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Parsons & Whittmore Want to Build Largest Pulp Mill in North America Compiled by Mass Earth First!



Where the multinational Parsons & Whittmore plan to build the Apple Grove Pulp & Paper Mill in West Virginia photo: Langelle

Parsons & Whittmore Inc., of Rye Brook, NY, want to build the largest pulp and paper mill in North America in Apple Grove, West Virginia. If constructed as planned, the 1.1 billion dollar mill would require forests to be destroyed at the rate of 70 square miles per year. Cutting in this area is sure to lead to heavy erosion, as West Virginia is famous for its rugged mountainous terrain.

In addition, Parsons & Whittmore plan to implement chlorine based bleaching methods, even though this process is outdated and produces the highly toxic chemical, dioxin. In recent years companies across Europe and Canada have switched to less dangerous means of bleaching,

such as using oxygen and hydrogen peroxide.

West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton, has labeled citizens opposed to the mill as 'extremists', and has even gone as far as to lash out at the **Charleston Gazette** for printing a series of articles which questioned the negative impact the mill would have on the surrounding environment. Governor Caperton was quoted in a Sept ('94) **Charleston Gazette** article as saying, "I consider myself an environmentalist. [But] I want good businesses in this state. I want heavy industry in this state."

At a recent protest over the proposed mill, Billy Jack Gregg, a member of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, held

a sign stating, "I'm not an extremist. I'm a voter."

Kim Baker, president of the West Virginia Environmental Council said there will be more protests to follow, with possibly a protest a week, until Caperton changes his mind about the mill.

Citizens were especially concerned about the dioxin which will be produced by the mill. Pat Davis a resident who lives downstream from the proposed mill site said, "They say they'll use a small amount [of dioxin], but what they don't tell you is that this won't just disappear. It builds up and builds up. And it does kill."

American industry has funded studies which show dioxin isn't as deadly as once believed. To the contrary, Jim Kotcon of the West Virginia Sierra Club, said of the recently released EPA draft report on dioxin, "dioxin, rather than being less toxic than once believed, is actually much more toxic than once believed."

Kotcon further stated that the EPA confirmed that dioxin and related compounds probably cause lung, liver and other cancers. Dioxin and its related compounds are bioaccumulative (meaning once they enter the body, they tend to stay there) and have been conclusively proven to cause cancer in animals.

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Well, here it is: the Massachusetts regional issue of the **ALARM** (issue # 11). It was an interesting (don't know if 'interesting' is quite the right word to describe it) process producing this here little 'zine. No one had a computer with a word processor or layout software, so we ended up using an old computer at someone's place of employment, with the program, Wordperfect. (An interesting note is that most of what you'll end up reading within these pages was typed in during coffee and lunch breaks.) We then printed and cut and pasted the columns into what you see before you now. Due to modesty (ya right!), the individuals who helped construct issue wish to remain anonymous (However, the authors of individual articles are credited throughout the zine). Enjoy the read.

Although some of us have helped put together this 'zine in the past, this was the first time our "group" has had to handle the task of putting the whole mag together. Speaking only for myself, I know I will never be quick to complain at someone else's journalistic efforts after working on this issue.

Next Fall we plan to be more prepared to take on this endeavor, hopefully giving the **ALARM** a cleaner look, as they've had in issues past. Till then... Think wild thoughts! Mass EF!

The next issue of the **ALARM** will be an all women's issue due out on Ground Hog's Day '95. Send all submissions to:

Women's Alarm, P.O. Box 804, Burlington, VT 05402

It is also worth mentioning that submissions continue to come in late. If you're going to send articles, poems, photos, etc., please send them as early as possible.

Finally, we have "Earth, Love It or Leave It" bumperstickers for sale. If you'd like one send \$1.00 to: Mass EF! P.O. Box 708, Littleton, MA 01460.

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What you can do:

Write to the Regional EPA administrator and demand that the EPA conduct a thorough Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the project's effects.

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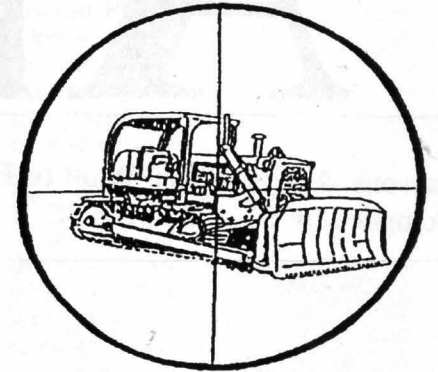
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Mitsubishi Auto Show Coming to Rhode Island

