

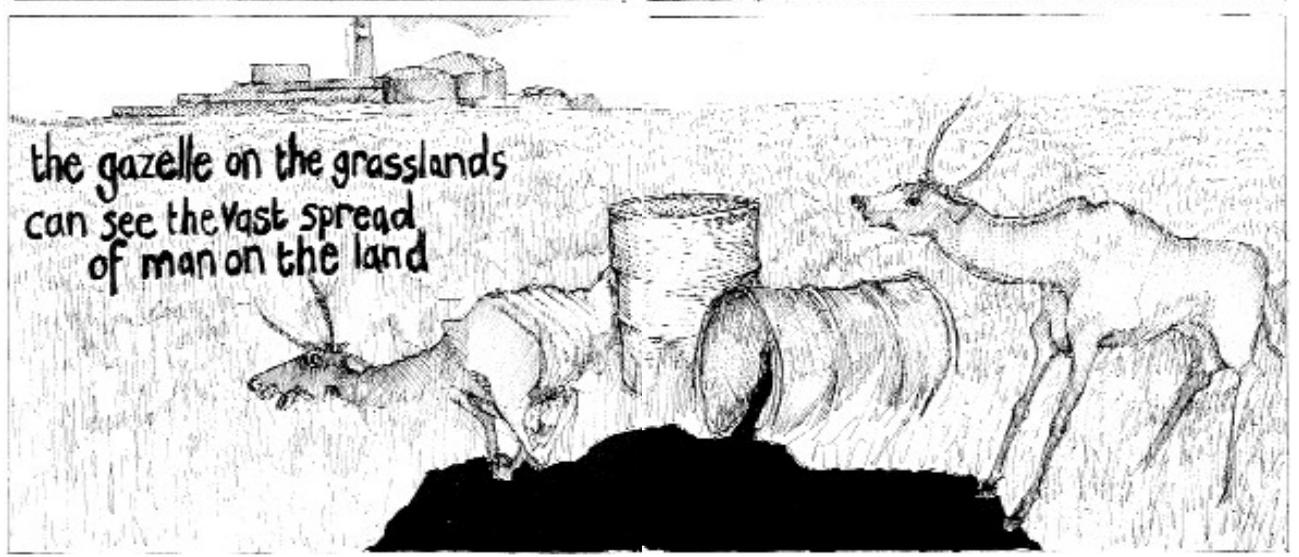
WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR MONEY?



You wouldn't kill your dog...

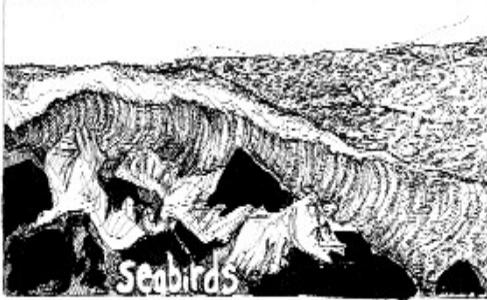


but the wolf in the forest finds the woodland running free depleted the last tree cut for timber



the gazelle on the grasslands can see the vast spread of man on the land

listen



Seabirds



and songbirds cannot be heard

Now look at your hands Tell me what do you see?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR MONEY?



you wouldn't kill your lover...

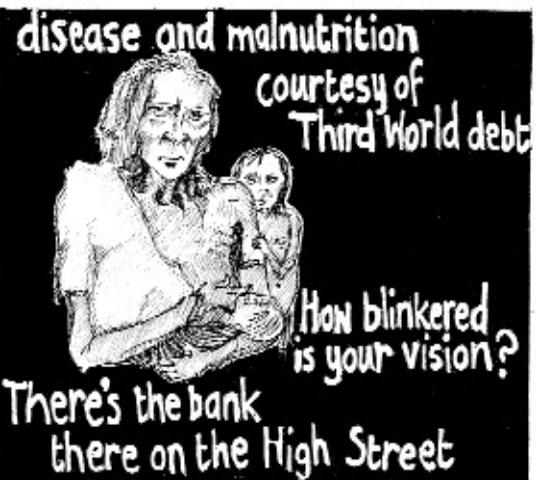
Would you kill another's?



money buys the guns that keeps the arms trade going



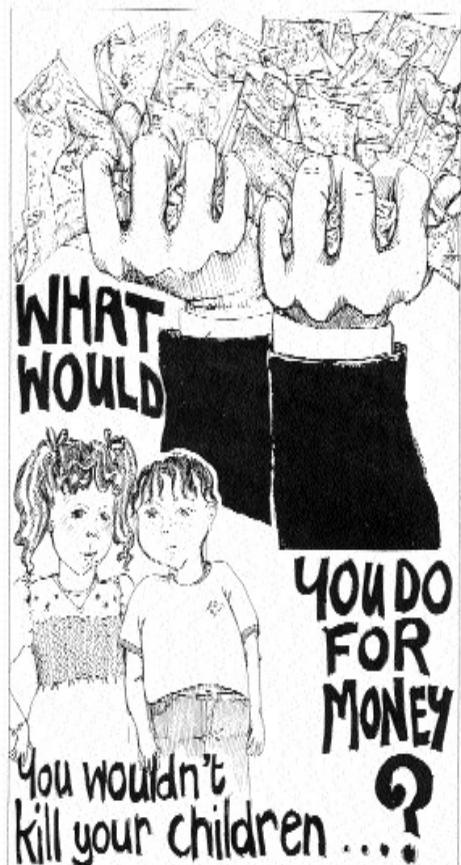
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disease and malnutrition courtesy of Third World debt

How blinkered is your vision?

There's the bank there on the High Street

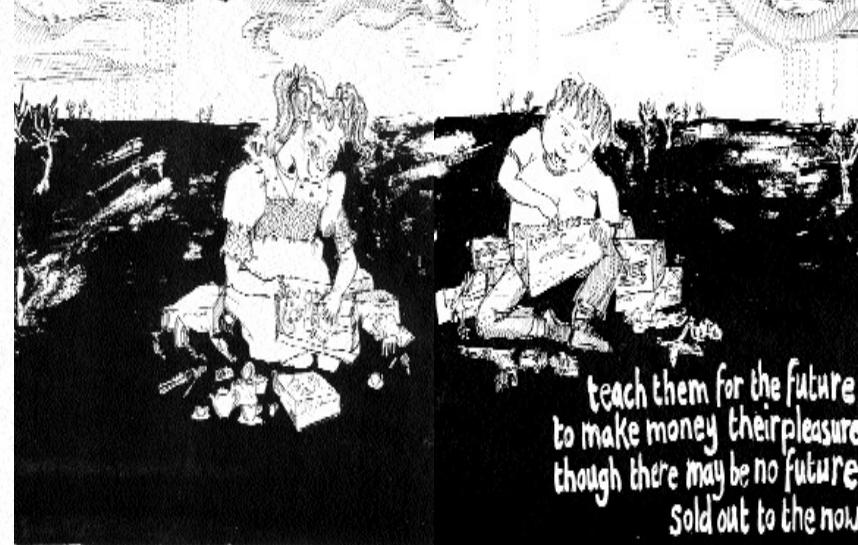


WHAT WOULD

YOU DO FOR MONEY

You wouldn't kill your children ...?

no you'll give them all the best that money buys avert their eyes from the rainclouds that are gathering under superheated skies



teach them for the future to make money their pleasure though there may be no future sold out to the now

In your scramble for security respectability, personal equity, you fail to see your complicity with the global system of brutality and immorality that money means to me.



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Third: all kitchen appliances have vanished. Keep a box of matches, a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a handful of onions, a dish of dried beans. Rescue those mouldy potatoes from the rubbish bin: those are tonight's meal.

Fourth: dismantle the bathroom, shut off the running water, take out the wiring and the lights and everything that runs by electricity.

Fifth: take away the house and move the family into the toolshed.

Sixth: by now all the other houses in the neighbourhood have disappeared; instead there are shanties - for the fortunate ones.

Seventh: cancel all the newspapers and magazines. Throw out the books. You won't miss them - you are illiterate. One radio is now left for the whole shantytown.

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Ninth: no hospital, no doctor. The nearest clinic is now 10 miles away with a midwife in charge. You get there by bus or bicycle, if you're lucky enough to have one.

Tenth: throw out your cheque books, stock certificates, pension plans, insurance policies. You now have a cash hoard of £3.

Eleventh: get out and start cultivating your three acres. Try hard to raise £150 in cash crops because your landlord wants one-third and your moneylender 10 percent.

Twelfth: find some way for your children to bring in a little extra money so you have something to eat most days. But it won't be enough to keep bodies healthy - so lop off 25 to 30 years of life.

Coca Cola has reached more villages in the Third World than has safe drinking water or oral rehydration formula.

“Not Pepsi, but Water!” - Slogan of the National Alliance of People's Movements, India

Workers and how to deal with them

Without the workers no copper would be mined, no oil refined, no computer systems designed, no coffee grown and there would nobody to clear up afterwards. They are the greatest and most valuable commodity in the world financial system. Let us have a look at how they work.

They are self maintaining and self reproducing - some of them even seem to enjoy it. They can be programmed from an early age - to get accustomed to an 8 hour working day, to obey orders, to push the right button at the right time. Most importantly to believe that their life belongs to us not them.

