



# Earth First!

## Action Update

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# WE SHUT WHATLEY

The 'national' Earth First! action to shut down Whatley Quarry in Somerset on Monday December 4th, was an even greater success than expected. The aim of the action was to highlight the destruction of the Mendip Hills and the quarry's proposed expansion. A week later the owners (Amey Roadstone Corporation, ARC) hadn't managed to restart work!

At 5.30am, 400 activists descended on the quarry. Small teams ensured gates were blockaded and all plant and machinery occupied. Most groups were fully prepared due to workshops held the previous day, at a camp several miles from Whatley. Detailed maps and a predetermined plan ensured police and security were out manoeuvred. Tripods were carried 9 miles over night and set up on the quarry's rail line whilst lorries were turned away. Drummers, colourful costumes and bagpipes kept spirits high.

By midday police sent security to drag down a large group that had occupied a spoil heap. 50 were arrested - until police vans were full. Scuffles broke out as people blocked the vans. One protesters leg was run over. It was badly bruised, not broken as first thought.

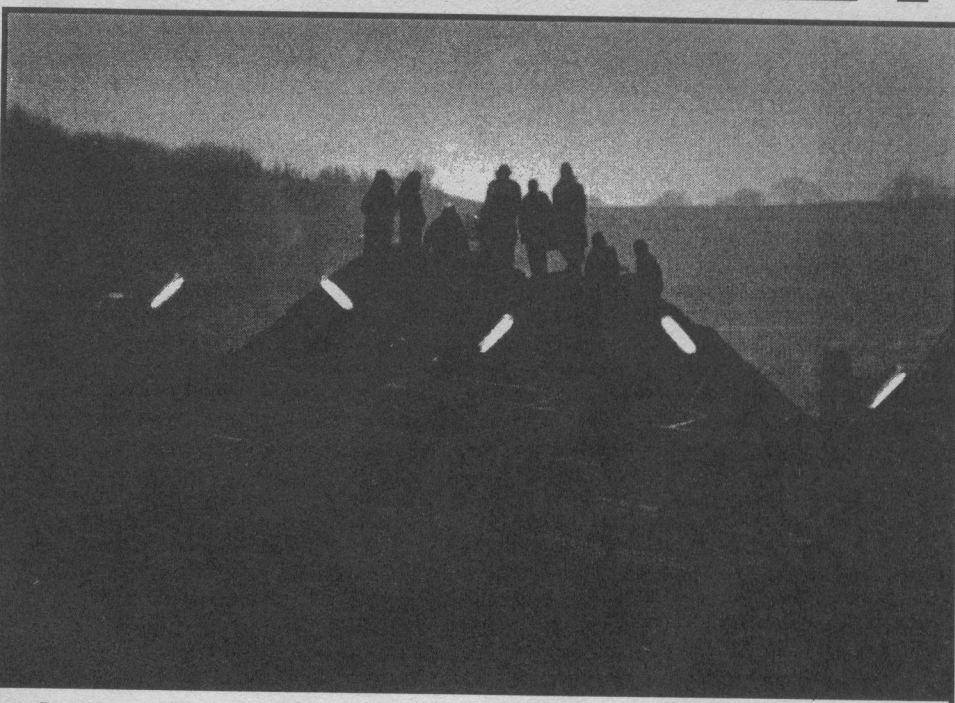
Others ensured ARC paid a more realistic price for Mendip stone (presently sold between £2 and £3/tonne). Press reports state that £250,000 worth of damage was caused - not counting the cost of one weeks lost production, for a quarry normally selling 11,000 tonnes per day!

Twenty metres of railway track leading out of the quarry 'disappeared'; the control panel for video monitoring of the plant fell apart; a 2 story crane pulled itself to bits; 3 control rooms dismantled themselves; and several diggers and conveyor belts 'broke down'. Media reports centred on an oil spill from a storage tank, but this was not caused by protesters. The oil had leaked out before their arrival.

64 people were arrested, filling every nearby police station. Most of the arrests were for aggravated trespass (CJA) while a couple were for alleged criminal damage and assault. Cases are due to be heard on January 10th and 17th in Frome. Charges resulting from a 1993 action have been dropped. 27 people are now suing the police.