Mitsubishi is taking part in an auto show in Providence, RI from February 9 to February 12. Mitsubishi is involved in deforestation on a global scale with their tentacles stretching from Brazil, to Malaysia and closer to home in parts of Canada. Help take part in the Rainforest Action Network's continuing campaign to boycott Mitsubishi. Contact: Boston Area Rainforest Action Group, 565 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, MA 02172 or Mass EF! P.O. Box 708, Littleton, MA 01460

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Spread the Word, Free Leonard Peltier

The following was copied out of the **Spirit of Crazy Horse** and submitted to the **Alarm**: "Leonard's illegal incarceration will no longer be tolerated... One well received suggestion was that we embark on an unofficial graffiti campaign, spreading Leonard's name on every bus, train, subway and billboard in the country... We share responsibility as a democratic nation to ensure that each person's Constitutional rights are respected, and when one person's rights are so blatantly violated, it is our job to rectify the situation by whatever means possible..."

Radioactive Waste Coming to Massachusetts

By Barbara McGovern

The Massachusetts Radioactive Waste Management Board, a gubernatorially appointed board in charge of finding a "solution" to the radioactive waste problem in MA, is looking for land in Massachusetts to "manage" so called "low-level" radioactive waste. On paper it might sound great and supporters claim it's going to be good for the economy, but it's not! The neat little public relations campaign would leave any think man or woman believing that way. One only needs to take a closer look at the picture to find out what is going on.

The current federal classification system which gives "low-level" radioactive waste its name is seriously flawed. This form of waste includes some of the most toxic and long lived radioactive substances known to humans. Included in the "low-level" radioactive waste stream are irradiated hardware and components from aging nuclear reactors, uranium from the military, and research and medical waste. Many of the radioactive elements found in the "low-level" category are also found in other categories like cobalt-50 and uranium-238. This system categorizes waste according to how it is produced rather than how dangerous it is. The label "low-level" is seriously misleading. Reclassification of the waste stream must be a priority before any so called "low-level" radioactive waste dumps are built.

Why the push for a new dump?

Nuclear reactors produce

more than 85% of the radioactive waste produced in the U.S. Currently, the nuclear energy industry is facing the problem of what to do with the over 25 aging reactors. The first two reactors to be decommissioned are haunted with controversy. The citizens who live near these reactors have been shut out of the process and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is allowing the industry to use decommissioning methods based on financial considerations versus health and safety issues. Using the current method of decommissioning the nuclear industry needs to build new dumps. Other options of decommissioning which would result in dramatically less amounts of waste are being ignored by the NRC and the industry.

Why else should we oppose any nuke dump? Ask people who live around Barnwell, Sc about their chummy little neighbor--the Chem-Nuclear Systems radioactive waste dump. There are 5 other "low-level" radioactive waste dumps in the U.S. which are plagued with leaks, accidents and financial problems. The clean up costs for one dump site in Kentucky is estimated in the billions. These dumps have created some of the most dangerous and polluted spots on the face of the planet and the taxpayers have been left holding the bag. We do not need another hot spot to deal with.

As people become educated about the history of nuclear reactors, weapons testing and waste disposal, they come to understand the dire need to cease all activities which produce

radioactive waste. The priority must be to stop the waste stream.

The most encouraging aspect of the radioactive waste issue has been the outpouring of citizen action. Massachusetts follows in the footsteps of the people in many other states who are facing this challenge. People are looking into their hearts and into the future and realizing it isn't, "not in my backyard" but rather it is **"NOT IN ANYONE'S BACKYARD"**. This has been loud, clear and consistent.

The first nuclear bomb was exploded only 50 years ago. The nuclear age has come of age and it is time for it to end. Our future ancestors are counting on us to do the right thing. Our priority must be to end the nuclear cycle and that can be accomplished by stopping the siting of all radioactive waste dumps. Here is a list of resources to get involved:

MA Radioactive Waste Management Board
100 Cambridge St. Room 903
Boston, MA 02202
(617) 727-6018

Get on the mail list (tell them to include the monthly "communications packet") and attend the monthly Management Board Meetings.

Nuclear Guardianship Project
1400 Shattuck Ave #41
Berkeley, CA 94709
(510) 524-9971

Nuclear Information Resource Service
1424 16th St. NW #601
Washington, DC 20036

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(202) 328-0002

These folks know the whole scoop. One of the most comprehensive resources in the safe energy movement.

Military Production Network
73 Trowbridge St.
Belmont, MA 02178

This group is working on getting President Clinton to review all current federal policies relating to the radioactive waste issue. This is good stuff!

Citizens Awareness Network (CAN)
Charlмонт, MA
(413) 625-9881

This group is dealing with the decommissioning of the Yankee reactor in Rowe, MA.

Greenpeace, Amherst, MA
(413) 253-3711

Call for information about local meetings. Join the resistance!