Their creativity can be harnessed. Buy it up as soon as possible - it is a dangerous thing if left free. Without their ability to get the job done despite our interference we would not be where we are today. We can then sell their produce back to them at a profit - that's how the system works.

Unfortunately they sometimes want to live for themselves rather than us. However, individually they do not pose a problem - buy them off or lock them up. If they realise their individual aspirations can be achieved

collectively then there is a possibility they'll rebel. Treat such outbreaks extremely seriously - contain them, isolate them and crush them ruthlessly.

A certain surplus of workers is essential since it lowers their resistance and their price. Keep them employable (through schemes such as New Deal) and the law of supply and demand will apply. Greater surpluses are a problem since they start organising independently. It is imperative this never happens. While other surpluses can be burnt in the field or buried in the ground it is not necessarily advisable to deal with workers this way- you don't want to make them angry. If it comes to it, tell them that there is no other option and do it from 1500 feet.

However, there are many other ways to control them and stop them reaching their true potential:

Divide them - black/white, male/female, employed/unemployed. Make use of any division to stop them acting collectively. For example when cutting welfare benefits blame it on immigrants, on single parents, work-shy

scroungers - keep them apart from each other and the truth. They are geographically isolated - reduce their price (mainly determined by their resistance) by playing off one area against another. If wages or health and safety conditions are too great in Manchester transfer production to Manchuria.

Give them ways to fight back - all futile. Have them vote for different representatives to force them to do what we want. Let them fight for 'their rights' - it keeps them busy. Let them form unions to fight for a bigger slice of the crumb. If things get really bad give concessions such as Welfare Benefits or the NHS - they'll let you privatise them again later. These methods act as a safety valve to stop real change.

The lottery is a valuable myth we must continually push. Convince them that they too can become a 'success' - they could start by serving burgers in McDonalds and end up a successful international executive. Do not let them know that they have a greater chance of dying of CJD. They are often optimistic - let them carry that optimism to a paupers grave.

Another of our great weapons is the mass media. They are always trying to work out how their world works, desperate to make sense of it all. Present them with an illusion that seems coherent. Give them 'facts', offer them experiences that fit into our framework and our world view.

We can use mass media, make them believe anything. They'll even come to see media consumption as a leisure activity- by consuming more adverts, more caricatures of everyday life then they will be happier. Create false desires and false needs, sell more and pacify more. In the end they will see themselves as mere spectators of the world around them and not active participants.

Unfortunately there will never be a world without workers - at least not one in which we can make profits. They have kept us for hundreds of years - if we act wisely they will continue to do so. It is a matter of confidence, and stamping on theirs. Create an illusion so convincing they will never believe anything else is possible. Remember never let them know that we are powerless if they act collectively.

Who's waiting in the wings

From the cockpit of an F-16 flying at 5,000 metres, you can't see, nor smell, nor be sprayed with the blood of "collateral damage." The sensory reality of war has been cleaned away from the "productive" activity of the warrior, as it has from the language of NATO's reports on the alleged "mistakes." Here we cannot fail to notice the institutional, racist cynicism of NATO, which weighs the lives of Serbian children and other civilians and finds them less important, and less politically sensitive, than those of Western soldiers. This, however, is trading the human rights of some - in this case mostly innocent civilians - at the expense of the human rights of others with NATO as self-appointed judge of their relative value.

On the ground there are a million refugees who are said to support the NATO intervention. However, nobody has asked them whether, given the choice, they would rather see the 2 billion dollars a day used to bomb Serbia invested in Kosovo's social services or devoted to reducing income differences in the region, or spent in any ways so as to undermine the economic roots of "ethnic cleansing." Indeed, how many ethnic cleansings are carried on in conditions of prosperity for all? And how many in conditions of poverty and social uncertainty?

At the outburst of war we were told that bombing was needed to save the Albanian population in Kosovo from genocide and ethnic cleansing. Many critics have pointed out that indeed, if humanitarianism was the rationale, then it becomes inexplicable as to why the ethnically cleansed Palestinians, Kurds and Greek Cypriots, among others, do not receive the same attention from NATO. But there is an even stronger and more poignant argument: not only has NATO bombing resulted in dramatically increasing the flood of

refugees (which has now reached more than one million) and rapes, it is now clear that NATO and its political leaders knew that this would have been the case before the bombing started. So what is the rationale behind NATO's inhuman agenda?

The inhuman agenda of NATO (and WTO, and IMF, and OECD, and G8...)

To understand this war, we must see it in the context of economic globalisation and the deepening of the capitalist crisis (reflected in the collapse of the Asian economies, the profit stagnation in Europe, and the increasing social opposition to further liberalisation and austerity) and the longer term strategy of bringing Eastern Europe under the influence of the European and US capitalist powers.

1) On one hand, the war aims to defeat the resistance of the Yugoslavian working classes to the free market, which has forced the Yugoslavian state to halt its planned programme of privatisation. The bombings are also sending a message to other resistant workers in Eastern Europe such as the coal miners in Romania, who early this year had to be militarily defeated because of their strong opposition to the closing of mines demanded by the IMF.

2) It lays the groundwork for the encirclement of Russia which, although weakened economically and militarily, is still seen as a threat. Here too political and economic goals go hand-in-hand as the US and IMF have become increasingly anxious about Russia's "commitment to reform" and the Russian population's resistance to the "market economy".

3) The prospective integration of the battered economies of the Balkans represents for capital a great opportunity to tap into a new source of cheap labour right in the heart of Europe.

4) The World Bank is already providing some post-war reconstruction scenarios, and stocks in European construction companies have been buoyant since the beginning of hostilities.

5) The war in Yugoslavia, with its heavy demand on the military budget of the NATO countries, may also serve more immediate domestic goals, by helping to justify (in the name of war spending and investment in the reconstruction) the dismantling of the European and US welfare systems.

6) It also gives US and European capital control over a region that is rich in mineral resources and is strategically located at the cross-roads between Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, thus dominating some of Europe's most important trade routes.

In conclusion: first the economic elites imposed impoverishing policies on the region, policies that have shattered the social fabric and created the context in which brutal and murderous nationalisms has flourished. Then they seized the opportunity for military action (since diplomatic options were left in a dead end, with the insistence at Rambouillet that NATO troops were to be present in the Yugoslav territory), resulting in further deaths and human tragedy. Now, they will wear again the banker's hat to "help" in the reconstruction, cashing in new interest payments and, especially, creating a more "stable" environment for business thanks to NATO's heavy military presence in the region.

'No war but the class war' discussion meetings explore these sorts of issues. Join the discussions on Wednesday July 7, Sept.1, Oct.6 and Nov.3, 7.30pm at Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq., Holborn tube - all welcome.

Write to Escape c/o PO Box 2474, London N8 0HW or e-mail: escape6@hotmail.com to confirm these dates or for copies of our Discussion Bulletin, or check <http://www.hrc.wmin.ac.uk/guest/radical/ESKOSOVO.HTM>

World-wide mutiny!

In May this year, hundreds of soldiers deserted their posts in Kosova to join anti-Milosevic demonstrations in Serbia. These were not the first mutinies in Yugoslavia. Mass desertions shortened the war with Croatia and dissuaded Milosevic from using the Yugoslavian army in the Bosnian war. Then, in that war, Bosnian Serb army units mutinied and took over the largest town in the region.

Meanwhile workers in Serbia have repeatedly resisted attempts to cut jobs, wages and welfare. After massive strike waves in the 1980's, strikes and demonstrations continued in the 1990's. Milosevic could only contain this opposition by stirring up nationalism and war. However the recent mutinies show that workers can begin to break from nationalism and could overthrow Milosevic. We should not forget that it was mutinies and uprisings against Saddam that ended the Gulf war.

Indeed this may have led to a revolution, but the

UN coalition slaughtered the deserting troops on the road to Basra. Since then sanctions have caused a million deaths and the people of Iraq have never had the strength to rise up again. To avoid another tragedy like Iraq, opposition in Serbia needs to be echoed on all sides in the conflict. For instance refugees in Albania need to reject nationalism and the KLA.

This may seem unlikely but unlikely events do happen in Albania. In 1997 there was a huge armed popular uprising against the pro-market government and consequently the country is now occupied by Nato.

We also need resistance here, but the anti-war movement is still small. This is largely because the whole idea of socialism, of any alternative to capitalism and its wars, has been discredited. This tactic has also been successful. But a system that can only offer austerity, boredom and war will always be vulnerable to people searching for an

alternative. Humanity's present inability to solve basic problems of poverty, the environment or crime has nothing to do with any intrinsic selfishness or greed in people and everything to do with capitalism. If we can develop the amazing science and productive capacity required for the hi-tech destruction of Serbia and Iraq then we can certainly feed, clothe and house everyone on the planet in luxury, with no-one having to work for more than an hour or two a week.

All we need to do is wrest these productive forces from capital and replace this primitive social system with real human community or, as it is more often called, socialism, anarchism or communism. The June 18 protest is just part of the process of building a world-wide mutiny against capitalism in the 21st century.

