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“On Mayday, we propose a pre-emptive strike...an attack on the real weapons of mass destruction: oil companies, arms manufacturers, multinationals and banks.”
- *Mayday flyer.*

Yesterday was Mayday and time for the traditional game of cat and mouse, with a few thousand anarchists and anti-capitalists trying to outwit and outspit thousands of cops. Many of our favourite shops had either been boarded up or not even bothered to open up for the day while workers took the day off obviously fearing that hungry anarchists would eat them alive.

One of those who didn't bother opening was Lockheed Martin, one of the main targets of the Mayday pre-emptive strike strategy. Lockheed are the world's largest weapons manufacturer who make a killing out of, er, killing. The "defence" company's share prices rocketed after September 11th and with their fighter jets very busy during the war in Iraq, they've reported a doubling of profits in the first few months of this year.

In late 2001, the company won what has been described as "the largest defence contract in history," a \$200 billion development contract to build a Joint Strike Fighter, which according to their own website, aims to "provide the U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, and the UK's Royal Navy and Royal Air Force with an affordable and stealthy tactical aircraft for the 21st century." One capable of killing thousands of civilians who happen to live in 'rogue states' no doubt...

Since lining its pockets through war, suffering, and destruction is what Lockheed Martin is all about - just check out its latest "Making Weapons For the World" advertising - it comes as no surprise that the company's most lucrative export item is the F-16 combat aircraft. Since the mid-1970s, they've managed to flog over 3,000 of them to such freedom-loving customers such as Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, Indonesia and Egypt.

But if your stomach for flying has weakened since September 11th, Lockheed are one of the only arms manufacturers still to offer a nice line in anti-personnel land mines, with a life span of up to one hundred years, which they flog for as little as £2 each - surely it can't be good business to make them so they last that long? Across the world, landmines claim a new victim every twenty minutes, that's more than 26,000, mostly civilian, deaths and injuries each year.

Lockheed are leaders in the design and development of nuclear technology and its by-products in the US and are responsible for the production and maintenance of Brit-

ish nuclear warheads at their Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston in Berkshire where they specialise in "state-of-the-art hit-to-kill" precision weapons. They receive \$1 billion per year from the US Dept of Energy to help run the notorious Nevada Test Site where it carries out "sub-critical testing", which attempts to exploit loopholes in the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. They are also heavily involved in the Trident programme in the US, as well as here in the UK which costs us £1.5 billion a year. British nuclear-powered Trident submarines are on patrol, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Each submarine can carry 48 independently targeted nuclear warheads, each of which has seven times the explosive power of the first atomic bomb at Hiroshima, which killed 140,000 civilians.

Lockheed produce the AUP-3(M) depleted uranium missiles that have been deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. These indiscriminate weapons are classified illegal by the United Nations. When a DU shell explodes, it sends out contaminated dust particles small enough to be inhaled - high doses kill, low levels cause cancer. Unfortunately dust particles are not smart enough to distinguish between civilian and military victims and since the last Gulf War incidences of leukaemia and Hodgkins disease in Iraq have increased tenfold, as has the proportion of babies born with birth defects, that is without heads, brains, spines and limbs.

With a track record like Lockheed's they just couldn't resist sticking their fingers in the Star Wars pie. They are the lead contractor for the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense programme, a system designed to intercept medium-to-long-range ballistic missiles. Of course, if you make loads of money producing some of the world's most destructive weaponry, it only makes sense to make loads more by creating systems to "protect" people against those same weapons. It's the ultimate business plan.

Lockheed also does a good line in bribery and corruption. According to Tim Weiner, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, "Lockheed has a criminal history that includes paying millions of dollars in bribes." Since 1990 they've been done a total of 63 times, handing over \$230 million in fines and settlements.

So how come they seem to get all the contracts? The US Centre for Responsive Politics reports that Lockheed spent more than \$9.8 million lobbying members of Congress and the Clinton administration during 2000 and gave \$225,000 to the Bush-Cheney inaugural fund. Whilst in the UK they've

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For barking at a dog!

A barman from California, faces up to a year in jail and a \$1000 fine for the highly serious crime of barking at a police dog! Walking in down town San Jose during the Mardi Gras street party he came across an agitated dog in police and a friendly 'woof' back to the caged animal, then he was promptly nicked by over zealous cops. He plans to plead innocent saying "Its ridiculous that someone could be charged for barking... And what about the First Amendment rights? Is there no freedom to bark?"

been busy mopping up contracts as Neo Labour puts our public services on sale to the highest bidder. When air traffic control was part-privatised Lockheed was there, eager to add to its already existing contracts with the Royal Mail, the Met Police and the UK Census. Now they are bidding for the £3 billion contract to run the nerve centre of the NHS, which would enable it to profit not only from bombing people but also from putting them back together again. No doubt soon they'll be running our schools telling kids that War is Peace.

