

## Friends Of The Earth:

# Nerve Center Of Britain's Environmental 'Movement'

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*...Work for a post-industrial age Earth...help further search for a tenable transition from the present environmental overspending to a civilization in equilibrium with its environment. Most important, help preserve the earth's genetic heritage and cultural heritage, the essential diversity of the interwoven life systems that keep the earth a living earth. Keep technology in perspective and under man's control, stressing low-energy decentralized technology....Fusion perhaps? These dreams are more likely to exacerbate than help the problem...*

—Friends of the Earth

In conjunction with the French Socialist Party and André Gorz's *Nouvel Observateur*, the Friends of the Earth (FOE) organized the demonstration against nuclear energy at Creys-Malville on Aug. 30, which ended in a bloody confrontation with police.

Recently, the FOE in England sponsored the environmentalist attack on the Windscale nuclear reprocessing center, aired at a Government Inquiry. The FOE boasted of a \$3 million expenditure on the testimony, organizing nonproliferation and antinuclear "experts" from the United States to testify.

In Australia, FOE agents are "helping" the aborigine tribes to file a legal case against the government and various mining concerns to prevent mining of uranium reserves located on their reservations. This action threatens over 90 percent of the known uranium reserves in Australia.

In West Germany, FOE leader Helger Strohm has been instrumental in the creation and growth of the Burgerinitiativen movement against nuclear and other advanced technology. In early 1977, the Burgerinitiativen, with support from the Maoist KPD-ML and others, organized mass antinuclear demonstrations in Brockdorf, Gronde, and Wyhl resulting in armed clashes with police. Right after these demonstrations, a series of terrorist attacks on industries supplying materials for the construction of nuclear power plants occurred across West Germany.

In Sweden, the FOE is coordinating an exchange program between Swedish environmentalists and the U.S. Clamshell Alliance (which targeted the New Hampshire Seabrook nuclear facilities for full shut-down).

The Friends of the Earth stands out among the groups which make up the hierarchy of the environmentalist

network as the mediating link between the institutions involved in lobbying and pro-environment propaganda, and anarchist and terrorist groups which carry out industrial sabotage and riots — all to preserve "spaceship earth." The Friends of the Earth was the first environmentalist operation set in place as a world-wide cadre force, receiving \$200,000 in seed money from the Aspen Institute's Robert O. Anderson in 1969. The FOE is unique in the international "movement," functioning as a political intelligence and covert operations unit, promoting no-growth economic policies dictated by top London and connected Wall Street banking networks.

### *Darwinian Evolution*

"Environmentalism" was developed in the 18th century, when Britain's ailing debt collection and colonial looting was threatened by humanist advances in science and technology. With the help of British East India Company operative John Stuart Mill, along with T.H. Huxley, Charles Darwin, and other members of the British aristocracy, the British Colonial Office put together a pseudo-scientific justification for maintaining cultural backwardness, minimal scientific research, and labor intensive industrial development.

This unnatural "environmental" illusion is now being built into a mass political movement by the *same* British gentry, with their associates and cothinkers inside the United States, including such organizations as Anderson's Aspen Institute and the Wall Street-based Stern Fund. Using a full policy for zero-growth global management, prepared in 1968 by the Club of Rome, the Aspen Institute — a post-World War II think-tank for Fabian and Malthusian operations — set up the command and control structure for a mass environmental movement.

The FOE's policy and ideological roots are most clearly expressed in the mid-May 1976 issue of their newspaper *Not Man Apart* in a featured policy statement for California by FOE associate Charles Warren, at that time a member of the California State Assembly and now a member of the Carter Administration's Council on Environmental Quality. Under the headline "Cornucopians and Malthusians," Warren writes: "...Analysts of future events have tended generally to divide into two groups: The Malthusians argue that the sources of the world are finite, and that continued growth will eventually threaten the resource supply available for future generations; that the driving mechanism behind resource exhaustion is increased population in conjunction with increasing per capita requirements. Therefore, they conclude some

form of population control is essential....I come down on the side of the Malthusians." The same issue of the paper gives extensive supportive publicity to the "Land for the People" campaign in California to destroy high technology agriculture and replace it with tiny 160 acre "family farms," a project heavily financed by the Stern Fund.

