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# Efficiency

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**Efficiency is inflexible.** An automatic collector on the bus processes only exact change to print a ticket; otherwise, it does not work, and it invalidates the operation. The automatic teller buzzes at a wrong button pushed and rejects the plastic card. This is the logic of efficiency, or the reason of inflexibility. In the same way, being indecisive is a sign of inefficiency, which marks and burns with the stain of the flexible.

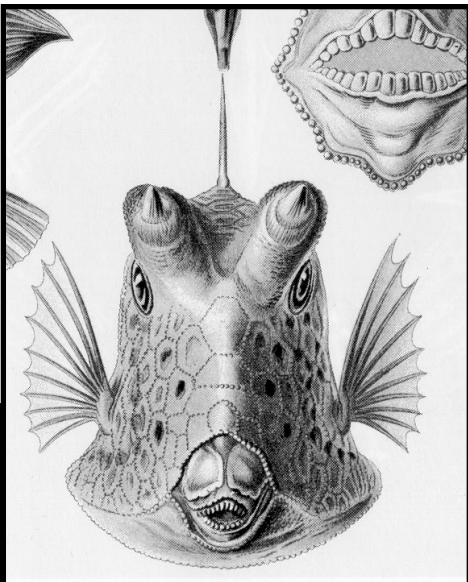
The sap that flows through nature spreads without a stable base of identity. Rather it flows spontaneously, precipitately. It does not reproduce itself identically, and it rejects the molds of mechanization.

This fluid is in constant movement. While the river runs, its particles have no possible replica. In this way, freezing a single drop, isolating it from the general flow, is an act against nature. Cloning nature in order to pour its double into a test tube is a reifying act. Nature is peculiarity itself and is fragile like every snowflake. Its spirit is flexible. The logic of standardization articulates itself instead through the mechanisms of efficiency. An experiment cannot make itself flexible, it requires a stable pattern that must be tested under inflexible conditions and coordinates. Life flows in an organic way, like the sap of plants, it is not a laboratory experiment under scientific control. On the contrary, it flowers with the flexibility of a bud. Sap waters the world through each one of its peculiarities. Efficiency negates nature, given that it tries to impose a control panel over the garden, which sprouts spontaneously and organically. Efficiency expands and colonizes, ignoring all peculiarity. Because of this, its function is to

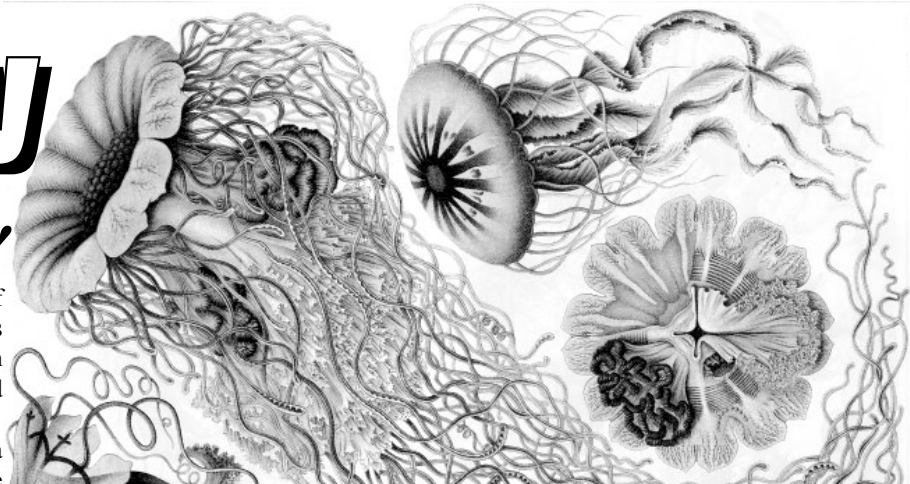
construct categories that operate with the logic of taxonomic standardization. Thus it differentiates and creates sets while it negates the differences in these same sets, which cannot resist the light and organicity of its own peculiarities.

Reality is a garden of peculiarities forged from a constellation of other peculiarities, which at the same time disperse themselves in their own universe to the rhythm of the sap that flows and flowers. The fluid does not organize itself nor does it represent itself. It is only a flow. Everything that inhabits it is part of its own organicity, which grows in the constant movement of each unique and unrepeatable constellation. The organicity of change—which sometimes expresses itself like bubbles in boiling water—surfaces when humans concentrate their energy—which becomes self-reflexive consciousness—and corrects the course of daily events. But organicity is also natural and independent of consciousness. For example, global warming, caused by human technology, will make the planet cool down to counteract the frightening and artificial heat of fossil fuels. This will cause floods, tsunamis and even the disappearance of coastal population centers. To not understand this is to alienate oneself from the course of life that flows between each and every one of us. It is to fall into reification, that is to say, into the logic that situates subjects like dead matter in a control panel. This is the panel that turns on and off the mechanized system, negating with its measured tic-tac the permanent course of life.

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## Where We're At

According to Oswald Spengler, "About ideas people fight no more. The last idea — that of the Civilization itself — is formulated in outline, and technics and economics are as *problems*, enunciated and prepared for handling."

But this is true only insofar as civilization is excluded from consideration. For us, it is anything but "the last idea" or an accepted fate. Rather, those who confront civilization take a step as necessary as it is inspiring. Anti-civilization or anarcho-primitivism is an essential renewal of passion and vision. This perspective is in many ways the beginning of the fight, based on an awareness of how much is at stake and how far the fight must be taken.

Division of labor and domestication, pillars of the doomed civilized world, must be overturned, along with patriarchy, which is fundamentally synonymous with civilization. Thus we are neither Deep Ecologists nor "green" leftists, since both parties avoid such basic challenges.

As 2003 unfolds, a US war with Iraq seems imminent, with Iran possibly the next target. Empire is now going for broke at home and abroad, desperate for definitive victory. Repression and aggression increase, while resistance continues to build above ground and below the surface. The year ahead will bring us both better and worse times.

Three years have passed since the anti-WTO "Battle of Seattle." Prague 2000 and the explosion of Genova 2001 followed, with 9/11 bringing a temporary suppression of similarly militant occasions. What erupted in Seattle has not gone away, but continues to develop. There's a steady movement in the direction of indicting civilization, including countless anti-authoritarian projects worldwide.

The left, meanwhile, conforms to Spengler's observation that people no longer fight for ideas. The left still exists, but only as a vehicle for registering protest. Its tenets (opposition to autonomy, continued mass production, ever-new technology), far from energizing the struggle, are increasingly recognized as part of the problem — more reasons for the enveloping crisis.

The fight for life, health, and freedom has been renewed, and goes forward now at a depth that cannot be hindered. The break with civilization and its basic force-field of control and destruction is under way. At bottom, that is what it's all about now.

## Voices of the First Day: Awakening In the Aboriginal Dreamtime

by Robert Lawlor

### The Sword, the Plough, or the Dreaming

The lack of any form of agriculture in Aboriginal Australia is now fully recognized as a result of a conscious choice. It is not, as Darwinian experts previously claimed, due to racial deficiencies, or the result of environmental hardship. Rather, it was an active choice of Aboriginal culture to adhere to their ancient Dreamtime Law. The Dreamtime stories are the longest continuous religious belief documented anywhere in the world. In all the thousands of stories, hunting and gathering is the only form of food procurement mentioned. The adventurous joy of hunting and foraging, free and naked in the open air of primal forests, makes other possibilities unthinkable for a healthy, sensual, and spiritual people. As anthropologist Leslie White suggests, "Hunting and gathering society was unquestionably the most satisfying social environment (hu)man has ever lived in."

Paleopathologists who study the skeletons of ancient hunter-gatherers say they tend to be stronger and more robust and show fewer signs of degenerate diseases than those of later agriculturalists. The very real necessities of agriculture — the tedious repetition and endless chores of crop cultivation; the necessity of laboring on and defending denuded, exhausted plots of land from weather damage, insects, and wildlife; the bondage to one particular locality and one measured domicile — were responsible for the separation of human activity into the duality of work and play. In all hunting and gathering societies there was no real differentiation between the two. As physiologist Jared Diamond argues, "Agriculture is the worst mistake in the history of the human race."

### Hero/Destroyer: The Two Faces of Power

Historically, the most extreme cultural contrast has been that between hunting-gathering and agricultural, city-based societies. These two societies radically conflict on every level of existence from the spiritual to the physical. The confrontation of these two cultural forms has often meant the genocide of the hunter-gatherers. Often, these acts of mass destruction are glorified as colonial heroism, as in the case of the decimation of the Native American and Australian Aboriginal cultures. "The famous American historian, Francis Parkman, wrote of the American Indian: 'He will not learn the arts of civilization, and he and his forest must perish together.'"

*"I feel it with my body, with my blood. Feeling all these trees, all this country... when the wind blows you can feel it. Same for country... you feel it. You can look, but feeling... that put you out there in the open space."*

### Self and Earth

Each Aborigine knows his country as he knows himself, through his own body and the internalized images of his dreaming places — these are his identity. There is no Aboriginal story that does not make reference to places, and land formations are never discussed without reference to their mythological stories.

Due to the mystical interrelationship of these two most profound realms of existence — the physical body and the extended body of the surrounding environment — the notion of possessing country or of land as a separate object has no place in Aboriginal consciousness. There are no words denoting possession in Aboriginal languages. An Aborigine may speak of "holding" country, referring to obligations inherited for maintaining certain sites, but he never speaks of ownership. Like the human body, the country is considered non-segmentable. There are distinguishable features such as thigh, abdomen, and chest, but they form integral parts of a continuous living being. An old Aborigine said of the ever-present barbed wire fences in rural Australia, "White man's fences strangle the music of the countryside, just as clothes strangle the music of the body."

The present ecological effort to re-establish a bond between human societies and the natural environment seems superficial compared to the Aborigines' deep identification with nature. For more than 100,000 years, this deep connection has prevented Aboriginal culture from exploiting the earth's environment; we must seek to understand this level of identification in transforming our relationship with the earth. Bioregionalism, the practice of relying on resources from one's own region rather than world resources regardless of relative need, is a philosophy that aims at developing people's respect for the particular place where they live. If our irresponsible exploitation of the earth is replaced with a social order in which people again derive their sustenance directly from their surrounding environment, human societies can transcend the obsessive concerns with the individual and again learn to treasure the earth.



In *Green Anarchy* #10, we published an exclusive interview with **Ann Hansen**, a former member of the eco-anarchist armed struggle cell, **Direct Action**, who engaged in a highly visible series of guerrilla actions against patriarchal-industrial civilization in the early 1980's in the occupied territory known as Canada. As a follow-up to that interview, we'd like to reprint this essay by **Brent Taylor**, another member of **Direct Action**, who was sentenced in 1984 to a total of 20 years in prison on conviction of conspiring to rob a Brinks armored truck and a number of other weapons offenses. This essay—as timely and relevant as when it was written—will help to clarify the politics of **Direct Action** for our readers who are unfamiliar with the group or their struggle and will hopefully remind other green anarchists of the magnitude of what we're up against, and the increasingly dire need to start fighting back more effectively. This article also appears in the pamphlet, *"The Writings of the Vancouver Five,"* which can be ordered for \$3.00 from the **Green Anarchy Distro PO Box 11331, Eugene, OR 97440**

The apocalyptic horrors we face today — the looming nightmares of nuclear war or ecological catastrophe — are a direct consequence of the industrial and technological civilization created by materialistic capitalist and communist male power elites over the past 200 years. These threats to our survival are entirely unique to this modern era, and would have been virtually inconceivable to people of former times. However, the true roots of industrial civilization — the consciousness and attitudes which eventually enabled such a civilization to come into being — first began to fester in the societies of our ancestors long ago. Why we have only so recently come to be faced with the nightmarish reality of a crisis of extermination is because the modern era is the first in which the actual potential for extermination exists. It was only through the actualization of an advanced industrial civilization that the machines, weapons and industrial processes were created which are now threatening the survival of life on Earth.

The present industrial and technological civilization is, in its global scale and its actual physical manifestations, vastly different from all other eras of so-called "civilized history." From the stupefying rate of expansion of the "industrial revolution," and with the colossal productive capacity of massive factories, the immense output from power projects, and the utilization of mega-scale resource extraction, etc., etc., ad nauseam, there is little question that the modern era, in a material sense, literally stands beyond history. It has facilitated the most consumptive and materialistic societies ever — which are surely a science fiction fantasy when compared with even the most developed urban centers of the 18th century. Yet it is not because of a new mode of thinking that human existence has been so rapidly transformed.

