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Child Poverty Action
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Leisure Gardeners.
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Community Land Trust.
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Coast Anti-Pollution.
Protection of Birds.
New Villages Assoc.
The Ecology Party.

Organisations with
similar/related aims.

THE CATALYST FOR ALTERNATIVES
AND ALL WHO SEEK TO LIVE IN
HARMONY WITH NATURE.

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NO CHANGE to Publicise here. Details to 'Future Events' Please.

July

Annual S.A. one week course on Organic Husbandry. Ewall Tech. Surrey. Details later.
Crewe College Cheshire. Similar Soil Ass. course on organic husbandry. No firm date yet.

September.

20 - 24

Course on Organic Husbandry. Department of Extra Mural St. Univ. of Birmingham, in ass. with S.A. Details later.

MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE



February

6 - 27 Join an Exhibition! Oxfam are organising an exhibition called "Involved in Mankind", which will be on at the Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London.

7 - Alternative Society Fellowship Meeting.

8 - Alternative Society. Education Otherwise. A meeting hopefully to establish beginning of national network of parents, children and teachers, not an anti-school group, but people who insist that the primary responsibility for education is with the parents, in school "or otherwise".

13/14/15 - Alternative Society Self-reliance weekend. Informal skills exchange covering bread making, cooking, gardening, do-it-yourself in the home etc.

20/21/22 - Alternative Society. Towards a Political Alternative. Focus will be primarily on neighbourhood, organisations, and on the right function of government at every level.

March

5/6/7

Alternative Society. Making Space to live in. Focus on the urban environment, and how we can move towards making the city a place where people can live once more.

April

21 - 24 Soil Association course on organic husbandry. Department of Extra Mural St. Univ. of Birmingham, in ass. with S.A. Details later.

23 - 25 "Soils cultivations and composting". Hawkwood College, Stroud, Glos. in ass. with S.A. Details from Dr. Deavin, Ewall Tech.

May

5 - 12 S.A. Week Chirnside Countryhouse Hotel. "Quality of Life". Details Cdr. R. Stuart, Chirnside Countryhouse Hotel, Chirnside, Duns, Berwickshire.

25-28 Chelsea Flower Show. S.A. will be exhibiting as usual in Scientific Section.

Hedgehog hand carding and spinning equipment



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YOUR ADVERTISEMENT could appear here for as little as 50p - Tell people what you do.

PLEASE send news clips which you feel could be useful or should be made more widely known. - Editor.

article "Preparing the Soil" to J. Butler, and in the October issue his report on "Visit to Fordhall Farm" to R. Claiden.

IN BRIEF

YOUR REPORTS on any meetings or other functions are welcome for inclusion in this section.
REMEMBER everyone not only wants but needs to know whats going on throughout the country - Editor.

Stand by for total destruction:

"A new instrument of destruction has hit the market designed to burn off potato tops, etc. before harvest, throwing a flame more than 20 feet long and 6 feet wide! It can be attached to a tractor which may travel up to 8 m.p.h. "The intense hot flame has many other uses", so the advertisement goes, "such as cleating the soil of all foreign matter and soil organisms." Organic Gardeners and Farmer, Tasmania.

How much is it?

Astronomical dollar figures are often cited to describe the revenues of oil-exporting countries since their fourfold price increases. But how much is it in terms we can understand? U.S. News and World Report asserts that a year's estimated \$125 billion in oil revenue would purchase any of the following: the "entire U.S. farm crop"; all U.S. production of steel for 4½ yrs; "all the cars and trucks produced for 3½ years"; or 3,200,000 houses.

Bulrushes Beat Pollution

"The Biblical bulrushes that hid the baby Moses in the Nile marshes," reports the New York Times, "are being employed today....to protect the health and lives of thousands of people in many parts of the world". In 1957 a German scientist noticed that bulrushes grew better in polluted water than in clear water. Now a pioneering treatment plant in Krefeld, Germany, using reeds and bulrushes, is successfully producing water clean enough to drink. Thousands of similar projects are springing up around the world. The cost of this method is said to be far less than that of conventional systems. "And the only energy we need for the biological step is the sun to grow the bulrushes, and gravity to let the polluted water to flow to them." says the German scientist.

Quantock Veal - Europe's largest veal producers - 7,000 calves yearly. Finishing weight 400 lbs in 15½ weeks. "In that time they have consumed nothing but 464lb of milk powder - a feed conversion rate of 1.65 lb powder to 1 lb live weight gain. Most efficient conversion rate of any animal in agriculture."

Farmer's Weekly 16.5.75

There was reference in the House on October 17th "to the present European surplus of 1,038,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder. Mr Jay said millions of gallons of liquid skimmed milk had already been fed to animals this year in this country. It was possible that dried milk would also be used as animal feedstuff, which - Mr. Nigel Spearing pointed out - would mean using 100 tons of vegetable protein to produce one ton of animal protein.

"Spur" World Development Movement Paper.

(Comment - With statistics it all depends where you begin and end your sums. "The most efficient conversion rate" does not take into consideration the cow's feed and the amount of edible protein in the veal calf.)

"At present 2½ lb of bought concentrates, together with home grown cereal are fed for every gallon of milk produced, summer and winter, indicating a low net milk production from the grassland occupied" (Min. of Agriculture Report 1974)

(Comment - Milk is 87% water).

A new livestock marketing company have exported 1,300 Friesian bull calves in six weeks. "Most have gone to veal units in France. They net more than double market prices. (Farmer's weekly 17.10.75)

Comment - British beef producers fear competition for calves.

asant farmers were replaced by slave labour (which is a form of power farming) and the resulting fall in production made the country dependant on imported feed; until, finally, when unable to maintain its trade routes, the whole Roman system collapsed. The same thing could happen today; If Britain were unable to import tractor fuel, the people would starve in a war simply for lack of sufficient capable peasant farmers and a fertile soil. Large scale farming in this country is the writing on the wall....." George Henderson, "The Farming Ladder."

Major Anthony Ette, who has had very wide business and other experience and now farms in Norfolk, has accepted nomination as Chairman in place of Mr. Barry Brook, who has had to resign, due to becoming seriously ill.

Dr. Anthony Deavin, scientific director of Ewell County Technical College, who has organised the highly successful courses on organic farming there in recent years, has accepted nomination for the Committee. We shall be further aided by advice from Mr. George Davies.

Actions Speak Louder

Many people have been wondering about the "behind the scenes events" to the Bradford Conference organised by the Future Studies Centre. The following letter is reproduced as part explanation:

A number of organisations and individuals have written to us suggesting that we meet them at the Conference to discuss details of our Corporate Plan. They are obviously under the misapprehension that we will actually be attending. In fairness to them and indeed to us we feel we should make it clear that there never was any suggestion that we would participate. Right from the outset, when we learned that Management had been invited we felt it would be dishonest and impossible for us to participate.

