeth and uncontrollable eye movements.

The research was sloppy, fraudulent and cruel - all with the backing of the Home Office inspectors whose job it was to regulate the experiments. At least 520 errors and omissions occurred in the research and Imutran made lots of false claims - so that they would be granted more licences by the Home Office. The Home Office then failed to prosecute for breaches in the law, instead sending letters of "admonishment" and working with Imutran to underestimate the degree of suffering caused.

Read the reports at www.xenodiaries.org

* The campaign to close Huntingdon Death Sciences continues: 0845 458 0630, www.shac.net

PEACE ACTIVIST SHOT

British peace activist Thomas Hurn-dall is still in a coma after an Israeli sniper shot him in the head two weeks ago as he shielded children from the line of fire in the Israeli occupied Gaza strip. Thomas is the third International Solidarity Movement (ISM) activist to be killed or seriously injured in the region over the past month. The Israeli military has so far refused to comment.

It now appears that international peace activists may be being specifically targeted by the Israeli military, but volunteers are still continuing their work in the region.

London ISM: 07817 554 814
www.palsolidarity.org

War briefs

The peace camp at Welford in Berkshire has been re-established. Bombs from Welford are regularly transported to nearby Fairford to be loaded onto B52s which are still flying missions over Iraq. Campers have vowed to stay at the camp until the B52s leave the UK. More people are always welcome. Info: 07736 964653/ 07984 290842. ** In the run-up to Mayday, Campaign Against the Arms Trade Direct Action Network is organising a series of protests in London aimed at stopping the corporations that are profiting from the war on terrorism, including a visit to BAE Systems AGM next Wednesday. Meet 30th, 9.30am at QEII Conference Centre, Tothill St, London. More info on other actions 020 7281 0297 action@caat.demon.co.uk ** Enraged by local newspaper magnate Sir Ray Tindle's decision to stop printing anti-war stories once the war began in the 100 local newspapers he owns, a group in Totnes have produced their own anti-war spoof newspaper 'Troubled Times'. Copies at http://images.indymedia.org/imc/uk/the_paper.pdf or send an SAE with 44p of stamps to the SchNEWS office ** **Taking Sides** is a website that takes a critical look at news about the war from around the world <http://takingsides.blogspot.com> ** The producer of a US television mini-series called "Hitler: The Rise of Evil" has been sacked for comparing the situation in Germany which gave rise to Hitler and his evil plans to the current situation in the US. In an interview he said, "I can't think of a better time to examine this history than now."

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HOME OFFENSE

Now that we've 'liberated' their country, the UK government has started to draw up plans to bribe Iraqi asylum claimants in the UK with offers of £3000 to go back to their once beautiful but now barely functioning country. A similar scheme that was put in place after they'd flattened Afghanistan unsurprisingly didn't get many takers, so instead the Home Office has now had to resort to forcibly repatriating Afghanis, despite aid agencies describing the situation in Afghanistan as far from safe. The Home Office are hoping that by declaring Iraq and Afghanistan safe, they will be able to kick out enough people and increase their chances of meeting the target of halving the number of asylum applications by September.

* On Wednesday the trial of eleven asylum seekers, accused of involvement in the fire that destroyed part of Yarlswood Detention Centre in February last year, began at Harrow Crown Court (See SchNEWS 348). The eleven face charges of Arson and Violent Disorder, the trial is likely to be totally biased as many witnesses to the events on the day have since been deported. The case is expected to last 8-12 weeks. The Campaign For Justice in the Yarlswood Trial desperately need volunteer observers to watch court proceedings each day - 07786 517379 observer_yarlswoodtrial@yahoo.co.uk

* Over Easter a camp was set up against the Baxter refugee detainee centre in the South Australian desert. The camp was forced to move 3km away though after police rode their horses over people's tents. At the new site police arrested one person for flying a kite! - Kite flying was banned under the Taliban, who obviously no longer in control of Afghanistan now run the Australian police. Armed police also stormed the camp when they mistook a camera tripod for a gun!

Detainees inside the centre, were subject to a lockdown during the weekend. <http://adelaide.indymedia.org>

Inside SchNEWS

Two Danish activists who threw paint at their Prime Minister in protest at their country's involvement in the war on Iraq have been remanded in custody awaiting trial. Messages of support can be sent to them- Lars and Runes at antikrig@ulydighed.dk

SchNEWS in brief

Anarchist punk band CONFLICT will release an anti-globalisation anthem 'Carlo Giuliani' on Monday (28), a call to arms in memory of the protester killed by Italian police at the G8 summit in Genoa. Order it through your local DIY record shop or from www.sisterray.co.uk ** On **Workers' Memorial Day**, Monday (28), there will be events around the country, www.tuc.org.uk/h_and_s/tuc-6445-f0.cfm ** Film showing of 'Evolving Minds' about psychosis, spirituality and mental health, this Saturday (26) 7pm at Cinemateque, Middle St., Brighton. Donation ** Tribute concert for friends of **Pete Shaughnessy**, May 4th at the Foundry, Great Eastern Street, London (Old Street tube). Pete, a legendary figure for all those involved in the world of mental health, died tragically last Christmas. Check out the new website in honour of him www.peteshaughnessy.org.uk ** Annual **Cannabis march and festival**, Brockwell Park, London. Saturday, 3rd May, Carnival style march from Kennington Park, meet at noon. Festival starts 1pm, £3 donation. Info: 07931 243 855 www.ccguide.org.uk/cannabisfestival.html

...and finally...

We all know that anti-French frenzy in the US of A has led some Americans to rename French Fries 'Freedom Fries,' but now there's an American online petition dedicated to "Sending back Liberty". No not THAT kind of Liberty - they mean the Statue of Liberty! The designers of the petition are claiming to want the New York landmark, which was once a gift from the French, returned to France. And what do they want to replace Lady Liberty with? Why a giant statue of Ronald Reagan, of course-"The greatest president the world has ever seen."

The website also recommends that 'patriots' chuck out any French wine and cheese they've got stored, just one of many helpful 'deFrenchifying self-help methods'. Surely its a piss take, isn't it?

See for yourself at:
www.sendbackliberty.us

Disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all weapons inspectors not to go looking for weapons of mass destruction at Faslane. Honest!

What Weapons?



So the war's over, the oil fields are safely in the hands of coalition soldiers, the UN has been forced to accept the occupation, and a lot of US companies are lined up to make a fuck-load of cash reconstructing everything that the US army destroyed. George and Tony must be feeling pretty pleased with themselves. Probably the only flies in the ointment right now are the people who keep reminding them that

since they occupied Iraq they haven't been able to turn up anything resembling a Weapon of Mass Destruction. Where are the buckets of anthrax that Saddam was planning to hand out to every crazed terrorist who could carry one away? Where is the nuclear weapons program that wily Iraqis had hidden under a dairy farm?

SchNEWS suspects that some readers will be saying, "of course they haven't found anything. There's nothing there. This just proves what we've been saying all along, that the whole WMD thing was just a way of scaring the shit out of the general public and giving them an excuse to go to war." But wait. Let's not be cynical. Just because there's nothing there doesn't mean they didn't think there was something there. Maybe they did have good reason to suspect that the Iraqi government still had huge stockpiles of WMDs.

Let's ask an expert in the field. Scott Ritter became chief weapons inspector for UNSCOM in Iraq in 1991 and served as chief of the concealment investigations team until 1998, when he resigned in protest against the US government's manipulation of the inspection process. (By the way, don't let that resignation make you think that this is some kind of anti-establishment rebel. Scott's an ex-marine who served in Operation Desert Storm, a Republican – he voted for Dubya – and, just to complete the stereotype, a 6-footer with a lantern jaw.)

MEET MISTER RITTER

At the outset of the inspections, says Ritter, the Iraqi government lied. They declared less than 50 percent of their chemical and missile stockpiles and failed to declare the existence of their biological and nuclear programs. They hid everything they could, as cleverly as they could. Ritter infamously set up an 'aggressive and intrusive inspection process' meaning he and his team spent the next seven years meticulously tracking down every bomb, every missile, every factory designed to produce chemical, biological and nuclear weaponry. They tracked the shipping of materials and cross-referenced this data against the invoices taken from manufacturers who sold them the equipment and shoved them into the faces of Iraqi officials. Video cameras and heat sensors were set up to monitor known sites and ensure they were never again used to make weapons. The foundations of buildings were lifted, facilities and missiles were catalogued and destroyed as they found them.

The Iraqis soon gave in. This Ritter guy and his people weren't messing about, and, fearing military retaliation if they hid anything, the Iraqis opted for a policy of full disclosure. Despite this revealing most of their weapons and weapon making potential, Ritter became even more suspicious, realising the Iraqis feared a US attack and would be destroying stuff that hadn't yet been found so they could pretend it had never existed. UNSCOM wasn't gonna be

fooled, so Ritter headed up a counter-concealment team and sites were subjected to forensic archaeology to discover in mind-numbing detail exactly what had been destroyed.

When he left in the summer of '98, Ritter was sure that UNSCOM had stripped Iraq of 90-95 percent of all their weapons of mass destruction, the rest of the missing material lost during the ravages of the Gulf war and in the governmental chaos caused by sanctions. Inspectors discovered and disposed of 38,500 chemical munitions, 625 tons of chemical weapons agents, 2,700 tons of precursor chemicals and 426 pieces of chemical production equipment.

Still, 10% is too great a margin of error for a hardass like Ritter and, as nerve gases like sarin have a shelf life of at maximum 5 years and biological agents turn to goo even faster, special attention was paid to the relatively stable VX nerve agents. In the Summer of 2002 Ritter boldly stated that "[the VX] research and development factory is destroyed, the product of that factory is destroyed. The weapons they loaded up have been destroyed. More importantly, the equipment procured from Europe that was going to be used for their large-scale VX nerve agent factory was identified by the special commission – still packed in its crates in 1997 – and destroyed. Is there a VX nerve agent factory in Iraq today? Not on your life." On the subject of other Weapons of Mass Destruction he commented, "It was possible as early as 1997 to determine that, from a qualitative standpoint, Iraq had been disarmed. Iraq no longer possessed any meaningful quantities of chemical or biological agents, if it possessed any at all, and the industrial means to produce these agents had either been eliminated or were subject to stringent monitoring. The same was true of Iraq's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities. As long as monitoring inspections remained in place, Iraq presented a WMD based threat to no one". Hmm, interesting... So presumably the US was feeling pretty relaxed about the 'Iraqi threat' by that point?

WAR GAMES

Well no. By the beginning of 1998 The UNSCOM investigators were beginning to find Washington more obstructive than Baghdad, with the US orchestrating confrontations, delaying surprise inspections until more sensitive times, creating arguments over the number of inspectors allowed on a site, and such like. It was this, more than the fact that the CIA had infiltrated UNSCOM and was using it as its own private intelligence-gathering agency, that made Ritter resign in protest. Less than six months later his worst fears were confirmed when the Pentagon effectively ordered the UNSCOM inspectors withdrawal (for their own safety) after telling them that US missile strikes were imminent. The UN Special Commission, reviewing the report on the withdrawal, concluded the crisis was "artificially created."

Interviewed on the NBC Today show in December 1998, Ritter said "The U.S. has perverted the U.N. weapons process by using it as a tool to justify military actions, falsely so. ... The U.S. was using the inspection process as a trigger for war."

More recently in September 2002 he said "The Bush administration has provided the American public with little more than rhetorically laced speculation, there has been nothing in the way of substantive fact presented that makes the case that Iraq possesses these weapons or has links to international terror, that Iraq poses a threat to the United States of America worthy of war." He added: "The opportunity finally exists to bring clarity to years of speculation about the potential threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, as well as an opportunity to resolve this ongoing crisis of international law peacefully. But President Bush refuses to take 'yes' for an answer. The Bush administration's actions lay bare the mythology that this war is being fought over any threat posed by Iraqi weapons of mass destruction."

DON'T MENTION THE WAR...

As this book goes to print, the 'War on Iraq' isn't front-page news anymore. There are still big stories about the 'Aftermath of War' – the big news at the moment is that all that 'evidence' of Weapons of Mass Destruction turned out to be bullshit and forgery. There are no weapons, and there was no evidence. So the mainstream press keeps running stories asking, 'Did Tony know? Did George know?' (Strangely, no-one has run a story asking, 'Is there anyone who didn't know?')

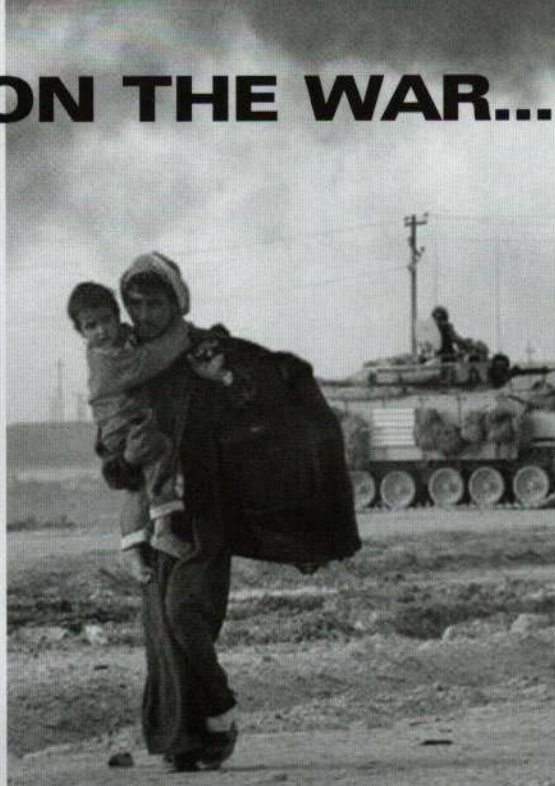
As far as the war itself goes, the story's over. It went like this: George and Tony decide to take out Saddam; everyone else says no; they go to war anyway; Saddam legs it; Iraq now free; The End. Now we can get back to other things – did you know that a new series of *Big Brother* has started?

But the war on Iraq isn't over. It didn't start on 20th March, and it didn't end when Saddam Hussein disappeared off the face of the planet. The US and Britain waged a 'low-intensity' war on the country, with bombing raids and cruise missiles, ever since Gulf War I officially finished in 1991. (Between 1997 and the beginning of 2003, Britain alone spent £1 billion bombing Iraq.) During that time the UN enforced sanctions that knowingly killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. And Saddam's disappearing act hasn't brought an end to this violence: a few weeks ago US soldiers broke up a 'boisterous but peaceful' demo in Falluja by firing automatic weapons into the crowd, killing 15 Iraqis and wounding 75. The war's still going on.

Saddam isn't the main issue, and he never was. The main issue has always been how to keep the people of the Middle East under control, and make sure that nothing interferes with the global economy's connection to the richest supplies of oil on the planet.

The war is about 'the Iraqi people's right to govern themselves', but not the way they talk about it on *Newsnight*. The Iraqi people have a long history of fighting to take control of their own lives: rebelling against occupying armies, repressive governments and the oil companies who exploit them (see *A Really Brief History of Iraq*). This is a direct threat to the stability of the capitalist house of cards, and it has to be dealt with brutally. People in the Middle East trying to govern themselves have to be stopped at all costs.

Saddam Hussein is just one of a long list of gangsters and torturers that the West has propped up to keep the region locked down. The Baath party came to power in a *coup* backed by the CIA, who encouraged them to round up, murder and imprison thousands of Iraqi radicals and revolutionaries. In the 80s Saddam was armed and funded by governments in the West



and East, who relied on him to weaken Iranian power in the region. When Iraqi deserters kicked off an uprising against Saddam's regime during Gulf War I, the US immediately stopped the war to give him a chance to massacre the rebels, before the rebellion turned into revolution (see *Milan Rai Article*).

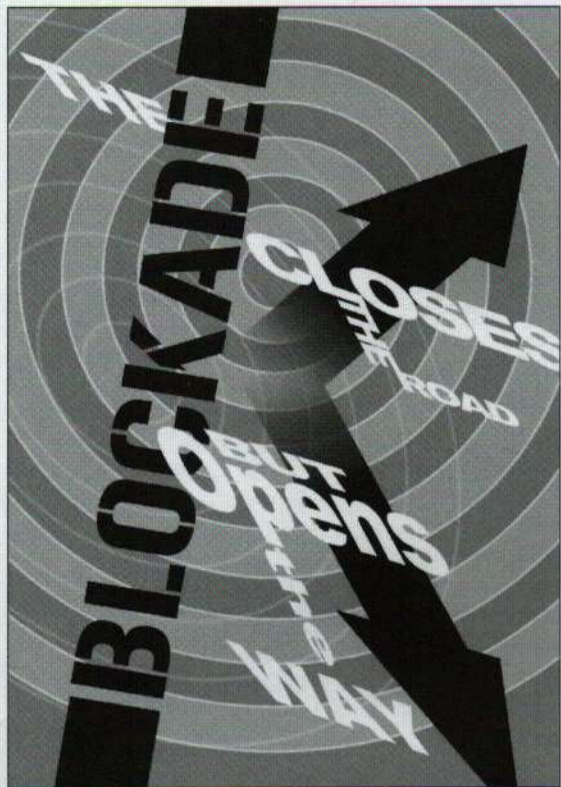
Saddam wasn't a reliable employee anymore, so he got the sack. But the war against the Iraqi people, and the people of the Middle East, goes on. For the time being the US/UK will have to do a lot of the dirty work themselves. It's not ideal, but they haven't had much luck hiring a new set of bastards that's strong enough to guarantee 'security and

stability' in the country (for investors that is, not Iraqis). It looks like the occupying forces might be doing the dirty work in Iraq for a long time yet – unless, of course, they're forced to get out.

Oil Be Back

There's nothing new about wars over resources. The most obvious example at the moment is the war in the Congo, "possibly the most mineral rich place on earth", where soldiers from half a dozen countries are tearing the country apart "to loot Congo's rich resources and sell them" (see *The Lost World War*). But this isn't exactly what's happening in Iraq. As Milan Rai put it, the war's not being fought for 'access to oil' but for control of the production of oil, and the profits that flow from it. This isn't just to guarantee US/UK based companies a good slice of the profits, it's an attempt to prop up the capitalist system as a whole.

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At this moment in time, there's nothing on this planet that's more important to capitalist profits than oil, except workers. Oil is involved in the production of every other commodity: it powers factories and it powers the transportation of goods and people. As such, it figures in a lot of basic capitalist strategies for guaranteeing profits, like replacing people with machines, and moving production to wherever labour costs are cheapest. Without oil, there is no 'global free market'. Because oil is involved in the cost of everything, as the price of oil goes up or down, the price of everything else tends to rise or fall accordingly. This means that there are constant political struggles for control over the price of oil.

If you want to read about the war without all the bollocks about 'democracy' or 'terrorism', you can rely on the business press to give it to you straight. One week into the invasion, *Fortune* magazine, every capitalist's favourite glossy, couldn't help gloating about the shot-in-the-arm that was coming for the global economy. Iraq has the second largest proven oil reserves in the world, after Saudi Arabia. What's more, Iraqi oil is high quality and cheap to produce: in the US it costs about \$15 dollars to produce a barrel of crude; in Iraq it costs less than \$5. "Whilst rebuilding Iraq's decrepit oil industry could cost the US billions of dollars," wrote *Fortune*, "that will be more than made up for by lower oil prices in the long term... Cheaper oil will boost the entire economy, from manufacturing to farming". "For the global economy, that kind of relief couldn't come at a better time": global economic growth is dangerously slow, and the only thing keeping the US economy afloat is people letting themselves get deep into debt. If oil prices were to rise at this point, the stage would be set for "the kind

of recession that ended the first President Bush's political career". The conclusion? "If Iraq just exported oranges, nearly 250,000 American troops probably wouldn't be in the region". No shit, Sherlock.

