

# Lettuce to the Cabbage

## Come on in Number 7—Your Time is Up...

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### Fuck Off!

Dear Do or Die!

Publish this! Ha Ha Ha!!! Publish an article that slags us off! Print loads of inaccuracies in the article! Refuse us a right to reply! Waste a quarter of a page telling people that you refused us a right to reply! And then you ask us to help you distribute it! FUCK OFF!

With love from the corporate sell-out department at Undercurrents.

### You're Crap

Dear DoD,

Thanks for carrying Gandalf news and London Greenpeace's defiance pledge (pp.129-131)—even if your report was crap.

We don't "mix up...revolutionary calls with concerns for civil liberties". We're clear the basis of the *bourgeois* State is the social contract and the Gandalf prosecution's tyrannical negation of rights of expression, association and conscience justifies a revolutionary response, even in *their* terms. Just because your writer's so mixed up he can't get beyond his liberalism doesn't mean this message should be obscured from your readers so *they* are prevented from responding appropriately too.

Re. "winning", our main role is to discredit Gandalf trials so they can't be used to legitimise conspiracy/incitement laws as a generalised repressive instrument against the direct action movement. Through this, we can hope to discredit the State as a whole in our small way. If the State's shown to deny our rights rather than guarantee them, justice can only come about through its revolutionary abolition. If we acknowledge any of their procedures, it's only to show they're self-serving and/or absurd. For example, combining burning the judge in effigy on 2nd February 1998 with applying to him to stand down on grounds of personal animosity towards the defendants effectively showed the impossibility of justice in this case. Similarly, appeals to liberal bodies have largely been made to show how useless they are rather than to divert campaigning into futile, piecemeal lobbying. Rarely, they have proved useful

despite themselves. *Index*, for example, effectively took direct action bypassing State censorship by putting 'inciting' texts on the Net.

Calling for direct action, a revolutionary response to the Gandalf prosecution isn't "promot[ing] the revolutionary politics of Green Anarchist" as your writer offensively suggests. It's just a common-sense response to political prosecution. There's nothing specifically anarcho-primitivist in it. Anarcho-primitivism in an anti-ideological tendency anyway—we would no more want to impose it on any animal lib ideologues sharing the dock with us than anyone else!



As Camatte and Colli argue in *On Organisation*, propaganda represses revolutionary consciousness rather than raising it—if they're right,

our ideas are already in everyone's heads anyway!

As your report didn't mention it, I should say here that MI5 want to use the Gandalf prosecution to showcase 'eco-terrorism' and make work post-Cold War. During her 1994 Dimpleby lecture, Stella Rimington said 'subversion' was down and 'terrorism' was up. A vengeful New Labour is now decimating the counter-subversion section. As F2's staff move on to become 'counter-terrorists' they're refilling *us* accordingly. So at the last Gandalf trial, Selwood denounced writers ('subversives') as 'terrorists' for *supporting* direct action, not even *taking* it. We can at best discredit all this by focusing on well-documented *provocateurs* like Tim Hepple (now Matthews) sent into the early-1990s movement to *manufacture* this 'threat'.

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Yours for the destruction of civilisation,  
John Connor, Oxford GA's, BCM 1715, London,  
WC1N 3XX, UK.

PS: How could you end your otherwise sympathetic review of Bob Black's *Anarchy After Leftism* (pp.145-6) by referring readers to Fabian 'Fuckwit' Tompsett's crass cowardly libels?! He's more the anti-Semite than Black, defending convicted Holocaust revisionist Robert Faurissan (see his *Sucked*, p.2), Stewart "Long Live Death" Home and his Evolian fascist buddy Tony Wakeford. You reviewed *5th Estate* in the same issue (p.154), so you know what lying scum the Neoists are! For more info, see Larry O'Hara's *Stewart Home and His Fascist Friends*, BM Box 4769, London WC1N 3XX, UK.

## An Insight From India

Dear Folks,

I was sent a copy of Do or Die No. 6 by The Land is Ours and have been heartened by it. I'm a member of a radical group in India and work here November to March each year, returning to the UK and following the same principles there.

Being away gives perspective. I'm going to work on the basis that the party political AND economic structures are grossly damaging. This I've been already doing, but have not been 'preaching' it. All our other structures/institutions are also destructive. Firstly, on the advice of folks at my centre I have been finding out more about just and sustainable alternatives in the UK—this has become a pleasure now, rather than a chore.

I see great potential in the LETS scheme (not the trademarked systems!) and applications (informal) of the mediation UK type.

Once one of the unthinking and complacent I have become radicalised by a number of forces—my main 'badge' being that of a poll tax refuser. I was enthused when your movement began and I hope to see it continue—beware Porritt's 'Forum for a Future' which is offering Swampy figures a course of education, with various corporates, so that they can put their case in the right way!! Hope all ignore him—or that volunteers are replaced.

Belonging to the generation that landed you all with this mess of pollution and anomie I can only belatedly pull myself together and do what can be done. Positive microtrends are being supported and recorded by such people as Helena Norberg-Hodge (Ancient Futures), Richard Douthwaite (Short Circuit) and James Robertson (read his briefing on

the 'New Economics of Sustainable Development'—better still his 1988 'Sane Alternative'.) Another, Jeremy Seabrook, is taking this up and I hope to arrange a two day exchange to discuss the way forward in Bromsgrove, around April/May.

Before that I'd like to see a few of you and invite you to choose a rep (or two) to join in this discussion. Will be in touch re: this when I get back.

Appreciatively,  
AH

## The UK's Oldest Political Prisoner...

Dear Members,

Thank you for your *Do or Die* copy No. 7, it was appreciated. It makes one think that perhaps Nature itself has its own plan, and that mankind was allowed to climb so far up the evolutionary chain in order to destroy itself and most of the World. How else to explain the blind greed that so many are infected with?