In 1993, 32 people attended a national EF! action at Whatley. Lord Hanson (owner of ARC) take heed. We're growing and we'll be back!

Arrested at Whatley Quarry on December 4th? Contact South Somerset Earth First! 01935 825074. Witnesses & photographic evidence of arrests or assaults also required.



Groups of activists close down Whatley Quarry at dawn . . .

# BANKRUPT SHELL!

The Nigerian government has murdered nine environmental activists, including writer Ken Saro-Wiwa. Nineteen more are awaiting trial for alleged murder and face the death penalty. The activists were framed for their role in resisting Shell Oils' destruction of Ogoniland in Nigeria.

Shell and Chevron (an American oil company) have extracted oil in Ogoniland since 1958. This has resulted in the loss of agricultural land to oil wells, spillages, pipelines and blowouts. Ken Anderson, head of Shell Nigeria, offered to use the companies influence if leaders in Ogoniland called off protests against Shell. They refused.

Ken Saro-Wiwa's closing statement at his trial was, "...the ecological war that the company (Shell) has waged in the Delta will be called to question sooner

than later and the crimes of that war duly punished." Protests against Shell have erupted round the world, starting to make his words reality. There have been hundreds of blockades of Shell garages in: York, Newbury, Norwich, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Leicester, London, Edinburgh, Loughborough, Lemington Spa, Aberystwyth, Swansea, Brighton... to name but a few. Tactics have varied including York EF! successfully applying for planning permission to put a monument to Ken Saro - Wiwa on a Shell forecourt!

Apart from garages, they have loads of oil depots and offices to do with the rest of their trade. Stop them functioning. Send something heavy like a brick to their freepost address: Shellsmart, Freepost 437, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 6ZZ. Also target the UK Government, one of the largest shareholders.

There is a gathering in Oxford to discuss further actions against Shell, Dec 16th and 17th. A coordinating group may be set up. Contact 0116 2553223 for further info.

Also contact: The Ogoni Community Association - UK, 7 Naseby Tower, 47 Desmond Street, London, SE14 6JS.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Strikes at two Ford factories halted production on the new Fiesta. Vauxhall workers look likely to join them in voting for industrial action. Motor bosses refuse to pay decent wages. Why? There are too many cars - sales are down....

Brian Mawhinny has now been daubed in bright orange paint. The attack, was against his role in the new racist Asylum Bill. The Bill claims that refugees from Algeria, Sri Lanka, Nigeria etc. would be safe if sent back.

The first Russian Earth First! group was organised during a meeting of environmental groups in the Kaliningrad & Koenigsberg area.

Protesters in Bergen, Norway have started a direct action campaign against the construction of a new bridge and road over Pudefjord. The development costing £50m will destroy 130 apartments. This is expected to increase traffic by 35% - 50% over the next 20 years. Email "ragnar.skre@sfu.uib.no".

"Life in the Fast Lane" a video documenting the campaign against the M11 link road is now available, £10 (£7 conc.) Cheques payable to Neil Goodwin at Box 3, The Info Shop, 56a Crampton St., Kennington, London, SE17.

Undercurrents 4 is out. Cheques for £10.50 - inc. p&p - to Smallworld, 46 Rymers Lane, Oxford, OX4 3LB. Tel 01865 712520.

Conscious Cinema 3 is out c/o PO Box 2679, Brighton, Sussex, BN2 1UJ. - Free if you can prove you're going to show it to lots of people!

EF! Green Hooded Top, small logo on front - large on back £18.50. Grey T-shirt "Fuck The Civil - Lets Get Disobedient!" on front, EF! logo on back £6.50. EF! badges & patches 25p each plus SAE. Postal orders/cheques to DS4A, Box 8, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB.

A book of Road Protestors Poetry is being compiled. Send your poetic contribution to Alan, 43a Eldon Av., Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1NL.

A street in Leeds City Centre will be reclaimed on December 16. Meet at Victoria Gardens at midday. There'll be bands and other entertainment. 0113 262 9365.

The Musicians Network will publicise direct action campaigns 0171 209 2424.

On Monday 4th December protesters stopped Lewes District Council (Sussex) from felling hundreds of trees in an ancient woodland. More info on further actions: Johnny Denis 01273 476402.

The M62, designed to add 6 lanes to an existing 8 lane motorway has been scrapped. The DoT aim to sell 400 peoples' homes back to them!

