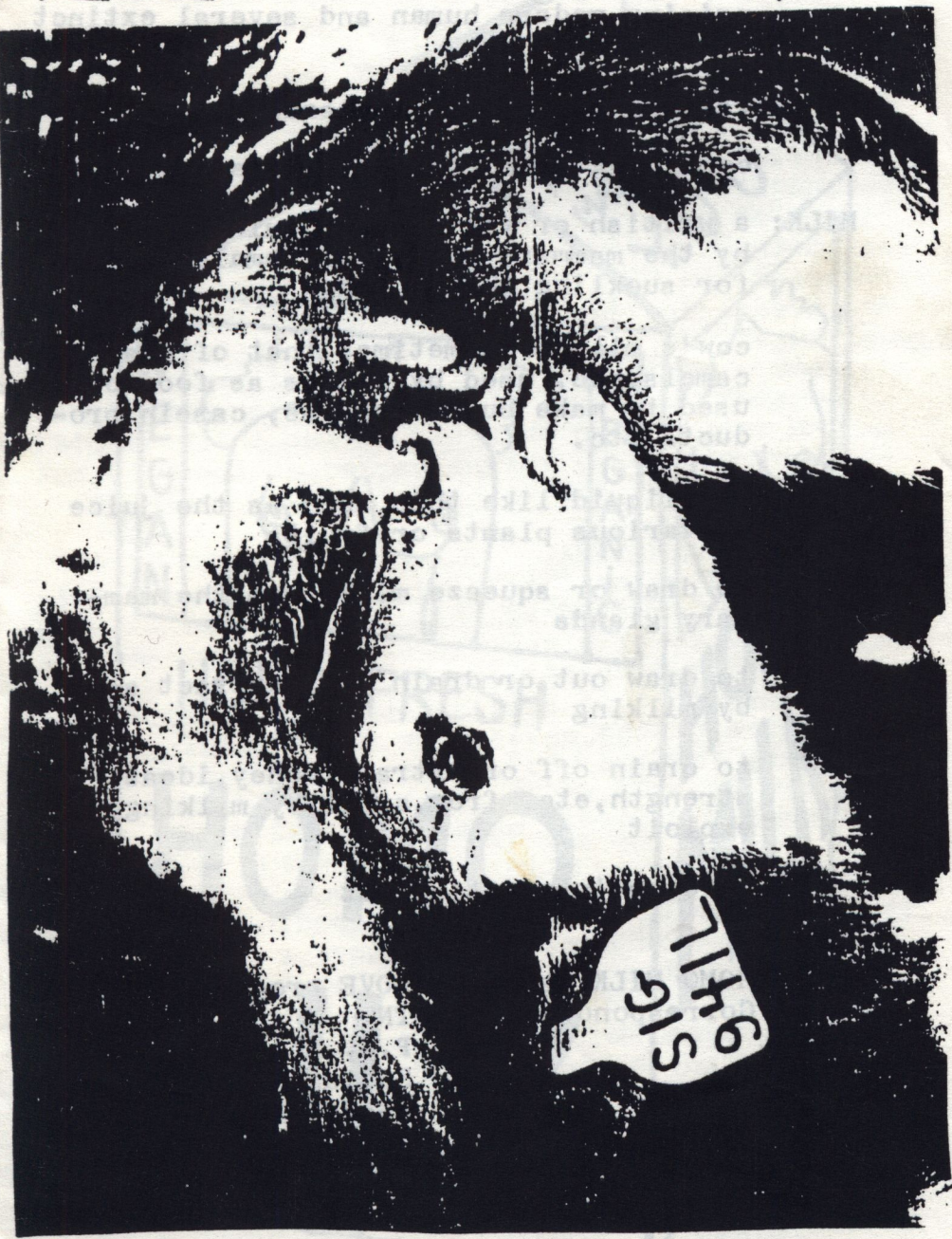


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HOMO: Any of a genus (homo) of primates comprising modern human and several extinct species of human

(slang) short for homosexual

combining form meaning same, equal, like

MILK: a whitish or yellowish liquid secreted by the mammary glands of female mammals for suckling their young

cow's milk or sometimes that of goats, camels, etc. used by humans as food or used to make butter, cheese, casein products, etc.

any liquid like this such as the juice of various plants or fruits

to draw or squeeze milk from the mammary glands

to draw out or drain off; extract as if by milking

to drain off or extract money, ideas, strength, etc. from, as if by milking; exploit

to draw information out

HOMO MILK is a TNT LOVE project.