All those in power will not, cannot, make changes in isolation, particularly in the Oil and related industries. I am too old to live to see the day when change for the worse becomes obvious to all, and irreversible.

It would be interesting to see the panic and realisation set in among those who obviously think that they and the dynasties that they are a part of, or hope to found, cannot after all be untouched by the conditions they have created and which *cannot* be bought off no matter how much money they have.

Yes, Nature is tilling its own garden with our help, and what survives or is created in this process can only be another in a long line of experiments. We have the intellect to rise above the challenge, but only by conquering greed and I am afraid that is too strong a trait in too many. Again thank you for so many thought provoking articles.

Sincerely,

Ron Easterbrook B88459, HMP Highdown, Sutton Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM2 5PJ, UK.



## Dead End Workerists?

Dear comrades,

I have issue No. 6 (which is the first *Do or Die* I came across) and I would like to say how very impressed I am by it indeed. Increasingly I am beginning to see that the best and neediest hope for change in society has to occur through eco, environment and lifestyle rather than the old hoped for point of revolution of workplace struggles which take nobody, but nobody, past the end of any particular dispute. Won or lost, capitalism and planet destruction prevails. Challenge to this ugly, wasteful system must now come from a broader, more vital, more far-thinking front.

Best wishes,

FD

## Welsh Authoritarians?

Dear Do or Die,

Over the past couple of years, through the counter-culture and direct action movement, it has been heartening to see anarchists and other radicals moving away from the sectarianism of the past. *Peace News* is supporting the *GA* and *ALF* Defendants, *Green Anarchist* gives positive reviews of the new look *Class War*, and the *May Day '98* conference brings together all types of anarchists, socialists and libertarian leftists to discuss the future. Great stuff!

I do not want to negate any of this good work, but I would like to highlight the dangers of authoritarian groups masquerading under the anarchist/DIY movement's broad banner. Specifically, I refer to a party calling itself *Cymru Goch* (in Welsh, literally, 'Red Wales'), operating from a PO Box number in Wrexham. They have, I understand, already been listed as a Welsh contact in the pages of *Schnews*, *Animal* and possibly other publications.

The group is keen to present itself as an integral part of our grassroots movement, but the briefest examination of them reveals this to be more than a little misleading. *Cymru Goch* is, for starters, heavily statist. It is allied to the *Scottish Republican Socialist Party* in Glasgow, a group openly hostile to anarchism (and, I might add, noted for its venomous misogyny and homophobia). Indeed, one of the few things that anarchists, DIY-ers and Trotskyists all agree on is that the *SRSP* are—er, potty. (They don't have the members to be considered dangerous).

*Cymru Goch*, furthermore, claim their Welsh Republican heritage from the legacy of the *Free Wales Army*, a 1960's terrorist outfit led by ultra-patriot Julian Cayo Evans, eulogised in *Cymru*

*Goch's* paper, '*Y Faner Goch*'. The Angry Brigade they weren't—the *FWA* were racist to such a degree that John Tyndall (then of the *NF*) opened talks with them (see '*To Dream of Freedom*' by Roy Lewes (*Y Lolfa*, 1980)) and they were rabidly KKK-ristian to boot.

In 1996, *Cymru Goch* began negotiations with *Militant Labour* (now *The Socialist Party*) aimed at bringing about a coalition ready to stand in the following year's general election. It was following the failure of this strategy (*Militant* were, quite rightly, suspicious of them!) that the group really pushed to be recognised as a part of the anarchist/DIY underground, talking of its commitment to 'Red, Green and Black' politics. And yet, they have failed to become remotely involved in any DIY struggle in Wales, from the Anti-Election Alliance to the recent campaigns against the building of a McDonald's store in Aberystwyth.

I might, moreover, add that many of the senior party members are academics, and that membership remains overwhelmingly male. Indeed, at least one former female member that I know of quit over the sexism of what she described as the "sweaty, rugby-lad" mentality of the membership.

All this suggests that *Cymru Goch* are another tired cadre of the 'old left', and, like the *WRP's* vampire-like *Reclaim the Future* project, attach themselves to the anarchist/DIY counterculture for ends best described as 'opportunistic'.

Yours sincerely,

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PS: In case you're wondering about my motives for writing the above, no, I have never been a member of *Cymru Goch*, have not fallen out with them and have no personal grudge against anyone involved.

## Clueless Americans?

Dear Do or Die Collective,

Reading your magazine, through the hands of a friend via the *EF!* ho-down up in Oregon or wherever it was, was a great blast of interesting and funny and informative writing. Personally speaking, too much of the *EF!* scene here just pisses me off with its ignorance, separatism from other struggles, and straight out stupidity. Not to say folks here aren't doing important shit, it's just that they're sometimes a bit clueless as to the rest of the planet, or the rest of their own continent, for that matter.

But I liked your 'zine, because of its intelligence, global vision, and, well, its radical-ness. Oh yeah and sense of humour. I'm afraid that I'd have to agree



with your reviewer about our own stateside journal: it's a bit tame politically, and basically has the same navel-gazing world view of most other gringos, with a cool eco-merchandising section. Without sounding too much like a social scientist, I actually do feel there's a sort of anti-intellectual bent in the US that pervades many facets of society. Sometimes it's a helpful thing, and makes people trust themselves over the 'experts', and try anything, but other times it manifests itself as an active unwillingness, or even *fear* of thoroughly discussing things or figuring out where you're coming from, or going to. That's why I liked *Do or Die*, it contained thoughtful and in depth discussions about the directions the radical environmental movement is taking, covering way more intelligently and thoroughly than most of the similar writing I've seen from this side of the Atlantic.

Also, it seems that you don't even question that the radical green movement is inherently connected, in some way, to the 'red' and 'black' movements, while as here I feel like people still think it's a completely separate thing, which is bullshit as far as I'm concerned. So keep up the good work.

