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Anarchy is erupting in the towns, villages and cities of the UK

HAS THE WORLD GONE MAD?

WORKPLACES, SCHOOLS, streets and farms are all undergoing a revolution.

By **Bob Randall**
News Correspondent

Enuf Is enough, a refuse collector from Lewisham, where postal workers, shop assistants and council employees are amongst the millions out on wildcat strike today, explains the nature of this revolution. "Revolution isn't just a riot; it doesn't mean carnage or annihilation. It means a total change when we reclaim what we have created, taking back our time and lives and all resources for one another at a grassroots level. It also means balancing our needs with the environment around us".

Ivana Liv, a textile worker from Wrexham, explains "We were tired of the unions telling us to get back to

work and blocking us. So we're organising 'horizontally' and collectively, which means we don't make or take orders from above. Our friends here in the UK who had no choice but to make nuclear arms, plastics and electronics, as well those abroad forced to make cheap clothing, poundshop crap, elite gadgets, shirts that roll up their own sleeves, detergents, massage mitts and so on, have stopped all that. Instead they are just creating and recycling really useful and beautiful things. Bicycles, furniture, natural medicines, gardening equipment, and shoes and clothes which are made to last. Actual work-

ing hours have been drastically cut because everybody's pitching in and learning how things they take for granted actually work, from the clothing on their backs, the food on their plates and their transport, to their medicines, plumbing, and the solar-powered panels on their homes. Of course some people just don't fancy making certain things, but that's fine, they do other stuff".

Liv stresses that factories and offices are a thing of the past. "Now we just have spaces of our own making, where we work together on our own terms. After all, the factory system was a form of social control as well as a place of production". In fact many people tell Hate Mail that they don't even call themselves 'workers'

anymore. "We are more than that, that's an old term. 'work' is now such a minimal feature of our lives", Liv adds: "The environment and people's lives are so much richer and healthier. Mines, oil refineries, toxic waste, burned-to-cinders forests, factory farming are over, ended - the seas, the land, and life, liberated".

Reports have also filtered through that Parliament and Buckingham Palace are now in the hands of the masses. Banqueting halls, ornamental rooms and lofty corridors are teeming with people discussing ways to ensure they never again have to endure nine-hour days of meaningless labour, producing mass-marketed commodities, rip-off food, clothing and living basics.

But where does authority and power now lie? How does anything get done if people are no longer professionals or experts and everyone has a chance to do what they want? Letsa Justundoit, a mother of four from Skipton, tells the Hate Mail: "We, the working classes, have always been responsible for making everything in the world: we sustained the transport system, hospitals, water, food, electricity, gas, the streets, the production of information, we built the offices that used to churn out data, spreadsheets and figures all geared towards sustaining government and corporate agendas and profits.

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War is the health of the nation state



ONE BOY AND A TANK: this Israeli tank rumbled through a Palestinian street to crush a demonstration by the Palestinian youths. It sprayed the demonstrators with bullets resulting in 14 serious injuries. Then Faris Odeh (13) charged and started throwing stones at it. Later on, Faris died in an unrelated incident.

THE MOST STRIKING feature of the new millennium is war. Towards the end of last century the western powers – above all the one remaining superpower, the USA – declared the Cold War won. However capital could not function without an enemy. It had to create one where it did not exist.

In the 1990s war was declared on Iraq and then in the former Yugoslavia. Both Saddam's and Milosevic's regimes were absurdly identified as opposed to global capitalism. Then came the devastating attack on the twin towers. The US seized the opportunity for hegemony by waging war on Afghanistan.

The bombing of Afghanistan has killed more people than the attack on the twin towers. Unsurprisingly, none of the claimed war aims of the US-led alliance have been met. The result is chaos as the country's infrastructure lies in ruins. All that is on offer is more and more troops, both from the west and in the form of a rebuilt Afghan army, which is the main form of aid. This is the 'solution' war provides.

Having destroyed Afghanistan, the US ruling class has turned its attention back to Iraq. After the last Gulf War, the bombing of Baghdad continued on a daily basis, but the real weapons of mass murder were the sanctions imposed by the UN. Over 10 years, sanctions have killed over a million children due to undernourishment. Thousands continue to die each month. Bush has now declared that it was a mistake not to finish off Saddam. This is the stated new war aim. However, at the end of the Gulf War soldiers mutinied in preparation for insurrection. The allied military, afraid of their revolutionary potential, carpet bombed the soldiers on the road to Basra. The hopes of the Iraqi proletariat were drowned in

blood. This nails Bush's lie that the priority is to overthrow Saddam. The priority, as always, is to protect the interests of capital.

Renewed war on Iraq has had to be placed temporarily on hold due to the war in Palestine, hence Bush's recent criticism of Sharon.

Palestine and Israel

Also taking advantage of the 'war on terrorism' (a meaningless phrase) for its own ends, the Israeli ruling class launched a new round of destruction in the 'occupied territories'. Homes have been bombed, demonstrators shot at and medical supplies cut off. About one million Palestinians live as second class Israeli citizens. Another five million live in the Occupied Territories and refugee camps. Palestine has long been the key source of cheap labour for the Israeli state.

The first Intifada was a huge grassroots revolt in which the youth took to the streets. The uprising was undoubtedly fuelled by the resentment caused by years of daily abuse and humiliation under Israeli occupation. It caused a major shake-up in the entrenched hierarchies of Palestinian society and empowered many women and girls. As one female activist put it: "We need a women's Intifada inside the Intifada for things to really change". Importantly, it was a largely leaderless revolt.

The Oslo agreement (the so-called peace process) was an effort by the Israeli establishment to bribe the leadership of the Palestinian refugees. In return for the right to return and a form of autonomous rule for the Palestinian elite in the occupied regions, they were supposed to extinguish the flames of uprising

within the parts of Palestine occupied in 1967. The Oslo agreement was intended to make the Palestinian state a neo-colony of the Israeli capitalists – both a source of cheap labour and a captive market.

An explosion of Palestinian anger put an end to the charade begun at Oslo seven years ago. As the protests grew, army helicopters rocketed neighbourhoods in several Palestinian cities, destroying entire city blocks and causing scores of casualties. Israeli tanks surrounded Palestinian towns with their guns turned toward the houses. Armed Israeli civilians rampaged through Arab neighbourhoods destroying Arab property and shouting "Death to Arabs". Israeli police shot at Arabs trying to defend their homes. However, the second Intifada has a different character from the first. It is far more closely connected to the power struggle between the groups vying to lead the new Palestinian state; the fundamentalist Hamas and the more secular nationalist PLO.

In the renewed war the Israeli army has systematically bulldozed houses whilst they were occupied, at the same time dropping tear gas from helicopters. Tanks opened fire on civilians, including those already injured and dying. Israeli forces have banned ambulances from entering the refugee camps. Female detainees have been strapped to tanks and personnel carriers as human shields. The single worst atrocity to date was the massacre of people in Jenin. The final death toll is unknown, but it is clear that similar war crimes elsewhere have resulted in trials at The Hague.

Hamas and the Fatah faction of the PLO continue to send young militants to terrible deaths as suicide bombers inside Israel. These suicide bombings kill a cross-section of Israelis, including the working class. As well as

being a disgusting tactic, this is a sign of weakness, not strength. This is a war that cannot be won in military terms. One sign of hope is that in the mainly conscript Israeli army over three hundred soldiers have refused to fight. Protests have taken place daily around the world, including a huge demonstration in London on April 13th.

The common thread linking these wars is that they are, above all else, wars on the working class and the dispossessed. It is workers, peasants and refugees in Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine who are being murdered either by bombs or starvation. Elsewhere, proletarians opposing the war bear the brunt of state repression (shootings, arrests, broken limbs, internment). Ultimately, the ruling class of each nation wages war on its workers by tying us to the war machine and outlawing all forms of critique. In the Gulf, the Balkans and now the Middle East, capital has responded to renewed crisis with the mass destruction and the mass murder of proletarians.

To abolish war, abolish capitalism

While supporting the call for immediate Israeli withdrawal and a ceasefire, we recognise that democracy, capitalism, returning to UN drawn-up borders or creating new states or nations offers no solution to war. Our hopes lie with those who refuse to fight and those who seek to overthrow 'their' own governments and leaders. Only a social revolution, a worldwide Intifada, offers lasting hope. Such a solution is both worth dreaming of and fighting for.

Parliament and Buckingham Palace in hands of the masses

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Generation after generation have invested their time and skills and energies in creating the technologies and resources we have now. This is ours."

Food is being freely distributed in urban centres, and rural workers have revolted against the monocrop requirements of their corporate bosses – uprooting all genetically modified crops, diversifying yields and growing food organically rather than chemically. Allotments and free green spaces have bloomed throughout the country. The air smells different – fresher, alive; food tastes flavoured and genuine; no-one is hungry; fruits and vegetables are literally growing everywhere.

No longer are they trucked half-way across the country or frozen and flown across the planet to reach people's dinner tables. The production

chain is short and controlled by the community involved in making it. Instead of government buildings and high-rise office blocks, people are creating green spaces, planting trees and plots; food and wildlife is returning.

Car use has dwindled. The odd green-fuel bus trundles by but the urgency and the rush to get to work is gone. Individual responsibility for the collective is the norm and is being achieved and maintained. With the abolition of money, crime has nose-dived.

"How are we supposed to know what things are worth what without money?" we asked a group of ex-soldiers who had melted their guns into essential tools, sculptures and bed-frames. One ex-soldier explains: "A month of backbreaking building and cleaning work amounted to the equivalent of a few hours business lunching if you were a company di-

rector. What's the meaning of that? How can you put a price on all that time and effort and energy? All our endeavours are worth the sum of their real effect now; we all do something that sustains our lives, our community, keeps us warm, fed, and entertained."

New art forms, theatre, sport; a whole realm of play is being spontaneously created. People are all actors, singers, artists, and performers – if they want to be (and if their neighbours can stand it!). People are discovering new ways to communicate and hidden talents in themselves. The streets and forests pulsate with its vitality!

"What you see here is mutual aid", says Fin-Ally Free, "Free association and solidarity. People help each other – friends do it, in our relationships with loved ones, the giving everybody does – there's no price for that and that's what makes life worth

living – togetherness, children, friendship, love – you can't sell it, you can't buy it and it never runs out."

The Hate Mail, shocked by this turn of events, has now just learned it has no readership anymore! People have created their own uncensored media. This is reporting the realities of counter-revolution, the failing attempts of parasitic politicians, bosses, fascists and warlords to re-assert their authority. They are charting the successes of people's self-organisation and autonomy and the difficulties and conflicts that arise in creating a new world. The defeat of the ecidial use of the earth and humanity as a resource to exploit; the knocking down of national borders and constructed social boundaries – sexual preference, gender, race. We have inherited the earth, the possibilities are endless.