Industrial civilization has evolved from the cumulative effects of an unbroken adherence to perceptions, concepts and philosophical values

which are negative and essentially anti-life. For example, the capacity of human beings to wage wars of total annihilation against their enemies, or the quest to manipulate the natural environment to our anthropocentric ends, or to lust after material wealth with insatiable greed — these machinations which are so prevalent among the ruling classes of today — have also dominated the pursuits of previous eras and civilizations. Clearly, far back into history, well before the beginnings of the Judeo-Christian era, the dominant conceptual outlook of civilization can be described as being that of "patriarchal (male-dominated) conquest."



I believe that within this mode of thought are ways of perceiving and being, sometimes subtle and sometimes brutally apparent, which must be rejected if we are to survive and recreate lives and cultures of natural freedom and harmony.

At some point in our distant past, when early patriarchal societies began to develop and then become established and powerful, a distancing and disregard, and eventually contempt and conquest, over womyn, other peoples and finally the natural environment came to be the principle underlying premises upon which the ruling males governed. Since those times, the magnitude of patriarchal conquest has steadily expanded, and "human development" has been synonymous with the ever-increasing institutionalization of patriarchal domination. The tragic effects of this domination are not only evident today in the material conditions of human societies, but as well, in the inner world of human beings.

Over thousands of years, the patriarchal culture of conquest has virtually destroyed our inner grounding with what can be termed "a natural and holistic appreciation of life." Such a severe spiritual crippling has left us collectively wounded and astray. This is particularly true in advanced industrial societies where an extremely distorted and lifeless view of living exists. Not only has much of the reverence and worship of life itself vanished, but it appears that these societies have become incapable of recognizing the fact that they are creating an execution chamber world by

the very manner in which they are functioning and by the very motives which drive them onward.

Patriarchal conquest has become an embracing battle of conquest over all life for the ends of greed and power for rulers and empires — to bury variety, spontaneity and vitality in a coffin of artificiality, domination and control.



Male rule, womyn hating, racism, warfare, imperialism, materialism, anthropocentricity, specism, aggression, competition, believing humanity to be separate and superior to the natural world, psychic and emotional encasement, invulnerability, hierarchicalism, objectification, exploitation, techno-rationality, lack of intuition or insight and spiritual voidness — these are some of the negative attributes which are consistent with a patriarchal culture. Taken as a whole, they form the cultural archetype now exhibited in the military industrial imperialism of our present times. Throughout patriarchal history, these attributes have more or less determined how we have lived, and how civilizations have developed. Today, much of humanity, most men, and all imperialist economic, scientific, political and military leaders are imbued with many of these life-smothering characteristics. The brutal landscapes and stagnant cesspools of modern industrial civilization are a real life mirror reflecting the extent to which the human spirit has been extinguished by the culture of patriarchal conquest.

The ceaseless dark ages of history, now epitomized in the 20th century crises of extermination, starkly reveal that the longer human beings have adhered to, or been forced under domination of, the various strains of patriarchal thinking, the greater the anti-social centrality of such thought has permeated the character of human societies; and therefore, the greater the degree of violence, destruction and misery that all living beings and the environment of the Earth have experienced. On the path of patriarchal conquest things haven't gotten better; they've gotten worse. All the multitudes of negativity found throughout patriarchal history have compounded, mutated and expanded over time, eventually culminating in the toxic realities of modern times.

With the advent of industrial civilization a qualitatively new era of destructiveness has come into being. Before industrialization, though there was often unfathomable suffering and brutality, actual threats to the survival of all life on Earth did not exist. Therefore, irregardless of the many terrors people faced, in their dreams they could visualize an open-ended future full of possibility. Today this is no longer true: we live in dread of the horrors of industrial civilization, and daily we are confronted with the very real possibility of extinction. Industrialization has not only magnified the basic anti-life dynamic of the patriarchal culture of conquest, it is in fact a Frankenstein created by it.

The existence of industrial civilization cannot be divorced from the historical process which eventually enabled it to be created — that process being patriarchal historical development. Industrial civilization stems totally from within the conceptual framework of the patriarchal mindset; and it is from that mentality that the strivings to pursue it dwell. It would never have come into being without human cultures having first been mutilated by patriarchal conquest, and our identification with the natural living world severed. If we fail to make this connection, then we fail to understand the real "nature" of industrial civilization.

Industrial civilization is the definitive product of patriarchal conquest. Industrial development is not wrong simply because it is recklessly utilized towards the ends of power and profit. Its very essence is wrong: all the premises upon which it was founded, and is maintained, are negative and anti-life. It is inherent within the essential "nature" of industrial civilization for it to be life-threatening. It is entirely consistent, therefore, that its existence has become such a grave threat to the survival of life.

To survive this crisis of extermination, it is simply not enough to isolate nuclear war, large-scale pollution or relentless profiteering as being the offensive realities of industrial civilization, and therefore, as the only parts of it that should be done away with. To do that would mean that we still embraced, on the whole, most of the industrial "way of life" created in the image of the patriarchal mentality. It would mean that we still adhered to the culture of patriarchal conquest. It is essential we come to realize that it has been, and will continue to be, our basic adherence to the patriarchal mentality which is the real threat to life, and the fundamental reason why the likelihood for doom is ever consuming us. Inevitably, if we are to survive and create a better world without warfare and the possibilities of extinction, a complete abandonment of the culture of patriarchal conquest must occur. Such an abandonment must certainly include "industrial civilization" in its entirety.

We must come to recognize the degree to which our understanding and perceptions of life and the external world have been determined by patriarchal conquest, and how we have developed our societies as a result of this. Then we can clearly see how history has been charted, civilizations built, and finally, how industrialization has come to dominate and threaten our existence because of the lifeless images and vision of the patriarchal mentality. We will be far better able to make positive choices about what kind of societies we want to create, and about what we need to do to survive, if we realize the extent to which the "developments" of history, and the technologies of today, are actually the manifested realities of this entirely morbid process of thought.

For us to really become clear about what we need to do in this struggle for survival, we must rid our inner beings of the negative attributes of patriarchal thinking, but as well, we must rediscover our physical connection and dependency upon the Earth, and re-unite ourselves spiritually within nature. Only from a renewed appreciation and knowledge of natural life processes can we once again come to possess a meaningful understanding of the proper ways to live. Through such an understanding we can gain the direction and strength necessary to wage the struggles that are needed, and the vision to fight against the deadly, artificial existence of industrial civilization; not to reform it, but to do away with it completely.



# BEYOND VEGANISM. BEYOND THE CONSUMPTION OF DOMESTICATION.

"They'll be feeding us, They'll be feeding on us..."

"We will learn We will love We will work, Change each other...we will spread, we will cover the Earth, like air and water, tomorrow's blank, we'll just fill it in, with our own answers, If we're stopped we'll just start again, that's our new offer."

-Desaparecidos, from *Read Music, Speak Spanish*

"Eating establishes humankind's most primordial bonds with the natural world. Because it utilizes the senses, eating, more than any other human experience, brings us to our fullest and most intimate relationship with the environment. In recent generations this intimate relationship has been shattered by a food production system that has profoundly separated us from nature and from those working the land. Under the rubric of "progress" we have bought into being mere consumers, passive cogs in the alienated industrial food system. But now, more and more of us have realized that "progress" is an incomplete concept; we have begun to ask, "Progress toward what?" Once the question is asked, the response is chilling. Industrial "progress" leads us to a future of increased environmental devastation, mass starvation, social disruption, and corporate control of the seeds of the Earth. Clearly, this is not progress." -From *Fatal Harvest*

Life has become domestication. Almost the entire world populace is wrapped up into the forced prescription of a psychotropic and physically addictive linear reality. Welcome to civilization. This, and ever more of This is *progress* enshrined, cemented over the wild as into our being. Our very cells possess intelligence and memory. This idea has been arrived at by practitioners of many different eastern spiritualities, western sciences, quantum physics and hunter-gatherer bands. A deliberate and ingenious plot to program life at the cellular level and beyond—read nano-tech—is being played out by those in control of the machine-like existence we are conditioned to accept. It is a myth we are enculturated into and mangled by constantly. The computer-generated reality outlined in the movie *The Matrix* is much closer to the world that has been devised for us than people are willing to wake up to. By teaching, no, *forcing* us to consume domestication—the torture, rape, imprisonment and assimilation of plants, animals, insects, soil, habitat and wildness in every form—the heads of state and those wielding power are physically redesigning our minds and bodies. The blueprint with which they work has built within it ten thousand years of knowledge of tyrannical manipulation procedures. Nazi scientists honed, and continue to hone, their knowledge of severe forms of social and individual control to the point of extinguishing the possibility of *thinking* about freedom. Whoever sits at the throne of civilization knows full well what they are doing. Leftism, reformism, veganism, and all other ideologies make up integral parts of their machine. They keep us dutifully hacking away at the edges of their castle, while we never realize that we are only polishing the walls of our cage.

Their tools of control are deceptive and require of us energy, attention and the knowledge of many years of conditioning to even accept their existence. Cars, roads, farm fields, grocery stores, rocket ships, airplanes, cities, and concrete landscaping for miles and miles and miles are all absurdities.

None of these things were familiar or acceptable in any way to North American tribal people when the European machine arrived on the shores. They saw through the domestication for what it was. It's high time anarchists and anyone else concerned with liberation start questioning what exactly it is we are putting into our bodies and onto the Earth.

We know the ways they mutilate our minds: television, computers, science, western religions, disease, medical technology. Let us now consider how they rape our bodies, our spirit and the living, breathing endangered wildness from which we have not yet been fully estranged. Let us now build a love and gratitude towards all life: plant, animal, insect, fungus, bacterium—rock, river, mountain, desert, forest, prairie and consume only what is necessary for existence. In loving ritual, let us experience the wisdom of the ages that can bring us back to a deep profound connection with wildness. Living beings of this planet are resisting the onslaught of civilization. With the war already in progress, we must consume and become wildness so that wildness may spread and consume us and undo all the destruction our culture has done.

## VEGANISM: DOCTRINE OR DOGMA?

Veganism is a dogmatic and ignorant ideology that keeps us from communing with all life by creating a false dichotomy between the mutilation of plants, insects, and wild areas and the similar mutilation of our animal brothers and sisters. Noble it is to not consume the flesh of beings who have been raised as slaves, but how noble to leave plants out of our conception of living beings? How noble is it to consume "organic"

it can eliminate, it begins to break down into two true hallucinogens, adrenochrome and adrenolutin. These chemicals distort and narrow consciousness, induce paranoia, and reinforce obsessive-compulsive behavior. In short, they cause schizophrenia. Consistent with what militant vegetarians have been saying for years, when animals raised in oppressive, prison-like conditions are callously slaughtered by assembly line workers, the fear and horror of their existence is released biochemically into their bodies, which we consume, and which then become a part of our own lives.

This is only one example of how civilization colonizes our minds, spirits and cellular structure by conditioning our body chemistry by itself. Just as civilization and its totally repressive social order train (program) us from birth to accept a fear-ridden, schizophrenic way of "life," the domestication of our wild natures sinks in past the level of verbal conditioning, to our body chemistry, regimenting our metabolism and nervous systems, trapping us in set patterns of behavior and thought, *taming us*. To fully control our minds and confine our awareness the system needs to first create mental confusion in its subjects, through both psychic and dietary means. Consuming poisons will **poison** us, irradiated foods **irradiate** us, and by consuming domestication and linearity, we **become** domesticated and linear.

All change is due to the rearrangement or motion of energy patterns relative to each other. The vibration patterns we choose to associate with—especially with regard to domesticated or wild food—can play an integral role in the de-civilizing process. If we recognized the true power of anything we put into our bodies, then we would choose foods with the type of energy vibrations for the level of

consciousness (mental freedom) and physical adventure we would like to experience. We would choose foods that detoxify and strengthen us, and as a result, help snap the ropes of civilized, well-ordered thoughts and habits and loosen the boundaries of accepted, manufactured "reality." At this point, diet becomes not an issue of morality or "political correctness," but a part of reclaiming our lives and minds through any available means and strategies.

Wild foods alter our biochemical and molecular makeup—as does the poison embalmed dead food that the system successfully sells us—and almost alchemically start to reconnect us to the feral path. Wild foods will aid us in the radical act of reuniting with sources of power the system has tried to hide from us and destroy, forces and "realities" that were and *are* known by all primal peoples, by all of our ancestors. Wild foods help us *go wild* and develop circular and complete relationships with Earth and her creatures, as contrasted with the separated, linear control patterns that seem to typify western patriarchal thinking.

The ideas we're discussing here actually have very little to do with veganism, and a lot more to do with discovering who our plant and animal *allies* are, that is to say, the sources of energy that will give us the strength we will need to destroy this civilization.



## YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Slow down for a moment and put this paper aside. Reflect on your body, your limbs. Think for awhile about the processes that occur in your organs and their cells as you tell your arm to move, as you tell your fingers to turn the pages of this zine. Now, consider what is taking place in your body when taking in cells and air from the environment. There is something that tells these cells to create our physical form. There is some intelligence within our being that organizes cells into what are our organs, our limbs, our eyes, everything we are in the material world. What is this intelligence that makes us up out of a chaotic universe and holds our cells together? We have to live in our bodies, so we might as well start thinking about how they work.