Things to read:

Nuclear Madness, What You Can Do (revised 1994) Dr. Helen Caldicott, Norton Publishing
High Level Dollars- Low Level Sense: A Critique of Present Policy for the Management of Long-Lived Radioactive Waste and Discussion of an Alternative Approach by Arjun Makhijani and Scott Saleska, Apex Press (1992)

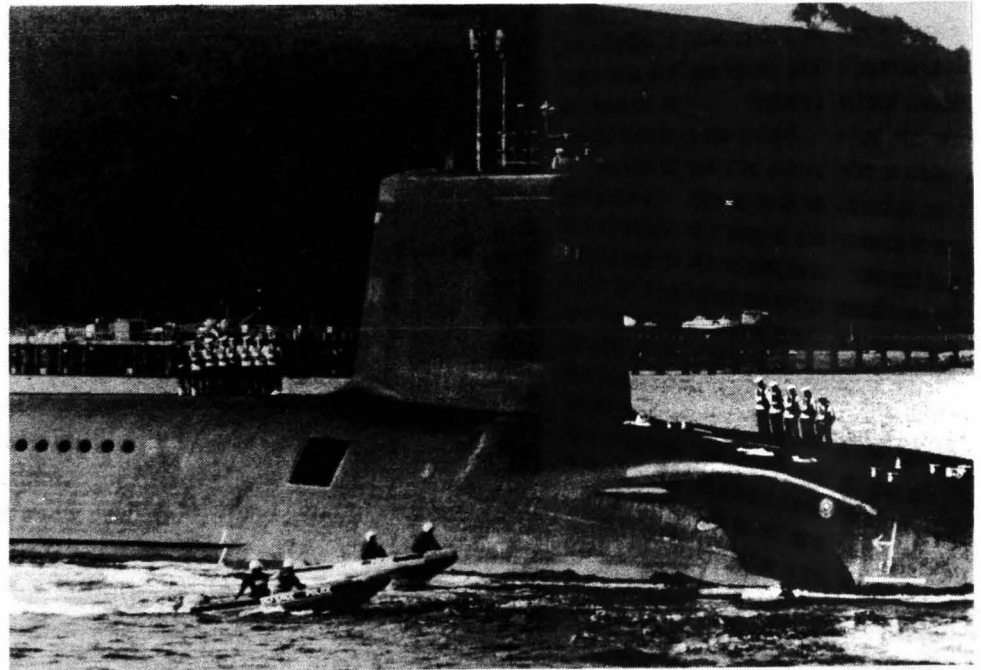
Utne Reader, Sept/Oct 1994, Lens Publishing Co.

This issue of the **Utne Reader** completely covers the issues of new nukes, updates from Chernobyl and more.



Nuclear Submarine Launched in U.K.

source: Alec Smart, Black & White & Green



The newly launched H.M.S. Victorious nuclear submarine. Ain't progress grand?
photo: Smart

The H.M.S. Victorious was launched in June ('94), the second of the four 'Vanguard'-class of submarines. This sub is not due to go into full service until December ('94), after it heads to the United States to pick up it's weaponry of 16 Trident missiles.

Demonstrations were held to protest the launching of this sub on, as well as off shore. These included symbolic blockades by boats and swimmers (most of which were quickly whisked away by police in motorized inflatable boats).

Scottish C.N.D. chairperson, Adrian Rennie declared, "Today's heavy-handed Ministry of Defense tactics are symbolic of the menacing nature of Trident. It is a threat to global peace and security as it encourages the non-nuclear countries to go nuclear on the principle of looking after yourself first."



THE BIG DUMP

By Davie Jones

Boston's city father never lacked for dumb ideas. The Quabbin Reservoir in western Massachusetts is one example. To quench Beantown's "big thirst" the Swift River Valley, home to untold numbers of our relations and five towns, was flooded in a 1930's water deal that some hill people are still fuming about.

Today, most of that stolen water along with a whole lot of other shit is headed for Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays because Boston wants to take a Big Dump! While some may appreciate the irony of "The Bay State" crapping up it's own namesake, those who dwell in the Bay, like "the most endangered marine mammal in the world, the North Atlantic Right Whale", do not. Stop The Outfall Pipe (S.T.O.P.), a mainstream group of environmentalists, stated that only 350 members of the North Atlantic Right Whale remain, putting them on the brink of extinction. "unfortunately these bays are their winter habitat and the EPA signed off on the (Outfall Pipe) project without looking at the damage that this tunnel could reek (sic) on their population." Aho, "this tunnel" sure will reek! It's slated to carry between 500 million and 1.3 billion gallons of only partially treated human sewage and toxic industrial waste for 43 communities into Mass Bay on a daily basis. In their eternal wisdom, city fathers and their mindless minions have set their sights for 16.4 miles from the western edge of Stellwagen Bank and 36.6 miles from Race Point at Provincetown on Cape Cod as the

point where they will take their dump. Naturally, prevailing currents will sweep their crap along the south shore into Cape Cod Bay. Have a good vacation at the beach guys!

