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by David Abberton

"It looks like a war zone out there", remarked an officer of the St. Louis County Police Tactical Squad as he escorted his prisoners to the booking counter at the county jail. Outrage and CD shennanigans prevailed on April 1st at Times Beach, Missouri, the proposed site of a dioxin incinerator. About 50 demonstrators showed up to face off with government-industry forces to demand a halt to the construction of the toxic burner.

The Times Beach Action Group (TBAG), a coalition of EF!ers, dioxin victims, and other outraged citizens conducted their own "test burn" in front of the offices of the EPA and Syntex Agribusiness, partners in crime with their "solution" to the dioxin contamination crisis in eastern Missouri. They plan to burn contaminated soil (burn the evidence) and thereby spew unknown amounts of dioxin and other toxins over the area.

Though it doesn't take a weatherperson to know which way the wind blows, demonstrators in white chem-suits and protective masks lit smoke devices in the stacks of a mock incinerator. TBAG members were arrested for trespassing on Federal (public) property as they breached a police barricade attempting to attach a banner reading "STOP EPA LIES! NO INCINERATOR" on a bridge over the Meramec River. One "really civilly disobedient" protester, as referred to by police, was wrestled to the ground by two officers. Then protesters pelted cops with smoke bombs shouting, "Arrest the EPA!" Microphones and camera lenses bobbed and darted through the smoke cloud as news reporters scurried for position.

Just as it seemed the authorities had effectively quelled the uprising by stuffing the lawbreakers into a squad car, the rebel forces' long awaited air support droned onto the scene. An



PHOTO: Cindy Taykowski

airplane towing the message, "NO DIOXIN INCINERATOR AT TIMES BEACH" began circling over the battlefield. The incident resulted in three arrests. Those arrested, area residents Lydia Roberts, Steve Taylor, and this reporter were later released "pending application for warrants" according to police. (Donations for legal support will be greatly appreciated.) Another result is politicians displaying concern over how their quotes appear in the press as they try to maintain the illusion of leadership.

In a Ramada Inn parking lot five miles away from the surrealistic conflagration, Syntex flak-runner Gary Pendergrass nervously chanted his hellish PR mantras for TV cameras. A full body shot would have no doubt revealed his pants down around his knees. "Truthfully...", he began his comments, and the rest we've all heard before about the reliability and safety of the incinerator project.

"Test burn" refers to the method of monitoring stack emissions which has already failed at the Vertac burner in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Vertac failed to meet EPA standards of destruction and removal of dioxin in their test burn and were ordered to shut down by a Federal judge. However, that decision was nixed on appeal when the EPA (Every Polluter's Ally) weighed in on the side of chemical-waste outlaws establishing their claim that a Superfund site cannot be sued until

About this Issue

Big River EF! (yup, that's us) has taken on the task of producing this May Day issue of the *ALARM*. So, evident in this issue are our own proletarian style, our working-class touch, and our meatheaded foibles and f***-ups, like being weeks behind deadline and many other mistakes a scrutinizing reader will detect. We are not the most adept of *Alarmists*. In fact, we're just simple venison-eating rednecks. But we're rednecks who care.

We care about the apocalyptic advent of a big dumb police state and the capitalist destruction of the planet. We care about the domination of death-wielding corporate greed and government corruption. We care about the forests of the world, and America, (most of which date back to the Plast-o-Scene Era, a

time before the Beatles when Beatniks roamed the Earth).

We appreciate everyone who submitted material. We did our best to include as much as possible. The stuff sent in has made up a very interesting sampling of ecological and social struggles in North America, Europe and elsewhere.

While corporations were making liberals swoon (an old capitalist trick as easy as hypnotizing chickens) at Earth Day celebrations everywhere, the barricades were being womanned and manned in the revolutionary ecology struggle. And we were typing, cutting and pasting to bring you this. So relax and enjoy this canoe ride down the Big River of your Earth Mother dreams.

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Next issue: Massachusetts EF!, (the brave but courteous Massholes for wilderness) will take over for issue #11 before it returns to BLF EF! in Burlington.

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and Steve Taylor

Test Burn continued

after it is completed and all the damage is done. With the judicial system cementing the government-industry alliance in spite of democratic will and ecological sanity, the people have decided to take matters into their own calloused hands like so many crates of tea, symbols of the arrogance of centralized government power thrown overboard in the dark of night.

TBAG is demanding:

1. No incinerator at Times Beach. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources must re-open the consent degree allowing real democratic participation.
2. Actual compensation for dioxin victims in Missouri and around the nation.
3. Uncover the dioxin cover-up including the falsification of toxicology research and reports by the U.S. military and Monsanto.
4. Congressional investigation into the EPA and their unethical relationship with the chemical waste industry.
5. President Bill Clinton keep his promise to support a moratorium on the construction of hazardous waste incinerators.

