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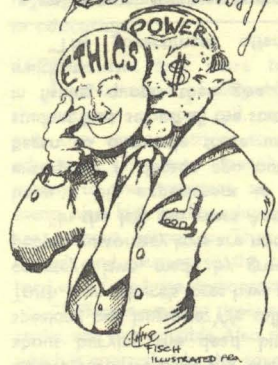
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"Multinational Corporations are... the shock troops of the imperial powers."
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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



“In the short term the future’s really good. I couldn’t have foreseen this in my dreams. There is going to be a shock around the world, I mean it is gonna be like an earthquake. It’s the first stirrings of something really massive across the world. The fuse has been lit on a really big piece of dynamite, y’know. Sometimes the fuse goes out or someone cuts it, but if it goes on like this we are gonna have a real explosion of a movement. Since ‘68 we haven’t had this kind of special smell in the air.”

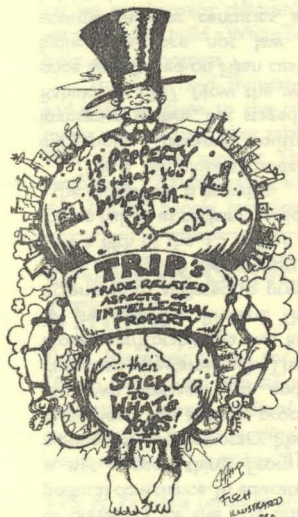
Olivier de Marcellus, a grey-haired Swiss lecturer, is positively throbbing with excitement. He’s one of the coordinating team of a new ad hoc international group called People’s Global Action, where more than 300 delegates from 71 countries came to Geneva to share their anger over corporate rule.

“It is difficult to describe the warmth and the depth of the encounters we had here. The global enemy is relatively well-known, but the global resistance that it meets rarely passes through the filter of the media. And here we met the people who had shut down whole cities in Canada with general strikes, risked their lives to seize lands in Latin America, destroyed the seat of Cargill in India or Novartis’s transgenic maize in France. The discussions, the concrete planning for action, the stories of struggle, the personalities, the enthusiastic hospitality of the Genevan squatters, the impassioned accents of the women and men facing the police outside the WTO building, all sealed an alliance between us. Scattered around the world again, we will not forget. We remain together. This is our common struggle.”

Over half of the top 100 economies of the world are not countries, but corporations. And the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is the cosy home of their free trade bliss here in Geneva, the capital of world capital. General Motors is bigger than South Africa, Shell mightier than Norway, IBM eclipses Pakistan. Mitsubishi, for example, is now the fifth largest ‘country’ in the world. “We are writing the constitution of a single global economy”, boasts the WTO’s Renato Ruggerio. Welcome to the new world government. Welcome to the united colours of global resistance.

“We have to start aiming at the head,” explains Olivier. “We have been militants fighting against nuclear power, against housing, sexism. Different tentacles of the monster. You are never really going to do it that way, you really have to aim at the head.”

The process began with the Zapatista-inspired ‘Encuentro’ in Mexico in 1996. “The Encuentro launched the idea of people working horizontally across the world, this international of Hope. They are the brain. Like a huge commercial fair of ideas and initiatives. The network you construct is... a fuzzy thing. Another kind of network would be to organise towards one



very precise objective - Fuck the World Trade Organisation. There's room for both the general circulation of ideas, and also to make the networks work you have to do something. It was a big vision."

The World Trade Organisation was born out of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the global fast-forward button to corporate domination. It enshrined the 'free' trade market and exists as a 'stand alone' body. It is the vehicle not only for manufactured goods but also agriculture, trades in services and TRIPs (Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights). TRIPs are far out - they allow multinationals to patent life for profit, whether it is the genes of a tribe in Ecuador or the seeds of an indigenous plant in India.

International trade treaties have become the most important phenomenon in globalisation. The latest scam is known as the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. The respected writer and broadcaster John Pilger describes the MAI as "the most important imperial advance for half a century".

Inside a Parisian bunker, every six weeks since 1995, representatives of the 29 richest countries on Earth - including the UK - have been plotting this new deal in secrecy and in haste. It is an agreement that would, at a stroke, legally bind together these countries for a minimum of 20 years and seek to invalidate all domestic environmental, social and labour protections to the greater 'rights' of money in the international 'free' market.