We hope that you will not think this rigid or doctrinaire of us. The harsh reality of our actual experience at the point of production has taught us some bitter lessons. Even at this moment our members at Hemel Hempstead are fighting to retain the only non aerospace product at their site, namely Industrial Ballscrews. In these circumstances for management to attend a Conference to discuss our initiative for the 'right to work socially useful products' seems to us to be hypocrisy of a very high order. (By their deeds shall ye know them).

Were we to attend we would have to challenge the right of Management to be there and no doubt thereby disrupt the Conference for the many honest and well intentioned participants. In our view this would be unfair and therefore right from the beginning we made it clear that this Combine would not be represented.

We look forward to continuing a dialogue with the many individuals and groups who have contacted us. We wish your Conference every success and hope it will produce actual proposals for alternative socially useful products. Indeed one of the things that disappointed us most was that in spite of years of talk about alternative technology only from three (3) sources did we get anything positive or useful. The Corporate Plan, which is now almost complete, is therefore largely our own work and of course there is nothing wrong in that kind of self sufficiency. I mention this only to show that if groups or conferences are to have any relevance to industrial workers that must deal with concrete issues and not just concepts.

E.F. Scarbrow, Secretary, Lucas Aerospace Combine Shop Stewards Committee.

Organic gardening can mean anything from simply not using artificial fertilizers to large scale intensive agriculture using pesticides made from pot-

an idea of how much (or rather, how little!) is involved in a small piece of do-it-yourself organic gardening.

If you'll excuse the pun, what is more down to earth than:

- a 10 ft by 12ft plot on ordinary garden soil producing two pickings of veg a week for a family of 4 all the year round.

- Just 1 hour a week to work it.

- No tools save for a spade, a piece of wood for dibbing holes and a ball of string.

- A total outlay on seeds of £1.46?

Seabrook's simple basic vegetable garden is ideal for these difficult and inflationary times. "People don't realise the amount they can harvest from a small area if they go about it intelligently", he says. But by now thousands of viewers who have been following his weekly Dig This gardening spot on BBC TV's Pebble Mill programme are certainly aware of what Seabrook's plot can produce.

Seabrook's plot will fit in to a small cottage garden or the postage stamp sized bits of land suburbia is being built on these days. How he arranges his crops is shown in the illustration.

FIRST YEAR	
PEAS	16"
RUNNER BEANS	12"
BEANER BEANS	12"
ONIONS	12"
BEETROOT	16"
CARROTS	12"
EARLY POTATOES (10 TUBERS)	18"
SUMMER CABBAGES	12"
BRUSSELS SPROUTS	24"
	12"

SEABROOK'S
VEGETABLE PLOT
(SEE PAGE 6)

He has tightened up on the spacing of rows here and there and is intercropping to get maximum variety and yields - this means growing quick maturing plants like lettuce between rows of slower ones like runner beans. Or radishes between root crops.

his own Chelmsford garden, where the soil is well-worked, he reckons he needs 15 minutes.

His plot is for the 10 minute a day gardener. More fun, less backbreaking, and the satisfaction comes from seeing things grow - and the savings on expensive shopping. Devote one third of the plot to lettuce in preference to other vegetables, and this will yield 60 fine lettuce a year against the price of two packets of seed - something like 1,500% return on the investment.

REPORTS

THE EARTH ENTERPRISE PROJECT

by Joan Pick.

Some readers - maybe the vast majority? - aren't really clear what I'm doing, and how my work fits in with theirs.

I am acting, simply, as business planning consultant to the world, or to the "Board of Earth Enterprise", a hypothetical business in which everyone is assumed to be shareholder, trustee, consumer, worker and member of the Board.

My terms of reference are to advise the Board on the "nature, necessity and marketability of Conservation", and my method is that of strictly orthodox business consultancy. The Board is presented with the facts of: the present situation, the Pilot Study, or "Interim Report on a Structure for the Energy Economy", plus the recommendation that Energy Conservation (proved to be necessary, of course) be part of a new framework for business decision, a joint venture with Nature, called the Energy Economy.

The Board Meeting convened to discuss the recommendation is now in progress, and questions are invited from representative of all business Divisions which the consultant defined, for implicitness + completeness as (1) Energy (Finance, in Nature) (2)

of Energy and Matter) (4) Territory (the Property Division) (5) Agriculture + Food (parts of the Worker/Consumer Division, Life) and (6) Group Managements (= Governments).

Put that way, perhaps it doesn't seem quite so simple! But these six Divisions, the "business model", do at least cover all the options for allocating resources, in particular, the Solar Energy budget.

Elected Governments, who are forced to think about the short-term, rather than the long-term, have, naturally, questioned whether the Energy Economy can be sold to the consumer, immediately.

Thus the consultant conducts a consumer attitude survey, which proves that the consumer can be persuaded to buy the energy Economy, provided the media can be persuaded to co-operate. The results of the survey are presented to the Conservation sales force, at a Campaign-planning conference, which is also in progress, and in which I try to liaise with all individuals and groups (and outwit and convert the competition!)

At the campaign-planning, it is agreed that the complete report be published as quickly as possible, and that the consultant be given assistance, for she simply hasn't the resources to do the printing and distribution herself.

In practical terms, I sit here for most of the day, every day, conducting the "meeting" by letter and telephone, keeping the copies of the "Intrim Report" in circulation, monitoring the press and the radio (the television has had to go as an economy measure), writing letters whenever it seems appropriate, establishing the "Energy Business" theory beyond all reasonable doubt, and trying to hurry the "meetings" to decision and action, particularly on the publication front.

The correspondence files and the draft of the complete report can be inspected by participants. Photocopies can be made of the draft, if participants are willing to make them themselves, locally. Answerable correspondence is answered by return post.

I would be grateful if interested parties would think about the possibility of helping with the publication of the full report as a matter of urgency. (Correspondence please to 23 Maybourne Grange, Turnpike Link, Croydon CRO 5NH).

Review

Publishers invited to submit books, booklets etc., for review and to advertise them in these columns.

REVIEWS OF PUBLICATIONS

Index of HUMAN ECOLOGY by J. Owen Jones and Elizabeth A. Jones Europa Publications Ltd. 18 Bedford Square, London W.C.1. Publication: Early 1974
Approximate price: £5.00

This work explains the nature and significance of Human Ecology as the study of the interrelationship of man and his environment, demonstrates its connexions with the existing subjects and practices upon which it depends, and provides a unique means of locating and co-ordinating information within the wide underlying range of specialised scientific and professional literature.

