



Social change not climate change!

An estimated 25 million people have been effected by food supply crises in sub-Saharan this year.

The disastrous effects of global warming are already being felt worldwide- widespread, death, homelessness and destruction caused by rising sea levels, increasing "freak weather" typhoons, storms and tornadoes causing floods and landslides and substantial droughts and desertification.

Global warming is caused by human made carbon dioxide which builds up in the earth's atmosphere causing a dangerous acceleration of climate change and extremes of weather. The main causes are petrol-based road and air traffic, fossil-fuelled manufacturing and industrial agriculture (together 85 %) and fossil-fuelled electricity production.

Corporations and governments are the twin vampires who are responsible for the mess we're in- 122 private and state corporations such as Shell, Exxon, BP etc., are responsible for 80% of the world's carbon dioxide emissions.

False Solutions

Even the US government officially admits that climate change is a bigger threat to humanity than terrorism; the only people refuting this are professional deniers funded by the big oil companies. Yet politicians and their business sponsors admit that making any real change is "politically unrealistic". This makes them keen on "technical fixes" that don't tackle the causes. Nuclear power is a favourite, sold with the lie that it doesn't produce carbon dioxide. It's very dangerous, producing deadly waste with no safe storage solution, is vulnerable to terrorism and fuels the production of nuclear weap-



ons. It is also so costly that it needs massive government subsidies and relies heavily on dwindling supplies of uranium. The industry has a long and infamous record of "accidents", near disasters (Windscale, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl) and health risks.

Emissions (literally pollution) trading and burying CO2 under the seabed are similarly ostrich-like. Neither tackles the production of CO2. Green taxes are likely to target "consumers" e.g car drivers, rather than the big suppliers like oil companies and there is no guarantee that the revenue will be spent on alternatives.

Cars, lorries and planes are a massive cause of CO2 but the road and traffic lobby is hugely powerful, ensuring that alternatives are not developed.

The government's response to increased demand for transport is to build more roads that immediately become congested -an upward spiral- and to expand existing air-

ports and build new ones. Meanwhile privatized buses and trains are run on the basis of profit rather than need making public transport often a more expensive and unstable option, forcing people to rely on cars. Schemes such as the congestion charge are about ensuring that traffic keeps flowing, rather than creating transport for human need. The idea of a green car however fuelled is as practical as a chocolate frying pan.

People power

Since companies and governments cannot make the necessary changes- and don't even try, it is up to us. As individuals we should do what we can- minimize car and air travel, insulate our homes, minimize waste, maximize recycling. Ultimately however, we can only halt and indeed reverse global warming by challenging the system that has brought the planet to the brink of disaster. We need to organise against the government's plans to resurrect the Frankenstein monster of nuclear power, defeat plans for yet more roads and new or bigger airports. We should oppose agribusiness with its use of unnecessary and dangerous chemical production, of GM crops and factory farming.

We can only do this by getting together with our neighbours and workmates, organizing and acting collectively, without politicians and leaders, and taking direct action. The Rossport Solidarity camp in western Ireland, which has worked with local people who have halted Shell's construction of an oil refinery and pipeline is an inspiring current example. Organising in

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The last four weeks were pretty busy on the strike front, with action being taken all over the country (even internationally in one case) and a wide range of industries as well as a couple of very important victories.

One very interesting action that could have wide ranging consequences is the North Sea divers indefinite strike, which is 100% solid 3 days in. The 1000 divers carry out essential maintenance work on the pipelines that pump oil and gas to the UK from the north sea energy fields, if the strike continues much longer then energy supplies are going to be threatened. The strength of the strike and the divers determination to win is demonstrated by their fellow workers striking as far away as Singapore and Egypt. They are in an absolutely great position to win their demands and give a boost to other workers to press forward their own. There was an important victory with possible wider ramifications for a group of Notts fire-fighters this month when the high court ruled that they should have their docked pay re-instated. They had refused to take on extra work as part of the managements restructuring plans (i.e. more work for less pay and in worse conditions) and were consequently docked 10% of their pay for a year, which they will now receive backdated to the original date. This is a process that the fire service managers have been trying to use to get cut-backs via the backdoor, with this precedent it now appears that they'll be unable to do so - a useful victory.

There's trouble at yet another hospital - workers at Stamford and Peterborough Hospitals have decided to take strike action in protest at their being paid £3000 a year less than those doing the exact same job for other NHS trusts - this links up with recent strikes about contracted in workers being paid less than directly employed workers and is going to be a very important area over the next few years - especially if they can link up outside of the official unions structures.

BA is facing more industrial action as it's managers continue to lie to the workers about their pensions whilst desperately trying to save their own (or even boost them). Talks on the issue broke down this week and an all out strike looks likely as the workforce is putting heavy pressure on the union to stop their back-peddling and organise some real action to secure their money.

