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This might be a little foreword but...

We're a group of activists from Manchester, UK who decided to write this bulletin for 2 reasons: a need for more information about the next International Day of Action, and to show some of the ways the People's Global Action (PGA) network could be used as a communication tool for organising international resistance.

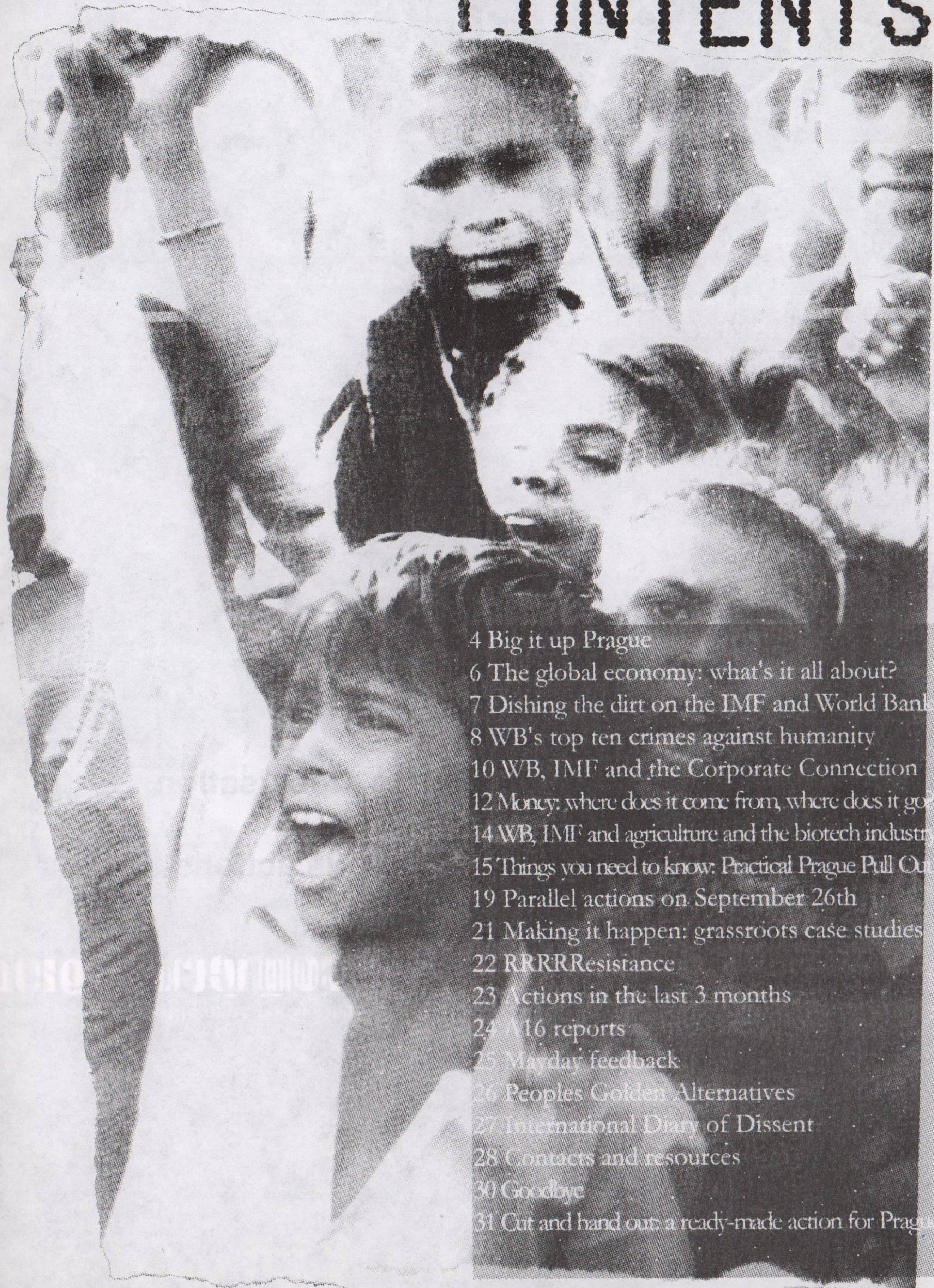
PGA is a global network of people's movements, started by the Zapatistas of Mexico, fighting inequality caused by economic systems and other forms of oppression.

It is not an organisation, but aims to support and strengthen the many growing grassroots struggles all across the globe, thereby articulating a process of change from below from those who are normally denied a voice.

Any group that struggles against oppression in all its forms, and believes in autonomy and direct action can be a part of PGA.

The profile and significance of the PGA is growing but many people are still unaware of how it can work and play a useful role in their local struggles. While there is still much to learn, we hope this bulletin is a step towards that. See you in Prague.

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PRAHA Prague

Stand up for Global Justice STOP the IMF and World Bank

55th Summit of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank

15,000 bankers, financiers and economists -

the world representatives of capital

scheming the liberalisation of the world economy

to force free-market capitalism on the globe

Powerful institutions pushing a system of values

built for large economic forces at the expense of local needs

bringing deprivation, inequality and environmental destruction.

21 - 28 september - prague - mass mobilisation

planned by grassroots groups under the banner of *imagine a world...*

26 september - globally - autonomous actions worldwide

decentralised autonomous actions around the world

global convergence global connection global solidarity global enemy global resistance

>> globally - carnival against capitalism - may 1st 1999 >> seattle - world trade organisation - november 30th 1999 >> washington - world bank - april 16th 2000 >> globally - day of resistance - may 1st 2000 >

Movements are rising up from below

to call global trading practitioners to justice.

We can be proof of the possibility of a society in which people do not exploit or oppress each other, communities or the environment, but act on principles of solidarity, co-operation, grassroots democracy, and ecological sustainability.

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THE IMF AND WORLD BANK: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank were spawned in 1944 at the Bretton Woods conference in order to manage international finance and stimulate reconstruction after WWII. They are dedicated to the integration of countries into a capitalist world economy, advocating free trade in order to accelerate growth. The World Bank exists to make loans for giant infrastructural projects such as road building, airports, power plants and dams. These invariably involve displacement of local populations and environmental destruction. Since the debt crises of the 80s the IMF has become the debt collector for northern financial institutions forcing developing countries to accept sweeping economic and social reforms known as SAPs.

STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PROGRAMMES. (SAPS)

Irresponsible lending by commercial banks, reckless borrowing by foreign governments and the onset of the debt crisis in 1982 provided an opportunity for the US to simultaneously protect its financial interests and reduce the South's economic threat by radically adjusting their economies. Supposedly imposed to promote growth, stabilize economies, and reduce poverty, the 566 SAPs placed on over 70 countries in the last 14 years have had the opposite effect. Forced into massive debt and unable to keep up repayments, countries have had no choice but to implement the painful measures demanded of them. These usually include slashed public spending, the sale of state-owned enterprises and opening of economies to foreign markets. Dictatorships and similar regimes are often favoured as they are more likely to be able to force the changes on acutely dissatisfied populations.

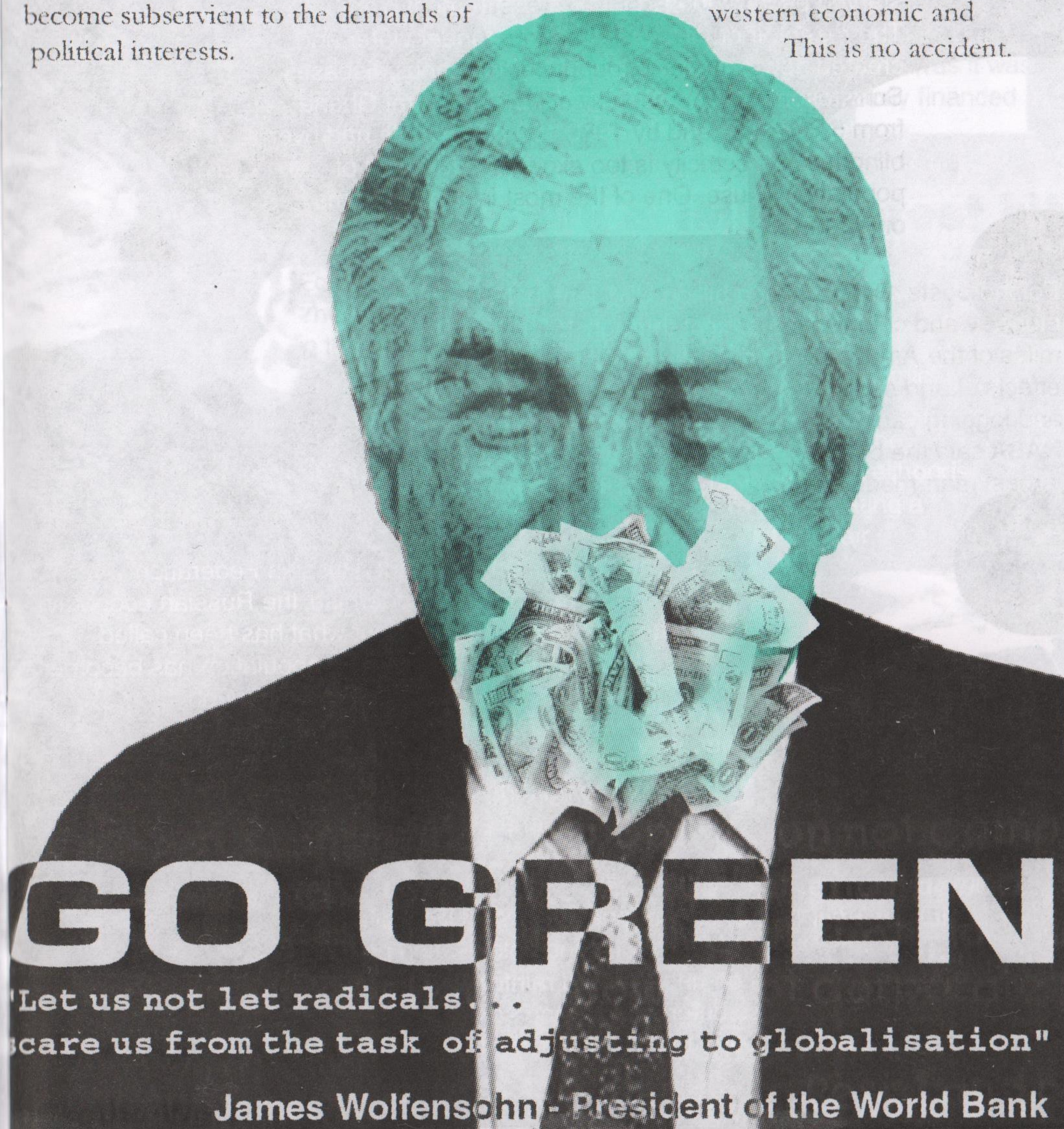
THE ECONOMISTS AND THE GROWTH ILLUSION

The World Bank and IMF believe that 'ACCELERATED GROWTH' is the key to solving all the world's problems whereby market mechanisms will eliminate inflation, unemployment, poor public services and unsustainable debt. This belief is accompanied by the idea that economic globalisation, the removal of barriers to the free flow of capital around the world, is the best way of increasing economic efficiency. Increased capital flow through the economy does not end poverty, stabilize populations or protect the environment; it increases the absolute gap between the rich and poor making no provision for peoples' basic needs.

Most World Bank staff are economists. This means that they translate complex problems into numerical terms, formulating solutions for countries they have never visited and applying neo-classical economic models indiscriminately to places with vastly differing histories, culture and politics. The only things to benefit from economic growth are corporate interests. We have to see through these myths if we are to find balanced and sustainable ways to order economic relations.

WHY LOANS JUST CAN'T WORK

The loan system is designed so that borrower countries can never repay their debts. The World Bank demands that borrowers pay them back in the same hard currencies they borrowed in, usually the dollar, but to do so, borrower countries must sell more to the rich countries than they buy from them. Rich countries will not allow this as it would threaten their economic dominance. Thus the only way to keep up repayments on old debts is to take out new loans (known as the "transfer problem"). When the World Bank, IMF and rich nation politicians talk about poverty relief and improving the developing world's prosperity, remember that the system itself is designed to create a permanent 'underclass' of poor countries. Desperately in debt and having lost their self-reliance they become subservient to the demands of western economic and political interests. This is no accident.



GO GREEN

'Let us not let radicals...
scare us from the task of adjusting to globalisation'

James Wolfensohn - President of the World Bank

1 The Chixoy Dam, Guatemala. US\$72 million lent to a brutal dictatorship in Guatemala known to be waging a war of annihilation against Maya communities. After villagers refused to relocate from their ancestral lands in 1982, the army and paramilitary massacred some 400 Maya, mostly women and children. The Bank kept silent about the massacre until it was revealed by human rights groups in 1996.

2 Akosombo Dam, Ghana. World Bank lent US\$47 million dollars in 1961. 80 000 villagers displaced and almost starved because no adequate resettlement plans. The reservoir put 4% of the country under water and created new breeding grounds for infectious diseases. Schistosomiasis infections went up in central Ghana from 5% to 80% and by 1980 100 000 people had river blindness. Electricity is too expensive for most of population to use. One of the most inefficient dams on earth.