* For more on this delightful company www.actagainstwar.org/article.php?id=177
* Check out some of their war porn www.lockheedmartin.com or www.lockheedmartin.co.uk

* CND have a scrap Trident campaign 020 77002393 www.cnduk.org

* Campaign Against Arms Trade 020 7281 0297 www.caat.org.uk

* Recommended reading 'The No Nonsense guide to the Arms Trade' by Gideon Burrows (Published by Verso 2002) www.versobooks.com/

* There were more pre-emptive strikes against the arms trade at the BAE Systems AGM on Tuesday. BAE is the UK's biggest arms dealers. One person who was dragged out by security yelled "It's on your conscience. How do you sleep at night, you bastards?" By thinking about all the lovely profits they make out of war and death stupid.

* Were you nicked at Mayday? Did you see anyone get arrested or beaten? Then get along to the meeting today (2) 6pm at LARC, 62 Fieldgate Street, London E1 (corner of Parfett St.) If you saw someone getting nicked then get in touch with the Legal Defence and Monitoring Group email ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk or www2.phreak.co.uk/ldmg/index.php

* DSEi (Defence Systems Equipment International) is Europe's largest trade fair (6-12 September in London) for guns, bombs, military planes, small arms, mines and tanks. A mass international protest has been called, get ready to Disarm DSEi! 07817652029 / 07887620379 www.dsei.org

