



## The 51st state

Mark Wallinger's new piece, *US*, on the stand of London dealer Anthony Reynolds (C7) is a giant American flag with an extra 51st star added in the bottom right hand corner. Its aim is to skewer British Prime Minister Tony Blair's lapdog-gery to President Bush in the run-up to the Iraq War. "I hope that people might see the work as a concise but accurate representation of the sad

capitulation to power by our wretched British government," says Wallinger. Oddly enough, as Reynolds was setting up his stand, no one mentioned Britain when they asked him about the piece. "Puerto Rico came up twice," says Reynolds, who is selling the flag for £75,000. "But then, an awful lot of people around the world feel like they live in the 51st state" M.S.