Resistance Verte, a French eco-direct action group have reformed under the name EF! France, so as to link up with other EF! groups.

## M66

On December 10<sup>th</sup> a meeting and route walk was held at Oldham near Manchester. Plans against the next stage of the road are under way. A court date for the eviction of the camps is set for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, work started on the drainage tunnel. This will be three quarters of a mile long, and will drain surface water away. There is no filter system, spillages and other shite will pour into the River Medlock. As workers were turned away, portacabins were sneakily moved in at 1am. Work went slowly as actions continued throughout the day. A couple of trees under preservation orders have had their branches torn off. Council Officials have promised to follow through with fines.

'Burns Security Company' who are not usually associated with roads programmes are being used. Target their offices.

Write to the camp - it's a morale booster and a legal demonstration of an established dwelling: No M66 Campaign, The Woods, Lumb Lane, Droylesden, Tameside, Greater Manchester.

Give this campaign the support it deserves. Evictions are feared in January/February. People and experienced tree climbers are needed - more walkways & tree houses need erecting. 0161 627 4862, 0161 628 4727.

## HOLTSFIELD

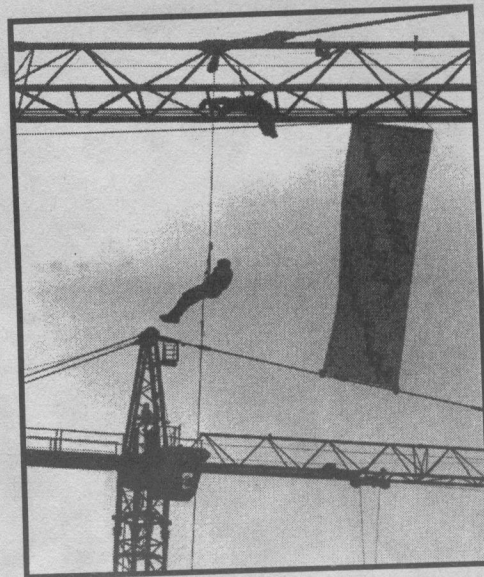
Holtsfield - a peaceful community of low impact homes near Swansea - faces destruction by the landowner Tim Jones. The residents own the homes but not the land. If evicted, Tim Jones can't use the land as the local council won't grant planning permission - this is purely a personal vendetta.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Holtsfield was caught by surprise as the first home was evicted almost immediately. They claimed to evict the second, but they didn't remove a person who was locked on - they simply placed floorboards over him and claimed he was outside the building! The local Vicar was locked on in the third home, which they failed to evict. Much brutality and damage occurred, but since then the homes have been renovated and squatted. The original family are still living in the third home. Six more homes have received eviction orders. It is expected that Sheriffs and security will come in and evict all the homes in one go. A 24 hour guard has been set up. Committed people required to fit in with the community and help out. Contact: 01792 234027, 233596, 234059, 232643.

## NEWBURY SHOW DOWN

At the time of going to press, clearance work on the route of the Newbury-By-Pass hasn't yet started, but is imminent at any day. If you're not on the destruction hotline ring 01635 45544 and leave your number so you can be contacted to help stop work. Camps along the route are rapidly growing, with around 100 people there already. If work starts, a safe camp has been established to put people up.

Newbury is one of the few road schemes to survive the budget cuts. Probably because the roads lobby are one of the major funders of the Tory party and would pull their funding if Newbury was to be scrapped. Mott McDonald are the consultant engineers and Costain are likely to do the 'clearance' work. They'll get £6 million for it. Occupy their sites. Contact 'Third Battle of Newbury' for details. 01635 45544.



## CLIMBERS AGAINST POLLUTION

Nottingham based Climbers Against Pollution, successfully stopped work for a day on a car park being built. Construction is under way on what was the old railway station, abandoned for twenty years. The one acre site, slap bang in the city centre will provide parking for 400 cars. This is rather ironic considering proposals for a Terminus Light Rapid Transport System were rejected on the grounds that it would generate too much traffic. 8 people occupied and abseiled down tower cranes. 25 others sat on diggers and protested around the site. There was a great deal of public support, and no arrests on the day. 0115 9822609

## THE BUDGET

77 road schemes have been scrapped in the Budget (November 28<sup>th</sup>) and 100 have been 'deprioritised'. Many controversial schemes which have been fought for years have gone! This means that only 5 Department of Transport funded roads are planned for the next financial year. 3 of these are already experiencing major direct action campaigns (Newbury, M11 and M66). Anyone for the A40 and A13? A worrying trend is the announcement of 5 more privately funded (Cars Mean Cash) roads, set for 97/98.