Love,  
MP

## A Big Fat Feminist Rant About Sex

Dear Do or Die,

Pregnancy is a political issue. So why are loads of otherwise sorted site girls getting inseminated, and why are most of them either very young or from working class backgrounds? Something seems to be up the duff with our capacity to talk about cultural attitudes to sex and it's leaving a lot of women either emotionally scarred by abortion or up to their ears in nappies. That's an impressively dodgy sweeping statement but from what I've observed this year it seems to be true, and unless a debate is started soon the damage can only get worse.

These pregnancies aren't the result of women who have consciously chosen motherhood as what they want most at this point in their lives, they're accidents. They must be genuine accidents because we can't possibly accept that sexism and even straightforward arrogance and ignorance are rife within parts of the movement. That these women may not be confident enough to demand protection. That their bumps might in part be the product of a mindset which finds it easier to rant about society's inhibited attitudes to orgies than the fact that condoms and other contraceptives are sneered at as Babylonian and distasteful.

It's an unfortunate truth that direct action does have a tendency to OD on testosterone, but usually the boring shadow of sexism is just irritating. When it comes to shagging however, patriarchy becomes positively dangerous. Male dominance in the sleeping bag means that condoms are seen to equate with bad/inhibited sex just because they slightly dull the bloke's sensation and thus delay his orgasm. The fact that this is good news for female pleasure seems to have got lost in the prehistoric notion that women 'give themselves' to men in a procedure where male satisfaction is the ultimate goal.

This sort of bollox is given an eco-warrior twist with the whole 'live life to extremes, every risk is worth it, I am an adventurer in the world of sensual excess unburdened by the shackles of latex' type stuff. Apart from the uncomfortable truth that very little sex is worth risking AIDS for, there is also the small matter of another human being. Of course we have the right to screw up ourselves and our bodies with class A's, dodgy walkways and other strange pleasures, but that liberty can't really be extended to messing with the lives of people we create. Not that I'm denying a lot of people make great emergency parents, but isn't the universe a hard enough place to arrive in without being an inconvenient blip in someone's general world saving/happiness achieving schemes?

I don't know what the answer is to all this, cosy contraceptive lectures round the firepit would hardly aid slop digestion, and a communal stash of rubbers from the local family planning only works if people use them. One way or another though we need to be more open about this, before all that yoghurt about 'protecting the Mother' starts tasting a bit sour. Yours-expecting-lots-of-vociferous-feedback-about-how-it's-'none-of-your-fucking-business-you-preachy-middle-class-twat'  
Nanny Cunt of the Durex marketing board

## Dilution by Acceptance...

Dear Do or Die,

Issue seven made many good points on the media's relationship with direct action: in particular, the review of *Gathering Force* was valuable in revealing the 'recuperation' tactic of dilution by acceptance. The same tactic also applies to more 'reasonable' campaigns, which have been overwhelmed by government consultation exercises of dubious sincerity. The new regional government structures promise 'a seat at the table,' so should we stop shouting outside?

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It's vital to be heard at all levels... but experience from the campaign Bills, public inquiries and Agenda 21 shows a vast democratic deficit. Take the Hastings Bypass Public Inquiry of 1995-6, which in July 1998 said the road should go ahead, with even this decision now subject to yet more bureaucratic, semi-clandestine 'study'.

I've been involved in South Coast Against Roadbuilding (SCAR) which, while not undertaking direct action as such, has been an excellent network for local anti-roads groups. Your Personality Politics article (see *Do or Die* No. 7, page 35) is right to question media coverage, but I have no problem with media stunts as long as that is the clear aim: with Fairmile, this wasn't the case, hence trivialising the issue. SCAR has done a lot of photo-stunts, and fought the Hastings inquiry hard. We even had the 'award-winning' Emma Must (and we never called her that!). But for all our expert witnesses, the system prevailed.

Regional government could be the biggest 'recuperation' ever, with SCAR and other groups forming a network to feed into it. But if the system starts to control them, they lose the cutting edge. The danger lies in respecting the 'shadow' role too literally, rather than allowing grassroots campaigns to find their own agenda (and, if necessary, 'unrespectable' tactics). Taking the SCAR example, we began in order to shadow the DOT's agenda for a Folkestone to Honiton super-bypass...which was the opposite of divide and rule. But regional government is *exactly* that. Roads, airports and development cross many boundaries, and losing the wider view creates a parochial outlook. Pandering to the official line without scepticism, 'reasonable' campaigners can be manipulated no less than the radical activists. It's best to trust your instincts!

Captain Gasmask

## Bob Black's Bits...

Dear Do or Die,

Both the merits and limitations of my book *Anarchy after Leftism* are implicit in its first sentence: "This small book is nothing more than a critique of another small book, Murray Bookchin's *Social Anarchism or Lifestyle Anarchism: An Unbridgeable Chasm*." This was all I promised. If I delivered a little more, as your reviewer suggests (and I like to think), so much the better, but a book taking this form is bound to be more critical than constructive. I don't have to have all the right answers to notice that Bookchin has the wrong ones.

In itself, it is not too important that Bookchin now contradicts his earlier writings, and on a large scale.



A bigger man than Bookchin would acknowledge his mistakes and recount what he has learnt from them. After all, he claims to be a dialectician. But Bookchin, like Big Brother, is always right. In *SALA* he savages a motley array of critics and rivals, arraigned as co-defendants, as

"lifestyle anarchists", although only he perceives the essential equivalence of their iniquity: to anyone else, all they seem to have in common is Bookchin's hatred. It's not just that these villains disagree with him now, the worst of it is they *agree* with him *back when*. As I wrote in *AAL*: "Some of us believed him then. Now he tells us we were wrong, although he never tells us *he* ever was. Why should we believe him now?"

