

International solidarity

Demonstrations and harassment in San Cristobal, Mexico

On September 10th civil society groups from across Chiapas took to the streets of San Cristobal to protest at the intimidation, harassment and interrogation of people who work with local organisations. See chiapas.indymedia.org for updates. There have been protests in Barcelona, Geneva, Paris, Madrid, Argentina, the Basque Country, Canada and the United States over the Mexican government's continued human rights abuses in Chiapas. Suggested actions include organising protests at Mexican Embassies and Consulates, and at the offices and headquarters of companies investing in Chiapas. Zapatista communities are also calling for emergency human rights delegations to Chiapas. See www.chiapaslink.ukgateway.net for information and advice. Some communities have also been forced off their land and are in need of financial support: if you can raise money, e.g. through a benefit night, contact Global Exchange's Mexico program for more information. Email mexico@globalexchange.org

Close the School of the Americas! Stop US training of terrorists!

On November 16th 1-4 pm: vigil/rally outside the US embassy in London in memory of those murdered by SOA graduates in El Salvador, and in solidarity with the action outside the SOA in Fort Benning, GA. The SOA is a US military school that trains Latin American soldiers in counter-insurgency and now counter-narcotics. Opened in 1945 in Panama, it was a major foreign policy tool in the U.S. fight against communism. In the early eighties, the SOA moved to Georgia because a major newspaper

Winter Moot 2003

The EF! Winter Moot is the annual network gathering to discuss UK-based ecological direct action; our strategy, tactics, campaigns and actions. The next one is being held in Nottingham from the evening of Friday 7th to Sunday 9th of February 2003. There will be cheap vegan food available, accommodation, and a creche. The building has disabled access.

Venue details, a map, and other information will be sent out in January 2003. If you want to receive these please send an SAE to: EF! Moot c/o South Downs EF!, Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY. For specific enquiries please contact us by email: efmoot03@hotmail.com or leave a message on: 07763 552627

in Panama dubbed it the "School of Assassins." The school is notorious for training some of Latin America's most brutal dictators; several years ago manuals were released, showing curricula including techniques of torture and rape. The school is now named the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. See www.soaw.org.uk

Starbucks settlers

Berkley, California 17th August: About 25 queer 'settlers,' imitating the actions of illegal Israeli settlers in Palestine, descended on Starbucks, claiming Berkeley as "a city without people for people without a city." The group, organized by Queers Undermining Israeli Terrorism (QUIT!), posted a banner proclaiming the cafe "Queerkeley - A Prophecy Fulfilled." They erected homes, lawn furniture and signs reading "It Works In Palestine, Why Not Here?" and "It's Ours Because We Say So" and gave patrons tracts explaining their religious claim to the land: "And the Lord saw that the queer people were harried in this land. And the Lord spake unto the prophet Harvey, "You will lead your people across the wide waters unto a new land." Harvey was fearful, and cried, "How will we cross the wide waters? For they are cold, and they are filled with all manner of hazardous substances and raw sewage and other pollutants." And the Lord responded, "I say, Lo, I have promised the land of Berkeley

to the lesbians and to the gays, and the bisexuals, and to the transgenders and the intersexed, and all gender variant peoples. And this land shall be blessed with fruits and nuts, unto 50 generations." - Book of Reclamations and Realty, 4.0. The group selected Starbucks for their settlement because founder and CEO, Howard Shultz, is a major supporter of the Israeli state and Starbucks has become the prime target of an international boycott of corporations with ties to Israel www.inminds.co.uk/boycott-israel.html. See www.quitpalestine.org. or email quitpalestine@yahoo.com

Russian anti-nuclear actioncamp 2002

In response to the Russian government's decision to import 20,000 tonnes of high-level radioactive waste, environmental groups organised protest actions, including an action camp, in Siberia. The June camp took place near the prohibited zone around Krasnoyarsk-26, Russia's largest high-level radioactive waste store and plutonium-producing reactor. Early in 2002, local citizens and environmental groups collected nearly 100,000 signatures calling for a vote on whether to ban nuclear waste imports into the region. For more information, or to donate, contact: +7 (095) 7766281 (English speaking). e-mail: ecodefense@online.ru, alni@online.ru

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A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain

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South Pacific Solidarity!

Serious sabotage and damage committed during an invasion of New Tribal Missions HQ in the UK.

On 11 October more than fifty people took direct action against the New Tribes Mission (NTM) UK Headquarters in Grimsby, in solidarity with resistant indigenous people of the Philippines, West Papua and Bougainville.