Of course, it's not impossible that capitalism will find a way to cut down its oil habit, or even replace it. But don't count on that happening any time soon. The US Department of Energy and the International Energy Agency both estimate that global demand for oil will increase over the next 20 years from 77mbd to 120mbd, driven mainly by the needs of the US and 'emerging' markets in Asia. Those figures aren't based on the needs of people, by the way, but on the needs of the capitalist economy, which needs to constantly 'grow', or expand the amount of things produced and sold, in order to guarantee profits – regardless of the social, political or ecological consequences. If you're worried about climate change, you're probably better off thinking about those numbers than going over the small print in the Kyoto treaty.

As long as oil remains the lifeblood of the global economy, power will demand as much control as possible over its production and supply. And as long as that's the case, the people who are unlucky enough to live where the oil is will be at the sharp end of the capitalist system.

"We Will Fight Them"

"If the Americans come, they will be very strong at first, but after some time they will see resistance. We will fight them. It doesn't matter about sects, Shi'a, Sunni, Kurd, Christian. I am Kurd. We will all fight together, not for the government. For our land." – Man speaking to Jo Wilding in Saddam City (now Sadr City), 18th March, two days before the invasion began (see *From the Ground Up*).

"We are not loyal to Saddam. He was a dictator and a tyrant. Now he has gone, but the Americans are acting like dictators themselves." – Member of the crowd that destroyed the al-Tawhid police station, Falluja, 6th June. The US military was negotiating to set up a permanent base in the station, so local residents gathered and turned the building to rubble with mallets, axes and metal poles.

The past year was dominated by anti-war activism. Whatever you think about that, you can't help but be impressed by the size and power of what happened. Yes, there were boring meetings dominated by SWP droids. And some direct action crew will never get bored of reminding us that "marching from A to B won't change the world". But marches and meetings were only a part of it. There were also mass schoolkid strikes, illegal 'Stop the City' actions, covert and open sabotage of military property, mass invasions of military bases, successful blockades of vehicles transporting military equipment, people travelling to Iraq to act as independent human rights observers and human shields, occupations, and riots. Embassies, government property and branches of McDonalds were smashed up. The link between the war and oil didn't go unnoticed either: petrol stations got occupied, and occasionally 'dismantled', all over the place; in the UK the International Petroleum Exchange and Esso headquarters were both occupied. And whilst marching from A to B

definitely isn't as sexy as vandalising your Army Recruitment Centre or pulling down the fence at a US base, we can't just write off the global anti-war marches. Millions filled the streets in almost every major city in the world to warn their governments off support for the attack. Marching (well, shuffling) through London with 2 million other people might be boring (frankly there's no 'might be' about it – it is), but to be honest that march probably put the fear up Neo Labour as much as anything else that happened in the run up to war. And it let people in Iraq know that this country isn't entirely made up of heartless wankers, which is no bad thing either.

What all this added up to was a massive, and global, act of refusal – unlike anything that's been seen before. It didn't stop the war machine, but it made it much more difficult to set it in motion. Governments like Turkey, who normally march in lockstep with the US military, were forced to withdraw support for the invasion. Even Tony "who shall we kill today?" Blair was nearly forced to abandon his commitment to the war by the massive force of resistance in this country.

Now the war has become an occupation, and there's nothing that Tony and Co. would like more than for us to forget about all this as quickly as possible. You didn't stop the war, now get over it. Let the troops get on with their 'policing activities' as quietly as possible. But for Iraqi people, resistance is just beginning. It's hard to get a clear picture of what's going on in Iraq at the moment, but it's clear that most people there are under no illusions about why US troops are on the streets. In coming months they will have to fight military repression and attempts to set up a new puppet government; they will also have to deal with all kinds of dodgy fuckers who try to use the brewing anti-American feeling in the country to get a bit of power for themselves. Being against the occupation doesn't mean we have to take sides with these would-be governments against the US government, or the government that the US will try to install. It means taking sides with ordinary people, against all the groups trying to exploit and control them.

Just because we didn't manage to stop the war doesn't mean there's nothing left for us to do. If we can make the occupation unworkable, people in Iraq will have a better chance of taking back some control over their lives and their land. If the occupation doesn't work, it will also make it more difficult for the US to try this strategy elsewhere. We don't have any vested interest in what's being planned for the Iraqi oilfields. We don't have shares in Exxon Mobil or General Motors. For most of us, 'economic growth' doesn't mean anything except more work, more exploitation, more environmental devastation.

There are all kinds of possibilities for activism. At the moment there are loads of Western companies crowding around trying to get their share



of the lucrative contracts for reconstruction that the US is doling out. If possible, the US will make sure that the money for that work comes out of revenues from Iraqi oil. Most of those companies will be American, but not all of them. Some of the American companies will have offices in the UK. As soon as coalition forces can create a 'secure environment' for investment in Iraq, the oil companies will start lining up for their cut as well. A more irresponsible newsheet than SchNEWS might well suggest that all of these companies are legitimate targets for activists. Depending on how the occupation develops, it might also be possible that tactics like those used by the International Solidarity Movement in Palestine will be useful in Iraq. It will definitely be useful to develop links with activists in Iraq. When Jo Wilding was in the

country at the start of war she met people who were setting up an Iraq Indymedia. Giving support to this kind of project will make it easier to get around the bullshit in the Western media about the occupation, give us a better understanding of what's going on there, and might open up possibilities for coordinated resistance. Most of all, it's important not to let the government and the press sweep the occupation under the carpet. The war isn't going away; neither are we.

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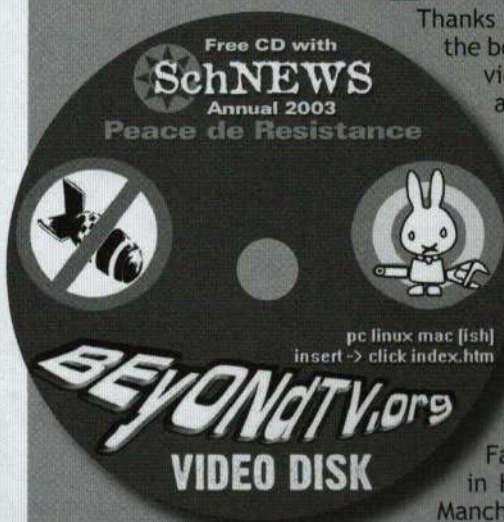
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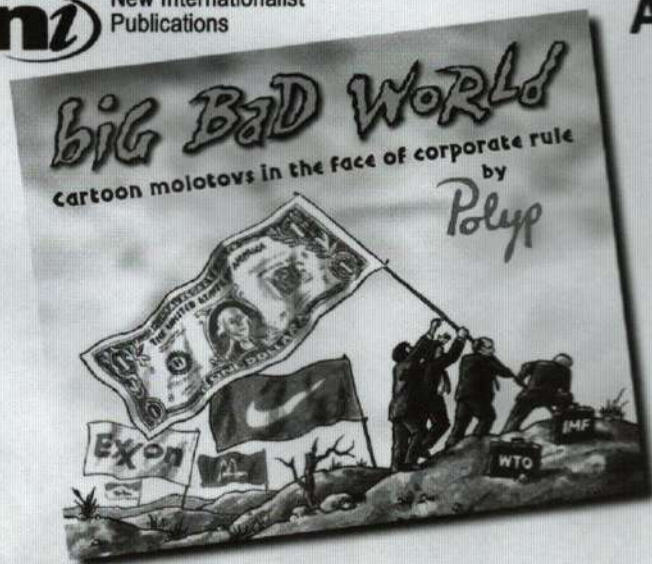
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ANTI-WAR

Abolition 2000 (A2000 UK) 601 Holloway Rd, London, N19 4DJ. T 020 7281 4281 A2000UK@gn.apc.org www.gn.apc.org/abolition2000uk To achieve for the 21st century a global treaty to abolish nuclear weapons.

Active Resistance to the Roots of War (ARROW) 162 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DQ. T 020 7607 2302 info@justicenotvengeance.org www.j-n-v.org Nonviolent action affinity group.

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp c/o 157 Lyndhurst Rd, Worthing, W. Sussex BN11 2DG. T 0845 4588362 / 07904 450307 awpc@gmx.co.uk www.aldermastonwpc.gn.apc.org Based around a monthly peace-camp at AWE Aldermaston - opposes Britain's nuclear weapons through campaigns and nonviolent direct action.

Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB) 8 Park Row, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 1HQ. T 01943 466405 / 01482 702033 F 01482 702033 anniandlindis@caab.org.uk www.caab.org.uk Working for accountability of American bases through the systems and structures available and taking direct action when these fail.

Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) 11 Goodwin St, London, N4 3HQ. T 020 7281 0297 F 020 7281 4369 enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk www.caat.org.uk Broad coalition of groups and individuals committed to an end to the international arms trade, together with progressive demilitarisation within arms-producing countries.

Campaign Against Depleted Uranium (CADU) Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester M4 7HR. T 0161 273 8293/8283 F 0161 273 8293 info@cadu.org.uk www.cadu.org.uk Campaigns specifically on trying to achieve a global ban on the manufacture, testing, and use of depleted uranium weapons.

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ T 020 7700 2393 F 020 7700 2357 enquiries@cnduk.org www.cnduk.org Campaigns non-violently to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction and to create genuine security for future generations.

Campaign to Free Vanunu and for a Nuclear Free Middle East 185 New Kent Rd, London, SE1 4AG T 020 7378 9324 F as phone www.vanunu.freemove.co.uk campaign@vanunu.freemove.co.uk Campaign for the release of Vanunu, the Israeli nuclear whistleblower who, in 1986 was sentenced for 18 years imprisonment for revealing Israel's nuclear stockpiles.

Civil Disobedience www.civildisobedience.org.uk A resource for people who want to make their voice heard using non-violent direct action.

Conscience - The Peace Tax Campaign Archway Resource Centre, 1b Waterloo Rd, London, N19 5NJ. T 0870 777 3223 F 020 7281 6508 info@conscienceonline.org.uk www.conscienceonline.org.uk Campaigns for right of conscientious objectors to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peacebuilding initiatives.

Direct Action Against War www.groups.yahoo.com/group/directionagainstwar/ Email list for exchanging information about direct action against the war on Iraq in Britain.

Fairford Peace Watch www.fairfordpeacewatch.co 290

in Fairford is where the US Airforce launched B52 bombers from, to attack Iraq.

Faslane Peace Camp A814, Shandon, Nr Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, G84 8NT. T 01436 820901 faslanepeacecamp@hotmail.com www.faslanepeacecamp.org.uk Live across the road from Britain's nuclear arsenal, stop nuclear convoys and generally harass the MoD.

Free Flyingdales Network www.freeflyingdalesnetwork.co.uk A small organisation that aim to stop America's "Son of Star Wars" Plans and, in particular, the use of RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire as part of this plan.

Gloucestershire Weapons Inspectors info@gwio.org.uk www.cynatech.demon.co.uk A group of concerned citizens who aim to eliminate weapons of mass destruction from Gloucestershire.

Gush Shalom P.O.B 3322 Tel-Aviv 61033 Israel. info@gush-shalom.org www.gush-shalom.org Aims to influence Israeli public opinion and lead it towards peace and conciliation with the Palestinian people.

Housmans Peace Resource Project (HPRP) 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings Cross, London, N1 T 020 7278 4474 F 020 7278 0444 worldpeace@gn.apc.org Produces World Peace Database: 3500 organisations in 170 countries (includes major environmental & human rights groups) - abbreviated annual Directory appears in Housmans Peace Diary.

International Solidarity Movement (ISM) (See entry under Indigenous Peoples)

Lakenheath Action Group Forge Bungalow, The Street, Shotesham, Norwich, NR15 1YL. T 01508 550446 info@lakenheathaction.org www.lakenheathaction.org Action group who campaign against the stationing of 30 US nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath.

Non-Violent Resistance Network (NVRN) 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ T 020 7607 2302 F 020 7700 2357 c/o cnd@gn.apc.org Network non-violent direct action activists in the UK and supply with information about NVDA events.

Nonviolent Action Magazine reporting nonviolent actions. (See entry under Media)

Not in our Name Project info@notinourname.net www.notinourname.net Citizens of the United States resisting the injustices done by their government, in their names.

Other Israel, The PO Box 2542, Holon 58125, Israel. AICIPP@icg.org (North America) others@actcom.co.il (Rest of World) otherisrael.tripod.com Bi-monthly peace movement magazine (hardcopy), for free sample send address.

Peace Brigades International British Section (PBI) 1b Waterloo Rd, London, N19 5NJ. T 020 7281 5370 F 020 7272 9243 pbi@britain.gn.apc.org www.icg.org/pbi Send teams of international observers to provide protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders who are at risk as a result of their work for social justice.

Peace Museum, The Office: Jacob's Well, Manchester Rd., Bradford, BD1 5RW. Visitor Gallery: 10 Piece Hall Yard, Bradford Centre, BD1 1PJ T 01274 754009 F 01274 752618 peacemuseum@bradford.gov.uk www.peacemuseum.co.uk Covers peace history, non-violence, conflict resolution. Four travelling exhibitions. Educational outreach. Open 11-3 Wed and Fri or by appointment.

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The format of the entries are: Name Address. T phone number F fax number email@address www.website Description.

Peace News Radical, international, antimilitarist, quarterly magazine. (See entry under Media)

School of the Americas Watch PO Box 4566 Washington, DC 20017, USA. T +1 202 234 3440 info@soaw.org www.soaw.org SOA Watch is an independent organization that seeks to close the US Army School of the Americas which trains dodgy military regimes.

Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), 15 Barriland Street, Glasgow G41 1QH. T 0141 4231222 F 0141 4332821 scnd@banthebomb.org www.banthebomb.org Largest Peace organisation in Scotland. Campaign against Trident at Faslane, co-ordinates the Coalition for Justice Not War. Supports direct action and political action.

Stop the War Coalition PO Box 3739, London E5 8EJ. T 020 7053 2153. office@stopwar.org.uk www.stopwar.org.uk Organisation who organise big marches and ask Tony Blair not to go to war.

Sussex Action for Peace PO Box 241 Brighton BN1 3UQ. T 01273 706820 / 07815 998127 / 07789 154582 mail@safp.org.uk www.safp.org.uk Local peace activist group.

Trident Ploughshares 42-46 Bethel St, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1NR T 0845 4588366 F 0845 4588364 tp2000@gn.apc.org www.tridentploughshares.org Open, accountable & non-violent disarmament of the British nuclear Trident system.

Truth Justice Peace Action - Human Shields human@humanshields.org www.humanshields.org Mass direct action, in conflict zones, with the objective of protecting life by getting in the way.

Voices in the Wilderness UK 16b Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG T 0845 4582564 voices@vivuk.freemove.co.uk www.vivuk.freemove.co.uk Breaks sanctions by taking medical supplies to Iraq without export licences. Regular newsletter and briefings.

Wake The World www.waketheworld.org Copyright free anti-war posters that you can print off and display in windows, on walls and at protest marches

Women with Womyn's Peace Camp PO Box 105, Harrogate HG3 2FE. T 01943 466825 cndyorks.gn.apc.org/mhs/index.htm Camp against the world's largest spy base. Operated by the US government and based in the Yorkshire Moors.

World Court Project UK 67 Summerheath Rd, Hailsham, Sussex BN27 3DR T 01323 844269 F 01323 844269 geowcpuk@gn.apc.org www.gn.apc.org/wcp Working to have implemented the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice that nuclear weapons are illegal.

Youth & Student Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (Y&SCND) 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ T 0207 607 3616 F 0171 700 2357 youth_cnd@hotmail.com www.nonukes.org.uk Campaigning to trash Trident through actions, demonstrations, awareness raising & letter writing. New volunteers are welcome.

ANARCHISM

A-Infos www.ainfos.ca Regular anarchist newssheet over the internet in various languages.

Anarchist FAQ www.anarchistfaq.org Frequently Asked Questions about anarchism. Its aim is to present what anarchism really stands for and indicate why you should become an anarchist.

Anarchist Federation c/o 84b Whitechapel High St, London, E1 7QX. T 07946 214590 anarchistfederation@bigfoot.com www.afed.org.uk *Class struggle anarchists aiming to abolish capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is Anarchist Communism.*

Anarchist Federation (AF) Greater Manchester PO Box 127, Oldham OL4 3FE. anarchistfederation@yahoo.co.uk www.af-north.org *The local group of the AF in the Manchester area. Members in Manchester, High Peaks, Oldham and more*

Anarchist Federation (Ireland) PO Box 505, Belfast, BT12 6BQ. T 07951 079719 ireaf@yahoo.ie *Irish Anarchist Federation.*

Anarchist Teapot Mobile Kitchen (See entry under Food and Farming)

Anarchist Yellow Pages flag.blackened.net/agnony/avp/ *An international directory of anti-authoritarian groups, publications and self-managed spaces.*

Anarchist Youth Network c/o 84b Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX. T 07814 629780 info.anarchistyouth.net www.anarchistyouth.net *The only revolutionary youth network in the UK set up independently by young people, for young people, and not as a recruiting ground for some sad leftwing political party*

Azzioni Pozitivita (M.A.M.) manarkikum@yahoo.com azzionipositivita.cjb.net *Anarchist movement in Malta.*

Black Flag *Comprehensive list of UK Anarchist groups. (See entry under Media)*

Class War Federation PO Box 467, London E8 3QX. T 07931 301901 classwaruk@hotmail.com www.classwaruk.org *Exists to promote class consciousness and working class control over our day to day lives. Publish Class War paper.*

Collective for Libertarian Idea (K.S.I. - Kolektiv Za Slobodarska Ideja) slobodarska@hypocrisy.org slobodarska@yahoo.com *The first anarchist collective in Macedonia.*

Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF) PO Box 223, 111 21 Praha 1, Czech Republic. intersec@csaf.cz csaf.cz *Anarchist propaganda, street actions, publishing anarchist materials, ABC group.*

Federation Collective Rampenplan PO Box 780, 6130 At Sittard, The Netherlands T +31 46 452 4803 F +31 46 451 6460 rampen@antenna.nl www.antenna.nl/rampenplan *Federation based on basic democracy and anarchism. Includes a mobile vegetarian/vegan ecological kitchen, anarchist/environment book publisher and a video action newsgroup.*

Kate Sharpley Library Archive of Anarchist and related material. (See entry under Media)

Radical Routes *Mutual aid network. (See entry under Networking Support)*

Solidarity Federation (SolFed) PO Box 469, Preston PR1 8XF. T 01772 739724 solfed@solfed.org.uk www.solfed.org.uk *Anarcho-syndicalist federation of groups (contact them for your local group). Dedicated to an anti-authoritarian future based on mutual aid and individual freedom.*

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Animal Contacts Directory Veggie's, 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham NG7 6HX. T 0845 458 9595. acd@veggies.org.uk www.veggies.org.uk *The essential guide to thousands of animal welfare rights campaigns across the world available online or as a book from Veggie's.*

Animal Liberation Front UK Supporters Group BM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. T 0870 1385037 F as phone info@alfsg.co.uk *Info about animal rights prisoners and defence funds plus articles/news in bi-monthly newsletter.*

Animal Liberation Press Office (See entry under Media)

Animal Rights Calendar c/o Veggie's, 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham NG7 6HX. T 0845 458 9595 Arc@veggies.org.uk www.veggies.org.uk/calendar *Comprehensive, monthly diary of UK animal rights events. Also appears in ARC News*

