RADICALS attack MNC's

Earlier this year, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) held the tenth anniversary meeting of its historic Stockholm conference on the Human Environment.

Radical ecologists from 55 countries also met in Nairobi - and attacked the assumptions on which UNEP's programme is based. While UNEP goes for "consensus" and minor changes in attitudes, the radicals take a holistic approach: they call for social and political change, including:

- organic agriculture, renewable sources of energy, new forms of public transport, and recycling of materials.

They also deplored the fact that UNEP referred to its official Nairobi Declaration only once in the report from multinational corporations. The NGO counter-statement tried to reverse the imbalance and demand:

AUSTRALIA:
Sacred sites: new threat

The huge Jabiru mine in Australia's Northern Territory has been given the final government go-ahead - although within days of the announcement a new threat to the mine's financial viability.

Co-owned by Fanco-continental and Getty Oil (US) the mine is located on Aboriginal land. Despite agreement to the project by the conservative Northern Land Council, traditional owners maintain sacred sites will be irreparably damaged by the mine - indeed the pit itself is on top of a Dreaming Place.

Hundreds of white workers are already invading the area to build the Jabiru township for the mine.

And who is responsible for the Jabiru township? MINERCO - which is 100% owned by RTZ's CRA.

Hit Paredes!
Yet another coup in Panama has brought an anti-communist to power. In place of Aristides Rojo was toppled in early August.

General Paredes, commander of the country's National Guard, the army, and the police force has apparently told land-owners in the Cerro Colorado area to ignore Rojo's moratorium on land sales. This was partly introduced to prevent even more encroachment on the land of the Guaymi, who are threatened by the Cerro Colorado copper mine. (RTZ holds a minority interest in the project, but stands to gain the major benefit, see next issue)

Zugger daddies

"Who will follow Evelyn to Bag?" was the headline in the Observer Business News on August 8th. Apparently, Evelyn Rothschild - one of the 100 or so people who own the Bank of the same name - has set up an offshore holding company there, to escape British tax and "surveillance network." It means that share-holders get the benefits of high dividends on low-taxed subsidiaries, even though they live in Britain. Income and capital gains tax doesn't have to be paid on remittances not made through this country. What's perhaps more surprising is that Rothschild Cattle Corporation, the company concerned, has only transferred 40% of its capital to Switzerland to benefit from the dodge. And dear old Evelyn continues to live it up in England.

So who will follow Rothschilds to Bag? Ric Tinto? They don't have to! Through RTZ Mineral Services - the paper company which handles illegal and politically dangerous uranium deals from Roosino - our favourite company already has a base in Bag. (Rothschild has an undisclosed interest in RTZ, probably as high as 10%)

Who said?
"The great dilemma for RTZ is that we are such a power for good, but people don't know what's good for them. It's really very difficult to force a mother to give up her child for proper medical treatment, when she doesn't trust us - but it's something we have to do."
Left's black magic plagues the City

GLC set out?

In this article, the GLC (Greater London Council) is under the spotlight for its spending on what is called "black magic". The GLC's Labour Party is accused of a series of financial scandals and mismanagements. The article highlights some of the key allegations and the impact on the public.

SIR ANTHONY TUKER has faced heavy criticism for his handling of the GLC. His policies are said to have caused significant financial losses, leading to a crisis for the council.

For real anti-apartheid action look in South Africa where elected leaders are fighting for education, health, and justice. Meanwhile, we in the UK are wasting our time and resources on this unholy cause. Forgive us.

Pressure

As the GLC faces scrutiny, the pressure on Sir Anthony continues to grow. The council is under increased scrutiny for its financial decisions and how it spends its budget.

Guerrillas

Counter-BAT Industries, a group of left-wing guerrillas, has published a book titled "Black Magic: The Inside Story". The book exposes the council's financial mismanagement and how it affects the public.

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For more information, contact the GLC's anti-apartheid committee on 01-555-1234.
LES RUSSELL
LES RUSSELL has gone blind. Despite a serious heart condition, he insisted on working at the Aboriginal Mining Information Centre in Melbourne over the past two years and building it into the world’s only full-time organisation run completely by indigenous people to oppose mining on native lands.

A few weeks ago, he was struck on the back of the head by a falling block of wood. Hospital tests are pessimistic that he will ever see again.

It is impossible to condense into a few sentences a collective of his work. In 1951, he led a successful campaign to halt mining in the Northern Territory. His campaign was supported by other Aboriginal leaders and many white people. Despite his illness, he testified at the Tribunal on RTZ in May 1981. He launched a powerful attack on the company at its AGM that year.

Incredibly, he continues to devote his life to the cause of Aboriginal Land Rights and to expose the connections between multinational power and destruction of Aboriginal communities worldwide.

CRA once it seems tried to do away with Les. They didn’t succeed. Despite this biggest blow to his life so far, those who know him believe that he will continue to struggle for justice through research and community organising, direct action and testimony – until there is literally no breath left in his body.

Those wishing to send messages of solidarity and love to Les can do so through PARTIZANS: we will forward everything received.

"Return to me my land. Return to me my spirit. And come on! Let’s fight for what is right!"

(les russell’s concluding remarks to the 1981 tribunal on rtz.)

HACINTH CUNNINGHAM has died. Impeccable opponent of racism, nuclear power, and hypocrisy in every form, she was a founder member of Hackney Anti-Nuclear group and leading light in the SUNPOWER BOOKSHOP. Partizans supporters will particularly remember her support during the Week of Action in 1961.

RUTH FIRST was killed by a South African letter bomb in Mozambique in August. Though not directly connected with Partizans, she was one of the strongest fighters against apartheid; some current workers in P’ZAMS will recall her support for the Operation Namibia nonviolent direct action project.

Partizans - and CIMA - have a BUS! It’s a 30-seater minibus which Angie and friends are now basically re-fitting so it can be used for exhibitions, festivals, etc. and hold video and recording equipment. Any mechanics, welders, electricians who can help make Partizans mobile should call Angie on 01 969 6590. Thanks!

It’s a Vet’s Life!

We badly need supporters to vet the latest version of ‘We Montanita’ list, and compile a new directory. The work involves going to companies’ offices in London and spending a day or half each with pen and paper at a desk. Those able to help should call Andrew on 01-992 1454 or write to Partizans.

This one will run...

RIO DISCO STINKS! That’s the title of a new song just recorded by POISON GIRLS which will soon feature on their first album (to be released by Xnatrix.) Those who’ve heard it say it’s a winner. It may not reach the Top 20, but it’ll surely reach many hearts and minds. Uncompromising, foot-tapping, hand-clapping, mind-blowing...look out for the album in October.

... for years and years!

Resource

RTZ: CAUSE FOR CONCERN is a well-produced four-page leaflet designed by Partizans supporter to appeal specifically to existing RTZ shareholders. It marshals opinion already expressed by international bodies, like the UN World Council of Churches, Survival International, that the only moral and practical way of influencing RTZ’s activities is to dis-invest. It’s available to our supporters free of charge for use in campaigning. (Otherwise it’s 10p each.)

Please not get a few and send to SELECTED SHAREHOLDERS. We can supply addresses.