3 Polonoroeste, Brazil. Half a billion US\$ lent in 1981 for highway and colonisation project through 150 000 square miles of the Amazon. World Bank caught lying about its effects. Land speculators, ranchers, mining, prospecting and logging caused ecological disaster and malaria epidemic. NASA said the burnt forest, visible from space, was the largest man-made change to the earth's surface.

4 Privatisation of employment, Russian Federation. The IMF's attempts to 'modernise' the Russian economy since 1993 has brought about what has been called "a collapse in civil society". The population has become increasingly isolated and vulnerable through impoverishment and massive unemployment. More than 50% of industrial plants have been driven into bankruptcy and whole cities in the Urals and Siberia are being closed down.

5 Transmigration program, Indonesia. Over US\$1 billion lent by 1986 for politically motivated colonisation project to resettle millions on unpopulated rainforest-covered outer islands. Mass deforestation and soil erosion. Settlers in poverty and tribal cultures destroyed.

6 'Shock Treatment', Peru. In August 1990 the IMF proscribed economic shock treatment to get Peru's economy 'back on track'. The resultant hyper-inflation caused a massive breakdown in public health infrastructure as public sector workers were laid off and the public could no longer afford to cook their food or boil their water. There were 200 000 declared cases of cholera and outbreaks of malaria, dengue, leishmaniasis and tuberculosis. The diet of 83% of the population did not meet calorie and protein requirements.

7 Atlantic Railroad, Colombia. Cost US\$98 million in 1951. Straight through Colombia's then untouched rainforest. Opened land to settlers destroying Magdalena Valley and local isolated Indian population. Bad surveying meant it took twice as long to complete and when it was it was useless as World Bank had simultaneously financed a cheaper, better national highway network.

World Bank & IMF greatest hits

8 Economic Genocide in Rwanda. The joint WB/IMF intervention played a crucial role in the genocide in Rwanda by ignoring the likely political and social repercussions of applying economic shock therapy to a country on the brink of civil war. By introducing austerity measures and devaluing the Rwandan franc, economic activity and people's livelihoods were destroyed, fuelling unemployment and creating a situation of generalised famine and social despair.

9 The Kedung Ombo dam, Indonesia. WB lent US\$156 million in 1985. Displaced 30 000 people who refused the resettlement deals since they could not buy land with the amount of money offered. World Bank only stepped in when TV images of oustees clinging to rooftops as the dam waters rose were broadcast internationally.

10 Education reforms, Vietnam. Before the IMF Structural Adjustment Programme Vietnam had a 90% literacy rate - one of the highest in Southeast Asia. Since consciously destroying the educational system by cutting the budget, depressing teacher's wages and introducing tuition fees, there has been a collapse in school enrolment, both at the primary and secondary levels, and advances in literacy rates have been wiped out. Girls have been the hardest hit.

THE CORPORATE CONNECTION

Almost every sector of industry is becoming more concentrated in the hands of a small group of transnational corporations (TNCs). Two-thirds of world trade in goods and services are now controlled by TNCs. These corporations are almost exclusively based in the US, Canada, Western Europe and Japan. The rich countries over-produce but have exhausted most of their raw materials. Thus they need their corporations to be free to extract raw materials and sell their goods and services in 'Third World' markets.

The IMF, World Bank and World Trade Organisation (WTO) are increasingly the medium through which corporations capture and maintain access to the South's market. WTO laws force member states to allow TNCs access to their markets. It is a violation of WTO rules for member countries to restrict imports due to their production methods, such as child or slave labour, exploitative and dangerous working conditions, or environmental destruction.

The structural adjustment programs (SAPs) that the IMF & World Bank impose create conditions that benefit multinational corporations and small rich "elites" but devastate most people in the Southern countries. Whilst many in the South resist this because they recognise that competition from TNCs will undermine their autonomy and destroy local industries and small farmers, Southern governments trapped by debt are often powerless to protest these measures.

The top corporations in every sector co-operate through industry coalitions and lobby groups and increasingly dictate policy to governments.

When poor countries fail to support corporation's interests they actively enlist the assistance of rich nations to maintain and expand.

Military assistance has been overtly offered to corporations, such as the 1954 US invasion of Guatemala. More often assistance has come in form of the US supporting / maintaining dictatorial regimes which accept US policy, and often brutally suppressing any governments that challenge their corporations.





This troubled planet is a place of the most violent contrasts
 Those that receive the rewards are totally separated from those who shoulder the burdens.
 It is not a wise leadership. Mr. speak

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

The level of a nation's financial contribution determines voting power at the World Bank and IMF. The US dominates, both through its financial contribution and the World Bank's location in Washington DC. It holds roughly 17% of the vote (an effective veto), with the seven largest industrialized countries (G-7) holding a total of 45%.

The US has never shied away from using its power to influence the IMF and World Bank lending and financial policies. For example, the US ensured no loans were made to Chile while the democratically elected left wing president Salvador Allende was in office in the 1970s. Only after they installed the murderous Augusto Pinochet was the Bank allowed to resume lending. Most of the World Bank's finances come directly from ordinary taxpayers in donor nations. The environmental destruction and human anguish it causes is the responsibility of everybody in all countries, rich and poor.

WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO?

Many feel that whatever criticisms can be made of the World Bank or IMF they are ultimately a necessary evil as they are one of the few methods of channelling money into desperately poor nations. However, while the rich industrialised nations choose to stress the charitable nature of their contributions to these international financial institutions, the reality is that they receive far more back in interest and debt repayments than they pay out.

The net transfer of wealth from the poor countries to the commercial banks alone amounted to \$178 billion between 1984 and 1990. In 1996 Sub-Saharan Africa paid \$2.5 billion more in debt service than it received in new loans and credits. This is a massive direct transferral of capital from the poorest to the richest.

When we examine where World Bank loans actually go, a slightly more subtle form of money extraction is found. For example, of the \$7 billion the UK gave to the World Bank up until 1996, it received \$12 billion in Bank-funded contracts. Also, a recent US Treasury report estimated that for every \$1 the US government contributes to the Bank, \$2 comes back to US companies.

Not only do the Western corporations benefit, but the opportunities for corruption are endless. Huge amounts of money are siphoned off loans made to developing countries by government and business officials and returned to the lending countries through investment banks that specialise in hiding these corrupt investments. The Philippine's dictator Marcos was lent a total of \$4 billion by the WB and was found to have embezzled \$5 billion by the end of his rule.