NTM have stated that they intend to preach to every tribe on the planet by 2025, such as the Agta of Northern Luzon and tribes in Mindanao. NTM build airstrips in jungles, have their own planes to ferry first missionaries and then businessmen, Coca-Cola and the military. First comes Christianity and then corporations. The indigenous people of West Papua have declared missionaries one of their 4 biggest threats: they are as responsible as mining or logging

companies for ecological and cultural destruction.

The activists visited NTM wearing West Papuan masks, invaded and occupied the offices. They severely outnumbered the missionaries working there. Essential information and equipment was removed which will prove valuable to research for resistance to NTM. Other people sabotaged and damaged essential computer hardware, software and other office equipment; Others argued with workers; Others demonstrated outside or in the village nearby with banners.

All the protestors left the scene without arrest, although missionaries attempted - and failed - to stop people leaving.

Rio Tinto company blockaded

Anglesey Aluminium Metals (AAM) at Holyhead, North Wales, was blockaded for six hours by 15 people making novel use of a clapped out minivan and a tripod. The action was in solidarity with the OPM - the Free West Papua Movement. 51% of AAM is owned by the infamous Rio Tinto (RTZ), which has a major interest in the disastrous Grasberg mine in West Papua.

The van, laden with two concrete-filled barrels, was towed in at 8.30am before 'breaking down' outside the main entrance to the plant. Someone stuck their hand through a hole in the side panel and locked onto one of the barrels. The other barrel fell through a hole in the floor of the van,



and another person locked on. A long tailback rapidly ensued.

Meanwhile a scaffold tripod was erected at the back entrance to stop anyone slipping out that way. After a couple of hours a previously overgrown third entrance was opened by AAM, allowing light traffic access, but articulated vehicles were prevented from passing for another 3 1/2 hours. The activists received support from AAM workers and local contractors. Workers and redirected traffic were leafleted. Local TV and newspapers covered the blockade. No arrests were made.

The Grasberg mine is one of the largest producers of gold and copper in the world. Indonesia gains 20% royalties from it, providing 47% of West Papua's GDP. The mine has turned the local river system into a poisonous slurry channel. As a result of which hundreds of children have died from copper poisoning, and the river and the trees on its banks are biologically dead. Protests by the local people have been met with severe repression by the Indonesian military, paid for in part by Rio Tinto and supported by their security forces.

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Prisoner Support

Pelle Strindlund, from an "animal rights ploughshares style" group **'Bye Bye Meat Industry,'** has been given an 8-month sentence for carrying out an accountable direct action on a slaughterhouse. He will have to serve 2/3rds of his sentence and is expected to be inside until at least March 2003. Please send letters of support to: Pelle Strindlund, Ostragård kriminalvårdsanstalt, Box 215, SE-462 23 Vanersborg, Sweden For more info about the Bye Bye Meat Industry group visit their website www.byebyemeat.com

The Palestinian Prisoner Society

The Society aims to assist all Palestinian prisoners, past and present, and their dependants. Contact: Georgina Reeves, Palestine Prisoner Society, PO Box 240, Bethlehem, Palestine, Tel: +972 (0) 2 274 7555, Fax: +972 (0) 2 274 7151, info@ppsmo.org

Political prisoners in the Cerro Hueco prison in Chiapas:

Francisco Perez Vazquez, Angel Concepcion Perez Gutierrez, Carrillo Vazquez Lopez, Sergio Geronimo Sanchez Saenz, Anselmo Robles. Send letters (preferably in Spanish) to: La Voz de Cerro Hueco, Av Diego Duguelay 36c, Barrio El Cerrillo, San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. Email: bajlum_vozcerrohueco@hotmail.com

UK

Wayne Heaton, an anti-fascist activist, has been sentenced to 18 months for violent disorder during the Burnley riots last summer. Wayne Heaton - GK 7292, Wing G1 8, H.M. Prison, 2 Ribblestone Lane, Preston PR1 5AB.

John Bowden, long time prison resister involved in Strangeways Uprising in 1990, currently residing at Her Majesty's pleasure in HMP Bristol, 19 Cambridge Road, Bristol, BS 7 8PS.

Madeline Buckler HR4338, HMP & YO1 Bullwood Hall, Hockley, Essex, SS5 4TE, England. 1 year for burglary at Roche, a company connected with

HLS.

Neil Bartlett, FW7083, HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1EQ, England. Four years for making bomb-hoax telephone calls to animal & earth abusers.

Rae Newlands, GN6613, HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DF, England. 4½ years for aggravated harassment of HLS shareholders.

Dave Blenkinsop EM7899, HMP Bullingdon, Oxfordshire OX6 0PZ England. 3 years for attacking the Managing Director of HLS. Also serving 18 months for rescuing 600 guinea pigs from a lab supplier.