The Strangord Lough ferry in Northern Ireland was shut down for a day when the ships crew struck in protest at being paid less than other crews doing the same work.

Mexican waves of resi

3,500 police backed by armoured vehicles and helicopters retook control of the Mexican city of Oaxaca on Sunday (29th) following five months of occupation by striking teachers and other activists. Burning barricades were no match for the additional 6,500 military personnel, water cannons and tear gas, as physical resistance was crushed.

Teachers and their supporters have been demonstrating since May against a corrupt authoritarian state regime, guilty also of seriously underfunding local education. Included on their list of demands were outrageous requests for more textbooks, breakfasts for schoolchildren, scholarships, uniforms, shoes, medical services and better pay. The clincher, perhaps, was their demand for the resignation of the Governor, Ulises Ruíz Ortíz, who has been busy using the usual array of tactics available to Mexican cops, with disappearances, beatings and torture being used against so called 'subversive elements' for some time.

"An unrivalled success story", the Economist investment rag says about Mexico's economy. This is despite the fact that the richest 10% of Mexicans own around 60% of the wealth, a gap that continues to rise, along with the number of poor and hungry, despite all the 'sustained economic growth'.

One of the demands was for an increase in the minimum wage. During the 1990s the value of the Mexican minimum wage actually fell by 5%. In Oaxaca the minimum is lower than in most places as the government keep the rate down cos they



reckon it's cheaper to live in a poor place, so why pay so 'em more money?! After all, along with Chiapas and Guerrero, Oaxaca is amongst the poorest three states in Mexico and that makes that ten-bedroomed Hacienda a much more affordable holiday home for a weary Mexican stock broker.

On May 15th, National Teachers Day in Oaxaca, teachers threatened a week long state-wide strike if their demands were not met. They weren't and a week later a 40,000-strong group of mainly teachers and other union activists occupied the centre of the city. Such actions have been common for the last 25 years in Oaxaca but this was bigger and commanded much more support amongst the general population than usual.

The occupation continued until 750 police stormed in on June 14th in maximum repression mode. Local media reported four deaths from the ensuing violence and the teachers' radio station, Radio Plantón, was trashed. Soon after, though, students at the Benito Juárez Autonomous University of Oaxaca seized the uni station which had a much more powerful transmitter.

Anti-war round-up

Mildenhall Peace Camp

As Israeli bombs were dropping on Lebanon protesters broke into Prestwick Airport to try and stop flights of US arms to Israel. Due to the publicity and possible illegality of these flights some planes were quickly diverted to Brize Norton and Mildenhall. Although we were on 'holiday' at the time - running workshops at the Big Green Gathering - we quickly organised a peace camp at Mildenhall on our return. We squatted a piece of unused land at the end of the runway and quickly developed our plane spotting skills. The MOD and local police did not give us any problems much to the annoyance of the airbase - "a gad damn section what!" (referring to our Section 6s). There was much local support including many teenagers who sat around

our camp fire in the evenings (Mildenhall not being known for its nightlife). While at the peace camp we checked on Lakenheath and although we did not find planes bound for Israel we saw cluster bombs being handled at one of the munition dumps.

The Lakenheath Eight

Lakenheath is one of the trio of military bases on the Norfolk/Suffolk boarder along with Feltwell and Mildenhall and is home to the 48th Fighter Wing (Ensuring Freedom's Future). The F15Es at the base are capable of carrying nuclear bombs and it is believed that there are 110 B61 (possibly B61-11 bunker busters) being stored at the base. Although they can neither 'confirm or deny the presence of nuclear weapons at RAF Lakenheath they have won a

Resistance and repression

On 8th August, police infiltrators poured sulphuric acid on that equipment, but by this time TV Caserolas had been running for 8 days. The state-owned Chanel 9 station was seized and re-named after the women who had marched on the station banging pots and pans.

Before they were booted out on 21st August, TV Caserolas had paraded a host of Mexicans on the telly – each of whom gave a withering commentary on what neo-liberalism meant to them - the loss of land to developers and the ramshackle rural mountain schools without toilets; the thousands of communities without safe water or sewage systems; the rising cost of food and rent as subsidies are removed in the name of free trade; and, of course, the continuing falls in the value of those wages.

By July, 365 grassroots organisations movements had joined up to form the Popular Assembly of the Peoples of Oaxaca (APPO). NO APPO-LOGIES

Meanwhile under "Operation Iron," Ruiz was busy renovating the prison in the city of Tlocolula. He's overseen a development to double its capacity and keen to keep costs low, Ruiz has not bothered building any extensions preferring simply to put a partition wall in each cell! Many prominent activists are, however, more worried that they won't even make it to prison, convinced of an impending wave of repression that is sure to follow the recapture of the city.