World Bank executive board

The Green Revolution in Asia financed and promoted the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and the irrigation systems required by industrial agriculture. These are wreaking environmental havoc and forcing the remaining small farmers into a cycle of debt. The new crops often fail leaving farmers destitute and unable to pay their debts or buy more seed.

AGRICULTURE AND

The World Bank has consistently invested in industrial agricultural projects designed for export markets that drive small farmers off the land. Many nations that used to be self-reliant are now dependent on importing basic food staples because the majority of fertile agricultural land is used to produce cash crops for export. This model of agricultural production is enforced through the conditions imposed by IMF loans and the requirement of Third World governments to earn foreign capital and open their markets to Northern based transnational corporations (TNC's).

TNC's such as Phillip Morris, United Fruit, PepsiCo, Cargill, Unilever and Nestle oversee vast portions of international agricultural production and trade. They either directly or indirectly control 80% of the land around the world that is cultivated for export crops such as bananas, tobacco and cotton. Such agro-export "development" patterns regularly drive peasants from farming the land into very low wage labour.

BIOPIRACY

The World Bank operates a Biotechnology Task Force to assist with the development of agricultural genetic engineering in the Third World, asserting that feeding the world is inconceivable without it. As public funding dwindles for agricultural research centres, World Bank collaboration with the private sector is growing.

Arguing that the public-private partnerships the World Bank seeks will be impossible without strong patent protection, biotech companies are urging the bank to fund "capacity building" that teaches Southern countries how to introduce patent systems which cover living organisms. The bioprospecting agreements routed by the World Bank for poorer countries retain many of the qualities that have characterised colonial style trade.

PRACTICAL PRAGUE

UK TRAINING DATES AND CONTACTS: There are currently training dates set in Bristol on Friday 8th September and in Manchester on Saturday 9th September, (10am-at the Friend's Meeting House behind the Central Library). For details of what's being organised in your area contact London: s26london@hotmail.com, T+07989451096, Bristol: s26bristol@yahoo.com Manchester: janpalach2000@yahoo.com, T+01612266814 Leeds: s26leeds@hotmail.com, T+07713470982 Oxford: zerrozero@pcworks.demon.co.uk.

WHEN TO GO: The full IMF/WB summit runs from the 19-29 September with the board of Governor's meeting 26-28 September. Resistance is planned from the 18th onwards with the big day of international action on the 26th. People are asked to get there as early as possible, they should aim for the night of the 24th (big party) for training and planning on 25th.

TIMETABLE FOR SEPTEMBER:

- 20-22: workshops organised by Bankwatch (NGO)
- 22-28: 'Kreaktivni' An International Festival of Art and Resistance focused on audio and visual art to propagate the anti-capitalist, anti-globalisation message. www.ecn.cz/inpeg, kreaktivni@excite.com
- 23: First demonstration by INPEG coalition against IMF/WB meeting
- 24: Jubilee 2000 Human Chain against Third world debt (to be confirmed).
- 22-24: Counter Summit. The counter-summit will take place in the House of Culture Domovina from September 23rd to 24th. Demonstration afterwards.
- 25: Video documentary festival. Planning and training for 26th.
- 26: Global day of action. Autonomous actions starting early morning, main gathering at noon in and around Nam Miru.
- 27-28: Continuation of protests with the theme of carnival and solidarity actions.

There's a plan to produce a daily newspaper for Prague during the days of action (10,000 copies) They would like to use a radio to make daily 5 hours programmes during the days of action. Suggestion to set up a media centre for the days of action.

HOW TO GET THERE: The S26 collective is organising coaches (s26london@hotmail.com and in the Northwest there is the Manchester Prague Collective (janpalach2000@yahoo.co.uk) Cheap coaches from Kingsway (0208 673 36883) £64rtn, Capitol Xpress (0207 243 0488) National Express (08705 808080). Takes about 18hrs. Flights from about £100, try www.cheapflights.co.uk or Flight Call (0870 905 0200). Trains also available. Petrol is cheap on the continent.

WHERE TO MEET: The INPEG (organising network for activists) squares are Nam Miru (near metro IP Pavlova) and probably Palackeho nam down near the river next to the bridge Palackeho.

ACCOMMODATION: There are plenty of accommodation options in Prague- it is best to have some in mind before you arrive as you can be asked on the border. There will be some sorted out for activists such as squats and campsites but don't rely on this. Try and book some in advance. There are lots of camping grounds for about £2-£3 a night, such as the five sites on Trojská street (e.g. Sokol Troja tel: 688 11 77), north of the centre in the Troja district. At all the train stations Prague residents can be found offering rooms in their homes which can be a nice option. There are numerous cheap summertime hostels also available, such as the ones at Husova 3 (24215326) on Metro B: Národní třída or Dlouhá 33 (24 82 66 62) Metro A: Staroměstské. These cost about £5-£6 a night and they all have touts waiting at the bus and train stations. www.hostel.cz is a good site for hostel accommodation while more upmarket options can be found at www.volweb.cz/easy/index.html.

VISAS: UK and other EU citizens don't need visas.



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World Bank Offices

STARÉ
MĚSTO

Tourist Info

KARLÍN

ŽIŽKOV

OLŠANSKÉ HRBITOVY

VINOHRADY

NOVÉ MĚSTO

Meeting point

SMÍCHOV

Meeting point

INPEG

VRŠOVIC

VYŠEHRAD

Conference centre

NUSLE

BOHDALEC

RADLICE

CISÁŘSKÁ
LOUKA

Pražský
stavební
podnik

LEGAL: There will be a legal help centre in Prague. There are some important constitutional rights in CR - everybody (also a foreigner) has the right: - to be arrested and processed in a language they understand - to have a lawyer -to remain silent- and to organise or participate in peaceful demonstrations or street actions... (It is interpreted to mean not damaging property or people and not disturbing or restricting other people's freedom). More radical actions like blocking the streets is usually only an offence, not a crime but this can be open to the police's interpretation. The police can detain you for 24 hours. The maximum general period of detention is 72 hours.

WHAT TO BRING: Friends, mobiles, food and water, a change of clothes, drums, banners, sound systems and street theatre. Swappable/disposable clothes are good for disguise. Tight fitting clothes, secured at the wrists, neck and ankles and swimming goggles will partially protect from tear gas. Half face gas masks will give you a bit more breathing space; a good one is Sundstrm TPE - 2 mask - Medium - 01689 Large - 01688 with CEN P3 aerosol droplets + high-efficiency particulate filter - 01656, CEN ABE1 (Organic + Inorganic + acid gas) - 01671, pre-filters (50) - 01658 from ARCO (www.arco.co.uk, tel: 01482 222 522). Or try a bandana soaked in vinegar. Prepare a dilute solution of sodium metabisulphate (campden tablets used for home brewing) as this combination neutralises the effects of CS gas.