Sarah Gisborne HR4337/**Kate Simpson** GN8957, HMP Highpoint, Straddishall, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 9YG, England. 1 year for burglary at Roche.

Europe

Ahmed Meguini, n°d'écrou 25 375, 6 Rue Engelman, BP 035, 67 035 STRASBOURG cedex 2, France. 8 months for his role in an anti-racist "No Borders" demo.

Dr. Yurl Bandazhevsky, Ul. Kalvarijskaya 36, PO Box 35K, Minsk 220600, Belarus. 8 years for revealing the true extent of nuclear radiation levels around Chernobyl.

Geert Waegemans, Begijnestraat 42 2000 Antwerp, Belgium. Serving 4 years for an attempted arson. Awaiting sentencing for 4 more arsons.

Grigory Pasko, SIZO Institution IZ-25/ 1, Partizanskyj Prospekt 28-b, 690106 Vladivostok, Russia. Eco-journalist serving 4 years for exposing the Russian Navy dumping nuclear waste in the Pacific Ocean.

A 22 year old man from Stockholm recieved a 5 year sentence from the **EU-summit in Gothenburg 2001**. Letters of support can be sent to: Man jailed for 5 years c/o Solidarity Group GBG c/ o Syndikalistiskt forum Box 7267 SE-402 35 Gothenburg SWEDEN or: solidaritetsgruppen@hotmail.com

Yves Peirat, n°d'écrou 5591, Centre de Détention de Salon, bat.A, Route Nationale 113, 13300 Salon de Provence, France. 5 years for anti-

fascist arson attacks against the neo-nazi Front National.

International

Samar Alami and **Jawad Botmeh**, wrongfully convicted of conspiracy in relation to the bombings of the Israeli Embassy and Balfour House in London in 1994. Both have been sentenced to an extraordinary twenty years in prison. *For info: www.freesaj.org.uk/*

American SHAC prisoner, Benjamin Persky #1410212600 George Vierno Ctr. 0909 Hazen Street East Elmhurst, NY 11370, USA. or lettersforbenjamin@hotmail.com. Facing 2-6 years for his involvement in SHAC campaigns.

Black Panther and anti-jail prisoners, inside for over 30 years: **Albert Woodfox** #72148, CCR Upper B Cell 13, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712 USA and **Herman Wallace** #76759, Camp J, Cuda 2/Left #13, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA 70712

Ted Kaczynski (04475-046), US Pen - admin Max Facility, PO Box 8500, Florence Colorado 81226, USA. Multiple life sentences for the infamous 'Unabomber' bombing & murder campaign, carried out against symbols of technology.

Craig Marshall, #13797662, SRCI, 777 Stanton Blvd, Ontario, OR 97914 USA. 5 years 5 months for conspiracy to commit arson and possession of incendiary devices, having used the devices to destroy SUV's to raise attention to the environmentally destructive nature of these vehicles.

Fran Thompson (93341), 1107 Recharge Rd., York NE 68467, USA. An eco-activist serving Life for shooting dead, in self-defence, a stalker who had broken into her home.

Helen Woodson, 03231-045 FMC Carswell, POB 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA. Serving a total of 27 years for three separate actions. 1) robbing a federal reserve bank of \$26,000 before torching the

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Embassy occupied

The Indonesian Embassy in London was occupied in solidarity with the people of West Papua. Occupiers chained themselves to railings in a third floor window shouting "Papua Merdeka" (Freedom for Papua) to the on-lookiong crowd. The Indonesian flag was pulled down and the Papuan 'Morning Star' flag was about to be raised when Indonesian officials dragged the flag raiser who had climbed up the side of the building back into the embassy using unnecessary force.

Another group of activists gathered outside with banners

money to denounce the materialism that causes environmental destruction. 2) mailing warning letters with bullets affixed to Government and corporate officials. 3) carrying out a Ploughshares direct disarmament against a Minuteman II missile silo.

Mordechai Vanunu, Ashkelon prison, Ashkelon, Israel. 18 years for telling world media about Israel's nuclear capabilities.

Eric Wildcat Hall, #BL-5355, Unit I/A 10745 Route 18, Albion, PA 16475-0002, USA. 35-75 years for helping ship arms to Central American indigenous activists.

Rev. Steve Kelly SJ, #00816-111, FCI, POB 7000, Ft. Dix, NJ 08640, USA (14 months) for Ploughshares direct disarmament

MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after been framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. **Debbie Simms**

Africa (006307), **Janet Holloway Africa** (006308) and **Janine Philips Africa** (006309) all at: SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA. **Michael Davis Africa** (AM4973) and **Charles Simms Africa** (AM4975) both at SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA. **Edward Goodman Africa** (AM4974), SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200, USA. **William Philips Africa** (AM4984) and **Delbert Orr Africa** (AM4985) both at SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA.