Never to be outdone in their uncanny knack for fouling their own nest (and everyone else's), the guardians of the dominant paradigm have set the stage for new sources of excessive nitrogen that "has been linked to algae blooms, including Red Tide which can cause fish and marine mammal kills. One such algae bloom (*Phytoplankton brevis*), believed to be linked to excess nitrogen, killed many dolphins along the coast from Florida to southern New England in 1988. A brown algae bloom in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island in 1985 killed 90% of that bay's mussel population." A few years back, 13 Humpback Whales were found dead on Cape Cod beaches. They were diagnosed as having died from toxins produced by phytoplankton bloom, probably courtesy of their fellow mammals, the two-legged ones fucking-up the Earth as if their were no tomorrow.

Return with us now to those days of yesteryear when George Bush (remember George Bush?) was running against the then-Mass Governor Mike Dukakis in the race for the presidency. Bush made a speech in front of Boston Harbor, "the nation's most polluted waterway" according to the National Toxics Campaign, in an effort to convince t.v. zombies at home that he would be the "Environmental President" and that the "Massachusetts Miracle"

was, in fact, a bomb. Well, it was a bomb and so was George Bush, but Mass Democrats (or are they Republicrats?) never forgot that sting and the city fathers are now moving mountains to push their shit further out into the bay; their version of away.

So, you may ask, is anyone doing anything to stop this shit? Well, that depends on what you mean by "stop". The group S.T.O.P. has been in the courts with a legal challenge which grinds on ever so slowly, and they do some degree of educational work, but check it out: the outfall pipe is scheduled for completion NEXT JULY! Gosh, your honor, can't we use it for storage? (actually, in the real world - which leaves out the court system - the completion date may be a year and a half beyond July, more time to fuck things up!)

Another group, the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island is concerned about Native burial sites on Deer Island where the landward end of the outfall pipe originates and where steaming pools of human shit and, deities knows what kinds of toxins are brewed up before expulsion down the tubes. The Muhheconneuk have been holding demonstrations over the years, but Anglos don't pay attention (surprise!). As this issue was going to press another protest was tentatively scheduled for Oct 30th. As we speak, the island is in a sad sight of monstrous construction where Mother Ocean runs putrid steel gray from run-off and spillage; a raw, ragged and awful sight.

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So, where's Greenpeace? Well, there opposed to it, but by press time we've yet to hear back from the front office as to whether they ever did or ever will launch the zodiacs on this one. With that in mind, Mass EF! is hoping to, shall we say, encourage the big fish below the beltway to cast off some of that green tape and get onboard and, dare I say, make a stink about this issue. We also faxed Sea Shepard about doing an action, but are left with a deafening silence. Capt. Nemo may be running silent running deep, but before too long our relations in the bays may be running into some deep shit themselves. Need we say: time to act is drawing neigh!



Sewage From Outfall Pipe May Flow Back into Boston Harbor By Mass Earth First!

Accorded to an April 10th ('94) article in the **Boston Globe**, "Partially treated wastewater being pumped 9.5 miles into Massachusetts Bay as part of the Boston Harbor cleanup may float right back into Boston Harbor." In this study, 900 yellow buoys were released at the discharge point of the yet-to-be-completed outfall pipe with most washing up on beaches from Scituate to Plymouth in the winter, and one forth being recovered in Boston Harbor itself during the summer.