#### *Interlocking Directorate*

Although Friends of the Earth is nominally based in California, analysis of its directorate and council, reveals a web of British-controlled intelligence networks, utilizing all methods of persuasion from local terrorism to subversion at high policy levels inside national governments. Following is an elaboration of the networks and institutions crucial to the FOE operations around the world. *Aurelio Peccei*, director of the genocidal no-growth think tank, the Club of Rome, sits on the Council of the FOE, along with Club of Rome member *Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*. The main control, however, comes from the International Institute for Environment and Development whose directors *Maurice Strong*, *Harrison Brown* and *Aurelio Peccei* sit on the FOE Council.

The British monarchy's use of FOE as an extension of their colonial policies is strikingly revealed through *Lord Caradon*, a FOE Council member and specialist in British Colonial affairs in Africa and the Mideast, a specialty Caradon developed while working for the British Colonial office in Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Cyprus, Nigeria and Jamaica and another important Council member is *Raymond Dassman*, an organizer for the World Wildlife Fund headed by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), based in London, is headed by Lady Jackson (*Barbara Ward*) and is the central policy coordinating body for the world environmentalist campaign, and virtually controls the United Nations Environmental Program. In its 1976 annual report, the IIED defines its role as: "an effective link between expert and popular opinion — a contact which in turn effects the citizen's ability to influence governmental decisions. . . The IIED sees that these ideas are disseminated to governments and agencies and provides all possible support in helping to formulate programs."

After its creation in 1971, the IIED (then the IIEA — the International Institute for Environmental Affairs) moved in on the United Nations Environmental Programme and, for all intents and purposes, took it over as a powerful propaganda dissemination institution. Maurice Strong, then head of the Programme, was brought into the board of IIED. The IIED was instrumental organizing the U.N. sponsored ECO SOC, HABITAT and ECO LOS conferences, all major highly publicized events drawing government representatives from around the world. The IIED is also in charge of the United Nations Environmental Liaison Board, coordinating the activities of all Non-Governmental Operations — including the Friends of the Earth.

Further, through its influence over the U.N. Environment Programme the IIED controls the UN's Environment Fund, containing \$113 million pledged by 59 countries during the 1973-77 period. This money is designated for use to "stimulate through partial

assistance or seed money those activities which may be needed to fill gaps in the pattern of environmental action at all levels." 250 projects were approved for these funds during the first two years.

Outside of its activities at the U.N. the IIED directs the environmental movement through its European Environmental Bureau. The EEB links together *all* the European environment groups including the FOE and the West German Burgerinitiativen, organized to carry out violent protesting against construction of nuclear power plants in Europe.

#### *Friends of the Earth and Terrorism*

Direct policy input to the FOE from the U.S. comes through the Stern Fund networks through FOE Council member *Richard Ottinger*, a U.S. Congressman whose Ottinger Foundation is jointly administered with the Stern Fund. This Stern Fund group has a policy outlook which is identical to the British IIED and is responsible for financing and directing fascist local community control and terrorism, subverting U.S. industrial strength. Richard Ottinger's Foundation is a major funder, along with Stern, of the Youth Project, a network of local community control groups in the U.S. including the National Land for the People which is leading the campaign to destroy high technology agriculture in California and replace it with 160 acre "family farms." Youth Project also set up and conduited funds to Counterspy, a network of "ex-" intelligence agents, including Philip Agee, which published hit lists against the U.S. intelligence community resulting in the assassination of CIA Athens station chief, Richard Welsh.

The *Stern Fund* group, including FOE member Ottinger, also finances the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) which has been the central vehicle for deployment of synthetic "left" and "right" groupings for terrorist operations, including the Weatherman, George Jackson Brigade, FALN, etc. in the U.S., the Baader Meinhof gang in West Germany, and the Italian Red Brigades. This Stern Fund policy group also created and pays for the Washington D.C.-based Exploratory Project on Economic Alternatives, an IPS-run "think tank" which has prepared nuts and bolts manuals for "economic decentralization," small farms and "workers control" in the U.S., modeled on the 18th century British system.