**Each crisis is an opportunity, but we all know that.
It's not enough to know that houses and hospitals have been destroyed,
That transport, communications and electricity networks have been shattered,
That forests, fields and rivers are dead,
Or that thousands of people are homeless, hungry or dying.**

To compete in today's global markets requires tactical precision and real-time intelligence. It demands not only the most advanced data-processing and delivery technology but also a participatory relationship between corporate and military sectors, the yin and yang of a balanced global economy.

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Making profit from loss.

June the 18th around the world....

Imagine the G8 world leaders waking, Clinton, Blair, Schroder et al, waking up in their plush yet soulless hotel rooms in Koln on the morning of June 18th. They switch on the TV to watch CNN news... their jaws drop...

On June 18th there will be strikes, blockades, shutdown, carnivals, sabotage and more in over 70 financial centres in at least 43 countries. The groups involved are incredibly diverse, from environmentalists in Zimbabwe, Poland, Israel and Portugal, to Unions in Bangladesh, India Canada and Austria, to the unemployed in France, indigenous people's in Nigeria and peasant groups in Indonesia and Senegal. They are building global links globally between movements, as a strong international network is needed to counter the globalisation of misery under capitalism.

The sun will rise first in **Australia**, where political activists in **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide** and **Brisbane** are organising a day of festive protests. The Sydney J18 Collective say: "The J-One-Eight Public Holiday will definitely be 1999's biggest anti-globalization event - a carnival, a direct action, a street festival. Mobile and bold squads of activists will be able to create a sense of mass agitation and excitement...and autonomous actions targeting individual corporations, a lunchtime mass action "Anti-Business Lunch", and a "Scumbags Tour" of corporate HQ's". Also planned are a mass "Friday Night Office Party" street procession at peak hours and a special J18 Critical Mass bike ride through the business district. By this time activities will be in full swing in **South Korea** in the Far East, and beginning in South East Asia: there are J18 contacts in **Thailand, Malaysia** and **Indonesia** (where the North Sumatra Peasant Union / NSPU are organising for J18). The sun rises next on South Asia, with actions in **Nepal** and **Bangladesh** (where action is being taken by the 1.5 million strong Bangladesh National Garments Workers'

'There will be protests across 25 states in India, involving hundreds of thousands of people who have been marginalised by the market economy and World Trade Organisation policies. Many capital developments are coming to India but they benefit only the rich.' National Alliance of People's Movements, India

Federation). In **India**, the National Alliance of Peoples Movements (NAPM) will be taking action across the country. While 241 Unions in **Pakistan** take to the streets.

A few hours later in the Middle East, Green Action is organising for J18 together with other groups in **Israel**. Simultaneously, Africa and Europe spin into life. Students for Environmental Action are getting it together in **Harare, Zimbabwe**. Chikoko, the network of indigenous groups resisting the oil industry in **Nigeria** will be springing into action at the same time as Earth First! **Prague** in the **Czech Republic** and actions against the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development in **Minsk, Belarus**. In **Malta** the Movement Graffiti is organising a J18 punk concert, while in **Italy**: "we are planning in **Milano**, something like a street rave parade, and a similar one in **Roma**: we should be able to involve in the party a large number of squats, sound systems and common people, to create a fun partyin' venue in both cities In **Cologne, Germany** there's a mass 'Laugh-Parade', where thousands of people will make a laughing stock of the G8 leaders.

There is a J18 street party organised in **Lausanne, Switzerland**. "Here, the streets, privatised by cars, will be given back to the citizens. A huge event with music and more" In the

Basque Country, actions are being organised in **Bilbo** (Bilbao) and **Iru-na**, (Pamplona). In Southern **Spain**, a network of environmental groups is organising for J18 in **Huelva**. From **Valencia**: "We're planning two open "critical masses" in the afternoon, a big street party and some groups are going to do some direct actions all over the city." In **Asturies**, "feminist, autonomous, ecologist, syndicalist groups are organising a carnival in front of the public savings bank CAJASTUR."

In **Scotland** there will be June 18th street party

"We are conscious of the devastating capability of transnational capital but we are also conscious of the creative capacity of imagination and freedom. That's why we will protest in force but we will also celebrate with joy, the joy of making possible human contact, warmth, art and life."

Club de los Intelectuales Podridos (Decaying Intellectuals' Club)

in **Glasgow**. In **England**, as well as the **London** events, Lancaster Freedom Collective have "a day of actions on local corporate nasties"... In **Newbury** "hundreds of happy, smiling folk, dressed up and armed with banners, posters, leaflets, custard pies, D-locks and much partying paraphernalia will converge on Vodafone and show them a better way of living!"

In **Wales** the 'cymraeg dim sharid a cymraeg' collective is planning a critical mass cycle blockade in **Cardiff**. The Irish section of the International Workers' Association is organising for J18 in **Belfast**. Meanwhile down in **Dakar, Senegal**, the peasant farmer group Concept is the

contact for J18 organising. A few hours later, as we move through time and space on to Latin America...In **Brazil** two networks have answered the 18th June call. In **Montevideo, Uruguay**, the J18 network is working on ideas such as a spoof trade fair; posters and flyers, designed like cheques or dollars; and banks for the poor outside the banks, where they can deposit misery and unemployment and rubbish workers can deposit their rubbish (their capital!) and block the streets with their carts. In **Buenos Aires, Argentina** the debt cancellation movement Dialogo 2000, (religious and social groupings including Madres de la Plaza de Mayo and trade unions), will hold a procession/march through the financial centre. In front of the Central Bank/IMF building speakers will argue for non-payment by the peoples of the indebted South, and popular artists and musicians will perform under the banner Liberation from Debt. In **Santiago, Chile** a conscientious objection

"In mass we'll march, bike ride, dance, protest and party towards destinations to be announced. Have fun. Be creative. There will be music. There will be dancing. Remember, revolution is the festival of the oppressed!" (LA Reclaim The Streets)

group, and street performers will march in protest against the banning of street performing. In **Medellin, Colombia**, autonomous groups are organising a forum on globalisation, a carnival against multinationals with a potlatch bazaar, traditional games and puppets and acrobats, music videos and poetry, and a concert with local ska and punk bands. There will also be a demonstration at the multinational Banco Santander.

At the same time in **North America**, in **New York**, Reclaim the Streets NYC are organising an action

in Time Square. In **Boston**, at noon on June 18, Boston Encuentro will rally near BankBoston and Fleet headquarters, 'We'll begin with a conga line, music, puppets, street theater and leaflets. There's a rumour that Zapatistas may ride in on horses to show their solidarity.' A mock letter from 'Fleece Boston', will send up the gigantic merger of BankBoston and Fleet Bank, which already promises layoffs of more than 5,000 workers... 'We plan to combine satire and entertainment with serious critique, to shine light on the dark side of finance capital - the giant banks at the centre of the neoliberal conquest of the world.'

Turning North to **Canada**, Peoples' Global Action, **Ottawa** (social movements such as the Canadian Federation of Students, coalition to stop the war against Yugoslavia, Industrial Workers of the World, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, and Comité des Sans Emploi, and Critical Mass) are organising actions on corporate institutions. In **Minneapolis, Minnesota**, (US) a J18 party is being put together.. In **Regina, Canada** students and trade unionists are uniting following the "Stop Corporate Control" action to plan a bigger and more radical action for June 18th. In **Albuquerque** (US) a feminist activist collective, feminists liberating our world (flow), are organising for June 18th,

Meanwhile, south of the border in **Mexico D.F** there will be an action on the Stock Exchange. Back North, **Eugene, Oregon** will have a party and 'finance tours' around town. Also planned are music, games, and murals Further down the coast, The **San Francisco** Bay Area is bubbling with excitement as J18 draws near. Planning is focused on ten locally-based multinational multideath corporations. 2500-5000 flyers have already been printed for SF. They say, "ART ATTACK HITS FINANCIAL DISTRICT" in addition to a graphic of a tripod. In **Vancouver** 3000 flyers and 2400 stick up posters have been printed with the meeting point for J18 revelous subversion. And the sun will set on June 18th in Downtown **Los Angeles** where there will be a J18 Street Party...

June the 18th in London

Carn'ival n. 1. An explosion of Freedom involving laughter, mockery, dancing, masquerade and revelry. **2.** Occupation of the streets in which the symbols and ideals of authority are subverted. **3.** When the marginalised take over the centre and create a world turned upside down. **4.** You cannot watch carnival, you take part. **5.** An unexpected carnival is revolutionary.

The city of London is the world's largest financial centre. It has more foreign banks and handles more foreign exchange (\$637 bn a day) than any other city in the world. It deals more foreign shares than anywhere else and it creates almost 20% of the entire UK's Gross Domestic Product. If it was an independent country it would rank the 20th richest in the world, just ahead of Belgium.

On June the 18th the City will be unrecognisable as thousands of people occupy and transform its streets and institutions.

The Corporation of London and City police have been sending letters to every firm in the square mile warning of "major disruption" and advising companies to take emergency security precautions. We invite everyone working in the city to take the day off or call in sick and join in the fun and festivities.

Cap'italism n. 1 A system by which the few profit from the exploitation of the many. **2.** A mindset addicted to profit, work and debt which values money more than life. **3.** An unsustainable ideology obsessed by growth despite our finite planet. **4.** The cause of the global, social and ecological crisis. **5.** A social system overthrown at the end of the 20th century...