ARCNEWS PO Box 339, Wolverhampton, WV10 7BZ. T 0845 458 0146 james@arcnews.co.uk www.arcnews.co.uk *Independent animal rights magazine aimed at grass-roots campaigning. Available on subscription of £10 per year or on line.*

British Union For The Abolition Of Vivisection (BUAV) 16a Crane Grove, London, N7 8NN. T 020 7700 4888 F 020 7700 0196 campaigns@buav.org www.buav.org *Anti-vivisection organisation specialising in public campaigning, hard-hitting undercover investigations, political lobbying and legal/scientific expertise.*

Close Harlan UK PO Box 152, Crowborough, E. Sussex, TN6 2EP. T 07870 929384 www.freespeech.org/chuk *Demos, letter writing, phone calls and leafleting to close Harlan, the biggest supplier of animals to the vivisection industry.*

Compassion in World Farming Charles House, 5A Charles Street, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3EH. T 01730 264208/268863 F 01730 260791 compassion@ciwf.co.uk www.ciwf.co.uk *Campaigning to end the factory farming of animals and long distance transport through hard-hitting political lobbying, investigations and high profile campaigns.*

Greyhound Rescue UK jill@rigolo.f9.co.uk www.greyhoundrescue.co.uk *Donate free Internet presence to any non-profit making organisation or charity for greyhound rescue in the UK. List of local contacts.*

Hunt Saboteurs Association (H.S.A.) PO Box 5254, Northampton, NN1 3ZA. T 0845 4500727 / Press office only: 0961 113084 F as phone - call first. info@huntsabs.org.uk www.huntsabs.org.uk *The H.S.A. is dedicated to saving the lives of hunted animals directly, using non-violent direct action.*

National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC) 27 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3XX. T 01442 240 246 nahc@nahc.freeserve.co.uk *Peaceful campaigning against all hunting with hounds through petitioning, demonstrations, investigations, lobbying and civil disobedience. Info pack on request.*

National Anti-Vivisection Society 261 Goldhawk Rd, London, W12 9PE. T 020 8846 9777 F 020 8846 9712 info@navs.org.uk www.navs.org.uk *Campaigns against vivisection and on animal rights issues.*

National Federation of Badger Groups (NFBG) 22B Inworth Street, London SW11 3EP. T 020 7228 6444 F 020 7228 6555 info@badger.org.uk enquiries@nfbg.org.uk *Promote conservation & protection of badgers. Represent 85 local voluntary badger groups. Provide information & advice, membership system.*

Seriously Ill Against Vivisection (SIAV) (See entry under Disability Rights and Action)

Shoreham Protester, The c/o 7 Stoneham Rd, Hove, Sussex, BN3 5HJ. T 01273 885750 F as phone shoreham-protest@ntlworld.com www.shoreham-protest.org.uk *Fortnightly newspaper reporting local and national animal rights news, especially reports from demonstrations. Input welcomed.*

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) 6 Boat Lane, Evesham, Worcs WR11 4BP. T 0845 4580630 info@shac.net www.shac.net *SHAC campaigns to close down the animal testing lab Huntingdon Life Sciences, and target anyone connected with them.*

Uncaged Campaigns St Matthew's House, 45 Carver St, Sheffield S1 4FT. T 0114 272 2220 F 0114 272 2225 uncaged.anti-viv@btinternet.com www.uncaged.co.uk *Not for profit organisation dedicated to bringing about the abolition of vivisection by democratic means.*

Vegan Prisoners Support Group (VPSG) PO Box

194, Enfield, EN1 3HD. T 020 8292 8325 F as phone www.cares.demon.co.uk hypc@vpsg.freeserve.co.uk *VPSG assists vegan animal rights prisoners either held in police custody or within the prison system.*

Vivisection Information Network (VIN) (See entry under Health)

World Animal Net 24 Barleyfields, Didcot, Oxon, OX11 0BJ. T 01235 210775 info@worldanimal.net www.worldanimal.net *The world's largest network of animal protection societies with over 1700 affiliates in more than 90 countries campaigning to improve the status and welfare of animals.*

ANTI-CAPITALISM

A SEED Europe PO Box 92066 1090 AB Amsterdam, The Netherlands. T +31 20 6682236 F +31 20 4682275 aseedeur@antenna.nl www.aseed.net *Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment, and Diversity is a global organisation linking youth groups and individuals on all continents.*

Adbusters 1243 West 7th Av, Vancouver, BC, V6H 1B7, Canada. T 604 736 9401 F 604 737 6021 info@adbusters.org www.adbusters.org *A global network of artists, activists, writers, pranksters, educators and entrepreneurs who aim to launch the new social activist movement of the information age.*

Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh (ACE) 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA. T 0131 557 6242 / Pager 07626 128984 ace@autonomous.org.uk www.autonomous.org.uk *Campaign base for social and ecological resistance with a view to bring about the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism.*

Bilderberg www.bilderberg.org *Research into The Power Elite's secretive Bilderberg Conferences.*

Biotic Baking Brigade c/o Whispered Media, POB 40130, San Francisco, CA 94140. USA. Bbb@asis.com www.asis.com/~bbb/ *Pie-throwing is just one tool in the large toolbox of resistance.*

Buy Nothing Day 25 Gloucester Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 7BT. T 07887 608609 info@buynothingday.co.uk www.buynothingday.co.uk *Buy Nothing Day is a simple idea, which challenges consumer culture by asking us to switch off from shopping for a day.*

ChiapasLink *Provides a link between the Zapatista struggles in Chiapas, Mexico and in the UK. (See entry under Indigenous Peoples)*

Cuba Solidarity Campaign Red Rose Club, 129 Seven Sisters Road, London N7 7QG. T 020-7263-6452 office@cuba-solidarity.org.uk www.cuba-solidarity.org.uk *Provide material aid to Cuba, fund-raising and produce a magazine called Cuba Si*

Earth First! Action Update (EF! AU) *Has list of contacts of all UK Earth First! groups. (See entry under Media)*

Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional (EZLN) www.ezln.org *The EZLN web provides reliable information on the Zapatista uprising and serves as the mouthpiece for the Zapatistas in cyberspace.*

Fanclub mail@fanclubbers.org www.fanclubbers.org *Fusing art and activism to create culture-jams with a focus on surveillance and the excesses of consumer culture.*

Green Socialist Network c/o 15 Linford Close, Harlow, Essex CM19 4LR. T 01279 435735 F as phone. pete@petebrown.fsnet.com *Campaigning group for green and left ideas - we believe that environmental protection and issues of social justice are inseparable.*

Industrial Workers of the World Union for all run by its members. (See entry under Worker's Rights)

McDonalds Workers Resistance (MWR) *We work for McDonalds and fuck shit up. (See entry under Worker's Rights)*

McLibel Support Campaign 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DX. T 020 787131269 F as phone mclibel@globalnet.co.uk www.mcsupportlight.org



Encouraging people everywhere to see the sordid reality behind corporate propaganda, and to fight back against McWorld.

Movement Against the Monarchy (MAM) PO Box 14672, London, E9 5UQ T 07931 301901 www.geocities.com/capitolhill/lobby/1793/index.htm mam_london@hotmail.com Local and national direct action against the parasitic, undemocratic Royals.

Our Mayday BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX. T 07786 716335 londonmayday@yahoo.co.uk www.ourmayday.org.uk Mayday is a traditional day of struggle and has become a regular event on the anti-capitalist calendar.

Peoples' Global Action c/o Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada pga@agp.org www.agp.org A global instrument for communication and co-ordination for all those fighting against the destruction of humanity and the planet by the global market.

Reclaim the Streets (London) PO Box 9656, London, N4 4JY T 020 7281 4621 rts@gn.apc.org www.reclaimthestreets.net Direct-Action for global and local social-ecological revolution(s) to transcend hierarchical and authoritarian society, (capitalism included), and be home in time for tea.

Red Star Research BCM Box 3328 London WC1N 3XX. T 07960 865601 info@red-star-research.org.uk www.red-star-research.org.uk Information about the Labour Party's shift to the right wing of politics. Identifies the links and networks of wealth and power and helps you to uncover the connections.

Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG) BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX. T 020 7837 1688 F 020 7837 1743 rcgfrfi@easynet.co.uk www.revolutionarycommunist.com Supports Cuba, the Palestinian people, and the fight against racism and against poverty pay. It publishes *Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism!*

Rhythms of Resistance info@rhythmsofresistance.co.uk www.rhythmsofresistance.co.uk Radical pink and silver samba band that uses percussion and carnival to mobilise and move people on demonstrations.

Rock around the Blockade c/o FRFI, BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX. T 020 7837 1688 boycottbacadriuk@yahoo.co.uk www.boycottbacadri.co.uk Rock around the Blockade was founded in 1995 and is open to anyone who supports Cuba's socialist revolution.

RTMark info@rtmark.com www.rtmark.com RT-Mark supports the sabotage of corporate products, with no risk to the public investor.

Subvertise! An archive of 100s of subverts, political art, cartoons and articles. (See entry under Culture)

Temporary Anti-Capitalist Teams c/o BCM Box 3328, London WC1N 3XX. T 07944 586416 TACT1@temporary.org.uk www.temporary.org.uk Temporary Anti-Capitalist Teams are a powerful way to make dynamic networks of support and communication within the anti-Capitalist movement.

The Struggle Site revolt@newmail.net <http://the-struggle.ws> Irish web site that hosts pages for many campaigns and libertarian groups in Ireland as well as general anarchist information.

They Rule theyrule.org web site about how the different companies that run the world are interconnected.

Wombles (White Overalls Movement Building Libertarian Effective Struggles) wombles@hushmail.com www.wombles.org.uk Promote anarchism, libertarian solidarity, autonomous self-organisation and humour... To join the discussion list send a blank email to: maydaywhiteoveralls-subscribe@yahoo.com

World Socialist Web Site editor@wses.org www.wswe.org Provides analysis of major world

events, comments on political, cultural, historical and philosophical issues.

Yes Men administrative@theyesmen.org www.theyesmen.org The Yes Men are a genderless, loose-knit association of some three hundred impostors worldwide. Eg. Send spoof WTO delegates to conferences.

ANTI-RACISM

AntiFa.net www.antifa.net Portal to anti-fascism and anti-racism on the web. Offer secure web hosting to anti-fascists.

Campaign Against Racism & Fascism (CARF) BM Box 8784, London, WC1N 3XX. T 020 7837 1450 F 0870 052 5899 info@carf.demon.co.uk www.carf.demon.co.uk CARF magazine exposes racism in multicultural Britain. Details the European offensive against refugees and shows how the domestic fight against racism is shaped by international forces.

Evil-Austria! raw@raw.at www.raw.at Multilingual monthly newsletter providing information about the Austrian coalition government including the far right FPÖs.

Institute of Race Relations 2-6 Leake Street, London WC1X 9HS. T 020 7278 0623 F 020 7278 0623 info@irr.org.uk www.irr.org.uk The IRR carries our research into issues of racism, from the rise of racial violence to the plight of asylum seekers. The IRR publishes *Race & Class* and the *European Race Bulletin*.

Minority Rights Group International 379 Brixton Rd, London, SW9 7DE T 020 7978 9498 F 020 7738 6265 minorityrights@mrgrail.org www.minorityrights.org Work to secure rights for ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities world wide, and educating people about minority issues in order to counter racism and prejudice.

National Assembly Against Racism (NAAR) 28 Commercial St, London, E1 6LS T 020 7247 9907 info@naar.org.uk www.naar.org.uk Initiates campaigns, set agendas and raise awareness on the whole range of anti-racist issues affecting British society.

Newham Monitoring Project (NMP) 63 Broadway, Stratford, London, E15 4BQ T 020 8555 8151 F 020 8555 8163 nmp@gn.apc.org Local grassroots anti-racist organisation, offers independent advice and casework support for victims of racial harassment, police harassment and civil injustice.

No Platform Anti-Fascist Network BM Box 5827, London, WC1N 3XX. noplatform@antifa.net noplatform.antifa.net Network of anti-fascist socialists, anarchists and anti-capitalists, united by a commitment to the policy of 'no platform' for fascism. Northern: 07970 398933; Midlands: 07940 305017; South East: c/o Brighton ABC, London: 07960 771572.

Notes From the Borderland BM Box 4769, London, WC1N 3XX Pager: 07669-175886 larry@borderland.co.uk www.borderland.co.uk We publish cutting edge parapolitical research into the secret state, fascists, etc - material that is too sharp for Guardian/Red Pepper.

The Monitoring Group (TMG) 14 Featherstone Rd, Southall, Middx, UB2 5AA. T 020 8843 2333 Emergency Helpline 0800 374618 www.monitoring-group.co.uk Agency helping victims of racial harassment, police misconduct, domestic violence and immigration detention.

BOOKSHOPS

56a Infoshop 56 Crampton St, London, SE17. 56a@safelycat.org www.safelycat.org/56a Books, tea, zines, info, empties, bikes, library, history, action, people... sometimes cafes... sometimes other things...

Avalon 73 Fawcett Rd, Southsea, Hants, PO4 0DB. T 02392 293673 F 02392 780444 info@avalonheadshop.co.uk Portsmouth's only head shop. Stock Under-

currents; distribute SchNEWS as well as information on local, national and international campaigns.

Blackcurrent Bookshop 4 Allen Rd, Abington, Northampton NN1 4NE. T 07833 17328 Specialises in radical and independent books, comic, cards, badges, tapes and CDs.

Broken Arrow Bookshop 13 Leigham Hall Parade, Streatham High Road, London, SW16 1DR Tel 020 8769 9777 New and second hand books, cafe and smoking accessories.

Cowley Club Radical bookshop in Brighton (see entry under Cafes and Clubs)

Freedom Book Company 73 Fawcett Rd, Southsea, Hants, PO4 0DB. T 023 92780600 F 023 92780444 www.freedombooks.co.uk info@freedombooks.co.uk Massive range of informative drugs related books and magazines (cultivation, legality, effects etc), Undercurrents videos, radical magazines and periodicals.

Greenleaf Bookshop 82 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB. Radical bookshop in Bristol.

Housmans Bookshop 5 Caledonian Rd, King's Cross, London, N1 9DX. T 020 7837 4473 F 020 7178 0444 shop@housmans.idps.co.uk London's oldest radical bookshop, home to the weird & the wonderful, publisher of annual Housmans Peace Diary.

News From Nowhere Bookshop 96 Bold Street, Liverpool, L1 4HY T 0151 708 7270 www.newsfromnowhere.org.uk Long established, busy radical community bookshop run by a women's co-operative. Books, magazines, world music CDs and more. Open Mon-Sat 10am-5.45pm.

October Books 243 Portswold Road, Southampton SO17 2NG. T 023-80581030 info@octoberbooks.org Cooperatively run independent bookshop in Southampton.

R.E.C.Y.C. 54 Upperthorpe Rd, Sheffield, S6 3EB. T 0114 263 4494 Re-use and second hand, recycling waste campaigns, newsletter.

Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC) Shop selling fair trade products, books and teaching materials. (See entry under Cafes)

Silvermoon Women's Bookshop at W & G Foyle, 113-119 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0EB silvermoon@foyles.co.uk www.foyles.co.uk/silvermoon/index.htm Europe's largest women's bookshop selling books by and for women.

Word Power Bookshop 43 West Nicholson St, Edinburgh, EH8 9DB. T 0131 6629112 F as phone books books@word-power.co.uk www.word-power.co.uk Scotland's radical bookshop and mail order. Organise Edinburgh Radical Book Fair in May each year.

CAFES & CLUBS

1in12 Club 21-23 Albion St, Bradford, BD1 2LY. T 01274 734160 info@1in12.com www.1in12-go-legend.net Members social club based on the principles of self-management.

CASA Club 29, Hope St, Liverpool, T 0151 709 2148 dockers@gn.apc.org www.gn.apc.org/initiatory Club run on co-operative principles, run by sacked Liverpool Dockers. Profits go toward an employment-training centre.

Cowley Club, The 12 London Road, Brighton BN1 4JA. T 01273 696104. A collectively run libertarian social centre - cafe and radical bookshop during the day and a private members bar during the evenings.

Kebele Kulture Projekt 14 Robertson Rd, Eastville, Bristol, BS5 6JY T 0117 939 9469 : info@kebele.org www.kebele.org Anarchist collective run drop-in and meeting centre, vegan cafe, bike workshops, anarchist library, housing co-op, exhibitions, campaign catering, political activities and more.

Okasional Café Dept.20, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester, M4 7HS. T 0161 2266814 Okasional-cafe@nematode.freemove.co.uk Occasional squat cafes &



reclaimed autonomous spaces in Manchester.

Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC) 35-39 London St, Reading, RG1 4PS. T 0118 9586692/0118 9569800 F 0118 9594357 admin@risc.org.uk www.risc.org.uk Development Education Centre with World Shop selling fair trade products, books and teaching materials, Global Café, community meeting space.

Sumac Centre Collectively run cafe and private members club in Nottingham. (See entry under Community Groups)

Swansea Community Resource Centre 217 High Street, Swansea SA1 1NN. T 01792 642404 / 07974 892651 no217cra@yahoo.co.uk www.geocities.com/no217cra/ Free space for all, including cybercafe, gallery space, stage, permaculture garden. Free workshops, meeting space, information and other stuff.

CHILDREN & PARENTING

Baby Milk Action 23 St. Andrew's St, Cambridge, CB2 3AX. T 01223 464420 info@babymilkaction.org www.babymilkaction.org www.bfban.org Aims to save lives and to end the avoidable suffering caused by inappropriate infant feeding.

Informed Parent, The PO Box 870, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 7UW. T 020 8861 1022 F as phone www.informedparent.co.uk Quarterly newsletter to help parents make a decision regarding vaccination based on knowledge, not fear.

Real Nappy Project PO Box 3704, London SE26 4RX. www.realnappy.com Central source of information and advice on all nappy-related issues, for local authorities, health professionals, the media and individuals.

Woodcraft Folk, The 13 Ritherdon Road, London, SW17 8QE. 13 Ritherdon Rd., London, SW17 8QE. T 020 8672 6031 info@woodcraft.org.uk www.woodcraft.org.uk We aim to develop self-confidence in young people and aim to building a sustainable world based on equality, peace, social justice and co-operation.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

1990 Trust, The Suite 12, Winchester House, 9 Cranmer Road, SW9 6EJ. T 020 7582 1990 F 0870 127 6657 blink1990@gn.apc.org www.blink.org.uk A national Black (African, Asian & Caribbean) organisation to increase the capacities of the Black communities to combat racism.

Cornerstone Housing Co-op Have a resource centre open to local groups and individuals. (See entry under Housing)

Diggers & Dreamers "The Guide to Communal Living in Britain" (See entry under Media)

Dropseven T 07949 913123 team@dropseven.co.uk www.dropseven.co.uk/ Concerned with community led collective action and strives to develop active, sustainable solutions to community development, capacity building and regeneration.

Haringey Solidarity Group (HSG) PO Box 2474 London N8. T 020 8374 5027 hsg@globalinternet.co.uk hsg.cupboard.org Local working class group encouraging radical solidarity, co-operation, and mutual aid in our community, workplaces, and lives.

London Action Resource Centre a.k.a. Fieldgate, 62 Fieldgate St, London E1. T 020 7377 9088. www.londonarc.org Collectively run building providing space and resources for London activists.

Living Streets 31-33 Bondway, London, SW8 1SJ. T 020 7820 1010 F 020 7820 8208 info@livingstreets.org.uk www.livingstreets.org.uk Help people improve the safety and condition of local streets and public spaces through information and local support.