FIRST AID: If you get CS gased, keep calm. Move away from the area. Blurred vision makes it easy to lose awareness of what is going on. Do not touch as you will spread the chemical around and rub it in. Flush affected areas with the solution mentioned earlier, or water if this is not available. With little or no water, expose the affected part of your body to the wind instead. Hang affected clothes for 24 hours then wash twice, cold then hot. Never coat your skin in petroleum jelly or similar substances for protection, it makes it worse. People with asthma can be seriously in danger, make sure everyone knows who they are.

ACTIONS: Groups are being encouraged to organise their own autonomous actions for the 26th. This non-hierarchical approach allows many tactics, focuses and targets to come in to play, at once both spreading the broadest message and causing as much disruption as possible. There is a really broad spectrum of actions and activities happening that will suit all types of campaigners and lots of chances for individuals to get involved when they arrive.

WHAT ABOUT: strikes - demonstrations - critical mass bike rides - carnivals - street parties - reclaiming streets, government land or office buildings - music - dancing - speeches - handing out flyers - banner hangings - distributing community controlled newspapers - street theatre - guerilla gardening - handing out food - mock trade fairs - offering no interest loans outside major banks - solidarity actions - pickets - occupations of offices - blockades and shutdowns - appropriating and redistributing of consumer goods - sabotaging, wrecking, or interfering with capitalist infrastructure - appropriating capitalist wealth and returning it to the working people - declaring oneself independent from capitalism and authoritarian governments- promoting economic alternatives to capitalist companies - promoting grassroots based forms of community organisation.

BADDIES: Some familiar faces... Within Prague there are lots of ideal targets if you would like to challenge the Dark Side with friends and organise creative, autonomous actions. Nestlé, Dupont, Astra-Zeneca, McDonalds', Rhône-Poulenc, Siemens, Coca-Cola, Unilever, Procter & Gamble, Deutsche Bank, Glaxo-Wellcome, Novartis, City Bank, Shell, HSBC, J.P.Morgan, and many more of your favourite names, have head offices in the city. A detailed plan is being made. The Czech Yellow Pages "Zlaté stránky" is easy to get hold of in Prague, and contains the addresses of many of these baddies. Remember to wear your suits to the office.

More practical information on all these things is going to become available as the time draws closer- check out <http://inpeg.ecn.cz> and www.s26.org for what gets worked out between now and then.

May the force be with you...

**WHILE GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS FROM ACROSS EUROPE
CONVERGE IN PRAGUE FOR THE SUMMIT,**

**ACTIONS WILL BE TAKING PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY
ALL OVER THE WORLD...**



Call to action from the National Alliance of People's Movements, India

"...We will keep trying for the New International economic, political and ecological order, based on equality, justice and democratic decision making. We consider that opposing the hegemony of these capitalist powers is a precondition of a Sane New World. We express our solidarity with the people's organisations all over the world in opposing this hegemony and resolve to create a humane and sustainable world....

We stand for the people's rule, resources in the hands of communities, equality and freedom from exploitation.

We stand for a sustainable and creative existence of human beings and nature."

In the Netherlands, there will be "2 weeks of actions against the IMF/World Bank and other financial institutions starting with a street rave on 9 September.

There will be actions on the 16th in Amsterdam, Leiden and Utrecht. A platform to co-ordinate everything has been formed with the name 'Stank voor Bank'.

We would like to finish the 2 weeks of actions with a strong anarchist demo against the IMF/WB on S26."

In Barcelona, the 'Civil Society Consultation for Foreign Debt Abolition' group plan to "campaign at a local level, raising awareness, connecting global problems with people's daily lives. Plan is to have a demo on 23rd in Barcelona, like a carnival, with different vans focussing on different topics (environment, women, etc).."

The 'Awami Committee for Development' from Multan, Pakistan is organising a Caravan from the 23 Sept. to 22 October, visiting 40 towns. Its main objective is to disseminate information and raise awareness about exploitation and human rights abuses experienced in Pakistan resulting from IMF/World Bank practices and to "...build the moral of people [so they can] resolve these problems with their own power and resources, to organise the people on these issues for future struggles and to build the capacity of people for their empowerment."

The Garments Workers Unity Forum and the Revolutionary Unity Front in Bangladesh have, "decided to...lay siege...to the premises of the World Bank in Dhaka on 26 September.

There will also be a demonstration waving black flags... To make the protest programme successful we will wage a militant movement together through organising students, youths, women, peasants, workers, progressive political parties including all other anti imperialists individuals and forces of this country."

In Sao Paulo, Brazil 'Acao local for justicia global'. "There's a group of musicians preparing a sound intervention on subway stations and a group willing to distribute good local food at a McDonald's restaurant... there will be decentralised direct action during the morning and a mass demo at the Stock Market at noon"

Also, Agencia de Noticias Anarquistas are planning diverse actions in Sao Paulo.

In Argentina, "FOCO, a co-ordination body of several social organisations fighting against structural adjustment and the policies of hunger imposed by the IMF/WB among others...are joining the world wide campaigns by organising demonstrations of community organisations in the areas of Lomas De Zamora, Moron And Avellanada.

These are regions of Buenos Aires where we are currently doing a lot of popular work for the construction of a society of solidarity and equity."

Also, 'Violetas libres' are planning a public demo in Buenos Aires, and 'Lazaro Illorens' are planning demos in the streets of Cordoba.

Confederación Única Nacional de Afiliados al Seguro Social Campesino Coordinadora Nacional Campesino (CONFEUNASSC - CNC), a farmers movement from Ecuador, are planning mass actions but **"we cannot say what our strategy is, but stay tuned!"**

In RUSSIA, the Moscow S26 Collective is planning events all around Russia and RCADE, the 'Citizens Network for the Abolition of the External Debt' will focus on Prague as the next target of their campaigning.

In Venezuela, an anarchist collective, 'La Comision de Relaciones Anarquistas' (CRA) are putting information together, doing local actions and setting up an anti-authoritarian network.

There are many more groups planning solidarity actions in their own regions, including the S26 Collective in Ireland, Itsehallinnollinen Toiminta (Self-managing Action) a collective in Finland, a variety of US activist groups, anarchists in CROATIA, farmers and an anarchist collective 'Juventudes Libertarias' in Bolivia, the 'Commission for the Abolition of Capitalism' in Portugal, and Fundación America Latina in Colombia, amongst many more...

"We will not relent in our demands for the creation of a socially, economically and ecologically just global order."