“To work for
delight and
authentic
festivity is
barely
distinguishable
from preparing
for general
insurrection.”

Thursday June 17th

6pm Campaign Against the Arms Trade planning meeting for action targeting financial institution linked to the Arms trade. For more info : CAAT 0171 281 0297

Friday June 18th

There will be numerous un-publicised events and action in the morning, some aimed to cause maximum disruption to the financial markets. Below are some of the open events that we know about:

7:30 am: Critical Mass - Huge cycle action to reclaim the City streets - bring your bike! Meet West Smithfield, EC1, (near City Thameslink & Farringdon rail stations).

10:00 am : Picket of Reed Employment Agency, 87 Moorgate, EC2 (over 'New Deal' harassment of claimants). Further info: Haringey Solidarity Group 0181 374 5027.

10:30 am: 'Animal abuse is as transnational as Capital' - meet Farringdon tube to demonstrate against animal abuse. Further info: 0171-278-3068

11:00 am: Anti-McDonalds picket. Meet Liverpool Street McDonalds. Further info: London Greenpeace 0171 713 1269

11:00 am Global chain reaction - human chain around treasury in Whitehall, bring banners, whistles, creativity. Meet llam Parliament Square (tube: Westminster). Further info: People & Planet 01865 245678

12 noon: Carnival of Resistance: Replace the Roar of Profit and plunder with the sounds and rhythms of party and pleasure. Massive Carnival snaking its way through the square mile. Bring food to share, things to make music & noise with, radios. Meet at Liverpool Street Station. Further info: Reclaim the Streets:0171 281 4621

13.30 Protest against the Militarisation of Space. Meet Green Park tube. Association of Autonomous Astronauts. 0793 0834904

4:00 pm - Picket of Aroma, 135 Bishopsgate, (Aroma is now owned by McDonald's). Meet Bishopsgate entrance of Liverpool Street BR station. Further info: London Greenpeace 0171 713 1269

19.00 Eurobunk. Meet at Waterloo Station to do a mass bunk of the 19.27 Eurostar train to Brussels (this tactic, of demanding free trains to take activists to demonstrations, has been used successfully in mainland Europe) . Change trains for Cologne and anti-G8 demo on Saturday 19 June. Bring sleeping bag or tent. Contact: <eurobunk01@hotmail.com.>

If you are planning to stay the night in London and need accommodation ring: 0171 281 4621

If you are arrested on the day or are a witness to an arrest there will be a legal defence meeting on SATURDAY 19TH JUNE, at Marchmont Community Centre, 62 Marchmont Street, WC1. Starts 12 noon. For more info ring:Legal Defence and Monitoring Group 0171 837 7557. The office will be open all night if there are arrests.

taking control of our own lives

If we don't want this thing variously termed neoliberalism, globalisation, the 'free' market, or capitalism which is clearly destroying the lives of individuals, their families, communities and our communal environment, what do we want? How would we order a new world? How would a new society function? These are all often heard cries when the removal of the current social order is mentioned.

The question of me, writing these words, telling you, reading these words, how to live your future life is clearly wrong. The idea of an enlightened few telling (and then forcing) the masses how to live, is the current situation - why would anyone want to replicate that? How can I know you, you may live on a housing estate, you may be a peasant farmer in Brazil reading this on the internet, you may be a company director, the answers to how we want to live our lives are clearly different for different people. And it is for them, free from any coercion to decide how to live.

There is also the question of possibility. What seems impossible, or stupid, today is possible tomorrow. Who, 150 years ago, would think that today, in the UK at least, children do not

do manual work for 10 hour a day? Who, in 1986, could have predicted the fall of the Berlin wall, a mere two years later. As oppressions are removed our options will probably multiply. How would you spend your time if work was abolished?

The arguments above are not to say that, I, or the groups involved in June 18th actions, have no ideas for how we may live in the future. In the broadest terms, as some June 18th leaflets state, we are "against all forms of oppression, and for a free and ecological society based on mutual aid and cooperation." Likewise, the consideration of alternatives is not problematic, as long as they are not imposed. With the emphasis on direct action and taking control yourself those testing alternative to the global economy may well be developing the seeds of the future in the present society.

"We are not in the least bit afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth; there is not the slightest doubt about that. They might blast and ruin their own world before they leave the stage of history. We carry a new world, here in our hearts. That world is growing this minute."



Exodus, Luton, UK

'Exodus' are not the most obvious sustainable crusaders - originating as a travelling soundsystem, committed to little more than delivering free BPM 'n bass to skint Lutonian ravers, the group is now involved in one of the most exciting and radical sustainable urban regeneration projects in the UK.

Since the early 90's the Exodus group have been growing in their conviction that not only did their town, Luton, just north of London, need radical change, but the whole way their lives were going needed a rethink. "Most of us were unemployed and loads of us were homeless" says Guy Jenkins, ex-train driver and spokesman for the group, we started putting on free raves because the scene was being ruined by gangsters who wanted to make a huge profit out of us partying - then when we really looked around us, we realised that they were not the only people making a profit out of us - everyone else was at it too, from landlords to social workers"

The next step seemed simple - "We were leaving derelict buildings after having parties in them - thinking what a fucking shame, so much potential, sitting there rotting". In early 1993 they squatted two of the buildings and came up with the DIO (Do It Ourselves) philosophy, which is now central to every project the group are involved in. HAZ (Housing Action Zone) Manor and The Farm were established, providing homes for some of the group and space in which to begin broadening their horizons and realising other plans like establishing a communal organic garden, a sustainable water system and saving for a renewable energy system. "We wanted to challenge all those negative ideas about squatters - we weren't the ones who had left the buildings to rot - we were doing everything we could to make them liveable again, and trying to be environmentally responsible - I've lost count of how many panes of glass we have fitted - and how many

times people have cut their hands!"

The success of both squats has given the group incredible confidence, "we took on the authorities and won - first we said to the police 'In this space for a few hours, this community's laws apply, not yours,' and they had to let us party. Then we said to the council 'We will use these buildings better than you will, and we want to spend the housing benefit we are entitled to, on regenerating them - turning the money into a great place to live, not lining landlords pockets', and eventually they had to let us."

This confidence has been vital in the conception of their next project, The Ark community centre, based in the middle of a Luton council estate that has been the scene of terrible social disintegration. "We have put in a proposal to run the centre with 100 workers being paid dole-level wages - by doing this we can unlock the voluntary potential of the people living on the estate -

this is an assault on social alienation as well as poverty. We've got wonderful plans: we will have a non-profit community shop, provided with organic fresh veg by the farm, getting cheap fresh food to poor people, a wind generator making energy for the whole estate, cheap entertainment for kids - all sorts. The most important thing is to remove professionals who want to "provide" for us, but expect big wages - we can do all this much cheaper than anyone else.

This is regeneration by the people, for the people. We are taking responsibility for our own environment - we want to make it liveable and sustainable. We can't leave it to people who think regeneration is about repainting a few doors and promising computers to schools. What people don't realise is that our philosophy addresses societal, environmental and spiritual poverty, as well as problems with money.

Fruit-tree Guerrillas: Berkeley, US

Rolling back North America's urban and sub-urban sprawl- a million acres are sacrificed to it each year- may seem like a hopeless task. But not to activist and fruit tree planting guerilla, Richard Register. The movement he has mobilised, Ecocity builders, has a flair for effective and eyecatching campaigns.

For example, there's the time when 400 people dug up part of Berkeley to release, from under it's concrete grave, a river. Other eco-feats have included planting urban orchards overnight as well as de-paving carparks.

In recent years however, ecocity builders have taken a more 'legal' approach. They are

going for "a strategic legislative attack on the misuse of urban and sub urban land," says Register. This involves getting local authority planners to stretch their thinking- and their imaginations. They are currently campaigning for 'de-development' rights. This means that if developed land- which has, say, aq natural stream running under it- were offered for redevelopment, it would be possible to buy those rights but to de-develop it back to it's natural state. The development planning permission could then be transferred to another, more suitable location.

Another campaign aims to overturn the Berkely planning law that insists that all new residential blocks need parking spaces. Not so, says Register. Why not have car free apartments inhabited by people who agree not to have a car, and are repayed by cheaper rents.

As a culmination - to show people that it really is possible to live in a better environment - Richard is currently proposing bringing each of the separate projects together into one area in the centre of town, his "Heart of the City" campaign. "We want to establish an entirely car-free area, with a natural creek and an urban orchard, where roads and car parks

would have been, we want to open up public access through the whole area and have roof-top gardens and walk-ways between buildings. I want people to see how beautiful a place the city could be if we all reassessed the way we live and move about within our cities - we just don't need cars in the centre of town."

Its interesting to note that London has over 75 buried rivers and streams, including the river Walbrook which runs directly under the Square mile (regularly flooding the vaults of the Bank of England). Imagine London with its rivers unearthed and its valleys revealed.

Green Alchemists, Tbilisi, Russia

A recently completed community action in Tblisi, Russia, has radically improved the lives of local residents by reclaiming acres of land once used for illegal rubbish dumping, and transforming it into a sustainable community park. The park is now home to new community recreational facilities as well as a garden and huge tree planting campaign, which is improving local air quality and aesthetics.