Newham Monitoring Project (NMP) Local grass-

roots anti-racist organisation. (See entry under Anti-Racism)

Spitalfields Market Under Threat (SMUT) T 020 7613 5897 smut@smut.org.uk www.smut.org.uk Oppose the destruction of three-fifths of the historic old covered market to make way for yet another office development.

Steward Wood Moretonhampstead, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 8SD. T 01647 440233 Mob 07050 674464 affinity@stewardwood.org www.stewardwood.org Demonstrating positive sustainable alternatives - a vegan community based in a woodland in Dartmoor. Permaculture, renewable energy, organic growing, low impact living. Visitors welcome.

Sumac Centre 245 Gladstone St., Nottingham, NG7 6HX. T 0845 458 9595 F phone first sumac@veggies.org.uk www.veggies.org.uk/sumac Resource centre for local groups campaigning for human and animal rights, the environment, peace, etc.

Swansea Community Resource Centre (See entry under Cafes)

The Resource Centre Priory House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 0GY. T 01273 606160 F 01273 673663 info@resourcecentre.org.uk www.resourcecentre.org.uk Hires out a range of equipment for meetings and fundraising events and has computers and printing facilities in the Centre

Truth & Reconciliation Commission for Stonehenge (TRCS) 96 Church Road, Redfield, Bristol BS5 9LE. T 0117 9542273 george@greenleaf.demon.co.uk www.greenleaf.demon.co.uk (follow Stonehenge link) Open forum for resolution of Stonehenge conflict by discussion with all people including officials.

CULTURE

Art, music, festivals, etc.

(for film see Media - Film, Video & TV)

Banksy www.banksy.co.uk Political graffiti artist.

Banner Theatre Company The Friends Institute, 220 Moseley Rd, Highgate, Birmingham, B12 0DG. T 0121 440 0460 voices@btinternet.com Promotes political change in support of disenfranchised sections of society, through the use of documentary, multi-media cultural productions rooted in radical experiences.

Brighton Alliance of Sound Systems (BASS) 43 Park Crescent Road, Brighton, BN2 3HE. info@bass23.org www.bass23.org BASS is about positive free party politics. BASS generates funds to pay for communal safety equipment and courses.

Chumbawamba PO Box TR666, Armley, Leeds, LS12 3XJ. chumbawamba@chumbademon.co.uk www.chumbawamba.com We are a music combo, we don't do weddings and barmitzvas but we would dance at several people's funerals.

Continental Drifts Hilton Grove Business Centre, London. E17 4QP. T 020 8509 3353 F 020 8509 9531 chris@continentaldrifts.co.uk www.continentaldrifts.co.uk Not for profit organisation representing the finest in UK underground performing arts from "outside the mainstream".

Fanclub mail@fanclubbers.org www.fanclubbers.org Fusing art and activism to create culture-jams with a focus on surveillance and the excesses of consumer culture.

Festival Eye BCM 2002, London, WC1N 3XX. T 0870 737 1011 F 0870 7371010 subscriptions@festival-eye.com www.festival-eye.com Published each May (E3 + SAE) with the most comprehensive listings of UK festivals side by side with beautiful artwork, photography and reviews.

Festival Zone, The info@thefestivalzone.com www.thefestivalzone.com Website listing rock festivals in Europe.

Green Road Show Ham Mill's Yard, Bowlish, Shep-

ton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5JH. T 01749 343953 Mobile 07831 405661 or 07778 765724 info@greenroadshow.demon.co.uk www.greenroadshow.co.uk Environmental education and family entertainment based in, and around, the Worlds only Wind and Solar powered Circus Top.

Guilfin PO Box 217, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1WS. T 07957 193195 moneypenney@mi5.uk.com www.guilfin.net The essential alternative guide to what's going on in the South East's underground scene.

Levellers 55 Canning Street, Brighton, BN2 0EF. T 01273 608887 ott@levellers.co.uk www.levellers.co.uk Band. Produce a magazine, sell merchandise.

Network 23 www.network23.org Free party network.

New York Surveillance Camera Players Situationist-inspired anti-surveillance camera group. (See entry under Media)

Northern Arts Tactical Offensive, c/o Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick St, Ancoats, Manchester. tacticalarts@yahoo.co.uk www.nato.uk.net A collective effort at bringing radical political art back into the streets.

Overload Media PO Box 41, Bristol, BS16 3ZB. office@overloadmedia.co.uk www.overloadmedia.co.uk Independent, non-profit making organisation dedicated to electronic music. Many music and non music related articles and essays, and an active community forum.

Partyvibe collective www.partyvibe.com/freeparties.htm Bringing together partygoers, musicians and artists. This site is dedicated to offering resources to the free party community.

Positive Outlook Records PO Box 233 Peterborough PE4 6UB mail@positiveoutlookrecords.com www.positiveoutlookrecords.com A youth collective of punk-rock kids, run a DIY record label, put on punk-rock shows and help causes with distribution of material through their stall.

Raise Your Banners 641 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, S11 8PT. T 0114 249 5185 peter@ryb.org.uk www.ryb.org.uk Biennial festival of political song

Rhythms of Resistance Radical pink and silver samba band. (See entry under Anti-Capitalism)

SCRAP Records PO Box 2023, Brighton, BN1 1AA. dirtysquatters@hotmail.com www.dirtysquatters.com Hardcore underground label bringing music and culture for your hot, drowning planet.

Stonehenge Campaign c/o 99 Torriano Av, London, NW5 2RX. T 07970 378572 stonehenge@stones.com www.phreak.co.uk/stonehenge/psb/stonecam.htm Meet at Solstice and Equinox sunrises at Stonehenge, want more Free Festivals at Stonehenge, and free access into the Stones for all who come in peace.

Subvertise! c/o PO Box 68, Headington, Oxford OX3 7YS. webmaster@subvertise.org www.subvertise.org An archive of 100s of subverts, political art, cartoons and articles.

Sw@rm swarmlist@yahoo.co.uk www.geocities.com/swarmlist Mobile radical infospace and information for action!

ThePartyPartyOrg www.thepartyparty.org Promoting the positive aspect of the party, its benefits to our society and our basic human right to celebrate our lives as we moved.

UHC Collective PO Box 23, Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HR. mail@uhc-collective.org.uk www.uhc-collective.org.uk A political art collective producing stickers, websites, posters, banners and propaganda, for ourselves and other grassroots groups.

Wolfs Head Press PO Box 77, Sunderland, SR1 1EB. wolfsheadpress@hotmail.com Fanzine (Wear-wolf), music (Frankenstein Sound Lab), mail art



and other stuff with a home made slant.

Zion Train (Universal Egg) PO Box 3, Whitland, Dyfed, SA34 0YU T 01994 419800 F 01994 419357 perch@wobblyweb.com www.wobblyweb.com Dub musicians with a conscience. Check out the Wobbler newsletter on the web.

DISABILITY RIGHTS & ACTION

Federation of Deaf People PO Box 11, Darwen, Lancs BB3 3GH. F 01254 708071 contact@fdp.org.uk www.fdp.org.uk A voluntary organisation that campaigns for Deaf people's rights funded by donations and membership.

Incapacity Action 104 Cornwallis Circle, Whitsable, Kent CT5 1DT. T 01227 276159 F as phone incapacityaction@onetel.net Campaign for rights to benefits, independent living/home care support, other resources and linking with anti-war struggle.

Seriously Ill Against Vivisection (SIAV) PO Box 116, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 3WX. T 0845 4581720 info@siaiv.org www.siaiv.org Campaigning for a ban on all vivisection. We want non-animal, scientific methods of research to establish cures for disease.

WinVisible: Women with Visible and Invisible Disabilities Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Rd, London, NW5 2AB. T 020 7482 2496 (voice and minicom) F 020 7209 4761 crossroads.womenscentre@compuserve.com womanstrike8m.server101.com Multi-racial self-help network of women with visible and invisible disabilities. Want the caring work we do recognised and paid for.

DRUGS

Avalon Portsmouth's only head shop. (See entry under Bookshops)

Chillout Collective. The c/o 28 Partington Close, Archway, London N19 3DZ. T 07956 450 267 thechilloutcollective@hotmail.com www.caffeinehit.com/clients/chill A collective of drug and health workers, legal advisers, researchers and activists, who run chillout spaces at dance events promoting harm reduction practices.

Drug Culture www.drugculture.net A non profit making website to collect names and emails addresses of people who feel that cannabis should be totally de-criminalised.

Freedom Book Company Massive range of informative drugs related books and magazines (See entry under Bookshops)

Green Party Drugs Group c/o 1a Waterlow Rd, London, N19 5NU. T 020 8671 5936 F phone first greenpartydrugs@gn.apc.org www.greenparty.org.uk/drugs Promote and sell ecstasy testing kits, part of core group for annual Cannabis March and Festival, info stalls & E-testing at clubs, provide speakers, change drug policy.

Legalise Cannabis Alliance (LCA) PO Box 198, Norwich, NR2 2DH. T 01603 442215 lca@lca-uk.org www.lca-uk.org A political party dedicated to campaigning for the full legalisation and utilisation of cannabis (hemp) - standing candidates in elections.

Release 388 Old St, London, EC1V 9LT. T 020 7729 525524 F 020 7729 2599 24-hour Helpline: 020 7729 9904 Drugs In Schools Helpline: 0800 8000 800 Sex Workers & The Law Advice Line: 020 7729 9904 www.release.org.uk 24 hour drugs and legal helpline. Also produces publications, such as the bustcard and runs training programmes.

Transform Easton Business Centre, Felix Road, Easton, Bristol, BS5 0HE. T 0117 9415810 F 0117 9415809 Mob 07980213943 www.transform-drugs.org.uk Campaign for a just and effective drug policy including the legalisation of all drugs.

ECONOMICS

ATTAC London Flat 1A, Rose Court, 34 Woodside, London SW19 7AN. info@attac.org.uk attac.org.uk ATTAC campaigns for economic reforms, in order to re-conquer space lost by democracy to the sphere of finance.

Corporate Europe Observatory, Paulus Potterstraat 20, 1071 DA Amsterdam, The Netherlands. T +31 20 612 7023 ceo@corporateeurope.org www.corporateeurope.org Targeting the threats to democracy, equity, social justice and the environment posed by the economic and political power of corporations and their lobby groups.

Corporate Watch 16b Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG. T 01865 791391 mail@corporatewatch.org www.corporatewatch.org.uk Research organisation investigating and exposing corporate power. Website for anti-corporate campaigners. Publishes bi-monthly newsletter (sub. £5/year).

CorpWatch India PO Box 29344, San Francisco, CA 94129, USA. T +1 415 5616472 F +1 415 5616493 india@corpwatch.org www.corpwatchindia.org Exposes the social and environmental impacts of corporate investment in India.

Ecology Building Society 18 Station Rd, Cross Hills, Keighley, BD20 7EH. T 0845 674 5566 F 01535 636166 info@ecology.co.uk www.ecology.co.uk A mutual building society dedicated to improving the environment by promoting sustainable housing and sustainable communities.

Ethical Consumer Unit 21, 41 Old Birley St, Manchester, M15 5RF. T 0161 226 2929 F 0161 226 6277 mail@ethicalconsumer.org www.ethicalconsumer.org Alternative consumer organisation looking at the social and environmental records of the companies behind the brand names.

Ethical Junction 1st Floor, Dale House, 35 Dale Street, Manchester, M1 2HF. T 0161 236 3637 info@ethical-junction.org www.ethical-junction.org Ethical Junction is a one-stop shop for ethical organisations and ethical trading.

Fairtrade Foundation, Suite 204, 16 Baldwin's Gardens, London, EC1N 7RJ. T 020 7405 5942 F 020 7405 5943 mail@fairtrade.org.uk www.fairtrade.org.uk Exists to ensure a better deal for marginalised and disadvantaged third world producers.

Green Guide Publishing Ltd 271 Upper St, London, N1 2UQ. T 020 7354 2709 F 020 7226 1311 sales@greenguide.co.uk greenguide.co.uk Covers environmental, ethical and fairtrade products and services and provides the latest news, reviews, stories and information.

LETSlink UK 12 Southcoke Road, London N19 5BJ. T 020 76077852 F 020 76097112 Mob 07966 216891 letslink@synergynet.co.uk letslinkuk.org National Development Agency and support network for Local Exchange Trading Schemes and other forms of local currency in the UK.

New Economics Foundation (NEF) Cinnamon House, 6-8 Cole St, London, SE1 4YH. T 020 7089 2800 F 020 7407 6473 info@neweconomics.org www.neweconomics.org NEF works to put people and the environment at the centre of economic thinking.

Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch 1600 20th Street NW, Washington DC, 20009, USA. T +1 202 588 1000 www.tradewatch.org Educates the American public about the enormous impact of international trade and economic globalization on jobs, the environment, health and democratic accountability.

Rootstock 50 Whateley Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 9JD. T 0870 458 1132 info@rootstock.org.uk www.rootstock.org.uk A social investment society set up as an initiative of the Radical Routes network of co-operatives supporting co-operatives working for social change.

Shared Interest Society Limited 25 Collingwood St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1JE. T 0191 2339101 F 0191 2339110 www.shared-interest.com post@shared-interest.com Co-operative lending society, lending money on fair terms to enable Third World producer groups to pay for labour, materials and equipment.

UpStart Services 1 Court Ash, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1HG. T 0845 4581473 F 01935 431222 upstart@co-op.org users.coopnet.net/upstart Provide help for people starting or running co-operatives and non-profit businesses, especially those with ecological or social change objectives.

Women's Development Service No.30 Galtota Mulla, Kandy Road, Yakkala, Sri Lanka. T +94 33 27962 janawomented@lanka.com.lk Movement of poor mothers united together to develop themselves and their families, economically, socially and culturally. An alternative banking system for elevation out of poverty.

World Development Movement (WDM) 25 Beehive Place, London, SW9 7QR. T 020 72747630 F 020 72748232 wdm@wdm.org.uk www.wdm.org.uk Campaigns to tackle the root causes of poverty. Are currently campaigning to rewrite global trade rules to put people before profits.

EDUCATION

Education Otherwise PO Box 7420, London N9 9SG. enquiries@education-otherwise.org www.education-otherwise.org UK-based membership organisation which provides support and information for families whose children are being educated outside school.

Education Workers Network PO Box 29, South-west PDO, Manchester, M15 5HW. T 07984 675 281 ewn@ewn.org www.ewn.org Network of education workers who favour collective direct action for decent education. Contact EWN for free bulletins.

Educational Heretics Press, 113 Arundel Drive, Bramcote Hills, Nottingham, NG9 3FQ. T 0115 9257261 www.edheretics.n.apc.org Questions the dogmas of schooling in particular, and education in general, and to develop the logistics of the next learning system.

Emerson College Trust Ltd Forest Row, East Sussex, RH18 5JX. T 01342 822238 F 01342 826055 bmail@emerson.org.uk www.emerson.org.uk An international centre for adult education, especially in the areas of Biodynamic Organic Agriculture and Steiner Waldorf Teacher Training.

Free Range Education AskFredService@aol.com www.free-range-education.co.uk Home education site - stacked with resources, links, information, qualified legal help and an e-mail support service called Ask Fred.

Home Education Reading Opportunities (H.E.R.O. Books) 58 Portland Rd, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 5DL. T 01273 775560 F 01273 389382 Home education books via mail order. For a catalogue and list of local newsletters send a large SAE. Free Range Education book on how to home educate £13.20 inc. postage.

Human Scale Education Fairseat Farm, Chew Stoke, Bristol BS18 8XF. Info@hse.org.uk www.hse.org.uk Promotes smaller structures in education and a more holistic approach to learning.

Lifecycles PO Box 77, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5UA. T 01803 840098 people@lifecycles.info www.lifecycles.info A pedal powered cinema and outreach collective dedicated to the pursuit of sustainability and sequins.

Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR) PO Box 473, Folkestone, CT20 1GS. T 07771 883696 info@sgr.org.uk www.sgr.org.uk Promotes the ethical practice and use of science and technology.

SELFED Collective (SelfED) PO Box 1095, Sheffield,

S2 4YR selfed@selfed.org.uk www.selfed.org.uk
For self-education ideas and practice, developing
real alternatives to state-sponsored education.
Courses, self-help materials, workshops, etc.
Travellers' School Charity PO Box 2, Goodwick,
Pembrokehire, SA64 0ZQ. T 01239 891343
pembrook@selfed.org.uk www.travellersschool.plus.com
The Travellers' School Charity's aim is to support
traveller families access opportunities, freedom
and choice through education.

Wealden Home Educators Network (wHEN) c/o 6
East Cliff Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9AD. T 01732
362151 / 01892 863941 wealdenhomeeducatorsn
etwork@yahoo.com www.when.omnia.co.uk Free
monthly newsletter of activities and groups, Group
Email List and LEA support, enquiries welcome.

Wild Things (Ecological Education Collective)
c/o 15 The Square, Bestwood Village, Nottm NG6
8TS. T 0845 458 4727 info@wildthings.org.uk
www.wildthings.org.uk Environmental education for
primary & secondary school children through hands
on projects.

ENERGY

Campaign for Real Events info@c-
realevents.demon.co.uk www.c-
realevents.demon.co.uk Providing renewable energy
support for art projects and producing free DIY
plans for pedal generators and other renewable
energy devices.

Centre for Alternative Technology (C.A.T.) Mach-
ynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AZ. T 01654 705950 F 01654
702782 info@cat.org.uk www.cat.org.uk Environ-
mental centre covering renewable energy, building,
sewage and water and organic growing. Displays,
publications, courses, mail-order, consultancy and
free information service.

Energy Efficiency Advice Centre T 0845 7277200
www.saveenergy.co.uk An independent, gov-
ernment-funded body - advice on saving money on
your electricity/gas bill. Free action pack

Energy Saving Trust 21 Dartmouth St, London,
SW1H 9BP. T 020 7222 0101 F 0207 6542444
info@est.co.uk www.est.org.uk Set up by the gov-
ernment to stimulate energy efficiency in UK house-
holds and create a market for clean fuel vehicles.

Gaia Energy Center Delabole, North Cornwall,
PL33 9DA. T 01840 213321 F 01840 213428
support@gaiaenergy.co.uk www.gaiaenergy.co.uk
Centre for the promotion of, and education about,
renewable and sustainable energy and energy
conservation.

Green Builder www.greenbuilder.co.uk Page of use-
ful links all to do with Green Building in the UK
Green Dragon Energy Ceredigion, Wales. T 01974
821564 dragonrg@talk21.com www.greendragonen
ergy.co.uk Electricity from Sun, Wind & Water.

Hemp Food Industries Association Hemp food, fibre,
fuel and more. (See entry under Farming and Food)
UK Solar Energy Society, The c/o School of Engineering,
Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Gypsy
Lane, Oxford OX3 0BP. T 01865 484367 F 01865
484263 uk-ses@brookes.ac.uk www.thesolarline.com
A forum for all those interested in the advancement of
the utilisation of the sun's energy.

unit(e) UK Freeport (SCE9229) Chippenham SN15
1UZ. T 0845 6011410 enquiries@unit-e.co.uk
www.unit-e.co.uk Provides renewable electricity
services to domestic and corporate customers.

World Information Service on Energy PO Box
59636, 1040 LC Amsterdam, Netherlands. T +31-
20-6126368 F +31-20-6892179 www.antenna.nl/
wise Information and networking centre for citizens
and environmental organisations concerned about
nuclear power, radioactive waste, radiation, and
sustainable energy issues.