The real clout in the MAI is the right it gives companies to sue governments for large damages. In what is known as the 'pay the polluter' case, the Ethyl Corporation of America is suing the Canadian government for \$367 million dollars for banning the use of MMT, a controversial gasoline additive, which it makes in Ottawa. It wants "immediate compensation for imposing legislation which hinders its operations [profits]" under free trade rules identical to the MAI.

But across the globe resistance is growing. In May this year actions were taking place across the globe to mark the rage against the WTO celebrations of their 50th anniversary. The fury ranged across all continents from Canada to Columbia, Bangladesh to Aotearoa/NZ. Over 30 cities, from Ankara to San Francisco were holding the first global street party on the same day with the slogan: "our resistance will be as global as capital!"

And in Geneva itself several hundred Indian farmers, Italian train-jumpers, French unemployed marchers, German caravan convoyers were spoiling the party. The united colours of global action are serious. But when I asked a smiling Olivier to give his statement to the world he summed up the spirit: "This," he said, "is really fun!"



MAORI INDEPENDENCE

Mereana is a historian and grandmother from Aotearoa/New Zealand. She takes part in direct action as part of the movement for political sovereignty for the Maori people.

"We were the last of the Pacific countries to be colonised, under the Waitangi Treaty of 1840. Britain dumped it's poor and sent them out to the world. In Aotearoa/NZ, 750,000 immigrants outnumbered Maoris three to one, by 1900 there were only 42,000 of us left out of a quarter of a million.

"In the early 1970s, Maori students went to university for the first time and gained a political conscience. To educate the oppressed is not a good thing! From there came a number of contemporary Maori sovereignty movements. It's been a process of learning our own language again, and what we call Puaeoao (reclamation). The Maori Unity Movement/Kotahitanga was founded in 1983 by the late Eva Rickard. There are many organisations affiliated to pressing the Maori claim to 70% of the country's land. We are now a fifth of the 3.5 million population and maybe half of us reclaim our identity as Maori - the movement is growing.

"Fiji is the closest model we have. The indigenous became outnumbered by immigrant Indians, but staged a coup under Rabuka in 1987. Now the whole system is once again based on Fijian customary law. We believe in lore not law. Natural laws accumulate over centuries, about how we behave, how we treat the land, how we fish, about burying the dead, birthing babies, speaking our language. We call it Tika - The Truth. Our culture's lores have preceded the country's laws, made by groups of White people, customary laws are not negotiable.

"In the last ten years Aotearoa/NZ has been a big experiment in free market enterprise. A decade ago our government began to dismantle trade unions, put up student fees, sell off all the state assets, bring in fishing quotas then give it all to the multinationals.

"The government offered a 'fiscal

envelope' of \$1Billion to settle all Maori claims for land six years ago. Our paramount chief called together all 44 nations who unanimously rejected the plan. So then the government introduced the Resource Management Act of 1992, which acknowledged Maori ownership of land but said that everything above and below that land belonged to the state! So the trees belong to us, even though you own the land, and they negotiate with multinationals for the cutting rights - and so we've been protesting.

"Our protests are quite like yours - innovative. We cut down pine trees, behead statues, burn down forests. Because we are only a small nation against a huge military force we have to innovate. We can't take up arms, but we can chain up bridges. We carried huge chains, about 80 of us, and stopped traffic and had a party and left. We occupy our lands, we steal huge million-dollar paintings. We occupy construction sites, destabilise machinery. We hack down flagpoles. Recently the government dropped poison to kill the possums on the land of one nation, so they threw all the possums, on a truck, dumped them on the steps of the environment department and split them open.

"There's a huge education program going on teaching the population about history, and a lot more Whites are also finding out that we've ALL been lied to. The government is frightened to be morally challenged by its' own people, and has reacted by becoming a lot more divorced from the people. They are doing all their deals but there's nothing on the news. Multinationals are increasingly capturing small governments. But I'm optimistic about our own struggle and our own people.

"I'm really concerned about the impact of the economics of globalisation on our people. Specifically I'm looking at genetic engineering and the patenting of indigenous people's genes and the whole concept of cultural and intellectual properties. Because fundamental to our culture's survival is that we remain in charge of our customary laws and our plants and certainly our life pattern.