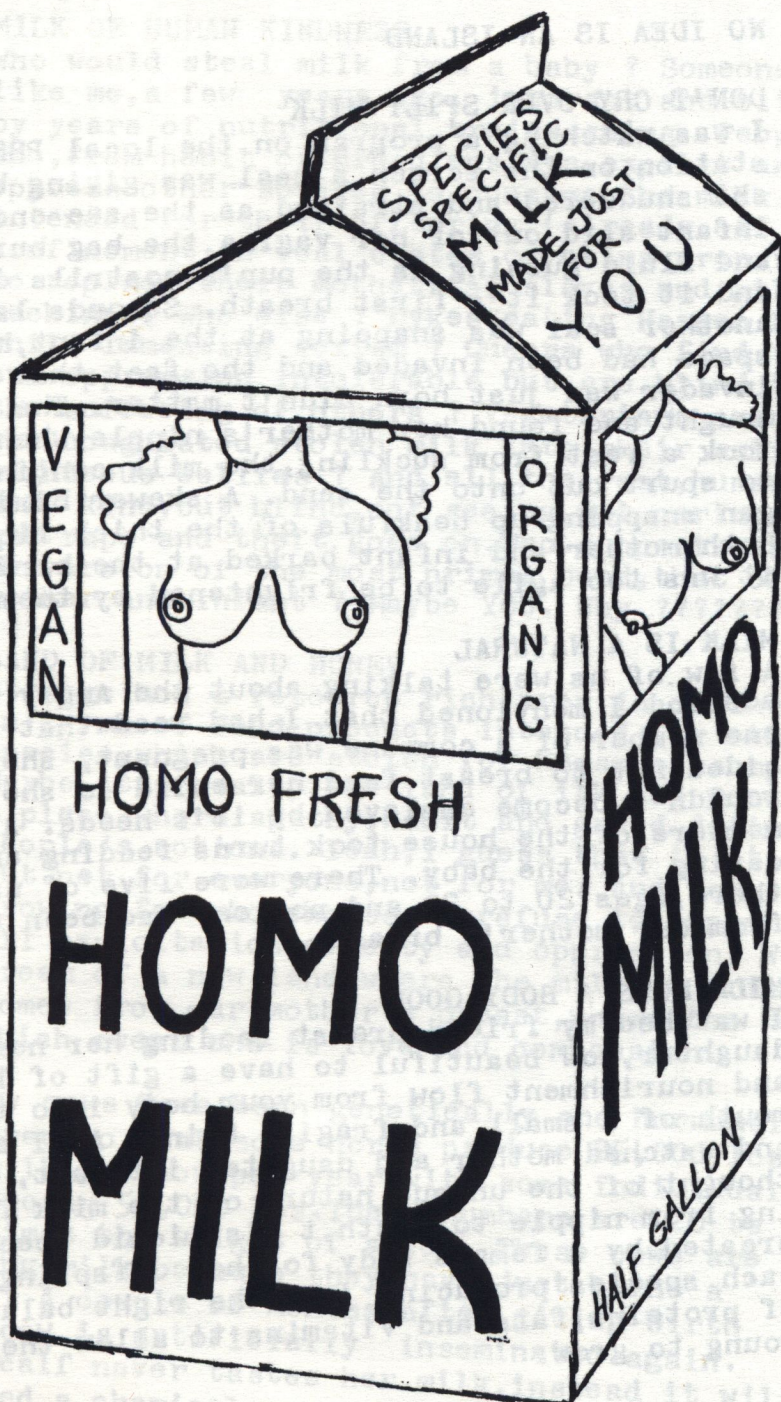
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KEEP IT UP. TEAR IT DOWN