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**INTERNATIONAL
ACTIONS
TARGET HYDRO-
QUEBEC**

**Actions In Six Countries, Over
16
Cities, Protest H-Q**

The Native Forest Network coordinated international actions against Hydro-Quebec, the provincial utility corporation of Quebec, Canada, on their 50th anniversary, April 14, 1994. H-Q is responsible for building mega hydro-electric projects in Quebec that are disrupting the ecological balance of the area and affecting the traditional culture and way of life of the indigenous people (Cree, Innu, Inuit) who live there. H-Q is also consulting on various projects in other countries such as the Three Gorges Project in China where almost a million people will be displaced

Organizers of the nonviolent International Day of Actions consider the day a success as thousands of people globally were made aware of H-Q's mega projects. Activists from many environmental and social justice groups participated. "We were protesting the devastating impact of H-Q's projects on the environment and on communities, as well as its disregard for the rights of indigenous people," said Anne Petermann, coordinator for the Eastern North American NFN Resource Center.

Photo: Peterman



EF!ers Julie DuBose and Mike Donohue occupied University of Vermont's water tower for seven hours in Burlington, VT. They were not arrested.

Actions occurred in Burlington VT, London, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Bangor, ME., Butland, Vt., New York, Glasgow, Brussels, Melbourne, Tasmania, Victoria, BC, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Tuscon, and notably Moscow where activists gathered outside the Canadian Embassy displaying placards protesting the Hydro-Quebec Corporation's deeds in Quebec. They also demanded that Hydro-Quebec cancel any possible plans to consult on large scale hydro projects in the former Soviet Union.

Hydro-Quebec began the SM-3 Project in mid-April. Collective action may become necessary once again.

Information provided by Ann Petermann and Orin Langelle of the Eastern North American Native Forest Network. Their Resource Center may be contacted at:

P.O. Box 57 Burlington, VT 05402
USA phone: (802) 863 0571, FAX:
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peacejustice@igc.apc.org



"ONE DAM TOO MANY"

**THE INNU PEOPLE COULD USE YOUR
HELP TO PROTECT THEIR CULTURE
AND THE EARTH.**

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- ☞ SEND LETTERS OF SUPPORT
- ☞ SEND DONATIONS
- ☞ JOIN OR FORM AN INNU SUPPORT COMMITTEE

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Langevin Block
Parliament Bldgs.
Ottawa, On K1A 0A2
Fax: (613) 995-0110

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for Indian Affairs
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Edifice H, Bureau 2-400
Quebec, PG G1R 4Y8

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Globe & Mail
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Toronto, ON M5V 2S9

Prime Minister of Quebec
885 Grande Allée est
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Quebec, PQ G1A 1A2
fax: (418) 643-3924

Demand that the Quebec and Canadian Governments respect the Innu right of self-determination. That they respect national and international law with regard to Innu sovereignty and let them define the basis for their own future. Demand that the draconian 30-year injunction against the Innu be lifted immediately.

SPAIN: 27-E,**Dia de la Huelga****General**

by Don Fitz

On 27-E (27 de enero, or January 27, 1994) the latest general strike brought major cities in Spain to a grinding halt. Spanish industry was virtually completely shut down. I spent 27-E in Barcelona with a former longshoreman who now works for the port authority. As a government office, the port Authority was supposed to be open with "minimal services." But when Juan Madrid and I arrived, it was completely empty. Spanish streets are normally sprinkled with *kioskos*, or stands which sell newspapers and magazines. All were deserted. Hardly any schools were open. As we drove to the demonstration of 200,000 at the *Plaza de Catalunya*, we passed shop after shop which was closed tight. The one bus we saw on the street was empty except for the driver. Even Spanish banks were closed on 27-E.

When work resumed the next morning, I took the train to Madrid, where the big demonstration was delayed a day, until January 28. The strike officially began at one minute past midnight on 27-E. Several thousand militants gathered in the center of Madrid and broke into

groups of a few hundred each. If a group found a bar/restaurant (most Spanish commercial centers have several on every block) or other business open, demonstrators explained that 27-E had begun. Patrons who refused to leave might hear a firecracker go off under their chairs.

In previous general strikes, the government negotiated with unions concerning "minimal services" which would remain open. But as 27-E approached, the government unilaterally declared that "minimal services" included 40% of buses operating. The unions were furious. Within the first few hours of the strike, 130 buses in Madrid had to return to their central station due to smashed windows.