The authors' research indicates the main subjects or disciplines vitally involved in Human Ecology: including Agriculture; Anthropology; Architecture; Biology; Chemistry; Demography; Economics; Education; Ergonomics; Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences; Forestry; Geography; History; Information Science; Land Use/Town and Country Planning; Law; Management; Medicine; Public Health; and Hygiene; Nutrition; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology; Statistics; Technology; Theology.

Principal specialised information services and "secondary" journals which abstract, classify and index the literature of each of these individual disciplines on a world-wide scale are identified and described, and a composite index of some 7,000 items is developed from the classification systems of the secondary journals, linking back to and co-ordinating these journals from which original publications can then immediately be selected and traced.

This index provides, for the first time, a ready means or cross-disciplinary information search and retrieval in the whole complex of subjects relating to Human Ecology, covering all countries and languages.

Commonwealth Foundation
HUMAN ECOLOGY

A survey of courses offered at institutions of High Education in the Commonwealth.

This final report consists primarily of summaries of courses in progress or due to start during 1975 and describes 171 courses in 131 institutions of higher education in 18 countries. In most cases, the summaries were provided by members of staff of the institutions concerned but in some cases material was gathered from other sources such as calendars and prospectuses.

In publishing this survey, the (Human Ecology) Council hopes to further the potential for co-operation among institutions of higher education throughout the Commonwealth. The Council, which now has a considerable body of information on course developments, will be pleased to offer assistance to those developing courses in this field and also welcomes information on new developments.

DIGEST

So we're Not All Zombies - deep down we are all potential politicians. Philip Kleinmen suggests how the admen should exploit us.

Among all bread and butter stuff about the declining popularity of trading stamps and the increasing popularity of banded packs was this fascinating

titbit: 76 per cent of the population are 'active', i.e. have marched in protest, written to their M.P.s or to a newspaper, phoned a radio programme etc.

Just think about that for a moment. Three out of four of your neighbours who you imagined were lying apathetically in front of the telly trying to forget about inflation and unemployment are actually jumping around making nuisances of themselves to those in authority.

Well all right then, perhaps they're not doing it all the time, But your firm belief - and don't try to tell me you didn't believe it firmly - that the nearest most people came to asserting themselves was going on strike or having it away with the milkman has been proved by research to be quite wrong. Instead of a population of manipulable zombies (what J B Priestley called 'Admass'), we've got to reckon with millions of little polititions.

Maybe it isn't party politics they're interested in, but politicians they are, all the same. They want to organise, they want to influence they want to get involved. And maybe they don't all think they've got it in them to be Prime Minister or Mayor or secretary of the darts club, but that doesn't mean they're content to stick in their respective ruts and simply do as they're told with a few fantasies (James Bond, Callan, the man in the Red Revolution commerals) for distraction...

But if you're going to take a word as emotive as 'revolution', even if you've arrived at it by way of a pun, you can't just muck about with it, unless you want to switch people off. You've got to justify it.

In other words, what Watneys should have done - and I say this with all the confidence of hindsight - was to put some real revolutionary content into the campaign. Instead of filming those silly little 30 second thrillers, it should have sponsored a demo in Trafalgar Square with Vanessa Redgrave or Tariq Ali on the

What about a 'Buy British' League of Patriots sponsored by Leyland or a European Unity Campaign by Renault? There is still time for some good lively demos before the Common Market referendum in June.

How Do you cope? NEW AGE ECONOMICS by Janos Abel.

The New Age Movement in its present form is completely inadequate to the task of reconstructing society on a more peaceful basis because it has to rely on a fraction of the spare time and money of its members. We are most anxious to point out the hopelessness of this situation. Even that minority who are prepared to dedicate all personal resources in an effort to achieve a greater effectiveness in 'peace making' can do so in their free time, after having expended most of their energy and zest to enrich some capitalist enterprise or to perpetuate some out-dated institution. As things stand, the great majority of the members are forced to accept a conflicting dual allegiance: they must work to earn their living within a framework which in most of its aspects is contrary to those ideals and methods which they seek to propagate and establish through the various organisations. As isolated individuals in a hostile environment, they feel insignificant and powerless. This leads to frustration and apathy which further impair effectiveness.

To this situation the idea of 'Business for Peace' offers a radical and comprehensive alternative. Let those individuals who are at present trapped in the capitalist set-up get together, pool courage, skills and professional knowledge to form basic units and start down-to-earth practical enterprises capable of producing sound and reliable financial backing for the various New Age projects and organisations.

...Apart from this very real financial boost which such a scheme affords, a business would also provide a sorely needed training centre for nonviolent human relations through scientific experiment and working example. It is relatively easy and satisfying to hold a set of ideas on mental levels, but hard and trying to establish its counterpart amongst the practical affairs of the physical world. Yet it is the members of the New Age movement who sooner or later must demonstrate to society at large that their ideas work better.

The men and women of goodwill must endeavour to establish a new social structure on the principles which are recognised to be more in line with natural social laws. Millions of ordinary citizens in every country will agree that these principles are worthwhile, lofty and praiseworthy; but they cannot see how these same ideas can be practically implemented.

These are the people whom we must demonstrate that we are practically minded idealists and prove to them through our miniature new world that our ideals work out in practice and can create a kind of world where success does not have to come at the price of our most cherished human qualities and where achievement is not a cover for ones insecurity and feeling of inadequacy but a natural by-product of the operations of a freely developed creative urge.

The New Age movement is the avant-garde of a better, more human (therefore more divine) world. But before the next step towards this vision can be taken, the individuals composing it must achieve a degree of financial independence from the old order. A new world cannot be built on old and corrupt foundations. And the foundations of any society are economic activity.

...So let us see to it that study, meditation, talking, writing etc., are followed by successful efforts to materialise a suitable economic foundation for the New Civilisation. Thus we can get down to New Age work in a literal

sense. By working our own economic system based on New Age principles we can withdraw our economic forces from the present mis-shapen world order and redirect them into a network of New Age business...

TWO PATHS TO THE FUTURE

by Warren H. Schmidt. (Senior Lecturer in Behavioral Science Graduate School of Management U.C.C.A.)

It was a time of turmoil and confusion.

The winds of change were sometimes violent and their direction unpredictable. Cherished beliefs and hallowed institutions were called into question and even respected leaders often appeared weak and ineffective.

It was a time of great anxiety. Few could analyze the complex issues of the day with certainty and even the boldest hedged their bets on the future.

