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mean the end of hierarchy, sexism, classism and all of the weird little manifestations of ethnocentricity people so fondly(and neurotically)cherish.

Because the task will be forced on the anarchists there is a great need for the small anarchist communities now existing to finally get their collective acts together, demonstrating the virtues of small-scale technologies, community-wide planning, and decisions based on general concensus. Activists must immediately begin the process of public education, outreach and the development of both short-term and long-term goals within their neighborhoods and work areas, whether these be urban, rural or semi-rural. Well-made surveys of current energy use, availability of renewable resources, failures of energy efficiency in shelters and work space, unnecessary use of inefficient transportation, and just plain over-indulgence and waste will form the base for a beginning plan to cut current energy use by 50, 60 or 70 per cent without doing injury to the individual citizen.

A political struggle will be part of the package unfortunately. Utilities companies have power and can carry forward measures and laws to punish citizens who do not use their product. Oil companies can punish towns and regions(by withholding all supplies) that cut back on consumption. A citizen accustomed to thoughtlessly wasteful energy use might crumble under such pressure. Thus the groundwork for building the permanent solar council must be done very carefully. An aware citizenry must be developed on a door-to-door basis. If success can be achieved for one neighborhood, or block or street, it can spread. Here new battles will begin, as the activist must next be prepared to fight in the courts for the right to not use energy or to not pay for energy they have not used. The government will be of no help here, because they will have begun to get the big picture: the citizen who doesn't need the energy company or its ever-increasing bills, also doesn't need much government or ever-increasing costs and taxes.

A well-planned and well-managed energy, education, land-use, and product recycling effort for a community can start off the process of creating the social ecology that anarchists have labored for these last 100 years. The tools are available: passive solar design, solar collectors, bio-mass engines, small-scale windmills, labor-intensive gardening, recycling clubs, buying co-ops, free schools staffed by community residents, shared equipment and costs, no-interest banks, not-for-profit stores, and collectively-owned land trusts. The old world of anti-people capitalism is ready to go down the drain. Help it along by pulling that plug now.

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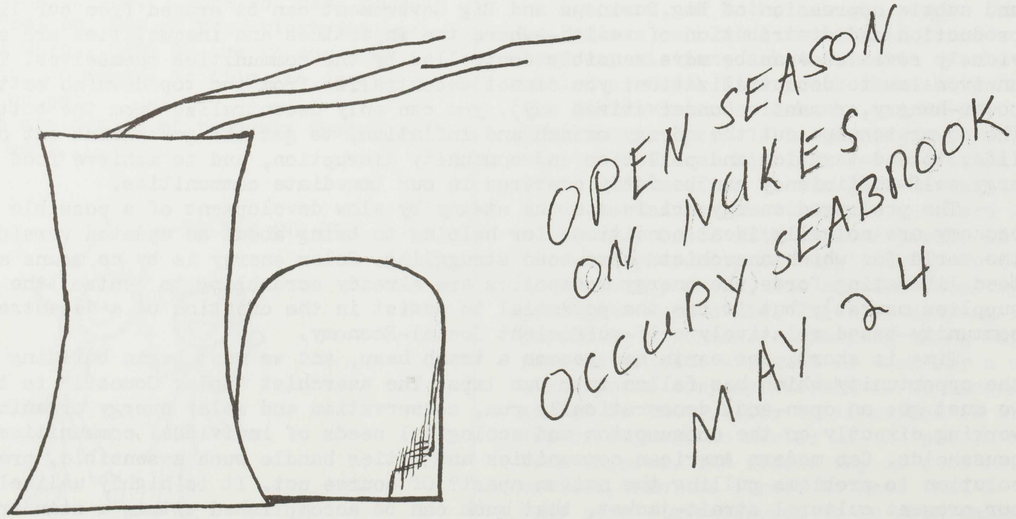

HUMAN NATURE

When speaking of human nature every man from fireman to baker speaks as if he is an expert. But it would seem before any comments can be made on the nature of man the natural environment must first be studied in detail, something which the common people do little of in our modern technological society.

In nature we find the wild beasts in harmony with the land and environment. Drawing only what each needs, the animals are all part of a greater whole which they also contribute to. The lives of these creatures is solely dependent upon their desires and whims. For the most part the animals work together, finding safety in numbers. And those species which are solitary may not work collectively with its fellows, but never does an animal set out to work against its kind. In short, animals live a totally free decentralized collective life in harmony with their species and the earth.

The traditional man would probably find this natural view of the animal kingdom quite different from his view of human nature. Yet, at the same time, all men will answer that they are "higher" than the creatures which roam the forests. Here in lies an immense contradiction.

It would seem that if the lowly beasts can function in a completely decentralized collective manner with such great efficiency and harmony, then surely a greater intelligence could with far greater ease and effectiveness. Even if man has allowed himself to drift from his natural origin, it is still as much part of his nature as any other animal. For man, with all his advances, is stil a member of the animal kingdom. It would seem to follow that all man need do is throw off his chains to regain his natural birthright of nature's freedom.

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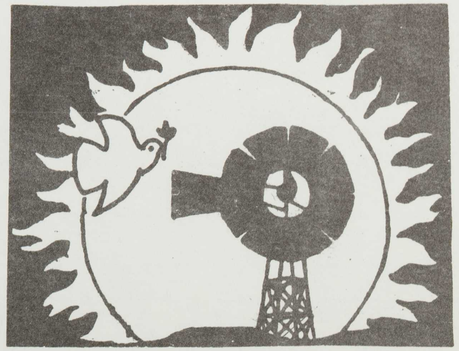
individual contracted a cancer there is no sign saying this cancer caused by strontium. How convenient, no black flag, no victim. The truth is not that there have been no victims but that we don't know how many victims. But those who were at the radiation victims hearings know there are thousands and that is just the tip of the iceberg.

These are just some of the reasons that nuclear power is unacceptable. They are not the only ones or even necessarily the best ones. I have not discussed the mining and milling of uranium, its effects on the ecology—not to mention the health effects. Nor the problems of transport and the thousands of "incidents"* involved already. I have only sketchily discussed the problems inherent in the plants themselves and volumes could be filled discussing the waste problem. Sabotage is another problem: ten pounds of plutonium makes a bomb. To justify security against terorism, we will lose more of our civil rights as nuclear power backs us into a police state. There is not enough space to show how nuclear power contributes to inflation and unemployment, not to tie up the connections between nuclear power and weapons. No matter how you look at it , a reactor is rotten to the core.

*DOE euphemism for accident

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