It's yer SchNEWS Summer Party and Protest Guide


MAY

1-11 Exhibition: We Get Restless. Photos and paintings of anti-capitalist and anti-war demos around the world. The Foundry, Grt Eastern St. London. **4 Mayday Football Tournament,** Clissold Park, Stoke Newington, London. 7-a-side football tournament, mass proletariat kickabout, 3 sided game (!), kids game and Mayday Picnic. Kicks off 10am. Blackstarrebels@aol.com 07958 11 2870. **5 Open Meeting to Support Refugees** on hunger strike in Haslar Prison, Portsmouth, they are protesting against prison conditions and particularly fire safety. 7pm at the Cowley Club, London Road, Brighton. **5 World Bank Boycott Tour,** Cube Cinema, Bristol 6pm. An international coalition of grassroots groups from the Global South, the US and Europe, which seeks to increase financial and political pressure from the World Bank by discouraging local institutions from investing in its bonds. wboycott@aseed.antenna.nl **6 World Bank Boycott Tour** University of Leeds 7pm. **8 Little Brother Collective Night of Radical Film.** Films about Birmingham Northern Relief Road protests and the Nine Ladies Anti-Quarry Campaign, plus Crowd Bites Wolf. 6-8pm Coffeevolution, 9a Church Street, Huddersfield. **8 Shut Down DSEI open meeting,** SOAS, Room G51, Thornhaugh St., Russell Square, WC1 (nearest tube Russell Square) 7.30pm. 07817 652029 disarm@dsei.org www.dsei.org **8 Blink- Palestine Solidarity Benefit.** Drum and Bass, UK Garage. 6 - 11pm at the Underground Bar, LSE Students Union, Houghton Street, London. £5/£3 Cheap drinks all nite. **8 World Bank Boycott Tour** London School of Economics 2pm wboycott@aseed.antenna.nl **9 World Bank Boycott Tour** University of Birmingham, Centre for the Study of Global Ethics 3.30pm. wboycott@aseed.antenna.nl **9 Vigil of Remembrance and Justice for Terry Doyle.** Terry died in prison over one year ago and there still has been no inquest, 7pm, HMP Brixton, Jebb Avenue, London. Contact: Ceart, 07931844969 **9 The 'Anarchist' copper speaks.** Commander Paddick will talk on gay rights and the police at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London 7.30pm www.galha.org. **10 Manchester's People Assembly** www.manchestertothetop.org. **10 Anti-war benefit night** with MP Jeremy Corbyn and Irish folk band Flash Company. Labour Hall, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, 8pm-midnight, free. **10 Baby Milk Scandal Demo.** Demonstration against Nestle UK in Croydon. 01223 464420 www.babymilkaction.org **10 Debate on GM Crops: Do We Need Them? Are They Safe?** 1.30pm-6.30pm, Franklin-Wilkins Building, Auditorium B5, King's College, Waterloo, London. Free. ticket@i-sis.org.uk **13 Alternative Radio Bulletin** 11am-12pm on Resonance 104.4FM across London or on the web: at www.resonancefm.com **13 The war on terror threatens us all** Public meeting with Mark Thomas and Michael Mansfield QC, Moses Room, House of Parliament Westminster, 7pm. 020 7586 589 www.cacc.org.uk **13 Anti-capitalist actions at global summits: What next?** Side Cinema, Newcastle, 7:30pm. Video footage from the massive and diverse actions at Prague, Genoa, Seattle and London. **13 Shebab Daiyer (Lost Youth),** film about life in Palestine. At the Spitz, Spitalfields Market, London. 7pm. Free. **14-20 Global week of Genespotting action against the biotechnology industry.** www.aseed.net **15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day.** War Resisters' International 020 7278 4040 www.wri-irg.org **15 New Bands Night- Palestine Solidarity Benefit.** Drum and Bass, UK Garage. 6-11pm, Underground Bar, LSE Students Union, Houghton Street, London. £5/£3 Cheap drinks all nite. **15 Shebab Daiyer (Lost Youth),** film about life in Palestine. Cowley Club, 12 London Road, Brighton. Free. Members and their guests only. **16-18 Wheaton Aston Festival** "A small, warm and friendly Festival... an eclectic line-up of music, song and dance... traditional British folk, folk-rock, rock, world, fusion, classical, blues and so on..." £28, Camping £3 per person. 01785 840010 www.wheatonastonfestival.supanet.com **17 Manchester Radical Bookfair** 11am-5pm, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester. www.radicalbookfair.org.uk **17 Free Palestine rally Trafalgar Square.** 1.30 p.m. 020 7700 6192 www.palestinecampaign.org **17 African Liberation Day meeting.** Legacies of revolutionary pan-Africanism a reflection 4-8pm Unity Centre 2-4 Ravenstone St., Balham, London. **17 Regime Change in the UK.** Meeting to discuss lessons of the war and the democratic deficit in UK politics. 10.30am-4.30pm Orange Street Congregational Church Hall, Orange Street, London. 020 8376 1454. Free **19-25 National Vegetarian Week.** 0161 9652000 info@vegsoc.org **22 Blink- Palestine Solidarity Benefit.** Drum and Bass, UK Garage. 6-11pm, Underground Bar, LSE Students Union, Houghton Street, London. £5/£3. **23-25 Introduction to Renewable Energy Weekend** Centre of Continuing Education, University of Wales, Aberystwyth £35/£25 To register 01970 622677 or bff@aber.ac.uk **23-25 Off The Tracks Spring Festival** Castle Donnington. Folk, Roots, Dance and Fusion. £35 01332 384518 www.offthetracks.co.uk **23-25 Permaculture weekend for beginners.** Dial House, North Weald, Essex. up to £60. landandliberty@ukonline.co.uk **23-25 Ceilidh Gall Gallowa' Mayfest,** Knockengoroch Farm, Carsphairn, Castle Douglas. Celtic music festival £31. 01644 460664 www.knockengoroch.org.uk **24 Demonstrate outside offices of World Bank,** 80 Haymarket, London. 11:30am to mark African Liberation Day. **24 "We love" Homelands,** The Bowl, Matherley Estate, near Winchester, Hampshire. 1pm-6am. Who doesn't love over-priced crap from corporate cock suckers the Mean Fiddler? £50 to be

herded like sheep, overcharged for water and spied on by cops. www.homelands.co.uk **25 Redbridge Green Fair** Live music, stalls, vegan food and much more. 11.30am-7pm Melbourn Field, Valentines Park, Ilford, Essex. 020 8 5545439 greenfair@hotmail.com **26 Queeruption V** International gathering of radical queers. Venues in Berlin to be confirmed. www.queeruption.com **26 Maidstone Green Fair** 10th year anniversary. Blues, jazz, folk and world music. Markets, arts and crafts, kids activities, street theatre and workshops. Free. 12pm-9pm. Mote Park, Maidstone. 01622 673413 www.greenfair.co.uk **26 Kingston Green Fair.** 3 stages of world music, food, children's parade, stalls, exhibitions and more. Powered by the wind and sun. 11am-8pm Canbury Gardens, Kingston upon Thames. £5/£3 (£10 family ticket) 020 8974 8608 kingstongreenfair.org.uk **29 Day of Action Against Depleted Uranium.** 0161 2738293 www.cadu.org.uk **29 Live Comedy Acts - Palestine Solidarity Benefit.** Drum and Bass, UK Garage. 6-11pm, Underground Bar, LSE Students Union, Houghton Street, London. £5/£3. **29-1 June The 7th Edinburgh Independent Radical Book Fair** The Assembly Rooms, George Street. 0131 662 9112 www.word-power.co.uk. **31-1 June Animal Rights Activist Gathering** Tonbridge, Kent. Free, basic camping 0845 4560284.