As government top brass debated what to do, primary school teacher, Pánfilo Hernández Vásquez was shot dead as he left a public assembly. His death brings the

average number of murdered teachers, activists and indigenous leaders to one a week since May. They were joined last Friday by New York-based Indymedia journalist Brad Will, who was shot dead along with three others as pro-government militia opened fire on the unarmed demonstrators.

President Vincent Fox finally authorised the the really heavy squad, the Federal Preventative Police (PFP) to 'retake' the city military style, last Sunday. Since then things have quietened a little with the heavy ongoing military presence, but resistance continues and people's spirit and determination seems unbroken.

Whilst President Fox declared victory, announcing "the return to peace" in Oaxaca, as we go to press, the University of Oaxaca is under attack with the PFP launching tear gas in an attempt to evacuate the premises. Radio APPO is currently still managing to broadcast (have a listen at <http://icecast.v2v.cc:8000/appo1.mp3>). The Zapatistas have called for a general strike and national day of action on November 20th.

Triggered largely by Brad Will's murder, there have been a series of actions in the US and around the world. In the UK, a protest against the repression took place in front of the Mexican Embassy in London on Monday evening. Eight arrests followed an attempt to project Brad Will's final footage on to the embassy itself.

From an article in Schnews: www.schnews.org.uk/archive/news567.htm

ing their crimes until the police had time to investigate. The police responded immediately and after three to four hours we were being questioned about criminal damage and Section 128 of SOCPA. We were not charged but bailed to the police station for the 30th November 2006.

Section 128

The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act brought in a new charge of trespassing on a designated area. Although they were brought in to stop terrorism - suicide bombers will definitely be deterred if they can get £5,000 fine and/or 51 weeks in prison – the designated areas seem to be remarkably similar to (mainly US) bases where direct action has taken place. The charges have to be considered by the Attorney General and this probably explains the two

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Who let the dogs in?

An official 'watchdog' has deduced "we are waking up to a surveillance society all around us". Richard Thomas, our Information Commissioner (whose office was set up to promote access to official information and at the same time protect personal information) also tells us that he was barking on about this about this two years ago. Give the man a bone! How about telling us something we don't already know? Anarchists have been saying this for decades, even before 1984! The whimperings of these 'independent' watchdogs make you sick with all their talk of needing 'balance'. Watchdogs give the illusion of debate amongst the authorities, and make you think there is some accountability when there really isn't any. Same goes for industry watchdogs like 'Energywatch' that can do nothing about the gas companies buying cheap and selling dear, massively increasing domestic fuel prices whilst the gas companies and their global shareholders reap their profits.

The only response from governments and corporations is to create some media spin to convince us they are listening and lie that it's not something we should worry about. So in reply to the Information Commissioner, we hear cops on the news saying, oh yes, there might be too any CCTV cameras in society, whilst at the same time they are trying to create a national digital camera network for motor vehicles, and photographing people on every anti-government demonstration. Again we hear a supposedly reasonable side of the state when the reality is waves of repressive laws and tracking systems that are coming in fully supported, and many initiated, by the police. Politicians are only concerned about losing 'public trust' (read votes). Too late! What is needed to beat repression and unwanted surveillance like ID databases, is mass direct action that refuses to accept what is happening to what little freedom exists against overpowering state and capitalist bodies. The UK Identity and Passport Service is building 69 interrogation centres that will be used for passport applications & ID cards, where you will be expected to agree to being questioned and fingerprinted. This is unacceptable and must be opposed. Anti-ID campaigners have already found the addresses of half of these centres, mostly by checking up on local planning applications. No2ID aims to oppose planning permission for as many as possible. The Defy-ID network will meet in Nottingham this month to work out how to widen the revolt by getting the entire pack out of the kennels. We certainly shouldn't rely on an establishment 'top dog' to stop it for us. Defy-ID - www.defy-id.org.uk



nuclear safety award which is a bit of a give-away.

A demonstration was held at Lakenheath on the 1st of October and people from the area plus people staying over from the day before visiting the base the next morning, cut the fence and chained themselves to the gate of the munition dump where we had seen the cluster bombs. We immediately phoned the police and told them that we had secured evidence of war crimes and would stop the perpetrators from continu-

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month gap between the arrest and our return to the police station. The first trial of people being convicted of this offence is in January 2007.

Conclusion

It has been very useful to take a wide range of actions; contacts are made and people gradually get more involved in political activity. Many of the people taking part on the Lakenheath and Faslane 365 actions had never taken part in direct action before but we had made contact with them through things such as Mildenhall Peace Camp and Stop the War marches. Despite the efforts of Special Branch who are desperately trying to cause splits between the peace movement and 'violent' anarchists this does not seem

to be bearing fruit. Most of the actions have had non-violence guidelines but this does not mean that everyone taking part is a pacifist.