Gogi, founder of "Varketili", the resident's group who initiated the campaign, points out the importance of improving the visual environment in Tbilisi as well as improving local sustainability - "I live in one of the

Varketili blocks, it is a very ugly place. The whole area is made up of Concrete tower blocks typical of modern Soviet cities. There was so much rubbish - 70,000 people live in the blocks, and the local council never removed it. The situation was not good for people's health."

The initial clean-up operation was performed by residents of the blocks using equipment loaned from the over-stretched local council, with local schools taking on areas for specific projects. After much work, the land is now home to an outside theatre and a sports ground, as well as newly planted community gardens and on-going tree

planting programme. Happily, the former dump is now a central focus for community action and socialising - providing safe clean space for sports and entertainment.

Gogi has been pivotal to the project, initiating discussions among residents and introducing the idea of a sustainable community park in 1997. "For me there were very personal motivations - I live in the blocks and I wanted to make it a healthier, more attractive and sustainable place to live - as well as important social and political ones: The community was breaking down, people were alienated from their social and natural environment, they felt dis-empowered by the

national political situation. I wanted to rebuild our community, bringing back awareness of the rights and obligations of citizenship - encouraging people to take on community responsibilities and deal with their own local issues."

"The response from the local community has been amazing - it's wonderful to have such tangible evidence of success. The park is always full of people playing sports or walking or talking, and there's no doubt that air quality and local health have been improved by the removal of the rubbish dump. The success proves that working together means much nicer cities for people to live in. "



Genetically Modified crop display is decontaminated in broad daylight during the Royal Agricultural Show, 1998.

Urban Gardeners, Havana, Cuba

In 1989 Maria Felix Bonome was a teacher at a local school in the Havana suburb of Cojimar. With the collapse of the Soviet Union and an ensuing economic crisis and food shortage in Cuba, she and her husband - also a teacher - decided to cultivate public land in front of their home. She created a family cooperative urban garden (called "organiponico" in Cuba), which now provides enough food to feed their entire extended family as well as providing produce for the community from eight different vegetable stalls.

"Although it is now recognised across the globe that sustainable agriculture makes the best sense for the future of communities, nations and our planet, it came to Cuba quite accidentally. The 1959 Revolution declared food to be a human right and with the help of massive subsidies and food imports from the Eastern socialist block, hunger and malnutrition were effectively eradicated here. However, by the time of the political crisis, agriculture on the island was anything but

sustainable. Over half of our food was imported and the remainder was grown only in the countryside. The entire food industry depended on the Soviet Union - machinery, grain, fertilisers, pesticides and, critically, gasoline. With the Soviet Union out of the picture, the cities were totally dependent on the countryside for their food, but the lack of gasoline made it impossible to ship farm produce into urban areas and a major food supply crisis ensued."

"The situation demanded a massive government response: At the instigation of the authorities and with absolutely no history of urban gardening to fall back upon, the citizens of Havana began cultivating every single available plot of land - including rooftops and balconies. The City opened an urban agriculture department to support the growers by providing them with seed, technical advice and free land titles for cultivation only. A seed house network was instituted which now numbers 15 - one for every city district - and

chemical fertilisers and pesticides were outlawed.

Now around 20,000 inhabitants of Havana are directly involved in organic urban gardening and the results have been spectacular. Half of the island's food is now grown in the cities with Havana providing 30% of its own vegetables, and the population has really begun to show the health benefits of locally produced fresh food with improved vitamin A and C intakes."

Sustainable urban gardening brought Cuba back from the brink, and Maria has not only provided her community with food, but helped pull them through a very difficult period. Her place in Havana's history is guaranteed, and yet she is by no means alone - she and her husband are examples of the exceptional level of community involvement and com-mitment that can be found on street corners all over the city.

Carnival of the dispossessed

Carnival drumming can turn the world upside-down. It's the voice of thunderous resistance. That's why the European colonialists first targeted the native drums; silence them and you kill the spirit.

Outside the world's financial centres, traditional carnivals or fiestas have survived to this day in country areas, energising and connecting each home in the village. People get to know each other, sing in each other's homes, reclaim the streets. In England, by contrast, the money-making classes put an end to all this. Banning May Day, Midsummer's Eve and other such "licentious" pagan rites, the devotees of profit eventually robbed us of our dances, our carnivals, our collective spirit and power. Cromwell even tried to abolish Christmas.

Humans are much like other intelligent animals in that we love to play. Prevent a kitten or puppy from playing and it may still survive. But much of life's meaning will have vanished. Young chimpanzees enjoy playing tickle and chase games with each other. But in their case as with most mammals, adult life tends to be competitive, producing anxieties and jealousies about food and sex. As chimps reach adulthood, play-fights mostly turn into serious contests for social dominance – whereupon the play stops. If you're ridden with anxieties, it isn't easy to play.

Since prehistoric times, humans have tried not to let that happen. We know from the archeological record that hunter-gatherers

during the Ice Age made flutes and other musical instruments. They clearly devoted immense time and energy to what might be termed "adult play" – singing, dancing, drumming, hallucinogenic trance. The whole of symbolic language and culture – that special thing which makes Homo sapiens so unusual – might even be conceptualised as "adult play writ large".

Wherever people put community first and personal gain second, periodic carnivals of necessity come to the fore. Without shared songs, dances or rituals, there can be no cultural meanings, solidarity or identity. Unless carnival takes over whole streets, then neighbourhoods are dead. Women and children are then isolated in their disempowered, silent homes. Where traffic and associated anxieties eliminate street-life, then tower blocks, housing estates and neighbourhoods might as well be graveyards.

Many of us treasure childhood memories of what it felt like to be free to skip in the street and play. Too often as adults, we discover we've lost that secret. The stresses and anxieties of life have become too much. We've forgotten how to play. We know in our hearts, though, that when this happens, life has lost its meaning.

The contemporary capitalist globalisation offensive is designed to achieve just that. People must stop wasting time on living. The trick is to make each one of us fear for our

personal future. Economic anxiety must be extended into all corners of life. Nobody must have security at work; neither must we be allowed to thrive outside the system. Casualisation means no economic security. Unemployment makes those in work feel afraid. Everyone must be thrown into such anxiety and stress that nothing counts any more – except making enough money to survive. There must be no time, apart from money-making time. In Britain, they've even succeeded in abolishing Sundays; shopworkers, like much of the workforce, must now treat the end of the week like any other day.

If we're ridden with anxieties, then we can't dance or play. That's what our rulers want. No stretch of time must be beyond their money-making grasp. If we're prioritising money on every day of the week, then they've won. Money first: people and planet second. But the converse is also true. If we're enjoying ourselves in our thousands as we dance in their time and their space – then we've glimpsed how to save the planet and turn their world upside down!

Well today, here we are – enjoying ourselves in our thousands in financial centres across the globe. Are we anxious? Concerned about the long-term financial consequences? Enough is enough! You poor take courage; you rich, take care. We don't need states or borders – just dancing in the streets. Get a drum – and see you at the Millennium Dome on New Year's Eve.



Doing the right thing?

Like it or not, we live in interesting times. The most interesting times that our species has ever seen.

Never before have social relationships between human beings and between ourselves and the planet been so complicated. And so unequal. And never has the way we secure our survival and happiness had such an impact on the way others try to do the same. The decisions we make during the day – from filling the car with petrol on the way to work in the morning to grabbing a burger at lunchtime – send countless ripples across the 'global village' pond.

Doing the right thing takes a fair amount of physical and imaginative effort; so it's disturbing to visualise the blood of people in the Niger Delta which

flowed to fill our car with petrol, and it seems abstract and distant to think of areas of thriving, inhabited forest the size of Wales cut down to provide grazing for the cows in our burgers.

And these are really just examples. Follow the trail of clues from any of everything to your own individual needs and desires – "I have to earn a living", "You only live once", "It's a dog eat dog world". Or you could look to some external, trusted authority for guidance. You could place your trust in the law, in religion, in 'ethics commissions', in raw science or just the friendly televisual face of Trevor McDonald.

Most of us would like to live our lives without causing harm to others. Yet to do this we must take responsibility for our

own actions and for the social of course – it's not yet doing the right things, not completely.

Our resistance is not only about destroying capitalism, it's also about finding right ways of living. But in order to find right ways of living and right ways to relate with each other (produce, have fun, dance, sing, love, judge, disagree, play, discuss, reach agreement, etc.), we need to come together with others who are attempting to do the same, in their own localities, right across the world. To do the right thing then is to learn from each other while building new social relationships which allow us to satisfy our needs and still be able to sleep at night.

We live in interesting times alright. Times which will determine the future

direction and evolution of the human species – and every other species on this planet. The choices we make today will define the world in which everything will live, or even if it will live at all. So if you're one of those City workers who won't be able to satisfy their pragmatic "needs" on June 18th, and will instead be forced to take a day off work and – who knows? – maybe even dance in the streets: think maybe about the last time you asked "Am I doing the right thing?"