## CAMP ROUNDUP

Winter weather proofing is now under way at most camps around the country. Tarps, rope and bedding needed.

The contract for clearance work on the A30, near Exeter, will be awarded in the Spring. Three camps have been set up - Fairmile, Allercombe and Fort Trollheim. 01404 815 729 for directions. Celtic Energy have been seen filming tree houses and defences at Selar, the site of a proposed opencast mine in South Wales. Threat of eviction looms constantly. 0589 114899, 01685 873993. Action will continue in the New Year at Faslane Peace Camp, Scotland. 01436 820901.

Other established camps needing help are Newbury, Thanet Way and Daisy Nook on the M66. If you visit, please treat camps and locals with respect. They are not a free lunch offer!

## RESIDENTS AGAINST THE M74

Community Campaigning against the M74, Glasgow is going well. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, fifty

## How to Contact Earth First! Action Update

By phone: 01222 383363; by post: Action Update, PO Box 7, Cardiff, CF2 4XX; by fax: 01222 640666; or finally by email to 'actionupdate@gn.apc.org'. Please ring for the next issues deadline - we're taking a bit of a break! For replies please enclose a SAE. Send subscriptions/requests for bulk copies/ distribution enquiries to Dead Trees EF! To subscribe to the free e-mail server give us your details. Please send us a donation or stamps if you can afford it (we rely on getting at least £50 a month in donations to be able to send free subscriptions to community groups etc.).

people from various groups turned up at Glasgow's City Chambers, depositing what was allegedly chromium and arsenic polluted soil. The aim was to highlight the fact that the **TEN LANE** motorway will disturb dangerous toxic waste dumps. Ten police and two vans were present for an hour.

On November 20<sup>th</sup>, action shifted to 'Govern Hill Park' - 100 yards from the proposed route. Workers intended to cut down 25 trees. Locals got in the way of the chainsaws, saving 18 trees. The architectural plan was to cut down the trees, then to make the park look 'nice'. Sound familiar? Glasgow is to become the 'City of Culture' in 1999. Nobody's asking the communities what they want - just getting them used to the destruction.

Get involved in this 'funky' campaign - 0141 4241797, 0141 423078. 0141 5501745, 0141 2265066. Write to the Sec of State for Scotland to object - they have the final say on the development: Secretary of State for Scotland, New St Andrews House, Edinburgh, EH1 3TA.

### STEWART STREET APPEAL: GLASGOW

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the trial of the "Hope Street 11" finally ended. They had chained themselves across Hope Street, Glasgow, demonstrating against the high levels of transport originated pollution for the May Climate Action. The 11 day trial spread across a month cost half a million pounds! Nine people were found guilty of breach of the peace and charged £50. Two others charged received 'not proven' verdicts.

The eleven were taken to Stewart Street Cop Shop and are keen to highlight the dodgy conditions of this place - a man died there last year. Calls welcome from people needing evidence of conditions in Stewart St Police Station. 0141 4241797.

### ALDERMASTON NUKE FACTORY

The 'Women Crossing Paths' weekend at Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp was a great success. 30 women were present to share information and to network. Workshops included 'Racism in the European Union' with speakers from S.C.O.R.E. 'Women's Aid To Former Yugoslavia' - a meeting and report from Bosnia, as well as a report from 'The Beijing Womens Conference'. A leafleting and 'white poppies for peace sesh' was held on the Saturday, and a 'Women in Black Against War' vigil on the Sunday. The women's peace camp is held on the second weekend of the month: 01734 724021, 0117 9246157.

### MOTT McDONALD OCCUPATION

The International HQ of Mott McDonald in Cambridge was recently occupied and shut down for an hour. Mott McDonald designed the Newbury bypass and were responsible for Twyford Down and the M3 extension.