There is a functioning intelligence that makes atoms into molecules, molecules into organelles and cells, cells into organs and flesh and all of this together equals our functioning human body. This intelligence is equivalent to what motivates matter to congeal into plants, trees, animals, insects, mountains, oceans, rivers and everything else we see (some may say, "it is the *brain* that organizes our cells into our bodies!" To you I pose the question, what intelligence, then, tells our cells to form our brains?) Some kind of energy holds everything together. Through the life and death processes, which all involve the eating of one form by another, all matter and energy in the universe constantly ebbs and flows in and out of every existing piece of matter. Every breath of air we inhale has been shared by every plant, animal and human that has ever existed. Air pollution tells the same tale, as we take in air, full of hydrocarbon chains, smoke and tar from factories and cars, we realize the interconnectedness of all air on the planet. In the same manner with which we share air with every living thing, we also share cells with every creature and "inanimate" objects because we all eat and get eaten by one another as we have since the beginning of life as we know it. The processes of eating, drinking and breathing can all be done consciously or unconsciously. Even though we must exert deliberate energy to eat or drink, we can choose to be much more alert and aware of these many-times-daily events. The immediate reasons we should start paying attention to our bodily functions are quite clear from this perspective: as we become more aware of the universes dancing within our bodies, we can become ever closer to the way the greater universe works and the powers waiting for us within it. Like a tiny Zen garden compared to a large one, the microcosm is the same as the macrocosm.

Think about what must occur when you consume the cells of other once-living beings, plant or animal. How does your body break down and process the cells you eat? What happens to the intelligence built into the cells, DNA if you will, when it is consumed by another being? We literally become what we eat, drink and breathe. If we are constantly eating domestication in any form, drinking sold and processed water and breathing smoke and toxin filled air, then it follows that we become domesticated, processed, sold and filled with smoke and toxins. Anti-authoritarians would be wise to consume liberation, the animals and plants that live wild and free up until the moment of their death, rather than the planned linear existence of farmed plants and animals. Our cells must be liberated if our beings are to be truly free.

## ENHANCING WILDNESS THROUGH FOOD ACQUISITION

Extrapolating from the idea that all cells have a memory and an intelligence, even the foodstuffs we acquire that have their origins in slavery may still be of value. Their value may be enhanced by the ways in which we acquire, process, handle and consume them. If we are consciously grateful for the food we consume, empathetic and aware of what oppression it may have suffered, we can let that cellular intelligence know that we wish to make a different world for all life and hence, be nourished more consciously and directly through communication between our cells and others. This can be approached from another angle.

When sexual interactions occur between two or more people, the more genuine and honest the communication between the individuals, the more fulfilling and amazing the connection. When two individuals cross the line into a physical relationship, there are energetic and cellular bonds and exchanges between those individuals. Cells and energy intermingle between our bodies and the food we eat. The more loving and wild the food, the more loving and wild the person. We must learn to show the same gratitude for the food we eat and the environments that sustain us as we wish to show our lovers, families and friends. Patriarchy is evident in our beings down to the way we consume our food. It is said that the same philosophy which oppresses women also oppresses the Earth. Anarchy must encompass a constant empathetic awareness of how everything and everyone around us is being oppressed.

Food, acquired through donation, handled by loving and giving individuals and handed out to those in need, contains much nourishing potential. Virtually all of the food in supermarkets is processed and domesticated. A growing amount of it is irradiated with nuclear contaminants while our water contains a waste product of aluminum production, commonly known as fluoride. Yet, what cellular intelligence remains in this food and water? How much interaction can we have with these tortured, imprisoned cells? When we write letters to prisoners, the arrival of kind words brings a smile to a prisoner's face and warmth to their day. Although imprisoned, they still feel emotions, still yearn to be free. Could it be possible to communicate to the food we eat that we are liberators, and that we mean to put the energy we gain from them to liberating use? In the way a prisoner smiles and jokes in letters, so may plant and animal cells that have been through industrial hell enjoy our love and kindness and may even show gratitude while becoming part of us. This may be a way to put an end to the cycle of domestication. We may convert domesticated cells into wildness through our eating rituals. A father quits drinking alcohol to raise a new child, breaking a multi-generational pattern of alcoholism in his family. We can break the ten-thousand year cycle

of domestication and control by quitting civilization in every way possible. The way we approach life must change radically; inherent in this change will be the liberating potential to shatter every illusion of control and domination enforced upon us.

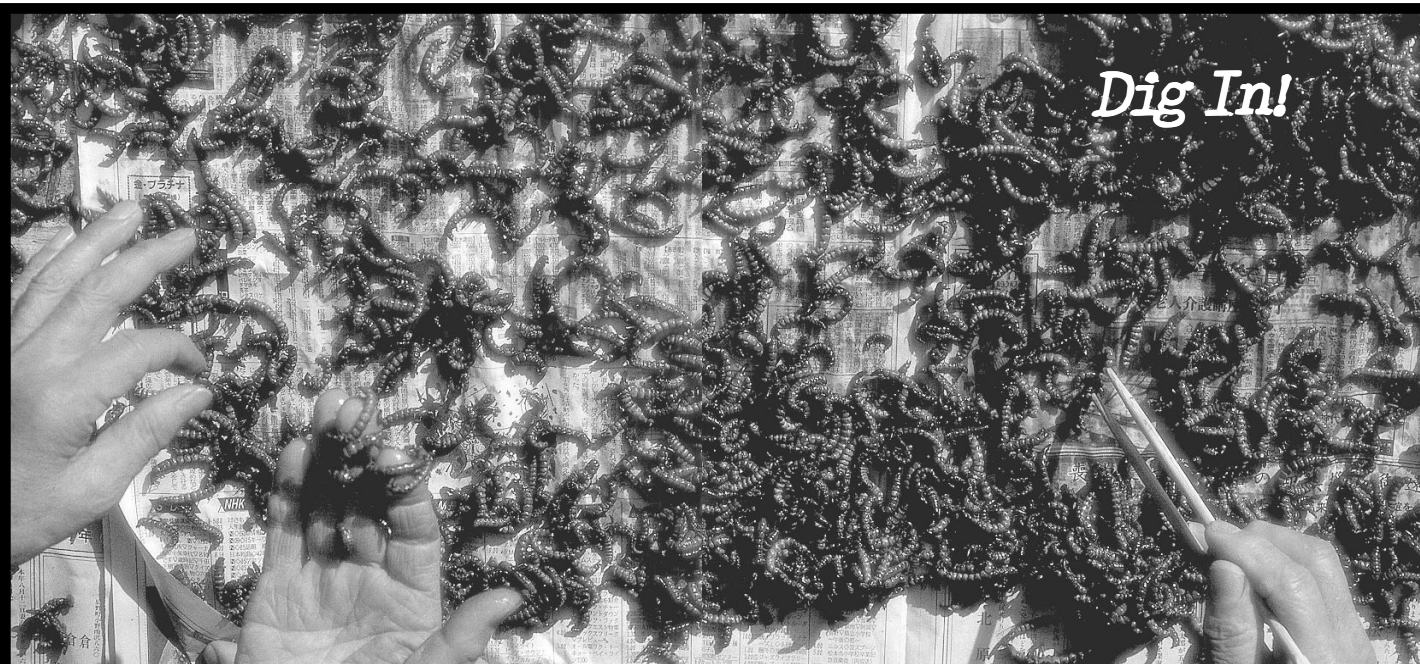
Is there anyone who would argue that microwave food is better than food prepared by the light of a campfire deep in the woods? Liberated food—that is, food that has been expropriated from its sterile place on the shelves of urbania/suburbia—may experience a rush of sorts that reinvigorates the cells in the food as it's being rescued from the grips of capitalism. Maybe plants and animals hate commerce and trade as much as some of us humans. There are surely enough reports of animals and plants and climates revolting meaningfully against civilization to convince us that our allies in this war are many. We have just been taught to not consider other life as intelligent as ourselves. It is time to defy the absurd disconnection that civilization illusions over us. Tear off your masks, tear off the headphones, take a walk in the woods, remember that Cherokee warriors would stand in the forest with their backs to large trees to regenerate energy for travel and battle. There is power in this world that is autonomous and liberating. This power lies in the communion of beings beyond our silly language and species barriers. Native peoples did not learn plant identification from books, nor from trial and error. They learned the knowledge of medicine through direct communication with each individual plant. This is not a mystical ability. Truly mystical is the way civilization—through economics, time, TV, computer, language, media, agriculture—controls us down to the fiber of our beings. We must start seeing through the haze and smog to embrace the connections that already exist between us and our plant, animal, insect, fungal, and bacteriological brethren.

## Bon Appetite!

In life, as in death, proceed with dignity. Be attentive, locate and spread beauty wherever it may be, taking risks and neither seeking out nor avoiding death. We have nothing but illusions to get rid of. A world of joy

and kindness exists under the surface of every bit of concrete. Be inspired by what can be found beneath the iron masks welded to our faces. Civilized armor weighs down our lives. Our eyes have been filled so long by darkness that waking up is like walking out of a theater into a mid-morning summer sun. The first glimpse of freedom is blinding and frightening. From there, the butterflies never leave your stomach and dreams never leave your consciousness. It's a long wild ride from domestication to liberation. About as long of a ride as it is from where you're sitting to the nearest wildlands, or if you're feeling particularly joyous, wildness is always near. It burns brightest where there are riots, revolts, and actions against the state and power structures. There are less obvious reasons why the underground is called *underground*; Peg Millet of Earth First!; claimed she became a cactus in the desert to avoid capture by helicopters, FBI agents with dogs and other pigs who had surrounded her and her comrades. Our wild brothers and sisters are full of gratitude for our actions to defend them and to cultivate wildness within ourselves and without. Plants, animals, insects, and all other forms of life are fighting to survive and re-grow over the concrete wasteland our civilization has wrought. Now we stand alongside them. Now we learn to communicate in whatever ways possible with these newfound comrades. Their struggles are ours. Be healthy, eat well, live well and love well. The heat of our bodies is akin to the heat of lava, magma from the outer core of the earth, full of burning energy that originates with the beginning of the universe. Let us burn within, comrades. Now we spread the fires of revolt.  
**Bon Appetite!**

\* These sections are part of a larger group of essays on "**domestication**". "**Beyond the Consumption of Domestication, Beyond the Programming of Life**", and "**Beyond the Programming of Life, Beyond Civilization**" are other sections which we may feature in the future. **Tell us what you think.**



## The Feral Forager:

A guide to living off nature's bounty in urban, rural and wilderness areas.

### THE WILD FEAST

Wild foods were the basis of the humyn diet for nearly a million years, depending on how you define "human." Today only a small percentage of the world's population survives entirely off of wild foods, with a larger percentage combining them with domestic crops. Studies by anthropologists on primitive diets have confirmed what may seem instinctually true to many of us: that the leanness and purity of wild meat sources, and the superior nutrient content of wild plants, helped the humyn species maintain excellent health and longevity for 99% of humyn evolution. It is only in the last 10,000 years that domesticated animals and plants have (for reasons unknown) entered the picture of humyn cultures. In our minds, this is not an absolute statement against domesticated plants and animals, but it IS a clue as to the secrets of humyn health in prehistory. For example, primitive diets that have been studied in contemporary times have proved higher in calcium than our modern diets, without the use of any dairy products whatsoever. The abundance of leafy greens in primitive diets supply more than enough calcium and countless other minerals and vitamins, and because of the lack of refining processes and "anti-nutrients" like sugar, caffeine, and carbonation, those vitamins are actually absorbed into the body, unlike in the modern western diet. Similarly, native cultures of the far north, where animal proteins make up the majority of the diet, have shown no incidence of the clogged arteries and heart diseases so commonly associated with animal fats in the modern world.

Much has been theorized about the social problems that have arisen due to the abundance of food stores used by early agrarian cultures. The excess fat stored by early agrarian females eating grain-based diets in sedentary communities is seen as a primary cause of overpopulation due to hyper-fertility. The active lifestyle of hunter-gatherers is commonly seen as the key to physical fitness. Still, cultivated foods can have a healthful place in humyn diets, and hopefully learning from the mistakes of past humyn societies will help us find our way into an egalitarian future.

### SCAVENGER/FORAGER

This pamphlet was not created with the intention of encouraging hunting, or giving up food cultivation altogether. Rather than returning to a purely "hunter-gatherer" lifestyle, we advocate a form of subsistence that combines urban and rural horticulture/permaculture with what we call a "scavenger-forager" lifestyle. Although some die-hards may want to leave civilization behind, set out for the wilderness and practice primitive hunting and gathering techniques (which we have much interest in practicing in the case of survival), we are more interested in bringing wild food gathering and roadkill scavenging into our present day lifestyle. Our future vision is one of a horticultural, village-scale, community located near a wild area for foraging, but as we are still landless, our current dietary habits combine backyard-scale gardening, dumpster-diving, and bulk organic staples, along with foraged plant foods and scavenged roadkill.