Notes on an Ecology of Everyday Life

Ecology is as much about desire as it is about need. When activists take to the streets to fight the corporate power that threatens environmental and health safety, they also take over those streets, creating a carnivalesque demand for community, pleasure, and meaning. Born out of the call for enough clean water, air, and land to survive, ecology is also the demand for a particular quality of life worth living.

This desire for an ecological way of life carries within it the nascent demand for an ecological society, a demand that has potentially revolutionary implications. For once we collectively translate this desire into political terms, we are able to challenge a global system that enslaves most of the world's inhabitants, forcing them to forgo their desires, lowering their ecological expectations to the level of mere sustenance. Keeping desire within the ecology movement keeps our demand for satisfaction, vitality, and meaning alive, invigorating our ability to envision a socially and ecologically desirable society.

We need to rethink desire in social rather than romantic or individualistic terms. This is crucial because, while our society offers us a variety of ways to describe the many dimensions of romantic and individualistic desire, we are offered a paltry vocabulary to describe a social understanding of desire. We are saturated by consumerist rhetoric of 'personal satisfaction', yet rarely do we hear eloquent discussion about the craving for a free and non-hierarchical society. Our society worships at the fountain of capitalism. Its insatiable waters of material greed and sexual domination drown any desire to regenerate cooperative social and ecological relationships.



Yet while we need to rethink our understanding of desire, we also have to rethink our understanding of nature. 'Nature' cannot be the 'country home' of our desires, that place we run to in our dreams, longing to escape the pain and confusion of life at the end of the twentieth century. An ecology of everyday life translates the desire for 'nature' into a social desire to create a society that is whole, humane, and meaningful.

Nature is not a pure and abstract thing removed from the everyday lives of people living in cities, suburbs, and towns. By bringing the idea of 'nature' down to earth, ecology becomes the very stuff of our everyday lives: the crowded street in our neighbourhood, the water with which we wash our clothes, both skyscraper and smoke-stack, as well as the plants, animals, and other creatures with whom we share this planet.

An ecology of everyday life transforms ecology from a lofty romantic venture into an ongoing everyday labour of love. Ecology is just as much about providing day-care for parents attending organising meetings and fighting to save urban neighbourhoods from roadbuilding and gentrification as it is about protecting forests and green spaces.

Removing the idea of nature from its pristine and static display case, we may see it for what it is: a dazzling and dynamic evolutionary process that continues to unfurl about us and within us. By recognising our minds, our hands, our bones and our hearts as part of a collective natural history — as an evolutionary inheritance — we become outraged by the pollution that we are forced to breathe into our lungs, transforming it into a moral outrage that is fuel for revolutionary action.

Once we are able to locate ourselves within this evolution, we can begin to measure our everyday lives as they could be rather than as they are. Suddenly the dull office job, the lonely neighbourhood, the poverty or even the unsatisfying privilege — all take on new meaning.

Ecology provides a lens through which we may take a long and often excruciating look at our own lives, a chance to evaluate the quality of our relationships, both local and global. And if we are not heartened by what we see, we realise that we have an enormous challenge before us. For once we appreciate the interconnectedness of life, we understand that we cannot simply work to save a certain species of plant or animal. We realise that we must also transform society itself.

In turn, the demand for an ecological society cannot be reduced to an individual or personal quest for a better quality of life. It must be a social desire to fight for the quality of life for all, a desire that ultimately requires a dramatic restructuring of political, social, and economic institutions. It asks that we transform our love for nature into a revolutionary activist politics that strives to bring to society the best of what we long for when we talk about "nature."

We need to rethink our desires to 'simplify' our lives, or our desires to create autonomous zones in which we can seek asylum from the deadening society that capitalism creates in its own image. In addition, we must begin to grapple with "the complexity of complicity": a recognition that, despite attempts to extricate ourselves from systems of injustice through personal choices about how we will live, because of the pervasiveness of overlapping systems of power, we will always remain embedded, and thus complicit within, institutions like global capitalism, the State, racism and sexism.

The desire to rebuild our lives represents a kind of 'visionary freedom' that goes beyond the 'protest freedom' that has become prominent within social movements. While we must express our freedom to protest against the inhumanity of our

times, it is also vital that we actualise our freedom to envision a world of our own making.

If we are to express visionary freedom, then we have to begin to ask ourselves what kind of society should we begin to envision? To envision a new kind of ecological society, we need a new kind of passionate politics, a new idea of what it means to be politically engaged. We must demand a revolutionary democracy in which citizens are no longer dominated by, or excluded from, the nation-State. We may re-create ourselves as state-less citizens empowered to directly manage our everyday lives.

We must develop a new understanding of citizenship that is not defined in relation to capital or to the nation-states, nation, but is instead, defined in opposition to capital and the nation-state. We may become revolutionary citizens defined in relation to local communities that are part of a larger confederation of self-governing bodies. We may become "a community of communities." This new way of thinking about political regeneration is called libertarian municipalism. Developed by social ecologist Murray Bookchin, libertarian municipalism proposes a way for members of communities to reclaim existing local political forums, or to create extra-legal citizen forums, gradually transforming them into citizens assemblies: forums in which we may gather together as members of communities to directly manage our own everyday lives.

Libertarian municipalism is a way in which we may publicly seize our power as political actors, taking back decision-making power from professional politicians, states, corporations, and transnational apparatuses such as the WTO. As members of municipalities form local groups engaged in the process of political transformation, we may confederate with other groups from other municipalities to create a true rapport de force, a coordinated and united counter-power to the State and capital. If we do not find this deadening world desirable, then we must do more than protest: we must create another.

To fulfil its revolutionary potential, ecology must become the desire to infuse the objects, relationships, and practices of everyday life with the same quality of integrity, beauty, and meaning that people in industrial capitalist contexts commonly reserve for "nature." It means recasting many of the values often associated with nature within social terms, seizing the power to create new political institutions that encourage, rather than obstruct, the expression of a social desire for a cooperative, pleasurable, and ecological society.

An ecology of everyday life is about reaching for this desirable society, reclaiming our humanity as we reclaim our abilities to reason, dream, and to make decisions about our own communities. It is about looking into the uncharted 'wilderness' of direct-democracy itself, that delicious, empowering, and deeply social process through which we become a truly humane expression of that 'nature' for which we have yearned all along.

Is there Life After June 18th?

The June 18th day of action has brought together a wide range of groups taking action on a massive range of issues. It's not just about one day, it's about building a movement. From the global to the local it's about taking back control of our lives

The following is a totally random collection of events, contacts, rants and resources sent in to ES by groups from around the country. It's a tiny selection that makes no claim to be comprehensive or to represent the diversity of exciting stuff there is happening, but it hopefully gives an idea of how easy it is to get involved!

If you've been inspired empowered intrigued, or bemused by today's events, and want to find out more about resistance to social injustice, environmental destruction, globalisation and corporate bad guys, there are literally thousands of things you could do next.

- ➔ Get in touch with one of these groups.
- ➔ Get along to some of these meetings, actions or events.
- ➔ Take a look at (or subscribe to!) the many publications giving you the news you don't get on the News.
- ➔ Get on the Web and find out what's going on in your back yard and on the other side of the world!

Thinking local...

BIRMINGHAM: NO MORE ROADS!

We are a group of protesters from the Birmingham Northern Relief Road (B.N.R.R.) protest camp come down to the big city. The BNRR is Britians first toll motorway cutting through areas of natural beauty and the Midlands ever decreasing green land. If you see us come over and say hello and get some details. More protestors and stuff always needed to keep the battle against the construction companies going!! If you want to get in touch the no is: 07931 161761. Hey Hey Hey!!

BRISTOL:

Bristol Reclaim the Streets- July 10th meet 12 noon Castle Park March at 1pm. Bring colour, noise, energy, music, footballs

Anti-War Actions - Weekly, meet at 10am at the Hippodrome in the town centre Visits to army bases and direct action against the bomb makers! Bristol Activists Against the War: contact Kebele 0117 939 3093

STOP PRESS: Activists in Bristol have squatted The Bishopston Community Centre (Originally a church) which has been closed by the Church of England who were threatening to sell it.

BRIGHTON: THE REBEL ALLIANCE

The Rebel Alliance - Brighton's forum for direct action groups who organise as equals, without leaders, outside and against all political parties We share news and information about direct action events, building community resistance and creating grassroots alternatives to the crap presented by governments, corporations and the media. It's an opportunity for groups and individuals to meet, network and socialise. Meet 7pm, upstairs at the Hobgoblin Pub, London Road, Brighton on the last Wednesday of every month. The next meetings will be on Wednesday 30th June, Wednesday 28th July.

LONDON:

Sick of London's rat race mentality, pollution, and apathy? Wanna get involved in fighting back and finding solutions? Don't know where to start? Come along to the Action Alliance: A new forum for direct action news & events in London It's a chance for old and new activists to hear short announcements from a whole range of groups about what's going on in London - and to socialise! Wednesday July 7 1999 at 7.30pm at "The Church", opposite Abney Park

Cemetary, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N16. Public transport: Stoke Newington BR, 73 bus from Kings Cross. (To Green Lanes: 141, 341. To Stoke Newington High St: 67, 76, 149, 243). All welcome.