ENVIRONMENT

A SEED Europe Action for Solidarity, Equality,
Environment, and Diversity. (See entry under Anti-
capitalism)

Black Environment Network (BEN) UK Office,
9 Llanwon Uchaf, Llanberis, Wales, LL55 4LL.
T 01286 870715 F as phone ukoffice@ben-
network.org.uk www.ben-network.co.uk Established
to promote equal opportunities, with respect to
ethnic communities, in the preservation, protection
and development of the environment.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers 36 St
Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0EU.
T 01491 821600 F 01491 839646 info@btcv.org.uk
www.btcv.org.uk Practical environmental conserva-
tion charity.

Centre for Alternative Technology (C.A.T.) (See
entry under Energy)

Climate Independent Media Centre www.climat
e.indymedia.org The Climate Independent Media
Center provides up-to-the-minute independent and
honest coverage of the climate summit, the back-
grounds, the corporate lobby and the actions.

Common Ground Gold Hill House, 21 High Street,
Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8JE. T 01747 850820 F
01747 850821 kate.ofarrell@commonground.org.uk
www.commonground.org.uk Common Ground offers
ideas, information and inspiration to help us learn
about, enjoy and take more responsibility for our
own localities.

Communities Against Toxics (CATS) (See entry
under Health)

Council for the Protection of Rural England
(CPRE) Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Rd,
London, SW1W 0PP. T 020 7976 6433 F 020 7976
6373 info@cpre.org.uk www.cpre.org.uk Promotes
the beauty, tranquility and diversity of rural En-
gland by encouraging the sustainable use of land
and other natural resources in town and country.

Earth Centre Denaby Main, Doncaster,
DN12 4EA. T 01709 513933 F 01709 512010
www.earthcentre.org.uk Exhibition centre aimed at de-
veloping understanding of sustainable development.

Earth First! Action Update (EFAU) A monthly
round-up of ecological and other direct action from
around Britain. Has list of contacts of all UK Earth
First groups. (See entry under Media)

Earth First! Journal Voice of the radical environ-
mental movement. (See entry under Media)

Ecologist, The Environmental magazine. (See entry
under Media)

Ecovillage Network UK (EVNUK) (See entry under
Housing)

EnviroLink support@envirolink.org www.envirolink.org
Links to Sustainable Business Network, Animal
Rights Resource Site where to buy environmental
books. Essential & extensive web directory.

Environmental Rescue International (ERI). PO
Box 894, Benin City, Nigeria. environmentalrescu
e@yahoo.co.uk eri@justice.com ERI - local and
internationally focus environmental, human rights
and community development organisation. Or-
ganises research, training, conferences and direct
actions regularly.

Friends of the Earth 26-28 Underwood St, Lon-
don, N1 7JQ. T 020 7490 1555 F 020 7490 0881
info@foe.co.uk www.foe.co.uk Friends of the Earth
exists to inspire solutions to environmental prob-
lems, making life better for people.

Friends of the Earth Scotland 72 Newhaven Rd,
Edinburgh, EH6 5QG. T 0131 554 9977 F 0131 554
8656 www.foe-scotland.org.uk We stand for en-
vironmental justice. And we aim to make the right
to a decent environment available to everyone in
Scotland and around the globe.

Greenpeace Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN. T 020
7865 8100 Press office T 020 7865 8255 F 020 7865
8200 info@uk.greenpeace.org www.greenpeace.org
Independent non-profit global environmental cam-
paigning organisation that uses non-violent, creative
confrontation to promote solutions to environmental
issues and bring about change.

Green Socialist Network (See entry under Anti-
Capitalism)

Groundwork 85-87 Cornwall St, Birmingham,
B3 3BY. T 0121 236 8565 F 0121 236 7356
www.Groundwork.org.uk Environmental regen-
eration charity making sustainable development
a reality in many of the UK's most disadvantaged
communities.

How to Build a Protest Tunnel www.discodavest
nelguide.co.uk Online manual on how to dig your
own protest tunnel.

Judi Bari Website www.judibari.org Detailing the
bombing of eco-activist Judi Bari and how the FBI
tried to frame her for blowing herself up, the FBI
later paid \$4.4 million in damages.

Low Level Radiation Campaign (See entry under
Health)

Manchester Environmental Resource Centre
initiative (MERCi) Bridge-5 Mill 22a Beswick
Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR. T 0161
273 1736 F 0161 274 4598 mercic@bridge5.org
www.bridge5.org/mercic.htm Sustainable devel-
opment innovator and the largest membership
based environmental charity in Manchester.

Marine Conservation Society 9 Gloucester Road,
Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5ZZ. T 01989 566017
F 01989 567815 www.mcsuk.org Charity dedicated to
protecting the marine environment and wildlife.

Mines & Communities Roger Moody, c/o Partizans,
41 Thornhill Square, London, W1. T 20 7700 6189
F 20 7700 6189 info@minesandcommunities.org
www.minesandcommunities.org Seeks to empower
mining-affected communities so they can strug-
gle successfully against damaging proposals and
projects. Has links to many anti-mining campaigns.

Multimap.Com uk8.multimap.com/map/places.cgi
A complete interactive atlas on the web!

Nine Ladies Anti-Quarry Campaign Bramble Dene,
Stanton Lees, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2LQ. all@ni
neladies.uklinux.net www.nineladies.uklinux.net Op-
posing destruction of ancient landscape at the edge
of National Park, endangering standing stones.

Peat Alert c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds,
LS7 3BH. T 0113 262 9365 info@peatalert.org.uk
www.peatalert.org.uk Information for action against
peat mining on Thorne and Hatfield Moors, South
Yorkshire.

People & Planet (P&P) UK student action on world
poverty, human rights and the environment. (See
entry under Human Rights)

**People Against Rio Tinto and Subsidiaries (PARTI-
ZANS)** 41a Thornhill Square, London N1 1BE. T 0207
700 6189 F same as phone partizans@gn.apc.org
www.minesandcommunities.org/Aboutus/
partizans.htm Partizans has been campaigning
since 1978 against the damage wreaked by the
world's most powerful mining company.

Pesticide Action Network UK (See entry under
Health)

R.E.C.Y.C. 54 Upperthorpe Rd, Sheffield, S6 3EB. T
0114 263 4494 Re-use and second hand, recycling,
waste campaigns, newsletter.

Rainbow Keepers PO Box 52, Kasimov, 391330,
Russia. T +7 09131 41514 rk@lavrik.ryazan.ru,
rk2000@mail.ru, www.chat.ru/~rk2000 Russian
radical ecological movement.

Rising Tide 166 Cherwell Street, Oxford OX1
1BG. T 01865 241097 info@risingtide.org.uk
www.risingtide.org.uk A network of independent

groups and individuals dedicated to taking local action and building a national movement against climate change.

River Ocean Research & Education (RORE)

info@rore.org.uk www.rore.org.uk A charity dedicated to increasing awareness and encouraging care for our water environments - focussed in the fields of environmental education and research.

Scottish Opencast Action Group c/o 42 Woolfords, by West Calder, West Lothian, EH55 8LH soag.info@virgin.net A network of people across Scotland opposed to opencast coal mining. Mainly information exchange & help with opposing planning applications.

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society PO Box 6095, 4000 HB Tiel, Netherlands. T +31 0344 604130 F +31 344 604808 info@seashepherd.nl www.seashepherd.nl Dedicated to the protection and conservation of marine ecosystems and biodiversity. Take direct action where authorities are unwilling to enforce conservation regulations.

Surfers Against Sewage (See entry under Health)

Tourism Concern Stapleton House, 277-281 Holway Rd, London, N7 8HN. T 020 7753 3330 F 020 7753 3331 info@tourismconcern.org.uk www.tourismconcern.org.uk Tourism Concern is an educational charity promoting awareness of the impact of tourism on people and their environment.

UK Rivers Network (UKRN) T 07092-335227 F 07092-335227 info@ukrivers.net www.ukrivers.net Community action, information and networking to improve rivers and inland waters across the UK and Ireland.

Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment 7 Upper Camden St, Dublin 2, Ireland. T +353 1 6618123 F +353 1 6618114 avoice@iol.ie www.voice.buz.org Ireland's leading independent environmental organisation with members throughout the country. We are committed to promoting positive solutions to environmentally-destructive activities.

Womens Environment Network (W.E.N.) PO Box 30626 London E1 1TZ. T 020 74819004 F 020 74819144 info@wen.org.uk www.wen.org.uk A national UK charity and membership organisation educating, informing and empowering women and men who care about the environment.

FOOD & FARMING

Anarchist Teapot Mobile Kitchen. PO Box 74 Brighton BN1 4ZQ. katchoo63@yahoo.co.uk Catering collective based on volunteer labour to cook vegan, mostly organic food for events we care about. Can cook outside, inside, anywhere for up to 300 people.

Banana Link 38 Exchange Street, Norwich, NR2 1AX. T 01603 765670 F 01603 761645 blink@gn.apc.org www.bananalink.org.uk Works towards environmentally, socially and economically sustainable banana production and trade through campaigns, awareness raising and lobbying.

Emerson College Trust Ltd Adult education in Biodynamic Organic Agriculture (See entry under Education)

ETC Group (Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration) 478 River Avenue, Suite 200, Winnipeg, MB R3L 0C8, Canada. T 204 453 5259 F 204 284 7871 www.etcgroup.org Dedicated to the conservation and sustainable advancement of cultural and ecological diversity and human rights.

Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens The Green House, Hereford St, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4NA. T 0117 923 1800 admin@farmgarden.org.uk www.farmgarden.org.uk Bringing together information on city farms and community gardens across the county.

Foundation for Local Food Initiatives PO Box 1234, Bristol BS99 2PG. T 0845 4589525

F 0117 9260221 mail@localfood.org.uk www.localfood.org.uk Independent not-for-profit co-operative company promoting and supporting the growth of healthy local food economies.

Hemp Food Industries Association PO Box 204, Barnet, Herts. EN4 8ZQ. T 07050 600418 F 07050 600419 hemp@hemp.co.uk www.hemp.co.uk Hemp food, fibre, fuel, plastic, paper (+ more) information for farmers, manufacturer's, retailers, consumers, press + you.

McLibel Support Campaign Encouraging people everywhere to see the sordid reality behind corporate propaganda, and to fight back against McWorld. (See entry under Anti-Capitalism)

National Association of Farmers' Markets South Vaults, Green Park Station, Green Park Road, Bath BA1 1JB. T 01225 787914 F 01225 460840 nafm@farmersmarkets.net www.farmersmarkets.net Promoting and supporting farmers' markets across the UK.

Permaculture Association (Britain) BCM Permaculture Association, London, WC1N 3XX. T 0845 4581805 F as phone office@permaculture.org.uk www.permaculture.org.uk Support people and projects to learn about and use permaculture in their homes, gardens, schools, business, farms and communities.

Primal Seeds 22a Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HR. mail@primalseeds.org www.primalseeds.org Information on industrial agriculture with a focus on seeds, and its alternatives.

Single Step Co-Op 78A Penny St, Lancaster, LA1 1XN. T 01524 847234 Selling wholefoods and organics in a democratic, non-hierarchical, workers' co-op style. Also stock non-mainstream mags and journals.

Soil Association Bristol House, 40-56 Victoria St, Bristol, BS1 6BY. T 0117 929 0661 F 0117 925 2504 info@soilassociation.org www.soilassociation.org Campaigning and certification organisation for organic food and farming.

Sustain 94 White Lion Street, London N1 9PF. T 020 78371228 F 020 78371141 sustain@sustainweb.org www.sustainweb.org Sustain advocates food and agriculture policies and practices, that promote equity and enrich society and culture.

Tools For Solidarity (TFS) Unit 181, Edenberry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Rd, Belfast, BT14 7EE. T 028 9074 7473. Refurbishes unwanted hand tools and sewing machines for skilled tradespeople in Africa. Committed to the equal distribution of power and resources.

Vegan Society, The Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Rd, St. Leonards On Sea, E. Sussex. TN37 7AA. T 01424 427393 F 01424 717064 www.vegansociety.com info@vegansociety.com Educational charity promoting ways of living which avoid the use of animal products - for the benefit of people, animals and the environment.

Vegetarian Society of the UK, The Parkdale, Dunham Rd, Altringham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG. T 0161 925 2000 F 0161 926 9182 info@vegsoc.org www.vegsoc.org Educational Charity dedicated to the promotion of the knowledge of vegetarianism.

Veggies Catering Campaign 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham NG7 6HX. T 0845 458 9595 mobile: 0787 0861837 info@veggies.org.uk www.veggies.org.uk Event catering (all-vegan) and support for human, animal rights & environmental campaigns.

Viva! 12 Queen Square, Brighton, E. Sussex. BN1 3FD. T 01273 777688 F 01273 776755 info@viva.org.uk www.viva.org.uk Organisation campaigning to end the factory farming of animals and promote the vegetarian and vegan diets.

Wholesome Food Association 1 Barton Cottages, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon. TQ9 6ED.

T 01803 840427 info@wholesomefood.org.uk www.wholesomefood.org.uk Campaigning for smaller-scale, sustainable, local food production, with low cost labelling scheme.

World Wide Opportunities On Organic Farms (WWOOF) PO Box 2675, Lewes, E. Sussex BN7 1RB. T 01273 476286 F as phone fran@woof.org www.woof.org Opportunities with vast variety of host organic farms & holdings. Accommodation and food provided in exchange for work.

FORESTS & WOODLANDS

Agroforestry Research Trust 46 Hunters Moon, Dartington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6JT. T 01803 840776. F 01803 840776. mail@agroforestry.co.uk www.agroforestry.co.uk Charity, which researches temperate agroforestry and into all aspects of plant cropping. Produce several publications and a quarterly journal, and also sell plants and seeds.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Unit D, Station Building, Llanidnoes, Powys, SY18 6EB. T 01686 413916 F 01686 412176 fsc-uk@fsc-uk.demon.co.uk www.fsc-uk.demon.co.uk Certifying forests managed to standards which protect people and the environment and identifying timber products from them with the FSC logo.

Rainforest Action Network 221 Pine St, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA 94104 USA rainforest@ran.org www.ran.org Working to protect tropical rainforests and the human rights of those living in and around those forests.

Reforesting Scotland 62-66 Newhaven Rd, Edinburgh, EH6 5QB. T 0131 554 4321 F 0131 554 0088 info@reforestingscotland.org www.reforestingscotland.org Promote awareness of the deforestation of Scotland and to facilitate ecological restoration and community development through reforestation.

Taiga Rescue Network (TRN) Box 116, Aitte, S-962 23 Jokkmokk, Sweden. T +46 971 17039 F +46 971-55354 info@taigarecue.org www.taigarecue.org The TRN is an international network of non-governmental organisations and indigenous peoples working for the protection and sustainable use of the world's boreal forests.

Tree Council 51 Catherine Place, London, SW1E 6DY. T 020 7828 9928 F 020 7828 9060 info@treecouncil.org.uk www.treecouncil.org.uk Promoting the improvement of the environment through the care and planting of trees.

Trees For Life The Park, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Moray, IV36 3TZ. T 01309 691292 F 01309 691155 info@treesforlife.org.uk www.treesforlife.org.uk A Scottish conservation charity dedicated to the regeneration and restoration of the Caledonian Forest in the Highlands of Scotland.

GARDENING

Association Kokopelli, Ripple Farm, Crundale, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 7EB. T 01227 731815 comments@terredesemences.com www.terredesemences.com Organic seed catalogue with many unusual varieties. Also online gardening advice.

Community Composting Network 67 Alexandra Road, Sheffield, S2 3EE. T 0114 2580483 ccn@gn.apc.org www.othas.org.uk/ccn Help and support on all issues around involving your local community in managing its organic resources, through composting.

Composting Association www.compost.org.uk Information about composting and its benefits.

Forest Garden Network A.R.T., 46 Hunters Moon Dartington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6JT. mail@agroforestry.co.uk www.agroforestry.co.uk An informal network of people planning or already cultivating a forest garden, aiming to visit each other's gardens and share knowledge of temperate agroforestry.

Future Foods Luckleigh Cottage, Hockworthy, Wellington, Somerset TA21 0NN. T 01398 361347 F 01398 361541 enquiries@futurefoods.com www.futurefoods.com Small independent mail order supplier specialising in rare and unusual edible plants. (Seed company only - do not supply produce.)

Henry Doubleday Research Association Ryton Organic Gardens, Coventry CV8 3LG. T 024 7630 3517 F 024 7663 9229 enquiry@hdra.org.uk www.hdra.org.uk Europe's largest organic membership organisation. Dedicated to researching and promoting organic gardening, food, and farming.

Naturewise 20 The Triangle, Cromartie Rd, London, N19 3RX. T 0845 4584697 naturewise1@hotmail.com Promotion of: sustainable land use and lifestyles in cities growing food in cities, education through permaculture courses. Permaculture consultations given.

Permanent Publications The Sustainability Centre, East Meon, Hants GU32 1HR. T 0845 4584150 F 01730 823322 info@permaculture.co.uk www.permaculture.co.uk Publishers and distributors of Permaculture Magazine - solutions for sustainable living and hundreds of books and videos on all aspects of sustainable living.

Plants For a Future Blagdon Cross, Ashwater, Beaworth, Devon EX21 5DF. T 0845 458 4719 / 01208 872963 F 01208 872963 (ring first) webmaster@pfaf.org www.pfaf.org Research and provide information on edible, medicinal and useful plants, woodland gardening and vegan-organic horticulture.

GENETICS

A SEED Europe Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment, and Diversity (See entry under Anti-Capitalism)

Bayer Hazard bayerhazard@lycos.com www.bayerhazard.com Find out more about Bayer and GM crops, as well as its involvement with heroin, the holocaust, withdrawn pharmaceuticals and toxic chemicals.

Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) Archway Resource Centre, 1a Waterlow Road, London N19 5NJ. T 020 7272 1586 F as phone (call first) genetics@gn.apc.org www.geneticsaction.org.uk Providing information for action for the grassroots campaign against genetic engineering. Has list of local contacts and field trial sites.

Genetic Food Alert (GFA) 4 Bertram House, Ticklemore St, Totnes, Devon. TQ9 5EJ T 01803 868523 info@geneticfoodalert.org.uk www.geneticfoodalert.org.uk supanet.com Campaigns to keep the UK wholefood trade GM-free, ban GM food & crops and meanwhile introduce full labelling and liability.

Genewatch The Mill House, Manchester Road, Tideswell, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 8LN. T 01298 871898 F 01298 872531 mail@genewatch.org www.genewatch.org Questions how, why and whether the use of genetic technologies should proceed and believes that the debate over genetic engineering is long overdue.

Human Genetics Alert 22/24 Highbury Grove, 112 Aberdeen House, London N5 2EA T 020 7704 6100 F 020 7359 8426 info@hgalert.org.uk www.hgalert.org We are a watch-dog group for Human Genetics, providing information to the public on the developments and policies.

Percy Schmeiser www.percyschmeiser.com Canadian farmer who was sued by Monsanto for having his fields contaminated by their genetically modified crops! He is fighting a legal battle against them.

Pro-Natural Food Scotland 35 Hamilton Drive, Glasgow G12 8DW. hotlink@gmfreescotland.org www.gmfreescotland.net Anti-GM food campaign for Scotland.

Totnes Genetics Group (ToGG) PO Box 77, Totnes,

Devon TQ9 5ZJ T 01803 840098 info@togg.org.uk www.togg.org.uk A local grassroots Genetics group that publish stuff and do a spot of gardening...

HEALTH

Bayer Hazard Find out more about pharmaceutical giant Bayer. (See entry under Genetics)

Black Cross Health Collective info@blackcrosscollective.org www.blackcrosscollective.org First aid resource for radicals and activists, including advice on coping with and treating the effects of CS gas and pepper spray.