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## A HAIKU OR TWO

Psychic misery  
Dominates every landscape  
How can we resist?

Destroy all the clocks  
And you will succeed in the  
Destruction of time

End of Oppression  
Arrived at very quickly  
When time is erased

Language enables  
Oppression of the masses  
It knows not of race

With end of numbers  
Also ends all measurement  
No more property

In refusal of  
Technological living  
One finds contentment

Cities will be ruins  
Empty but to celebrate  
End of paradigm

Ownership is dead  
Everything belongs to all  
No longer need votes

Representative  
Democracy does not work  
Except to oppress

Life comes to an end  
Ecological collapse  
End of biosphere

Art is reified  
Abstract seen as tangible  
Culture is a lie

100,000  
Years of human existence  
Pre-agriculture

2000 years of  
Postmodern humanity  
Has destroyed the Earth

I helped start the fight  
Stop 55, go oak trees  
The trees are now cut

If trees would just scream  
People may understand that  
This is holocaust

Tonality is  
Harmonic domination  
Atonal revolt

Schoenberg tried to  
End the tonal dominance  
And so did John Cage

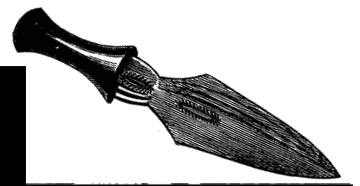
T. J. Kaczynski  
Lived in the forest for years  
Always sending bombs





# The Teardrop Becomes a Dagger!

## Anarchist Resistance From Around the World



**Anarchy is simultaneously the complete deconstruction and erasure of all forms of domination and the creation of new and authentic ways of communicating and living that will banish oppression from the earth forever. Why stop at anything short of these goals? From the colonized ruins, anarchists rise from the wreckage, rubble in hand to break through every glassy illusion. They inspire many to open the curtains and let in some sky. Let us meet under the stars and become the twilight just after sunset and just before sunrise. As the empire sets, our dreams will rise.**

### AUGUST 29, MINNESOTA: Teenage Anarchists Arrested For Setting Sheriffs Vehicle On Fire

Hastings—Three anarchists, aged 17, allegedly set fire to a Dakota County Sheriffs Department car, destroying it. Unfortunately, the young men were arrested a few days later and face felony charges.

### SEPTEMBER 13, GREECE: Anarchists Assault Corporate Media Reporters

Athens—A group of anarchists assaulted camera crews and reporters outside the offices of a lawyer representing alleged members of the urban guerrilla movement November 17. More than a dozen assailants took part in the attack, which caused property damage but no serious injuries. The police made no arrests. The anarchist attackers smashed television cameras, stole media equipment and damaged broadcast vans outside the law offices of Gianna Kourtovik, who is representing the man accused of being the main executioner for the underground N17 organization and his female companion. US anarchists should consider taking a cue from the Greek strategy book. The corporate media are not our friends, and nothing is to be gained from working with them. There is enough local and independent media for us to completely scorn the corporate multinational outlets which will distort our words and ideas or bury them beneath an avalanche of nationalistic propaganda. Considering the size of the anarchist "movement" here in the states vs.

the size of the industrial juggernaut and its brainwashed masses, it might be in our best interest to start reversing the equations of power with regard to the conventional channels of communication. Grassroots Info-war refers to a war of words, an intensified propaganda war that is a necessary first step in the transformation from word to deed. As revolutionary anarchists we desire more than just a mere sharing of information and dialogue; we want to help push words towards action, to use our own



**ABOVE: Flyer from a Greek rally against state violence and oppression.**

**RIGHT: Flyer from Greece depicting TV reporters as police scum.**

independent media outlets as vehicles for inciting action as opposed to simply describing or reporting. We live in a world where the public mind is being colonized by corporate phantasms—wraithlike images of power and consumption that haunt our dreams. This forces anarchists to ask the question: *how do we box with shadows?* In other words, what shape does an engaged politics assume in an Empire of signs and corporate lies? To launch an effective info-war against the Media Monopoly, we first and foremost need weapons, and one way of acquiring them might be to lure a corporate newscrew to a remote location and strip them of everything, as our Greek comrades did recently in the streets of Athens.

### SEPTEMBER 16, POLAND: Anarchists Successfully Defend Woman From Eviction

Wroclaw—Approximately a dozen anarchists and squatters blocked the path of police and bailiffs seeking to evict Ms. Barbara Markiewicz, a pensioner who could not afford to pay rent. The police tried to claim that the eviction came as a result of the complaints of neighbors, but the neighbors were united against the police. The bailiffs decided not to go through with the eviction.

### OCTOBER 1, GREECE: Rally Against State & Media Terrorism

Athens—In response to the terror hysteria cultivated by the Greek mainstream media after the arrests of "N17" revolutionary group members, a rally comprised of some 2,500 protesters (anarchists, anti-authoritarians, and radical leftists alike) took place, organized by the Committee Against State Terrorism. The Greek mass media has tried to present some old school anarchists as members of urban guerrilla

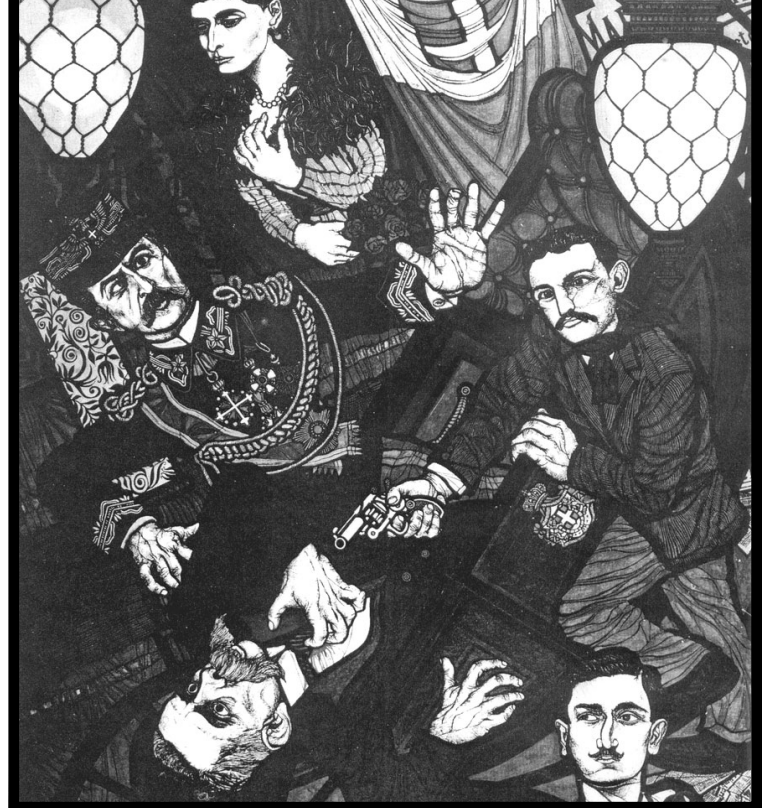
circulated around Athens that day, containing the slogan "Whoever does not learn from history is condemned to repeat it." Spray-painted slogans such as "The State is the only terrorist" and "Support to all who don't bow their heads" were written all over Athens. At the end of the rally, near the entrance of the Polytechnic School, organizers paid tribute to police-assassinated anarchists including Ch. Tsoutsouvis, M. Kaltezas, Ch. Marinos, & others. Conservative Deputy Dora Bakoyianni, a leading candidate for mayor of Athens, condemned the march: She is the widow of Paulos Bakoyiannis, another conservative deputy who was assassinated by N17 in 1989. "It stirs up my rage and repugnance," Bakoyianni said. "I must say that it is inconceivable for the birthplace of civilization to present such an image...with the desecration of innocent victims and monuments in the city."

### OCTOBER 2, GREECE: Apoyevmatini Newspaper Attacked!

Athens—Following on the heels of numerous anarchist solidarity actions with the November 17 (N17) urban guerrilla movement, about 30 masked youth threw firebombs (three Molotov cocktails, according to some news reports) into the entrance of the building housing the right-wing "Apoyevmatini" newspaper on Feidou Street in central Athens. The entrance and a car parked outside were damaged. "Apoyevmatini" publisher Nikos Momferatos was shot dead in 1985 by N17: a statement left at the scene by N17 claimed that Momferatos, a cabinet member during the military dictatorship, was a CIA employee/spy. "We shall uncover and strike down agents of the CIA in the press," it said. This recent action by anarchists was carried out to protest the media's role in the N17 coverage. Police rounded up 40 people for questioning in connection with this attack, as well as with the spray-painting of pro-N17 slogans on walls during an Athens march by anarchists and leftists the previous day. If this type of fierce, daily resistance was happening in the Middle East, we would have seen it on the front page of every major US newspaper; as it's just happening in Greece and can't be blamed on Islam, the American propaganda machine has been doing its best to censor the Greek anarchist movement into oblivion.

### OCTOBER 16, Mexico: Anarchist Vegetarian Group Attacks McDonald's

Mexico City—A group of about 80 people identifying themselves as members of the "Collective Front of Anarchist Vegetarians" were arrested after a march through downtown Mexico City, where they protested outside restaurants and spray-painted slogans on a McDonald's outlet. The group handed out anti-meat leaflets and blocked traffic briefly before they were arrested. Earlier this year, community activists in Oaxaca City led a series of protests against the planned opening of a McDonald's restaurant in the City's 450-year-old colonial main square. There could hardly be a better symbol for US cultural imperialism and standardization than McDonald's, who shower every new market in a hail of "sugar-coated bullets" and assist in the creation of a new world order that leaves every place on the globe looking like a California strip mall; in the "developing" world, cultural imperialism has long been seen as the handmaiden of political domination, another way for militarily and economically strong empires to take advantage of "weaker" victims. With the aggressive spread of globalization, the opening of China and other previously off-limits markets, and the triumph of American-



style capitalism, the brand-name purveyors of American "food," fashion and entertainment have never had it so good. Hardly a city on the planet is without McDonald's (and CNN, Pepsi, Levi's and MTV). And no company more powerfully conveys the image of a conquering cultural army than McDonald's, which is probably why they've been a target of anarchists and others opposed to homogenization, "sameness" and boredom for several decades. And humans aren't the only species that has grievances with McDonald's, as evidenced by a recent incident in the American capital. On October 30—the night before Halloween—two deer jumped through the window of a Washington, DC McDonald's, bursting in on startled staff and employees and causing minor injuries to four customers. When animal control officers arrived, one deer was trapped in the restaurant, while the other had jumped back through the window and was found in an adjacent field.

### OCTOBER 20, GREECE: Anarchists Vandalize University!

Thessaloniki—A large group of anarchists occupied and vandalized part of the Thessaloniki University campus, calling for the release of a detained November 17 "terrorist" suspect. Some 200 anarchist youth broke into the Physics and Mathematics Department building and stayed there until the morning demanding the release of Yiannis Serifis, a 64-year-old trade unionist arrested the previous Sunday. Serifis was the latest in a string of 18 N17 suspects to be charged since the group began to unravel at the end of June. Greece's asylum laws ban police from entering any college campus unless expressly invited to do so by the university authorities. Exploiting this law, the anarchists were able to cause \$30,000 worth of damage to the university.

### OCTOBER 31, GREECE: Anti-War Activists Stage Protests Across The Country; Anarchists Express Solidarity With Y. Serifis

On this day, many anti-war demos took place in many Greek cities. In Athens, 10,000 citizens demonstrated against the war. The rally had participation from syndicalist groups, student unions, pro-peace groups, leftists and anarchists. During part of the demonstration, anarchists and some radical leftists held banners calling for solidarity with imprisoned anarchist Y. Serifis (see our state repression news section for more info) and

chanted for his liberation. The anti-authoritarians & anarchists, numbering at around approximately 300-350, marched as a "Committee Against State Terrorism." When the protesters passed the US embassy, some anarchists smashed luxury cars and one bank. Afterwards, many anarchists threw stones against riot police. The cops responded with tear gas. Some of the gasses were thrown near cops without protection equipment and they burst into tears, while some of the pigs vomited. In Thessaloniki, 3,500 people participated in an anti-war rally. The anarchist block was made up of approximately 300 people. Some of them made solidarity graffiti on bank entrances, while others assaulted a corporate media journalist. In Heraklion, the capital of Crete Island, 300 people demonstrated against the war. The anarchist block was the biggest and the anarchists made extensive graffiti during the rally. The attempt of cops to make arrests failed as the anarchists pushed them away. In the general climate of decay and corruption that permeates Greek politics today, the Greek anarchists are launching a heated campaign against the electoral parliamentary illusion, so the coming months promise to be sizzling!

