On the 25th July 40 people marched through Bude in North Cornwall to protest against Britain's largest mink farm. Woodview Farm is 10 miles down the road from Bude town centre. The event went well with protesters wearing black with death masks and carrying banners and a black cardboard coffin with fur covered in fake blood broken open in the street. Three people were marched approximately 2 hours covering almost 3 miles of the road in Bude, stopping people in their tracks (window shopping) with the sound of the bell that was being carried to signal the approach. The police were good natured at the event until the coffin entered the local Conservative Club at which point they stepped in and ordered us to leave the establishment standing guard until we had passed. The event ended with a demo at the farm in Youlstone.

The campaign against Manchester’s second runway has been going on this offensive month with a string of actions against the key players in the development. On the 26th of July there was an occupation of the National Trust’s head offices in London. The trust own Arthur’s and Cades wood, which the Airport wants to fell because it would interfere with the radar for the new runway.

A banner was hung from a tree in Manchester’s city centre (major share holder in the airport) Town Hall.
The campaign against the airport was announced on the 23rd August for a 24 hour cavity in the city centre on Manchester’s A500, in line with EF!'s non-hierarchical principles. If you have done an action, set up a new group, or want to tell people about this

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The Monthly Round up of Ecological, and Other, Direct Action from Around Britain
Earth First is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar philosophies. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, challenge, and overwhelm the greed that is responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

Earth First! AU is written by activists as a networking tool for activists. A different collective takes on its editorship for a year at a time, in line with EF!’s non-hierarchical principles. If you have done an action, set up a new group, or want to tell people about a campaign, then send us an article (maximum 150 words). It doesn’t matter if it seems small to you; stories of 3 people sitting on a digger are sometimes the most inspiring to people who aren’t part of a large group. The feature pages are also available for longer articles which will provide useful information for activists in the UK. For contact details see back.
GM TREES DESTROYED

Zenea’s plantation of genetically modified poplar trees, the only genetic trees left in this country, has been destroyed by vandals. The trees, which were mature enough to pulp for paper making at Domtar University, in Canada, had been held for some 6 years.

There are no tree test sites left, but GM tree testing takes place at several locations around Britain. GM foods are being tested by EEGG at the University of Reading. Described as a no-nonsense group, they are a key company in estimating the environmental impact of GM foods. Although the group is unlikely to attempt future plantings of GM trees in this country because of the tenacious opposition of the Greens (whom they claim that 48 of the trees were mature enough to pulp for paper making at Domtar University), in Canada, they are expected to continue working.

Surreal moments, humour and defiance which you feel like it and of course there’s room for small group - we delayed the meeting for over half an hour, dotted the activists with the vampire bats sitting in slurry throughout their meeting. Directors sit in slurry throughout their meeting.

Several activists had an action at the Tarmac Extraordinary General Meeting on the 8th July. After attending the AGM in the morning and holding an informal meeting of the campaigners, the activists went on to co-opted Tarmac Directors to the meeting. (The directors refused to do so or to get defeated by the force of what we had to say.)

The directors had decided to go to all out disruptive! It was very liberating to not be directed by feeling like we had to do this.

Once in, our secret weapon was unleashed! We had an opium pop bottle full of organic poppy seeds and, even though while the directors were talking, we were able to throw them, the call of the poppy was not answered by the directors. The back of the cow was arrested on two charges. The back of the cow was arrested on two charges.

The council on whose land the peace camp has been established is now facing a legal challenge. The council is now under new leadership and the eviction of the camp now looks unlikely. Even so, the council is now considering legal action, however for which new faces are always welcome. Contact: Peace Camp (01462 820831)

As an example of how to make links with local campaigns, the group that held the Tarmac Extraordinary General Meeting also had a session at the meeting on how to make links with local campaigns.

In the green energy industry, the foundation for the development of the area around Loch Lomond is being threatened by the taking of water from the loch. The farmers in the area are planning a counter-carnival - meet at 10am. The group that held the Tarmac Extraordinary General Meeting also had a session at the meeting on how to make links with local campaigns.

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The Prisoners Handbook. Both writings by death row prisoner Mumia Abu Jamal. Also available from AK.

WRITING TO PRISONERS

Some people when they write to prisoners, are afraid to talk about their lives, what they are up to, thinking this may depress people banged up, especially prisoners with long sentences, or that they are not interested in your life. Although in some cases this may be true, on the whole a sentence is the highlight of the day for most prisoners. Prison life is dead boring, and any news that livens it up, whether you got your people know it or not, is generally welcomed before they went to prison, they want to know about what you do in life like this use. So try and say something about that is likely to get a prisoner in shit with the screws, or get you or anyone else in trouble with the cops.