I dealt with Bookchin as a leftist because in *SALA* (Inshallah?) he cast himself as inheritor and champion of "the left that was"—his phrase—and because his regression from his earlier, higher perspectives invariably consists of regression to the traditional leftism he traduced in "Listen, Marxist!" He seems unaware that his own vaunted creation Social Ecology is now part of The Left That Was and has had little appeal to The Left That Still Is, Sort Of. "Lifestyle anarchists" take Social Ecology a lot more seriously (too seriously, I'd say) than do the class-struggle workerists. For realising what remains vital in the left whilst superseding the rest, Bookchin's tirade is quite useless.

If Bookchin's category of "lifestyle anarchism" is incoherent, his usurpation of "social anarchism"—defined as Bookchinism—as its antithesis is slanderous and scandalous. *Without exception*, Bookchin's designated enemies are anti-capitalist, collectivist anarchists. As far as I'm concerned Bookchin can define Social Ecology as whatever he says it means this week, as he seems to have coined the phrase, but he's not absconding with Social Anarchism.

Finally, a disagreeable point about footnote 6, which most of your readers must have found incom-

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prehensible. Among his other adjectival ejaculations, Bookchin denounced lifestyle anarchists as fascistic Nazi sympathisers (while contradictorily accusing the very same people of individualism and liberalism). Meanwhile he celebrated the Great White Fathers of 19th century left anarchism, such as Bakunin. So I quoted a disparaging description of Karl Marx in a letter by Bakunin which included mention of Marx being Jewish, because it was uncannily descriptive of Bookchin too. I was not endorsing Bakunin's private lapse into anti-Semitism, I was showing up Bookchin's double standard.

Enter *Anarchist Integralism* by gay novelist Stewart Home, writing as 'Luther Blissett'. As his books are not selling very well and his Art Strike publicity stunt is ancient history, Home has cast about for other ways to attract attention. In successive pamphlets he has denounced as fascists—first, environmentalists and Greens; next, Green anarchists; and now anarchists generally. In this latest pamphlet, he quotes me, quoting Bakunin to prove that Bakunin was something of an anti-Semite, to prove that I am an anti-Semite. By similar reasoning, when Home quotes somebody to prove he is an anti-Semite (such as Bakunin or myself) that proves that Home is an anti-Semite, right? As he may well be, as he has long standing ties to the neo-Nazi band Sol Invictus associated with the National Front.

Sincerely,  
Bob Black, PO Box 3142, Albany, NY 12203-0142, USA.

## The Third Way

Greetings Do or Die,

In the 1960's USA activists really only explored two alternatives to political power—the ballot or the bullet. Direct action by USA left activists was generally a means to the end of one of those two alternatives. I am still reading Do or Die to understand how the political end is achieved via the direct action

strategy. Be good to yourselves! For a better future for us all!

Power to the people!

Mark Cook #027100, Airway Heights Correctional Center, PO Box 1809, Unit LA-5L, Airway Heights, WA 90001-1809, USA.

## Liberal Myths

Dear Do or Die,

Activists are welcome to criticise the revolutionary politics of *Green Anarchist* (GA) but the correct place for this is in the pages of GA, other movement publications and not in court or inside a prison cell.

Under the liberal myth, people have a supposed 'right' to express themselves freely. With the Gandalf trial, this liberal myth of freedom of thought is shown to be an empty lie. Their whole system is founded on lies. Do you propose to answer this with Reformism?

To campaign for freedom of expression is not to endorse the revolutionary politics of GA. As the list of publications in my 'Gandalf Diary' shows, any movement publication is a potential target: *Do or Die*, the Newbury Road Raging book publishers, *SchNEWS*, *Earth First! Action Update*. Gandalf is just a laboratory and DSI Thomas merely the vivisector sub-contracted by the state. Is there a reformist answer to this?

Now that we have been done, all they have to do is demonstrate you have 'links' with GA and you can be part of the conspiracy too. Ever mentioned GA in your zine? Knowledge equals guilt...

It starts with slogans like 'For the destruction of civilisation' and ends disallowing calls ('incitements'!) to save the trees at Stanworth Woods, or the snails at Newbury. Once you allow the Hampshire Stasi in, you might as well just hand over editorial control.

No, the answer is to deny the Reich any 'right' to interfere IN ANY WAY with our publications. You aren't going to get this repudiation through reformist bleating about the supposed 'right' to freedom of expression. That is a lie, it is empty. You won't get Liberty defending you, or any of the dead mainstream press supporting you. You can whittle away at it piecemeal forever with Reformism, but so long as the Reich remains, so does our problem. Alternatively, there is always Revolution. It's your choice...

With best wishes—in a personal capacity,

Steve Booth, Green Anarchist, BM 1715, London, WC1N 3XX, UK.





## Still No Escape From Patriarchy

Dear Do or Die,

Well, well, well, Do or Die finally has something to say about women! (No Escape from Patriarchy—DoD No.7) I imagine that most of the women (and probably quite a few men) reading this article could identify with a lot of the situations mentioned—and not just in the experience of living on site. For the 6 years that I have been involved in radical ecological direct action I have found that time and time again on actions, in offices, in meetings, in publications, on camps and in bed, sexism in its many forms is rife.

I agree with the writer of this article that “sites are patriarchal, but then so is society, and it is society I blame for it.” However, I disagree that this is “a by-product of Western culture.” Unfortunately, patriarchy is way more than that.

Patriarchy is the systemic oppression of women by men which has arguably been present in society since at least the dawn of civilisation. (There isn’t space here to go into the many theories around how and why patriarchy developed, but if you’re interested then go to any bookshop or library and look in the Women’s/Feminism section and you’ll find plenty of stuff on the subject.) Yes, patriarchy has specific manifestations in late 20th century western culture—like the systematic objectification/sexualisation of women’s bodies in popular media, or the fact that women are generally the primary care-givers to children and the elderly (but hooray! in our liberated world they can have a job too!). However, fundamentally patriarchy is still about just one thing—men’s power over women.