### DECEMBER 9, ITALY: New Revolutionary Group Bombs Police Station In Retaliation For The Murder Of Carlo Giuliani

Genoa—On December 10, a previously unknown group claimed responsibility for bombings at a Genoa police station the day before, saying that they were a response to the death of a protester during the anti-globalization protests in Genoa in 2001. The group, calling itself "July 20th," sent several letters to police and local newspapers detailing the contents of the explosives used in the blasts. Italian news agencies quoted Genoa's police chief, Oscar Fioriolli, as saying the claim appeared credible. The blasts shattered windows but hurt no one. The group's name refers to the day last year when anarchist Carlo Giuliani was killed during riots at the Group of Eight summit in Genoa. The letter said the bombings were a reaction to Giuliani's death and "the torture and systematic violence perpetuated in the streets and police barracks in a vain attempt to repress the people's response against the G-8 summit." The letter also threatened the pig who allegedly shot Giuliani. It said Mario Placanica should leave the country so his relatives don't have to "recognize his remains in a morgue."

**GREECE:  
The Base Of Death  
Must Be Destroyed!**

The following statement was released by a Cyprus anarchist group: *The British army have gone ahead with force to begin work to install yet another giant antenna in the land they occupy outside Akrotiri village, regardless of the fact that this is against the will and the health of the people of Akrotiri. Commencement of the dirty work began under protection of the army in full riot gear after the SBA had violently disposed of the few protesters who tried to stop bulldozers from entering. This is a stark reminder that there is not one but two, or rather three, occupying armies in Cyprus: the Turkish, the British and the Cypriot (which like all armies will not hesitate to turn on its own people to protect class interests). The village people, under the threat to their means of subsistence, had decided to go to work that day as normal, not realizing perhaps the full implications of what is happening around them. In the first place, living with the daily presence of an active armed force which is deployed in many parts of the island. This force, as well as destroying a large part of the beauty of this island by causing ecological damage, and killing local people with their toxins, is a force at war, sending bombers to kill defenseless men women and children to whichever part of the world they and*

*their masters desire. Yugoslavia and Afghanistan are but two recent examples. Military aircraft also carry out constant surveillance on the local population they claim to protect against the invading army in the north. Now these murderers are declaring that the new antenna will not be a health hazard, using the 'proof' of 'scientific tests'. Science and the new information technologies are the new religions of death, and we must not listen to them, but in the first place to our hearts and desires. We must think and act according to our own convictions. We must destroy what is oppressing us and others against who we have no grudge, recognizing who our real enemies are and fighting them with all the means at our disposal. This struggle should not be delegated to the political parties, even those who are against the base. The means they use, even if their brave militants put themselves on the line and get beaten by the police, always end up at the negotiating table over the heads of those who elected them. Only self organization, direct action and sabotage by all those who are really interested in changing their lives will find the way to uproot the pylons of death. In this social struggle, which refuses the logic of militarism, patriotism or parliamentarianism, the people will always find anarchists at their side. Solidarity with the people of Akrotiri! The base of death must be destroyed!*  
—Cyprus anarchist group.

**We want to celebrate the social dusk in this twilight of bourgeois society so that the final black night is made vermillion with blood.** - Renzo Novatore



## What Is Civilization?

I cannot define it  
but I know how it feels  
it feels like concrete on the ground,  
and walls all around  
it feels like exhaust burning in your lungs,  
a less obvious form of gas chambers  
it feels like being enclosed  
when once we were free  
it sounds like the screams of animals and  
the voices of scientists and CEOs who try to justify  
it is the wolves that are gone  
and the myths that remain  
it smells like burning gas fumes  
and burning flesh  
it looks like streams of jet exhaust across the sky  
instead of the white clouds and stars,  
and pigeons that used to fly by  
it's the feeling I get,  
when I see that Earth will soon be dead  
and am told that I am over reacting  
and forced quiet by the T.V., pills, teachers, and  
psychologists  
it is the farms of wheat,  
where forests of plenty once did grow  
I can't tell you what civilization is,  
not in its own language  
but I know it when I see it  
it looks like a scar on the land  
where trees used to stand

**-Joe**

# NOT MY VISION OF LIBERATION

## PART ONE

### BY LEAF S. ALONE

## SOME THOUGHTS ON ORGANIZATION, FEDERATIONS, AND PLATFORMISM

**I am for autonomy.** I understand anarchy to be synonymous with **autonomy**; to live and act upon one's own beliefs and desires without outside or overriding influences of power; to be self-sustaining; to live within one's own, or a group's own, limitations. As a green anarchist, this idea of autonomy naturally flows into my understanding of the concept of **bioregionalism**; to live within the limitations of our immediate surroundings; to obtain all nourishment and satisfaction from our local area; to be most deeply connected to the specific geography, micro-climate, patterns, plants, and animals (including humans) of the region in which we live. To me, these terms — **autonomy** and **bioregionalism** — can almost be used interchangeably. For me, they are the basis of my anarchist experience. It is for this reason that I become suspicious when I hear anarchists speak of **organization**. **What are they organizing? Who are they organizing? Why are they organizing?**

I am fighting for a world that doesn't need organizing, that doesn't need running, that doesn't need controlling. Sure, it is helpful to think about how we resist and live together, to be strategic, and to develop relationships with people outside our families, bands, cells, affinity groups, scenes (or however else we group ourselves based on deeper levels of trust, commitment, common goals, and desires), but these relationships need to be organic in nature, not forced and superficial. Any meaningful and honest decisions can only be made in small groups consisting of those who are directly effected by these decisions. For resistance to be liberatory (which I believe is why we resist, and not because of guilt or concepts like justice), we must be directly connected to what we are fighting for. Yes, it is important to learn about and support other struggles, but not as a substitute for our own. The basis for our resistance must come out of our own struggle for liberation, and our support for others can grow from that.

Yes, we can, and need to, work with other individuals and groups outside our own, but doing so in ways which do not sacrifice our autonomy and desires, and not compromising the autonomy and desires of others. We can work on specific or more general projects, we can unite for common goals or events, but again, these connections need to be organic, based on real interactions and honesty, and seen as temporary junctures of interest. Once these relationships are no longer satisfying, effective, necessary, or desirable, we must be flexible enough to accept it and not force interactions for the sake of "unity". There are also different levels of connection and commitment to each other which may change over time, and it is important to be able to distinguish between true affinity and a nostalgic need to keep things going down a dead end road. The organic dynamics of relating to others can begin to take on a more natural form then the left or "radical" movements are used to, and this will often be met with hostility and misconceptions of a "lack of solidarity". In fact, by relating to people on more meaningful levels, we are in far greater solidarity (more effective and relevant to revolutionary struggle) than the typical superficial "activist" relationships.

I wish to relate to people as people, and not necessarily in a political way. I think for deeper connections and understanding of one another, it is helpful to transcend politics. Yes, it's political that some people have control of the land, food, and water, but it won't be politics which changes that. Too often, the Left has alienated (and in some cases purged, fought against, and even slaughtered) those they see as the "other", meaning those who do not blindly accept the ideologies, ideals, and morals of the Left or "Progressives" as righteous and "good". Most people do not relate to the "Left vs. Right" duality. These terms are both part of the same system, and are therefore meaningless distinctions. Both have a long history of supporting their ideological stance with authoritarian, and often state

sanctioned, force. I reject both as different faces of the same monster. These terms are irrelevant to anarchists, as we should fight against both. Even dwelling too much in "anarchist" politics has its limitations.

Sure, I like to discuss my feelings about organization or lifestyle among other anarchists and radicals, but to most people, this is irrelevant. It has nothing to do with their everyday lives. There are deeper connections to be made. I find that the most fulfilling conversations I have with people are those about how

much they hate their job, the alienation we all feel from each other and ourselves, the toxic world we all live in, the new diseases and drugs that appear everyday, the destruction of the world around us, the fact that we cannot feed or take care of ourselves, that we have lost almost all control over our lives, and the spiritual emptiness we all feel. These discussions only re-enforce my understanding that the human condition has become a miserable one, and we are all entrenched in it, that there are no political solutions to it, that our only hope is to figure out how to connect to a different way of thinking and living. This is my "outreach". I have no time for the patronizing crap of the liberals, and I have no tolerance for the authoritarianism and vanguardism of the Left (including anarcho-leftism). I have no plans for the "masses". I hope people have their own plans, and maybe some of us will work together on a few. Maybe we can help to empower each other to take responsibility for our own lives, but it won't happen by creating the perfect organization or infrastructure.

History, personal experience, and their basic arrangement have shown me that the Federationist and Party models of relating to one another are not liberatory, but instead are usually based on manipulation, coercion, and deception. They often contain representational structures, and despite good intentions, are often hierarchical. Some go as far as to give certain individuals militaristic and commanding titles as "General Secretariat" and "Minister of...". Ten Point Programs and Platforms tend to be the least common denominator of our hopes and dreams, and to me seem to disturbingly reflect the neo-liberal nightmare I fight against. It seems that some anarchists' need to "federate" stems from a need to feel part of something larger, to appear larger to others, to validate their perspectives or beliefs, or just the typical leftist ideal of controlling resistance and having their replacement infrastructure already set up. Whatever the motivation, I think it is important to look at these methods of relating to each other and ideas of organization with a critical and wary eye (and this does not even begin to detail the endless list of questions which continue to go unasked by leftists, which are directly linked to that *organized* and *linear* mindset, such as technology, division of labor, production, etc). As one who prioritizes autonomy and bioregionalism as vital anarchist perspectives, I feel that strength will not come from a monolithic mass of ideology, but from a multi-dimensional explosion of infinite passions.

**"You've heard my story about the divisions . . . They always talk about unity, unity; but I always say, if you were the army, and the school, and the head of the health institutions, and the head of the government, and you had your guns, which would you rather see come through the door, one lion, unified, or 500 mice? My answer is 500 mice can do lots of damage and disruption."**  
- Born In Flames



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## DAY 16:

Homo-Sapiens are no less an animal species than other beasts we walk with. More specifically, we are a pack species, mammalian and simian. Call the pack a band, tribe, gang, clique, racial genderific socio-economic clubhouse or country. Call it whatever you want. There

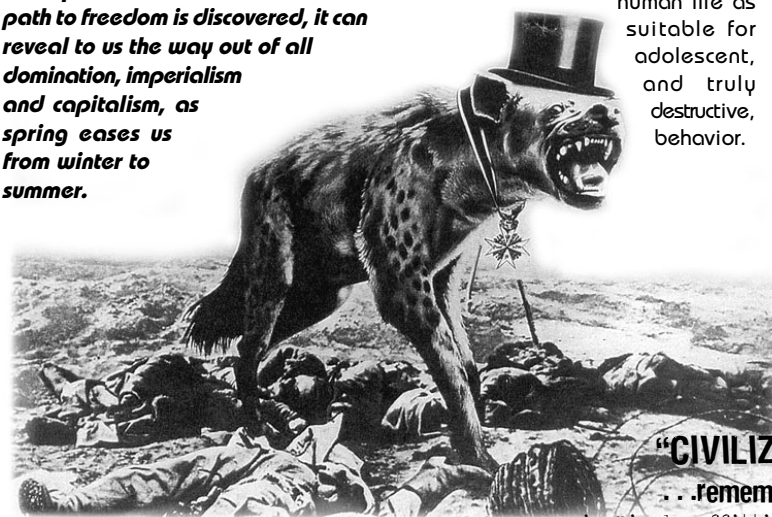
are many who believe us to be somehow special, perhaps for our bulging brainspans. The homosapien uses 10% of its brain on average while most other species use 80-90%, so while the per-mass brain size is smaller, they still use more of theirs than we do of ours. Sadly, this makes us the stupidest creatures on the face of the Earth, explaining why we are the only ones who consume out of balance with our environment, destroying that which sustains us.

Whatever who knows, who cares. There is no future but the moment, no past but what we carry in the present. We exist right here, right now. Our bodies need food, water and sleep, nothing more. Our spirit needs love and our soul doesn't need a goddamned thing. This is who we are, where we are, what we are. We are a passionate species, and in our heart burns a chaotic fire that guides our emotions and mind via the injection of adrenaline, hormones and other lovely internal pharmaceuticals that push and pull us into the external expressions of our animalistic natures. No complaints.

Even this dreaded "system," this orderly infestation, is nothing more than a pack of frightened little creatures, huddled in the distance, clinging desperately to their tools and false skins. If you prick the system, it gets scared. If you cut it, it bleeds anarchy. It is not the great, single-minded predator so many fear. It is only a few fearful little monkeys, hiding behind skins that give the illusion of order and tools that give the illusion of power. These frightened creatures, these cowards hide from you and me, but even more so they hide from us. They know what many of us seem not to realize: there are more of us. Many, many more.