In those days people gathered into two great groups to confront the shock of change. Some gathered around the Predictors of the inevitable. And some joined the Pursuers and the Possible.

When complex problems arose and solutions could not easily be found, the Predictors would say, "Let's be realistic. Things have gotten out of control. The system is not working. What is worse - the ordinary person is helpless to change it."

To anyone who proposed to take action, they said, "Forget it. What can you hope to accomplish when even our leaders are confused?" To anyone who tried to unite people to act in new ways they said, "Groups are a waste of time."

Now it came to pass that wherever these Predictors were believed and followed, people became apathetic and cynical. Voices of innovation and hope grew muffled and silent. Individual efforts to act diminished. The prophecy of helplessness became a reality... And the Predictors of the inevitable could say in truth, "We told you so."

Now at the same place at the same time there were Pursuers of the Possible. When problems persisted and changes brought confusion they, too, were dismayed and sometimes afraid. But their fears were balanced by their

confidence in themselves and those around them. Their feelings of concern were matched by a sense of responsibility to do what they could. And always they had hope. To those who proposed to act, these Pursuers said, "Try!" - and then gave their support. To those who were critical of what was being done, they said, "Tell us your proposals." - and then listened. To anyone who tried to unite people in a common effort they said, "It could be fun to work together."

Now it came to pass that wherever these Pursuers of the Possible were heard and understood, people came alive with excitement and hope. Some began to act as if they had the power to shape their future. As they acted, their vision cleared - and their strength increased. As they became stronger their confidence grew. As their confidence grew they spoke with greater conviction and their numbers multiplied. Until in wonderment they could say, "Look how much power is in our hands!"

Now in truth it must be said that these Pursuers were not always successful.

There were times when their vision was blurred and their actions were weak and ineffective. Their record for foretelling the future was never as impressive as that of the Predictors

But in their most thoughtful moments most of the people came to appreciate one great truth in those turbulent times: "It is better to test your strength and be wrong than to proclaim your weakness and be right; for it is less heroic to fulfill a prophecy of despair than to fail while pursuing a dream of hope."

ARTICLES

A REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT - by Mia Lord.

The punny, penniless peace movements may find an unexpected ally in their efforts to end war on earth. The movements against world pollution, against depletion of world resources, against

The ally? There exists multi-national corporations so huge that their budget is second in size only to that of the USA and the USSR. Most of these multi-national corporations need a world at peace in order to sell their products and carry on their business. War disrupts their sales. War also disrupts their access to sources of raw materials and disrupts their ability to transport raw materials and finished products. Furthermore, they need a 'world' currency and a 'world' language to carry on their business more efficiently. In sum, they need world institutions with the power to set up a world currency and a world language; furthermore, they need a world parliament to establish world laws and their enforcement, making war illegal and impossible. Further, the very act of uniting the peoples and nations of the world under one Parliament would make war unnecessary.

World agencies, with the power to set up industry and trade in the underdeveloped countries of the world, would transform the starving two-thirds of the world into potential customers for the products of the multi-national corporations. Therefore the peace movement leaders and others must make every effort to liaise with the leaders of these huge corporations, to get them to help with funds and influence, to change the United Nations (by Charter revision, as provided for in Article 109 of the Charter) from a debating society, representing only national interests, into a World Parliament, representing world interests and elected by the peoples of the world, to deal with the problems of the ending war, by making it illegal and impossible, and to solve all other world problems through already existing special agencies and through others specially created.

This is a revolutionary concept and should be followed up.

Energy Propaganda: is it the adman's job? - by Bernard Barnett.

...Advertising is designed to persuade people to buy or do something they might find personally pleasurable or useful. Getting them to stop doing things they already enjoy doing, or do unthinkingly, is another matter altogether. Thus saving money and saving energy are different things; one promises future rewards and is therefore susceptible to being advertised, the other involves hardship or self-denial and therefore isn't.

The awful truth is that people don't stop doing things they like, even if they have anti-social results, until they have to. At its crudest, criminals commit crimes until they are caught. At its most innocent, I will continue to use two bars of my electric fire until I am afraid to, for fear either of retribution or of the cost.

...If they are to be effective, the words will have to be about the penalties for ignoring energy-saving instructions - rather as the television licence evasion ads do.

...Assuming, then, that the campaign is a last attempt to forestall legislation, it takes on a great deal of significance.

...The reason for using lots of pictures is clear enough - they do tend to be worth a thousand words. All the same, one feels that an effort ought to have been made to make the campaign look as little like ordinary advertising as possible. In other words, solemnity - even extra honesty - would not have been out of place. "If you cannot save energy voluntarily," the argument could have run, "you may have to be forced to do so."

Politically, it would have been unpopular, but the opposition parties might have been consulted with a view to endorsing such an approach. After all, if a Dunkirk spirit of unity is going to be needed (and all signs, notwithstanding euphoric FT index rises, are that it will be) the politicians

by Bruno H. Schubert.

The earth is big enough to support a population many times the present number.

The present race is composed of a degenerated and diseased mankind.

Early man, knew thousands of years ago, the truths about life and nutrition.

It has been lost during the last 10,000 years. If the human race would be nourished by the only truth and harmless

food of fruit and nuts only about 2 per cent of the present acreage would be necessary to grow sufficient food for all. Starvation would be a thing of the past. The price of the land, as a consequence, be almost down to zero.

The shortage of food is caused artificially by many factors. Man lived and acted as a stranger on this earth.

Man's evil ways are responsible for all our trouble and misery. The private possession of the land is in the main responsible.

In order to farm the land the small farmers have to buy the land. If they have no money or insufficient money they can borrow it on monthly terms to be paid off in 20 and 30 years. In these payments is included the interest. When they have paid not only the original price for their land, but about three times the original price. It has taken some farmers a whole life time to pay for their land.

...Man's body consists of 72 per cent oxygen. Therefore, the most important gas to breathe is oxygen. Plants are producing oxygen in the laboratories of their leaves. Trees are the highest producers of oxygen. They are therefore the most important plants to our existence. Trees have been destroyed to the extent of about 90 per cent of all forests in the northern hemisphere. Practically all deserts were at one time abundantly rich with trees. Deserts have been created by the destructive behaviour of man. The soil has been exploited by wrong and destructive agriculture, which has destroyed more than 50 per cent of it. The pollution of rivers and lakes and also the air

Politics

With the continuation of this destructive human race is heading for early extinction unless the process is reversed.

Our world-outlook is different from the accepted political philosophies, be they conservative or radical.

We have added an extra dimension to man's politico-economic-socio-scientific endeavours namely the advancement of the psychic sciences.