"The namer of names is the father of all things. I'd like to see us start naming some names and tracking them. We've got Rio Tinto, which have huge subsidiaries. Find the enemy. They hate it when you're in their face."

ARGENTINIAN HUNGER STRIKE

Alejandro Demichelis, is the press secretary of CTERA, the Federation of Argentinian Teachers. They have been on a 'rolling' hunger strike outside the Argentinian Congress in the 'White Tent of Dignity' since April 2nd 1997. In an imaginative tactical protest up to fifty different teachers are refusing food each month, to highlight massive World Bank-inspired cuts in education.

"The last few years has seen the privatisation of all public services of the country - water, rail, communications, gas... they are now trying to destroy public education. The state doesn't give enough money to the provinces, so some departments have high quality education but others are without resources. They closed some schools and courses, so the conflict started hard with four huge demonstrations.

"Different working times meant a normal strike, was not possible. Also, the mass media which is controlled by the government would say we are harming children's education. So we decided to build a White Tent of Dignity in front of the congress.

"Hundreds and thousands of teachers and children came to the tent. At first the media was confused, they asked 'what is this?' Then they gave support. They collected a petition of 1,200,000 calling for the Education Act. 200,000 people, including children, went

CANADA GENERAL STRIKE

Dave Bleakney works for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, one of the country's more radical unions. He recounts the events leading to their three-week strike in December '97.

"We were telling everyone that we're going on strike so no-one was mailing anything - and then we didn't go on strike. Post Offices were empty and we're all just sitting around talking and they were paying us. It really fucked them up and they didn't know what to do they were going nuts - finally they started laying off people and then at that point, once one person got laid off, the whole place went on strike.

"It was beautiful, in Toronto, four thousand people on the picket lines. There were no scabs this, 'cos last time we really put the run to scabs - they didn't even try it this time. In '91 they had to hire helicopters to get the bosses out of the plant because we wouldn't let them out, we didn't let anybody in or out for a week. This time they thought

on hunger strike for two days.

"When Clinton came to Argentina we held a big march at night with torches. The most important ballet group in Argentina came to the tent, streets around the tent were completely occupied. Many very famous Spanish singers came. There was a football match in the street and the traffic was stopped - it was very funny.

"There's been five national strikes and eight marches against the govt. One week they built tents in front of the local parliaments where different teachers made a one week hunger strike. There was also solidarity from Paraguay, Chile, Brazil, and in Uruguay they made a ten day hunger strike.

"Despite everything, the Education minister wrote a terrible Act inspired by the World Bank who want to give \$600M to the government in return for a Structural Adjustment Programme. We asked for an increase in taxes for the rich people and the richest businesses in the country. Education and health are the last two sectors not to be privatised. In Argentina there is 20% unemployment due to Structural Adjustment.

"For one year people have been very worried about public education, so that is a real victory. And also they have created networks that are wider than just education. We hope that law will be passed but if it doesn't happen we will keep on with the struggle. An important fact is that, before, the young people didn't like the unions because of how the unions were run. But now they see there are honest, uncorrupted unions that would rather die fighting than on their knees."

'they're going to strike we're just going to close the Post Office, we're not even going to try that this time'.

"We found that government and big business and employers had colluded behind closed doors. We had written evidence, a memo from a meeting that the board of the Direct Mail Association had had with the government minister responsible for the Post Office and a representative of our employer, basically laying out exactly what they were going to do to us.

"It occurred to us that maybe we shouldn't be targeting our employer, but these other fuckers too, right? We shut down major streets, and then closed the international Airport for a half-day. Really time-sensitive shit not making it on to the planes.

"Canadians are considered a very pliant, peaceful people, and just chase bears and that sort of thing you know - and play hockey of course... In the past two years, we've had ten city-wide general strikes in Ontario. A few years ago if you chanted 'general strike' people looked like you were crazy, the postal workers would do, but everyone would look at us like we're nuts. Now people are picking it up."

KANATAKA STATE FARMERS

Professor Nanjundaswamy, 62, is a farmer and the president of the ten-million strong Karnataka State Farmers' Association (KRRS). Their Gandhian-style brand of direct action has seen 50,000 members laughing at a government building, taking apart every brick of a Cargill's building, and publicly burning a Kentucky Fried Chicken branch. This last action left him with an attempted murder charge which is still hanging over his head. He lives in Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka (literally 'the priceless gift of indulgent nature') the city with the most multinational corporate power in India and the only source of gold and silver.