At the mass demonstration in Madrid on January 28, marchers packed the streets as far as the eye could see. Tens of thousands carried flags or had stickers on their clothes saying "CC.OO." for the communist-oriented union, *comisiones obreras* (workers commissions). Tens of thousands of others bore the insignia "UGT" (General Union of Workers). Described as "socialist," the UGT used to be aligned with the ruling PSOE (Socialist Labor Party of Spain), but broke with

PSOE over its anti-labor policies. Others carried banners of the non-aligned USO (Union of Labor Organizations). There were red and black flags of the two anarcho-syndicalist unions, the CGT (General Confederation of Workers) and smaller CNT (National Confederation of Workers). They were joined by dozens independent unions and radical groups.

Marchers were unified in their disdain for the Spanish media, which began trashing the general strike before it started. During the strike, government spokespersons repeatedly emphasized the "normality" of the country, an utter absurdity to anyone walking through any major Spanish city.

The unions proclaimed a 90% reduction in work; the government said it was 30%; and, the employers' association said it was 26%. Of course, the game-playing with numbers was intended for an international, and not a Spanish, audience. The January 29 *Wall Street Journal* carried a front page story on the strike reporting that it had 30% participation.

The strike was over "reforms" in Spanish labor law. Its most odious features are the *aprendizaje* (apprenticeships)

center-right *Partido Popular* (PP) rather than for PSOE.

In the 1993 elections, PSOE received its smallest vote since coming to power. With less than a majority, PSOE needed an ally to form a government. For many, the logical choice was *Izquierda Unida* (IU, United Left), created from an alliance between the *Partido Comunista de Espana* (PCE), smaller left groups, and many independents. But Felipe turned to the Catalan nationalists, *Convergencia i Unio* (CiU). CiU leader Jordi Pujol's conditions for forming a government included a severe neoliberal labor reform. Pujol has said that if PSOE changes a single point of the labor reform, CiU will break the coalition government.



WORKING CLASS SOLIDARITY IN OPERATION ROADBLOCK

LONDON: The M-11 Link motorway is a three mile extension road going through East London's working class neighborhoods. Some residents of the area are refusing to relocate., squatting in their own homes. Other activists have also moved into the area reinforcing some of the vacated dwellings. Environmental and social justice advocates have joined forces in opposition to the M-11 Link. The protests have cost the project millions of dollars in down time and additional security measures. At

present the project is over five months behind schedule.

The alliance against an M-11 Link motorway can always use support of more people in their fight. There is a large supply of empty houses crying out for squatters. For free lodging and direct action opportunities in London, please contact: NO M-11 LINK CAMPAIGN, Railway Arch 211, Grove Green Road, London E11 4AJ. phone: 081-558-2638 fax: 081-539-7569



"ANIMAL RIGHTS" EXTREMISTS POST XMAS MAIL BOMBS IN U.K.

Alec Smart, Black&White and Green News Service. Six mail bombs were posted by so-called Animal Rights extremists, reaching their destinations on Tuesday 22 December 1993. Four were defused at their respective locations (three breeding centers and a biological research lab) when police or bomb-disposal experts were called in to investigate. A fifth was intercepted at a postal sorting centre. The sixth exploded, injuring four people, when opened at the offices of Vet Diagnostics in Small Dole (near Henfield, West Sussex).

Scotland Yard Anti-Terrorist Unit suggested that the Animal Liberation Front (A.L.F.) were involved, however A.L.F. press officer Robin Webb blamed a new militant organisation known as the Justice Department. The Justice Dept., in operation since October 1993, are believed to be responsible for dispatching bombs to 13 targets so far.

The ALF have a policy of causing no harm to other beings.

The A.L.F. were themselves blamed for two car bombs that exploded consecutively in early 1990. They took the immediate initiative to issue a press statement denying responsibility. The circumstances and characteristics surrounding the two bombs were suspicious to the extent that many believe that an MI5 "Dirty Tricks" department were involved in the operation in an attempt to discredit the Animal Rights movement. One of the car bombs fell off the vehicle onto the road and detonated outside a childrens' school, severing a baby's finger with the blast.

The Animal Rights movement (and a "movement" it has become in the U.K.) has set its own moral agenda. The more radical groups within the campaigning system, such as the A.L.F., have a policy of causing no harm to other beings, particularly in relation to their strategy of liberation.



ELVES WRECK SURVEILLANCE GEAR AT BRITISH NUKE PLANT

5 March saw the blockading of five major nuclear plants resulting in a few arrests. Somerset EF! and Greenpeace joined together in shutting down one plant for more than six hours by chaining themselves to the gates. EF!ers attached themselves to the undercarriage of a police van brought in to break the blockade, thereby commandeering it for the blockade.