Mumia Abu Jamal (AM8335), SCI Greene, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg PA 15370, USA. In 1981 Mumia was framed for the murder of a cop. Currently awaiting re-sentencing after having his death penalty revoked.

Writing to prisoners

For more info on prisoners in need of support and tips on writing to prisoners if you're new to it, email earthlibprisoner@mail.com or animalearthliberation@bigfoot.com, go to www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk or write to: **ELP** c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Ave, Leeds, LS7 or, for a hard copy of the bulletin, ELP Newsletter, BM Box 2407, London WC1N 3XX.

reading "Free West Papua" and "Victory to the OPM". The building remained occupied for ³⁴ hour whilst the demonstrators made their demands. Enraged staff pushed people about and eventually the police arrived and cut people from the railings. Four people were arrested and charged.

Solidarity South Pacific

ssp@eco-action.org c/o SDEF! Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY. Tel: 01273 695505 www.westpapua.net

Sumac picnic

A few weeks ago the Sumac centre and friends went for a picnic in woods near Nottingham. It was the first time in a year and a half, since the closure of the old Rainbow centre, that almost everyone got together without the pressure of getting the new centre open. Not everyone was there - a few people were back at the centre running the cafe and the Veggies crew were off doing an event as they almost always are. Everyone played rounders and an amazing, amusing game of three frisbees and football was invented. We sat down to a vegan picnic and much wine was consumed. After sunset, a fire kept the day going into the early hours.

The Sumac centre is finally open, meeting the only deadline we have managed to keep, which was to open the weekend before Glastonbury and the summer exodus to fields across the country. Volunteers were up til early hours the week before finishing off the building work. We only finished at 2am the night before our opening day, when over 100 people came for free tea and cakes, a kids' ceilidh by Monster Massive and a bring-and-buy sale.

The vegan cafe is open three days a week (Fri-Sun 10am-6pm) and the number of customers is building up. Our library is starting to emerge from its boxes and the shock of living in garages and cellars across Nottingham. Work still needs to be completed on the bar, which we hope will be open for Christmas. And thoughts have turned to our out-buildings, which are derelict and full of everything we had to get out of the way to open the main building. In our heads is a new grand ecologically sound office and workshop block. The volunteers who have been working on this for two years (seven days a week at some points) are exhausted, but new volunteers are starting to come in to turn this part of our dream into reality.

More information from www.veggies.org.uk or info@veggies.org.uk or 245 Gladstone street, Forest fields, Nottingham NG7 6HX 0845 458-9595. Donations welcome.

Animal rights

North-West SHAC Day of Action: Activists easily gained entry to a "secure" building to invade WorldCom's offices and halt work, whilst workers from other offices were informed about WorldCom's involvement in horrendous animal cruelty. Many wished us luck in closing Huntingdon Life Sciences. We then paid a visit to Marsh, HLS' insurers. Activists stormed the building and locked themselves into a conference room. A megaphone was directed out of the window and for an hour passers-by informed of Marsh's support of HLS. Police tried to arrange a meeting between us and the manager, but he was too ashamed to speak to us. Eventually police piled in and we were escorted out. Manchester Animal Protection - tel 07932 547785

Revolutions Per Minute has published 'The Rich at Play', an analysis of hunting with hounds. It concentrates on the historical basis and cultural context, beginning with the Norman Conquest. Hunting is examined as part of the laws and practices enabling the ruling class to control space. The author analyses the peculiarly non-rural composition of the Countryside Alliance, and the populist, libertarian politics whereby it gathers public sympathy for hunters, which it portrays as part of a 'rural dispossessed'. Available from Revolutions Per Minute, BCM Box 3328, London, WC1N 3XX. www.red-star-research.org.uk revopermin@ukonline.co.uk



Remember, Rejoice, Resist!

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7th-9th December, St Catherines Hill Winchester Camping in winter. Bring what you expect to find...

Twas on this day battle begun,
We have fought many since, and some we won.
Lest we forget Yellow Wednesday we celebrate

10 years have we grown with our fight,
To expose the wrongs of corporate shite.
Now one and all to St Caths come,
And dream a way for our war for the World to be won.

Diary dates

November

21-22: NATO Summit, Prague, Czech Republic. www.csaf.cz/english

23-24: Women Speak Out, national women activists' gathering, Manchester. To help organise, and/or offer a workshop, call 07753 606723, email wsomanchester@bellow.org.uk. www.bellow.org.uk for details/updates.