Learn lots of skills that won't get you a job anywhere else

Once you've joined us, THAT'S IT!

The Team KILLS ROYAL NAVY

Hate Mail

COMMENT

Mayday Greetings

Mayday has long been a time to escape the rule of leaders. It is also a day to celebrate struggles against capitalism. Over the past 12 months both the anti-capitalist movement and the very idea that capitalism can be superseded has come under attack. Last Mayday the state spent a huge amount of money trying, but failing, to prevent our celebrations. Less than two months later the cops shot at least three protesters on the streets of Gothenburg. In July Carlo Giuliani was shot dead in Genoa.

On September 11 the anti-capitalist movement was trying to stop an arms fair in Docklands when planes were flown into the twin towers in New York. In the aftermath, capital, having found a new permanent enemy in 'terrorism', sought to re-assert its dominance, suggesting alternatives were impossible. There is a continuing effort to paint the anti-capitalist movement as terrorist, alongside repressive movements such as al-Qaida. Terrorism, whether carried out by states or other organisations, by its very nature, involves minorities imposing their will on others. The overthrowing of capitalism requires a mass movement.

Anti-capitalism is not simply an idea or a movement; it is a pressing human need to escape the bounds and divisions imposed by capital, to create a real human community.

This Mayday we are celebrating with a ten-day festival of events designed to discuss and demonstrate alternatives to capitalism. On Wednesday May 1st we will gather in Mayfair, the historical home of Mayday. It is in such actions that we catch a glimpse of the possibilities of a different way of living. Join us!

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Having read this far you may be wondering why we have gone to the trouble of producing a spoof newspaper. Media ownership is concentrated in a few individuals and companies or the state. Its purpose is to serve the existing order. Any truths are therefore at best partial. We need to create our own media.

The Daily Mail, along with its main rival the Express, personifies the view of the aspirational middle class, with its pettiness, hate-filled bile and, above all, virulent racism. This is particularly apparent in its treatment of asylum seekers, a tradition that dates at least to the inter-war years when it was the only paper to wholeheartedly support fascism.

In the anti-capitalist movement there is a tradition of publishing spoof newspapers. Previous examples include 'Evading Standards', 'Maybe', 'Financial Crimes', 'The Pink Pauper' and 'The Spin'. Indeed this is not the only spoof published this Mayday: in Haringey the local (and wonderfully misnamed) *In-dependent* is the target (<http://hsg.cupboard.org>).

Hate Mail is a one-off, but the need for alternative media continues. Regular offerings include: *Indymedia* (www.indymedia.org.uk), a constantly updated web-based news service where anyone can post articles; *Schnews* (www.schnews.org.uk), the weekly newsletter of the direct action movement; and the venerable anarchist fortnightly *Freedom* (available from Freedom Press Bookshop, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX). Alternatively, why not create your own?

Our Man in the Met

Exclusive by **Our Crime Correspondent**

THE HATE MAIL can now reveal double agent, Commander Brian Paddick, like so many before him, was recruited while a student at Oxford University.

When he initially showed an interest in extremist politics, first by attending a "Third World First" meeting and later a small demonstration, he was approached by anti-capitalists and recruited as a spy.

When Paddick was stationed at Brixton nick in the 1980s, covert meetings were held at secret locations late into the night at the 121 Centre. At this stage the information passed over was low-level intelligence, reflecting his lowly rank. For example, it was through Paddick that we found out just how low morale

was amongst the cops after the Brixton riots. But it was only when Paddick became Commander at Brixton that he became really useful.

The first major success was persuading Brian to effectively legalise dope, thus creating our own mini-Amsterdam. To our surprise even Cabinet ministers took him seriously. Prior to that, however, Paddick had tipped us off about a raid on the Button Factory Social Centre, which was used for training samurai swordsmen for Mayday Monopoly in 2001. Thanks to Paddick, when the cops raided in full view of the media, the centre was empty.

Playing with double agents is a dangerous game. Under Paddick's command three people were 'killed in custody' – the cops euphemism for executions – within four months. Typically, the cop who shot Derek Bennett in the back six times was given stress counselling.

A demo last July after Derek's execution became a minor uprising, leading to Lambeth Council sacking a Unison shop steward. Another demo in December ended with Paddick setting riot police on the families and friends of the three people his thugs had murdered.

Our lack of control over Paddick was further re-

vealed when after far too many spliffs, he made the mistake of logging onto Urban 75 and revealing his true feelings.

We immediately sent Brian on 'retraining' to the Ruckus Society, a shadowy group funded by Anita Roddick. Just when we thought things were under control, an ex-boyfriend sold his story to the Hate Mail. Brian's cover was truly blown.

We didn't realise how everyone had been taken in, so we were unable to predict that liberals would rush to Paddick's defence. Petitions and a demo followed and a poster declared him 'The Messiah'. When the mother of one of those killed by the cops spoke out in a pro-Paddick meeting she was shouted down. Our mistake was not to realise that the career of a top cop was worth so much more than three working class lives.

Five-Day Festival of Filth!

Undercover reporter attends depraved orgy

By **Lucie Morris**

HUNDREDS of self-declared sexual deviants, social misfits and anarchists recently converged on a residential street in London's East End. They blatantly squatted an entire block of flats for an event advertised through shadowy internet sites as 'Queeruption 2002'.

Depraved orgy of perversion

In an effort to keep the sordid goings-on under wraps, they refused to talk to the 'Hate Mail'. However now we bring you this *undercover exclusive*, thanks to this intrepid reporter.

I infiltrated their makeshift brothel and observed what can only be described as a depraved orgy of perversion.

Attendees, many of them foreign, mingled happily. They included all kinds of punks, soap-dodgers, hardened protesters, hippies, New Age Travellers, dole-scroungers, extremists and former lesbian separatists.

Some even looked like ordinary people

Some sported nose-rings, others Swampy-style dreadlocks; many obviously took delight in their own body-smells. Worse, some of them even looked like ordinary people, like anyone you might sit next to on your way to work in the morning. How



FIDLING: Are we fighting in Afghanistan for people like this?

dare they! It means that anyone you mingle with at work, on the streets, in the shops could be one of them!

They talked openly about sex, and everything else. Among them we found proponents of anti-capitalism, sado-masochism, even 'asexuality'(!).

The entire building had been decked in what passed for 'Art' among these dead-beats: mostly gaudy fabric held up with tape, ob-

scene images and piles of junk 'sculpture'.

A board in the entrance hall detailed a sinister list of the 'workshops and discussions' ranging from the oddball to the downright irresponsible (eg. 'Does HIV cause AIDS?' Well, duh!).

Publicity for the event even exhorted parents to bring their children along and make use of the 'creche' – one can

only imagine the sick ideas these people would preach to such innocent youngsters. Most frighteningly, participants boasted of their plans to repeat this sickening spectacle around the world. Other cities with an underground minority of freaks were mentioned: Hamburg, Stockholm, Montreal, Sydney, Barcelona and even Weston-Super-Mare!

See the horror for yourself at <http://www.queeruption.com>

Rail rip-off stopped in its tracks

By **The Fat Controller**

ON THE FIRST DAY of the underground and rail strike people still stream into the stations and I hear the trains roaring through the tunnels. Only in the ticket hall does something seem amiss. 'Free Travel!' proclaims the sign on the locked-up ticket office.

And the barriers are open! All workers connected with tube and rail services are taking part in the action against privatisation, claimed by workers to involve casual contracts with loss of pay, benefits, safety abuses and worse conditions, including split shifts.

A group are distributing leaflets and chatting with passengers. Mary Hillier, who works in the ticket office, tells me: "We decided to strike by not collecting fares - we'll still get paid! Meanwhile, we hit management and the new shareholders while gaining solidarity from the public. This isn't just a union dispute, but the opening of a social strike by everyone against the Government and the privatisation process."

But strikes are anti-social. I have to tell the readers that! I must interview commuters shaking their fists at greedy workers who hold the city or even the country to ransom. So I look high and low for harried commuters. Up the Piccadilly Line to Cockfosters, down to leafy Wimbledon. From Brixton to Walthamstow, to the outer reaches of Uxbridge to darkest Dagenham. But not one is found.

Foaming at the mouth

My editor is foaming at the mouth, and it's not the remains of his last café latte spattering his face: "You find a harried commuter or you're sacked! They can't have a strike without harried commuters. It's not allowed. It's in your contract to interview harried commuters, and the patriotic war against terrorism requires it too! If you can't find one, make it up like we always do when the facts don't match our agenda!"

At last I locate a group of bleary-eyed and irate office workers. "You don't like this strike, do you?"

"Yeah, too right we don't. How come the trains are still running? It's outrageous! What good's a strike if it doesn't give you an ex-

cuse to skive off work?" a young secretary demands, swilling her jumbo cappuccino in preparation for another 'soul-destroying' day. "And this 'free transport' doesn't mean much when I've already bought my Travelcard!"

A manager intervenes at this point. "You from the press? Tell everyone we need to modernise this system, and we won't be obstructed by selfish workers. We all must make sacrifices to get transport on its feet!" "Modernise, schmodernise!" shouts a stropky guard. "Does your salary need modernising by a 40% rise? And what about the dosh creamed off by shareholders, when it should be spent on making the service better? Or the money spent on legions of accountants and executives? Meanwhile, we suffer speed-ups, longer hours and cuts in maintenance, and our safety reps are victimised. Passengers put up with more delays, higher fares and overcrowding. The deaths at Paddington and Clapham are on your hands, you scumbag!" I can only stand by in shock as a group of workers rudely eject the manager.

Later, I am able to locate a harried and distraught transport official, Mr Robert Scabley, a member of the group spearheading the new Public-Private Initiative. I find him cowering under his desk following a visit from a worker/passenger strike committee. I coax him out to discuss the current crisis. "This action is potentially more disruptive than a day or two of suspended service, for it breaks down the barriers between workers and service users. This is no longer a proper trade union dispute - in fact, the union officials are now as redundant as we are. Whenever people think they can get something for nothing, it's a threat to public order. A simple grievance escalates from one group to all-out social disruption."

A ride on the rollercoaster of history!

Several days later the grim predictions of Mr Scabley are borne out. The most severe repercussions of the non-collection strategy go beyond the various transport bodies, when workers in café's in the forecourt at Victoria Station go on strike too by giving away free food.

Lucy Parsons, a waitress, says: 'The rail and underground workers' action has inspired us. In our position, conventional strike action would've been easy to break. Most of us are casual employees, with no security and low wages. I was forced into this job by the JSA, though I ended up worse than if I'd been on the dole.' She passes sandwiches and muffins out to eager hands.

Something new is in the air

I find the same group of secretaries, but now they're happy as they enjoy their free food. Peg Kerry explains: "My travelcard has expired, hasn't it? And it's not just business as usual, after all. I spent hours travelling to and from work. That time was stolen from me just as if I'd been in the office. But now, everyone's stopping to talk. Something new is in the air."