JUNE

1 Campaign Against Prison Slavery Conference A conference in Leeds is to highlight the slave work prisoners do, this also affects workers outside prison whose pay and conditions are undermined. More details: 07944 522001 Markbarnsley@aol.com **1-3 G8 meeting, Evian, France.** The eight richest nations will be getting together for their annual binge on power and free wine. Loads of anti-capitalists will amass together to oppose them. www.g8deviant.org **1-8 Stop the Arms Trade week of action** 020 7281 0297 www.caat.org.uk **4 Lost Film Festival** www.lostfilmfest.com. 7pm, the Side Cinema on Newcastle's Quayside. www.Side.Cinema.com **7 Let's Start the Real Sexual Revolution!** Jam-packed programme of diverse speakers giving insight on true sexual freedom and the secrets of achieving a liberated, joyous society. £5/£2. 2.30-6pm, The Round Chapel, 1d Glenarm Rd, Lower Clapton Rd, Hackney. **7 Strawberry Fair.** Midsummer Common, Cambridge. FREE. Strawberries and cream in Cambridge at this pleasant one day festival by the river. www.strawberry-fair.org.uk **7-22 Isle of Wight Festival.** Community Festival with big show act weekend in between (14-15 with Bryan Adams, Paul Weller etc. Tickets £50 for the weekend, £30 for one day, £10 for camping.) www.isleofwightfestival.com **8 World Oceans Day** A global celebration of the planet's marine environment, events worldwide. 01989-566017 www.mcsuk.org **9 The South London Magical Landscape.** A tour of South London's sacred sites and springs, groves, burial grounds, and more. £2.50, The Mitre, 291 Greenwich High Road, London. **14-15 Leamington Peace Festival,** Leamington Spa, Warwickshire FREE www.peacefestival.org.uk **19 McLibel: Anniversary of 1997 High Court Victory!** www.mcspotlight.org **20-22 EU Summit, Thessaloniki, Greece.** EU heads will discuss new measures to control populations in the name of "security" while building ever-higher defences for Fortress Europe to keep out victims of their capitalist policies from the developing world. www.resistance2003.gr **20-22 Holidays in the Sun 2003** Punk fun in the sun in Morecambe. Including The Damned, 999, The Crack, Funeral Dress, Resistance 77, Splodge, Stuntface. Tickets £67.50 02476 55992 www.holidaysinthesun.net **21-22 Stonehenge Acoustic Free Festival - Protest** at English Heritage's decision to open the monument on the wrong day! Actual solstice on 22nd of June, but officially only open on the 21st. Temporary car park open midnight-4pm, access to the stones (subject to security searches) from 2a.m. to noon. "Unfortunately the Solstice dawn occurs on Sunday June 22nd and we intend to protest at the decision to deny access to us with music fun and chaos. We demand the full restoration of our traditional rights of free access to Stonehenge and provision of land for camping while we attend the Summer Solstice Celebrations from Saturday 21st to Sunday." **27-29 Glastonbury Festival** Sold Out! Both tickets and its soul. www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk



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JULY

4-6 Guilfest Festival, Guildford, Surrey. Manufactured pop pussies Atomic Kitten headline one night! £65, day tickets around £30, camping around £25 (per tent). www.guilford-live.co.uk **4-6 Introduction to Renewable Energy**. An overview of the technology of renewable energy and the basic principles of solar electricity, small-scale wind power and microhydro-power. Centre of Continuing Education, Aberystwyth. £35/£25 01974 821564 www.greendragonenergy.co.uk **5 St. Paul's Carnival, Bristol**. The second largest Caribbean Carnival in the UK, Kuumba project, 22 Hepburn Road, St Paul's, Bristol. 0117 942 1870. **5 Alternatives to war - security and sustainability, two sides of the same coin**. Conference with speakers including Vandana Shiva 10am-5.30pm City of London School for Girls, St.Giles Terrace, Barbican, London. £25/£15 01237 441293 www.resurgence.org **7 Introduction to Community Composting** Newcastle Venue t.b.c 0114 2580483 www.othas.org.uk/ccn **11-13 Willow Festival** Rock and pop acts on the Embankment of the River Nene in Peterborough. Also a food village, alternative market stalls, all day bars, extreme rides, children's funfair, giant bouncy castles, quad bikes and riverside picnic. FREE 01733 346529 www.willowfestival.org.uk **13 Brighton Peace Festival**, Hove Lawns 01273 241625 peacemessenger@harmonyculture.com **17-20 Larmer Tree Festival** "the most unique festival setting with a FREE campsite right next door, overlooking the Cranborne Chase the friendliest, safest, child-friendly atmosphere" Over 50 bands on five stages, Larmer Tree Gardens, nr. Tollard Royal, on the Wilts./Dorset border. www.larmertree.co.uk **18-20 Wickerman Festival**. Set 120 acres of isolated farmland with a main stage, northern soul tent, dance tent, acoustic stage, chill out area, free campsite, children's area, trade stalls, alternative area, bars, a talent stage and food stalls. Bands include Dead Men Walking, Bad Manners, and Nine Below Zero. Dundrennan, Galloway, Scotland Tickets £30 in advance are strictly limited 01738 449430, www.thewickermanfestival.co.uk **19-20 Ashton Court Festival**, Two main stages with local and national acts, Soul, Funk, Roots, Classical Arts and Film Tents, Outdoor Dance Arena. Cost: around £3 per day, children under 14 free. 0117 904 2275 www.ashtoncourtfestival.com **19 Uncaged Campaigns** London wide street collection for the animal rights group. 0114 2722220 www.uncaged.co.uk **19-20 Truck Festival**, Hill Farm, Steventon, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire. No cut throat capitalism, no huge entry fees, and huge advertising boards. A nice day in the country side with a few be vies and a plethora of bands. £20 advance £25 on gate, www.truckrecords.com **20 Ambient Green Picnic**, Shalford Park, Guildford. 4 music stages powered by ecologically sound energy sources, kids stuff, stalls, workshops. Free. www.surreywap.co.uk/Ambientgreen/AMBIENTHOME.htm **24-27 Healing Field Gathering** near Shepton Mallet - Fire, Earth, Air and Water and other things (like yoghurt weaving) to heal you! www.healingfield.btinternet.co.uk **25-27 WOMAD**, Reading. Family friendly festival, seven stages of music, arts and dance from around the world. Cost: around £85 including camping. Day tickets around £25 Fri, Sat £45, Sun £40. 01225 743481 www.womad.org **26 Pride Parade**. 12 noon Victoria Embankment then onto Pride in the Park, Hyde Park, London. £20 available from 0870 1200 722. www.londonmardigras.com **26 - 3 August No Border Camp**, Puglia, Italy. Puglia has been chosen due to its position on the edge of "Fortress Europe" and because of the presence of thousands of migrants who work under conditions of total exploitation, especially in the agricultural sector. www.noborder.org **30 - 3 August Big Green Gathering** on new site

near Cheddar, Mendip Hills, Somerset. 01458 834629 www.big-green-gathering.com **31- 3 Aug Cambridge Folk Festival** Two stages, club tent, crafts and children's entertainment. Around £62 for the weekend with differing prices for day tickets. 01223-457245 www.cam-folkfest.co.uk