23: No Sweat conference, speakers including trade unionists from Nike Kukdong/Mexmode dispute in Mexico. Noon to 5.30, main building, SOAS, Thornhaugh St, London WC1. £5 to No Sweat, PO Box 36707, London SW9 8YA. 07904 431 959. www.nosweat.org.uk admin@nosweat.org.uk

23-30 Week of Action against the fur trade
29 Buy Nothing Day - www.fanclubbers.org, nomoney@eroding.org.uk

December

1 Global Day of Action against vivisectors Huntington Life Sciences. Info: London Animal Action on 0845 458 4775 or 07796 774 200

1 International AIDS Day

4 'Threads' - film about life in Britain after a nuclear strike. Also public information films about preparing for a nuclear explosion. 5:30pm & 8pm, part of Fourth Tyneside Radical Film Festival. The Side Cinema, near the Crown Posada pub on Dean Street, on Newcastle's Quayside. radical.filmfest@tesco.net

7-9th 10th anniversary gathering - resistance to road building at Twyford Down, near Winchester

8 National demo against Huntington Life Sciences. www.shac.net or 0845 458 0630. Fri 9 International Day Against Fascism (to commemorate Kristallnacht). events tba www.twafa.org.uk, www.unitedagainstracism.org

10 Intl Animal Rights Day - Uncaged Campaigns, St Matthew's House, 45 Carver Street, Sheffield S1 4FT. 0114 2722220 or info@uncaged.co.uk, www.uncaged.co.uk

12-13 EU SUMMIT - in Copenhagen, Denmark. Info: www.aseed.net or Peoples' Global Action - www.agp.org or Indymedia.

14 Jimmy McGovern talks about the film 'Dockers' he helped write with the sacked Liverpool dockers. 5:30pm & 8pm (Fourth Tyneside Radical Film Festival, see 4/12)

18 International Migrants Day
20-21 Two days of disobedience in **solidarity with the Argentine** popular rebellion. To join email list email: list@raaf.be

28 International Human Rights Day - demo by the LASO Collective against Plan Columbia: 07950 923448, lasocollective@hotmail.com

28 Christian CND prayer vigil at Albemarle nuclear weapons compound, near Heddon-on-the-Wall. Meet 2.15pm Central Station for 3pm at North Gate

Ongoing

THURSDAYS Protest at **Selfridges** sale of fur in the run-up to Christmas. 400 Oxford St, W1, 6-8pm. (Bond/Oxford Circus tube). Or call Selfridges: 0870 837 7377. London Animal Action 0845 458 4775, or 07796 774 200.

FRIDAYS London **Critical Mass** - last Friday of each month, 6pm @ South Bank, under Waterloo Bridge. 07801 703016 or criticalmass.london@virgin.net or <http://come.to/londoncm/>

SATURDAYS DEMO outside **Campsfield** refugee detention centre last Saturday of the month, Oxfordshire. Close Down Campsfield Noon-2pm. Info: 01865 558145

Anti-capitalism rides again...

Anarchist Travelling Circus: a UK-wide series of actions, projects and events, and a mobilisation against the G8 Summit taking place in Evian (Lake Geneva, on the French-Swiss border), June 1st-3rd 2003.

Recent summit-hopping protests have built and revitalised the anti-capitalist movement, strengthened international solidarity, created new links, and mobilised people and ideas. This process is important, but mobilising around one-off events isn't enough. The Anarchist Travelling Circus attempts to reconcile mass mobilisations with local projects and actions; create links between anti-capitalist and daily struggles in our communities and workplaces; involve those who cannot/do not want to travel around getting tear-gassed; and emphasise that our multiple struggles against war and militarism, the destruction of the earth, debt and lack of housing, the treatment of asylum seekers, the mind-numbing, soul-destroying monotony of wage labour and many other issues cannot be won until the fight against capitalism is won, daily, constantly, everywhere. The idea is a 5-6 week tour of the country, perhaps beginning on Mayday, and culminating in Evian on June 1st at the G8, with a possible 'No Border' Camp en-route. As the Circus progresses around the UK, people could join and leave at will, staying on till Evian or never leaving their home town. At each city, town or village people would organise actions, open social centres, or stage cultural events. The idea is for anybody interested to set up local groups to organise events and transport and network the idea locally. An internet discussion list has been set up, to subscribe, send a blank email to: anarchistravellingcircus-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you are setting up a group in your area and would like a speaker, please email anarchistravellingcircus@yahoo.co.uk and let us know. The web address is www.g8circus.org.uk.



Local updates

Nazis out!

Anti-fascists have attacked a shop in central Burnley owned by Steve Smith, BNP organiser for Burnley. The 'shop' sells little beyond a bit of Nazi memorabilia and is instead mainly used as a base for BNP organising in Burnley, and as a distribution point for BNP and Countryside Alliance propaganda. Anti-fascists smashed windows and graffiti'd the front of the shop.