The many manifestations of patriarchy at any given time are nothing more than the system’s latest ways of enforcing that power. Sometimes this is very, very blatant—in situations like rape and physical abuse against women (in other cultures and historical eras we have seen foot-binding, female infanticide, forced sterilisation or hysterectomy, female genital mutilation, wife-burning, forced prostitution...). However most of the ways in which patriarchy is enforced are much more subtle—the education system which conditions subordination in girls, or the gender stereotypes which capitalism promotes and profits from. (If you want proof of the latter just watch a few hours of TV for a quick run-down on the ways in which women are represented as either domesticated, deferring to men, in caring roles, needing protection from men etc., or as the sexualised ‘property’ of men (both physically and ideo-

logically.)) The whole thing is very insidious and it has to be. It works on a level of not only accentuating the power men have in society, but also the powerlessness of women. We are meant to internalise our inequality and accept it as the norm, then we become tools for the system, continually reinforcing our own oppression. Yet this only works because of the subtlety of forms which patriarchy takes. Look at how much more resistance and outrage there is to the blatant manifestations of patriarchy—rape, physical abuse etc. compared to the more subtle forms such as how kids are educated and how the entire legal system is inherently sexist.

Looked at in this light it is easier to see why the radical ecological direct action movement is not really tackling the issue of women’s oppression, and why the blatant sexism seen on site is unfortunately the very tip of the iceberg. We are very good (as a largely anarchist, increasingly anti-capitalist group of people) at arguing and acting for the removal of the great inequalities of power between classes of people in our society (the possessed and the dispossessed basically). However, we are not so good at looking at the more insidious types of power systems—*especially those in which we have power ourselves*. If we are serious about wanting revolution, then we have to face the fact that this revolution will need to remove the power element in our social relationships—not just our overtly political or economic ones. So those with the power will need to give it up. We aren’t just talking here about men giving up their power over women, but also able over disabled, white over black, older over younger...in other words creating a society where no-one has any sort of power over anyone else.

This is a bloody difficult task. We are all conditioned into our roles of power and powerlessness, and the systems of power which dominate our society do not take holidays. It is virtually impossible for us to conceive of a society without power systems because we have never experienced it and there are few, if any, cracks in the system which we can enlarge. (Also I suspect that power has a nasty habit of being rather like a computer virus—even when you think it has gone away another manifestation of it crops up elsewhere!)

This all leads me to agree with the writer of ‘No Escape from Patriarchy’ when she says that “being aware, and not assuming that women are incompetent is a major step forward.” But “being aware” is not a Saturday job. “Being aware” for all people must mean continually attempting to remove the

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power relationships that exist between groups and individuals in society. We've all got to learn to give up our power and our powerlessness, and to assist others to do the same, whether that means pointing out the power dynamics of our social relations or challenging overtly sexist/racist/ etc. acts. Above all we should recognise that this is not a 'diversion' from the revolutionary process of which we are a part, but rather the very heart of it.

Yours,

Sylvia Pankhurst's Maid

## Slack Blag Writes...

Dear Do or Die,

I greatly enjoyed No. 7 which was full of inspirational stuff, particularly the Sem Terra article. I have to say I find some of your analyses a bit contradictory, but that's a much longer letter than you'd have space for. I just wanted to raise a point about the article on the No Opencast actions, where the author said that as a radical ecologist they didn't want to see any docks at all, as they are part of an insane system of mass production. Well, yes and no—ancient cultures all had ports despite very limited production. Without them, the implication is that no one would ever leave or come into this island.

In any anarchist society, a great proportion of long distance journeys made would be unnecessary, but not all. For example, a woman I work with had to fly to Jamaica to be with her dying father a few years ago—who is to tell her she can't? I realize it's probably a day or so's walk in similar circumstances if your family is from Cheshire or Sussex, but one in three people where I live are not white. Perhaps the 'radical ecological society' your writer envisages will also do away with migration, but somehow I doubt it will happen like that. I'm sure they didn't mean to put things this way, but the position of no ports/airports, and by extension immigrants, is one that would normally find favour with the sort of people your contributors would not normally agree with.

Yours,

M, c/o Black Flag, BM Hurricane, London, WC1N 3XX, UK.

## Albert Dryden

Dear DoD,

As someone that has been imprisoned for political activities, I strongly agree that prisoner support is one of the most important aspects of political activity. However, unlike the other people listed in Prisoners (*Do or Die* No. 7, page 136) Albert Dryden

does not fit into the *Do or Die* statement "those imprisoned for their involvement in ecological, anti-nuclear/military, animal liberation, anti-fascist/racist, anti-State and indigenous peoples struggles."

The person he killed (who is) referred to as a council official was involved in many campaigns for a better world, both ecological and for people. Harry was a gentle friend who did not deserve to be killed. He was a friend of mine, killed 7 years ago. There was no justification for his killing and I would imagine someone's been misled into putting his killer down as deserving support from activists. Maybe you could let people know about this.

Thanks,

JR

## Irish Wind

Dear Do or Die,

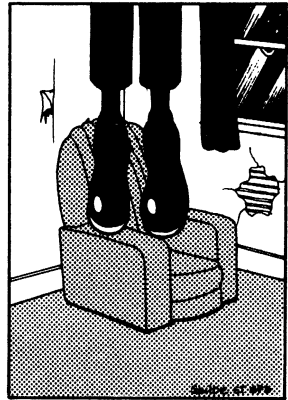
You may be getting some news from us in the future as this place is a vegan anarchist commune perched halfway up a mountain. And a great way to be until someone decided to propose here as a place to put the biggest wind farm in Europe so far! I'm into windpower but not on that scale. We're 250 acres and a mile from the house that will be dug up and concreted with roads all over it. It's crucial habitat for rare birds of prey, bats, otters etc. so we ain't going to let it happen. We've teamed up with Cobh anti-pylons groups in County Cork who I've actively supported since it started a year ago. They at present may be evicted from tree houses at any time.