Frances Hotchkiss, a Geological Survey scientist who



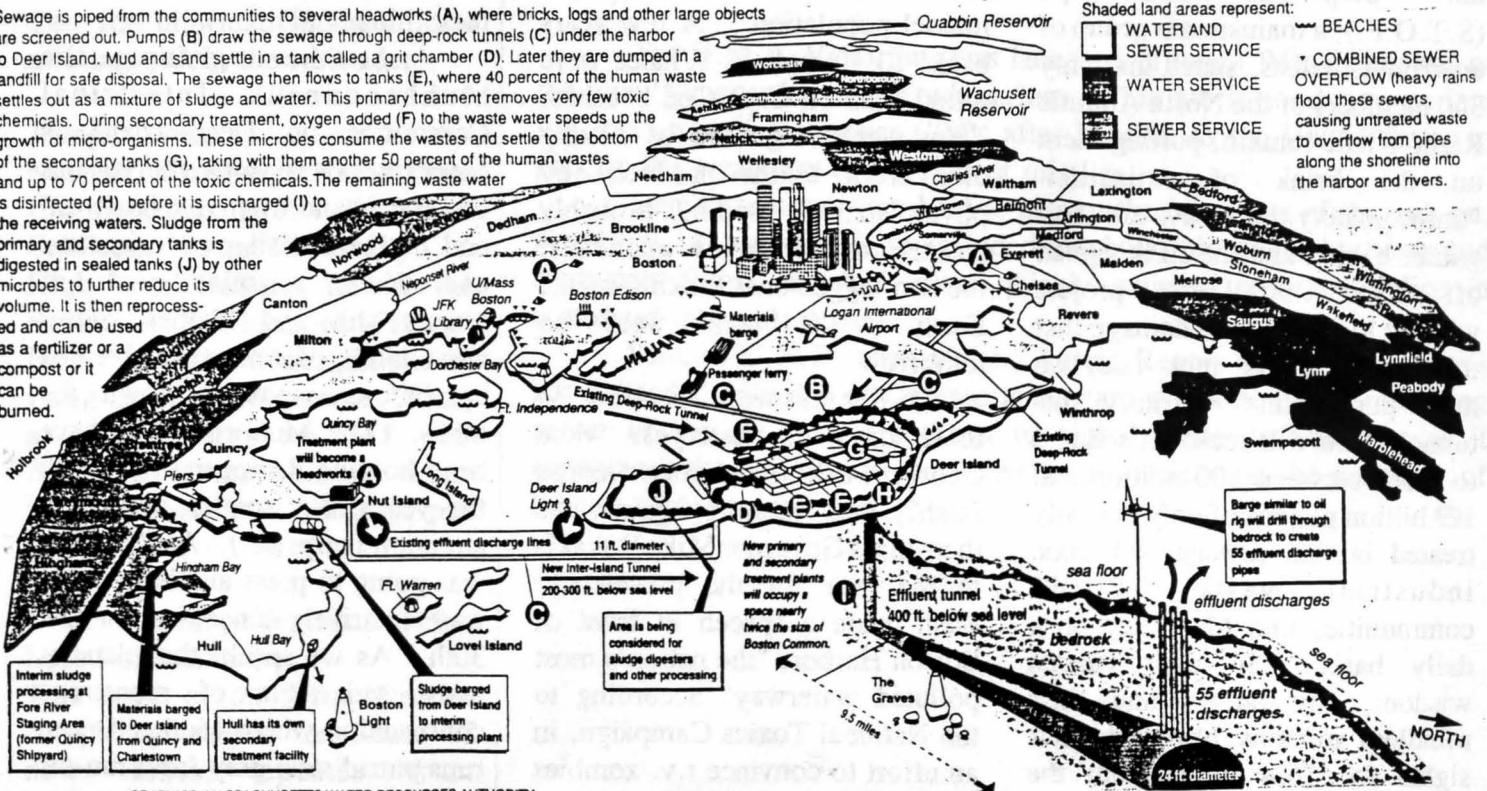
conducted the study was quoted in the article as saying, "There's a clear pattern, they (the buoys) come back."

As many environmentalists and residents already know, even if seasonal currents weren't to wash Greater Boston's sewage back into the harbor, the outfall pipe is sure to have an immensely negative impact on sea dwelling creatures in Massachusetts Bay. In addition, the outfall pipe could be the death blow of the North Atlantic Right Whale, which makes the bay it's winter home and is already endangered (An estimated number of only 350 of these whales remain).



The Boston Harbor Project

Sewage is piped from the communities to several headworks (A), where bricks, logs and other large objects are screened out. Pumps (B) draw the sewage through deep-rock tunnels (C) under the harbor to Deer Island. Mud and sand settle in a tank called a grit chamber (D). Later they are dumped in a landfill for safe disposal. The sewage then flows to tanks (E), where 40 percent of the human waste settles out as a mixture of sludge and water. This primary treatment removes very few toxic chemicals. During secondary treatment, oxygen added (F) to the waste water speeds up the growth of micro-organisms. These microbes consume the wastes and settle to the bottom of the secondary tanks (G), taking with them another 50 percent of the human wastes and up to 70 percent of the toxic chemicals. The remaining waste water is disinfected (H) before it is discharged (I) to the receiving waters. Sludge from the primary and secondary tanks is digested in sealed tanks (J) by other microbes to further reduce its volume. It is then reprocessed and can be used as a fertilizer or a compost or it can be burned.



GRAPHICS: MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

GONE FISHIN' AND I WON'T BE BACK

By Don Ogden

On September 10 some 200 Western Abenaki people and their supporters asserted the right of members of the Sovereign Republic of the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi to fish their waters without holding Vermont state fishing licenses. Instead, the Abenaki Tribal Council has issued their own Native license, just as they do with hunting and motor vehicle registrations. The state of Vermont maintains that no such right exists and has, for years, been issuing tickets, making arrests and often harassing Abenaki tribal members.