Of course I am not naive enough to believe if we 'ban the bomb' everything would be alright, although some people I have taken action with are. However many people have taken direct action for the first time, have begun to question power, are learning new organisational skills and trying to take back control over what is being done in our name. As the slaughter in Iraq and elsewhere continues we will continue to take such action, for it is not the like of Bush, Blair or Bin Laden who suffer but people like you and me.

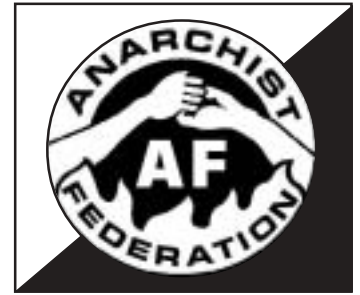
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this way maximizes our power and avoids us being sold out as leaders always end up in bed with the powerful.

We want renewable energy-solar, wind, tidal and hydro-electric, geothermal, etc, different resources deployed as appropriate to the locality. It should be small scale,, generating electricity for local needs rather than the waste and centralization of the National Grid., and genuinely community controlled. Human scale planning and free public transport would minimize the use of cars. We need to go further to question the whole twisted logic of capitalist growth that has chained us to work and consumption, producing increased quantities of goods while the quality of our lives deteriorates.

IT'S OUR WORLD, LET'S TAKE IT BACK!



The **Anarchist Federation** is an organisation of **class struggle** anarchists aiming to abolish capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is **Anarchist Communism**.

We see today's society as being divided into two main opposing classes: the **ruling class** which controls all the power and wealth, and the **working class** which the rulers exploit to maintain this. By racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, as well as war and environmental destruction the rulers weaken and divide us. Only the **direct action** of working class people can defeat these attacks and ultimately overthrow capitalism.

As the capitalist system rules the whole world, its destruction must be complete and world wide. We reject attempts to reform it, such as working through parliament and national liberation movements, as they fail to challenge capitalism itself. Unions also work as a part of the capitalist system, so although workers struggle within them they will be unable to bring about capitalism's destruction unless they go beyond these limits.

Organisation is vital if we're to beat the bosses, so we work for a united anarchist movement and are affiliated to the International of Anarchist Federations.

The Anarchist Federation has members across Britain and Ireland fighting for the kind of world outlined above.

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SUBVERT!

When going on demonstrations stay sober, don't talk to the police and if you're arrested give only your name and address then say 'no comment' to any other questions. For more info visit: www.ldmg.org.uk

November

25th - Benefit for Leeds Anarchist Black Cross. Saturday 25th November at the Afro-Caribbean Centre, on Park Street, Hull. Gig starts at 6.30pm, and the night will include top techno from Andy Mailey, punk and hip-hop spun by Saoirse, and 80's sounds played by Applemax. £5/£3.50 on the door. As always the proceeds of the benefit will be used for the direct support of Anarchist and class struggle prisoners.

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28th - UK Rank and File Building Workers Committee 2012 Olympics organising meeting. 19:00-21:00 at the Cock Tavern, Chalton Street, Euston, London.

All building workers and rank and file trade unionists welcome. Contact 07749 517074

28th - Leicestershire Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) is holding a Big Screen Film Night at the Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28 November.

The Wobblies: an excellent and informative documentary made in the 1970s about the IWW's historic days, with interviews from a number of old time IWWers.

Together We Win: The Fight to Organise Starbucks - made this year, this short film follows

the successes of the contemporary IWW Starbucks Workers' Union in the US.

There'll be time for discussion and socialising too! Everybody welcome!

www.leicestershire-iww.org/

December

2nd - National anti-war demonstration at RAF Brize Norton - where British troops are flown to and from Iraq and Afghanistan, and from which Iraqi and Afghani asylum seekers are deported from. This demo seeks to draw attention to the massive array of military bases around us, & broader militarisation of the U.K. Demo supported by National Stop The War Coalition & National and CND. Assemble at 12 noon in Carterton, Oxfordshire. www.stopwar.org.uk For more email swindon_stopwar@yahoo.co.uk tel 07764563855. For more on the plight of the deportees see : www.ncadc.org.uk For map of Carterton see www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?lat=51.7598&lon=-1.5931&scale=2000

3rd - 'Car Crawl' Protest against planned Newhaven Incinerator. The worlds first drive-thru protest? Meet in your car 12 noon at North Quay Road and travel in convoy around Newhaven arriving at the Hollingdean Depot, Brighton, 3pm, to be met by Anti-The Waste Local Plan demonstrators already set up outside the depot. Best dressed car wins. For more see www.dove2000.org The incinerator will release dangerous pollutants such as dioxins and mercury which accumulate up the food chain and pose a long term health threat see www.noburn.org.