MANCHESTER:

Monday 21 Party Against the Runway- Arthur's Wood. Get a bus or train to the airport then walk towards the Cargo Centre and out onto the A538. Go down the A538 towards Wilmslow and turn off at the roundabout onto the Styal Road. Immediately turn right towards the Moathouse Hotel. Follow the bridlepath on the left hand side to the camp. Info: (07931 931850/01226 764279, pp3mo@aol.com) Manchester EF! Dept 29, 255 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 5LW 0161 226 6884 mancef@nematode.freereserve.co.uk

NORWICH:

Norwich Direct Action Forum Direct Action Forum exists to improve communications between individuals and groups that use direct action, to raise awareness of these groups and to provide a point of contact for people interested in getting involved. We focus on Direct Action rather than any particular issue as we recognise the interconnectedness of various struggles and see Direct Action-

people acting on their own terms- as the best way to effect meaningful change.

The Forum is not where things actually get put together, but rather the place where you might meet the people you want to work with. It focuses feedback from various groups about what they are doing, followed by time to ask questions and propose new projects, plus a video showing or speaker.

Critical Mass - Norwich Cycle Shenanigans on the streets of Norwich Last Saturday of EVERY month, Meet at the Old Library Car Park 2pm. Bring your Bike, Skateboard, Feet, Hanggliders.....Now with added Sound System!

Norfolk EF! The Greenhouse 42-46 Bethel Street Norwich NR2 1NR

OXFORD:

The Oxford J18 coalition is gearing up to a summer of resistance and celebration cutting through issues like genetix, greenbelt- housing, subvertising, transport, asylum rights and much more. We're arranging a monthly 'Campaigns Update' meeting and social which will allow groups and individuals to share ideas, resources and people; and help to further connect the many radical groups of Oxford. Contact: Oxford Community Action,

c/o Box G, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford, OX4 1RQ. Email: oca@oxyace.co.uk

SCOTLAND:

Pressmennan. ~60 trees down, over 300 to go in the Autumn, occupation required to be set up before that time Landowners have to stop felling ancient woods and the Forestry Commission have got to stop encouraging them, in these illegal activities. In meantime all we can do is stand in way of the chain saws and draw attention to the issue. All due processes have been exhausted so its down to direct action. Contact WAND c/o PO Box 1021, Edinburgh, EH8 9PW

YORK: LEAF will be holding a picnic and protest nr Menwith Hill spybase on the 20th of June. Meet 11am Harrogate stn. Email socs203@york.ac.uk or mail YorkLEAF, SU ctr, Uni of York, Heslington, York, YO1 5DD

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CAMPAGN AGAINST ARMS TRADE **Close Down The UK's Arms SuperMarket!**

The Defence Systems & Equipment International (DSEI) arms exhibition. (Sept 14-17th '99, London)

The biggest UK event of the year for fat cats who profit from human misery: 25,000 square metres of warmongery, and the government is using over £25,000 of taxpayers' money to fund the event.

Join CAAT's biggest campaign to date!
Contact: (0171) 281 0297

Earth First! **Summer Gathering 1999**

The UK EFi Gathering is a time for activists to come together, deliberate, organise actions, & relax. Four days of workshops on issues relevant to activism today. Send an SAE to receive directions to the site. £10 on the gate to cover costs. Sorry, no dogs but please contact us if this is a major problem. To receive a more detailed flier send an SAE to the address below.

18th-23rd August 1999, East Anglia
0113 262 9365 gathering99@iname.com
c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB
www.eco-action.org/gathering

TARGET TARMAC.

Tarmac have destroyed some of the most beautiful countryside in the country, and are guilty of way too many dodgy practices to list here. Yet they are the company when it comes to commercial greenwash and have won awards for the environmental practice from both the RSPB and John Prescott.

EF! Big Days Out!

As a movement we need to show this greenwash for what it is. Show the world that despite their rhetoric a capitalist construction company whose prime concern will always be profit can't be trusted to look after the future of our environment and our communities. There will be a national action targeting a Tarmac site in Midlands on **July 17th** for further details contact 07971 755 823 in July. Bring yourself, some friends and whatever tat you think useful.

BLATANT INCITEMENT

"The Blatant Incitement Project exists to empower people to organise, without hierarchy, for radical action by sharing skills, knowledge and inspiration." It's a nationwide network of skill sharing which so far includes NVDA workshops, ecological events for kids, slideshows, political musicians, and school education programmes. You can offer or request skills or workshops, putting in as much or little time as you want.

Contact c/o Manchester EF!
Or <doinit@nematode.freeserve.co.uk>

The Land Is Ours - A Landrights Movement for Britain

Peacefully campaigning for access to land, its resources, and the decisionmaking processes affecting them, for everyone, irrespective of race, age or gender.' Contact: Box E, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ +44 (0)1865 722016 <http://www.oneworld.org/tlio>

"Was the earth made to preserve a few covetous, proud men to live at ease, and for them to bag and barn up the treasures of the earth from others, that these may beg or starve in a fruitful land; or was it made to preserve all her children?" Gerrard Winstanley *The New Law of Righteousness, 1649*

MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE

Building a grassroots movement to fight racism/homophobia in the police, prisons, mental health institutions etc... Organising in communities to empower people to fight against the fascists. Meetings most Thursday evenings at 366 Brixton Road, SW2 (next to Tesco Petrol Station) Tel: 07957 696636.

The Solidarity Federation is a revolutionary union run directly for workers by workers.

LONG HOURS? NO BREAKS? UNSAFE AND UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS?

From Bangladesh to Broadgate, bosses will continue to exploit us as long as we remain divided, unorganised and apathetic. If we want change, we have to do it ourselves through direct action. This starts in small ways: Like getting together with your workmates and challenging your boss at work, without getting the sack.

ORGANISING AT WORK: The Future's Red & Black!

We are anarcho-syndicalists and believe that workers ourselves are the best people to take control of how we work, what we produce and how things are run.

- We offer help, advice and regular support surgeries for workers:
- Ways to get other workers meeting and organising together.
- Information, our own experience, and resources to help you.
- Research advice (e.g. into company profits/health and safety regulations)
- Help with support for pickets and collections for hardship money.
- A national and international federation of groups for solidarity actions.

Contact: 0181 374 5027 (State clearly that messages are for the Solidarity Federation)
www.gn.apc.org/SolFed or Direct Action Magazine www.directa.force9.co.uk.

RESOURCES:

Earth First! Action Update

Earth First! is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar philosophies to work under. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

The Earth First! Action Update is a monthly roundup of Direct Action news from around the UK and beyond, an essential networking tool for those engaged in radical resistance. It's written by activists for activists, is non-profit making and is based on non-hierarchical principles and rotating production teams.

Subscriptions cost £5 for 12 for individual subscribers, £12 for overseas, negotiable to groups and free to prisoners. We need donations, subscriptions, reports and distribution!

We want your reports of June 18th - and other actions Earth First! Action Update c/o CRC 16 Sholebroke Avenue, LS7 3HB, Leeds. actionupdate@gn.apc.org 0113 262 9365

SchNEWS The UK's weekly direct action newsletter...
www.schnews.org.uk

Produced in Brighton by a bunch of jokers who obviously have too much time and a few too many ideas about what comedy is. 'Informal networking' (ha) and lots of sarcasm and information for action aimed at the logic of global capital and the exploitation of the poor and dispossessed by bosses and other minions of control.

Send first class stamps (one for each issue) or donations (payable to Justice?) to SchNEWS c/o On the Fiddle, PO Box 2600, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2DX. Or get it via email <schnews@brighton.co.uk> or off the web at <<http://www.schnews.org.uk>>.

We also publish a yearly collection containing 50 SchNEWS and assorted articles with ideas on how to fight back. New annual out now!

Other Useful and Interesting Publications:

Squaring Up to the Square Mile, The Corporate Watchers Address Book and many other cool Corporate Watch publications (contact CW)

New Internationalist, monthly magazine reporting on world poverty and inequality and the fight for alternatives- www.newint.org (01858) 439616

When Corporations Rule the World, D. Korten, pub. Earthscan 1995

The case against the Global Economy and for a turn towards the local. Ed. Goldsmith and Mander, Sierra Club Books, 1996.

Global Village or Global Pillage, J. Brechter and T. Costello, South End Press, 1998.

And coming soon, an open discussion paper on the theory and ideas behind and a **critical analysis of June 18th**. Submit your thoughts to Reclaim the Streets, PO Box 9656, London N4 4JY. (Or rts@gn.apc.org)

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National Genetic Engineering SMASH

Action on July 31st at 12noon. For more details contact 07808 191858 or smashgenetics@yahoo.com.

This is the summer of our discontent...

"The Earth is not dying, it is being killed, and those who are killing it have names and addresses" - Utah Philips.

Corporate Watch Publications

Uncovering corporate wrongdoings
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Corporate Watch also works as an **independent research unit**, conducting professional research for campaigners against corporations. To date, research has been carried out for Greenpeace UK, the UK June 18th Coalition, Genetics Forum, and others.