#### *Utopians Unite*

When Friends of the Earth was established, a significant bulk of the membership was drawn from the World Federalist movement, a private intelligence network which was built by left-CIA operative Cord Meyer, with behind-the-scenes help from Fabian Bertrand Russell. This World Federalist input enabled the FOE to instantly acquire a worldwide network of influence. FOE Council member *Norman Cousins*, editor of *Saturday Review* magazine and a propaganda specialist with the World War II Office of War Information, is also an honorary president of the World Association of World Federalists and former editor of various World Federalist publications; *Stewart Ogilvy*, a FOE Director, is a member of the World Federalists and former editor of *World Government News*; *David Brower*, president and founder of the Friends of the

Earth is also a member of the advisory board of the World Federalists' *World Peace News* along with Mildred Blake, the United Nations representative for the FOE.

The World Federalist networks as a whole continue to function in close coordination with the FOE and the environmentalist movement in general. Its major front group is the Planetary Citizens, which was founded by *Norman Cousins* as a tax exempt non-governmental organization attached to the United Nations and recently elevated to "consultative status" by the U.N. Economic and Social Council (ECO SOC) and conveniently financed by the U.N.

The Federalists, and Planetary Citizens, are organized around a belief structure consonant with FOE, integrating pacifism, environmentalism, and synthetic fanatic religious operations into one countercultural outlook. "We have only just begun to learn that the world environment functions as one single organism," states a Planetary Citizens' brochure. Not surprisingly Planetary Citizens director Donald Keys, participated in the latest Club of Rome report "Goals for Mankind" preparing a section on "Goals for the U.N."

A model held up by the Planetary Citizens for a post-industrial lifestyle is a countercultural hippy commune in Tennessee known as "The Farm." "The Farm as a successful spiritual commune is now known worldwide. But there were many who despaired of anything good coming out of the drug scene in San Francisco in the late 60s. . . . Hundreds followed the exodus to Tennessee where The Farm took root. Today over 1000 *voluntary*

*peasants* live work and grow at the Farm," states the Planetary Citizens' newsletter, *One Family*. This feudal model for "voluntary simplicity" coached by the World Federalists and environmentalists has been hid under the banner of an "ethical imperative." "At present most Third World countries are trying to mimic the Western industrial 'miracle' . . . They want 'agrobusiness' rather than the self-reliant, soil-kindly, people-intensive small farm."

#### *Lovins' Spoonful*

FOE has served over the recent years as the initiator of new operations for the environmentalist movement. Their main international operative is *Amory Lovins*, an American expatriate who was educated at Oxford (although he did not graduate) and now lives in England.

Lovins' crankish ideas of alternative technologies and energy conservation were published last year in *Foreign Affairs*, the policy journal of the New York Council on Foreign Relations in an article titled: "Energy Strategy; The Road Not Taken." This article signaled the activation of antinuclear environmentalist operations on all levels from terrorist bombings, the Brockdorf Wyhl, Seabrook and other "civil disobedience" protests up to the push by the Carter Administration for a worldwide nuclear energy moratorium, to stall and bankrupt the nuclear industry.

Lovins then set out on an international tour, meeting with contacts in governments to push for a nuclear moratorium and adoption of "alternative" energy

## The Top 'Friends Of The Earth'

### *Robert O. Anderson:*

Chief executive of Atlantic Richfield Oil Company and director of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, a think tank designed to organize leading intellectuals around policies of environmentalism, World Federalism, and population control. Anderson provided \$200,000 in seed money to found the Friends of the Earth to function as an integral part of the Aspen Institute's environmental program. In 1969 Anderson, in conjunction with Britain's Lady Jackson, established the International Institute for Environment and Development to take over the United Nations Environment Programme, headed by Aspen Institute's Maurice Strong. Anderson is now a co-chairman of the IIED.