NO IDEA IS AN ISLAND

DON'T CRY OVER SPILT MILK

I was watching a program on the local PBS station, on the screen a seal was giving birth, she shuddered and strained as the sac enclosed infant slid out of her vagina, the bag bursting and fluid gushing as the pup's nostrils dilated and it took it's first breath. Seconds later, another seal was snapping at the infant, her space had been invaded and the fact that the invader was just born didn't matter. The pup sought and found her mother's nipple, when she took a rest from suckling, the milk continued to spurt out onto the sand. A skewer bird began snapping up beakfuls off the thick liquid. Both mother and infant barked at the bird but it was too agile to be frightened by them.

MILK IS A NATURAL

A few of us were talking about the Angry Brigade and I mentioned that I had read that when one member of a commune was pregnant, she decided not to breast feed her child so she wouldn't become enslaved by it's needs. All members of the house took turns feeding and caring for the baby. There were five of us there, ages 20 to 29 and not one had been fed from our mother's breast.

MILK DOES A BODY GOOD

I watched my friend breast feeding her new daughter, how beautiful to have a gift of love and nourishment flow from your body into the mouth of a small and fragile being. As I sat and watched mother and daughter interact, I thought of the unique nature of the milk flowing from nipple to mouth, this liquid specially created by a female body for her offspring, each species producing just the right balance of proteins, fats and vitamins to allow their young to grow.

MILK OF HUMAN KINDNESS

Who would steal milk from a baby ? Someone like me, a few years ago, ignorant and blinded by years of nutritional brainwashing. People who, from habit or greed enslave, exploit and oppress other species to consume the milk intended for their offspring (already off to confinement in veal crates or being prepared to replace their mothers as slaves and milk machines. Who else ? Dykes eating Haagen Daas while lamenting sexism ? Queers who find their own oppression intolerable but are blind to the suffering of others ? Vegetarians cramming the coagulated stolen milk into their self-righteous bellies ? And all the rest, humans, not kind, but blind, not seeing, not caring as the rape and theft goes on. Who supports this perversion of the most primal bond, that of mother and infant ? Maybe YOU. Why ??????????

LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

Strange how a resource rich area is defined in terms of food products intended for other species, which are stolen for human consumption. Maybe it's really the land of ilk and money, a place where apathy, habit and greed define people's actions. Yeah, I guess that is it, but not for everyone, not for me. And not the growing few who choose to refuse to support all exploitation, cruelty and oppression. We dream of a new land where the milk we drink comes from our mother's breast, where the honey which sweet ens is love and compassion.

Dairy cows have been genetically and hormonally altered so that some herds produce 25,000 lbs. of milk per cow per year, with some individuals producing 50,000 lbs. These numbers are 20 to 40 times the weight of a cow. These cows are giving milk because they have just borne a calf. A couple of months after giving birth the cow is artificially inseminated again. Her calf never tastes her milk, instead it will be fed a chemical concoction designed to produce the anemic pale flesh called veal.

HOMO VEGAN *

Most people know what a homo is (if not see our handy definition page). But what's a vegan, and, more specifically, a homo vegan? A vegan is someone who expresses their opposition to oppression by not participating in animal exploitation. This resistance can be best defined in negative terms. A vegan doesn't consume animals or animal products (milk, eggs, honey, etc.). A vegan doesn't wear animal skins or use animal tested products. Unfortunately, we live in a society where avoidance of exploitative products is difficult. A vegan does respect the autonomy of each individual being (regardless of species) and strives for peaceful coexistence with all beings and the planet.