AUGUST

1-3 Big Chill with: friendly folk, exotic (British) countryside, handpicked high profile/new live artists and DJs (downtempo to upbeat breaks, jazz, rare groove, house and hip hop) @ Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire Cost: adults £99, children (5-16) £25, under-5s FREE, campervans £25 020 7684 2020 www.bigchill.net **2-3 Nottingham Riverside Festival** Roots and World Music stages, steam organs and fun fairs street performance and fireworks. FREE 0115 915 3591 www.nottinghamevents.org/riverside/index.html **3-9 One World Summer Festival**, Witley, Surrey. Holistic Health, Macrobiotics, Arts and Crafts, Music and Dance, Cookery, Sports and Natural Movement £165-£235 weekend, £35-£55 day, all food included. 01273 279439 www.macrobios.com **1-8 Sidmouth International Festival**, Sidmouth, Devon www.sidmouthfestival.com **7-10 Cropredy Folk Festival** including Lindisfarne, Procol Harum and Fairport Convention. £28-£60 www.faircrop.co.uk/crop2003 **9 Brighton and Hove Pride**. "The Greatest Show on Earth" Parade & Festival @ Preston Park FREE The Parade starts at 11am from Madeira Drive, fun starts in Preston Park from 12 noon 01273 775939 www.prideinbrightonandhove.com **13-17 Earth First! Summer Gathering**. A get together for people involved - or those that want to get involved - in radical ecological direct action for four days of time and space to talk, walk, skill share, learn, play, rant, find out what's going on, hang out, laugh and conspire. The gathering is an example of non-hierarchical living - this means that everyone helps out, from food prep to cleaning the toilets. North Yorkshire, £10 on the gate. Food provided by the Anarchist Teapot (About £3 a day). No dogs except by prior arrangement. EF! Summer Gathering c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB. www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk **20-25 Tribe of Doris Intercultural Summer School**, Blackdown Hills, Somerset. "Arts of music, dance, song and ceremony to bring people together, to raise awareness and to encourage respect and understanding of different cultures and musical origins." £150/kids £20 0845 458 0190 www.tribeofdoris.co.uk **20-26 WIT Festival**, West Wales. Women only music festival for all ages and abilities. www.womenintune.org.uk **22-24 Canterbury Fayre**, Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill, Kent. Currently confirmed includes Robert Plant, Roy Harper and the John Otway Big Band plus Whirl-y-gig big top, the Croissant Neuf circus stage, a chill out tent and kids area. Prices start at £70 for weekend ticket. 01494 794887 www.canterburyfayre.com **22-24 Leeds Festival** - organised by those tossers at the Mean Fiddler (check out www.corporatewatch.org/news/glastonbury.htm and www.urban75.com/Rave/raverant.html to find out why) and sponsored by piss weak larger Carling. www.leedsfestival.com **24 Deep Dale Jazz Festival**, Marsh Barn, Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk. Jazz and "nice" stuff! 01485 210404 £7 advance/£10 on gate www.deepdalejazzfestival.co.uk **28 - 3 Sept Samothraki Dance Festival** www.samothrakidancefestival.com 29-31 **Eastern Green Gathering** near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk 01284 728253 www.easterngreengathering.com **29-31 Off The Tracks Autumn Festival**, Castle Donnington. Folk, Roots, Dance and Fusion. Cost: around £35 01332 384518 www.offthetracks.co.uk

Inside SchNEWS

Ulla Roder is still on remand after causing £25 million damage to a Tornado jet at RAF Leuchars in March. If found guilty she could face up to 15 years in prison. Ulla is one of the 'Trident three' who were famously acquitted at Greenock in 1999 after smashing up jets bound for Indonesia. Write to: Ulla Roder, Cornton Vale, Cornton Rd, Stirling Scotland FK9 5NY. For advice on writing to prisoners and a list of other Trident Ploughshares prisoners go to www.tridentploughshares.org

Long-term prisoner Keith Pringle is still serving time despite his sentence being up at the beginning of the year. After being in Full Sutton at the 1997 mutiny he has spent the last 5 years in high security segregation units. He went on dirty protest against conditions in Frankland segregation unit and to help a cell-mate get fair treatment. It is for this prisoner solidarity as much as open defiance of the system that prison authorities consider him subversive. Keith's prolonged stay is due to threatening behaviour towards a 'bully' prison officer, the most recent news is that following an attack on him by prison officers at Durham, he is on a dirty protest in the segregation unit of that prison. To send messages of solidarity to Keith Pringle (CD0078) - HMP Durham, Old Elvet, Durham DH15YD

OWN UP DOW

Survivors and supporters of the 1984 Bhopal poison gas disaster are still desperate for justice and on Mayday launched a hunger strike in the financial district of New York to highlight the liabilities of Dow Chemical's, who own Union Carbide, the company charged with "culpable homicide" after poisonous gas from its pesticide factory killed 8000 and poisoned over 200,000 in Bhopal, India (see SchNEWS 238). When Union Carbide fled India it left thousands of tons of toxic waste. Dow stockholders are twitchy about their share prices falling when a future disaster blights the lives of a few hundred thousand people. www.bhopal.net

Information and Entertainment

Apart from SchNEWS there are a load of resources to keep you informed and entertained...

- * **Guilfin's** Something For the Weekend - a weekly info-burst, keeping you up to date with the latest festival, party, gigs dates, and all the upcoming campaigns. www.guilfin.net
- * **Eroding Empire**: monthly DIY punky bulletin listing gigs, actions and events for the London-ish area. Send stamps to receive copies c/o 56A Crampton St., London, SE17 5AE.
- * **London Free List** free and cheap events around London at www.londonfreelist.com
- * **Free parties**: check out www.partyvibe.com/freeparties.htm
- * **www.protest.net** reports actions around the world
- * For the **Animal Rights Calendar** see www.veggies.org.uk/calendar, or in ARCNEWS, 0845 458 0146
- * **Urban75** features bulletin boards, games, photos, protest, rave, drugs & more. www.urban75.com
- * See **Indymedia** for latest reports of protest and news you won't see on TV. www.uk.indymedia.org

HELP! SchNEWS needs you!