They ARE THERE FOR US, WE ARE OUT HERE FOR THEM

For people imprisoned from our movements and struggles it’s vital to keep them involved in the ongoing resistance - telling them about actions, sending them magazines if they want them, discussing ideas and strategies with them. Use your head though. Some people will just want to head down their road or their own.

OTHER TIPS

If you want to send books or magazines to a prisoner it is best to check the rules of the prison first, they all vary. Also write to the prisoners and find out what they want them. Some prisoners may not want inciting or inflammatory material sent to them as it may get them taken off for a moment.

In any case it is not a good idea to contact people directly. Convicted prisoners are allowed less than 20 books in any week. The Prisoners Handbook. Pitily but useful reference for all the UK prison addresses and details of their regimes, overruled.

This was adapted from a leaflet produced by the Anarchist Black Cross.

Earth Liberation Prisons, CRC, 16 Sholto Ave, Leeds LS7 3BB earthliberationprisoner@hotmail.com www.
Some of our readers may be shocked by some of the things the following prisoners have done in the battle for a free and just society. We believe that anyone who has fought against injustice and oppression deserves our support.

STANDING DEER, a Native American prison activist now in his late 70's, has been in super-max prisons for over 20 years. In 1979 he exposed a government plot to assassinate Leonard Peltier. In 1984 he went on a 42 day hunger strike with Leonard and another prisoner to draw attention to the inhumane conditions endured by prisoners at Marion Correctional Unit. He is not eligible for parole and has no release date. Because of his prison activism the prison system refuses to recognize his Indian name. Robert H. Wilson #94289, Pack Unit One, 2440 Wallace Rd, Navasota, TX 77866, USA

LENNY CHAVEZ is a 36 year old AIM activist and Kiowa man. Lenny was cutting wood at his home when he was attacked by a right wing Anryan group member. The man grabbed Lenny's chainsaw threatening him and all those in the property. Fearing for his life and his family's life Lenny drew his knife and inflicted non-lethal injuries to the attacker. While the other man went free, Lenny was charged with attempted murder. Letters of support can be sent to South and Sioux Indian Rights Center - SAIC PO Box 28730, Oakland CA 94604 USA email - salr@airmail.net

DENNIS BRUCE WALKER #5421512, PO Box 656, Grafton 2464, NSW, Australia. An Aboriginal activist who got 5 years for an incident while trying to protect an aboriginal sacred site. Waiting for an appeal hearing a retrieval.

MOVE, an eco-revolutionary group, were constantly being suppressed by the Philadelphia police during the 70s culminating in the police freemaking of their commune in 1986. The 'Move' if were framed for the murder of a cop and to the maximum prison sentence of 100 years each. In '96 Mercy Africa died in very suspicious circumstances in prison. For more info contact: Friends of MOVE PO Box 14129, London, W1C 8GR UK

Debbie Simms Africa (036307), Janet Holloway Africa (035903), Janine Phillips Africa (039010), CSIC Cambridge Ring, 411 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16423-1280, USA

Michael Davis Africa (AM4737), Charles Simms Africa (AM4735), CSIC Graterford PO Box 244, Graterford, PA 19424-0244, USA

Edward Goodman Africa (AM4914) SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200, USA, William Phillips Africa (AM4914), Debrett Ort Africa (AM4916) SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 75214-9600 USA

MUMIA ABU JAMAL (AM3153), SCI Greene, 1040 East R, Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-9800 USA. - ex-black Panther, radical journalist and MOVE supporter, was framed in 1981 for the murder of a cop and is currently on Death Row. His execution was set for August 1998 but has been temporarily stayed due to a massive international campaign. For more info contact: International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal - PO Box 18709, Philadelphia, PA19143 USA or http://www.mumia.org/. Mumia has written two books while inside, Live from Death Row and 'Death Blossoms', both available from AK Press

BARRY HORNE VC2114, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS UK

Burry Horne was sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering from his fourth hunger strike. Please write him! For more details contact: Barry Horne - PO Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA 19143-0794 USA

TOMY HUMPHRIES AP7965, HMP Swaislade, Brazeno Rd, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME10 4EZ, UK. Sentence in March 7 to 10 years for conspiracy to cause explosives plus 2 years for possession of explosives for conspiracy to cause explosives

RODRIGO LESCOP # 54209, HMP Birmingham Winnson Green Road Birmingham B16 4SS England. Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder at Highgrove farm, which is closed to visits.