**Empire continues to spread, rapidly consuming first indigenous peoples, and now, with nearly all of them either wiped out completely or assimilated into the dominant paradigm, other cultures that are not yet slaves or mirrors of the United States' conformist consumer spectacle. Those whose ways of living are not fully reliant on capitalism are erased or forced to don the costumes of the colonizers, the iron masks of the Euro-American empire. While suburbanites mow their lawns and drive SUVs from gated "communities" to the corner store, there are earthquakes of revolt, the rumblings of which will sooner or later be felt on our sacred shores. As the work toward the control of all life progresses, a backlash grows equally strong. May it continue and grow to destroy all colonizers, all imperialists, and finally civilization itself. Once the path to freedom is discovered, it can reveal to us the way out of all domination, imperialism and capitalism, as spring eases us from winter to summer.**



# IF YOU CUT THE SYSTEM, IT BLEEDS ANARCHY

These beasts, the stupidest of all beasts, have gone so far as to believe themselves the rulers of this world. As though their raging little battle of "man against nature" has actually been won. They don their skins of authority—synthetic/polyester cop suits with a shiny hunk of metal pinned to the chest. They grasp with thumbs tools that kill, maim and detain, as well as an array of tools for the infliction of pain. How scared of us they must be to require such an arsenal to walk our streets. Mace, nightstick, flashlight/club, gun, two extra clips and the ability to summon even more techno-mechanical reinforcement with relative efficiency. But man is a brief candle while the goddess is internal, external and eternal. So frightened they seem in their skins. I can see it in their eyes.

We don't need another "organized revolution", as they all seem to be followed by yet another government that in the end can't be trusted, requiring yet another revolution. It has been this way throughout history. Look at the streets and see the chaos that already lurks beneath the fleshless skin of order, look into the eyes of passers-by and see the fear. Sacred ways of life used to be lived out on the same land that is now city, suburb, farm, factory. Rivers underneath mud from clear-cut-landslides, beaches under resorts, and mountains mined and plundered reside beneath toxic waste landfills. The spaces that once enriched and empowered our lives as animals are now barren techno-wastelands we are disgusted to "take back" as our own, except to the extent it helps us to sledgehammer these layers of proverbial concrete. To claim what is ours, to claim what can be found in the cracks in the sidewalk, claim it in your heart and mind, your body and soul and then from any motherfucker that tries to take it from you. It is important to fear not to die, but it is more important to fear not to live, to see that all one needs to be free is to realize that you already are.

Don't wait around for the little white man to light up, giving you permission to cross the street. Use your eyes, your ears, your mind—are there any cars? No. Are there any cops? No. And cross the damned street. A people who suffer through tyranny are a people who *accept* tyranny. We are free as soon as we wake up and realize this nightmare world of encroaching straight-lined, perfect-circle order is only that, a bad dream having only the power

we give it with our fears. The lines are not mathematically straight, the circles are not perfect. It's just another illusion of order, just another skin to hide the inescapable chaos beneath. This chaos is intrinsic to all energy, mass, motion and time. It is the random, passionate, anarchistic force that is even scientifically shown to be the nature of all things. This chaos is life. This chaos is freedom. Live and be free.

*With peace when possible and passion always,*  
**Traveler.**

**NOTE: On October 11th, a mysterious man known only as "Traveler" climbed up an old cedar tree in downtown Eugene, Oregon. He squatted on a platform atop the tree for twenty days to draw attention to the city's war against homeless campers. Prior to the tree-squat he had helped to maintain a protest/camp on the doorsteps of city hall. The war on homeless folks is old, and has been a primary tool used to keep people in check since the dawn of civilization. The most basic human need is warmth and shelter, so it is vital for the hierarchy to control this. We commend Traveler for fighting on this frontline, at risk to life and limb. Currently, Traveler is helping to create an autonomous tent village in Eugene.**



## THE PEOPLE'S VENGEANCE!!

### ANTI-CAPITALIST/ANTI-IMPERIALIST/ ANTI-GLOBALIZATION/ANTI-WAR RESISTANCE

#### September 6, Puerto Rico: Protesters, Navy Clash During Demonstration

Vieques: Navy security officers fired tear gas at protesters who hurled rocks over a fence during bombing exercises on the island of Vieques, authorities said. 2 servicemen were hit by rocks but were not injured in the confrontation. The security officers, assigned to guard a fence between stolen Navy land and a protesters' camp, fired tear gas at demonstrators who were using slingshots to throw rocks. It was unclear how many protesters were involved. Military exercises continued after the clash, with a Navy destroyer as well as a squadron of F-14s & F-18s firing "inert" 5 inch shells & flare tracers upon an defenseless shore. G W II has promised the Navy will withdraw from the island by May 2003, but continues to use the island as target practice. 3 exercises have taken place there since S11, involving 10 ships, 2 attack submarines, and about 80 planes. Vieques is just one example of US arrogance in regards to non-human life, seeing land devoid of

human life as suitable for adolescent, and truly destructive, behavior.

#### September 9-12, Chile: Marchers Protest During Coup Anniversary

Santiago: Pigs used tear gas & water cannons to disperse crowds during a march marking the 29th anniversary of the military coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. While most of the 1,500 demonstrators marched passively some 25 blocks from downtown to the main cemetery, small groups of masked youth started throwing rocks & Molotov cocktails at stores, bank offices, and police. Several banks and a McDonald's restaurant were vandalized. As the march went past the presidential palace, which was destroyed by air force jets during the coup, demonstrators burned a US flag. It is widely believed the US government & the CIA supported the coup. September 11 itself began with a planned tribute to Salvador Allende at the monument established in his honor across from La Moneda, where he "committed suicide" (or more accurately, was *killed*) during the Pinochet military coup. The event was suspended after members of the youth section of the Chilean Communist Party threw eggs and paint bombs and exchanged blows and insults with members of the Socialist Party. The Socialists whined about the communists physically attacking them and tried to keep them from approaching the monument. We have no idea what these two authoritarian leftist sects were fighting about, except maybe a shared, competitive desire to be running the government (Allende was a member of the Socialist Party, as is Chile's current president, Richard Lagos). Police arrested 445 people over the course of the night and into September 12 as protesters built barricades across the streets and lit fires in Santiago's working class suburbs. Bullets wounded four police agents.

#### October 5, Greece: Protesters Disrupt EU Summit In Protest Of Capitalism & Imperialism

Rethymnon: In this town of the Crete islands, approximately 250 protesters (anarchists, leftists & students) assembled outside the Creta Hotel, where the EU defense ministers summit took place. The protesters chanted against NATO, the US government and the EU The riot policemen attacked with batons, and some protesters hit back with sticks. While withdrawing, many stones were thrown against the cops. After the police viewed the video footage they acquired during the summit protests, 60 anarchists were arrested and released after questioning.

#### Oct 7, Oregon: Anti-War Graffiti Found On Capital

Portland: "Vandals" spray-painted anti-war slogans and profanities across the front of the state capital Saturday night, hours after a protest march that drew an estimated 6,000 people. State crews spent hours Sunday morning trying to cover up the letters and keeping the paint from penetrating the marble walls. Additional graffiti was found on the side of the Public Service building. The messages included derogatory comments about acting President Bush, the war with Iraq, an anarchy symbol, and other state and police criticism. Peter Bergen, executive director (hierarchy? NO!) of Oregon Peace Works, said the vandalism will only hurt his group's effort to promote peace. "It's not going to help, it's not the kind of thing we do and we don't support that at all."

Bergen said the vandalism could detract from his group's anti-war message by drawing attention away from the debate (debate?) over Iraq. "No one associated with us would do something like this. We use more direct ways to get our point across that are less alienating to other people." While graffiti may be a symbolic act of protest, it is a direct means of communicating ideas. As long as people continue to appeal for "rights", or beg the system for anything they want, they will

remain in the position of slavery. Rights are given to you by the government; freedom is taken. Trying to influence control over decisions made by authority only serves to demean and undermine our integrity. Peaceful protests and demonstrations



are hopelessly symbolic acts that are akin to asking your master for some token amount of liberty.

#### October 14, California: Arson Attack at Military Recruiting Station

San Jose: San Jose & federal investigators are investigating an early morning fire which involved anti-government graffiti. San Jose arson investigators called the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms to examine the remains of a blaze at a military recruiting center on Mckee Rd. Officials said 2 military vehicles were torched, windows were smashed, and graffiti was found at the scene. No arrests have been reported and a cause or damage estimate was unavailable at the time of this

**"CIVILIZATION is a DEATH CAMP  
...remember the Warsaw ghetto uprising!"**

-awesome, inspired graffiti found at the Keystone Cafe bathroom.



article. However, the lone graffiti at the scene consisted of the words "pre-emptive attack" spray painted in red on the side of the building near the entrance. It is encouraging to see a stepped up level of offensive protest against military authority, especially considering the anti-war movement's continually stagnant and ineffectual demonstrations for "peace". Besides, it is high time people start to realize that whether or not the US government is "officially" at war with another country or not, it is constantly waging violent military action against countries and movements all over the world, everyday. Those people wanting freedom and autonomy from imperialist forces, those who simply want to be left out of the new world order and left alone will not be, as long as the consuming force of civilization exists to hunger at resources and markets. Civilization has been at war with the wild for more than 10,000 years and organizing peaceful protests has never stopped it, nor will it. The seemingly imminent war with Iraq is a single issue. Trying to stop the war with Iraq is pointless if we do not try and stop the larger and ever pervasive war against the wild, autonomous freedom, and life. Commodified business as usual, with the US government at war or not, is still war. It is war against life! The "peace movement" is simply a movement based upon privilege, a movement to keep the status quo in order so that the apparently not yet too-dwindled middle class can try and eke out yet another generation of exploited material comfort.

#### November 10: Belgium Anti-War Protest Turns Violent

Brussels: A protest march of at least 1,500 demonstrators against war in Iraq turned violent in downtown Brussels when dozens of youths clashed with police and attacked American-owned businesses. Masked, stone-throwing radicals broke windows at a McDonald's fast food restaurant and a Marriot hotel, as well as a local temporary employment agency. Only minor damage was done, however, as riot police moved in, backed by water cannons. The rioting began when up to 100 youths broke away from the main body of the anti-war protesters who were marching through the city center. They hurled stones at businesses and police, who responded with baton charges. Photographers and TV camera operators were also targeted by the rioters. Police said 1,500 protesters comprising pro-Palestinian and anti-capitalist groups joined the demonstration led by a banner reading "Stop USA." March organizers said some 5,000 people actually took part. These are exactly the sort of actions that need to be happening in the streets of America every fucking day, not more "peace" vigils, and not more "days of mourning" (the only thing we're personally mourning about September 11 is that casualties at the Pentagon weren't higher.) The US breathes war, being the largest arms dealer in the world, being the world's strongest military force, being an economy that relies on military spending for the development of the technology sector, and being the club-happy cop that readily employs genocidal brutality to expand the economic prospects for itself and its partners in crime. The US has a bloodlust for Iraq, having made it the first spectacular casualty of the New World Order, crushing it underfoot for a decade, and mechanically plotting to rain yet more horror on its people. When America's friends—Israel, Indonesia, Turkey, and the rest of the pack—invade neighbors or sacrifice their own people on Moloch's altar of

greed, the US cries "encore" and showers the stage with gifts of money and guns. Thus it was with Iraq when Hussein knew his place within the international State-crime syndicate. But time made the lovers restless, and now Iraq is a blood-clotted doormat on the path to future conquests: some 200,000 killed in the orgy of Desert Storm, perhaps a million and a half more (mostly children under the age of 5) felled by genocidal sanctions, and yet more by persistent air strikes that form the decade's wallpaper. It is no longer enough for us to

denounce the murderous policies of Bush/Cheney and the whole parade of rotting suits in the White House. These sociopaths need to be bodily dragged from their seats of power, weighed down with a red stone for every lost life that can be laid at their feet, and thrown into the most unforgiving depths of the sea.

#### November 24, South Korea: Firebombs Hurlled At US Base

Seoul: Dozens of activists hurled firebombs into a US military base protesting last week's acquittals of two American soldiers involved in the deaths of two Korean teenagers. The attack on Camp Gray in Seoul, a small warehouse management facility manned mostly by South Korean employees, caused no property damage or injuries, the US military said. Last week, Sgt. Fernando Nino and Sgt. Mark Walker were acquitted of negligent homicide charges in the deaths of two 13-year-old school girls, who were hit June 13 by an armored vehicle. The acquittals prompted an outcry from South Korean activists, who called the trials a sham. Walker and Nino, who belong to the 2nd US Infantry Division, were on a training mission when their vehicle struck the girls on a narrow rural road. The girls were on their way to a birthday party. About 37,000 American soldiers are based in South Korea as a "deterrent" against communist North Korea. Both the US and South Korean governments favor an American military presence as a deterrent against the communist North. But the South Korean people are sick of America's imperialist presence. The 1950-1953 Korean War ended without a peace treaty.