Zimbabwe Coalition on Debt and Development. 19 July 2000

In the UK there are lots of things being planned for those who can't make it to Prague. Bristol S26 collective (s26bristol@yahoo.com) is co-ordinating a list so contact them for more details. So far there are critical massed planned to coincide with European Car-Free day (Friday 22 Sept)... a tour of institutions complicit with global capitalism... Food Not Bombs city centre hand-outs... a 'counter summit' to explore creditable alternatives with a daily themed action... a planned mass action to close a TNC throughout the South West of England... and a Carnival in Celebration of Our Cultural Diversity... DIY and add your own...

ASSEMBLY OF THE POOR AND THE PAK MUN VILLAGERS, THAILAND

For ten years villagers along the Mun River have been intensely fighting the Pak Mun Dam, which was financed by the World Bank. It has affected more than 25000 people by drastically reducing fish populations, destroying livelihoods and local cultures. In 1995 they formed the Assembly of the Poor with other networks of repressed persons. Using direct action and addressing their demands straight to the international economic institutions that cause the problems they have formed a coherent critique of development and a vision of change that comes directly from the experience of the poor. They are currently in occupation at the dam site and are refusing to move until the dam gates are opened permanently.

"Our efforts to help create a society that respects human rights, social justice and environment may seem idealistic --certainly it would be unprecedented in Thai history-- but we believe these goals are achievable. On a broad level, there is an urgent need for communities to gain the rights to manage their own natural resources. They are in the best position to manage resources efficiently and for the long term since they have a distinct incentive to promote sustainable management."

"The World Bank, even though it has a lot of money, wherever it invests, there is destruction. I want the Bank to think about that, too. I want the Bank to know that if it is building, or developing, or investing in some underdeveloped country, I want them to see the humanity of it, too. Or that they violate the human rights of people.

Don't go violate the environment of those who are with nature."

Mae Sompong: Pak Moon Dam Affected Villager



ORGANISACION FEMENINA POPULAR (OFP), BARRANCABERMEJA, COLOMBIA

As well as the dramatic newsworthy mass movements, there is also the everyday resistance of local struggles against injustice. The OFP is a radical grassroots women's organisation that has been going for 28 years. The OFP focuses on the double injustices of sexism and deprivation faced by poor women. They take a direct confrontational attitude to these issues doing actions like squatting buildings to turn into permanent women's centres, offering clinics and legal advice, reclaiming streets, and invading farmland. They demonstrate for an end to violence against all armed actors in Colombia's 40 year conflict and have run a series of campaigns against violence against women. At a time of escalating conflict in the region, with 10-11 deaths daily, they are able to resist and construct community despite the great risks to themselves and their families.

RESISTANCE TO THE IMF/WORLD BANK

People have been resisting economic "development" for decades. Massive uprisings, "IMF Riots", and insurrections have become commonplace in the countries worst affected by the demands of global financial capital. The mainstream corporate owned media mostly avoids reporting these, therefore disguising the true picture of global resistance.

One example of this is the uprising against SAPs that occurred in Nigeria in 1989 at the same time as the Chinese Tiananmen Square massacre. A similar number of women, students and unemployed were killed in cities across the country but it went almost unnoticed in the Western media. Over the last few months, there have been massive anti-IMF/World Bank demonstrations, riots and worker's strikes all over the world, although only the protests in Washington DC have received any serious attention.



From colonialism to globalisation, resistance to the IMF/World Bank has grown out of a long history of radical struggles. One example is Brazil's Movimento Sem Terra (MST) which has organised since 1984 to resist large IMF debt replacement programmes and "anti-inflationary policies", a US-backed military regime, huge hydroelectric schemes, and massive inequality and poverty. The MST is now a considerable presence in Brazil, successfully reclaiming land and organising mass protests. Another is the Zapatista uprising in 1994, which threw Mexican capitalism and NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) into turmoil, drew the world's attention to the devastating consequences of 13 years of structural adjustment, and continues to be a huge obstacle to "economic development" and corporate domination in Chiapas. Indigenous peoples like the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of Ecuador (CONAIE), one of Latin America's most active native movements, have organised to protect the Ecuadorian rainforests from foreign oil companies, and to block a government agricultural modernisation programme.

For the first time a serious challenge is being made to global capitalism and the institutions which uphold it. Grassroots resistance is gathering strength and the struggle is no longer confined to isolated poor countries suffering the most extreme effects. The A16 protests in Washington D.C and others across Europe mark a new phase in a global movement against capitalism.

Anti-Tax Strike Shuts Pakistan S
100 000 Algerian Industrial Workers Strike Against
Privatisation of state industries
Pro-Zapatista Sit-in Reaches 336 Da
80 000 Argentinians call for Strike to Protest IMF Austerity Plan
Thai Dams Under Fire
Anti IMF Protestors in Zambia's Capital Lusaka
Riot Police Break up Protest Against IMF & WB in Malawi
**Mexican Workers Oppose
Plans for Privatisation**

A RISING TIDE OF PUBLIC ANGER
PROTEST IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS



Villagers from Chuquina, Bolivia

Indonesian People March To a Mass Meeting Against The New Neoliberalism Policy

3 held After Protest Against IMF
Forcibly Dislodged in Ecuador
**10000 Close Biotech Exhibition
in Italy**

Bolivia's government, under pressure from the World Bank, decided to privatise Cochabamba's municipal water company, selling it to a subsidiary of Bechtel Corp. Overnight, Bechtel doubled Cochabamba's water rates. Following months of protest seven were killed, 175 injured, and a state of siege declared following a general strike that shut down much of the nation and huge civil upheaval in the city of Cochabamba. This is the latest consequence of the World Bank/IMF's structural adjustment programs in Bolivia.

The end result has been a stunning reversal of the march of globalisation as Bechtel packed its bags and trades blame with the Bolivian government for the debacle.

3000 protesters from Thailand's rural provinces stood face to face with riot police, at the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) annual meeting in Bangkok where ministers state the need for increased economic integration. They say the new global economy had wrecked their lives. Roughly 600 are on hunger strike until Thai Government and ASEAN address their concerns. They were recently joined by activists protesting against destruction of villages in Cambodia and Vietnam by large infrastructure projects funded by Asian Development Bank (Asian branch of the World Bank).

Paraguay Police and Protesters
Clash Amid Strike

50000 Rally to Support Jose Bove Against WTO
and Global Corporate Power

Here's one we did earlier

WASHINGTON APRIL 16TH 2000

Selections from reports from the GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST THE WORLD BANK AND IMF

Thousands of global citizens descended upon Washington D.C. for a week-long mass action against the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. City streets were emptied, offices shut down and delegates' routes blocked. The police and media were out in full force and later the National Guard...