Soon there's music, more food and drink is passed around and it looks like a big party is starting up. "But you don't think the police will stand by and let this go on? They might even send in the army!" I suggest.

"Let 'em try! Who'll be shutting down everyone's transport then? Who'll be the wreckers then? People will be even more angry and the strike will spread more."

Meanwhile, more people are flooding into the station. Employees from a nearby pub roll in barrels of beer, and a band appears too. It's a great big free for all. Swelling numbers of people are just along for the ride, wherever that goes.

It's clear that while they oppose privatisation, no one really wants a return to old-fashioned BR either. So what do you want, I ask Peg. "State ownership isn't so hot either, it's just another capital management strategy," she explains. "We need a total change. I shouldn't have to go every day to a job where I juggle bits of paper and information that only show money moving from one group of capitalists to another. What good does that do anyone? When transport workers resisted and we all mucked in and stopped doing what was expected - well, that's the end of our roles as workers and consumers and the beginning of the kind of world we want to live in."

But we're interrupted by an announcement on the tannoy that a group of staff and passengers have decided to travel to the seaside instead of going to work and anyone who wants to come should just hop on board.



HATE: The scene on Hackney Marshes as Mayday draws near

B-movie plot for Mayday mayhem

By **Will MacGregor**

THE HATE MAIL has uncovered disturbing evidence that 1970's cult film 'The Wicker Man' is providing grisly inspiration to this year's Mayday demonstrators.

In the run-up to May 1, video rentals of The Wicker Man are skyrocketing. Not remarkable, you might at first think. After all, a new 'director's cut' has been released and the film was shown on TV last New Year. But if we look closely at the content, and the activities of a bizarre coalition of anarchists, football hooligans and pagans as they prepare for their annual day on the rampage, it is cause for concern indeed.

The film, starring Christopher Lee, Edward Woodward and Britt Ekland, follows an honest Christian policeman as he investigates a report of a missing girl on a remote Scottish island that has reverted to paganism. He is mocked as the islanders go about their depraved, sex-mad non-Christian ways ('It's just as well that you won't be here to be offended by the sight of our Mayday celebrations'), then later lured into becoming a sacrifice during their revels on May 1 where he is burned in a giant man constructed of wicker.

Hate Mail spotted disturbing similarities between the goings on in the film and current Mayday disruptions. For example, the pagans have a procession where they are lead by a tuneless band - how similar to the racket of the evil 'Samba band' that urges modern day rioters on to their Mayday mayhem! And in another telling scene, the officer requests that the islanders remove the outlandish masks they wear to conceal their identity. They refuse to do so, in a scenario that has become all too familiar in the past couple of years.

As spokesman for Scotland Yard's SHIT team (Silly Harassing Interfering Tossers), Sergeant Neil Howie put it: "We are taking

the matter very seriously, especially when raids on certain addresses netted some quantities of wicker and straw. As we've seen time and time again, life often imitates fiction and so do criminals."

Investigations at video rental shops revealed that Wicker Man videos have been taken out by mobs of 'highly suspicious' characters. We checked out builders merchants and DIY shops that sell wicker (allegedly for garden furniture, fences and baskets, ha! Who do they think they're kidding?) and found an upsurge in wicker sales too. We asked the manager of one large garden centre if he was aware of illegal uses that could be made of his products. He appeared totally unconcerned and shrugged: "It's up to them what they do with their wicker."

We succeeded in tracking some of these erstwhile customers from the shop to a derelict and foul location in the Hackney marshes. There we witnessed steps in the construction of a giant Wicker Man, as supporting structures were erected similar to 'tripods' used during anti-roads obstructions and sheets of wicker material applied. Pretending to be a bemused bystander, I questioned one of the builders. He said that the preparations were for a 'festival' and added that instructions for building a Wicker Man are freely available on the internet.

After plying my informant further with a bottle of cider, he revealed a top-secret plan to incinerate a top-level police figure, "preferably Sir John Stevens in the Wicker Man on Grosvenor Square. This will be the climax of Mayday 2002", he enthused. "It might be tricky because there are certain conditions attached to the ritual. The victim must represent the law of the land, he must come as a fool, he must come willingly and he must be a virgin. The first two can be arranged, the others I'm not sure about. Perhaps the virginity requirement will have to be relaxed. Or maybe not".

Never mind the Jubilee – Bollocks to the monarchy!

By Dick Wipes
Royal Mouthpiece

THE NATION went into mourning on Saturday 30 March 2002 when the TV listings were cruelly hijacked by the PR department of the House of Windsor.

Bizarrely, a woman who was over a century old had died. It is easy to be sarcastic about a multi-millionaire bigot with an income of just five million pounds a year and only 50 live-in home helps, and a couple of castles to her name, being represented as 'everyone's grand mother'... so lets do it.

What a life worthy of commemorating! She single-handedly won World War Two – despite her well-known sympathy for that nice Mr Hitler. She was a kindly old lady whose compassion for her family included hounding the mother of her great-grand children to repeated suicide attempts.

Not just unbridled privilege and casual sadism

Her love of animals meant introducing her daughter to the joys of fox hunting. But her life was not just unbridled privilege and casual sadism; she helped support a number of traditions – her heroic stand for Rhodesian and South African apartheid continues to this day with Prince Philip, and we hope he

JUBILEE? YOU MUST BE JOKING!

Question: What's the difference between the Queen Mum and Thatcher? Answer: Less than a month (hopefully).

The Queen Mum goes to heaven where she meets Di. Queen Mum says: "Lovely halo darling, when am I going to get one?" Di replies "Fuck off grandma, it's a steering wheel."

will follow his mother-in-law's lead – as quickly as possible.

Execute the Queen Street Party

Still, she's gone now, alongside the much missed daughter (well missed at least by the gin and gigolo industries). But despite the Jubilee year seeing such drastic reductions in royal ranks that one fears that by the end of the year only Princess Eugenie will be left, the Royals are still very much with us.

So to celebrate the fact that we are still subjects of the crown and that they have infinitely more wealth and power (which they use to support militarism as head of the armed forces); that they advocate capitalism (through being 'ambassadors' for British trade); that they represent feudal hierarchies (as the leading landowners in Britain), we disloyal subjects of *Movement Against the Monarchy* (MAM) – are organising our own fitting tributes for the Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Several protests are already planned in amongst other places

Bury St Edmonds, Briggend and Sheffield. In London there will be an *Execute the Queen Street Party* starting in Tower Hill, by the Tube, on June 4th, at 10.30am. June 4th is the highpoint of pro- and anti-Jubilee celebrations with other anti-monarchist organisations such as *Republic* encouraging its supporters to protest on this day. Also on the 29th April there will be a protest against the Queen, Tony Blair and other living ex-Prime Ministers at 6pm by the gates of Downing Street. As always with MAM events bring your means of protest with you, including banners and whistles.

Everybody is sick of the Royals with their airs and graces that the windbag Prince Charles seeks to foist on us at every opportunity. That even amidst media coverage you would think had been written by Royals themselves, there is a substantial amount of people willing to go

against the Windsors illustrates that they are simply not wanted. But they will not go without a fight. With more and more anti-Royal protest helping make this feeling a living movement we may yet abolish the monarchy sooner rather than later. There is

TWISTED FACE OF HATE: Celebrate the death of the Queen Mum by smashing this plate and sending the pieces to those No.1 Royal fans at the Hate Mail!



no place for elitist and privileged Royals in the 21st century.

Choke on It! action – see Festival timetable pages 6-7. For Jubilee events contact MAM:
Email: guillotine66@hotmail.com
Web: <http://www.fuckthejubilee.com>
Post: PO Box 14672, London E9 5UQ (please enclose a couple of stamps).

Wombles: "There is no justice, just us"

SEVEN PEOPLE associated with the anti-capitalist group the WOMBLES will be in Horseferry Road Magistrates Court facing Public Disorder and other charges from 29 April to 3 May 2002, after an incident on Halloween last year.

On 31 October 2001 the group were attacked on Oxford Street by uniformed police officers whilst on their way to a Halloween party. The police officers, part of the ironically named anti-terrorist "Operation Calm", recognised some of the group from a peaceful protest against Henry Kissinger earlier that evening and decided to stop them to "gather intelligence".

When the van stopped, a police officer jumped out, ran across the road, grabbed hold of one of the group and threw him against a

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shop window. Members of the group demanded to know what was going on, and that their friend be released. Other officers responded by pushing and pulling at the group. No attempt was made by the police to explain the situation.

After arresting a second member of the group more vans arrived and chased those remaining into an alley where they assaulted some of the group and arrested a further five.

The seven were held in police custody for between 14 and 19 hours and released on charges, which were serious enough to warrant a jury trial. At the first hearing the charges were reduced to less serious charges to ensure

that the group would be tried without a jury.

Many in the anti-capitalist movement see this trial as further proof of the government's attempts to criminalise all forms of dissent in the wake of September 11. The date of the trial is no coincidence. The state believes that it has found a way of keeping the seven people and their supporters out of the Mayday celebrations.

Parallels have been drawn between this trial and the OZ obscenity trial in the late 1960s. OZ was a counter cultural magazine and its trial became a cause celebre. It was widely felt that the magazine was being targeted as a way of getting at the counter culture as a whole. The state is fearful of the 'anti-capitalist' move-

ment and has targeted the WOMBLES as an open and highly visible symbol of the movement. Yet, far from destroying the movement, this trial is drawing support from both activists and the wider community.

The trial also makes explicit how the anti-terrorist hype after September 11 is being used to put more police officers on the streets, in order to crush dissent. Since September 11 2001 the British Government has been systematically eradicating our liberty in their ongoing 'fight for freedom'. The terrorist attack in the USA has created a useful background for the government to increase police and governmental powers at the cost of freedom of movement, thought and association.

Show your support for the WOMBLES and attend the *Breakfast Against Routine Fit-ups* (BARF), outside Horseferry Road Magistrates Court from 9am on Mayday (near Victoria Tube). If you can, wear white overalls or a white arm band to express solidarity with those on trial inside.

For more information on the case and forthcoming wombing fun, see the WOMBLES web site at <http://www.wombles.org.uk>.

IN LIMBO



PLAYING GAMES WITH THE BLAND BULLIES

TREAT THE SYMPTOM, NOT THE SYSTEM...
On the fence about trade – free trade/fair trade? Think capitalism could just do with being a bit kinder? Pay those sweatshop workers fairer wages. 6-hour days instead of 14? Keep corporations domestic, only ruining their immediate environment? If you think globalisation should go local but the world still needs wage labour, horses, prices and profit, come trot the fence with Nought!

PS Don't mention the War! (on terror) unless its for candle-lit vigils at dawn...