We have dedicated our lives and actions to resistance against oppression and exploitation. As queers, anarchists, punks, vegans, we have sought to live an alternative to ignorance power and greed. We have been censured, criticized, condemned and even jailed for standing up for our beliefs. Sadly, those who attack have been, not only authorities such as police, but also those who label themselves alternative. Still, we stand firm, compelled by reason and compassion. Our most effective tool has been communication, in it's many forms and mediums. We have been angry and, perhaps, righteous, yet our motivation has been and remains, love and caring. We invite discourse, provocation and interaction. What do you do?



* If anyone knows the origin of this term, let us know. Thanks.

HER STORY

She was frightened, yet complacent in her fear, she knew there was no escape from the wooden walls of her prison. She knew every inch of her cell, from the filthy straw on the floor, soiled with her urine and feces, to the strips of fly paper encrusted with hundreds of insects, which hung high above her head. She knew that even if she did escape she would never find freedom, alone and female, she would be claimed, captured, enslaved by some other man. She was being moved to a different area, with relief she realized it was not into the restraining device where, every year or so, she was raped by some brutal stranger. She had endured that torment by dreaming of the child which might follow, but her child (or were there two ?, she couldn't recall) had been taken from her minutes after birth, it had never even suckled, she remembered it's cries of terror and loneliness as they took it away, but she no longer mourned her loss, years of humiliation and abuse had left her numb. Now she noticed others being brought out, she had heard their cries and caught glimpses of them before, but her curiosity was dead also. None of the others reacted to each other's presence either, just too beaten down. They huddled together, each alone with scarred and unfeeling body and mind. Two men approached the silent and pathetic group, one said "these the ones ain't giving enough milk anymore ?". "Yeah" the other replied "they're off to slaughter." He slapped one of the cows on the rump, "Bye Bye, Bessie", they walked on.

NOTE: I hesitated to write this story, feeling it's been done before and better, but I decided this may reach a new audience and, anyway, an exercise in empathy does wonders in exposing apathy.

The Sexual Politics of Meat: A Feminist-Vegetarian Critical Theory by Carol J. Adams

This is the book I've been waiting for. The basic promise is that animals become absent referents when they become meat. Beings become objects, their beingness becomes irrelevant as they are consumed. (If this sounds like how womyn fare in patriarchal societies, it's because it is same). Just as The Dreaded Comparison by Marjorie Spiegel compared human slavery and animal slavery, so does this book show the similarities between womyn's oppression and animal oppression. Adams is a thoughtful and insightful writer, she delves deeply into the issue of meat eating through a feminist lens. Her conclusions about animalized protein (meat) and feminized protein (eggs, milk, etc) should make those opposed to sexism and exploitation take a hard look at their diets.

There are a couple of asides, like the chapter about the vegetarianism of early 20th century feminists (and the subsequent trivialization of this by later and present feminist scholars). An important book for anyone interested in womyn's issues &/or animal liberation.

Old Rosa by Reinaldo Arenas

This was a surprise for me because I had the book from the library for a few days before I read that the author had been censured and put into a labor camp in Cuba for being homosexual. There are two short stories which create the novel, the first introduces Rosa, a not very likable character spends her life creating her own little agrarian empire, only to lose it all after the revolution. The second half is about the experiences of Rosa's son, who, having escaped the wrath of his mother when she caught him with a man in bed, winds up in a labor camp for gays. He struggles there against the tyranny of both his jailers and his fellow inmates, against the constraints of reality and the consequences of fantasy. Arenas is an eloquent

writer, conjuring up images and characters that are full of life. This is a short book, but it's full of energy and its message is one well heeded, you create your own life and your creation can be either your salvation or your destruction or both.