Anyhow it's important EF!ers get to know about the wind power issue and how it's not 'green' in any way. Don't believe the bullshit—the power is for plastics/agro-chemical factories etc.. It will not save coal or peat being burned. This is because they demand more power. Windmills (the big ones) kill birds and the power fields fuck up all life.

Good luck—and keep up the pressure,

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*If you want to contact the author of this letter send your correspondence to DoD and we'll pass it on.*



## UK Earth First! Network Groups

### Bath EF!

c/o PO Box 426  
Bath  
Somerset BA1 2ZD  
*01249 713742*

### Bristol EF!

c/o Box 51  
Greenleaf Bookshop  
82 Colston Street  
Bristol BS1 5BB  
*0117 939 3093*

### Cambridge EF!

Box E, 12 Mill Road  
Cambridge CB1 2AD

### Cardiff EF!

c/o Green Group  
Glamorgan University SU  
Pontyrrid  
Mid-Glamorgan CF37 1DL

### Cheltenham EF!

16 Portland Street  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire GL52 2PB  
*hq@cheltel.freeserve.co.uk*

### Exeter Environmental Network

PO Box 185  
Exeter EX4 4EW

### Fife EF!

c/o 91 South Street  
St Andrews  
Fife KY16 9Q

### Glasgow EF!

PO Box 180  
Glasgow G4 9AB

### Gwynedd and Mon EF!

The Greenhouse  
1 Trevelyan Terrace  
Bangor LL57 1AX  
*01248 355821*  
*afu01b@bangor.ac.uk*

### Hull on Earth

c/o PO Box 43  
Hull HU1 1AA

### LEAF

Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street  
Leicester LE2 1BH  
*0116 270 9616*

### Leeds EF!

c/o 16 Sholebroke Avenue  
Chapelton  
Leeds LS7 3HB  
*0113 262 9365*  
*cornerstone@gn.apc.org*

### Liverpool EF!

96 Bold Street  
Liverpool L1 4HY

### London Greenpeace

5 Caledonian Road  
London N1 9DX  
*0171 713 1269*  
*info@mcspotlight.org*

### Manchester EF!

Dept 29  
255 Wilmslow Road  
Manchester M14 5LW  
*0161 226 6814*  
*mancef@nematode.freeserve.co.uk*

### Mid-Somerset EF!

PO Box 23  
5 High Street  
Glastonbury  
Somerset BA6 9PU

### Norfolk EF!

c/o The Greenhouse  
42-46 Bethel Street  
Norwich NR2 1NR

### Nottingham EF!

c/o 182 Mansfield Road  
Nottingham NG1 3HW  
*0115 958 5666*

### Oldham EF!

PO Box 127  
Oldham OL4 3FE

### Oxford Community Action

Box E, 111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford OX4 1RQ

### Reading Roadbusters

RIS Centre  
35-39 London Street  
Reading  
Berkshire RG1 4PS  
*0118 954 6430*  
*roadbusters@clara.net*

### Reclaim The Streets

PO Box 9656  
London N4 4JY  
*0171 281 4621*  
*rts@gn.apc.org*

### Reclaim The Valleys

c/o Swansea Environmental Centre  
Pier Street  
Swansea SA1 1RY

### Sheffield EF!

RECYC  
54 Upperthorpe Road  
Sheffield S6 3EB

### Southampton EF!

SUSU Pigeonholes  
Southampton University  
University Road  
Southampton SO14  
*eco@soton.ac.uk*

### South Devon EF!

Birdwood House  
44 High Street  
Totnes  
Devon TQ9 5SQ

### South Downs EF!

c/o 6 Tilbury Place  
Brighton  
East Sussex BN2 2GY

### Swansea People EF!

c/o Green Action

Swansea University SU  
Swansea  
Wales

### Tyneside Action for People and Planet (TAPP)

PO Box 1TA  
Newcastle NE1 1TA  
*tapp@newcastle54.freeserve.co.uk*

### Woodland Awareness and Defence (WAND)

7 Pitcox  
Dunbar  
East Lothian EH42 1RQ

### Warwick EF!

c/o Green Society  
Warwick University SU  
Coventry CV4 7AL  
*suuad@csv.warwick.ac.uk*

### Wolves Eco-Action

c/o Wolves Hunt Sabs  
Wolverhampton Uni SU  
Wulfruna Street  
Wolverhampton WV1 1LY

### York EF!

c/o York LEAF  
PO Box 323  
York



## Other UK Groups/Networks/Contacts

### Anarchist Communist Federation

c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street  
London E1 7QX

### Advisory Service for Squatters

2 St Pauls Road  
London N1 2QN  
0171 359 8814  
*advice@squat.freeserve.co.uk*

### Anarchist Teapot Action Kitchen

Box B  
Public House Bookshop  
21 Little Preston Street  
Brighton BN1 2HQ

### Anarcho-Primitivist Network

PO Box 252  
Rickmansworth  
Hertfordshire WD3 3AY

### Anti Fascist Action

BM 1734  
London  
WC1N 3XX

### Campaign Against The Arms Trade

11 Goodwin Street  
London N4 3HQ  
0171 281 0297  
*campaign@cat.demon.co.uk*

### Blatant Incitement Collective

c/o Dept 29  
255 Wilmslow Road  
Manchester M14 5LW  
0161 226 6814  
*mancef@nematode.freeserve.co.uk*