MAYDAY 2002

FESTIVAL OF ALTERNATIVES 26 APRIL - 6 MAY

WORKSHOPS • FAYRES • GIGS • ACTIONS • PICNICS • CRITICAL MASSES • FILMS • HISTORIC WALKS
FORUMS • PICKETS • COMEDY • HEALING • BOOKFAIRS • DISCUSSIONS and much more!

Mayday 2002 Contacts

Web: <http://www.ourmayday.org.uk>

Actions: londonmayday@yahoo.com

Festival enquiries: festivalofalternatives@yahoo.com

Telephone: 07786 716 335

Address: BM Mayday, London WC1N 3XX

Throughout the Festival Week

Vote For Nobody Campaign: Leafleting and campaigning against the Council Elections on Thursday 2nd May.

WOMBLES on trial – the Womble 7 are on trial from Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May, at Horseferry Rd Magistrates Court, SW1. Demos outside the court all week. See page 3 of the Hate Mail.

A temporary week-long Social Centre, with Infoshop, workshops, discussions, vegan cafe, art exhibition, film showings. Phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

Mayweek in Haringey: Haringey Solidarity Group are organising local events around Mayday – from Friday April 26th to Tuesday May 7th – to communicate radical and realistic anti-capitalist/anti-authoritarian alternatives.

Friday 26th April

DAYTIME:

Picket for Paul Robinson – 2pm, University College of London, Gower St, WC1.

Paul Robinson was imprisoned in Sweden for 8 months following the EU protests in Gothenburg, in June 2001. He was sacked following a disciplinary hearing for 'gross misconduct'. Paul's appeal takes place at 2pm – come along and support him.

EVENING:

London-wide Critical Mass bike ride, themed around No Borders, meeting at Waterloo at 6pm.

After: Balkan/Roma gig featuring Tragic Roundabout, ROMANI RAD, Empty Hat Orchestra & Tarot Magik DJs. The starting extravaganza of the Mayday Festival of Alternatives with food, visuals and dancers. Speakers and stalls by refugee support groups welcome.

Email: nlimaydayfestival@lycos.co.uk

From 7.30pm till 1pm at Chats Palace, 42-44 Brooksbys Walk, Homerton, E8. Nearest train station: Homerton on Silverlink line (change at Highbury Islington)

Entry: £5/£3.50 cons (£3 for Critical Mass peeps)

London Anarchist Forum meeting – 8pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

Saturday 27th April

DAYTIME:

Women's Football Skills workshop – meet 12pm Clissold Park, Stoke Newington. (bottom side of park, near lake, behind tennis courts. A chance to brush up on tackling, headers etc for the Looney Left football tournament on Sunday 5th May.

Day of workshops and discussions on social centres, squats & setting them up, aiming to share skills and transform a disused building into a vibrant social centre.

Squat electronics – 10.30am: get the electricity connected without frying yourself.

Practical Plumbing – 12pm: hands-on session covering elementary fix-it skills in our new reclaimed space.

Lock-changing, securing a building & fire escapes – 1pm

Carpentry – 2pm: learn to make your own shelves, tables etc.

Advisory Service for Squatters talk – 3pm. Help and legal advice.

London Social Centres Network talk – 5.30pm

The Dutch experience of squatting – 7pm. Differences in law, police repression, defence, activist community mobilisation and culture.

VENUE: for all of the above social centre workshops: Temporary social centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details.

Workshop: Anarchy, Anarchism and the Anarchists – 2pm. An informal talk on history, anthropology, psychology and ideology with reference to movements of the working class and disinherited, plus reflections on the anti-capitalist movement and the future.

VENUE: Temporary social centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details.

Stalls in Wood Green/leafleting for 'Vote Nobody' anti-election campaign (Haringey Solidarity Group).

Radical Yoga – free yoga classes with opportunities for discussion, practice and meditation. Wear loose clothing, bring a happy heart, an empty stomach and an open mind. 3pm-6pm – Diorama One (Movement Room 1st floor), 34 Osanburgh Street, NW1

EVENING:

The Mayfest Village Fayre! The Fayre for Queers of all Sexualities – 7.30 – 1am

VENUE: Chat's Palace, Brooksbys Walk, Homerton E9. Flaming Queers bring you the Mayfest Village Fayre – May Queens, fertility rites and sexy spring abandon! Join us for maypole dancing, apple bobbing, panatla smashing, DJs and bawdy Mayfest cabaret. Fancy Dress: lusty wenches, willing farm hands, virgins and fair maidens, Green men, village idiots, mayflies, shepherds and other country folk, or just dazzle us with your glamour and escape the small no-costume surcharge!

DJs confirmed: Megabitch, Offshore and SexyRubberSoles. A Benefit to support future LaDiDah productions. Free before 8pm, £4 concessions, £5 full price, with a £1 non-fancy dress surcharge. For info: 07949 976 016

Sunday 28th April

DAYTIME:

Haringey Critical Mass Bike Ride – Meeting 12 Noon at Manor House. A festive ride reclaiming the streets of Haringey from traffic and pollution. We will be highlighting local road safety campaigns and protesting in support of cycle lanes, bus lanes, free public transport and eco-friendly transport solutions. The ride ends in Chestnuts Park (Black Boy Lane, N15) at 3pm with a picnic and party. All welcome – bikes, wheelchairs, pedestrians, skateboarders, rollerskaters; and anything with wheels and no engine.

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

'The War on Terrorism' – discussion – 5pm

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

New Cross & Deptford Radical History Walk – from the peasants revolt to punk rock! Meet New Cross Gate tube 3.00pm. Home turf of pioneering punk band Alternative TV, Deptford's past spans the peasants revolt, anti-fascist riots and the New Cross fire campaign that heralded the uprisings of 1981.

Indymedia Event – 2-5pm

VENUE: Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High St, Dalston, E8. Tel 0207 241 9410

Featuring: (times are approximate)

2pm Globalisation and the Media – Undercurrents 2001 (40 mins). This documentary explores the role of the media in this corporate led take over of the planets natural resources and explores how the media is involved in shaping public opinion during the 'War on Terrorism' – and offers a wide range of alternative viewpoints.

3pm Genoa Zona Rossa – IMC Global Mix – World Premiere – indymedia 2001 (80 mins). The 2001 G8 protests in Genoa Italy flashed across television screens worldwide – 300,000 people taking to the streets, the shooting

of protester Carlo Giuliani, the unseen levels of violence and police brutality culminating in the bloody attack of sleeping protesters at the Diaz school during the midnight raids on the Genoa Social Forum and Indymedia Italia. This film pulls together over 200 hours of footage to put events into context.

5pm IMC Argentina Film – about the recent crisis – english subtitles – (30 mins) with time for discussion between each film. £5 entry

Protest on 'Safety at work' – details tba

London Reclaim the Streets will host a **'Free Market'** on 28th (10 to 4pm) and 30th (4pm to 8pm) of April, at the London Action Resource Centre (LARC) running up to Mayday. The idea is simple: we can create a thriving market without money! Come and have a look for something you want and then take it for free. Bring along anything that's cluttering up your closet, whether its books, clothes, music, board games. London Reclaim the Streets: 020 7281 4621; email: rs@gn.apc.org; www.reclaimthestreets.net

VENUE: London Action Resource Centre: 62 Fieldgate St., corner of Parfett St., London E1. LARC Tel: 020 7377 9088

LARC email: fieldgate@gn.apc.org

Workshops – A series of workshops with a focus on useful skills for mass actions:

Legal workshop on 'dealing with public order situations', including 'Section 60'. Essential if you go to Mayday. (2 1-hour workshops from 2-3pm and 5-6pm).

Medical workshop – 2-5pm 'First Aid on demonstrations'. (3 one-hour basic first aid sessions from 2-3pm, 3-4pm, 4-5pm).

Banner-making workshop – 12pm onwards

Circus skills workshops – come along and join the 'Anarchist Travelling Circus'

Juggling & juggling-ball making – 11am – make your own juggling balls & learn to use them.

Poi Spinning & poi-making – 1pm

Marching band – 3pm – bring a drum, tambourine, rice shaker or other portable instrument.

'Gender & women-only spaces' – all genders are welcome. 4pm.

VENUE: for all of the above workshops: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

'The War on Terrorism' – discussion – 5pm

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Monday 29th April

DAYTIME: **Beginning of week-long WOMBLES Trial**, Horseferry Road – demo outside with 'We are all Wombles' theme. Wear a white overall.

See www.wombles.org.uk or email wombles@hushmail.com

Margaret Jones completes her sponsored walk for peace in Palestine at 10 Downing Street, 11am, where she arrives with 'a letter addressed to Blair, Bradshaw, Straw, and all the other Blur Blah Blah bullshit quisling sell-outs'.

Banner-making workshop – 12pm onwards.

Self-defence – tbc

Costume-making – 3pm onwards. Make a carnival costume for Mayday – bring material, sequins, ribbons, glitter.

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

Direct Action discussion – 5pm

Followed by: **Information for Action!** – Investigating and understanding state activity.

VENUE: for both of the above workshops: Temporary social

centre. Ring Mayday phone on Friday 26th April for details.

EVENING:

Palestine – a talk from women who have been to Palestine in a 'human shield' international peace mission. – 7pm.

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

Choke On It! Action organised by MAM (Movement Against the Monarchy), against dinner by the 5 living Prime Ministers and the Queen. Downing Street – 6pm. Followed by:

MAM film showing of: an anti royal documentary that was screened on Channel 4.

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue. 9pm.

Tuesday 30th April

DAYTIME:

Making Websites Easy-Peasy – 11am – 2 hours. How – to guide to making a website for campaigns, protests or just news and comment. You don't need your own computer, expensive software or years of training.

VENUE: tba. Run by media activists group Pop Star Liberation Front: www.popstarliberationfront.org

Workshop: Outlaw Women – 1pm. From the Chinese straits, Mediterranean, Atlantic and Caribbean, to the streets of Philly, Bonn, Delhi and London, this workshop charts the rise and fall of gender-bending pirates, radical black eco-warriors, gun slinging bandit queens, freedom fighters and beatnik bomb girls – critically.

VENUE: Social Centre – phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

Post-revolution and post-capitalist visions – 4pm. A brief history of counter-revolution and insurrectionary failures; including 1930s Spain, France 1968, English Civil war and beyond, followed by group discussion and simulated scenario outlines, focusing on post-capitalist social organisation, culture, and the shape and scope of counter-revolutionary elements;

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VENUE: London Action Resource Centre: 62 Fieldgate St., corner of Parfett St., London E1. LARC

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EVENING:

Comedy and Magic night: featuring; Rob Newman, Ian Cognito, Smile & Subvert and Tony Allen (comper). A mad bad bunch of anarchist comix to help relieve the stress of the day! With vegan food available from the Emmaz cafe crew.