Twelve people occupied the Cambridge HQ, hanging banners, locking on and having a bit of a good time. Fire alarms were set off and protesters were assaulted by 'have a go junior executives.' Police and the Fire Brigade turned up, no arrests, no fire. The entire staff were out for the whole hour as the building was checked out. Viva Newbury!

### M11

A week of direct action, was held from November 27 - December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This was to commemorate the eviction of Claremont Road. Work was stopped on three days. Actions to continue in the New Year. The action phone tree is being re-vamped. Committed people are needed during the days. If your free during 'working hours' call: actions 0181 5188222, Information 0181 5322811

### MENWITH WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, thirty people were present for actions at Menwith Hill US Spy Base. These supporting actions were to encourage the Australian government not to renew leases on war bases. Three inner gates were locked and the A59 was blocked as protestors marched against these renewal plans. Workers were prevented from entering and leaving the base. There were no arrests. These actions were for a nuclear free and independent pacific. Actions continue: 01706 371387.

Kate Witham, who was charged with £21,000 damage to a radome for painting on it 'Peace, Truth, Justice, Freedom' will be in court on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Support the defence fund. A 'sentence sweepstake' has been set up to fund the campaign. 50p a guess, entries so far range from case dismissed to 25 years. Cheques payable to: 'Peace House' at: 5 New Rd, Littleborough, Lancs, OL15 8PJ.

Helen John has been released. She was sent down for three months for one count of theft - a £5 hammer - and three counts of damage to drilling equipment.

The third weekend gathering and Solstice party will run from December 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. 0585 329313. 'Peace Prisoner Support' issue 1, is now out and available c/o 16 Sholebrok Ave, Leeds, LS7 3HB. 0113 2629365.

E-mail: cornerstone@gn.apc.org

### GREEN STUDENT NETWORK

The Green Student Networks' gathering in York, attracted around 70 students from around the UK. The Green Student Movement and other campaigns were discussed with information shared. Workshops / talks ranged from the Zapatistas in Mexico to DIY culture. A party complete with drumming band topped things off. The green student movement is presently very active, organising Shell garage blockades and Critical Mass cycle rides. Contact via email: 'jonivar@th.ph.ed.ac.uk' Phone: 01332 601871. Get on their network. Don't work in isolation - get linked up!

The next GSN gathering will be held in Cambridge on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Hamish Downer 01223 336176 (term time) if you intend to go, or to offer to run a workshop.

### THANET WAY

Preparations for winter are under way at the camp near the flat oak in Convicts wood. People and materials are needed to continue the battle against Kent County Council. Kent police have now set up 'operation eco-warrior,' true folks! Access to the site is now more difficult due to the erection of a 12km perimeter fence. It cost them £1.3 million.

Iggy, who was held on remand for aggravated trespass and last month feared imprisonment, was sentenced to 120 hours community service. Support welcome 01227 463368.

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

9 Sat: Reclaim the Streets, Picket & Vigil at Shell Centre, London 0181 9609960

9 Sat: Benefit for the Ogoni 7pm onwards at the Kebele Project, 14 Robertson Road, Easton, Bristol. Music, Video's & African Food. £3 waged & £1.50 unwaged.

9 Sat: Direct Action Conference, Brighton 01273 685913

10 Sun: 'Womens Rights are Human Rights' Local Action Day. Info - A SEED Europe, Postbus 92066, 1090 AB, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

10 Sun: No M66 walk of the route and planning meeting. 0161 6274862

12 Tue: Sustainable Wales 'Futures' Forum. Ty Lien Restaurant, Swansea 7.30pm £4, £3 con. 01656 783405

15 - 17: Menwith Hill Womens Peace Camp, third weekend gathering & Solstice party. 0585 329313

16 Sat: Reclaim the Streets, Leeds. Victoria Gardens 12 pm. 0113 262 9365

16 Sat: Aberystwyth Shell Demo: Meet at 1 o'clock outside the Railway Station.

17 Sun: Street Party & Pantomime! Manchester 1:30pm Albert Square. 0161 274 4665

16 - 17: Earth First! & Grassroots gathering, discussing issues on Shell - Nigeria. Oxford 0116 255 3223 & 01865 721898

18 Mon: National Day of Action Against Shell.

21 Thurs: West Midlands Groups Eco - Christmas Party, at XL's night club, Auchinleck Sq. Five Ways, Birmingham £4.50 unwaged, £5.50 waged. 0121 378 5558.