British Anti-Vivisection Association (BAVA) PO Box 73 Chesterfield S41 0YZ. Bava@esmail.net www.eurosolve.com/charity/bava Organisation trying to expose the uselessness and counter-productiveness of animal experimentation in regards to human health.

Communities Against Toxics (CATS) PO Box 29, Ellesmere Port, CH66 3TX T 0151 339 5473 F as phone ralph.ryder@communities-against-toxics.org.uk www.communities-against-toxics.org.uk Campaigns against unsafe methods of waste disposal, industrial processes and polluting industries. Produces Toxcat newsletter.

Herb Society Sulgrave Manor, Sulgrave, Banbury OX17 2SD. T 01295 768899 F 01295 768069 email@herbsociety.co.uk www.herbsociety.co.uk The Herb Society aims to increase the understanding, use and appreciation of herbs and the benefits to health.

International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal www.bhopal.net International coalition fighting to get justice for the victims of the 1984 Bhopal tragedy.

London Hazards Centre 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4QP. T 020 7794 5999 F 020 7794 4702 mail@lhcc.org.uk www.lhcc.org.uk Resource centre for Londoners fighting health and safety hazards in their workplace and community.

Low Level Radiation Campaign The Knoll, Montpellier Park, Lindridge, Powys, LD1 5LW T 01597 824771 bramhall@llrc.org www.llrc.org Publicising the effects of radioactivity in the environment; lobbying for use of sound science in setting radiation protection standards for such exposures.

Médecins Sans Frontières 124-132 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DJ. T 020 7713 5600 F 020 7713 5004 office@london.msf.org www.uk.msf.org Independent humanitarian medical aid agency providing medical aid wherever needed and raising awareness of the plight of the people.

National Gulf War Veterans and Families Association 4 Maspin Close, Kingswood, Kingston upon Hull HU8 8LU. T 01482 833812 F 01482 833816 flusem666@aol.com Support network, proactive at looking into what veterans have been exposed to.

National Pure Water Association 12 Dennington Lane, Wakefield WF4 3ET T 01924 254433 F 01924 242380 jane@npwa.freereserve.co.uk www.npwa.freereserve.co.uk Campaign for safe drinking water, against the artificial fluoridation of water supplies. International contacts.

Natural Death Centre, 6 Blackstock Mews, Blackstock Road, London N4 2BT. UK T 020 8 208 2853; F 020 8 452 6434 rhino@dial.pipex.com www.naturaldeath.org.uk Aims to support those dying at home and their carers and to help them arrange funerals. It has as a more general aim that of helping improve 'the quality of dying'.

Pesticide Action Network UK Eurolink Centre, 49 Effra Rd, London SW2 1BZ. T 020 7274 8895 F 020 7274 9084 admin@pan-uk.org www.pan-uk.org A scientifically based charity concerned with the health, environmental and policy aspects of pesticide manufacture, trade and use.

PeteShaughnessy.org.uk www.peteshaughnessy.org.uk Tribute to a 'legendary figure' for all those involved in the world of mental health and founder of Mad Pride

Plants For a Future Information on medicinal plants. (See entry under Gardening)

Surfers Against Sewage Wheal Kitty Workshops, St Agnes, Cornwall. England TR5 0RD. www.sas.org.uk Call for full non-chemical treatment of sewage discharged into our seas.

Vaccination Awareness Network UK (VAN UK) PO Box 6261, Derby DE1 9QN. T 0870 444 0894 F 08707 418 415 enquiries@van.org.uk www.van.org.uk Information about vaccinations and their side effects. Support group, meetings, newsletter.

Vivisection Information Network (VIN) PO Box 223, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 5ZU. vivisectionkills@hotmail.com (Recommended website www.vivisection-absurd.org.uk) VIN provides information by post and email which proves vivisection is failed and enables ordinary people to prove this.

What Doctors Don't Tell You (WDDTY) Satellite House, London SW19 4EZ. T 0870 444 9886 F 0870 444 9887 office@wddty.co.uk www.wddty.co.uk Publishers of Newsletter giving information on alternative health treatments and challenging traditional views on health treatments.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Advisory Service for Squatters (A.S.S.) 2 St. Paul's Rd, London, N1 2QN T 0845 6445814 F 020 73595185 advice@squat.freereserve.co.uk www.squat.freereserve.co.uk We give legal and practical advice and support to squatters and other homeless people.

Big Issue, The Paper sold by homeless vendors. (See entry under Media)

Confederation of Co-operative Housing (CCH) Unit 19, 41 Old Birley Street, Manchester, M15 5RF. T 0161 232 1588 F 0161 226 7307 info@cch-uk.org www.cch-uk.org National representative body for co-operative housing, made up of volunteer co-op members from all over the country.

Cornerstone Housing Co-op 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds, LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 cornerstone@gn.apc.org www.cornerstone.ukf.net Communal housing for people engaged in working for social change. We have a resource centre open to local groups and individuals.

Defend Council Housing PO Box 33519, London, E8 4XW T 0207 9879989 info@defendcouncilhousing.org.uk www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk To oppose transfer of council houses to private landlords & to campaign for more and better council housing.

Ecovillage Network UK (EVNUK) PO Box 1410, Bristol, BS99 3JP T 0117 3730346 evnuuk@gala.org www.ecovillages.org.uk/network Sustainable settlement project information/advice service. Our focus is on ecovillages as a way out of cash-based living.

Empty Homes Agency (EHA) 195-197 Victoria St, London, SW1E 5NE T 020 7828 6288 F 020 7828 7006 info@emptyhomes.com www.emptyhomes.com Highlight the disgrace of empty, wasted and under used homes and property throughout England.

Glasgow Homelessness Network 32 Albion Street, Glasgow, G1 1UH. info@ghn.org.uk www.ghn.org.uk Raise awareness about homelessness. Improve planning, provisions and practice for homeless people. Prevent, alleviate the impact of, and eradicate homelessness.

Groundswell Elmfield House, 5 Stockwell Mews, London SW9 9GX. T 0207737 5500 F 020 7733 1305 info@groundswell.org.uk



www.groundswell.org.uk Supporting & promoting self help approaches to tackling homelessness and poverty. Info & advice, publications, grants, exchanges, training and networking events.

Homeless International Queens House, 16 Queens Rd, Coventry, CV1 3DF. T 024 76632802 F 024 76632911 info@homeless-international.org www.homeless-international.org Charity that supports community-led housing and infrastructure related development in partnership with local partner organisations in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Radical Routes Network of radical housing co-ops. (See entry under Networking Support)

UK Cohousing Network coordinator@cohousing.co.uk www.cohousing.co.uk Cohousing Communities are mutually beneficial neighbourhoods where individual households are clustered around a Common house with shared facilities.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA) 28 Penton Street, London N1 9SA. T 020 7833 3133 F 020 7837 3001 actsa@actsa.org www.actsa.org ACTSA campaigns for peace, democracy and development in Southern Africa and is the successor organisation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement.

Amnesty International 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4RE. T 020 7814 6200 F 020 7833 1510 info@amnesty.org www.amnesty.org International organisation promoting human rights. In particular, campaigning to free all prisoners of conscience; ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners; abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners.

Anti-Slavery International Thomas Clarkson House, The Stableyard, Broomgrove Yard, London SE27 9LA. T 020 7501 8920 F 020 7738 4110 antislaavery@antislaavery.org www.antislaavery.org Anti-Slavery is committed to eliminating slavery: debt bondage, forced labour, forced marriage, the worst forms of child labour, human trafficking and traditional slavery.

Burma Campaign UK, Third Floor, Bickerton House, 25-27 Bickerton Rd, London, N19 5JT. T 020 7281 7377 F 020 7272 3559 info@burmacampaign.org www.burmacampaign.org Campaigns for human rights and democracy in Burma. We campaign to improve government and commercial policy on Burma.

Campaign for Freedom of Information Suite 102, 16 Baldwin's Gardens, London EC1N 7RJ. T 020 7831 7477 F 020 7831 7461 admin@cfoidemon.co.uk www.cfoidemon.co.uk Campaigns against unnecessary secrecy and for a Freedom of Information Act.

Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE 1 7RT. info@christian-aid.org www.christian-aid.org Funds projects in some of the world's poorest countries. It helps people to improve their own lives and to tackle the causes of poverty and injustice.

Defy ID admin@defy-id.org www.defy-id.org An ad hoc network of groups and individuals prepared for active resistance to increasing surveillance and the introduction of identity or 'entitlement' cards in the UK.

Environmental Rescue International (ERI) Nigerian environmental, human rights and community development organisation. (See entry under Environment)

Free Tibet Campaign (See entry under Indigenous Peoples)

Haiti Support Group PO Box 29623, London, E9 7XU. T 020 7525 0456 haitisupport@gn.apc.org www.gn.apc.org/haitisupport Solidarity with the Haitian people's struggle for justice, real democracy and equitable development.

Human Rights Watch 2nd Floor, 2-12 Pentonville

Road, London N1 9HF. T 020 7713 1995, F 20 7713 1800 hrwuk@hrw.org www.hrw.org Independent non-governmental organisation who investigate and expose human rights violations and hold abusers accountable.

Kurdish Human Rights Project (KHRP) 162-168 Regent St. Suite 319 Linen Hall, London, W1B 5TG. T 020 7287272 F 020 77344927 khrrp@khrrp.demon.co.uk www.khrrp.org KHRP is committed to the protection of the human rights of all persons within the Kurdish regions.

Peace in Kurdistan (PIK) and Kurdistan Solidarity Committee (KSC) 44 Alinger Road, London NW3 3AT. T 020 7586 5892 F 020 7483 2531 knklondon@gn.apc.org Campaigning for international recognition for the right of the Kurdish people to self-determination in collaboration with the Kurdish community in the UK and Europe.

People & Planet (P&P) 51 Union St, Oxford, OX4 1JP. T 01865 245678 F 01865 791927 people@peopleandplanet.org www.peopleandplanet.org UK student action on world poverty, human rights and the environment.

Privacy International T 07960 523679 pi@privacy.org www.privacyinternational.org International anti-surveillance organisation. Campaigns on Big Brother issues like data tracking, ID cards, CCTV, encryption, police surveillance, corporate biometrics.

Project Underground 1916A MLK Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704, USA. T +1 510 705 8981 F +1 510 705 8983 project_underground@moles.org www.moles.org Supporting the human rights of communities resisting mining and oil exploitation.

Scottish Human Rights Centre (SHRC) 146 Holland St, Glasgow, G2 4NG. T 0141 332 5960 F 0141 332 5309 info@scottishhumanrightscentre.org.uk www.scottishhumanrightscentre.org.uk Aims to promote human rights in Scotland through advice/information, research, scrutiny of legislation, monitoring international human rights treaties.

TAPOL, The Indonesia Human Rights Campaign 111 Northwood Rd, Thornton Rd, Surrey, CR7 8HW. T 020 8771 2904 F 020 8653 0322 tapol@gn.apc.org www.gn.apc.org/tapol TAPOL - which means political prisoner in Indonesian - is an English language authority on the human rights situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Amazon Alliance for Indigenous and Traditional Peoples of the Amazon Basin 1367 Connecticut Ave, N.W. Suite 400, Washington DC 20036, USA. T 1-202-785-3334 F 1-202-785-3335 amazon@amazonalliance.org www.amazonalliance.org Works to defend the rights, territories, and environment of indigenous and traditional peoples of the Amazon Basin.

Bougainville Freedom Movement PO Box 134, Erskineville, NSW 2043, Australia. T +61 2 9558 2730 F +61 2 9804 7632 vikki@law.uts.edu.au www.eco-action.org/bougainville To assist the Bougainville people in their struggle for peace and freedom. To educate the world about the Bougainville.

Brighton & Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign PO Box 208, Brighton BN1 4WZ info@brightonpalestinecampaign.org www.brightonpalestinecampaign.org Local site of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign for Brighton & Hove. Aims to support the wider struggle for justice in Palestine.

Centre For World Indigenous Studies PMB 214, 1001 Cooper Point Rd, SW Suite 140, Olympia WA 98502-1107, USA. T +1 360 754 1990 www.cwis.org Non-profit research and education organisation dedicated to wider understanding and appreciation of the ideas and knowledge of indigenous peoples.

ChiapasLink PO Box 79, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB. chiapaslink@yahoo.com www.chiapasnews.org

ukgateway.net Chiapaslink hopes to provide a link between the Zapatista struggles in Chiapas, Mexico and in the UK.

Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional (EZLN) Information on the Zapatista uprising (See entry under Anti-Capitalism)

Free Tibet Campaign 1 Rosomon Place, London, EC1R 0JY. T 020 7833 9958 F 020 7833 3838 mail@freetibet.org www.freetibet.org An independent membership organisation campaigning in support of the rights of the Tibetan people to freedom and independence.

International Solidarity Movement (ISM) Occupied Palestinian Territories. T +972-22774602 F +972-22772018 Mobile +972-67473308 info@palsolidarity.org www.palsolidarity.org Palestinian-led movement of Palestinians and internationals working to confront and challenge Israeli occupation forces and illegal policies using nonviolent direct-action.

Palestine Solidarity Campaign Box BM PSA, London WC1N 3XX. T 020 7700 6192 info@palestinecampaign.org Aim to build an effective mass campaign, organising protests, political lobbying and raising public awareness.

Solidarity South Pacific c/o Prior House, 6 Tibury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY. T 01273 695505 ssp@eco-action.org www.eco-action.org/ssp Solidarity actions with Pacific tribal and eco-anarchist groups. Send an SAE for free newsletter.

Survival International 6 Charterhouse Buildings, London, EC1M 7ET. T 020 7687 8700 F 020 7687 8701 www.survival-international.org info@survival-international.org World-wide organisation supporting tribal peoples. It stands for their right to decide their own future and helps them protect their lives, lands and human rights.

Tibet Foundation 1 St. James's Market, London SW1Y 4SB. T 020 7930 6001 F 020 7930 6002 enquiries@tibet-foundation.org www.tibet-foundation.org Non-political organisation working to preserve Tibetan Culture, and assist the Tibetan People across the world.

Western Sahara Campaign T 0113 245 4786 www.arso.org The struggle of the Sahrawi people for Self-determination - Western Sahara former Spanish colony is the last African colonised country still waiting for independence.

JUSTICE AND THE LAW

Anti-Corruption Network PO Box 187, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 2DU. T 01246 555713 F as phone. The title says it all.

Bindman & Partners Solicitors 275 Gray's Inn Rd, London, WC1X 8QF. T 020 7833 4433 F 020 7837 9792 info@bindmans.com www.bindmans.com A solicitor's firm specialising in human rights - including criminal law, protest, civil actions against the police.

Campaign Against Criminalising Communities (CACC) c/o Haldane Society, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1. T 020 7586 5892 knklondon@gn.apc.org www.cacc.org.uk The supposed war on terrorism is in reality a war on dissent and holds inherent dangers for everyone's civil liberties.

Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) Alpha Tower, Suffolk St, Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1TT. T 0121 633 1800 F 0121 633 1804/1823 info@ccrc.gov.uk www.ccr.gov.uk An independent body responsible for investigating suspected miscarriages of criminal justice in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Earthrights Solicitors Little Orchard, School Lane, Molehill Green, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6PS. T 01279 870391 F 01279 870391 pager - 07669 127601 earthrights@gn.apc.org www.earthrights.org.uk

Provide legal advice and assistance to the environmental movement and landlords campaigners.

Environmental Law Foundation Suite 309, 16 Baldwins Gardens, London, EC1N 7RJ. T 020 7404 1030 F 020 7404 1032 info@elflaw.org www.elflaw.org National charity that secures environmental justice for communities and individuals through a network of legal and technical experts.

FreeBEAGLES beagles@protest.co.uk www.freebeagles.org Website with legal information for UK activists, your rights and what to expect if you are unfortunate to run into trouble with the law.

Freedom To Be Yourself, The 13 C, Pioneer House, Adelaide Street, Coventry M 07788 557078 thehumanmind@yahoo.co.uk www.geocities.com/thehumanmind The right to be unclothed in all public places. Human skin. Body visibility. The human race: Every body!

Index on Censorship (See entry under Media)
Injustice 020 7254 9701/07770 432 439 (evenings-w/ends) www.injusticefilm.co.uk A film about the struggle for justice by the families of people that have died in police custody.

Innocent Dept. 54, PO Box 282, Oldham OL1 3FY. innocent@uk2.net www.innocent.org.uk. We are committed to fighting miscarriages of justice in general and campaigning on behalf of specific cases.

INQUEST 89-93 Fonthill Road, London, N4 3JH T 020 7263 1111 F 020 7561 0799 inquest@inquest.org www.inquest.org Advice, campaigning and information for bereaved people facing Coroner's Inquests, especially those involving deaths in custody (Police, prison, detained patients).

Irwin Mitchell Solicitors St. Peter's House, Hartshead, Sheffield, S1 2EL T 0114 276 7777/273 9011 F 0114 275 3306 www.imonline.co.uk Produce Claiming Compensation For Police Misconduct: A Guide To Your Rights, a booklet of civil liberties when dealing with the police.

Kellys Solicitors Premier House, 11 Marlborough House, Brighton, BN1 1UB. T 01273 608311 F 01273 674898 Criminal defence solicitors with experience in defending protestors 24 hour helpline 0800 387463

Legal Defence & Monitoring Group (LDMG) BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX. T 020 8245 2930 ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk www2.phreak.co.uk/ldmg/index.php Legal monitoring at demos & advice for others doing so, plus advice on police tactics, prisoners & legal stuff.

Liberty 21 Tabard St., London, SE1 4LA. T 020 74033888 F 020 74075354 info@liberty-human-rights.org www.liberty-human-rights.org Lobbyies Parliament on proposed legislation and takes test case litigation to domestic and European Courts.

Miscarriages of Justice Organisation (MOJO) 52 Outmore Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, B33 0XL. T 0121 7898433 / 07946 367447 mojonational@aol.com www.mojo.freehosting.net Founded by Paddy Hill, one of the Birmingham 6, they fight for people who are wrongly imprisoned.

Miscarriages of Justice UK (MOJUK) Tardis Studios, 52-56 Turnmill St., London, EC1M 5SQ T 0121 554 6947 F 0870 055 4570 www.mojuk.org.uk

Public Law Project (PLP) Birkbeck College, 14 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2LP T 020 72690570 F 020 72690579 admin@plp.bbk.ac.uk www.publiclawproject.org Undertakes specialist research, training and information, advice and representation in public law to access justice for poor and disadvantaged people.

Roger Sylvester Justice Campaign PO Box 25908, London N18 1WU. T 07931 970442 rsjc@hotmail.com www.rsjc.org.uk Campaigns to establish how Roger, a fit and healthy 30 year old man came to a horrific and premature death after being detained by the police.

Statewatch PO Box 1516, London, N16 0EW T 020 88021882 F 020 88801727 office@statewatch.org www.statewatch.org Statewatch monitors the state and civil liberties in the UK and Europe.

United Families and Friends Campaign (UFFC) c/o Inquest, Ground Floor, Alexandra National House, 330 Seven Sisters Rd., London N4 2PJ. kevin@copwatcher.org Vocal campaigning coalition of families and friends of people who have died in police custody, prison or in psychiatric care.

Walkers Solicitors 2 Bouverie Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 0AJ. T 020 8800 8855 F 020 8800 9955 info@walkerssolicitors.co.uk Specialist advice & representation in animal rights, political defence, etc.