Organizers were able to overcome the pre-emptive and unjustifiable arrests of 630 demonstrators and the loss of the training centre. Despite this provocation, a fluid mass of 10,000 demonstrators - not centrally controlled, not moving in the same direction, not necessarily sharing tactics - spreading out around the perimeter of blocks surrounding the IMF and World Bank buildings, fulfilled their commitment to hold non-violent protest.

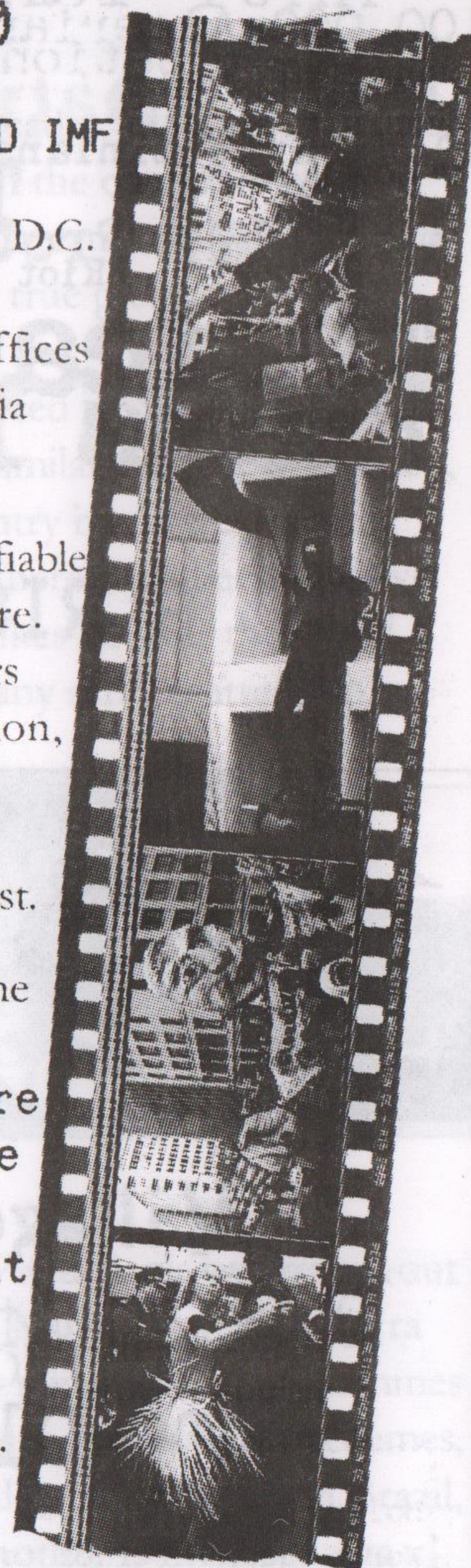
The protests have been seen as a hugely significant step in the movement against globalisation and corporate rule:

"People in Nigeria and around the world are following these events very closely because they are about how ordinary people here in the US are beginning to take up their fight against the repression of the IMF, World Bank and global corporations,"

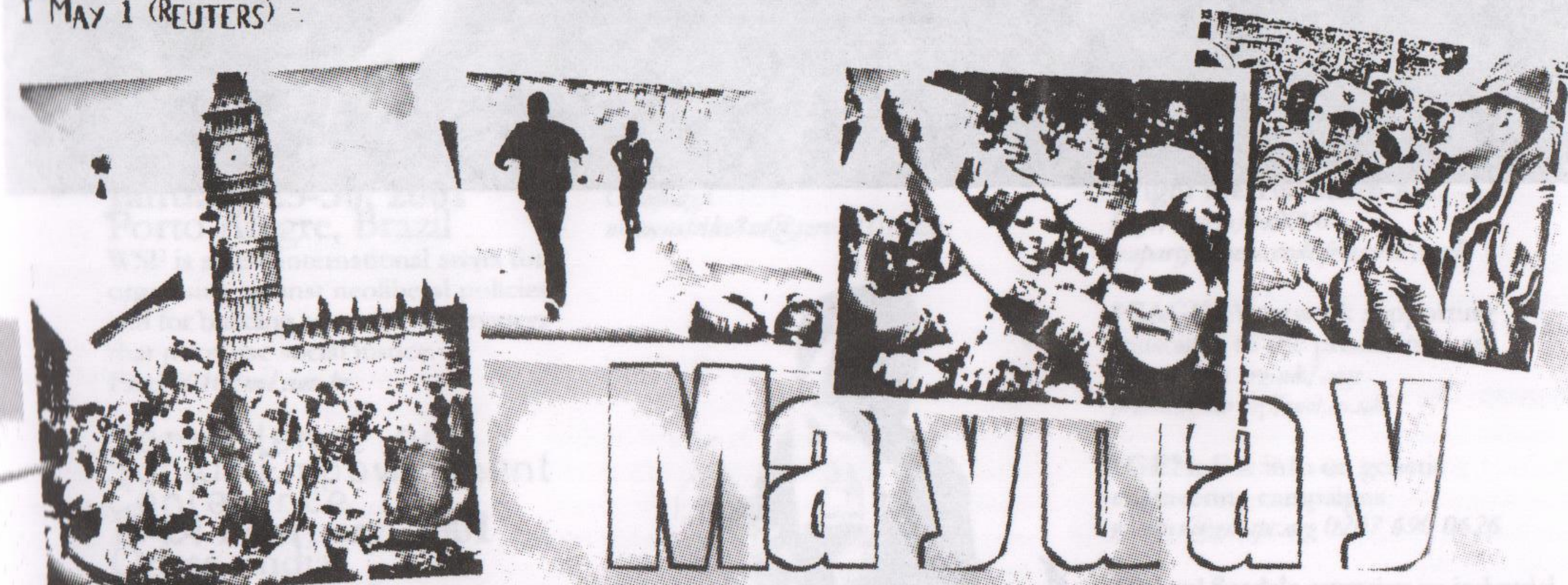
a Nigerian activist.

AROUND THE WORLD...

Activities were also held in numerous other countries, including Bulgaria, Haiti, South Africa, Brazil, Turkey, Australia, UK, Mauritius, France, Philippines, India, Argentina, New Zealand, Kenya and Czech Republic.