21 - 23: Oxford Winter Solstice Rainbow Gathering. Edward 01865 310253.

25 Mon: Action against low flying reindeer, Lapland.

### JANUARY

9 Tue: Demonstration against the Yukon Wolf Kill, Canada House London. 01373 473711.

9 Tue: No M66 - Actions in response to tree felling starting at Lumblane, Droylsden and Daisy Nook. 0161 6274862. 01457 834355

10 Weds: Whatley Court Appearances in Frome. 01935 825074

16 Tue: National Day of Action against Celtic Energy.

16 Tue: Demo at court appearance of Garforth opencast protesters. 0113 262 9365.

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22 Mon: Kate Witham in Court, charged with £21,000 damage to a Radome at Menwith Spy Station. 01706 371387

27 Sat: Sellafeld Womens Peace Camp. 01706 371387

### MARCH

16 - 17: Green Student Network Gathering, Cambridge. Contact Hamish Downer 01223 336176.

29 -31: Sellafeld Womens Peace Camp. 01706 371387.

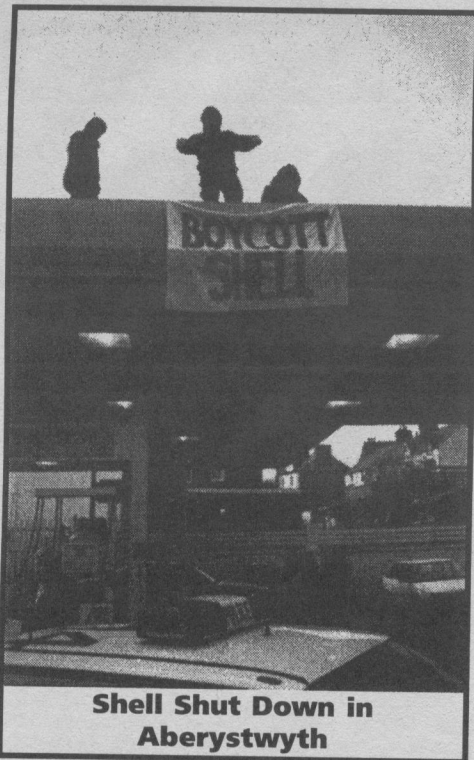
### THE EDITORIAL

Great to see so many of you at Whatley. Most agree that Whatley represents a new stage in our ability to organise national actions, without any one group being in charge. It sets a new level of cooperation between groups to work on single issues and hopefully will see many other campaigns receiving the same treatment. Especially the hot food and warm, dry benders!

On a slightly serious note, we are still looking for someone to take on the compilation of Action Update. The March issue will be the last one produced in Cardiff so someone needs to offer to take it on or there will be no forum for advertising campaigns. There is also a need for a publication within the eco-direct action community, that airs peoples opinions and views. This cannot easily be done in the AU which is simply a compilation of actions that have, or will, occur. The rapid growth of campaigns over the last year also means that regional networks to publicise news and views should be considered (i.e. a SchNews or Action Update for every region). This needs to be discussed at the next gathering.

See ya next year. The next AU is out in February. Have a good solstice and don't fall off your bike!

**Disclaimer: We don't know nothin' cos we're (apparently) dead. It was Father Christmas and his Elves!**



**Shell Shut Down in Aberystwyth**

**CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE.**

The 4th anniversary of the East Timor massacre by the Indonesian government was marked by a number of local actions on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Twelve British Aerospace factories were occupied, targeting the bosses for 'citizens arrest' for supplying arms to Indonesia. Inspection visits and enforcement visits will follow to ensure that British Aerospace have stopped production of the Hawks. Legal Action may follow. Lobby Parliament on December 7<sup>th</sup>. 0171 281 0297.

**THE McLIBEL TRIAL**

On Monday 11th of December the McLibel trial became the longest civil case of any kind in British history. Dave and Helen, two unemployed members of London Greenpeace are being sued for libel by McDonalds, after distributing a leaflet about their unethical practices. Dave and Helen have nothing to loose. McDonalds have already lost millions and have experienced world wide publicity about the case. It is set to grind on well into next year.