### Disabled Action Network

3 Crawley Street  
Wood Green  
London N22 6AN  
0181 889 1361

### Forest Action Network

The Greenhouse  
42-46 Bethel Street  
Norwich  
NR2 1NR

### Genetic Engineering Network

c/o PO Box 9656  
London N4 4JY  
0181 374 9516  
*genetics@gn.apc.org*

### Green Anarchist Network

BM 1715  
London WC1N 3XX

### Haringey Solidarity Group

PO Box 2474  
London N8 OHW  
0181 374 5027  
*hsy@clara.net*

### Hunt Saboteurs Association

PO Box 2786  
Brighton  
BN2 2AX  
01273 622827  
*hsa@gn.apc.org*

### Industrial Workers of the World

75 Humberstone Gate  
Leicester  
LE1 1WB

### The Land is Ours

Box E  
111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford OX4 1RQ  
01865 722016  
*office@tlio.demon.co.uk*

### Making Waves

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Sheffield S36 4BZ  
01226 764279  
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### No Opencast

190 Shepherds Bush Road  
London W6 7NL  
0171 603 1831

### Solidarity Federation

PO Box 29  
SWPO  
Manchester  
M15 5HW  
0161 231 8177

### Third Battle Of Newbury

PO Box 5642  
Newbury  
Berkshire RG14 8WG  
0700 785201  
*thirdbattle@hotmail.com*

### URGENT

Box HN  
111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford OX4 1RQ  
01865 721366  
*info@urgent.org.uk*

## More Contacts

For UK protest/direct action camp contacts see page 148. For squatted spaces/infoshops/social centres see page 130 and for prisoner support groups see page 290. For details of over 500 contacts from all over the world—as well as re-prints of issues 151 to 200 and loads of extra information—see *The SchNEWS Survival Handbook* (ISBN 0-952-97482-7). Order your copy for a cheap £7.20 (including postage) from: SchNEWS, c/o PO Box 2600, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 2DX, UK.

## International Ecological Direct Action Groups

### An Talamh Glas

4 Ashgrove, Seacrest  
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Ireland  
*roberta@indigo.ie*

### ASEED Europe

PO Box 92066  
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*aseedeur@antenna.nl*

### Autonomous Green Action

POB 4721, Station E  
Ottawa  
Ontario K1S 5H9

### Canada

*soy@igs.net*

### Action For Social Ecology

Box 34089  
10026 Stockholm  
Sweden  
*ekologisten@usa.net*

### Coast Mountains EF!

1472 Commercial Drive  
Box 128  
Vancouver V5L 3X9  
Canada

1 604 708 9660

### Czech Republic EF!

Zeme predevsim!

### PO Box 237

16041 Prague 6  
Czech Republic  
*zemepredevsim@ecn.cz*

### Earth Action!

POB 181034  
Dalbridge  
Durban 6016  
South Africa

### Ecodefence!

Moskovsky Prospekt  
120-34236006  
Kaliningrad/Koenigsburg  
Russia  
*ecodefence@glas.apc.org*

### FZLN

Calle Zapotecos 7 Bis  
Colonia Obreras  
Del Cuauhtemoc  
Mexico  
525 7614236

### Green Action Israel

PO Box 4611  
Tel-Aviv 61046  
Israel  
972 (0) 3 516 2349

### Green Korea Unlimited

IOF Garden Tower Building  
98-78 Wooni-dong  
Chonggo-gu

Seoul 110-350  
South Korea

**Groene Front!**  
Postbus 85069  
3058  
AB Utrecht  
Netherlands  
*groenfr@dds.nl*

**Movimento Sem Terra  
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Alameda Barao De Limeira  
1232-01202-002  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
011 3361 3866

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**Poland EF!**  
PO Box 40  
43-304 Bielsko-Biala 4  
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48-33 183153  
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**Rainbow Keepers**  
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Nizhni Novgorod  
603082, Russia  
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Ukraine  
7 38 044 2657628  
*rk@cci.glasnet.ru*

**Slobodona alternativa**  
Staromestska 6/D  
811 03 Bratislava  
Slovakia

**Volunteers For Earth  
Defence**  
189 San Antonio Ext SFDM  
1105 Quezon City  
Philippines

## Yet More Contacts

For a more complete listing of radical ecological and revolutionary groups and organisations from across the globe check out the contacts in the back of the USA published *Earth First! Journal* (see below for contact details) or visit the web sites at:

[www.snet.co.uk/ef](http://www.snet.co.uk/ef)  
[www.j18.org](http://www.j18.org)  
[www.agp.org](http://www.agp.org)

## Journals/Magazines

**Anarchy**  
**A Journal of Desire Armed**  
CAL Press  
POB 1446 Columbia  
MO 65205-1446  
USA.  
*jmquinn@mail.coin.missouri.edu*  
Neither left nor right—just an uncompromisingly anti-authoritarian, pro-anarchy, ideology-smashing magazine.

**Animal Liberation Front  
Supporters Group**  
BM 1160  
London WC1N 3XX  
UK  
Updates on prisoners, news, articles and reports of actions to free animals imprisoned for scientific research, food or fur.

**Arkangel**  
BCM 9240  
London WC1N 3XX  
UK.  
Well produced animal liberation magazine with a large section of local and national contacts as well as longer articles and news reports.

**Aufheben**  
PO Box 2536  
Rottingdean  
East Sussex

BN2 6LX  
UK  
A theoretical magazine published by our very favourite autonomist marxists.

**Black Clad Messenger**  
POB 1131  
Eugene  
OR 97402  
USA  
Rants, essays and scathing anti-reformist commentary from a radical eco/primitivist slant.

**Corporate Watch**  
c/o Box E  
111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford  
OX4 1RQ  
UK  
Researches into, and dishes the dirt on, corporations. A bit liberal and incoherent though.