It is our objective to make the New Humanity a journal that carries authority that will become influential and most important to make it a journal that will speak up for the New Forces, the New Influences that are making themselves felt in every area of human endeavour.

The political fraternity of the future will not be encumbered by the 19th century systems of Marxism and Lasssez-faire Capitalism, nor by any of the mostified forms that lie between these two extremes.

Marxism with its doctrinaire militant and dangerously rigid programme of materialistic advancement, inevitably destroys freedom through its suppression of individual initiative and its denial of man's innate spirituality.

Neither can the New Age Politicians ally itself with extreme right-wing conservatism, whose inflexible ideas and stubborn immobility of thought and expression make it a political dead end.

If anyone supposes that we shall throw our weight behind the middle of the road policies of Liberalism Social Democracy, and so on, they will be mistaken, although we shall maintain a broad front by welcoming any constructive ideas, regardless of their origins.

A universally viable political system must be on a level higher than any of the present-day systems, and be carried forward on a broad-fronted base.

The next outlook must embrace the higher spiritual expressions whose relevancy can have very practical uses and implications. I am speaking of course about such things as telepathy, healing, the applications of Kirlean Photography and the importance of re-incarnation in the fields of medicine and psychology.

Nineteenth century Marxism with its avowed aim of overthrowing Capitalism, and right-wing Conservatism with its uncompromising support for the status quo can never supply the political basis on which future world can be built, although either systems might continue to function in separate countries where the new thinking has been retarded.

There is no doubt that the New Humanity is both a potentially very strong force and a ubiquitous one, as adherents can be drawn from the four corners of the earth, from all levels of society and from the rank and file of all political persuasions.

Each country and region can, by process of 'devolution', ensure that their government will overlay and eventually replace the present systems like the descent of a New Jerusalem. From the simple beginning of action groups, we shall see evolve the final synthesis of all political expressions - a world Government.

POLICY PLANNING - by Damon Thompson.

Now that the term 'sustainable society' is becoming fashionable in financial and government circles, as they pursue answers to their 'crisis', it is our job more than previously to guide public opinion wherever we can. It is difficult to know what influence we have as a Party but there are indications now that the Environment Movement (in the EEC) is beginning to shape the ideas of planners at all levels. Policies on recycling, energy, and agriculture are now being considered seriously for the first time.

How does the party keep abreast of developments? One way, and I believe it is our main aim at the moment is to tap the potential of the pressure groups. We have to absorb them before they turn to the aid of mainstream politics.

Before we joined the E.E.C. there were only a few hundred groups campaigning on environmental issues. But as of March 1975 there were over 20,000 throughout the Common Market. The opposition to, and threat of, bureaucracy is the main spur to growth, therefore it follows that for a party such as our own, our main stamping ground should be the E.E.C. furthermore, we must also pursue the idea that devolution and the E.E.C. go together. Both can exist side by side. How? First, we must not get confused with the arguments over devolution now raging in the field of non-ecological politics. The Labour party's white paper on devolution for Scotland was weak and misguided and betrayed not only the idea of devolution but also the Scottish people. But what else could it do? A centralist party by advocating separation would be digging its own grave. Devolution is an ecological issue and from our point of view is very straightforward. It would be possible for Scotland and Wales to have full devolutionary powers and remain a functioning part of the E.E.C. That is, if they have ecological government. It is a biological fact that an organism is composed of many parts with different functions, which when together work in harmony to achieve a given role/purpose. In non-

appears unworkable, but that is only because the present political system is unworkable.

The old-fashioned terms 'Left' and 'Right', now historically dated, are unworkable ecologically and their continued useage reveals inconsistencies in thinking. The home of the Scottish Daily News in November saw Conservative party workers collecting signatures for a petition to keep the co-operative alive. Not a measure usually associated with the right-wing but indictive of the hollowness and extreme, non ecological politicians go to, to catch votes.

The policies the Ecology Party now campaign on may not be vote catching but will be in 10-20 years time. And where will the other political parties be - Labour, Conservative, Liberal, Communist? Why, they'll be advocating our policies! But will they be campaigning on an ecological platform? What will be their system of economics? The chances are they will fit our policies into their existing political framework and the indications are here already.

Warren Spring Laboratory are studying recycling and are drawing up plans to centralise the industry on a regional basis. One big recycling centre for each county. So, due to that authority of Warren Spring in the research field we can predict the future of the recycling industry - on based on centralisation of resources and it fits neatly into non-ecological thought.

The conclusions to be drawn, for our party, are that we must define our future rôle as soon as possible. We have to keep abreast with developments and face up to the challenge as it grows in the years ahead. Right now, our real interests should lie with the capturing the mood and spirit of the environmental pressure groups. Their numbers are just the tip of the ice-berg. We need their votes in the years ahead. We must also look to the nationalist political parties - Plaid Cymru, Scottish Nationalist Party; English Nationalist Party (Woolwich) as we have a lot

allies in the future.

"It's All Happening"

Manifesto Revision

Amendments to the Manifesto of the Ecology Party will be considered at the Annual Conference in September 1976. The N.E.C. hopes that the number of amendments will be kept to a minimum so that time at the conference may be spent on other important matters; nevertheless it is possible that substantial amendments in certain areas of policy may be put forward and if these are to be given proper consideration they need to be submitted well in advance.

It also seems sensible to allow an opportunity for amendments to substantial ammendment to be circulated before the conference. For this reason a two stage process is proposed:

1. All major ammendments (i.e. ammendments of over 50 words or deleting more than 50 words) should be submitted in typescript by 28th March. These will be collated and circulated to all members by 10th April. Such ammendments may be accompanied by a brief explanation.
2. All minor ammendments and ammendments to major ammendments should be submitted in typescript by 15th May. These will be collated and circulated to those attending the conference by 29th May.

Tom Greaves has undertaken to assemble, photocopy and circulate the submissions made at each of these two stages and so ammendments should be sent to him at 8 Middle Park Close Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 4BT.

The Prayer

God bless our nation.
Guide our leaders.
Give us your power,
that we may live cheerfully,
care for each other,
and be just in all we do.

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Organisations/Societies are invited to send brief reports of their activities for inclusion in this section.

ALLIANCE OF INTERESTS



FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Energy

British Nuclear Fuels are organising a 2nd. public meeting on nuclear fuel reprocessing and the Japanese fuel contract issue. The first meeting took place in Barrow last month, and Walt of F.O.E. was invited onto the platform.