LARRY GIDDINGS #1917-404, PO Box 1000, Leesburg, VA 20176 USA. Anti-authoritarian prisoner jailed in 1973 for attempted expropriation, paradox in 1978 then re-arraigned in 1979 while attempting to liberate a comrade from prison. Doing multiple sentences of life in prison and 75 years with no known parole opportunities.

BILL DUNNE #01616-088, Box 1000, Marion, IL 62859 USA. Anti-authoritarian sentences to 30 years for attempted liberation of a prisoner in 1979 (with Larry Giddings - above) Bill was recently transferred to the infamous Marion Control Unit. In the past he was involved in the resistance against the regime there and among the most active prisoners in the prison. For more details contact: John Perotti Defence Fund -c/o 29 Sterlochy Street, Findochty, Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 4SP, (Scotland)

SILVIA BARILDIAN #40125-054, FCI Danbury, CT 06811 USA. Veteran left activist, who fought against the Vietnam war and support of the Black Liberation and Puerto Rican independence movements. Convicted of liberating Black Liberation Army prisoner Assata Shakur and of conspiracy against the U.S. Govt. Serving 43 years. In bad health due to cancer, he has a campaign to get thissar permitted to pass to his native contact, release: Contact别墅Blage #534-18th Street, 30, San Francisco, CA 94110 USA

TOMASZ MILKOSEWSKI #25951, 0-2-016 Warsaw, Poland Anti-Japanese activist who spent 8 years in prison for the death of a fascist, killed during a confrontation

PAVEL KROUPA - 4.3.1977, Vejance Vaiba, Strad Pod Rakosem, 47127 Czech Republic. Anti-fascist activist recently jailed and charged with murder. Pavel was attacked by fascist skinheads. He defended himself and consequently one fascist died. Czech comrades are appealing for financial help to support Pavel. If found guilty he could face life in prison. Send support to Benefit Support -Ivanka Vaiba, Budchara 19, 6000 Brno (Tel. Borisova-04235-32689)

JOHN PEROTTI #167127, SOCQ, address currently unknown - jailed for a $7 robbery when he was 19. Anarchist, prisoner organizer, jailhouse lawyer. Framed for an entire 12-15 years for the stabbings of another prisoner in 1986 (he was in solitary at the time), as revenge for his activities. John was recently on hunger strike, demanding transfer out of SOCF where the screws and officials hate him. He called it off when it became life threatening, and now has kidney problems. John has written an account of his struggles called "Down with the State", John Perotti Defence Fund -c/o 29 Sterlochy Street, Findochty, Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 4SP, (Scotland)

SHAKA SHAKUR - #2443, Indiana State Reformatory, PO Box 39, Pendleton, IN 46038 USA - Black activist and organizer, sentenced to 30 years after being stitched-up for armed robbery. Sentenced in March 7 to 10 years for conspiracy to cause explosives plus 2 years for possession of explosives for conspiracy to cause explosives. He can only receive placements without police interference. For more info contact: Shaka Shakur - PO Box 39, Pendleton, IN 46038 USA

RUSSELL SHOATS #AF-3655, SCI Greene, 1040 E.Roy Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-9800 USA

Russell is currently in the struggle against the prison in 1989 (he was in solitary at the time), as revenge for his activities. John was recently on hunger strike, demanding transfer out of SOCF where the screws and officials hate him. He called it off when it became life threatening, and now has kidney problems. John has written an account of his struggles called "Down with the State", John Perotti Defence Fund -c/o 29 Sterlochy Street, Findochty, Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 4SP, (Scotland)

WILLIE A. MILTON-461614, R.J. Box 3, Po Box 59, Roxarson, TX 77583 USA. - Co-founder of the Texas Prisoner's Labour Union, the first in the US. In the U.S. federal prison system. Willie is currently attempting to provide evidence concerning the use of Texas prison guards as guinea pigs in experiments by biotech corporations and the U.S. military concerning Gulf War Syndrome. A disease with the same symptoms as GW is currently reaching epidemic proportions in the Texas prison system. For more info contact: Willie personally or TPU Office-operacija-Dijkstra L. Radestinov, 2121 South 41st Waco, TX 76706

NIGOS WAZITOS was sentenced to 15 years in 1979 for assisting a prison break in the Greek Ministry of Industry, in solidarity with the islanders of Strymonikos who have been resisting multinational TVX-Gold's attempts to build a gold factory for over a decade. He claims that because of a warning phone call he wasn't

GOVERNMENT BRUTALITY

"any movement that does not support it's prisoners is a sham movement"