**Black Flag**  
BM Hurricane, London,  
WC1N 3XX  
UK  
*blakflag@dircon.co.uk*  
Irregular but established anarchist magazine with some good articles and worldwide news.

**Direct Action**  
PO Box 1095

Sheffield  
S2 4YR  
UK  
0161 232 7889  
*ManchesterSF@scandrac.demon.co.uk*

High octane, adrenalin packed publication of the anarcho-syndicalist Solidarity Federation.

**Earth First! Journal**  
POB 1415  
Eugene OR 97440  
USA  
541 344 8004  
*earthfirst@igc.org*  
Cool arse-kicking newspaper of EF! over the water. Has news, analysis and letters on all types of global eco-resistance.

**The Ecologist**  
Unit 18 Chelsea Wharf  
15 Lots Road  
London SW10 0GY  
UK  
0171 351 3578  
*ecologist@gn.apc.org*  
Getting better all the time this is the 'established and mainstream' ecology magazine. Excellent research, articles and global news.

**Feral**  
530 Divisadero  
Suite 321

San Francisco  
CA 94117  
USA  
*highwater@hotmail.com*  
Good new radical ecological/anarchist journal dedicated to the expansion of bio-centric and anarchist theory and practice.

**Fifth Estate**  
4632 Second Avenue  
Detroit  
Michigan 48201  
USA  
Excellent long running anti-civilisation newspaper.

**Green Anarchist**  
BM 1715  
London  
WC1N 3XX  
UK  
Newspaper boldly sub-titled 'For the destruction of civilisation'. What more can we say?

**Howl**  
PO Box 2786  
Brighton  
East Sussex BN2 AX  
UK  
Glossy and news focused magazine of the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

**Live Wild or Die!**  
POB 204

2425-B Channing Way  
Berkley CA 94704  
USA

Occasional, wild rampaging newspaper from some friendly revolutionary eco-freaks.

#### **Morgenmuffel**

c/o 21 Little Preston Street  
Brighton  
East Sussex BN1 2HQ  
UK

Cool cartoon and rant zine produced by a talented and beautiful woman.

#### **Organise!**

84b Whitechapel High Street  
London  
E1 7QX  
UK  
Magazine of the Anarchist Communist Federation.

#### **Peace News**

5 Caledonian Road  
London  
N1 9D  
UK  
Quarterly 'revolutionary pacifist' magazine with some good news coverage.

#### **Revolt!**

POB 25706  
Eugene  
OR 97402  
USA  
Excellent anarcho-primitivist zine from that Stateside hotbed of radicalism.

#### **Smash Hits**

BM Box 5538  
London WC1N 3XX  
UK  
A forum for discussion on all aspects of revolutionary theory and practice.

#### **Treefresh**

POB 869  
Searsport  
MA 04974  
USA  
Social and eco-revolutionary fanzine.

#### **Venomous Butterfly**

41 Sutter Street  
Suite 1661  
San Francisco  
CA 94104, USA  
A publishing project aimed at producing insurrectionary anarchist writings.

## **Newletters/Bulletins**

#### **Counter Information**

c/o Transmission  
28 King Street  
Glasgow G1 5QP  
Scotland  
Long running anarcho type newsletter. Carries news from all over the world.

#### **Earth First! Action Update**

c/o 16 Sholebroke Avenue  
Chapelton  
Leeds LS7 3HB  
UK  
0113 262 9365  
actionupdate@gn.apc.org  
Published by a loud mouthed bunch of eco-revolutionaries this is a monthly 8 page newsletter that covers ecological direct action in the UK.

#### **Genetics Update**

PO Box 9656  
London N4 4JY, UK  
0181 374 9516  
info@genetix.freemove.co.uk  
Monthly newsletter of the Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) with news/events of action against biotechnology.

#### **Haringey Community Action**

PO Box 2474  
London N8 0HW, UK  
Amazing community based and direct action-ish

newsletter with 12,000 copies produced every few months.

#### **The Land is Ours**

Box E, 111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford OX4 1RQ  
UK  
Newsletter of the UK land-rights campaign.

#### **Ned Ludds News**

c/o Rainbow Centre  
180 Mansfield Road  
Nottingham NG1 3HW  
Cool FIN covering direct action locally and nationally.

#### **Oxyacetylene**

c/o Box G  
111 Magdalen Road  
Oxford OX4 1RQ  
UK  
An Oxford newsletter covering the gamut of action, from direct to not-so-direct. Warning—has very crap coverage of some things (June 18th for example).

#### **The Porkbolter**

PO Box 4144  
Worthing  
West Sussex BN14 7NZ  
UK  
Local direct action/dirt dish-ing newsletter with the coolest name.

#### **Schnews**

PO Box 2600  
Brighton  
East Sussex BN2 2DX  
UK  
Weekly direct action newsletter from some of the Brighton rent-a-mob. Full of global news and forthcoming events.

#### **The Sheffield Digger**

c/o 54 Uppertorpe Road  
Uppertorpe  
Sheffield S6  
UK  
A free newsletter to network the news they won't let you hear and help connect together the people of Sheffield.

#### **Spirit of Freedom**

c/o 16 Sholebroke Avenue  
Chapelton  
Leeds LS7 3HB  
UK  
earthlib@hotmail.com  
Occasional, but very good, eco-prisoner (and others) support newsletter.

#### **Think Globally Act Locally**

c/o Box 1TA  
Newcastle NE1 1TA  
UK  
Local newsletter covering direct action and other stuff in the North East.

#### **Uprising!**

c/o PAN  
167 Fawcett Road  
Southsea  
Hants PO4 0DH  
Well produced newsletter of the Portsmouth Anarchist Network.

#### **West Country Activist**

c/o PO Box 478  
Taunton TA2 7YR  
UK  
wca@conk.com  
Cool regional newsletter with direct action reports, contact details and events listings for the South West.