Happy Meal

A new McDeath in Reddish has proved unpopular with locals. Since opening it has been robbed once, broken into several times with the burgers thrown about and friers opened (meaning they might be contaminated and it can't open next morning) and the doors and windows are kicked in on a weekly basis...! It's hardly surprising considering the outlet was built despite local opposition and with planning permission gained on the sly (by applying under the name of Warburton's), not to mention McDonalds' reputation for worker and animal exploitation.

At the palace

The fence enclosing the top of Crystal Palace Park has been torn down. At a candle-lit vigil protesting Bromley Council's enclosure of part of the park people pulled off the plywood hoardings and entered the park. Around 50 people, mostly local residents, joined in, and before long a long stretch of the fence lay on the ground. For info see: http://uk.indymedia.org/front.php3?article_id=40531

Teeing off

Victory – for the local campaign against Reddish Golf Club's plans to tip waste in Reddish Vale. The club had planning permission dating from 1965, and stood to make £15-30,000 contracting the tipping out. Local campaigners made it very clear to the Club that they would be reporting it to the Environment Agency for not declaring earlier dumping of toxic substances, and suggested that there might be other serious repercussions should they go ahead with the scheme, which would send 5,000 waste lorries to the Stockport beauty spot, past schools and other community sites, over two years.

Scotts Fucked

Two-thirds of Scotts' peat stock destroyed in one night

On the night of the Saturday 31st August a small group of people visited Hatfield Peatworks near Doncaster and slashed ¾ of Scotts' bagged peat. Based on figures by Scotts' lawyers for a previous action of this kind we estimate that over £100,000 worth of damage was done.

Southend

Activists took to the trees in response to plans for a £3.5million road widening scheme. Two climbers scrambled up trees on the route of the planned dual carriageway and held an eight-hour vigil. Campaigners for the group, Parklife, fear the road widening scheme will destroy more than 100 mature trees and a large shrubbery area. Parklife claims 25,000 residents have backed its protest through petitions and letters to newspapers.

European NewsREAL

A 'new tool in globalisation activists' armoury' was launched at the European People's Global Action Conference in Leiden. The European NewsREAL is a half hour monthly video magazine of news stories produced by grassroots video activists. The project has a centralised translation system so copies can be made in different languages. The NewsREAL will be screened to audiences of up to 8 million viewers on US Freespeech TV, and in small cinemas, universities, cafes and squats across Europe. Contact: abragga@hotmail.com or Undercurrents Alternative News 01865 203661

New publication

Free copies of "Sexual Assault in Activist Communities" are available (help with postage appreciated). Email activistsagainstsexualassault@hotmail.com, including info on how many you need and whether you can make any financial contribution. Postal address: Local Affairs Commissioner, CSA Main Office, University Centre- level 2, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1, Canada

Casualisation debate

There is an online discussion forum on casualisation and workers' right abuses, in the campaigns section of Billy Bragg's website. See www.billybragg.co.uk This seems all the more vital after a week (September 13th-20th) during which six men, one woman and a child were killed on construction sites across the country.

Israeli action

22nd September: two hundred activists demonstrated opposite the Ministry of Defense in Tel-Aviv against Israeli violence in the West Bank. The action was called by Gush Shalom, the radical Israeli Peace Bloc. This was the first Israeli demonstration against army action on Arafat's compound in Ramallah. Demonstrators shouted: "Get Out of Ramallah!" and "Fuad, Fuad, (Ben-Eliezer), Minister of Defense, How Many Children Have You Killed?"

Action Groups

Local EF! contacts, some are active groups, others need more people to get in touch

Bath EF!
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Dartmoor EF!
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www.ainfos.ca a multi-lingual news service by, for and about anarchists

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Iraq Attack

From a sanctions-breaker

“As we find ourselves on the verge of another Gulf War it’s easy to forget that the first never ended for the people of Iraq. Twelve years of economic sanctions have compounded the effects of the 1991 war, condemning an entire population to poverty and suffering. According to UNICEF, over 500,000 under-fives have died as a consequence of sanctions.

A dilapidated infrastructure resulted from Allied bombing, and has remained in an appalling state because sanctions deny both physical commodities and economic resources. The result: undrinkable water and raw sewage backing up into peoples’ homes, in a country which had British-standard sanitary systems a decade ago. Obesity, once the most common complaint in child health problems, is now replaced by poverty and starvation. 800,000 children under the age of five are chronically malnourished, according to the World Food Program.

The biggest child killer in Iraq over the last twelve years has been diarrhoea and other water contamination related diseases. I’ve watched as young children walked barefoot through human waste in Basra, seen four month old babies dying in front of their mother’s eyes as a result of wasting from diarrhoea.