VENUE: Chats Palace, 42 Brooksbys Walk, Homerton, E8. Nearest train station: Homerton on Silverlink line. £3.99 / £2.99 cons entry. (A benefit for Our Mayday)

The Documentary Film makers Group is hosting a special event for Mayday. The evening will include screenings of activist video shot earlier in the day as well as completed Direct Action documentaries. This will all be followed by a panel discussion with speakers from Media Workers Against War, Undercurrents and Indymedia.

£3 on the door, 7.00pm – Late. Arrive early for seats (120 seater cinema)

VENUE: London Film School, 24 Shelton Street (nearest tube Covent Garden)

More details at: www.dfglondon.com

Thursday 2nd May

DAYTIME:

Council Elections – 'Vote For Nobody' campaign.

'Health & healing' day. Celebrate the human instinct to heal ourselves and others. Workshops and therapies include

shiatsu, aromatherapy, massage, ear acupuncture, Shiatsu, Radical Yoga, herbal medicine, women's health, healing with chocolate, the politics of madness, and more, in a chilled out atmosphere and beautiful venue. Open at about 11 am; hopefully there will be food, but bring your own to share if you can. A chance to relax and unwind, and try out alternative health treatments for free.

Wednesday 1st May – Mayday

DAYTIME:

7.30am – **Critical Mass:**

South Ride – Camberwell Green

North Ride – Camden Town Tube

Ride For Your Life! Calling all bikes, skates, boards, wheelchairs, and anything on wheels with no engine...

9am: **Breakfast Against Routine Fit-ups (B.A.R.F.):** WOMBLES Protest. Whatever else you do on MayDay, please do this first...

A demonstration of solidarity outside the trial of the Womble 7. Wear white overalls. Don't let the Wombles fight alone!

Horseferry Road Magistrates Court, London SW1. (nearest tubes: Victoria, Westminster)

12pm – **Mayday Mayhem** Against The Fur Trade. London Animal Action protest against Phillip Hockley Furs, 20 Conduit Street, W1 (off Regent Street).

1pm – **Mass Action: "Mayday in Mayfair"**. Four separate but intertwined elements of Ye Olde May Day will take place:

Wake for Capitalism – A vibrant and luminous celebration of the imminent death of capitalism. The media and the state thought our movement was dead after September 11: show your defiance on the streets by dressing in black or white, by donning the mantle of death with skeleton or ghost masks (see page 8).

Carnibal – bring as many balls and inflatable as you can for a free-wheeling kick-about throughout Mayfair. Remember, our goal is a new world! (see page 12)

Critical Mass – Mass cycle rides (plus skateboards, rollerskates, wheelbarrows, carts – anything without an engine) converging on the centre of London.

Anarchist Travelling Circus – a mobile, spontaneous collective performance with jugglers, theatre, clowns, fire-eaters, stunts and much more. Bring fancy dress, a sense of humour and the guts to shake loose and inhabit new characters and roles – the true spirit of the circus!

5pm – **"Nobody is illegal!" Soho Carnival**, with sex workers union and samba band – meet Old Compton Street.

Also taking place on Mayday is the **traditional trade union march**, which starts from Clerkenwell at 1pm. See: www.dlatuc.org.uk/mayday.html for details.

EVENING:

Prisoner Resistance! – 11am. Venue tba. Introduction to the UK prison system, reform, revolt and how life has changed for prisoners over the years. The Parkhurst riots (1969), Grisleys Risley victory (1989) and Strangeways uprising (1990) plus the shape of future resistance (Detention centre uprisings Yar's Wood, UK and Woomera, Australia) are all explored.

Million Mind March: Serving Notice to Quit – St Paul's Cathedral, London – 12pm

Meet at Monument to proceed via the London Stone to the Stone circle atop Ludgate Hill whereupon 'Notice to Quit' will be served on the Bishop of London to vacate the carbuncle known as St Paul's Cathedral by June 3rd to enable its demolition in accordance with good healthy and safety practice.

Reclaim the Stones: We invite u to join us in an experiment to use our collective psychic powers to take the cathedral back in time to that of the Fire of London. All the while, simultaneously, taking it forward into the future. Then the ancient Stone Circle atop Ludgate Hill will reappear, where we will issue a Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. To help us we shall be resurrecting the dead to raise generations of rebels – from Sylvia Pankhurst to Boadicea, from Watt Tyler to Paul Cuffee – and, of course, thousands and thousands of unknown rebels whose names were never recorded in the history books of the bourgeoisie.

Join us and BRING YOUR ANCESTORS – YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE

Rising Tide: Workshop on Climate Change – 2pm

Rising Tide UK is a new rapidly growing grassroots network. It supports community initiatives

and local protest against climate change, and for climate justice. It's also a part of the international Rising Tide network.

For more info see: www.risingtide.org.uk

VENUE: London Action Resource Centre, 62 Fieldgate Street, E1

Workshop/discussion: Feminism 101 – an introduction to feminist arguments for men, time & venue tbc.

EVENING:

West London Anarchist & Radical History Walk in Hammersmith

William Morris's connections with Hammersmith are well known, but there is much more to our radical history than just Morris. Join us for a tour through the past finishing with a drink at one (or more) of Hammersmith's finest pubs. Children welcome.

Meet at Hammersmith Tube, Hammersmith & City Line, 6.15pm.

Late night films at the Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High St, Dalston. E8 Tel 0207 241 9410

11.15 pm – Black Box BRD (Black Box Germany) Dir Andres Veiel – 2001. Black Box Germany is a powerful documentary film by the award-winning director Andres Veiel. It steps back into German history and portrays the Federal Republic of Germany during the 70s and 80s. The country is polarised due to the power struggle of the German state and the "Red Army Faction". Society is torn; the fronts are irreconcilable.

Followed by: **The destruction of Tabaco:** Spanish language film with simple and shocking footage of the destruction of a small farming village in Colombia by employees of Intercor, a coal mining company then owned by Exxon.

VENUE: The Union Tavern, Camberwell New Rd, nearest tube Oval or BR Vauxhall, in the lovely Latin Palace backroom.

Asurot (Detained) – Dir Anat Even and Ada Ushpiz – 2001. Three Palestinian widows, live with their 11 children in a house in Hebron that lies on the border; the front is under Israeli occupation, the Palestinian authority controls the back. At the entrance to the house a military post, on the roof the Israeli army has placed a watch point over Palestinian Hebron. Three women, trapped in the middle, constantly surrounded by Israeli soldiers, carry on their difficult lives in a perverse situation.

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Wake For Capitalism

How to make your own skeleton mask

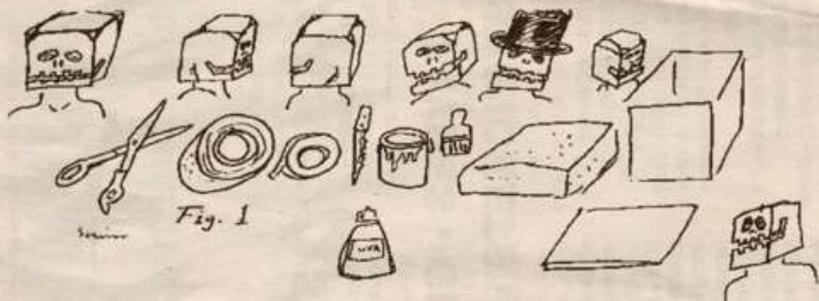
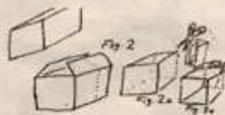


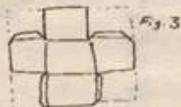
FIGURE 1: You will need a cardboard box just big enough to fit your head in. Alco-pop, crisp packets and some tinned foods come in this size. Corrugated cardboard is best. Tape: gaffer tape to tape cardboard together on the insides, and masking tape to tape boxes together on the outsides. Sharp scissors and a Stanley knife or serrated kitchen knife, only for cutting or scoring cardboard boxes with only. Paint: acrylic or poster paint (but poster paint might run in the rain!) or emulsion. White and possibly black are the only colours you'll need. UVA glue or varnish, but you can do without it. Foam rubber for padding – you'd be amazed how much of the stuff is lying around on the street in the form of discarded sofa cushions.

FIGURE 2-2c: First take your box. You are going to make a rectangular box into a roughly square shape that fits over your head. Mark on the



long sides of the box the points where you want to trim the sides off to make a square. You can either cut the excess ends off and stick on an extra side the same size and shape as the others, or score down the insides of the long sides and bend the excess bits of the sides round to make a square. Then tape it up with several layers of gaffer tape on the inside and masking tape on the outside.

FIGURE 3: If you can't find the right size box, get a big box (flattened if needed) and



cut out a pattern like this. The outsides of the shape will be cut, the lines on the inside will be scored so you can bend

and tape the whole thing into a square. Each of the four squares in the shape should be big enough to cover your head down to your chin.

FIGURE 4: If you're using a ready-made box, the underside (which now becomes the top when you flip it over) may have a little gap in the middle, which needs masking tape over it. Decide which of the narrow sides of the box you want to be the front.

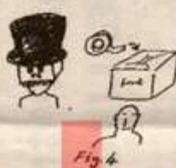
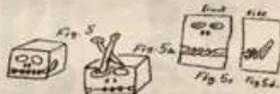


FIGURE 5-5d: Put the box over your head and work out where your eyes, nose and mouth come to. Mark roughly their position on the



outside of the box. This is where you are going to draw the eye-holes, nostril-holes and (optional) mouth on the mask. Then cut them out.

FIGURE 5a: Remember to KEEP IT SIMPLE. If you're feeling lazy, don't bother with the nose or mouth and just draw or paint them on in black later, but you'll appreciate the extra ventilation and being able to shout slogans and take a drink if you cut them out.

FIGURE 6: In order to very simply get the domed shape of the skull, cut all the top corners off the mask.



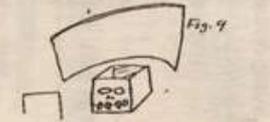
FIGURE 7: You can then either cut out triangles to fit the holes you've made which will give you a stronger mask,

or just tape over the holes with masking tape (easier and makes the mask lighter).

FIGURE 8: Stuff it with padding. Foam rubber from a dumped sofa in the street is best, or polystyrene or



rolled up newspaper. Build up enough so that your head has a comfortable fit, and glue it in with strong glue or tape it in with gaffer tape. Now it's ready to strengthen with UVA glue from art shops. Three coats will make it very strong. When it's dry you can paint it.



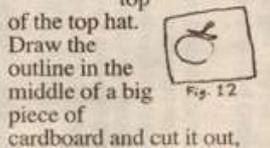
SKELETON MASK WITH TOP HAT a la Mexican Day of the Dead.

FIGURE 9-10: Don't cut off the top corners. Cut the top of the skull off and chuck it away. Get a great big piece of corrugated



cardboard and fold it into a tube around the top of the skull. Fold the cardboard along the corrugations. Cut off the excess and tape the join of the tube on the inside and the outside.