LAND RIGHTS & PLANNING

Brighton Urban Design & Development (BUDD) PO Box 108, Brighton BN1 4XN. T 01273 681166 mail@BUDDbrighton.org www.BUDDbrighton.org BUDD aims to stimulate, encourage and initiate sustainable urban design and development through an inclusive and participatory process.

Chapter Seven The Potato Store, Flaxdrayton Farm, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13. T 01460 249204 F 01460 249204 chapter7@tlio.demon.co.uk www.oneworld.org/tlio/chapter7 Chapter 7 provides planning assistance to people wanting to build low-impact eco-homes, smallholders and ecovillagers. Want to change the planning system to allow for low-impact homes and more sustainable land usage.

Land & Liberty 35 Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff On Sea, Essex SS0 7DS. grahamburnett@blueyonder.co.uk www.landandliberty.co.uk Earthright books, posters, teeshirts, forest gardening, permaculture design, consultancy and teaching.

Land Is Ours, The (TLIO) 16B Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG. T 07961 460171 office@tlio.demon.co.uk www.tlio.org.uk Campaigns peacefully for access to the land, its resources and the decision making processes affecting them, for everyone - irrespective of race, age, or gender.

Mast Saniti Unit 12, Old Boat Yard Worsley, Worsley Road, Manchester. T 08704 322 377 www.mastsaniti.org Voluntary organisation dedicated to supporting, advising and actively aiding and representing local campaigns fighting the current mobile phone mast invasion that is sweeping the country.

Open Spaces Society (OSS) 25A Bell St, Henley-On-Thames, Oxon, RG9 2BA T 01491 573535 F 01491 57305 hq@oss.org.uk www.oss.org.uk Exists to protect common land and public rights of way.

Opposition To Destruction of Open Green Spaces (OTDOGS) 6 Everthorpe Rd, London, SE15 4DA T 020 8693 9412 F as phone Advising people on how to prevent food giants building on open green spaces.

Ramblers' Association 2nd floor Camelford House, 87-90 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TW. T 020 7339 8500 F 020 7339 8501 ramblers@london.ramblers.org.uk www.ramblers.org.uk Encouraging walking, protecting rights of way, defending the beauty of the countryside and campaigning for freedom to roam over uncultivated open country.

Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) 41 Botolph Lane, London, EC3 8DL T 020 79299494 online@rtpi.org.uk www.rtpi.org.uk To provide free and independent town planning advice to groups and individuals that cannot afford professional fees.

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Anarchy: A Journal of Desire Armed C.A.L. Press, PO Box 1446, Columbia, MO 65205-1446, USA. lmquinn@copin.org www.anarchymag.org Anti-ideological anarchist publishing (magazines & books).

Diggers & Dreamers BCM Edge, London, WC1N 3XX. T 07000 780536 F 0870 163 4661 info@diggersanddreamers.org www.diggersanddreamers.org www.diggersanddreamers.org.uk 'Diggers & Dreamers - the Guide to Communal Living in Britain' and books on related subjects.

Eco-Logic Books 10-12 Picton St, Bristol, BS6 5QA. T 0117 9420165 F 0117 9420164 books@eco-logic.demon.co.uk www.eco-logicbooks.com Publishes and sells mail order books on practical solutions to environmental problems, sustainability, permaculture, organic gardening, etc.

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Kate Sharpley Library (KSL), BM Hurricane, London, WC1N 3XX. Or PMB 820, 2425 Channing Way, Berkeley CA 94704, USA. kar98@dial.pipex.com www.katesharpleylibrary.org/index.htm Archive of Anarchist and related material, reclaiming Anarchist history to inform current struggles. Write for details of our (many!) publications.

National Small Press Centre, The BM Bozo, London, WC1N 3XX. Publishes small press handbook with information on thousands of small presses world-wide.

Photon Press 37 The Meadows, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1NY photon.press@virgin.net Publish 'Light's List' of 1500 independent press



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Revolutions Per Minute BCM Box 3328, London WC1N 3XX T 07967 886257 revolpermin@ukonline.co.uk www.red-star-research.org.uk/rpmframe.html A radical publishing project, which aims to help liberate the working class. Includes books on strikes, fox-hunting and anti-racism.

Rural Media Company, The Sullivan House, 72-80 Widemarsch St, Hereford, HR4 9HG. T 01432 344039 F 01432 270539 info@ruralmedia.co.uk www.ruralmedia.co.uk We are a National Media Communications Charity, we cover print, web publishing, video production and multimedia production.

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MEDIA - Film, Video & TV

Beyond TV mick@beyondtv.org, anna@beyondtv.org www.beyondtv.org A website hosting alternative news features - in an online database linking features to campaigns, upcoming events and current projects.

Conscious Cinema, 110 Elmore St, London, N1 2 020 7359 2755 F as phone inbox@consciouscinema.co.uk www.consciouscinema.co.uk Media arts collective turned production company. Broadcast standard equipment available for commercial work and projects creating greater value than money.

Cultureshop.Org PO Box 29683, London E2 6XH. T 07950 699562 admin@cultureshop.org www.cultureshop.org Online distribution to allow progressive film makers to sell their work, may be extended to other forms of media soon.

Direct Action Media Network (DAMN) Video www.tao.ca/earth/damn Multimedia direct action news service with live direct action footage on the web.

Exploding Cinema, The c/o 26 Fairwall House, Peckham Road, London SE5 8QW. T 020 7708 3501/020 7732 8058 explodingcinema@hotmail.com www.explodingcinema.org Open Access Screenings for Short Films.

Fifth Sun Archive, The T 07940 393671 5sun@freeuk.com www.fifthsunarchive.org The Fifth Sun Archive is a video library of social and environmental protest in the UK, established in 1994.

Groovy Movie Picture House, The mail@groovymovie.org www.groovymovie.org Documenting alternative issues, lifestyles and arts using the latest in cutting edge digital technology and powered only with green energy.

Guerillavision Box 91, Green Leaf Bookshop, 82 Colston St, Bristol BS1 5BB guerillavision@angelfire.com Troublemakers with other people's dv cameras.

I-Contact Video Network c/o 76 Mina Rd, St. Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9TX. T 0117 9400636 contact@videonetwork.org www.VideoNetwork.org

A non-profit making initiative set up to provide support for those using video for positive change.

New York Surveillance Camera Players (SCP-New York) POB 1115, NYC 10009-9998, USA. T 001 212 561 0106 ntobored@panix.com www.ntobored.org/the-scp.html Situationist-inspired anti-surveillance camera group.

Organic Chaos Network PO Box 234, 2300 AE Leiden, Netherlands, T +31-6-12520674 ocn@antenna.nl www.antenna.nl/organicchaos Video action news group, part of Federation Collective Rampenplan (See entry under Anarchy).

Reclaim the Streets - The Film T 07092 044579 reclaim_streets_film@yahoo.com www.come.to/rtsfilm Video clips, background info and ordering details for this essential documentary, taking a frantic look at RTS actions in the UK and abroad.

SKA TV Suite 75 Trades Hall Carlton Vic 3053 Australia T 61 3 9663 6976 accessnews@skatv.org.au www.skatv.org.au A grass-roots community organisation using TV and video as tools for social change, training, screenings, broadcast, distribution.

Turn Off Your TV www.turnoffyourtv.com Articles on issues such as the role of advertisers, corporate ownership of mass media, and the potential effects of images on children.

TV Go Home tvgohome@tvgohome.com www.tvgohome.com Send up of the Radio Times.

Undercurrents alternative video news 16B Chervell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG. 01865 203661/203662 underc@gn.apc.org www.undercurrents.org Produce and distribute videos and CD-ROM on direct action. Organise BeyondTV video activist festival.

Undercurrents foundation undercymru@joymail.com www.undercurrents.org Train activists how to use video for social change.

Video Activist Network (VAN) PO Box 40130, San Francisco, CA 94140, USA. +1 415-789-8484 info@videoactivism.org www.videoactivism.org Informal association of activists and politically conscious artists using video to support social, economic and environmental justice campaigns.

White Dot PO Box 2116, Hove BN3 3LR. info@whitedot.org www.whitedot.org International campaign against television.

MEDIA

- Internet News Services

A-Infos www.ainfos.ca Regular anarchist newsfeed over the internet in various languages.

Alternet www.alternet.org San Francisco alternative media site with hard-hitting news and investigations not covered in the mainstream press, fiery columns, insights into cultural trends.

Anarcho-Syndicalism 101 www.anarchosyndicalism.org A web archive of texts, articles, image and mp3 files, cultural items and outreach material (otherwise known as propaganda).

Centre for Cooperative Research info@cooperativeresearch.org www.cooperativeresearch.org A shedload of articles and writings from a variety of sources (many mainstream media), and a veritable goldmine for reference material.

GreenNet 33 Islington High Street, London N1 9LH. T 0845 055 4011 F 020 7837 5551 : info@gn.apc.org www.greenet.org.uk GreenNet is an internet service provider that specialises in internet services for organisations involved in Peace, The environment, Human Rights and Development.

Indymedia www.indymedia.org A collective of independent media organisations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage - links to Indymedia outlets around the world.

Indymedia UK www.indymedia.org.uk An evolving network of media professionals, artists, and DIY

media activists committed to using technology to promote social and economic justice.

Lobster www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/ The journal of parapolitics, intelligence, and State Research.

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Protest.Net rabble-rouser@protest.net www.protest.net A site to help progressive activists by providing a central place where the times and locations of protests and meetings can be posted.

Spunk Library, The spunk@spunk.org www.spunk.org Collects and distributes literature in electronic format, with an emphasis on anarchism and related issues.

SQUALL Magazine POBox 8959, London, N19 5HW mail@squall.co.uk www.squall.co.uk Regularly updated online magazine presenting radical journalism, photography and culture with content.

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Straight Goods www.straightgoods.com Canada's independent on-line source of news

URBAN 75 contact@urban75.com www.urban75.com Serves up non-mainstream viewpoint on a wide range of issues including environmental action, rave culture and civil rights. Plus drug information, cartoons, short stories and useless games.

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A-kontra POBox 223, 111 21 Praha 1, Czech Republic. www.a-kontra.net Czech anarchist magazine.

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Green Pepper CIA Office, Overtoom 301, 1054 HW Amsterdam, The Netherlands. T +31 20 665 7743 F +31 20 692 8757 greenpepp@eyfa.org www.squat.net/cia/gp An environmental and social justice magazine focussing on a different (anti-neoliberal/activist friendly) topic every edition.

Kontrapunkt www.kontrapunkt-online.org Serbo-Croatian on-line magazine covering all aspects of libertarian thought, and it is open for all views which are in-support of liberating of human minds and lives.

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www.ljudmila.org/anarhiv A resource centre for radical social change, also publish a magazine and organize events.

Motkraft www.motkraft.net The internet infocenter of the Swedish libertarian left. Publish news and information about actions, lectures, etc.

No God-No Master PO Box 300, East Brunswick, Victoria 3057, Australia. anthropia@hotmail.com www.punk.gr/nogod-nomaster Anarchist bulletin and publication of small Pamphlets in Greek.

Paper, The PO Box 1733, Collingwood VIC 3066, Australia. info@thepaper.org.au

www.thepaper.org.au Fortnightly free independent paper from Melbourne - available online as PDF.

Rocky Road Environmental Magazine Anne Ruimy, Mullagh, Co. Clare, Ireland. T +353 (0)65 708 7144 editor@rockyroadmagazine.com www.rockyroadmagazine.com Publishing a bi-monthly magazine offering unbiased, investigative and science-based news, features and analyses on Irish and global environmental issues.

Tactical Media Crew c/o Radio Onda Rossa, Via dei Volsci, 56, Roma 00185, Italy. tactical@tmcrew.org www.tmcrew.org A collective of media and political activists from the radical autonomous/anarchist scene of Rome.

Thrall PO Box 22-076 Christchurch, Aotearoa/New Zealand thrallnet@yahoo.com www.thrall.orcon.net.nz Monthly anarchist magazine from NZ.

Warhead PO Box 43, 15-662 Bialystok, Poland soja2@poczta.onet.pl Anarchist news service for Poland.

Z Magazine 18 Millfield Street, Woods Hole MA 02543, USA. T +1 508 5489063. syso@zmag.org www.zmag.org Z is an independent political magazine of critical thinking on political, cultural, social, and economic life in the United States, Z accepts no paid advertising.

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Animal Liberation Press Office BM4400, London, WC1N 3XX. T 01623 746470 mobile: 07752 107515 F as phone Media contact for the ALF and other radical animal rights groups. Supplies speakers for groups, rallies, etc.

Aufheben POBox 2536, Rottingdean, Brighton, BN2 6LX aufheben@yahoo.co.uk www.geocities.com/aufheben2/ Not an organisation, but a magazine dedicated to the theory and practice of revolutionary class struggle.

Bellow Box 35, 82 Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5BB. bellow1@bigfoot.com Radical women's newsletter, instigated by Women Speak Out - free, available for photocopying/ distribution - hardcopy or PDF

Big Issue, The London, SW8 2LN T 020 75263200 F 020 75263302 news@bigissue.com www.bigissue.com UK's biggest current affairs weekly, with 1.2 million readers. Campaigning for social justice. Sold by homeless vendors who keep 70p of each issue.

Black Flag BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX blackflagds@hushmail.com blackflag.net/blackflag Class struggle anarchist quarterly magazine with strong international coverage, recently revamped. Contact for subs info. Comprehensive list of UK Anarchist groups.

Class War Paper Promotes class consciousness and working class control over our day to day lives. (See entry under Anarchism)

Corner House, The, Station Rd, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1YJ. T 01258 473795 F 01258 473748

cornerhouse@gn.apc.org www.thecornerhouse.org.uk Research, advocacy and solidarity work on social & environmental justice issues. Publish regular briefing papers. Free via email.

Counter Information c/o ACE, 17 West Montgometry Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA T 0131 557 6242 ci@counterinfo.org.uk www.counterinfo.org.uk Free anarchist newsheet reporting on struggles from around the world.

Direct Action Collective PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester. M15 5HW. T 07984 675281 da@direct-action.org.uk www.direct-action.org.uk - magazine of the anarcho-syndicalist Solidarity Federation. No political parties or dogma. Packed with positive anti-authoritarian ideas, news, comment and actions.

Do or Die c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 2GY doordtp@yahoo.co.uk www.eco-action.org/dod Voices from the Ecological Resistance - an annual magazine crammed with reports and analysis from the world-wide ecological frontlines.

Earth First! Action Update (EF! AU) PO Box 487, Norwich, NR2 3AL T 01603 219811 efactionupdate@bigfoot.com www.eco-action.org/efau A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain. Has list of contacts of all UK Earth First! groups.

Ecologist, The 18 Chelsea Wharf, 15 Lots Rd, London, SW10 0QJ T 020 7351 3578 F 020 7351 3617 sally@theecologist.org www.theecologist.org Investigative journalists, leading thinkers and campaigners are constantly rethinking the basic assumptions which underlie mankind's steady march towards self-destruction.

Freedom anarchist fortnightly 84b Whitechapel High St, London, E1 7QX. T 020 8771 8317 F as phone FreedomCopy@aol.com Carries news and views from a growing range of activists. All contributions welcome.

Green Anarchist Green Anarchist, BCM 1715, London WC1N 3XX. www.greenanarchist.org UK's original and best anarcho-primitivist paper - uncensored forum for direct action news and discussion.

Index on Censorship 33 Islington High St, London, N1 9LH. T 020 7278 2313 F 020 7278 1878 natasha@indexoncensorship.org www.indexoncensorship.org Publish a magazine, run a website and organise events on free expression and censorship around the world.

Inkthief Rm 304, Maryland House, Manbey Park Road, London E15 1EY T 020 8223 6011 / 07984 875471 contact@inkthief.org.uk Designers committed to social and environmental justice who formed a professional design agency for socially progressive organisations.

Morgenmuffel PO Box 74, Brighton BN1 4ZQ. Personal anarchist zine with cartoons and rants published irregularly. Send three stamps for an issue.

New Internationalist Lower House, Lathkill St, Market Harborough, LE16 T 01858 438896 F 01858 461739 newint@subscription.co.uk www.newint.org Monthly informative magazine reporting on issues of world poverty and inequality; focusing attention on the unjust relationship between the powerful and the powerless.

Nonviolent Action (NVA) 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DY T 020 72713 nva@gn.apc.org Magazine serving campaigners seeking positive social change through non-violent means with news of activists and activities - and a stimulus to thought and action.

Peace News 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DY T 020 7278 3344 F 020 7278 0444 admin@peacenews.info www.peacenews.info Radical, international, antimilitarist, quarterly magazine. For nonviolent revolution. Bringing activists and campaigners together worldwide, sharing ideas, theories, and tactics.

Positive News 5 Bicton Enterprise Centre, Clun, Shropshire, SY7 8NF T 01588 640022 F 01588 640033 office@positivepress.org.uk www.positivepress.org.uk A free quarterly newspaper which publishes good news stories from around the world to do with peace, environment, health & education.

Red Pepper 1b Waterloo Rd, London, N19 5NJ T 020 72817024 F 020 72639345 redpepper@redpepper.org.uk www.redpepper.org.uk Green - left monthly magazine.

Resurgence Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon, EX39 6EE T 01237 441293 F 01237 441203 ed@resurgence.org www.resurgence.org Encompasses environmental, social, economic and cultural issues. Thought-provoking and informative, bringing articles which nourish all aspects of your life.

Total Liberty Magazine Box EMAB, 88 Abbey Street, Derby DE22 3SQ. ain@ziplip.com mysite.freemove.com/total_liberty/ Evolutionary Anarchist magazine promoting the ideas of a peaceful and evolutionary path to Anarchism. Subscription £8.00.

YearZero (YZ) PO Box 26276, London, W3 7GQ. T 07752 358928 feedback@yearzero.org www.yearzero.org The disobedient current affairs quarterly.

MEDIA - UK Local News

ActionNet-North Staffs Mob 07748 883981

Webimp@ActionNet-NorthStaffs.co.uk www.ActionNet-NorthStaffs.co.uk Web-based resource for activists based in N. Staffordshire who are campaigning about various issues social, environmental and humanitarian.

Bangor-Werdd <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bangor-werdd> North Wales email discussion network of non-violent direct action protesters including peace, environment and animal rights.

Brighton Sucks! T 07092 297412 info@brightonsucks.com brightonsucks.com/2003/ Keeping us in touch with what sucks about Brighton.

Bristle Box 25, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB. editor@bristle.org.uk www.bristle.org.uk Quarterly magazine for Bristol activism and anarchism treating all relevant subjects from news to campaigns.

Bristolian Box 3 Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB. localnews4us@yahoo.co.uk www.bristolian.freemove.com Local newsletter for Bristol, reclaiming the city back from corporate media. Available at various outlets in Bristol and via email: bristolian-subscribe@yahoo.com

Bristol IndyMedia www.bristol.indymedia.org Bristol's own IndyMedia site with news from Bristol and beyond.

Broughton Spurtle c/o Broughton Books, 2A Broughton Place, Edinburgh T 0131 556 0903 F 0131 557 6752 Spurtle@tpuntis.demon.co.uk www.tpuntis.demon.co.uk Publish monthly free paper for local area - publicise work of local action groups and generally stir things up.

BuryGreen, richb@bradgate.v-net.com www.BuryGreen.org.uk A service and gateway to the various groups in and around Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, dedicated to protecting and improving our environment.

Cardiff Activists Network bozavine@yahoo.co.uk www.geocities.com/bozavine/can/index.html For everyone interested in direct action based in Cardiff - allowing information about future actions to be advertised and planned.