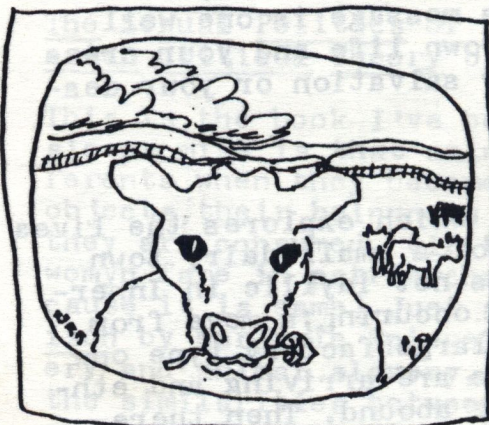
cow by Beat Sterchi

This is an intense book which explores the lives of the people and cows of a small dairy town in Switzerland. Life is not idyllic in Innerwald, there are changes occurring; a move from small family farms to large factory type operations, foreign workers are arriving and ethnic tensions and bigotry abound. Then there are the cows, whose lives and deaths are described in (sometimes nauseating) detail. While this is not an animal liberationist text, the pain, the horror and humiliation of their subjugated lives is fully exposed. This book is both fascinating and repelling, yet full of ideas and questions about humans and animals and their interactions with each other.

War At Home: Covert Action Against U.S. Activists And What We Can Do About It by Brian Glick

This is a must read for anyone involved in radical activism. It details government actions against radical and political groups in the sixties as well as today. It also offers strategies that can prevent infiltration and neutralization of groups which threaten the status quo. In this era of doublethink and rah rah patriotism, activists are being harassed, threatened and jailed. We need this book, it's simply self defense at this point. I've never quite bought the reasons for the failure of the revolution that was occurring in the sixties and this book confirmed it. With tools of deceit and violence, the "authorities" were able to co-opt and destroy the youth movement, right now they're working on the animal liberationists and the gay radicals (among others). Arm yourself with information!

COWS BASH BACK...

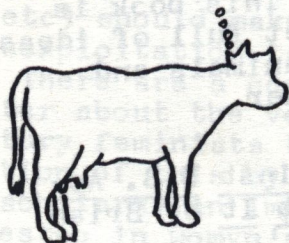


AFTER YEARS OF CONSUMING
PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS A
GROUP OF COWS FROM ARCATA, CA.
BEGIN TO DEVELOP REVOLUTIONARY
CONSCIOUSNESS. THEY MEET, THEY
DISCUSS..THEY DECIDE TO ACT!

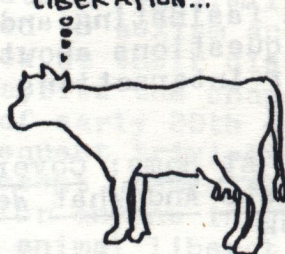
SO IS BORN

THE BOVINE LIBERATION FRONT
DEDICATED TO ENDING THE
EXPLOITATION OF ALL COWS
- AND OTHER ANIMALS TOO -
BY HUMANS...

YOU'D THINK GAYS, BEING
OPPRESSED, WOULDN'T KILL US
FOR OUR SKINS...



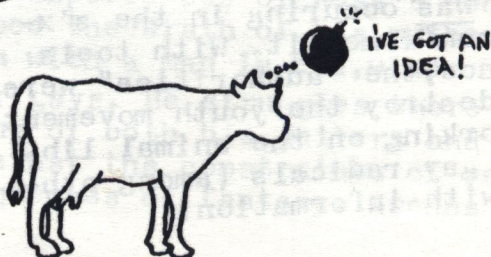
I GUESS THEY ONLY CARE
ABOUT THEIR OWN
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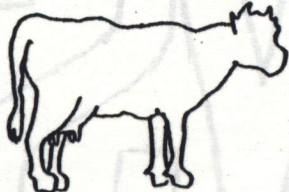
WHAT ABOUT THE DYKES?
SISTER HELP SISTER, RIGHT?



NO, LOTS OF THEM ARE
WEARING OUR SKINS
THESE DAYS TOO...



NO, TOO VIOLENT, WE DONT WANT
TO BECOME LIKE THEM!



LETS WAIT FOR THE
HUMANS TO LEAVE!



!!!okay!!!

ALL'S CLEAR, THE BUILDING IS EMPTY...



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