Owing to job, family and holiday commitments SchNEWS has lost lots of volunteers. Writers are always welcome, but at the moment we are desperate for people to help for a few hours on a Friday to help with mail out and distributing around Brighton. Neither of these happened last week because of a lack of people.

PUMPING LIES

Sneaky BP this week admitted unprecedented profits for the first quarter of this year just a week after its AGM where Chairman P. Sutherland denied that the war in Iraq was about Oil! Guzzling a whopping \$41m PER DAY - double what it slurped down in the same period last year - BP's 'windfall quarter' has been directly attributed by analysts to the war in Iraq which sent oil prices rocketing.

This will come as no surprise to hundreds of activists who disrupted the AGM last week with a Carnival Against Oil Wars and Climate Change. Outnumbered by police and BP's own private army of 'security guards', shouting protestors with whistles, drums and a Samba band kept up the noise level so that those inside could hear the voice of dissent. True there was not much attempt at the kind of direct action which might have invaded and obstructed the meeting, but the activists did come up with one fantastic master stroke: Ordinary shareholders attending the AGM were handed a spoof Annual report which so closely resembled BP's own in design that indignant shareholders, believing it was the real thing, challenged the BP Chairman on its contents: "What's all this?" blustered one elderly gent, rediscovering his conscience, "We are reaping the rewards from the latest in a long line of oil wars? That's simply not on." P. (for Pinocchio) Sutherland assured shareholders that the war in Iraq had nothing to do with oil and that BP had no plans to work in Iraq. Yeah, like BP are gonna miss out on the world's second biggest oil reserves!

Meanwhile, environmental organisations last week submitted complaints about the consortium to the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) meeting in Paris. It's controversial Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline through Georgia openly flouts OECD guidelines by damaging the environment, failing to take the rights of nearby communities into consideration and by ignoring existing legislation in the countries the pipeline passes through. Who cares? Not BP, whose legal team has been openly boasting about creating new laws in Azerbaijan, presumably to get around such minor problems.

* UK Firm AMEC who are plugging for one of the largest contracts in the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline, are having their AGM next Thursday (8th). Meet 9am At speakers' corner, Hyde Park for a briefing 10 am outside the Radisson Hotel, Portman Square, London to build a GIANT pipeline. 01865 200550 baku@gn.apc.org

* Meanwhile in a bizarre example of corporate disingenuity Transocean Inc., the world's largest offshore drilling company, managed to keep the fact that dozens of US and British oil workers have been held hostage for the last 14 days on a rig in Nigeria totally secret! A labour dispute among Nigerian workers escalated into insurrection on April 19th and the ex-pats were taken hostage. There are reports that they have been incarcerated in metal containers and dangled overboard and that at least 2 have had nervous breakdowns. But Transocean - whose motto is "we're never out of our depth" - don't care about the welfare of a handful of their workers. By keeping it secret they were clearly hoping that the Nigerian navy would sort it out in their own (very bloody) way.

* For copies of the spoof BP report send an A4 SAE to London Rising Tide c/o 62 Fieldgate St., London, E1 1ES london@risingtide.org.uk

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Last week peace activist **Lindis Percy** was arrested at **Menwith Hill** spy base for the 150th time (!) whilst testing the enforcement of military land bylaws. She was charged with aggravated trespass www.caab.org.uk ** To find out what's happening in **North East England** email northeastcampaignevent-subscribe@yahoo.com ** The Botswana government has banned materials from **Survival International** being in the country's schools, as part of ongoing attempts to silence criticism of the treatment of the Gana and Gwi 'Bushmen'. www.survival-international.org/bushman.htm ** A GCSE student from **Braintree, Essex** is taking her school's Board of Governors to the high court after they upheld the decision to exclude her from school for a month after she took part in anti-war demonstrations. Her case has been taken up by Liberty www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk/

UNSATIS-FACTORY

Behind the televised occupation of Iraq, the Argentinian state is waging a peculiarly brutal war against the blossoming Argentinian social movement. The Argentinian state is focusing all its repression on the 'okupas', the many squatted social centres and factories that have become a vital part of Argentinian communities as they attempt to take control of their lives in the midst of a shattered economy. Unfortunately for the Argentinian social movement it's election time and all five presidential candidates are promising a return to neo-liberal economics and a good ol' crack-down on squatted property. The man likely to win in the second round of the elections is Carlos Menem, the former president who sold off the Argentinian economy in the early 90's and who has promised to send the military onto the streets if he comes into power.