Witnesses claimed to have seen elves roaming about the scene, destroying

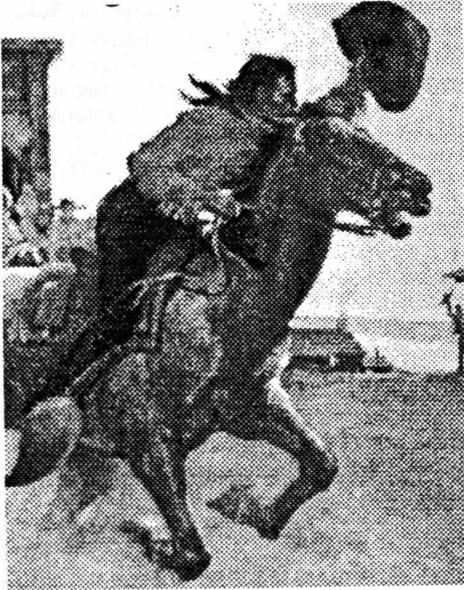
video surveillance equipment and bending transmitter aerials. One elf was seen climbing a 150 ft. transmitter tower in a gale to work its mischief.

More action is planned for the next few months, including a blockade against a thermal oxide reprocessing plant (THORP) at Sellafield on 18 June. It is expected that the nuclear issue will take on the same militancy that the roads issue has in the U.K.



SUPPORT NEEDED FOR ROAD THIEVES

IDAHO: Seven EF! activists who spent 19 days in jail for burying themselves in a logging road have had the charge of "malicious injury to property" reduced to a misdemeanor. That's the good news. The bad news is that they still face the charge of "conspiracy to commit grand theft of a road", (Yup. A road.), three federal misdemeanors, and a SLAPP suit. These highway robbers need your help. They've gotten themselves in pretty deep defending the largest remaining roadless area in the lower 48. Please send checks, money orders and spare change to: *Cove/Mallard Legal Defense Fund, POB 8968, Moscow, ID 83843.*



THE WOLF RETURNS (And Gets Shot)

MAINE: On August 31, 1993 in the remote woods of northern Maine, a "wolf-like" animal was shot by a bear hunter. The animal was a black female weighing around 75 pounds. The body was recovered by game wardens and sent to Oregon for DNA tests by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether it was a hybrid or a pure wolf. There was never any doubt that it was not a coyote, which remain subjected to an open season. After six months, their findings confirmed that the animal killed was a pure wolf with no signs that it had ever lived in captivity.

Naturally, there is great excitement that this will begin to show that wolves from Canada may be returning to Maine. Wolves were exterminated in Maine at the end of the last century. The USFWS has so far failed to develop a wolf re-introduction plan.

The presence of an endangered species in Maine's rapidly deteriorating North Woods will hopefully aid efforts that



preservationists know are critical to the survival and restoration of this region.

Maine EF!

ALSO FROM MAINE: An informational picket in front of the Roman Catholic cathedral in Portland saw two arrests. Defenders of Dzil Nchaa Si An (Mt. Graham) handed pamphlets to worshippers that informed them of the Vatican's involvement in the University of Arizona telescope project on top of the mountain. Mt. Graham is an ecological treasure and a holy place to the San Carlos Apaches.

The picketers were forced off church property after a confrontation with police that resulted in one arrest. Then another was arrested for returning a few steps onto the property to hand a leaflet to an interested parishioner.

AND: The battle for Mt. Blue continues. The report from there is sketchy. It was a long cold winter. A logging truck was captured. People were arrested and unarrested. These Mainiacs need help!

Pushing a Rock

How do I matter?
I yell and yell
at the great hulking mass,
of dreams,
of money,
of sex,
of suksex.

And it turns
and fills my mouth
as I yell.
It fills my head to the eyes.
I see only

oil drifts
smoke cans
paper rumps,
and
my pain at failure,
concentrated on the image of a
casual meeting.

And I convince myself
that I want to smash
civilization.
So,
I dream of loving you.

m. lowell bohnenkamp
Winter 1992



HOOD DAIRY TARGETED IN ANTI-BGH DEMO

Burlington, VT--Farmers, consumers and costume clad humanoids depicting mutated cows demonstrated in front of the H.P. Hood dairy plant in Burlington on May 4th. Chanting "Hey, hey, Hood, Hood, BGH--It ain't no good!" the protesters targeted Hood because they are the largest purchaser of milk from the Agri-Mark dairy coop, which recently lifted moratorium on the use of BGH (Bovine Growth Hormone).