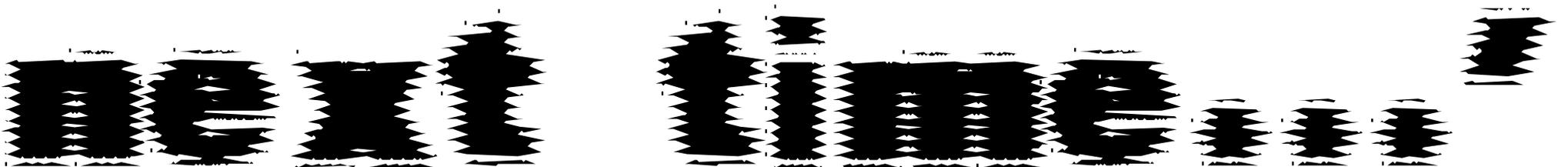
Corporate Watch is a member of **INK**, the Independent News Collective. For details of other **INK** publications write to: **INK, 170 Portobello Road, London W11 2EB.**

Check out these websites and their links:

- www.agp.org- People's Global Action Network
- www.j18.org- June 18th!
- www.gn.apc.org/rts- Reclaim the Streets
- www.oneworld.org- loads of good links
- www.essential.org- links to cool US stuff
- www.tao.ca- inspiring Anarchist link page
- www.corpwatch.org- Corporate Watch (US)
- www.urban75.com- alternative web-zine
- www.undercurrents.org- Direct Action video
- www.adbusters.org- Culture Jamming

"If you go to one demonstration and then go home, that's something, but people in power can live with that. What they can't live with is sustained pressure that keeps on building, groups that keep doing things, people that learn from the last time and do it better

“If you think you
are too small to
make a difference,
try sleeping with
a mosquito.”





Grown men running around in brightly coloured pyjamas – what will sponsors ask cricketers to do next? **see page 74**



Who picked Ronaldo, his manager or Nike?

RONALDO, the world's most expensive footballer, again played while injured last night. The Brazilian national side drew 2-2 in a special centenary match against Barcelona, with Ronaldo looking exhausted. Across the sports world more and more fans claim corporations have taken over football, and increasingly the lives of the players involved.

The leaked contract of Nike's reputed £200 million Brazilian sponsorship deal states that Nike can dictate when, where and against which sides the world's most famous football club will play five times every year until 2006. The contract states that the team must be the full strength national side. The small print makes clear that Ronaldo's presence, regardless of form, is a necessity.

The game between Brazil and Nike-sponsored Barcelona, the biggest club in the world, was Nike's finest corporate showpiece. The centre of the show was, despite being plagued by injury, Ronaldo, whose personal sponsorship with Nike is £10 million a year. As Jose Texeira, Ronaldo's childhood friend from their slum in Rio de Janeiro, commented 'Ronaldo has no say, no idea what he's doing. He is controlled by the businesses'.

Last year Nike was again at the centre of allegations for using its financial clout to

EXCLUSIVE by Luther Blissett

influence games. In the World Cup final in France, Ronaldo again played whilst clearly unfit to do so. Conflicting stories of what happened and persistent rumours suggest Nike ordered the World Cup favourites to play Ronaldo for their own commercial advantage. A Nike spokes person replied at the time, 'Nike wants to emphasise that the reports of such involvement is absolutely false'.

In 1997 a new deal between Ronaldo and his last club Barcelona broke down, allegedly over the way Nike and the club would split the £30 million needed to keep him there. Ronaldo was then linked to other clubs. Eventually, again in mysterious circumstances, Ronaldo signed for the £125 million Nike-sponsored club Inter Milan. It seems that Ronaldo, in Nike's eyes, is far from being a human being, but merely another source of profit, like a factory, or their Vietnamese workers on £1 a day.

Of course, nobody should blame Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima for any of this. As his Brazilian team-mate and friend Roberto Carlos da Silva says, "Football is a route out of poverty. Brazil is a land of social tension, and football takes our mind off it" he adds "in fact, if we didn't have football we'd have a revolution in Brazil". Perhaps the world of corporate-football is not the place where we should invest our dreams.



English team first to play Zapatistas

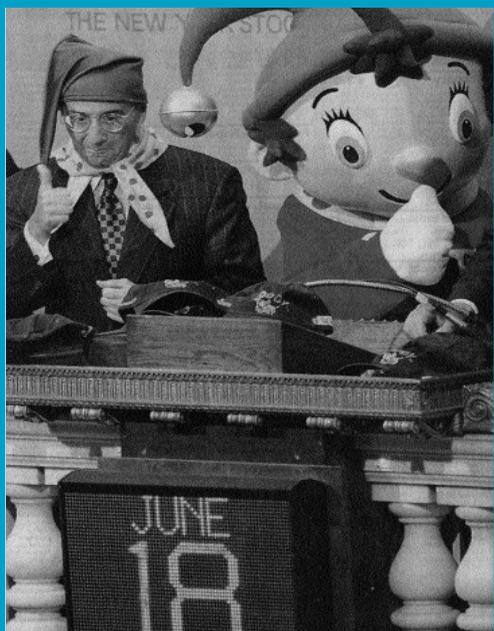
BRISTOL'S Sunday football team the 'Eastern Cowboys' became the first foreign team to play the a series of Mexican Zapatista teams since the indigenous people of Chiapas, took back control of their land and communities, in 1994.

Despite the heat, ban on alcohol, and constant army surveillance, Roger Wilson, Cowboy centre-half said, "We had a great time and the football was excellent. We have learnt a lot from these courageous people. They have shown us what is possible when you get together and organise with a vision for a better future."

The star of the tournament, who wore a trade-mark bandana to conceal his identity, and know only as "Jock of the Jungle" said, 'never has the old saying that football breaks down barriers been so true.'

MALE PROBLEMS

GROWN MEN PLAYING FRENZIED VIDEO GAMES AND DRESSING UP IN SILLY COSTUMES ?



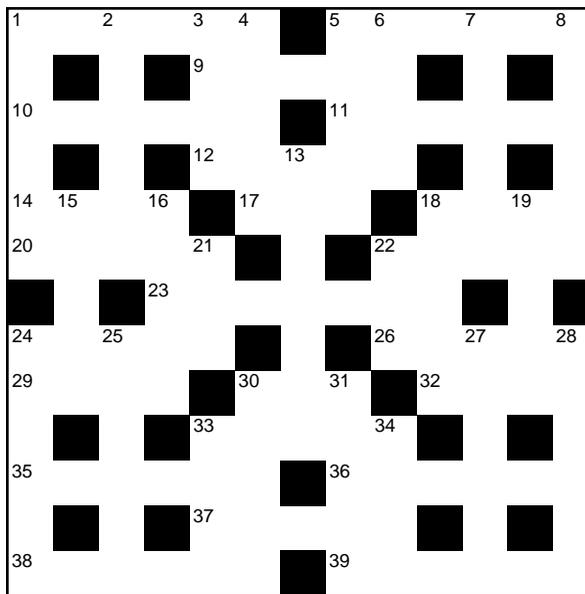
Richard Grasso head of the New York Stock Exchange, gives thumbs up to June the 18th day of action after Noddy occupies the trading floor.

QUICK CROSSWORD

Check the type of action taking place in each country on June 18th

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Australia (6) | 1 Bangladesh (6) |
| 5 Zimbabwe (6) | 2 Malta (6) |
| 9 Poland (5) | 3 Nepal (4) |
| 10 India (6) | 4 Italy (5) |
| 11 Austria (9) | 5 Germany (5) |
| 12 France (5) | 6 Brazil (4) |
| 14 Nigeria (4) | 7 Canada (6) |
| 17 Indonesia (3) | 8 Belarus (6) |
| 18 Senegal (4) | 13 Wales (7) |
| 20 Greece (5) | 15 Mexico (5) |
| 22 Scotland (5) | 16 Spain (5) |
| 23 Basque Country (6) | 18 England (5) |
| 24 South Korea (4) | 19 Czech Republic (5) |
| 26 Thailand (3) | 21 Sweden (3) |
| 29 Malaysia (6) | 22 Argentina (3) |
| 30 Uruguay (7) | 24 Finland (6) |
| 32 Switzerland (4) | 25 Ireland (6) |
| 33 Romania (3) | 27 Colombia (6) |
| 35 Chile (6) | 28 USA (6) |
| 36 Netherlands (5) | 30 Portugal (5) |
| 37 Israel (4) | |

Disclaimer: This crossword does not work, we have better things to do with our time.



Today's Answers

ACROSS: 1, Carnival 5, Demonstration 9, March 10, Protest 11, Street Theatre 12, Music 14, Laughter-Parade 17, Dance 18, Self-Expression 20, Picket 22, Empowerment 23, Rebellion 24, Defiance 26, Revolution 29, Festival 30, Parade 32, Party 33, Anarchy 35, Takeover 36, Office Invasion 37, DOWN: 1, Leafletting 2, Communication 3, Comedy 4, Creativity 5, Freedom 6, Cooperation 7, Deconstruction 8, Construction 13, Evolution 15, Celebration 16, Direct Action 18, Solidarity 19, Opposition 21, Festivity 22, Diversity 24, Resistance 25, Occupation 27, Squat 28, Strike 30, Blockade



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Ultimately

It is in the streets that power must be dissolved, for the streets where daily life is endured, suffered and eroded, and where power is confronted and fought, must be turned in to the domain where daily life is enjoyed, created and nourished.

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