The Security Council Panel on Humanitarian Issues said in March 1999, “even if not all suffering in Iraq can be imputed to external factors, especially sanctions, the Iraqi people would not be undergoing such deprivations in the absence of the prolonged measures imposed by the Security Council and the effects of war.”

Denis Halliday and Hans von Sponeck, both former UN



Life in Iraq - living in sewage

Humanitarian co-ordinators, resigned in protest at the sanction regimes, which they’ve called “failed” and “genocidal”.

The humanitarian impact of a war on Iraq under these conditions would be catastrophic, condemning an already suffering nation. A Pentagon administrative officer warned President Clinton in 1998 that the pre-cursor attack plan to Desert Fox would as a “medium case scenario” result in the deaths of 10,000. If, as in 1991, the attacks targeted vital civilian infrastructure, it would be “an attack on children’s ability to survive” according to Save the Children, and a worse scenario than that above.

According to a UNICEF representative in Iraq, if military action interrupts the distribution of the monthly food ration, which most households in Iraq have an “almost total dependency” upon, it would result in “famine on a large scale.” UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has stated that the collapse of the electrical sector could “potentially dwarf all other difficulties [so far] endured by the Iraqi people.”

The Bush/Blair ‘dossier of evidence’ provided nothing but conjecture. There are 23 million people in Iraq, the warmest, most loving, compassionate people I’ve ever had the privilege of meeting. With children already dying at epidemic proportions we have to do everything possible to prevent adding to this already fatal cocktail. A war on Iraq would be a gross violation of international law, of decency, of morality and of any democratic process in Britain, with the majority of people across the political divide opposed to a war in Iraq.”

Voices in the Wilderness has been running a postal sanctions breaking campaign for some time. People send small packages of medicines or toys to Iraq without applying for an export licence, and use their action as a means of getting the local media to cover the issue. This is a breach of the law on sanctions, and should not be undertaken without due consideration! Contact Voices for a pack, including details of where/what to send, and legal ramifications. Voices UK, 5 Caledonian Road, King’s Cross, London N1 9DX, 0845 458 2564, <http://www.viwuk.freemove.co.uk/>

Spy base blockade - sabotage the war effort!

24th October: 5am: Around 20 protesters locked themselves to the gates of Menwith Hill US Spy Base, Yorkshire. The blockade lasted 4½ hours, hitting three scheduled shift changes. Around 1000 staff were turned away on arrival and the base was reduced to essential services only. No arrests were made.

Menwith Hill is a US spy base, monitoring communications in Europe and the Middle East. It is central to intelligence gathering in the so-called ‘War against Terror’ and a key base for the global spy system Echelon. The base is actually US territory, US intelligence officers and military work there as well as support personnel from the UK - in all 3,000 people. It is being used to identify targets in Iraq and will be used to co-ordinate bombings when they start.

The action was a massive success. The main gate at Menwith is under construction so access is through two side gates. These, and a disused rear gate, were shut by activists, leaving the base almost completely shut down. The US military even came to have a look - something unheard of at Menwith, they usually stay well away.

This is just the beginning... The US and British governments are making war in our names. We need to build an active resistance movement and sabotage their war effort. Indifference is not an option!



Locking-on at Menwith Hill

Anti-war actions

October 2: the trial of 2 people charged with criminal damage at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston was postponed after the prosecution failed to produce evidence that the site, near Reading, had ever been licensed to produce nuclear weapons. The defence lawyer stated that, under the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act of 2001, anyone "possessing or producing" a nuclear weapon is "guilty of an offence," and "liable of conviction to life imprisonment" - unless, under Section 48 of the Act, such possession or production has been authorised by the Secretary of State. Aldermaston has, so far, been unable to produce such authorisation. Pre-trial hearings have been set for a later date.

Ireland, 19th August: activists were arrested at Shannon Airport after protesting its use for fuelling US military aircraft on their way to Europe and the Middle East, often carrying weapons like ‘daisy-cutter’ bombs designed to ‘clear’ spaces 600m wide of all living beings. Gardai later told activists that they ‘didn’t know the half’ of what went on at the airport at night, and said that jets had recently passed through which even security personnel were not allowed to approach.

Activists disrupted an army promotion and recruitment event at Horseguards Parade in London which also included the charity Stroke Awareness working closely on a joint scheme, using army fitness trainers to promote exercise. The activists “tried to point out what appears to be the contradiction in: ‘Get fit and go kill people’ – or - ‘Get fit and go kill other people’s children’ - Or - ‘Get fit then go and get killed’. ‘Get fit then watch out for the Depleted Uranium’ would have been even more to the point.”