"We are here today to show consumers' demand for BGH-free milk through direct action," said Joan Mulhern of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG). When asked to make a statement to the protesters, Ronnie Bushway, Hood Plant Manager, refused and handed one of the demonstrators a prepared statement from Hood's Corporate Communications Department in Boston.

Several of the cows in attendance became sick and slunk down to the street.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Call Agri-Mark now and voice your concern about BGH tainted milk.

1-800-225-0532

MONSANTO TODAY

UTTER MADDNESS FROM THE BST PRODUCER

St. Louis--This just in from our favorite corporate giant. With a little help from the inside we get a look at the employee newsletter, *Monsanto Today*.

Apparently, even employees are concerned about the use of BST and the possible side effects. A female worker apparently expressed her concerns in a previous issue and they were addressed with the usual berating of anyone that questions the sensibilities of the all-knowing and all powerful "CONSANTO".

Fellow employees corrected her misconceptions about BST that are perpetrated by the likes of "anti-biotech activists, who are misinforming the public in order to foster a hidden agenda". They go on to inform her that the issue of having a right to choose milk on the basis of content is based on misconceptions put forth by "food terrorist". And how unfair it was that the company was not allowed to address the misinformation about BST that filled the newspapers and popular press until FDA approval came in February. (I must have missed those)

The real kicker was reading about how irrational the reaction is to the science of food production. "If we do not understand the data, we are dooming humanity to extinction."

"Already, in many parts of the world outside the United States, milk is a rare food- too expensive to produce and consume on a regular basis. It is only a matter of time, without significant changes to the way we produce food, that the same could be true in the United States. Commercial success of BST in the United States will allow Monsanto to make BST available to other parts of the world for their and our own

survival.." Gee, and all this time I thought people all over the world were dieing from oppressive governments, infiltration of armorments, and the lack of access to food.

Additionally, we were reminded that it is "Monsanto policy to only produce products of the highest quality, in an ethical, responsible and environmentally safe manner." Ah-- Right.

by Tammy Shea



Strike!

Strike!

in the spirit of Eugene V. Debs,
an American Beowulf, who was like both a

sacred covenant rainbow
for all the blue proletariat
and a

bolt of crimson lightning from a
powerful electromagnetic storm
and struck fiercely against the
industrial money monsters who
were mute, blind, stark and cold
to all colors of tears and as
brutal, bloodthirsty and beastly
as the Anglo-Saxon monster Grendel!

Strike like a prairie grass fire by the light of the Morning Star at dawn, or
Strike like a heat wave by the light of the scorching sun at noon, or
Strike like a hurricane by the reflective light of the full moon at midnight,
But strike, as passionately as you love to make love.

Strike

Strike

Strike!

Tashunka Raven

The Old Trapper

Listen:

vibrations in the asphalt.

bio-human static

Primitive feet laid upon concrete.

Gait: quarter stride.

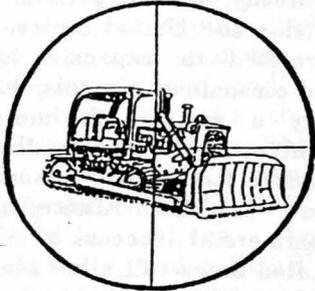
Red derbies weigh them down.

Steve Taylor

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**Meltdown Number One
(May Day, 1986)**

Standing before
the kitchen sink,
radiation nurturing
my garden,
rays glancing from
the Dutch Iris
expressly for my retinae,
when suddenly
my eyes are filled
with tears.
The ducts react,
this time, in
advance of thought.
Kiev, Chernobyl,
you are unimaginable.

The pencil
is warming in my hand.
Is it passion or
the potential heat
of graphite which sears
my fingers? Which stirs
Reverie:
One day, hanging
120 feet up the side
of your Containment
at the Callaway Nuke¹,
I thought I saw a flash

brighter than the Willy-Peter²
rounds striking the
little hills
around Phu Bai³.
I know
the hot water
vaporizing
in my sink
is only as safe
as the steam rising
from your cooling tower.
Vladimir Ilyich⁴
did you, or any
of the madmen
who followed,
envision this roadblock
on the path to
Post-Industrial Society?

Folly is folly...
Who knows which of us
does it better?
In ignorance
we stand in our
Freedom and armor,
Seeking Das Kapital
to build power plants
beyond our ken,
making war
on those
we can't even hate.

Evacuation
is just
not enough!
We must weep
for our lack
of understanding,
for our brothers and sisters.
Comrades.

Mike Naughton

- ¹ Callaway Nuclear Power Plant,
Reform, Missouri, 1979;
- ² white phosphorous;
- ³ Phu Bai, Viet Nam, 1968;
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