FIGURE 11-12: Draw round the end of the tube, this will be the template for the top



of the top hat. Draw the outline in the middle of a big piece of cardboard and cut it out,

The Triple Tree at Tyburn



By Albert Pierrepoint

ON THE OUTSKIRTS of Mayfair, close to Marble Arch, stands the spot where the London proletariat were disciplined. As a prelude to the hanging (at least until 1738), a procession took place for the condemned.

The message was a clear one, though not always heeded. Several attempts, some successful, were made at rescuing the condemned person by the mob.

At this place was the Tyburn Tree, where working class Londoners were hanged for offending against bourgeois rule. We will give but five examples of the thousands hanged:

James Appleton went to sea as a 12-year-old lad. The next 17 years were spent onboard ships with minimal periods on land. At the age of 29 he was hanged on March 14th 1722 for stealing three wigs.

Constantia Jones was a prostitute (a 'three-penny upright') with a reputation for stealing from rich clients. She stole 36 shillings and half a guinea and so, at the

age of 30, after 20 stays in Newgate Prison, she met her fate.

When William Holloway was unable to get agricultural work, he carried a sedan chair for Lady Weymouth and Lady Grey in London. Caught for highway robbery between Marylebone and Hampstead, he was dangled from the hangman's noose aged 26.

Mary Goddard sold old broken glass bottles for a living and was said to have "worked hard for her and her children's livelihood". She was hanged for picking a pocket.

In May 1768 a major struggle erupted on the London docks – scab labour was brought in to break the strike and in the ensuing scuffle a scab was wounded and died two weeks later. James Murphy and James Duggan were hanged for the murder on Monday 11th July. After the hangings the body belonged to the surgeons, but this was a form of ownership resisted by the mob. After the hanging of Murphy and Duggan, for example, the Sheriff feared that the wake would be held in the anatomy theatre. When the mob rescued the bodies they were, of course, given a decent send off.

Public Health Warning: Do not feed the Police!

By Matt Twist
Cop Correspondent

Don't:

DON'T speak to them, even if they say "Hello" and give you a big shit-eating grin (the breeds LX 365, CO 906 are especially notorious for this). DON'T feed the police crisps, peanuts, or donuts – it will only encourage them to congregate and defoul public areas.

Do:

DO ignore their naff, macho displays – remember this is their mating season when they are very unstable and dangerously dick-brained (but this advice also applies if you are approached by a female cop).

DO take pictures of them, get their numbers and publish the details. Or better still, if your area is facing an infestation, get together with your neighbours and let the pests know that they're unwelcome!

keeping the rest of the cardboard.

FIGURE 13-15: Now draw another bigger circle round the hole you've just cut out, big enough for the brim of an outsize top hat. Tape the smaller circle to the top of the tube and the bigger (hollow) circle to the other end of the tube. Tape the hat in place on top of the skull. Now it's ready to paint.



THIS MASK IS FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY!

International News

Pots, pans and pickets



QUICK! Proletarian shopping ARGENTINA

THOUGH it's not been in the news recently, last December's uprising in Argentina hasn't gone away. This was shown last month in Buenos Aires, when people came out in massive demonstrations to mark the 26th anniversary of the coup that installed the 1976-83 regime responsible for 30,000 'disappearances'. The 100 neighbourhood assemblies that have sprung up throughout the city played a major role.

After 25 years of IMF-imposed austerity, more than 40% live in poverty. Privatisation has sped ahead with everything from train to phone services sold off. Pensioners have received no money since November, and the state medical system has collapsed due to lack of funds.

But the initial spark on 19/20 December was the 'corralito' (corralling), where banks expropriated individual savings in an attempt to prevent the collapse of their institutions. Since many people have to be paid through

By **Nell Cocazoleros** in Argentina

bank accounts, masses were affected. Though frozen accounts didn't matter to the poor and unemployed, the rebellion quickly spread beyond such concerns.

Noisy pot and pan banging protests

The crisis led to supermarket lootings throughout Argentina, when even those with regular income found themselves stuck without money. To protest the state-imposed crackdown on the rebellion, people held cocazoleros, noisy pot and pan banging protests. Meanwhile strikes and occupations broke out. In Ro Turbio, miners occupied the mines. In Cordoba, an auto-manufacturing centre, workers protesting at austerity measures and wage re-

ductions occupied the town hall, then set fire to it with the help of municipal employees.

The rebellion has gone beyond rioting to positive measures to take control. Service workers are reconnecting water, electricity and gas supplies that profiteering suppliers have cut off; people pool resources to feed and cloth themselves. In Neuquen, ceramics workers took over a factory and held a congress with other local workers, teachers, unwaged workers and students.

People have created neighbourhood assemblies to deal with day-to-day problems, which meet in streets, parks and community centres. Assemblies band together in a weekly gathering at Buenos Aires' Parque Centenario - around 3000 'autoconvocados' participate.

Meanwhile, unemployed workers or 'piqueteros' block motorways to make their demands. Women, men, and children participate in the blockades, setting up tents and soup kitchens at

roadsides. If police threaten the protests, hundreds more pour in from other barrios. They organise with a general assembly and make collective decisions at the site of the action.

Inspiring solidarity has developed between white and blue-collar workers, health workers, the assemblies and the poor/unemployed piqueteros. 'In Defense of Public Health' demonstrated at hospitals in every neighbourhood - and supported actions by hospital residents at the Town Hall. Some assemblies have also backed the demands of disabled people. Issues raised by assemblies include abolishing university fees, free transport and opposing a nuclear base. Those who talk of political parties are usually booed, though there's always a danger of hacks gaining power.

So, as services are cut, things fall apart and even those who think they had it made start feeling the pinch, let's keep in mind how many Argentinians have dealt with it!

We are all dammed!

DAMS were first built in the 1930s, most aggressively in post-colonial countries, by multinational corporations.

From the 1950s dams were encouraged by domestic and international elites as the answer to the 'development problem' - i.e. countries with resources and human labour still not exploited by capital. Dams mean the forced eviction of millions from their land. Between 40 and 80 million people have been made homeless since the first dam was built, according to the World Commission on Dams. Most end up bound to factory and sex work in cities. Dam building also causes ecocide. The Three Gorges Dam under construction in China (home to 22,000 dams) will raise the annual average temperature around the dam by approximately a third of a degree. This will be cata-

strophic for the ecosystems. A key reason for building dams is corporate and state prestige and profit. Dams are symbolic super-temples of industrial 'progress'; big, modern, and capable of dominating nature. They redirect rivers, flood miles of land, submerge wildlife, plants, archeological wonders and entire villages. The companies involved stand to make huge profits, while their loans are guaranteed against loss by the World Bank and national governments.

Rather than providing drinking water and irrigation, dams provide an infrastructure for large scale industry, for example electronics, plastics, and clothing exclusively for export. All this is at the expense of human life, the environment and culture.

IS THE WORLD DAMMED?

The Top Ten Dam Projects

With figures of people displaced and land destroyed

- 1) Three Gorges Dam in China (under construction) 1.3 million, 110,000 hectares
- 2) Sardar Sarovar Project in India (under construction) 320,000, 37,600 hectares
- 3) Ilisu Dam in Turkey (proposed) 78,000, 31,300 hectares
- 4) Gull Island Dam (aka Lower Churchill Project) in Canada (proposed)
- 5) Indira Sagar Dam in India (under construction) 200,000, 90,800 hectares
- 6) Bakun Dam in Malaysia (under construction) 10,000, 69,500 hectares
- 7) Xiaowan Dam in China (recently approved)
- 8) Belo Monte Dam in Brazil (previously 'The Cararao Dam') 1.2 million square kilometres (proposed)
- 9) Grand Inga Dam in Dem. Rep. of Congo (proposed)
- 10) Son La Dam in Vietnam (proposed) 112,400.

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Towering victory against sell-offs



VICTORY: A great day at the office

ON CHRISTMAS DAY last year approximately 800 workers occupied the Central Administration 'CAM' Building of the Public Service Provider EMCALI, in South West Colombia.

The workers - all members of the SINTRAEMCALI trade union - took the tower in protest at plans for the state to privatise key resources and facilities publicly controlled by EMCALI: water, electricity and telecommunications. The privatised price hike for these was estimated to be as much as 300%!

The workers barricaded themselves into the building, broke down into sub-

groups and controlled each floor. Some took part in kitchen duties, others security, communications, networking, banner-making, occupation admin and dealing with the cops. Many wore balaclavas and face-scarves in order to protect their identities. Colombia is the most dangerous place on earth to be a working class activist. 3000 have been 'disappeared' (executed) by government paramilitaries since 1985. 155 were murdered last year alone.

Crowds ranging from 2000 to 25000 strong gathered outside the building at all times, prompting the authorities to impose an effective state of martial law. The Security Council closed all bars for

48 hours; banned all meetings, demonstrations and gatherings; set up army and police roadblocks, and had the army run public utility services. Fearful of mounting international support for the occupation, the Colombian government mounted a smear campaign alleging that the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) - a guerrilla army controlling an area the size of Switzerland in the south of Colombia - were behind it, therefore justifying a full scale attack on it.

The response of allies on the outside was to occupy another key building! On January 28 over a hundred workers took the Superintendent of Public Services building in Bogotá in solidarity with SINTRAEMCALI. At night they watched as round and rapid red dots skimmed across their faces in the darkness - they were snipers' targets, ready to shoot at any moment. Undaunted, the occupiers refused to leave.

On January 30, after 36 days of occupation, the government finally caved in to SINTRAEMCALI's demands - promising in writing: no privatisation of EMCALI or the water, telecommunications or electricity in the region; a high level anti-corruption inquiry into systematic stealing and embezzlement at the company (1 billion pesos syphoned off to date); and no reprisals for the occupation. Through the courage, dedication, imagination and resistance of thousands, SINTRAEMCALI and their supporters had won! The neo-liberal model, based on the impoverishment of the many for the benefit of the few, had been dealt a serious blow.

As the Hate Mail went to press there have been 3 reprisal killings of SINTRAEMCALI members involved in the occupation. 44 assassinations and five attempts, seven kidnappings, three disappearances and many threats and forced displacements of working class activists so far this year... La luche sigue!

Freedom for detention centre inmates, escapes and border camps

Breaking free

WOOMERA is one of the world's biggest detention centres with a capacity of 2000 (mostly Afghans, including children).

Situated 500km from Adelaide in a remote desert, it stands on stolen aboriginal land, later appropriated by the US for nuclear weapons testing. The racist regime of daily beatings, under-feeding, intimidation and lock-downs has provoked over 381 protests since its establishment three years ago, which includes inmates sewing their lips together during hunger strikes, digging 'graves' and climbing into them, riots, escapes, fires and suicides.

