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### Useless Gender: An immodest proposal for radical justice

“...the body has been for women in capitalist society what the factory has been for male waged workers: the primary ground of their exploitation and resistance, as the female body has been appropriated by the state and men and forced to function as a means for the reproduction and accumulation of labor.”

—Silvia Federici, *Caliban and the Witch: Women, the Body and Primitive Accumulation*

### Women's bodies, women's labor

In her incisive book, Silvia Federici describes post-feudal “primitive accumulation” as a foundational process that



reveals the structural conditions for the existence of capitalist society. She explains that it is always accompanied by extreme violence—even today: “Primitive accumulation consisted of an immense accumulation of labor-power—“dead labor” in the form of stolen goods, and “living labor” in the form of human beings made available for exploitation...”<sup>1</sup>

Further, Federici argues, the rise of capitalist society, witch-hunts, and the persecution of women occurred simultaneously and

## MONSANTO IS ANOTHER MAJOR CORPORATION BEHIND THE BIO CONFERENCE

another major threat to food sovereignty and people's right to take care of themselves around the world.

Monsanto's rbGH was the first major biotech food production “tool” approved by the FDA.



If Monsanto's Recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone (rbGH)

is in 20% of dairy cows, and it causes a 7 times increase in breast cancer, and my mom drinks regular milk, and got breast cancer I wonder how much rgBH she consumed? She just had her surgery last month. I hope she gets better.

## Cremating Monsanto: genetically modified fields on fire

by Professor Nanjundaswamy

“We are aiming to consolidate the entire food chain.” – Monsanto, 1998

### Open letter – November 1998

Dear friends,

Monsanto's field trials in Karnataka will be reduced to ashes, starting on Saturday. Two days ago the Minister of Agriculture of Karnataka gave a press conference where he was forced by the journalists to disclose the three sites where field trials with [Monsanto's GM] Bt cotton are being conducted. KRRS activists have already contacted the owners of these fields, to explain to them which action will be taken, and for what reasons, and to let them know that the KRRS will cover any losses they will suffer. On Saturday the 28th of November, at mid-day, thousands of farmers will occupy and burn down the three fields in front of the cameras, in an open, announced action of civil disobedience.

These actions will start a campaign of direct action by farmers against biotechnology, called Operation Cremation Monsanto, which will not stop until all the corporate killers like Monsanto, Novartis, Pioneer etc. leave the country. Farmers' leaders from the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh (states where Monsanto is also conducting field trials) were yesterday in Bangalore to prepare the campaign.