#### November 27, Seattle: Corporations Targeted For Anniversary Of The Battle Of Seattle

The following is a communiqué that was released to the corporate press: *Resistance to corporate dictatorship is on the rise, in Seattle and globally. From Argentina, to Palestine, our movement is growing. Specific businesses in Seattle have been targeted. A few months ago, Starbucks got five windows knocked out. Tully's got 14 windows busted. And last night, the Gap on Broadway got spray-painted, and it's locks glued shut. These businesses were all targeted for their continued and ruthless exploitation of the earth and its inhabitants. This behavior will not be tolerated. In the coming days, resistance will grow, in many forms. Of course, none of the journalists covering this story will do so in a comprehensive way, to do so would go against your societal role. Why not do something different for a change, and question the corporations as much as you question the "radicals".* **The Struggle Continues!**

- Unknown

#### November 24-31, South Korea: South Koreans Are Sick Of Americans

Seoul: Some restaurants and pubs in the South Korean capital are refusing to serve Americans amid anger over the acquittal of two US soldiers for the road deaths of two teenage girls. "Americans are not welcome here," read a sign on the door and a window of a restaurant in Seoul. On November 24, a US military court cleared Sergeant Fernando Nino and Sergeant Mark Walker of negligent homicide, but anti-US protesters said the verdict was a sham. "I don't want to give a drop of water to Americans," said one restaurant owner. Some protests have turned violent, with Molotov cocktails being thrown into military bases. On November 28, two firebombs were thrown over the wall of Camp Page in the eastern city of Chuncheon. On November 30, about 2000 students in Seoul marched with candles and burned an American flag. Thousands of riot police armed with helmets and plastic shields kept close watch on the protesters to block them from marching to the embassy. 50 female activists, dressed in white traditional Korean funeral clothes, sang anti-US songs. A sorcerer danced and performed a ritual for the dead girls. Dozens of motorists blared their horns as they passed by the US Embassy which was guarded by hundreds of South Korean riot police.



## CURRENCY

### BY DIAN MILLION

watching our blood  
its journey into plasma bags  
laying still on tables  
hearing the coughs and restless  
movements  
of people bleeding for  
the seven dollars  
which sends us out again  
able to face looking for something  
this deep  
red fluid that propels our hearts  
war is money  
the blood spilled to the earth  
blood appearing suddenly with no warning  
from wounds that we inflict on one  
another

the blood is the currency  
by which we trade our destinies  
propels  
some to be takers on this world  
where  
racial memories are named for  
the taker:

Sand Creek  
Basque Redonda  
Anselwitz  
Cape Town

the lives we remember individually  
from  
the wars fought for money  
to run strip mining  
take the land  
erase entire peoples.

No one left untouched  
yet some  
remain silent not told  
that our blood is currency  
that  
for seven dollars  
or for seven billion  
it will never buy one thing back.

# THE UNDER-COVER STATE

BY LAVA FLOW

Picture this: almost half of your town's population has become undercover police officers and most of your friends are harassed and attacked by them. Imagine that two out of five emergency room visits are now because of police violence. That the non-police half of the populace are now living in constant wariness. You yourself have stopped going outside after dark. Your roommate has been acting strange and you suspect him of being an agent...

Would you consider this a state of emergency? Low-level warfare? Would you deem this political or would it seem personal, a matter between the individuals involved?

Well, let me lay some statistics on you, and I quote my T-shirt: In the USA half of all women experience an intimate relationship with an abuser, one in four women are raped by their male "date," every nine seconds a man beats a woman, a man rapes 1 out of 3 women, a male partner kills a woman every two hours.

How does this touch my life? A painter friend tells me her father raped her and her sister all their childhood, a musician friend says a man raped her with a knife, a writer mourns her friend, left on the side of the road, drugged, raped and killed. My friends strip so they can make as much money as some "real worker" guy who drives the road repair machinery. And I am walking around after dusk curfew, aside from me, the pedestrians are all men, comfortable men, sauntering around, thinking their own private thoughts, maybe stoned, maybe drunk, at home in a world made for them. Perhaps a police car drives by and they momentarily freeze. Oh, if all I had to fear was a uniformed man in a brightly marked car!

Do you have a class-based analysis? I'll quote United Nations figures: Women do 70% of the world's work, earn 10% of the world's pay and own 1% of the world's property. But how easily despised is the rich woman in furs who is buying the stairway to heaven? Like the corporate receptionist, she is a buffer between us and the rich elite males. Women and children are 80% of the homeless in this nation. Women and children are an economic class or caste in themselves. So much for the noble burly-man worker of the world. Sometimes I see the pyramid of control more like an iceberg. The visible tip is the corporate state, rich men and uniformed men doing violence to other men. But the state is a formulation of the father-controlled family unit. The huge, underwater part of that state consists of men who police women at home, work, on the streets. The obvious agents of force need only be relatively few because men are doing the work of the state, terrorizing (or supporting the terror with silence) and keeping the majority of the population — women and children — in line. Without male supremacy, the state would be impossible. But the collapse of the state can and does leave male supremacy intact. This is why anarchy without feminism has been called reformist.

Perhaps you will learn more about feminism. And when you hear "smash the state" you'll think about the undercover state, about what isn't being said and how you're going to say it.

# GUERRILLEROS DE LA NOCHE!

## EARTH AND ANIMAL LIBERATION ACTIONS FROM LOCAL AND DISTANT BIOREGIONS



animal, these squalid conditions produce a perpetual state of chronic distress, unimaginable to human beings. This stress leads to severe psychosomatic illness, causing disturbing behaviors like self-mutilation, cannibalism, and incessant pacing and scratching in attempts to escape from their prison. After experiencing the blistering heat, filth, intensive confinement, and other amenities of the mink shed for half of a year, they are either gassed, electrocuted, or have their necks snapped. If they are genetically superior, they often stay on the ranch indefinitely in such conditions, only to be killed in the same manner when they lose their usefulness. These cells have witnessed all of these things and more just as disturbing, first hand at this farm, and feel that they must pose this question to the public. Would this deplorable situation be allowed to continue if the animals happened to be cats, or puppies perhaps, rather than their canine relative the North American Mink? Clearly, it would not. Brutality is brutality—these animals are no less deserving of basic "rights" than the animals we call our friends, and the law protects as such. Thus it is, in the face of this glaring hypocrisy, with their very real suffering in mind, that we take the justice and mercy that the law fails to provide into our own hands, and provide it for those who cannot act in their own defense. The economic value of a dead body or a frivolous luxury item can not be compared to the inherent value of a life—thus unnecessary killing is absolutely unjust. This has been recognized by much of the rest of the world, and in multiple cases, fur farming has been completely banned by other "first-world" governments. It is time for the world's most accomplished and proven terrorist, the United States, to respond and follow suit. If it does not, this inexorable struggle on behalf of innocent life will continue. The E.L.F. took part in this action on behalf of the Earth, due to the target's extreme pollution of surrounding streams and groundwater with excrement and offal runoff. The fur trade's co-dependant relationship with the ecological nightmare of factory farming and other such nefarious forms of animal agriculture alone, completely necessitate our action in defense of life on Earth. If the owners of the destroyed facility wish to be left alone, they should permanently close their operation, providing clear proof that they have done so. If this is done immediately, and this communique is released to the public unaltered, individual members from each of the cells responsible for this action will turn themselves in. If this is not done, the rest of the mink ranch will be demolished. Other components of the mink ranch operation may also be targeted.

A total of 18 rabbits were rescued and all of them have now been placed in new homes. All the rabbits had overgrown claws, infections and others diseases but with the help of sympathetic vets they will all survive. In their new homes they will be given a chance to dig, jump, run, eat fresh food and do all the things a rabbit has a right to do. Unfortunately we could only liberate and re-home 18 of the rabbits, but to make up to those left behind we also decided to do a bit of paintwork to his car, the rabbit shed and his house with him asleep inside it. Slogans such as "Animal abuser", "murderer" and "Close the farm" were painted. As long as they are captive we will defend them. Every second means resistance. - Djurens Befrielse Front (Swedish ALF)

compensation claims with the Indian government, many of which are caught up in legal wrangling and red tape. The Indian government promised to seek the extradition of Anderson after a court in Bhopal in September rejected a request by federal prosecutors to reduce the charge against him to "causing death by negligence." Anderson, who faces up to 20 years imprisonment in India on the charge of "culpable homicide," has refused to appear in court in India since the case opened in 1992.

### Virginia: Attacks On Development Sites Increase Dramatically; The ELF Is Suspected

Vandals recently struck several sport utility vehicles and area construction sites, leaving local police and FBI investigators wondering if the acts are linked to a radical environmental group. At least four incidents in recent weeks in Henrico and Goochland counties have prompted authorities to look more closely at the international underground earth liberation movement. In three of the four local incidents, someone has left a note or message suggesting "ELF" was responsible for the damage. In the fourth, the perpetrators left a message indicating they had an "environmental agenda". The two most recent incidents locally under investigation occurred Oct. 5 or 6 in the Riverlake Colony subdivision in Henrico's far West End. The perpetrators severely damaged two SUVs that were parked about a block apart. In the 800 block of Colony Bluff Place, vandals repeatedly sliced the body of a 1996 Toyota SUV with what police said may have been a hatchet, causing \$8,000 to \$10,000 in damage. A note found inside the truck said that ELF was responsible. That same night, vandals used a sharp object to dent the body of a 1995 Ford SUV parked in front of a home in the 9900 block of Eildonway Place. Damage was estimated at \$5,000, and the perpetrator left behind a note claiming ELF was responsible. About a week earlier, on Sept. 27 or 28, vandals defaced about 25 Ford and Mercury SUVs on the lot of Universal Ford at 10751 West Broad Street. A white substance applied to the SUVs, determined to be glass-etching cream, permanently scarred the surface of the vehicles. In another incident about two months ago in neighboring Goochland County, people apparently opposed to the construction of an upscale neighborhood near the Hanover County line damaged some construction equipment and the interior of one of the houses. The perpetrators left behind a burned U.S. flag. Goochland and Powhatan authorities said they've also received reports in recent months of damage to construction equipment in areas where state Route 288 is being built. In Powhatan, the perpetrators poured substances into the diesel fuel tanks of several earth movers. No messages or ELF-related calling cards, however, were found at the 288 construction sites. In another incident authorities are investigating, someone on Sept. 21 tried to set a large crane on fire at the construction site of the Short Pump Town Center in western Henrico County. The perpetrator lit a "wick" that had been placed in the vehicle's diesel fuel tank, but it went out before starting a fire. The perpetrators didn't leave a note or other evidence of responsibility.

### August 31, England: Peat Moss Profiteers Attacked!

Doncaster: Two-thirds of Scotts peat moss stock was destroyed in one night, when a small group of people visited Hatfield Peatworks near Doncaster and slashed 3/4 of Scotts bagged peat moss. Based on figures by Scotts lawyers for a previous action of this kind we estimate that over 100,000 pounds worth of damage was done. Note: peat extraction means the destruction of peat marshes which means the destruction of the fauna and flora which depend on that eco-system for their very survival.

There has been no claim in responsibility for the Pedigo bay incident, conflicting with the history of ELF actions in the area.

### November 8, France: Arsonists Attack McDonald's

Police are investigating an arson attack on a McDonald's restaurant under construction in eastern France. The restaurant was destroyed by fire and nobody was injured. Construction of the restaurant was nearly complete and it was due to open next month. The fire blew out windows, collapsed the building's roof and shattered much of its interior. The fire, which investigators believe started in the kitchen, came amid a heated court battle launched by residents opposed to the McDonald's presence. Residents said they objected to the odors and increased traffic expected from the restaurant's drive-in service. Other McDonald's restaurants have been similarly unwelcome in France. Anti-globalization activist Jose Bove rose to fame in 1999 when he and nine others used farm equipment to dismantle a McDonald's branch under construction in Millau, in the foothills of the Massif Central mountains.

### Mid-September, England: McDonalds Gets McDamaged!

Reddish: A new McDeath in Reddish hasn't proved too popular with the locals. Since recently opening it has been robbed once, broken into several times with all the burgers thrown about and the deep fat friers vandalized, and the doors and windows are being kicked in on a weekly basis! It's hardly a surprise considering the outlet was built in the face of local opposition and with planning permission from the state on the sly, not to mention McDonald's reputation for proletariat and animal exploitation.