Last year an Australian parliamentary committee singled out Woomera as the worst camp for human rights abuses in the country – some would argue the world. The massive attack on the centre by its captives on 18 December 2001 has

By **Internationalist**
World Correspondent

prompted a visit scheduled for May by the UN Human Rights Commission. The December riot saw 13 buildings torched (four razed to the ground) causing A\$1.5m worth of damage.

Freedom!

The next big thing to happen to the centre was the Woomera 2002 action camp (March 27–April 2), mobilised by a coalition of autonomist and aboriginal groups. On the third night around 1000 activists stormed the centre, cutting and tearing down both the outer and inner fences, shouting 'Freedom!' – a cry echoed by inmates inside covered in lacerations from the barbed wire fences.

Some 50 detainees were liberated. When police moved in to seize them demonstrators blocked police, immobilised vans and shielded and hid the refugees.

As many as possible were driven away by activists to safe houses in cities throughout Australia. 30 have since been re-captured and charged under the Migration Act (1958) (prohibiting escape from detention – five year sentence). 18 protesters have been charged with harbouring escapees (four year sentence), and a further twelve have been charged with trespassing on Commonwealth lands (three months).

Hunger strikes, escape attempts and militant resistance continues inside detention prisons in Australia and the world over, as does the struggle outside for a world without borders, bosses, bombs and prisons.

A total of 218 inmates were on hunger strike at the time of going to press (April 17).



Run for it: the razor wire fence around Woomera detention camp is down!

Up in smoke

Flagship Group 4 detention centre destroyed

The UK's flagship detention centre, Yarl's Wood, was largely destroyed on 14 February 2002, when a protest was sparked by security staff attempting to remove an elderly detainee in handcuffs.

The detainee had been ill for the last three days and other detainees felt she should have been moved to hospital immediately.

While the immediate cause of the protest was the forced removal of a detainee, the real cause was the Government's racist policy of locking up asylum seekers in an attempt to stop people seeking asylum in the UK. This is just the latest of a series of continuing protests at Yarl's Wood Detention Centre. Detainees at Europe's largest detention centre have been suffering punitive conditions since the camp opened.

On Monday 10 December 2001 – just three weeks after it opened – five Roma refugees refused to eat in a protest against conditions. Since then there have always been people on hunger strike. One detainee from Eastern Europe went without food for 34 days. On 18 January 2002 nearly all the detainees went on hunger strike for 24 hours. One of the main complaints was the handcuffing of detainees when they were transported to hospital.

Emma Ginn, from the Campaign to Stop Arbitrary Detentions at Yarl's Wood, said: "Since the camp opened there have been daily complaints about the delays in access to medical treatment and delays in moving peo-

ple to hospital. There have also been complaints about limited association times, bad food, delay of incoming phone calls; use of handcuffs when detainees are taken to court, the dentists or to hospital." She went on to say that detainees and visitors weren't allowed pen and paper during visits and children's access to education was very poor.

At one stage of the 14 February protest an estimated 200 detainees climbed onto the roof of a building and the building caught fire. It is not known how the fire started, though detainees are adamant that the fire started in the reception centre to which they have no access. Yarl's Wood is a private camp run by Group 4 and built at a cost of £100 million. The guards accused the detainees of preventing firefighters from gaining access to the building, but the Fire Brigades Union later revealed that the guards had prevented them from entering the building.

Following a previous disturbance at another Group 4 detention centre the guards were caught out lying in court, when they accused asylum seekers of causing damage.

Asylum seekers lives were put in danger from inadequate fire protection, as there were no sprinklers installed. It has since emerged that the Home Office refused to install sprinkler systems in any asylum detention centres, contrary to the advice of the Fire Service. This is a clear indication of the value that the Government places on the lives of asylum seekers.

HAS THE
WORLD
GONE
MAD?

Turn border zones into party zones!

IN A SMALL airport in Germany, the loudspeakers suddenly informs passengers of the deadly consequences of deportation while security forces take hours to find and remove the ghetto blasters.

Meanwhile, passengers take the protesters' leaflets and regard them as 'official' information. This is only one of the recent actions responding to the fluid nature of 21st century border regimes.

For many EU passport holders, borders may appear more open than ever. Yet they are there at the checkpoints of British Airways and the entry of Eurostar in Calais; they materialise at the fence around Campfield Detention Centre and at the Red Zones around G8 meetings. States try to control them according to economic and ideological agendas. However, they can't stop people from crossing borders when global capital needs a ready supply of illegal workers who can be hired and fired as the market demands.

The grip of multinational corporations reach far beyond the old national frontiers. But borders get tighter for everybody else – especially non-EU citizens. Migrants cross borders in search of a better life, to escape persecution, oppression or hardship. Few are welcome, many are stopped, and many die in the process. Meanwhile, new technology extends borders within each country.

Databases allow every police station to turn its territory into a border control. In Genoa a whole city was transformed into a border zone, as a 70,000-strong immigration march

demanding a world without borders. Borders are no longer restricted to the dividing line between states; they are about defining identities.

You might be a British citizen but if you look Mediterranean, airport controls may tag you as a suicide attacker. You could be a member of a peaceful theatre group – but if you wear a black T-shirt, you are targeted as a Black-Bloc ringleader. You might have lived a normal life in Germany as a Kosovan refugee – then suddenly you live in fear of deportation. The categories change, but the system of control gets more elaborate and states collaborate in 'harmonising' the process.

The first border camps took place in the late 1990s in eastern Europe and later highlighted the European/African border in Tarifa, southern Spain. The European NoBorder network, which includes grassroots groups from 20 European countries, emerged in 1999. These diverse groups agree that borders are a direct expression of an oppressive world order. They don't demand the right to asylum, but free movement for everyone – and their protest goes beyond making demands on governments. Creating a world without borders needs activism without borders; the exciting and exhausting process of dealing with different politics, identities and ways of doing things; while articulating love and anger.

Over July 19–28 the network coordinates the first International NoBorder Action Camp at Strasbourg, Alsace. Strasbourg exemplifies the contradictions of the new and old borders. Within the last 400

years, the town has been moved between German and French rule five times. It is home to the European Court of Human Rights and the European Parliament – both institutions reveal the contrast between the humanist myth of fair treatment and its ugly face of exclusion and control.

Finally, it is the location of the Schengen Information System, a simple Siemens-produced Oracle database that has become a major factor in the virtualisation and proliferation of borders. The small, drab building surrounded by barbed wire contains data about immigrants and global protesters. It enables authorities to check whether a person who was stopped by the police in Brixton is categorised as subversive. They can check their immigration history, including claims for asylum anywhere in Europe. Officials used this system when they stopped people on their way to the protests in Genoa.

The Strasbourg camp will help us to understand how this virtualised border regime interacts with physical borders such as the barbed wire around a detention centre. Here we will use our experience of reclaiming the streets from privatisation and consumerism. We will turn Strasbourg into a laboratory of political agitation, disobedience and solidarity. Let's turn border zones into party zones!

CONTACTS: NoBorders: email noonellegal@aol.com. See <http://www.noborder.org> about previous border camps, the Schengen Information System and the Strasbourg camp.

CAPITALISM: REST IN PIECES

It was like the air we breathed and the water we drank, it was like beer and cricket and the need for money. It was, we thought, the natural order of things.

But the unthinkable has occurred. Capitalism has been put out of our misery.

The exact birth date of capitalism remains shrouded in the mists of history, with anywhere between the 14th and 17th century being suggested. Key starting points have been identified as the enclosure of common land, the development of merchant capital, the transatlantic slave trade and the 'witchcraft' persecutions of thousands of 'masterless' women, who found relative freedom as the bonds of feudalism weakened.

Developing from within feudal society, the birth of capitalism was violent and painful, tearing apart the existing relations of society. With terrible force a new class was created – the working class – torn from the land by enclosures and on pain of death set to work in the factories. The class oppressions of feudal society were not done away with, but were created anew.

Capitalism required a constantly expanding market for selling its products and a constantly expanding pool of cheap labour. This led to the discovery of the 'new world' and the extermination of its indigenous inhabitants; to colonialism, countless mas-

Capitalism was something we always took for granted

saques and two world wars. As the world market was finite, capitalism also had to intensify exploitation and to create a need for consumer goods.

This was the source of class struggle. Collective action by producers was the one threat to capital, so it also had to intensify divisions, between skilled and unskilled workers, manual and mental labour, 'men's' and 'women's' work.

As a result the products of capitalism were designed to keep us atomised; the process of production designed to make us slave harder. This was seen in 'Fordism' or 'Taylorism' when all tasks were broken down into component parts and workers' time constantly controlled. It happened – until recently – at call centres where every computer stroke at a work station was monitored.

Commodity production, in which the usefulness of an item was always subordinate to its price, came to dominate the whole of

society. The production of surplus value, and the transformation of a part of that value back into capital, was the purpose of capitalist production. It was often wrongly depicted as a mode of consumption, or as the means of enjoyment for capitalists. In death all is clearly revealed.

The key commodity of the capitalist production was labour power, the source of all surplus value, profit and wealth. Since a person's labour power could not be separated from their very being, from their humanity, this meant that humans were literally bought and sold in the market place. Labour was then set to work producing commodities, into which they put a part of themselves.

From the start workers couldn't afford to buy back their total production, as their labour power was purchased at market rates. A worker paid £200 per week cannot knock off when £200 worth of goods have been made. As the capitalist mode of pro-

duction became more sophisticated, the labour process became more and more specialised and the total social capital (the wealth of society) grew out of all proportion to increases in wages. Workers were divided along trades and skills, working on only a small part of the finished product. Goods ceased to be produced in single factories with production divided between different countries and continents. Alienation increased as humans only connection with each other was through the market.

Capitalism required a centralised authority – the state. Without this the necessary infrastructure for production – canals, railways, roads – would not have existed. The state structure served to manage the capitalist contradiction between monopoly and competition. It also served to defend the mode of production, through both violence and incorporation. Thus at times it appeared to offer the alternative between the market or state control (nationalisation) of the economy. The alternative was false – the problem was the economy.

Looking back future generations will find it incomprehensible that human beings allowed themselves to be enslaved for so long. After all, it was our everyday activities and our failure to collectively refuse that allowed capitalism to continue. Now it is dead few will mourn its passing.

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An Open Letter

From Dick Cheney, Vice President of the USA

WHEN I WAS visiting your beautiful island and your heroic prime minister, you invited me to address you on our war to defend civilisation against the global threat of terrorism.

It's good to see your Prime Minister standing up to the liberals, pinkos, reds and appeasers in support of bringing Saddam Hussein down. The only factor that's gonna hold us back at all is getting a replacement dictator.