Wildlife

Whale Week last month was a great success. The Minister got a rollerking in Parliament from M.P.'s on 11th Dec. F.O.E. met him the same evening, and passed on their preliminary report on sperm oil, and also got his advisers' backs against the wall on the subject of Sperm Whale population,

Three days later .D.O.E. published their inadequate controls on the import of rare animals and plants. Lord Wynne-Joneses' Endangered Species Bill, however, has its 2nd. reading on February 5th. and that will provide the opportunity of criticising Government measures.

Greenpeace Anti-Sealing Project (412 East Cordova St, Vacouver. BC. Canada) will soon be out on the ice putting themselves between seals and sealers. They've requested moral and financial support. The seals involved are Harp seals, which are said to be over-exploited under their present quota system.

Summer Workcamps.

Forest School Camps hope to organise camps for 18-19 year olds, with a distinct emphasis on environmental conservation. They should be non-commercial, free from contractual obligation, and concerned with restoring and preserving artifacts and/or the natural environment. Has any one any ideas or experience for such projects? If so please contact FOE H.Q.

Control of Pollution Act Some parts of this came into force on Jan 1st. All of Part 4 (Noise) is now in force, placing an obligation on local authorities to seek out and prevent noise nuisance., and give power to declare noise abatement zones. Part I which includes recycling schemes is not yet brought in, due to an excuse about public authority spending, but in fact being rather transparent cover for the DOE's reluctance to see it enforced. There are several sections of the Act which simply give power to the DOE to make regulations, for example, Section 17 allowing detailed controls on transport, and storage of dangerous waste. There is no intention to make regulations, even though it would cost nothing to any public authority.

Community Land Act By 31st December 1975, local authorities were supposed to have ready for sale to the public, land aquisition and management schemes under the Community Land Act. These will state the acreage of land required by the authority over the next 10 years, for development of various kinds, Specific land will not be names, but the overall plan might show how expansionist, conservationist etc., the authority is.

Footpaths and Rights of Way. A conference on the law of these is being organised in March in Leeds. Contact J.J. Pearlman, 1 Albion St. Leeds LS1 5ER

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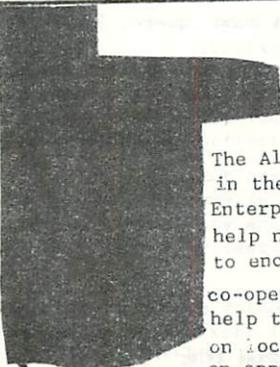
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ALTERNATIVE SOCIETY

March 20/21 WWOOF Weekend

April 16/17/18/19 International Youth Federation.

All these events will be held at Lower Shaw Farm, Shaw, Swindon, Wilts. Tel: Purton 771080



The Alternative Society have ideas for two pilot projects in the employment field, this year. The first is a Local Enterprises Fund to give financial and advisory support to help new initiatives get off the ground. This is intended to encourage local productive work, especially small co-operative enterprises. The other related scheme is to help those who have skills which are economically viable on local level, such as weaving or furniture making, to take on apprentices without loss of earnings or

extra expenditure on equipment. Contact the Alternative Society direct for further information on these projects and on other important and varied schemes they have in operation.

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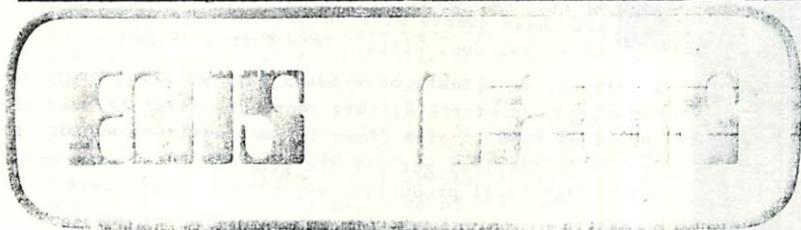
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THE VEGAN SOCIETY

The VEGAN SOCIETY first Autumn Conference held at Bournemouth last month was accounted a great success. Seventy one members attended the first A.G.M. outside London and the public meeting attracted 100. The Annual Report "The Developing Challenge" spoke of the growing awareness of the relevance of Veganism to a long term solution of the food and ecological crisis. There had been an accelerating growth in membership and a great growth in demand for literature. Application for membership during the last four years now equalled the 937 enrolled during previous 27 years of the Society's existence. As always most applicants were motivated by concern at the cruel exploitation of highly sentient creatures in the dairy industry but they were strengthened by the knowledge that the vegan way of life lay the best hope for feeding the growing population of the world in a way that was compatible not only with human health but the long term health of the environment.

PYE RESEARCH CENTRE



Founded as a registered charity in 1971 by Mr. & Mrs. Pye of Oxford and supported by their Charitable Trust, The Pye Research Centre farms approx. 300 acres of land in Haughley, Suffolk, that has been owned by the Trustees of one of Mr. & Mrs. J.A.Pye's Charitable Settlements since 1967. Most of the land has been used for agriculture research since 1939. The Centre's headquarters and laboratories are situated in and adjacent to Walnut Tree Manor on the Western boundary of the Research Farms. The original Research Farms were divided into

three sections and contrasting systems of husbandry have been imposed on each section since 1941. The Pye Research Centre continues to maintain the pattern of three contrasting sections and, in addition, farms an adjoining holding of 80 acres called 'Haugh Farm'.

While actively engaged in a wide variety of general agricultural and environmental research, the Centre's resources are primarily devoted to the study of nutritional quality of farm products.

Until recently, the responsibility of the farmer in contributing to or detracting from the nutritional status of his crops has been largely ignored by serious research workers except those engaged in the screening process designed to protect the consumer from hazards identified with known toxic compounds. Little work has been done to devise systems of husbandry or particular techniques designed specifically to produce food of an optimum and pre-determined nutritional status for human consumption. While the problems are formidable they are by no means insurmountable and the Founders of the Pye Research Centre have provided and are supporting a facility.

There are currently over 50 research projects being conducted on the Pye Research Farms, in the Centre's laboratories or involving all the Centre's facilities. Much of this work is being done in collaboration with other research bodies.

Further information about the work of the Pye Research Centre can be obtained by application to the General Director, The Pye Research Centre, Walnut Tree Manor, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk, England. Tel: Haughley 444 or 445

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Principal specialised information services and "secondary" journals which abstract, classify and index the literature of each of these individual disciplines on a world-wide scale are identified and described, and a composite index of some 7,000 items is developed from the classification systems of the secondary journals, linking back to and co-ordinating these journals from which original publications can then immediately be selected and traced.

This index provides, for the first time, a ready means or cross-disciplinary information search and retrieval in the whole complex of subjects relating to Human Ecology, covering all countries and languages.

Commonwealth Foundation
HUMAN ECOLOGY

A survey of courses offered at institutions of High Education in the Commonwealth.