Cold Bath Times c/o Dave Hubble, 7 Ainsley Gardens, Eastleigh, Hants SO50 4NX. T 023 80611307 coldbathinfo@yahoo.co.uk Multi-issue newsletter covering the Hampshire area plus wider issues,

generally with an environmental theme. Follows no party or organisational line.

Dan-Cymru www.gwypw.yahoo.com/group/dan-cymru Direct action Cymru discussion group
Direct Action Scotland www.gwypw.yahoo.com/group/directactionscotland A discussion and information email list focusing on direct action and protest in Scotland.

Elfinews PO Box 923, Luton, LU2 0YQ. T 01582-512184 F 01582 619218 M 07903 382228 elfinews@aol.com Activist news letter for Luton and Dunstable. Scrumious! A community based monthly newsletter, reporting on local activists' actions.

Eroding Empire c/o 56a Crampton St. London. SE17 3AE. eroding@eroding.org.uk www.eroding.org.uk Monthly listings for London area, diy, actions, centres, gigs.

FutureManchester www.futuremanchester.org.uk Site dedicated to sign-posting you to others working for positive change in Manchester

Global Action Scotland www.egroups.com/invite/globalactionscotland an email discussion group for global justice Visit the website to sign up.

Hackney Indymedia (Link from) www.indymedia.org.uk Gives an insight into the fourth poorest borough in Britain and to show how the council's and central government policy affects the local people.

Interference FM Box 6, Green Leaf, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB. Bristol's anarchist pirate radio station.

Loombreaker, The c/o Manchester EF1, Dept.29, 22a Beswick St, Manchester, M4 7HS. T 0161 226 6814 editorial@loombreaker.org.uk www.loombreaker.org.uk Monthly free Manchester direct action & campaigns round-up - Spreading news the mainstream media won't print.

Norwich Anarchists PO Box 487, Norwich, NR2 3AL. T 07941 657485 www.norwich-anarchists.org.uk Produce a community based newspaper.

Pork-Bolter, The POBox 4144, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7NZ porkbolter@eco-action.org www.eco-action.org/porkbolter Radical local newsletter with historically-vindicated pig obsession. Rages against CCTV, Big Business, councils, police etc. etc. Free with SAE.

Radio 4A T 07980 168115 info@radio4a.org.uk www.radio4a.org.uk Monthly pirate radio with a substantial speech output. Open access, non-profit and broadcasting live as well as creating programmes. 107.8FM in Brighton or webcast on www.pirate4a.net

Rebel Bull info@herefordanarchists.cjb.net Newsletter for the Hereford area produced by the Hereford Anarchists.

SchOUND OFF! schound_off@hotmail.com Plymouth's direct action newssheet.

SEReN PO Box 661, Wrecsam LL11 1QU. news@serencymru.org www.serencymru.org Non-sectarian newspaper reporting on all trade union, green, socialist, anti-war and republican news stories.

Sheffield Mayday sheffieldmayday.ukf.net www.sheffieldmayday.ukf.net News and information for activists in the Sheffield area, also e-mail discussion group

Swan Net SwanNetwork@yahoo.com www.geocities.com/swan_net Diary of events for Swansea.

Think Globally Act Locally POBox 1TA, New-castle, NE99 1TA. tapp@sandyford.techie.org.uk www.tapp.cjb.net Newsletter that reports and informs campaigns and direct action in North East England.

Underdog, The PO Box 35832, London E11 3WT. T 07810 288889 info@walthamstowanarchy.org.uk

www.walthamstowanarchy.org.uk Bi-monthly newsletter published by Walthamstow Anarchist Group.
WARCRY c/o BM Makhno, London, WC1N 3XX war1921war@yahoo.co.uk Monthly newsletter produced by West London Anarchists & Radicals

NETWORKING SUPPORT

Blatant Incitement Project (BLINC) Dept.29, 22a Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HS. T 0161-226 6814 doitit@nematode.freemove.co.uk www.eco-action.org/blinc Empower people to organise themselves without hierarchy, for radical action towards social ecological change, by sharing skills, knowledge, and inspiration.

Confederation of Indian Organisations 5 Westminster Bridge, London, SE1 7XW. T 0207 928 9889 F: 0207 620 4025 cio@gn.apc.org www.cio.org.uk Working with south Asian voluntary organisations in the UK.

Cynefin y Werin Und 2, gwasg Dwyfor, Stad Ddiwydiannol, Penygroes, Gwynedd LL545 6DB. T 01286 882359 Pager 07669 179015 benica@gn.apc.org All Wales network for organisations working on international peace, solidarity and social justice.

Edinburgh CITY (Change It Yourself) c/o ACE, 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA. info@edinburghcity.org.uk www.edinburghcity.org.uk A new independent forum with no set agenda. Monthly discussion/social evening for people interested in social change.

European Youth For Action (EYFA) Minahassastraat 1, 1090 GC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. T +31 20 665 7743 F +31 20 6928757 eyfa@eyfa.org www.eyfa.org International network of grassroots groups and individuals working on environmental and social justice issues.

LeftDirect www.leftdirect.co.uk More than just a comprehensive directory of all left, radical and progressive organisations in the UK.

Leicester Radical Alliance (LRA) c/o Dept Z, Littlethorn Books, Humberstone gate, Leicester T 07718 629 651 leicesterradical@hotmail.com <http://radical.members.beeb.net> Monthly meetings and newsletter to bring together all those who are now without a political home, disillusioned Labour supporters, and all others, who want to see radical changes in the social order.

Networking Newsletter Project 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS. T 0161 226 9321 info@networkingnewsletter.org.uk www.networkingnewsletter.org.uk Network activists around Manchester who are working for positive change on issues of peace, development, environment, human rights, animal rights and other areas of social change.

Radical Routes c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Ave, Leeds, LS7 3HB. T 0113 262 9365 cornerstone@ukf.net www.radicalroutes.org.uk Mutual aid network of radical housing & worker co-ops and social centres. Support, advice & loans to member co-ops.

SAMIZDAT ourangadan@hushmail.com <http://samizdat.zapto.org> A discussion and news service to track the various Social Forum events being organised around the UK.

Seeds for Change Network 96 Church Street, Lancaster, LA1 1TD. T 0845 3307853 hello@seedsforschange.org.uk www.seedsforschange.org.uk Free training + support on campaign planning, tactics, non-hierarchical organising, consensus and facilitation plus advice on low cost computing and free software (linux).

PRISONER SUPPORT

Anarchist Black Cross, Brighton PO Box 74, Brighton BN1 4ZQ. mail@brightonabc.org.uk www.brightonabc.org.uk Support group for anarchists, black liberation activists, anti-fascists and others we feel an affinity with who have ended up in prison.

Anarchist Black Cross Network c/o Austin ABC, PO Box 19733, Austin, TX 78760-9733, USA. abc-help@anarchistblackcross.org

www.anarchistblackcross.org Network of ABC organisations, has list on website of all ABC groups.
Animal Liberation Front UK Supporters Group Info about animal rights prisoners and defence funds. (See entry under Animal Rights)

Campaign Against Prison Slavery The Cardigan Centre, Cardigan Road, Leeds LS6 1JJ. Againstprison.slavery@gmail.com Challenges forced prison labour and exposes the companies that exploit it.

Campaign to Free Vanunu & for a Nuclear Free Middle East Israeli nuclear whistleblower sentenced in 1986 to 18 years. (See entry under Anti-War)

Earth Liberation Prisoners BM Box 2407, London, WC1N 3XX. www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk Supports people who have been arrested and imprisoned for acts of direct action in defence of animals and the earth.

Eddie Gilfoyle Campaign c/o Susan Caddick PO Box 1845, Stoke on Trent ST7 4EG. T 0781 501 2372 Paul.Caddick@btinternet.com Campaigning for the release of Eddie Gilfoyle who was wrongly convicted of murder in 1993.

Haven Distribution 27 Old Gloucester St, London, WC1N 3XX. Supplies free educational literature to prisoners in UK and Ireland. Donations make this possible.

International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal www.mumia.org Information and networking to save this journalist/activist's life.

Justice For Mark Barnsley PO Box 381, Huddersfield, HD1 4XX MarkBarnsley@ncadc.demon.co.uk www.freemarkbarnsley.com Campaign supporting Mark an anarchist who served 8 years in prison after getting beaten up by a group of students. He is still trying to clear his name.

Legal Defence & Monitoring Group (LDMG) (See entry under Justice and the Law)

Mumia Must Live! BM Box 4771, London, WC1N 3XX mumia@callnet.uk.com www.callnetuk.com/home/mumia Mumia Abu-Jamal is a political Prisoner facing death row in the USA. This is a coalition fighting to free Mumia and end the racist death penalty.

Vegan Prisoners Support Group (VPSG) (See entry under Animal Rights)

REFUGEES

Asylum Aid 28 Commercial St, London, E1 6LS. T 020 7377 5123 F 020 7247 7789 info@asylumaid.org.uk www.asylumaid.org.uk Provides free legal advice and representation to refugees seeking safety in the UK from persecution and campaign for fair treatment of refugees in the UK.

Asylum Support www.asylumsupport.info Online information focusing on all matters that concern people seeking asylum, together with a directory of hundreds of online resources relating to asylum and refugees.

Barbed Wire Britain T 01865 558145/726804, 01993 703994, 07767 414714, 01753 852853 F 01865 558145 barbedwirebritain@yahoo.co.uk www.barbedwirebritain.org.uk Linking and helping to establish local campaigns outside places of detention, demos, lobbies, publications, working with detainees past and present

Campaign to Close Campfield c/o 111 Magdalen St, Oxford. T 01865 558145/557282 info@closecampfield.org.uk www.closecampfield.org.uk Campaign for the closure of Campfield House Immigration Detention Centre and for the end of detention of refugees nation-wide.

Closure Down Harmondsworth Campaign 10 Endsleigh Rd, Southall UB2 5QL. T 07960 309457 F



08701 643017 closedownharmdsworth@hotmail.com Campaigning against imprisonment of asylum seekers and others in racist detention centre.

International Federation of Iranian Refugees (IFIR) PO Box 27236, London N11 2ZF. T 07730 107337 F 0870 1394253 ifir@ukonline.co.uk www.hambastegi.org Committed to organising the protests of Iranian refugees and asylum seekers in support of political and social campaigns.

National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (NCADC) 110 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B20 2QS. T 0121 554 6947 F 0121 554 7891 Ncadc@ncadc.org.uk www.ncadc.org.uk Bringing together families and individuals fighting deportation.

No Border Network www.noborder.org A tool for all groups and grass root organizations who work on the questions of migrants and asylum seekers.

Refugee Council 3 Bondway, London SW8 1SJ. T 020 7820 3000 F 020 7582 9929 info@refugeecouncil.org.uk www.refugeecouncil.org.uk Largest organisation in the UK working with asylum seekers and refugees.

SEXUALITY

Intercourse: talking sex c/o 17 West Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA. info@intercourse.org.uk www.intercourse.org.uk Encourages comfortable and positive ways of thinking and talking about sex by organising discussions and events and producing literature.

OutRage! PO Box 17816, London, SW14 8WT. T 020 8240 0222 outreach@OutRage.org.uk www.OutRage.org.uk World's longest surviving queer rights direct action group, dedicated to fighting homophobia and achieving equal civil rights.

Queeruption 56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton Street, London SE17 5AE. T 07949 976016 info@queeruption.com www.queeruption.com (Europe) www.queeruption.org (USA) Radical queer network. Organising the queeruption gatherings, parties, actions, alternative pride, cabaret, street intervention, cafe, squat and generally being sexy!

Sexual Freedom Coalition BM Box Lovely, London, WC1N 3XX. info@sfc.org.uk www.sfc.org.uk Coordinating the groups who campaign for the sexual freedom of consenting adults, providing a back-up force when problems occur.

Stonewall Lobby Group Ltd, 45-48 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0EB. T 020 7881 9440 F 020 7881 9444 info@stonewall.org.uk www.stonewall.org.uk Working towards the advancement of the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of lesbians and gay men.

TRANSPORT

Campaign Against Tube Privatisation (CATP) T 07961 440868 publictube@aol.com www.catp.org Founded in 1999 by London Underground workers so they could campaign together with the travelling public against the Blair government's planned privatisation of the tube.

Car Busters Magazine and Resource Centre Kratka 26, 100 00 Praha 10, Czech Republic. T +420 2 7481 0849 F +420 2 7481 6727 carbusters@ecn.cz www.carbusters.ecn.cz A quarterly multilingual magazine and resource centre for the international anti-car movement. To facilitate exchange & co-operation, inspire, reach out, and change the world.

Critical Mass London T 07801 703016 www.cm-london.cjb.net 'Organised coincidence' of cyclists last Friday of the month, meet 6pm South Bank Under Waterloo Bridge.

Environmental Transport Association Services Ltd (ETA) 10 Church St, Weybridge KT13 8RS. T 01932 828882 www.eta.co.uk The ETA is the only British provider of breakdown services that campaigns for environmentally sound transport.

EVUK editor@evuk.co.uk www.evuk.co.uk Campaign for REAL, long-distance electric vehicles.

Green Skies, c/o Aviation Environment Federation, Sir John Lyon House, 5 High Timber Street, London EC4V 3NS. T 020 7248 2223 F 020 7329 8160 info@greenskies.org www.greenskies.org GreenSkies is a world-wide information network of environmental organisations concerned with aviation's environmental effects.

Re-Cycle 60 High St, West Mersea, Essex, CO5 8JE. T/F 01206 382207 info@re-cycle.org www.re-cycle.org Sends second hand bicycles to Less Developed Countries and teaches local people skills to maintain and repair them.

Road Alert info@roadalert.org.uk www.roadalert.org.uk An online forum for info on direct action against resurrected government road building plans.

RoadPeace PO Box 2579, London NW10 3PW. T 020 8838 5102/Support line: 020 8964 1021 F 020 8838 5103 info@roadpeace.org www.roadpeace.org Supporting those bereaved or injured in a road crash. Working for Real Road Safety.

Slower Speeds Initiative (SSI) PO Box 19, Hereford HR1 1XJ. T 0845 345 8459 info@slower-speeds.org.uk www.slower-speeds.org.uk Lower speeds make walking and cycling safer, provide alternatives to road-building, support local economies and reduce CO2 emissions.

Sustrans 35 King Street, Bristol BS1 4DZ. T 0117 926 8893 F 0117 929 4173 www.sustrans.org.uk Designs and builds traffic-free routes for cyclists, walkers and people with disabilities.

Transport 2000 Impact Centre, 12-18 Hoxton St, London, N1 6NG. T 020 7613 0743 F 020 7613 5280 www.transport2000.org.uk Campaigns & lobbies for a sustainable transport policy.

TRAVELLERS

Enabler Publications Books about counter culture, Travellers, protest and creative work with young people. (See entry under Media)

Friends, Families & Travellers (FFT) Community Base, 113 Queens Rd, Brighton BN1 3XG. T 01273 234777/mobile: 07971 550328 F 01273 234778 fft@communitybase.org www.gypsy-traveller.org Advice and information Unit for Gypsies, Travellers, service providers etc, on issues such as evictions, sites, planning, discrimination. Also lobbying and campaigning on Travellers' rights.

New Futures Association The Cottage, Glanewir, Tan-y-groes, Ceredigion. T: 01239 811929 nfauk@hotmail.com Established a resource centre for nomadic people to encourage training, education and self-help. Supports travellers by providing information and advice and through campaigning.

Traveller Law Research Unit (TLRU) www.cl.ac.uk/claws/tlr Research and publication of Traveller-related legal issues.

Travellers' School Charity (See entry under Education)

WOMEN

Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp (See entry under Peace)

Crossroads Women's Centre PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU. T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com www.allwomenscount.net Lively, welcoming, anti-sexist anti-racist home of a number of organisations which highlight the needs and concerns of grassroots women especially.

Feminist Library, The 5-5a Westminster Bridge Rd, London, SE1 7XW. T 020 7928 7789 feministlibrary@beeb.net Largest lending and reference library of contemporary feminist material in the UK, both fiction and non-fiction.

International Wages for Housework Campaign (IWFHC) Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish

Town Road, London, NW5 2AB. T: 020 7482 2496 F: 020 7209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com www.allwomenscount.net International multi-racial grassroots women's network campaigning for governments to recognise and pay wages for all women's unwaged work.

Rights of Women 52-54 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT. T 020 7251 6575/6 F 020 7490 5377 www.rightsofwomen.org.uk Works to attain justice and equality by informing, educating and empowering women on their legal rights.

Women Against Rape (WAR) PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU. T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com www.womenagainstrape.net Grassroots multi-racial women's organisation provides counselling, legal advocacy, and campaigns for justice, protection and compensation for survivors of sexual violence.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

Education Workers Network who favour collective direct action for decent education. (See entry under Education)

Global Women's Strike Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Road, London Postcode: NW5 2AB. T (020) 7482 2496 F (020) 7209 4761 womenstrike8m@server101.com www.womenstrike8m.server101.com Women everywhere strike annually on 8 March, to value all women's work and against no pay, low pay and overwork.

Industrial Workers of the World PO Box 4414, Poole Dorset. BH15 3YL. UK T 01202 257556 info@iww.org.uk www.iww.org.uk Union for all run by its members. For the abolition of wage-slavery through global solidarity, direct action and industrial democracy.

Institute of Employment Rights (IER) 177 Abbeville Rd, London, SW4 9RL. T 020 7498 6919 F 020 7498 9080 www.ier.org.uk ier@gn.apc.org A trade union supported think tank acting as a focal point for the spread of new ideas in the field of labour law.

Iranian Workers News PO Box 23734, London SW5 9GB. editor@iranian-workers-news.net www.iranian-workers-news.net Solidarity campaign with Iranian workers.

LabourNet labournetuk@poptel.org www.labournet.net Promotes computer communications as a medium for strengthening and building organised labour.

LabourStart encl@labourstart.org www.labourstart.org Online global labour news service and portal.

London Hazards Centre (See entry under Health) **McDonalds Workers Resistance (MWR)** PO Box 3828, Glasgow, G41 1YU. info@mwr.org.uk www.mwr.org.uk We work for McDonalds and fuck shit up. We encourage other Mcworkers to do the same.

No Sweat, PO Box 36707, London, SW9 8YA. T(mob) 07904 431959 admin@nosweat.org.uk www.nosweat.org.uk Campaigning against child and sweated labour at home and abroad through direct action, organisation and making practical solidarity.

Simon Jones Memorial Campaign PO Box 2600, Brighton, BN2 0EF. T 01273 685913 action@simonjones.org.uk www.simonjones.org.uk Campaigns for justice for Simon Jones, killed on his first day as a casual worker on a Shoreham dock, and to expose the dangers of casualisation.

Tools For Solidarity (TFS) Unit 1B1, Edenberry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Rd, Belfast, BT14 7EE. T 028 9074 7473. Refurbishes unwanted hand tools and sewing machines for skilled tradespeople in Africa. Committed to the equal distribution of power and resources.

UNISON Dudley Group of Hospitals, Union Offices, Wordsley Hospital, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 5QX. T 01384 244350 F 01384 244350 dghunison@ic24.net We are a trade union branch with a proud tradition of fighting PFI privatisation.

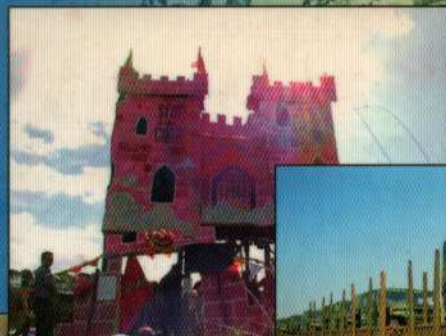


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