We better lose our illusions about Iraq. We had to leave Hussein in charge after the Gulf War. You think we slaughtered all those Iraqi troops legging it for Baghdad to lynch the fucker by mistake? Hell no, if he'd gone there'd have been mad mullahs running the Shi'ite south and commie workers' councils running Kurdistan. We thought the little shit would be grateful to be our thug again. But this time there ain't none of that crap. Everybody knows they'd better kiss our asses or it'll be their turn. We're ready, willing and able to nuke anybody who threatens world profits, peace and freedom.

First of all, folks, I think it's important to put our alleged failure to nail the former CIA asset and all-time evil shit Osama Bin Laden in context. The war on Afghanistan has not been a failure. We already have bases in Georgia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgystan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. We're pretty close to sewing up access to oil and gas from the Caspian Sea and that whole area. That's 80% of the world's oil and mineral resources by 2050. That's

fuel security for all our friends for the next two generations.

Then we're in Sudan, where your own government is supporting the oil extraction industry, as well as the Phillipines, Somalia, Yemen, Qatar and Saudi. Sure, the Saudi royals are trying to appease their own fundamentalists, but there's no big deal moving over to Dubai and they ain't exactly going to throw us out before we get our new command centre built. Incidentally Dubai is the Arab emirate with the most sensible policy on Israel.

Then we're into Kuwait and Turkey, Israel's number one ally in the region. OK, Sharon's a murdering racist bastard but he's our bastard. His name ain't Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden. He ain't about to double cross us. So let's be clear about this – Israel's biological weapons and nukes are not an issue: they're a crucial element in the fight for peace in the world. And you folks should know by now it sure as hell ain't just Ariel stomping the poor to destroy terrorism. You should look to our friends around the Caspian Sea. Democracy is wonderful, but nobody is going to be allowed to use it to advance terrorism – and that means anybody out there trying to undermine our interests.

So the Euro mob can bleat away and try and make the WTO and International Court of Justice and Kyoto climate nonsense apply to us. The coloured brethren in the global south can moan about fair trade and a level playing field for their capitalists. But I'm telling you that at the end of the day

you're either for us or against us and we carry the flag for a great tradition of freedom, democracy, justice and peace wherever we have to and we'll nuke any terrorist bastard we have to in order to defend our values.

Finally, I'd like to recall the words of a great heroine of yours and mine – Margaret Thatcher. She fought the enemy within and, for a time, crushed it. But the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Religious nutters come and go, (and I should know!) but the threat of poor people grabbing a bigger share of the economic pie, let alone trying to take the lot, never goes away. Whether its the commie armies in Colombia and Nepal, or even worse the anti-capitalist anarchist extremists in our own cities, these people must never be allowed to become a mass movement. Terrorism must be nipped in the bud before it spreads its evil tentacles any further.

A last word to those who, with you, could become a part of the good old US of A instead of corrupt and decadent Europe. Your willingness to provide numerous bases for our bombers and surveillance operations and to support us on every important issue will not be forgotten. And when the crap comes down, America's values and interests are the interests of all sane peoples and those who oppose us, beyond the usual letters of dissent, are in fact already on the road to being terrorists themselves...

I salute you, as fellow soldiers in the war we share...

"Big" Dick Cheney

Calling all footie loons! Loony Left Mayday & Jubilee Tournaments 2002

GREAT FOOTBALLING events do not rely on great footballers: this is the Looney Left ethos.

In fact the loonier you are the more we reclaim the game from the corporations who dominate what has become a multi-million pound industry. We want to make this event a class act on a day of historical significance, with own fun and inclusive games. We want to create an

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Or if you'd rather try a non-competitive version dreamed up by some other looney, join in the 3-sided footie event and put it to the test. A mass game is planned, so bring your own football. There will be other festivities at the venue including music

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There will also be the **Looney Left World Cup/Jubilee Tournament** in early June - date to be confirmed.

MAYDAY TOURNAMENT teams: send £20 to Loony Left Collective c/o PO Box 32, 136 Kingsland High Street.

Cheques payable to 'Between the lines'. Or send £30 to enter both the May and June tournaments. Money covers expenses.

Please send in team names, shirt colours and contact number.

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Carniball 2002

By **MARTIN LIPSCUM**

Our goal is a new world!

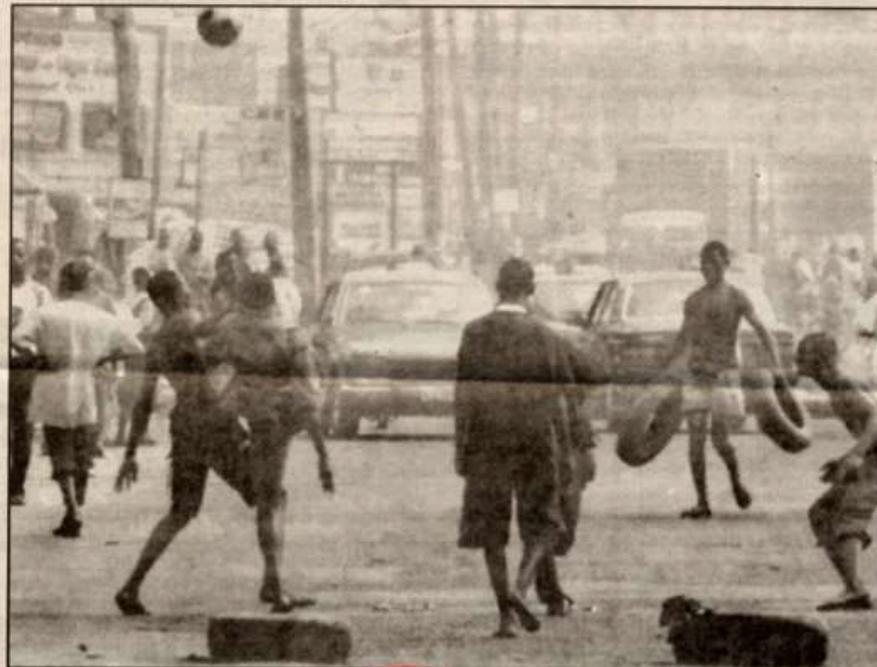
"WE ARE ALL major players!" participants in the upcoming Carniball Mayday extravaganza tell Hate Mail sport correspondents at a hush-hush 'training session' - where they are busy inflating beach balls and balloons.

When we asked to speak to the team captain, we were told there are no captains, no referees or even sponsors. Furthermore, we're speaking only to an 'affinity group', not the entire team - which could potentially number in the thousands. What? You call this a sport?

Big balls and inflatables

According to player Hannah Smith, "Mayday is a day of carnival, a day of the common people to celebrate common time on common land and to celebrate our rights to the land and to the streets. It is also a celebration of spring and rebirth." She explains that people played Gameball - a precursor to football - in the spring and autumn and it was linked to these themes. Says Smith: "Carniball, this year's version of Gameball, is a rambling gigantic game with many balls and inflatables. Our aim is to keep co-operating, moving and to have a jolly good time. Handballs and bounces allowed. Anything goes!"

It takes inspiration from the mass multi-sided festival of play enjoyed during the 15th and 16th centuries. In later centuries, people also came together for massive games in order to pull down the fences around enclosed land - common land 'privatised' by the gentry, the state and landlords. "And now we face many new enclosures," Smith adds.



CARNIBALL: Lagos youth reclaim the streets with a game of football

NIGERIA

We've gotta keep moving!

"The other side?" exclaims team member John Booth. "They're just killjoys. It goes back to those rotten Puritans, landowners and magistrates! They clamped down on lower-class festivities to turn us into obedient workers willing to toil for their profit, and into passive consumers and cannon-fodder. It's similar today. The current team the ruling class has assembled are, to be sure, aggressive thugs. They have a long history of unsporting behaviour, which includes hitting people with long sticks and driving vehicles at high speed into crowds. They have even been known to kill people! This ruins the game for everyone."

Another Carniballer, Mary Molyneux, adds: "Participants are welcome to bring their pets, but large horses should be left at home because they create a serious safety and health hazard." Booth concludes: "Our opponents have a huge budget, equipment and sponsorship from multinationals like Lockheed Martin, BA systems, Sodexo, Group 4 and Shell. But what they lack is imagination, passion or creativity. That's what we have on our side, and we're gonna use it!"

And so the Mayday 2002 round of Carniball approaches amid high spirits and anticipation. "One thing is clear: there'll be no spectators at this match, and the stakes are high," says player Albert Parsons; "As privatisation, repression and pressure on all workers increases, the state has moved the goal posts - and we've gotta keep moving too until we've taken 'em down!"



She's so pretty when she's paranoid

Stay insecure. Stay skeletal. Eat shit. Eat nothing at all. Get sucked into the body-image industry.

GAMEBALL SCOREBOARD

CANTERBURY 1647
Townpeople v Puritans (AKA "Those Miserable Bastards")
Townpeople closed down shops ordered to open for Christmas. Free drink to all distributed as Presbyterian minister pelted with shit. Game called, which successfully saw the mayor and officers off. Deserting players from mayor's team joined in the fun. **SCORE:** Townpeople 1: Miserable Bastards 0

KETTERING 1640
Locals, Artisans and Rabble v Lady Bety Jesmaine
According to the commentators: "A game of Futtball was cried at Kettering with 500 a side, but the design was to pull down Lady Bety Jesmaine's Mills." **SCORE:** Locals, Artisans and Rabble: 500: Lady Jesmaine: One mill down!

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS 1764
Peasants v Aristos
There was a long build-up to this match when locals campaigned against the enclosure of 2000 acres. Game called to reclaim the enclosed land. Within moments of kick-off the players and supporters tore enclosure fences down and burned them. **SCORE:** Peasants 1: Aristos: Fences totally fucked

HOLLAND FEN, LINCOLNSHIRE 1768
Commoners and Fendwellers v Landowners
Three matches called within a month to reclaim enclosed fenland.
1 July: 200 played for two hours, dragoons arrived and seized 5 players
SCORE: Commoners/Fendwellers 2: Landowners 5
15 July: game unopposed.
SCORE: Commoners/Fendwellers 2: Landowners 0
29 July: game unopposed
SCORE: Commoners/Fendwellers 2: Landowners 0

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

Lagos, Nigeria - January 2002
Proles v Oil Companies & Government
General strike against fuel price rises, which closed down offices, banks and other businesses. Said one worker: "If any petrol station decides to open, they will be doing so at their own risk because we shall encourage people to go to petrol stations and collect free petrol to mobilise. If any bank manager has free money to give, he can open so that people can collect money to support the struggle." During the protests, youth played football in the streets to block the police. But union leaders backed down after paramilitary police response and arrest of leaders. **SCORE:** Proles 1: Oil Companies & Government 1

Compiled by Mike Todd

Will Becks Play Ball?

Concern was mounting last night over David Beckham's fitness to play Carniball on May 1st after his recent foot injury. He was reported to be undergoing revolutionary treatment. England manager Sven Goran Eriksson was quoted as saying, "the use of inflatables in Carniball should help Beckham to be match fit".