This final report consists primarily of summaries of courses in progress or due to start during 1975 and describes 171 courses in 131 institutions of higher education in 18 countries. In most cases, the summaries were provided by members of staff of the institutions concerned but in some cases material was gathered from other sources such as calendars and prospectuses.

In publishing this survey, the (Human Ecology) Council hopes to further the potential for co-operation among institutions of higher education throughout the Commonwealth. The Council, which now has a considerable body of information on course developments, will be pleased to offer assistance to those developing courses in this field and also welcomes information on new developments.

DIGEST

So we're Not All Zombies - deep down we are all potential politicians. Philip Kleinmen suggests how the admen should exploit us.

Among all bread and butter stuff about the declining popularity of trading stamps and the increasing popularity of banded packs was this fascinating

titbit: 76 per cent of the population are 'active', i.e. have marched in protest, written to their M.P.s or to a newspaper, phoned a radio programme etc.

Just think about that for a moment. Three out of four of your neighbours who you imagined were lying apathetically in front of the telly trying to forget about inflation and unemployment are actually jumping around making nuisances of themselves to those in authority.

Well all right then, perhaps they're not doing it all the time, But your firm belief - and don't try to tell me you didn't believe it firmly - that the nearest most people came to asserting themselves was going on strike or having it away with the milkman has been proved by research to be quite wrong. Instead of a population of manipulable zombies (what J B Priestley called 'Admass'), we've got to reckon with millions of little polititions.

Maybe it isn't party politics they're interested in, but politicians they are, all the same. They want to organise, they want to influence they want to get involved. And maybe they don't all think they've got it in them to be Prime Minister or Mayor or secretary of the darts club, but that doesn't mean they're content to stick in their respective ruts and simply do as they're told with a few fantasies (James Bond, Callan, the man in the Red Revolution commercials) for distraction...

But if you're going to take a word as emotive as 'revolution', even if you've arrived at it by way of a pun, you can't just muck about with it, unless you want to switch people off. You've got to justify it.

In other words, what Watneys should have done - and I say this with all the confidence of hindsight - was to put some real revolutionary content into the campaign. Instead of filming those silly little 30 second thrillers, it should have sponsored a demo in Trafalgar Square with Vanessa Redgrave or Tariq Ali on the

- * Overpopulation
- * Thoughtless economic growth
- * Inequalities between individuals and between countries.

GET IN TOUCH

if you

* are in a school environmental group, or are thinking of forming one.

* would like to know what school students can do (26 page Introductory Guide, 10p in stamps).

* would like to become an Adult Associate Member (£1.50p.a. plus 50p for the optional Newsletter.)

Write to: 15 Kelso Road, Leeds 8.

MEMBERSHIP

SEAG has now (Dec 75) just under 40 member school groups, most run by school students themselves, some by teachers and one by a parent. There are SEAG groups in most parts of the country, and among SEAG groups action is being taken in all aspects of the environment: ecology, nature conservation low-impact technology, resources, pollution, local environment, recycling, third world development, to name but a few.



VALUES PARTY

VALUES SONG

words and music by John Hanlon.

We do not inherit the world from our fathers
 We borrow it from our children
 And I'm wondering aloud
 Can we be proud
 Of the State of the world we shall leave them?

So many problems and so little time
 Too many words and too little rhyme
 Too much concern with the money-make-game
 Too much confusion with no-one to blame

Politic hero with his hand on his heart
 Jumps up declairing "I'll play the part.
 I'll lower your taxes and increase your wage
 And things'll improve, I'f money's your gauge"

CHORUS

It's a question of Values my friends
 What's immediately easy is often wrong in the end
 Our measures of progress have all gone astray,
 When money and oil are leading the way
 And if you're tired of being led by the blind
 Then the State that needs changing is the state of your mind.

Whilst all of the children are waiting in line
To inherit the world passed down from the blind
And things could get better without any doubt
Sure we need change our time's running out.

CHORUS

It's a question of Values my friends
What's immediately easy is often wrong in the end

Our measures of progress have all gone astray
When money and oil are leading the way
And if you're tired of being led by the blind
The state that needs changing is the state of your mind.

We cannot continue, my friends, to go on this way
And watch the world slowly dying
Any you may take pride
In the earth's suicide
But my friends, I'm damned if I will,
My friends I'm damned if I will

At a Canterbury regional meeting in Ashburton the region was strengthened by appointing a secretary/treasurer and a spokesperson in addition to a co-ordinator. More than 30 people were at the meeting, the stronger region organisation will accept responsibility for assisting branches and electorates outside the main centres to prepare for elections. The group are now planning a public meeting to further involve the people in their city. Christchurch have promised speakers and a 'busload' of supporters.

TACTICS AND TIMING

Let us define our objectives. As I see it, they are:

ECOLOGY.

We want to introduce into the political arena new questions about the limits to growth of population, consumption and pollution. We want people to think with a time-scale longer than 5 years. We want people to understand the global crisis we are approaching and the need to reduce sail before the storm. We would like people to understand what 'exponential' means.

These objectives must be met by education. Considerations of climax and media peaking are of minimal importance. We need a steady campaign of leaflets, letters to the press and speaking to groups, starting now. It is not essential to identify letters as The Ecology Party, if you are worried about over-exposure, although we are generally much less pushy than the other parties at present.

ETHICS

Honesty is vital. We reject short-term expediency, vote-winning gimmicking and catty slanging-matches. We want politics to be concerned with the satisfying of human needs, and not the promotion of secretarian or purely economic interests. These objectives are of two types. Political style can best be changed by example. We must talk about policies and not about politicians. We must try to embody our principles in our own life-styles and in our organisation.

Our Policies for social justice and the regeneration of community, on the other hand, are our unique contribution to the election. We are not posing new questions, we are offering new and radical answers. These policies need to be clearly and simply stated, identified as Ecology Party and released at a time when they will get maximum attention. In practice this will be well serviced by an effective campaign to sell the Manifesto

ENJOYMENT

Most parties are clogged up with boring people with nothing better to do. One of the most refreshing things about the Ecology Party is that it is full of enthusiastic happy people. Probably most reforming parties begin that way before they are stifled by the greys.

We must stay vigorous by making politics fun. It would be easy for a conservationist party to use the puritanical rhetoric of the Prohibition. We must be cheerful, friendly, and above all, Positive.

THE Ecology Party



newsletter

Only the E.P. Newsletter necessarily reflects the view of the party.

NOTES FROM NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Officers:

Secretary : Clive R. Lord 44 Upper Batley Low Lane. Batley Yorks Tel:Bat. 472767.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 11.1.76 EXTRACTS.