"I have a farm, my family have been farming for centuries. We formed a farmer's union at all state levels and we have an interstate committee of all India. The KRRS organised itself within the state. Non-farmers are not admitted to the organisation, nor are members of other political organisations.

"We believe in direct action and direct

AZTLAN - A NEW NATION

Bobby used to be leader of the largest Chicano gang in Los Angeles, and spent fourteen years in prison where he was tortured. In prison he met Leonard Peltier, leader of the American Indian Movement who turned him into a revolutionary.

"I represent the Salaam Liberation Organisation, an independence movement in the south western United States. The majority of the population in California, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Texas are indigenous. We are not Mexican, and we are not American, we want to form a new nation of which we are the majority and we call that Aztlan. Aztlan is where the Aztec people came - and we are re-claiming that land.

"We are denied education, equal rights on labour, the right to speak our own languages. We are not able to work or when we do work we are still in poverty so we've got to steal to feed our people. Our youth have been criminalised; 85% are in there for selling marijuana or possessing small amounts. Then they created three strikes. One of my kids stole some balloney and he

SOUTH KOREA RIOT TACTICS

'Kwon' is from the group on Policy and Information Centre for Solidarity.

"The USA made South Korea a capitalist window. Because of North Korea's extreme communism, in South Korea there is still a national security law so we cannot so we cannot have communism and we cannot resist the fundamental concept of capitalism. If we say we reject the capitalist concept we will be arrested. The Socialist Workers Associations existed in the early 1990s but this organisation was underground. It's leaders, Paek Pae Oony and Park No Hae, are now in jail. They will be there for their whole lives.

"There was a general strike for two months last winter. In Seoul maybe 300,000 people were fighting the government's globalisation programme. The biggest rally, for the Revision of the Evil Labor Law and the Victory of the General Strike was held in Chongmyo Park. We fought the police. When the distance is far we throw stones and burning bottles. When close we use metal pipes. About 200 people were arrested. But the struggle was across the nation: in one region someone burned themselves. This is also the way of protesting in S. Korea. The leadership of the Korean Federation of Trade Unions cut their hair. Many people had a hunger strike in Myongdong Cathedral in the centre of Seoul. But the general strike failed.

"After the financial crisis in December '97 the new president, Kim Tae Jung, was elected. He and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) imposed a new globalisation programme on the Korean people. The plan has affected our salaries. Many people say their salaries have dropped and have not received them for several months. Korean capitalists said we must reduce our pay or face layoffs."

EAST TIMOR CONGRESS

Ceu Brites is from the East Timor Relief Association. She has been in exile for 22 years.

"In 1998 East Timor is still under military control. We have to ask permission to move around. They used to use sticks but since the Dili massacre in 1991 they use gas.

political methods. Our democratically elected representatives have failed us in India. The only alternative for any people in the human democracy is to protect themselves with direct action. 37 multinationals are in my city, Bangalore, and all 37 have been given free police protection by the state government.

"Trade Related Intellectual Property rights [TRIPs] would mean peasant laws being changed according to American desires... we are planning to violate that law from day one. We would like a movement similar to the salt movement Gandhi launched against the British, and start selling our own indigenous seeds in the streets. Whatever they do in Geneva could not be implemented in India.

"The Multilateral Agreement on Investment would also be a disaster to all the countries. It yields sovereign status to multinational corporations. They'd be able to sue sovereign governments. We will be separated by miseries like unemployment and poverty. They can transfer anything to any other country because of cheap labour. Most of the Multinationals think it is more profitable to transfer their industries to countries who have laws which are lenient.

was caught, then he stole a car radio and was sent to prison. When he got out he didn't have any money and they gave him really outrageous looking clothes to wear, so he stole a pair of Levi's. Now he's in prison for twenty five years for stealing bologna, a radio and some Levi's.

"If we fight for affirmative action, fight for housing, if we fight for all these little band aids we get nowhere, the only real way, is to take the land from our own government and get rid of the United States of America. We can talk about free trade today, or immigrants tomorrow, but it's pushing little band aids while we haemorrhage because of the world system.