US spy base at Menwith Hill blocked

Anti-war vigils and demos

Bath - Saturdays, 11.00-12.00, Bath Abbey

Birmingham - Iraqi People First Vigil in Birmingham, monthly, second Saturday, 11:00-13:00, Barclays, New Street, ALSO last Thursday 17.00-18.00 against sanctions/bombing of Iraq

Bridgend - Mondays, 17:00-18:00, Oxfam shop, York Place.

Brighton - weekly, Tuesday, War Memorial, between North and St James Streets 18.00-19.00, wear black if possible

Brighton - Saturdays, 12:00-13:00, outside Peace Centre

Bristol - daily, 17:30-18:30, opposite Hippodrome, city centre, Saturday 15:00-16:00

Cheltenham - daily, 17:15 to 18:00, on the Promenade

Chester - vigil at the Cross – Saturday following planning meetings on 1st Monday of the month, Quaker Meeting House, Frodsham, contact 01244 679051

Coventry - Wednesdays, 17:00 onwards, outside Belgrade Theatre

Edinburgh - vigils: Wednesdays 18.00-19.00 outside St Giles Cathedral; Friday 17.00 Parliament Square

Exeter - Fridays 17.00-18.00, Saturdays 12.00-14.00, Bedford Sq.

Frome - meetings, weekly, Fridays 18:00-19:00, Garden Café

Hastings - Saturdays, from 10:30 to 12:30, in the Pedestrian Precinct; Women in Black vigil, Fridays, from 17:00 to 18:00, at Town Hall, Queens Rd. General peace vigil follows from 18:00-19:00

Ipswich - Fridays, 17:00-18:00, outside TSB, Cornhill

Kenilworth - Saturdays, 11:00-13:00, Talisman Square or Abbey End

Kings Lynn - Norfolk, Fridays, 18:15-19:15, the Saturday Market. Contact 01553 772798

Lampeter - Thursdays, 17:00-19:00, Harford Square

Leamington Spa - Saturdays, 12:00 onwards, outside Town Hall

Leicester - Mondays, 18:00 onwards, Clock Tower, contact 07989 796355

Llanidloes - Saturdays 12.00-13.00, Town Hall

London - 24 hour Picket - daily, from 00:00 to 00:00, opposite Downing Street, Whitehall, from the moment hostilities start

- Mondays, 17.30-19.00, corner King Charles St/Whitehall

- Wednesdays, 18:00 onwards, opposite National Portrait Gallery, near St Martins in the Fields church, wear black if possible, women only

- daily, 15.00-18.00, Israeli embassy in High Street Kensington

Machynlleth - Wednesdays 11.00-12.00, Clock Tower

Matlock - Sundays, from 18:00 to 19:00, by the War Memorial, Crown Sq.

Menwith Hill - Tuesdays, 19:00-21:00, outside the main entrance

Middlesbrough - meetings, 1st Tuesday of the month, Friends’ Meeting House, Cambridge Rd

Milton Keynes - Mondays, outside central rail station 17.30-18.30, contact 01908 607630

Newcastle - Saturdays, 13.00-14.30, Monument; silent vigil, Saturday 15.00-16.00, War Memorial, St Thomas’ Church; public meetings, 19.00, Friends’ Meeting House, Jesmond

Newcastle Under Lyme - Saturdays, 11:00 onwards, High St end of the Ironmarket

Newport - Gwent, Mondays, 17:00, Cenotaph, Clarence Place.

Newtown - Saturdays, 11.00-12.00, outside Robert Owen museum

Nottingham - Saturdays, 14:00 onwards, Market Square, by the Council House

Penzance - Mondays, 18.00-19.00, Saturdays 12.00.13.00, Lower End of Causeway Head, contact 01736 787056

Plymouth - Tuesdays 18.00 onwards, Royal Parade, contact: 01752 313724

Reading - Fridays 19.00, Saturdays 12.00, Town Hall Square

Scarborough - Saturdays 11.00-12.30, outside Woolworths, town centre

Sheffield - Palestine vigil Saturdays 12.00-14.00, outside Town Hall, anti-war Fridays 16.30-17.30, Sheffield Town Hall steps

Stockport - daily, 17.30-18.15, top of the steps at War Memorial Art Gallery

Stroud - Mon-Fri 17.15-17.45, High Street, Saturdays 12.00-13.00 King Street

Sunderland - Thursdays, 17.00 onwards, Market Sq.

Truro - Friday 16.00-17.00, Truro Cathedral

Wolverhampton - Fridays, 16:30-17:30, Queens Square; Saturdays from 11:00-12:00

York - Mondays, 17:00 onwards, Parliament Street fountain, moving to Thursdays from 29th November. Same time and place.