Argentines got a taste of things to come two weeks ago, when 200 police officers evicted Brukman, a suit factory, which had been under worker control since December 2001. Police evicted the workers and turned the entire block into a military zone guarded by machine guns and attack dogs. Within hours thousands of supporters were on the streets to condemn the eviction and to support the factory remaining under workers' control. When the workers attempted to re-enter the factory police began shooting: tear gas, water cannons, rubber bullets, then lead. 30 demonstrators were injured and there were over 100 arrests.

So why such violent repression of a factory? Well Brukman isn't just a factory; it's a fabrica ocupada, one of 200 factories across the country that have been taken over and run by their workers in the past 18 months. For many, the factories, employing more than 10,000 nationwide and producing everything from tractors to ice cream, are seen not just as an economic alternative, but as a political one as well. "They are afraid of us because we have shown that, if we can manage a factory, we can also manage a country," Brukman worker Celia Martinez said, "That's why this government decided to repress us." This poses a threat to the government as across the country a social movement network composed of hundreds of self-managed factories, squatted social centres and unemployed workers' groups struggling for dignity and power over their own lives. But for some reason the powers-that-shouldn't-be don't see it like that. Evictions are increasing with Indymedia Argentina evicted just weeks ago followed by various squatted community centres. As the federal judge wrote in Brukman's eviction order, "Life and physical integrity have no supremacy over economic interests." So it's not about your lives it's about the economy, stupid! www.argentina.indymedia.org

MUTANTS

Things haven't been going too well this year for those involved in trying to flog us genetically modified (GM) crops, lucky for them western governments are on the side of their mutated chums...

* Cargill, the world's biggest grain exporters and big fans of trade liberalisation and GM crops, have become the latest corporate criminals to get their foot in the door of the newly 'liberated' Iraq. Ex-Cargill senior executive, Dan Amstutz, has been put in charge of agricultural reconstruction in Iraq, no doubt he'll ship in all their surplus GM grain no one else wants. As Kevin Watkins from Oxfam said "Putting Dan Amstutz in charge of agricultural reconstruction in Iraq is like putting Saddam Hussein in the chair of a human rights commission". For the low down on Cargill check out www.corporatewatch.org.uk

* The UK government is due to make a decision, soon, on the commercialisation of 18 GM crop applications. There's a public consultation period, but it's suspected that they won't wait until this is over, before giving the GM companies the green light. Despite this anti-GM groups are still urging people to join in the 'GM Public Debate', which begins this month, to show that the opposition to hasn't gone away. Regional meetings are taking place in Birmingham, Swansea, Taunton, Belfast, Glasgow and Harrogate from 3-13 June. Info 020 7261 8528. www.gmpublicdebate.org, you can also organise your own meeting. For background information on the evils of GM crops check out www.genewatch.org

* Monsanto had their AGM last week where not only did they announce a 15 percent slump in their profits, but also faced a shareholder resolution urging them to rethink the safety of genetically engineered seeds. But rather than worrying that their stance on GM is denting their wallets they've instead produced a new position paper adopting a positive stance on genetic seed sterilisation (so called 'terminator technology') - which makes seeds produced by plants infertile, thus increasing farmers dependence on seed companies - even though they pledged in 1999 not to develop the technology. www.etcgroup.org

* Last Friday it was the turn of Bayer CropScience, Europe's top GM pushers, to have their AGM. As well as protests outside the AGM in Germany, their UK headquarters in Cambridge were simultaneously blockaded. Eight people were arrested. For the low down on Bayer check out www.bayerhazard.com

* This is the last year of the GM farm scale trials in the UK. If you're fed up of not being listened to why not take some direct action out in the fields. For tips on decontamination www.geneticsaction.org.uk

...and finally...

In a pre-emptive strike against capitalism, a group calling themselves the Trade Regulation Organization (TRO) have issued their own version of the "55 most wanted" playing card deck. The cards feature those jokers whose existence are "no longer consistent with world peace or prosperity" including George W as the 4 of clubs and Rupert Murdoch as the King of Hearts. The TRO reckon that the cards might lead the way to regime change and eventual large-scale war crimes proceedings. But their spokeswoman Hedwig Ixtabal-Mono has issued a word of caution "If one day the people on these cards are indeed brought to justice, 'just following orders' or 'supporting our troops' will be no excuse for the rest of us". Check if your favourite boardroom terrorist has got their own card at www.gatt.org/regime

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SchNEWS warns all Mayday revellers not to get hit about the Heed otherwise you might get Locked up. Honest.