Apologies were received from E.Jones (whose wife gave birth to a baby girl the previous week-CONGRATULATIONS) and P. Murray.

a. CANE demo at Barrow in Furness
E.D. said she was now collecting info on a nuclear power station to be built at Terness for a FoE demo.

b. ED. & JD said that the Salvadoya conference at Conway Hall on 13.12.75 had been useful publicity for the Ecology Party.
Edward Goldsmith had strongly pressed our cause.

c. CRL announced that Tom Greeves had accepted the post of Policy co-ordinator.

d. Bernard (from the New Values Party NZ) was present and gave a valuable report on the activities of the New Values he also felt that door knocking had been a very necessary chore, but not productive in terms of the effort involved, whilst a crude mobile publicity "office" had been most effective.

e. JD said that the closing date for District Council nominations was 8.4.76 or thereabouts and the elections would be held on 6.5.76.
KMB suggested that JD should be invited to fill the NEC vacancy for a campaign secretary. JD said he would be willing to accept this.

- a. KMB proposed and ED seconded that JD should become a member of the NEC. It was agreed however that this should be ratified by a meeting with a quorum.
- f. ED to pursue the proposal to hold regional meetings of Area Organisers attended by the NEC
- g. ANNUAL CONFERENCE the date was fixed, subject to ratification as 25th & 26th September 1976.
- h. Venue still to be decided.
- i. Attendance to be limited to paid up members.
- j. Subscription renewals are due Jan. 1st. 1976.
- k. Classes of membership. Full membership £4 p.a. General - a donation of any size - no mailing and no voting rights
Subject to ratification.
- l. Bye elections. A bye election was due for Coventry and a candidate is sought. If the Coventry branch decide to contest this assistance from party funds would be available. Should a bye election be necessary in Batley & Morley CRL announced that he would stand as a candidate.
- m. The Ecology Party is to join the Conservation Forum.

The next meeting was fixed for 2p.m. on 8.2.76 at 18 Buttemere Close Sheffield or New Buildings Trinity St. COVENTRY enquiries to CRL please.

Letters to the Editor

Back Pedal

Bernard MacIntyre,
Director, - The
Bicycle Association of Great Britain
Ltd.

Dear Sir,

My attention has been drawn to the article by Madge Dugdale in your August issue in which she attempts to forecast our travel modes in 2000 AD, a guess we in the business are continually trying to get right.

Whilst I have no wish to take issue with the statistics she used - which no doubt are synthesis of those in "Can current trends continue" published by Trent Publications - she or the basic book do omit two significant factors.

- a. 50% of the bicycle population of Great Britain is under the age of 16, and until children are allowed to drive cars, we anticipate they will continue to use bikes, provided always that adequate safety facilities (cycleways etc) are provided.
- b. The same principle applies to motor cycles. As long as one can be licensed to ride a motor cycle a year before one can obtain a car licence, there is every reason to suppose that motor cycles will continue.

I would also point out that the most recent Department of the Environment estimate of bicycle mileage shows an increase, not a decrease. (Bicycle sales have been increasing steadily at about 10% over the last 5 years so it would seem reasonable to assume they are being brought for use and not for stowage in the garage!)

Similarly, powered two wheeled sales are considerably up on last year. Indeed in August the figures for 1975 compared with 1974 were:

Motor cycles	78% increase
Mopeds	8% increase
Overall powered	
2 wheelers	45% increase

The previous months this year reflect similar increases. Again, we imagine that these machines will continue to be used for several years, and so I wonder if a linear projection is realistic?

Regular Recommended Reading

Resurgence - 275 Kings Rd, Kingston, Surrey
Undercurrents - 275 Finchley Rd, London NW3
Ecologist, - Molesworth St, Wadebridge, Cornwall
New Humanity - 51a York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London.
Good Earth - 18 Cofton Lake Rd, Birmingham.
Peace News - 8 Elm Ave. Nottingham.
New Internationalist - Victoria Hall, London.

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... responsibility changes related to pollution.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone regarding the effects of pollution on emotions and mental health i.e. letters, case reports, reprints, books etc. Please send information to: Claude A. Frazier M.D., 4-C Doctor's Park, Asheville, NC 28801, U.S.A.

(Editors' note: Professor Wilmer at Oxford referred some years ago to the possibility that diffusion of pesticide nerve toxins throughout the environment might account for a serious change in mental public health, presumably through translocation into foodstuffs.)

Dear Sir,

September this year I sent a letter to several north of Scotland newspapers (copy enclosed) identifying four main areas of concern with regard to the nuclear power programme - accidental leakage of radioactive materials, deliberate misuse of plutonium, surveillance of radioactive wastes, low use of energy production and resulting heat pollution - and expanding on these topics.

Mr. MacLennan, M.P. for Caithness and Sutherland, is campaigning to have the first commercial fast-breeder reactor established at Dounreay, which is already the site of experimental prototype fast-breeder reactors. This campaign recently received the unanimous support of the Highland Regional Council.

The Caithness Area Ecology Party and others in the Region are now collecting signatures to a petition worded as follows, "We, the undersigned, call upon the Highland Regional Council to withdraw its support for the campaign by Mr. MacLennan, M.P. for Caithness and Sutherland, to have the first commercial fast-breeder reactor sited at Dounreay". A similar petition to Mr. MacLennan, M.P. is envisaged.

People living outside the Highland Region are invited to help oppose the nuclear power programme by sending

concern, to the Highland Regional Council, Inverness, and to Mr. MacLennan, M.P.

Laurence A. Thompson, 15 Strathmore Road, Thurso, Caithness KW14 7PT

Dear Friends,

Thanks for the mention of our leaflet on the specimen page in your hand-out, and we hope you may find material of interest in the enclosed.

We are not included in the list of organisations with similar/related aims, but as far as we see our threefold objective (Farming humane animals, wholesome for consumers and fair to farmers) is similar/related isn't it?

Joanne Bower, Hon. Secretary, The Farm and Food Society, 37 Tanza Road, London N.W.3.

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION
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This is the final hour of need for animals that have served us all so faithfully and so well. Help is now urgently needed and deeply appreciated.

Send to : HHPS Treasurer.

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Millions in the third World starve while their land and labour grows feed for our animals and non-essentials for us.

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Dear Sir,
Many thanks for sending me a copy of your periodical "People", which I found most interesting. With the pressure of work on this office at present I am unable to send you any specific material for inclusion, but I would like you to feel free to take any extracts from our own NEWS REPORT; should you feel this to be valuable.

I am enclosing a copy of the latest issue for your information.

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- Barbara Bentley, Director, Survival International, 36 Craven St, London.

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