"In 1992 our movement, the Movimento Liberation de Nacional, the Independence Movement of Porta Rico, the Black Panthers, the New African Peoples organisation, the Black liberation movement and white resisters of north America came together. We got Francis Boil, a professor of international law to help us develop a document so we could prosecute the United States of America and dissolve the federal system, which was found guilty of genocide and committing human rights violations. Now there are groups like Food Not Bombs and Earth First! who are joining us. This is not a racial thing - we need the white people who

FOOD NOT BOMBS

Keith McHenry is the co-founder of Food Not Bombs, Homes Not Jails, October 22nd No Police Brutality Day and is active in the Free Radio across the USA.

"We are in a really brutal period where there are 800,000 more people in US prisons which has doubled in two years. The national welfare programme was abolished last year, so many people are becoming homeless. Homelessness is huge.

"The Police State is becoming huge. With the Crime Bill the Clinton administration called for 10,000 more cops on the streets. In San Francisco it is virtually impossible to protest. You assemble for a short while but it's very unusual for them to allow protests to end. They like to round you up and arrest you.

"And then there's the Counter Terrorism Bill. In San Francisco they've put \$2M into informants - to pay people to lie about you - so there is this whole system on a new level.

"The economy is collapsing. Some people are getting super, super rich but the majority are getting so, so poor. And so there is the resistance. The Militia movement is probably the most famous. Europeans assume the Militia are White Supremes, Nazis, Ku Klux Klan. There are many of these. But there are a lot of independent militias, white & black who are trying to organise areas that are independent of the US. So there's been alliances between left-activists and Militia members. Some have joined Food Not Bombs because they were angry that the government was shutting us down for serving food.

We are forced to sell our land because Tutu, Suharto's daughter, is selling this oil rich land, our land, to multinationals to exploit it. We also have the rarest marble in the world. The health situation is very bad. We can send only two doctors to East Timor who can stay for just three months. Tuberculosis is rife because of a lack of treatment and expensive medicines.

"But, since the East Timorese Bishop

The North and South has to work together whether it is fighting industrialisation or patents on life forms, patents on plants and seeds. The impact is not just on the South, the impact is global, it has an impact on the whole of humanity. There will be an erosion of bio-diversity through TRIPs and technology. I always compare it to Siamese twins - what happens to the South has implications to the North and vice versa. We have to work hand in hand.

"The name given by Gandhi for non-violent civil disobedience, Satyagraha, literally means fight of truth. It is a non-violent fight. It's about violating unjust laws and facing the consequences, being prepared to suffer for the cause to the extent of sacrificing one's life. In no circumstances do you retaliate.

"For example, when we targeted Kentucky Fried Chicken our activists didn't run away. They sat on the street waiting for the police to arrive, were arrested and went to jail. We don't disown what we have done - we say that we have done it, and done the right thing. The American ambassador insisted that I be arrested even though I wasn't present at the event and I have been falsely charged with attempted murder and the case is still pending."

live in Aztlan as well.

"We are exercising our legal right to self-determination, to reclaim our land in violation of treaties and being guilty of genocide. We have to take the lead, and overthrow the United States to make the whole world safer. We are not a pacifist organisation - you must understand our need to defend ourselves. Just a few months ago the police walked into our leaders house and in front of his mother shot their baby thirteen times. They are sending the same message they did to the American Indian Movement. What I'm gonna tell you right now is so mind boggling. Two weeks ago we had a treaty between the Chicano gangs and the black gangs. In Los Angeles there's now one gang with 20,000 members. Myself and Russell Means and Zack Delayrose from Rage Against The Machine, had 1200 different gang members in one spot with Rage playing - these guys didn't fight each other, and I told them to ask whose land is it - and they all shouted back 'our land'.

"We ain't no political party, it's a matter of you gotta do something fuckin' now man - the rainforests are gone, the fish are floating on top of the water - we don't have to get lab experts to figure our what the fuck is causing their death - they dead!"

"Food Not Bombs started 18 years ago, and we've been arrested 1,000 times in San Francisco for serving food, and it is starting to expand across America. One of the big problems for the state is that it is a very good organising tool. They are worried that people will be empowered because we are able to get our own food and resources. The fact that we are taking care with ourselves, and having a sense of independence freaks the government and they don't want that. We embarrass the government by being unemployed people who feed hundreds of people for free and they are saying we need more tax dollars to feed the homeless.