Recent evidence includes: a former manager of the 1987 McDonald's 'Store of the Year' telling

of the reality of McDonald's unethical, illegal and oppressive practices; testimonies on incidents of harassment for union activity; dictatorial management; illegally long hours (20 hour shifts); and a bizarre anti-union campaign (in Ontario, Canada) which included getting some of the workers to lie outside in the snow forming the word 'NO' !? McLibel Support Campaign 0171 713 1269. The trial restarts 11th January.

**M65 LANCASHIRE**

The Stanworth Valley eviction court cases have been adjourned until January 22nd, a 2 day pre-trial review is set for January 16th. Actions are planned. On November 6th, the case against Group 4, Tarmac etc. was lost on a couple of ridiculous technicalities. There was a cock-up in the court office as the court order was incorrectly worded. On November 7th, the Chairman of Group 4 - Mr Harrower, stood in the dock and swore that he never ever knew of the undertakings. Bizarre that the chairman of the company doesn't know what his board of directors are up to! The case has been appealed, there is no date set for the hearing as yet. An activist at the M65 who was crushed and injured in a digger during a protest looks likely to win his case. This is one of only 3 prosecutions that have come to court during the campaign. 0161 273 8338, 01254 582027

**GARFORTH OPENCAS**

On January 16th, 19 Garforth opencast protesters will go to trial. The activists were arrested mainly on charges of aggravated trespass, at the site owned by H G Banks mining company. The trial is expected to last at least a week. There will be demonstrations outside the court throughout the trial. The campaign continues, residents for the tree houses are needed. 0113 2629365.

**M1 NOTTINGHAM**

The Conservation Area in Annesley, Nottingham, and the ancient woodland surrounding it are about to be decimated by, surprise, a road! The proposed M1 link road is part of a huge development which will include a new enterprise park. Local people oppose the plans. There are walks along the suspected route every Saturday. Actions will kick off when the county council confirm the exact route of the road. Info via Nottingham Rainbow 01159 585666

**PRISONER SUPPORT**

Jim Chambers from the M11 link campaign has been released. Stuart Edwards is still inside. Keith Mann's sentence has been reduced from

14 to 11 years.

Mumia Abu Jamal and hundreds of others remain on death row. The coalition to free Mumia, based in New York aim to deliver a million letters to attorney general Janet Reno demanding an investigation into Mumia's case. Write to 'Honourable Janet Reno', Attorney General US Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, USA. Contact: Friends of Move, 0181 519 9228 for info on other things you can do.

There are many excellent prisoner support groups. Get in touch and get involved: \*\*Earth Liberation Prisoners: c/o Mid-Somerset EF!, PO Box 23, 5 High St, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9PU. \*\*Anarchist Black Cross: c/o 121 Railton Rd, Brixton, London. \*\*ALF Supporters Group: BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX. \*\*Conviction: PO Box 522, Sheffield, S1 3FF. \*\*Peace Prisoners Support: c/o Sholebroke Av, Leeds LS7 3HB

**BLACK MOUNTAIN RESCUE IN BELFAST**

Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> 35 activists from "Black Mountain Rescue" turned up at the premises of White Mountain quarries protesting at the destruction of the Black Mountain. On their way to the quarry 'Mr Exploitation' threw dust pollution (white flour) as a warning of what the quarry would bring.

Then marching into the city centre, rocks from the quarry were presented to the DOE. At the first DOE office, the door was pelted with polystyrene rocks. At the second DOE office real rocks were piled up outside. The RUC, unable to cope with an "autonomous collective" escorted the demo through the city centre, disrupting shoppers: 1 - 5 Donegall Lane, Belfast BT1 2LZ.

**LIVERPOOL DOCKERS**

500 striking Liverpool dockers have been sacked. They have a long history of supporting other campaigns. They've allowed Greenpeace to picket their vessels and have refused to handle nuclear waste, expected on a contract between Mersey Docks & Harbour Company and Japan. Goods were refused from S. Africa and Namibia when they were ruled by apartheid, and Chile, when thousands of workers and students were imprisoned and put to death by the dictatorship. They're now being punished for fighting casualisation, part time work and the right to trades unions. Five community marches and rallies have been set up, and a 36,000 tonne ship prevented from docking in Liverpool in solidarity. Support is needed and deserved. 0171 627 8666, 0171 387 0564.

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