The "Fish-in" held on the banks of the Missisquoi river, was an interesting example of civil disobedience here in the Northeast. Participants were predominantly Native people or adopted members of the Abenaki Nation. Representatives of other Native nations such as the Mohawks and Micmacs also attended, as did non-Native supporters from such diverse groups as Mass. Earth First!, the Native Forest Network, the Grafton Peace Pagoda, the Burlington Peace & Justice Center, as well as a candidate for U.S. Congress and a member of the Vermont governor's Commission on Indian Affairs (who was issued a ticket along with 100 other protesters for fishing without a license). Children and men and women of all ages fished both sides of the river. Some dropped their lines off a bridge where Earth First! had hung a "Free the Rivers" banner and one group fished from a small boat. All were defying two state game wardens who spent the better part



Abenaki Grand Chief, Homer St. Francis receives ticket during fish-in photo: Langelle

of four hours writing out tickets. The supply of tickets ran out twice, as did the enthusiasm of the officers.

At a gathering in front of Tribal Headquarters before the action Abenaki Chief Homer St. Francis advised participants not to sign their tickets or pay the \$45.00 fine. "make them give you a jury trial. That costs them about \$3,200.00." St. Francis said it was time to turn the tables on the state and give them some of the financial burden they've been placing on the Abenaki people with repeated arrests, trials and related expenses. He also pointed out that this protest would bring the issue of Native fishing rights back into court where a 1992 State Supreme Court ruling claims the Abenakis' indigenous rights were "extinguished". The ruling states that "the increasing weight of history" eliminates their rights, that such rights were lost when Vermont became the 14th state

back in 1791 "by assertion of dominion over the area", an intriguing term for repression and the theft of Native land sanctioned by law. University of Vermont anthropologist William Haviland noted at the time: "in effect, the justices have said that if you can get away with an illegal act, then the act is perfectly legal. To me, this seems a curious principle for a court to uphold. The fact is, both the British Crown and subsequently the United States laid down explicit requirements for the extinguishment of native rights, and in Vermont, these requirements were never met. 'The increasing weight of history', furthermore, seems a poor basis for the decision. This is precisely the kind of reasoning that might have been used to perpetuate slavery into the nineteenth century United States."

Prior to that ruling, 36 people were arrested at the first Abenaki "Fish-in" during October

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1987. AT the trial, Vermont District Court Judge Joseph Wolchik ruled "that the Abenaki retains unextinguished title to northwestern Vermont and the aboriginal right to fish." Abenaki spokesman Tomas Obomsawin noted in 1992, following the Supreme Court's reversal of the lower court's ruling that "Although Abenaki land has been under occupation by European colonists since the 1600's, we never ceded title to it by treaty, sale or any other means...The Abenaki Nation has had original exclusive jurisdiction in our land for tens of thousands of years... U.S. federal and international laws recognize the rights of a sovereign Indian Nation to self government, to hunt, fish and travel on ancestral land without State regulation, licensing or taxes."

Meanwhile, back on the water, fish are being reeled-in and thrown back. Ironically, the Abenaki are demonstrating for the right of catch fish they cannot eat. The fish are loaded with mercury and many deformations and lesions. The dominant paradigm of "man's conquest over nature" has been so pervasive that it has created twisted paradoxes and ironies such as this. In humanities social fabric such aberrations rival, by comparison, any deformity or sickness in the physical world wrought by our anthropocentric values. Presumably, the Abenaki have fished and subsisted on the land and water of what's now called Vermont for thousands of years without the need for a Vermont state fishing permit, but in the later part of the 20th century, under the hammer of the now dominant society's destructive technology, the waters have been

so trashed that the fish are, for the most part, no longer edible. Thus, the right to fish becomes, at this point in time, a matter of principle rather than subsistence. Another awful irony surfaces when the state that has failed to protect the waters from industrial and municipal pollution makes the claim that the Abenaki must pay their share of the revenue from state fishing licenses, for such income helps protect the fish!

The Western Abenaki are about to begin their own river watch program, taking water samples, identifying sources of pollution, and allegedly, the State of Vermont has been monitoring the rivers as part of their duty to protect the environment, but unless some radical changes are made fast, both camps will be watching the rivers die. For millennia the Abenaki did a commendable job of coexisting with the rivers of this land, for a scant 100 years their oppressors have managed to drive the entire ecosphere to the brink of the abyss. What's wrong with this picture?

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Activists Protest Building of Highway Near the France/Spain Border

by Landi

Valee d'Aspes, France- On July 14, ('94) activists gathered together to resist the construction of auto route E7, the Pau Zaragoza link.

The E7, a four lane highway, will cut through the last remaining bear habitat in the Pyrenees and an estimated 1000 trucks per day will pass the now quiet valley. At present, only 8 to 15 brown bears inhabit the region, which is being brutally destroyed to complete the tunnel de Somport, going through the Somport pass.