### *Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward):*

A member of Britain's aristocracy, Barbara Ward is a high level policy maker in the environmentalist operation. Trained as a Fabian economist she was brought onto the staff of *The Economist*, in 1939 intelligence and economic operations center for Rothschild banking networks. Ward is also a director of the U.S.-based Natural Resources Defense Council, a center for anti-industry litigation which has tied up the construction of hundreds of nuclear power plants through legal obstruction. She is the author of several major books popularizing environmentalism, including "*Spaceship Earth*," "*The Widening Gap*" and re-

cently a book issued in conjunction with the United Nations.

### *Norman Cousins:*

Editor of *Saturday Review* magazine and a member of the Friends of the Earth Council. Cousins has been a leading organizer for the World Federalist movement since he left the overseas branch of the Office of War Information psychological warfare propaganda unit in 1945. In 1961 Cousins published a book, "*Instead of Folly*," which argued to establish a world government which would override the sovereignty of all nations. In the 1970's, Cousins founded the Planetary Citizens, a world federalist organization advocating the dismantling of advanced civilization and offering countercultural communes as the "alternative" quality of life which could bring peace and freedom to the world.

### *David Brower:*

Founder and head of Friends of the Earth. Brower is a lifetime environmentalist and was president of the U.S.-based Sierra Club conservation group from 1952-69, when he split off a core group of followers to establish the FOE intelligence network. Brower is also a member of the World Federalist movement. He recently reported to *New Yorker* magazine that he is able to talk to chickens.

sources, such as solar collectors, windmills, methane gas collection from rotting garbage and similar backward ideas. In an interview last summer, Lovins stated he had secured a contract from a "high official inside the French government" for preparation of a "soft energy" proposal for France. He further stated he had met at length with West German Science and Technology Minister Matthofer shortly before Matthofer's speech calling for a moratorium on nuclear energy development in West Germany and an increased emphasis on alternative energy sources. In England, Lovins indicated that he was on close terms with Foreign Minister David Owen who "has a personal stake in the matter" (stopping nuclear technology development).

Lovins's latest book "*Soft Energy Paths*" is being foisted on the public as an irrefutable argument against nuclear energy development, and helped secure a meeting between Lovins and President Carter this fall, with the help of high level Wall Street backers.

Friends of the Earth maintain offices in at least 13 countries, including France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, West Germany, Ireland, Yugoslavia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand as well as their major offices in London and the U.S.

Exemplary is France, where the FOE has operated on several levels. Through their Paris office director, *Edwin Mathews*, a member of the top Wall Street law firm of Coudert Brothers (other Coudert lawyers are Richard Gardner, U.S. Ambassador to Italy and defender of the Institute for Policy Studies, and Sol Linowitz, author of the Linowitz Commission plan to destabilize Latin America) who maintains liaison with officials inside the French government to influence and

attempt to subvert the French nuclear energy development program. Another Paris FOE officer is *Brice LaLonde* who ran in the 1976 Paris mayoral election on an environmentalist ticket. LaLonde went to the Pacific with Bertrand Russell during the early 1960s to protest French nuclear experiments. LaLonde and lesser figures in the FOE are involved directly in organizing the "grass-roots" protest movement against advanced technology development, especially nuclear energy. FOE has been joined in this operation by the IPS-linked anarchist terrorist circles around *Nouvel Observateur*.

In England the FOE has set up a major base for their Europeanwide operations, participating in the IIED's European Environmental Bureau, based in London, and working closely with the environmental publication, *The Ecologist*. With the public support of Sir Julian Huxley, *The Ecologist* in 1972 published a special issue titled *Blueprint for Survival*, "complimenting the invaluable work being done by the Club of Rome," as its introduction stated. This issue of *The Ecologist* also inaugurated a regular column by the FOE, "Friends of the Earth Newsletter."

On the whole, investigation of the environmentalist movement confirms that this political creation has been artificially imposed on real scientific endeavors. If the world population is to accept deindustrialization and possibly thermonuclear holocaust, then an anti-growth, and antinuclear mass movement is regarded as a political necessity by British and U.S. financiers committed to managing full economic collapse. For the emergence of the labor-industry alliance committed to nuclear-based industrial expansion, environmental protests have proven useless.

—Stuart Pettingell