### September 17, Indiana: Pedigo Bay Model Home Completely Destroyed, ELF Targeted

Bloomington: Local environmentalists are being harassed by the ATF, the FBI and Indiana State Fire Marshalls following a fire that completely destroyed a \$725,000 model home at Pedigo Bay, the soon-to-be luxury subdivision on the southeastern shore of Lake Monroe, which is also in the town's watershed. The fire, which incinerated the 3,400-square-foot home, is still being investigated, but local pigs suspect arson as being at the crux of the blaze. "We think it was arson and possibly the ELF group," said the owner of Pedigo Bay Realty and Development. Since 1996 the ELF have been responsible for more than \$42 million in damage/creation utilizing arson, property transformation, and tree spiking, among others, \$700,000 of which was attributed to an arson in February 2000 to the luxury home of Bloomington resident Vince Scott in Sterling Woods. In an ELF communiqué sent to local TV & radio stations the day after the blaze, the group stated, "The house was targeted because the sprawling development it is located in is in the Lake Monroe Watershed. This is the drinking water supply for the town of Bloomington, Ind. & the surrounding area. Once again the rich of the world are destroying what little we have left in terms of natural areas & collective holding (the water)." The difference between the arsons at Sterling Woods & Pedigo Bay relates to graffiti sprayed on a builders sign about 100 feet north of the burnt house in Sterling Woods simply saying "No Sprawl - ELF."

### November 26, Pennsylvania: ELF & ALF Target Fur Farm

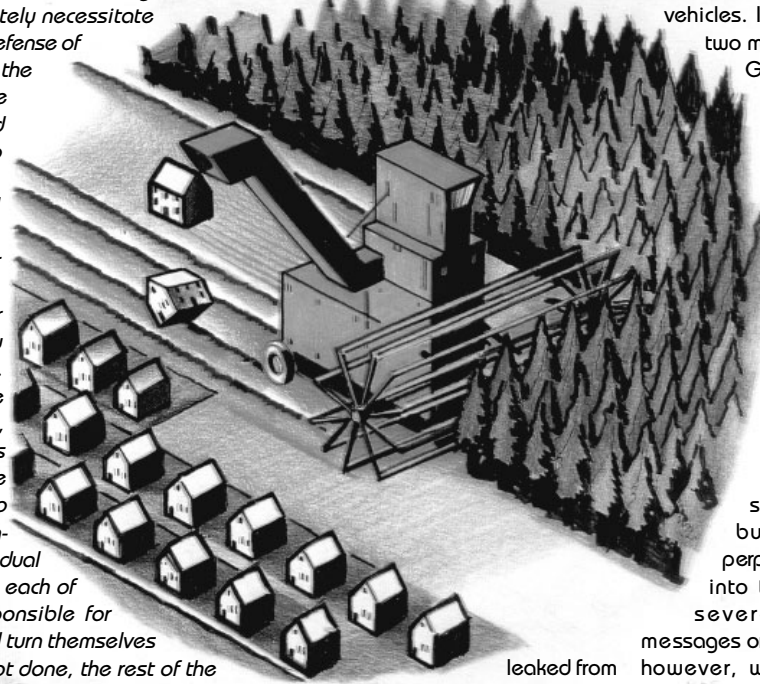
Harbor Creek: The following communique was sent to both the Animal Liberation Front and the Earth Liberation Front Press Offices: At 2:00 AM on November 26, 2002, anonymous cells of the ALF and the ELF visited the Mindek Brothers Fur Farm (4200 Shannon Road) in Harbor Creek, Pennsylvania. Before disappearing into the night, a large fire was set which completely destroyed the farm's feed barn and its contents, causing extensive financial loss. The ALF is also claiming responsibility for releasing 200 breeding mink in May and 50+ in September from the same farm. Working together, cells from ALF & ELF demolished this feed facility due to its role in the systematic torture and killing of thousands of innocent creatures yearly—animals which possess the same complex emotional/physiological traits as loved household pets, yet are denied all reasonable consideration and confined to a miserable "existence" in tiny wire cages hardly large enough to turn around in. Imprisoned in fur factories, these solitary creatures are forced to endure intensive confinement for the entirety of their lives, next to, or not uncommonly, packed into the same excrement and disease laden cages as their doomed relatives. In their natural state, these animals maintain a vast territory encompassing several miles. However, on fur farms such as this one, most of these semi-aquatic animals "enjoy" less than 24 inches of space, living on chicken wire, exposed to incredible levels of disease, cannibalism, and weather extremes. With what is essentially still a wild

leaked from Union Carbide's pesticide plant in Bhopal in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, killing thousands and contaminating water and soil within a one-mile (1.5-kilometer) radius. Over the years, the death toll has risen to 14,410 as those sickened by the gas died. Survivors complain of ailments including breathlessness, constant tiredness, stomach pain, cardiac problems and tuberculosis. Some 600,000 people have filed

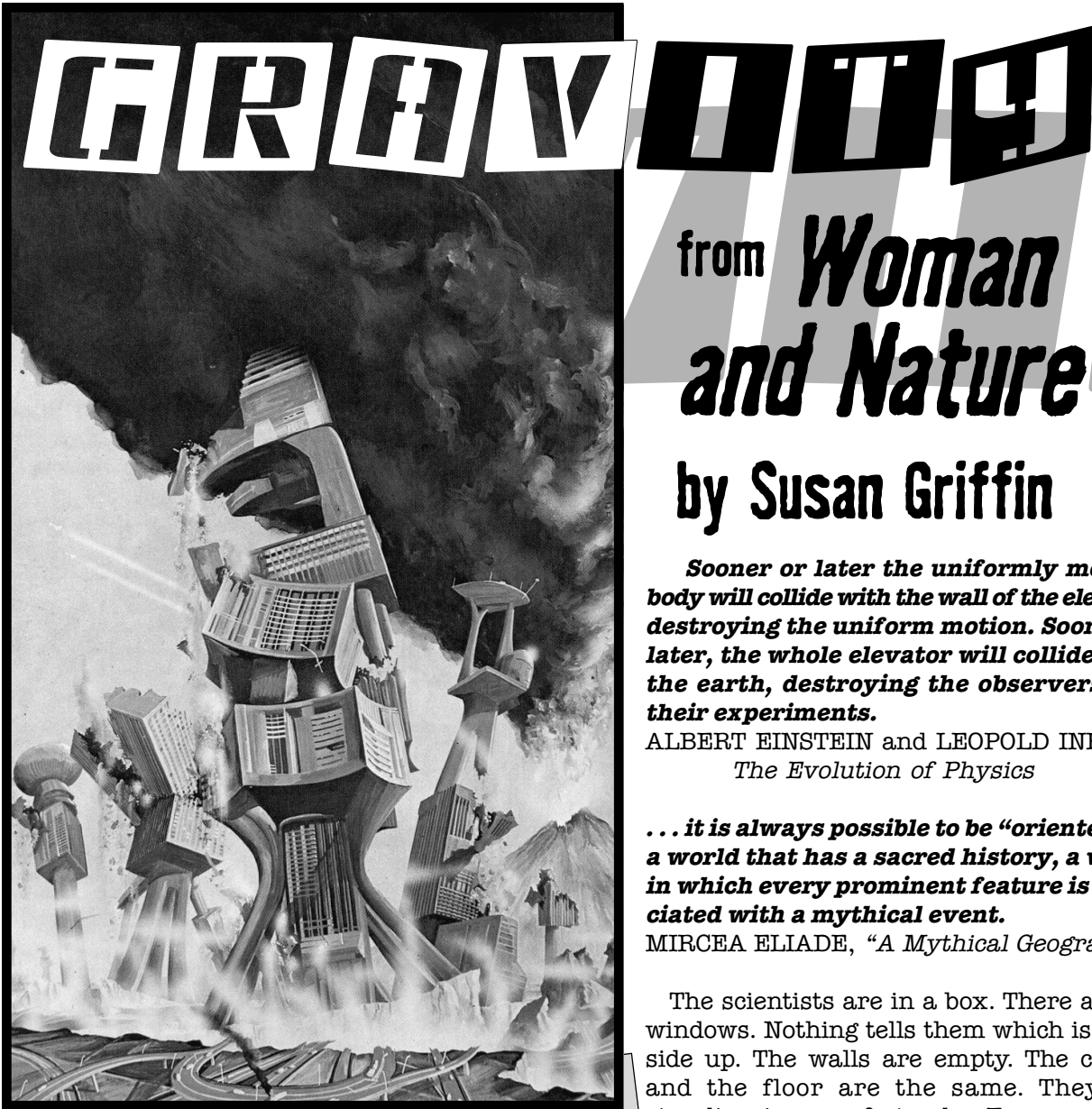
In defense of life, ALF/ELF.

### December 3, Sweden: Rabbits Liberated From Horror Farm

Bruzaholm: The following communique was received by the Swedish ALF Press Office: On the night of December 3, the Swedish ALF attacked a small rabbit farm in Bruzaholm, Sweden.







# GRAVITY

from *Woman and Nature*

by Susan Griffin

**Sooner or later the uniformly moving body will collide with the wall of the elevator destroying the uniform motion. Sooner or later, the whole elevator will collide with the earth, destroying the observers and their experiments.**

ALBERT EINSTEIN and LEOPOLD INFELD  
*The Evolution of Physics*

**... it is always possible to be "oriented" in a world that has a sacred history, a world in which every prominent feature is associated with a mythical event.**

MIRCEA ELIADE, "A Mythical Geography"

The scientists are in a box. There are no windows. Nothing tells them which is right side up. The walls are empty. The ceiling and the floor are the same. They are standing in a perfect cube. Every surface is a square. This they measure and prove with their rulers. The scientists prove by experiment what is the nature of this world. One drops his handkerchief into space. It does not fall to the ground. It rests where the scientist's hand left it. Over time the handkerchief still does not move. This experiment is repeated with another scientist's eyeglasses. The scientist's eyeglasses do not move from where he has placed them in space. This experiment is repeated with different objects. First they push the eyeglasses, lending them motion, then the handkerchief, a pen, a piece of paper, and then a ruler. Each object moves continuously across space until it collides with the opposite wall. The scientists are delighted. They discover they are living in a perfect inertial system. Every body continues in a state of rest or motion. They will continue resting infinitely. They are delighted with this perfection. But gradually

one scientist allows a question to enter his mind. It occurs to him that they do not know if they are at rest in an inertial system or if they are moving at a continuous rate of acceleration. Perhaps in a vacuum. Perhaps, and now the scientists feel a sense of disquiet, perhaps they are in a field of gravity, and are therefore accelerating continuously. He realizes that they do not know for certain where they are, nor where they are going. He decides to break through the cube. Suddenly air rushes in. (He realizes they were suffocating.) Through the hole he has made he sees the face of the earth coming closer and closer.

"Do you suppose that what we thought was true is not true?" he says with alarm. "We are falling," he admits, "down." Headfirst, the scientists dive from their cube. "I know where we are now," the doubting scientist shouts. "We are in a field of gravity." "And we are no longer falling at the same rate," another observes, "because of the resistance of the air." "Air!" another scientist sighs. "We are certainly not at rest now," the scientists assent. "We are moving," they agree.

"We know where we are going," another adds quickly.

"To the earth," they whisper.

"Where we were born," one says.

"And we know what will happen next," all of the scientists choir back. "We will all of us die."



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Gary Lawless

## NEW TIMES, NEW STRUGGLES

### Anti-Genetics Actions from the Frontlines



#### August 19, England: GMO Plants Destroyed

Dorset: Fourteen people were arrested for "criminal damage" and "aggravated trespass" when a group of more than fifty folks met to remove a farmscale trial of GM oilseed - one of at least 14 fields found infested with secretive antibiotic-resistant plants. Up to forty pigs, with a flying pig-chopper, showed up to destroy the hastily organized action. The people involved in the action included an ex-genetics student, a local organic farmer, a solicitor, a doctor, gardeners, teachers, grandmothers, and lots of ordinary folks. The fields and plants were owned by Aventis, a subsidiary of the giant German chemical

company Bayer. The government quickly suspended the planting of the final trials of the seed. Of course they failed to cancel them completely. But wherever they plant them, we will find 'em and rip 'em up!

#### October 8, Scotland: Activists Attack GM Crop Trial

A group of anti-genetix rebels trampled a field of genetically modified oilseed into the ground, and police are investigating the incident (needless to say). The crop in question was being farmed in a field near Daviot, Aberdeenshire, as part of a three-year trial. A massive, well-attended local protest of the GE trial crop had occurred at

the farm the previous month. In this recent incident, the anti-GM direct actionists left a sign reading "GM-Free Grampian" and an unsigned note, reading: "Silently We Came, Silently We Left, To Strike A Blow For GM-Free Scotland." *Editors note: While the biotech industry scrambles in the wake of US market upheavals, GE saboteurs in the UK have continued to keep the*

*spotlight on the environmental and health problems that biotech crops pose with large, public decontaminations of GE field trials. In what should be considered a victory for opponents of GE around the world, the UK government has recently decided to suspend field trials of genetically engineered crops, caving in to the power of popular direct action and an increasingly disobedient population.*