The resistance to the tunnel de Somport began in 1990, when the project began. In 1992, several international activists were arrested and in May, 1994 10,000 European activists marched to the tunnel construction site where the Guardia Civil threw teargas bombs and shot rubber bullets at protesters who ripped down the fence surrounding the tunnel entrance and demolished the shack where workers took cat naps.

Resistance remains strong although state repression persists, as the E7 highway is only one of the network of roads being constructed at the order of the "European Economic Community" to maintain the illusion of a strong economy in Europe. For further info contact:

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DIOXIN INCINERATOR RUSHES TOWARD COMPLETION

Legal Liability and Governor Traded Like a Ton of Trip

TIMES BEACH, MISSOURI-Steve Taylor, Big River Earth First!

Times Beach, once a river community that boasted 14 taverns and a single church is now what could only be described as a ghost town. Driving past what is now the proposed incinerator site, there is nothing to indicate that it had ever existed. The former town no longer appears on area maps or street signs. Like dozens of other Missouri communities, Times Beach was sprayed with dioxin-laden waste oil in the early seventies. Its residents were later "compensated", relocated and then forgotten.

"Liability is what they're scared of." recently stated Marilyn Leistner in an interview with the **Earth First! Journal**. Marilyn is the former mayor of Times Beach. "I know of many former neighbors now suffering from cancers and other health effects directly related to dioxin. There has been no real follow up on our health by the state of Missouri or any other agency," Said Leistner.

In the early 1980's as the Times Beach story unfolded to the nation, as small independent waste hauler named Russell Bliss was scape-goated for the entire dioxin catastrophe which still plagues 27 know Superfund sites in Missouri. Bliss was subcontracted by Independent Petrochemical Corp. (IPC) to dispose of residues that IPC had been contracted to remove from Hoffman-Taff's holding tanks at their herbicide plant in Verona, Missouri. Bliss mixed the dioxin with waste oil and sprayed it on horse arenas, truck lots, trailer parks and the town of Times Beach through the

years of 1971-73.

The herbicide plant in Verona is where Hoffman-Taff produced Agent Orange beginning in 1969. Agent Orange was used to defoliate the rebel-held forests of southern Vietnam. The Air Force's deforestation campaign was code-named "Operation Ranch Hand". Its motto was "only we can prevent forests".

It has been established that as early as November 1972 the then Attorney General of Missouri, John Danforth, knew of the spraying. His office had received a deposition by Bliss of all the sites he had sprayed with waste oil. The deposition was taken in ST. Charles County during the state investigation of the mysterious death of 36 horses and a variety of wildlife at a horse ranch.

According to a congressional report by the Office of Technology Assessment, "in 1974 the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) identifies dioxin as the toxin substance in Missouri waste oil." It wasn't until 1982, eight years later that the US EPA allegedly "discovered dioxin levels up to 1,200 parts per billion in Times Beach, MO."

It wasn't until November 10th, 1982 that the residents of Times Beach were informed that the oil sprayed on their streets contained high concentrations of dioxin. This was twelve years after Danforth's office had been informed of the Bliss connection.

To this date neither Danforth, or ant state or federal agency has admitted that their

silence amounts to complicity in the dioxin debacle of Missouri nor accepts any liability for their negligence.

Liability was something Syntex-Agribusiness was willing to purchase when they bought Hoffman Taff and their other Verona herbicide plant. Syntex is a large pharmaceutical company now responsible for the cleanup of 27 known site in Missouri. Syntex-Agribusiness entered into a consent decree with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the EPA to incinerate the more than 300,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil at Times Beach along with the waste from the remaining 26 sites around the state. Plans for the incinerator were voted down in the county-wide referendum in 1990. Plans to construct the incinerator continued.

Also in 1990 the corporate industrial PR machine intensified its efforts to allay Missouri's concern over dioxin and the proposed incinerator. Referencing an old CDC report, then considering fallacious even by the agency that issued it, the ST. Louis Post-Dispatch ran a front page article with a banner headline declaring "Dioxin Scare Now Called Mistake". The old CDC study on dioxin had been constructed by a doctor Vernon Houk. The studies were conducted on Vietnam veterans well before approaching any now established latency periods for diseases associated with dioxin exposure. The study was also aborted prematurely. Dr. Houk's

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pro-industry activities came under close scrutiny by a House government-operations subcommittee in 1990. The former director of the CDC was then lobbying for lower dioxin emissions for many chlorine based industries including paper mills. The story also quoted Armon Yanders, the head of the University of Missouri's Environmental Trace Substances Research Center (ETSRC) as stating "that dioxin has certain properties that may be useful in fighting some cancers, including breast cancer." Yander's research center had been paid \$250,000 by a law firm representing Syntex to conduct experiments on soil samples for that company which is responsible for the Times Beach cleanup. Yanders has also been paid thousands of dollars to testify on behalf on Syntex in court cases.