"We have 400 unlicensed radio stations and we've been building radio transmitters. Maybe five years ago people would be frightened to do free radio. Ten years ago people wouldn't squat - you could get five years. For some people being outside prison and being inside isn't much different. In fact for many, being in prison is better because you have running water, TV, food comes every day and your clothes are washed.

"There's no guaranteed welfare in the US. They have to make you work. The theory is that if you do this Workfare you'll learn a skill, you end up having a job. The reality is that they had to lay off all the city workers in each of the municipalities and replaced them by people getting Workfare. So you might have been getting \$10 a hour as a City employee, with full health benefits and retirement. They lay you off and then within three or four months you're doing the same job on Workfare with no benefits working for \$136 every two weeks. In San Francisco the cheapest apartment would be \$400 a month. There's a new statistic that 70% of the homeless are employed, but they just never make enough money to live.

Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo and Jose Ramos Horta won the joint 1996 Nobel Peace Prize we have been able to organise more openly within countries in the Asia Pacific region.

"And in Lisbon this May ('98) we will hold the Timorese National Congress - like the African National Congress - to look forward to forming our own government. It could happen in just a few year's time."

Half the world hasn't even used a telephone - let alone a computer - yet many global resistance groups find a way of being on the 'net. Solidarity with the indigenous Zapatistas has established a strong international network against globalisation inspired by communiques via a laptop from the Lacondra jungle of South East Mexico (www.ezln.org). These faceless contacts became human at the 'Encuentro' meetings (in Mexico '96) and 2nd 'Encuentro' (Spain '97)

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We asked which multinationals people should take action against. Subsidiaries exist around the globe - here we give only the UK details. Do some research, or contact the BOOK-MARKS on the left.

SHELL - Oil & Gas. The Shell group is the second largest multinational on Earth. Responsible for collusion with the military in the murders of Nigeria's Ogoni people, and environmental outrages in that country and worldwide. Too much to list. *Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA, UK. +44 (0) 171 930 2399. Chairman: Cor AJ Herkstroter, Weteringlaan 8224g, Wassenaar, Netherlands. Vice Chairman: JS Jennings, 16 Milborne Gr, London, UK.*

MONSANTO - Genetics, chemicals, plastics and medicines. From the makers of Agent Orange and the bovine growth hormone BST have come genetically modified Roundup Ready Soya beans, now in up to 60% of processed foods. PO Box 53 Lands End Rd, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4HL, UK. +44 (0) 1494 474 918. Chairman: Michael Ford, 10 Daws Lea, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP11 1QF, UK. **BURSON-MARSTELLA** - Public Relations. Specialises in environmental PR and crisis management. Internationally BM obscured the debate about the Bhopal disaster, the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. Clients include Shell, Monsanto, BNFL, BP Chemicals, Proctor & Gamble. 24-28 Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2PX, UK. +44 (0) 171 831 6262. UK Managing Director: Paul B Philpotts, Camden Cleve, 39 Yester Rd, Chislehurst, Kent BR7 5HN, UK. +44 (0) 181 467 5485. **RIOTINTO** - Mining. The world's largest mining company, responsible for large scale tropical deforestation, displacement of indigenous peoples and industrial pollution in Madagascar, West Papua, Bolivia and around the world. 6 St James Square, London, SW1Y 4LN, UK. +44 (0) 171 930 2399. Chief Executive: Leonard A. Davies, 27 Bloomfield Terrace, Belgravia, London, SW1W 8PQ, UK. **GAP** - Clothing. The Gap, Inc. is an international specialty retailer for all age groups. GPS's brands include Gap, GapKids, babyGap, Bannana Republic & Old Navy. Backed the government's Quality of Life Enforcement Matrix Program; Resolution 187, the anti-immigrant law, and 'three strikes'. President Don Fisher made \$3B last year. President: Don Fisher, 1 Harrison St, San Francisco, CA 94105, USA Tel: +1 415 4272000. **CARGILL** - Seed trader (India). Mainly operates in retail distribution of consumer and perishable goods. Is making major efforts to gain control over the seed market by life patenting. Producing sterile seeds so they last for just one crop, farmers then buying from the company every year. Chairman: A A Page, 40 York Street, Colombo, Sri Lanka Tel: +94 1 329331.

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