In a preliminary report leaked to the **New York Times** by scientists conducting the EPA's reassessment on dioxin verified the chemical's reputation as the most potent synthetic carcinogen know to humankind as well as a powerful estrogenic compound likely responsible for immune deficiency disorders even at background levels to which many human populations are already exposed. Scientists on the reassessment team leaked this report to the press due to concerns that it would be mitigated by congress as the result of industry pressure. The report is to be publicly released later this year. (editors note:)

Not only is dioxin toxic, it is hard to burn. Incineration has been abandoned for superior

"closed" system, non-thermal methods of dioxin destruction around the country. The EPA has been unable to meet their own standards for stack emissions at the Jacksonville, Arkansas dioxin incinerator.

Recent protests by the Times Beach Action Group (T-BAG), comprised of members of Big River Earth First!, has rekindled public awareness and opposition to the incinerator project. Protest activities have ranged from an occupation of a billboard near the site to on-site disruptions. On April 1st T-BAG effectively stopped construction for two days with a mock test burn where protesters trespassed onto the site and supporters threw smoke canisters at arresting officers. (See Beltane 1994 (ef!j???)

Direct action is getting the goods as many public officials join in the fight to reopen the consent decree between Syntex, the EPA and the Missouri DNR. An amendment recently introduced to the Superfund Reauthorization Bill would halt the construction of the incinerator. The bill introduced by Rep. Jim Talent (R-MO) is being co-sponsored by Rep. Alan Wheat (D-MO). Talent along with the entire city council have publicly petitioned Missouri's Governor Mel Carnahan to reopen the consent decree. The county council has also voted unanimously to request that the state of Missouri close the road leading into Times Beach to construction traffic.

With growing bi-partisan support for environmental justice at Times Beach, Governor Mel Carnahan has been ostensibly silent on the issue. Holding an

office that has the sole authority to single-handedly cancel the project the Governor has done nothing to respond publicly to requests by the county council, various state and federal representatives and thousands of county citizens to halt the project. Recent research by T-BAG into Carnahans campaign contributions has revealed substantial donations from the incineration industry.

Responding to reports that burn permits are soon to be issued for the incinerator by the MDNR, T-BAG stated to the press "If this incinerator is built the fight is far from over. This is about accountability and the poisoning of entire communities. We never sleep, we never forget."

Joan Moser and David Abberton contributed to this article

For more information about the Times Beach incinerator, contact Big River Earth First! at (314) 349-5269

For more information on dioxin and pulp and paper mills contact Big River EF! or the Native Forest Network at (802) 863-0571

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THE PRISONER PAGE

(Because Jail Sucks!)

The Earth Liberation Prisoners (ELP) is a network that has been set up to circulate up-to-date information on people who have been imprisoned for acting on the consciences, be they followers of ALF, ELF, Green Anarchist, EF! or other radical biocentric philosophies. The network aims to support these prisoners by basically making groups aware, and encouraging them to show solidarity and send letters, etc. Prison can be a very lonely place, and receiving letters of encouragement makes that isolation a little more bearable and also safe in the knowledge that their actions were not in vain.

The ELP at the moment is purely a networking tool, it does not want to start receiving donations for prisoners etc, but if you want further info, prisoners lists etc., please send a SASE a 50p post order (Editor: some IRC's will probably do). Apart from just the eco/animal lib prisoners, we hope also to focus on those from indigenous peoples who raised the question of land rights and have been jailed because of it. This will be added to the next mail out.

The ELP collective is a mishmash of souls ranging from Elves, Green anarchists, Animal Liberationists and anti-fascists.

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PRISONERS (ANTI-MILITARISM)

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**A music review in the Alarm?
Why the hell not.**

Tree - A Lot to Fear
Cherry Disc Records/Box 313
Boston, MA 02258

For all you eco-rads who'd like a change of pace from the traditional eco-folk style tunes you're used to, but still want to support a band that embraces eco-terraism, read on. Tree, a Boston hardcore (punk) band with pissed-off vocals and a heavy, bone crushing sound, aren't afraid to speak their minds about the fucked-up state the world is in. Most of their songs have a political edge. Some of the songs on **A Lot to Fear** include, "Question Abuse" (about police brutality), "Whales" (extinction is forever), and "Engulf" (about the Gulf War). My Favorite song on the album is entitled "Pay." "Pay" is about what toxic waste producers will have to do for their crimes against nature.

These hempcore bad boys are best experienced live. This band kicks and they also have been supportive of Earth First!, playing a benefit show in Boston earlier this year. Check 'em out!

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