WORLD-WIDE TOKYO JAPAN MASS PROTESTS AGAINST CAPITALISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION PHILIPPINES THOUSANDS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST DEBT AND UNEMPLOYMENT CAMBODIA 1000 GARMENT INDUSTRY WORKERS PROTEST FOR HIGHER WAGES AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS KRAGUJEVAC, YUGOSLAVIA TRAIN BLOCKED IN ACTIONS PROTESTING PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC SOUTH KOREA RIOTS FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS INDIA WOMEN'S GROUPS MARCH FOR BETTER CONDITIONS AND PAY FOR FEMALE LABOUR INDONESIA POLAND THE OLD COMMUNIST LEFT-WING DEMONSTRATIONS WERE TRANSFORMED IN ANTI-CAPITALIST PROTESTS MADRID, SPAIN BILBAU, PAYS BASQUE 20 000 MARCH AGAINST INCREASED JOB INSECURITY SAN FRANCISCO, USA FESTIVAL DOWNTOWN AND TWO ROVING DANCE PARTIES FREE FOOD GIVEN OUT PORTLAND DRUMMING AND DANCING OUTSIDE THE TRADE CENTRE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED LUANDA 30,000 PEOPLE PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS DEMANDING THE END OF THE WAR AND BETTER SALARIES MOZAMBIQUE 15 000 COME OUT TO PROTEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND DEMAND A MINIMUM WAGE LUANDA 30 000 STRONG MARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT AND REAL WAGES HELSINKI, FINLAND DEMONSTRATION FOR HUMANITY AGAINST CAPITALISM STREET PARTY BANNER-DROP DECLARING 'CAPITALISM KILLS' FROM CLOCK TOWER TWO EU FLAGS TAKEN FROM EU COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE DESTROYED ISTANBUL, TURKEY SHELL OIL PRESENTATION STOPPED AT BOSPHOROUS UNIVERSITY 20 000 TOOK TO THE STREETS IN PROTESTS DIRECTED AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND BANNERS READ 'IMF: THIS NATION IS NOT FOR SALE' LEIDEN, THE NETHERLANDS QUEEN PUT ON TRIAL AT A PEOPLE'S TRIBUNAL FOR... NATIONALIST SOCIALIST PARTY SENATOR PIED UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS MILITARY COMMAND CENTRE SOAKED IN FAKE BLOOD SPONGES ALSO THROWN AT POLICE CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION AT THE BOARD OF TRADE WITH RADICAL CHEERLEADERS SHOUTING ... METAL SCULPTURES INSTALLED AND A FOOTBALL GAME MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA STOCK EXCHANGE BLOCKED PAKISTAN FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER MAY DAY RALLIES STOPPED BY GOVERNMENT USING THE POLICE AND ARMY THE IMF AGENDA OF PRIVATISATION AND DOWNSIZING IMPLEMENTED THROUGH REPRESSION ANKARA, TURKEY 10 000 MARCH WITH BANNERS SUCH AS 'SOCIAL REVOLUTION AGAINST GLOBAL CAPITALISM' AND SLOGANS ABOUT ANTI-MILITARISM ANTI-CAPITALISM AND ANTI-NUCLEARISM NEW YORK, USA GUERRILLA GARDENING ACTION ON DERELICT LAND FREE THE LAND BANNERS PUT UP PARIS, FRANCE AFTER A WEEK OF DEBATE AND FESTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE THEME FOR ANOTHER FUTURE THE CONFÉDÉRATION NATIONALE DES TRAVAILLEURS (CNT-AIT) (NON-HIERARCHICAL MOVEMENT) CONCLUDED WITH ONE OF ITS LARGEST EVER SHOWINGS ABOUT 4000 PEOPLE AT THE ANNUAL MAY RALLY AND MARCH OTTAWA, CANADA ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AGAINST CORPORATE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA EXCELLENT PUBLIC EDUCATION EVENT COPENHAGEN, DENMARK 1000 ACTIVISTS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE NEO-LIBERAL EXPLOITATION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION ENDED WITH AN ANTI-FASCIST OPEN-AIR CONCERT WHICH 10,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED 1 MAY 1 (REUTERS) -



LONDON, UK 'ABOLISH CAPITALISM BEFORE IT KILLS THE PLANET' DECLARES THE BANNER HUNG UP BY ACTIVISTS IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE THE ENTIRE GREEN OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT IN LONDON IS BEING DUG UP BY GUERRILLA GARDENERS UNDER THE DISBELIEVING EYES OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HUGE TRACTS OF TURF ARE BEING ROLLED UP LIKE A CARPET THE TURF IS BEING PLACED ON THE ROADS AND TREES FLOWERS AND VEGETABLE SEEDS ARE BEING PLANTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE BLOCKED OFF THE ENTIRE SQUARE HOLDING COLOURFUL BANNERS THAT DECLARE 'RESISTANCE IS FERTILE' 'LET LONDON SPROUT' AND 'RECLAIM THE STREETS' REPORT FROM UNDERCURRENTS

THE QUALITY OF UNIVERSALITY OF MAY DAY - FROM THE COMMONERS CELEBRATING COMMON TIME ON COMMON LAND TO THE INTERNATIONALISM OF MAY DAY IN LABOUR TERMS - IS REPRESENTED TODAY IN THE PEOPLE'S GLOBAL ACTION AND IN FOCUSING PROTESTS AGAINST ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE WTO, IMF AND THE WORLD BANK WHICH TRADE THE RIGHTS OF COMMON PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD MOST OF ALL THE RTS GUERRILLA GARDENING HONOURS THE SPIRIT OF MAY DAY FERTILE ANARCHIC AND PLEASURE-SEEKING COMING UP LIKE SHOOTS FROM THE EARTH ITSELF IRREPRESSIBLE IN ITS VULGAR LAUGHING STREAMER-FLUTTERING TRANSFORMATIVE CHARACTER BUT TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF CARNIVAL A GUSTO COUPLED WITH AN IMPLACABLY SERIOUS POLITICAL INTENT - GUARDIAN COLUMNIST



Co-operation not competition
Mutual aid not private profit
Cultural diversity not globalisation
People power not corporate power

Resist and create.

INTERNATIONAL DIARY OF DISSENT

STAND UP FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE! September 11-13, 2000 Melbourne, Australia

Join the protest at the World Economic Forum, where the CEO's of the world's top 100 companies, politicians and academics will meet to plot.
www.s11.org

World car-free day September 21, 2000

200 groups from around the world will do diverse actions, including guerrilla gardening and street parties.
www.carbusters.ecn.cz

UN Climate Change Convention (COP6) November 11-24, 2000

The Hague, the Netherlands
COP6 is supposed to take forward climate change agreements made at Kyoto in 1997. It is likely to be dominated by attempts, driven by the 'energy' corporations, to continue 'business as usual' without addressing the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, end our reliance on fossil fuels, and build links with communities in the South already facing consequences of Northern lifestyles.

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World Social Forum January 25-30, 2001 Porto Alegre, Brazil

WSF is a new international arena for organising against neoliberal policies and for building economic alternatives that prioritise social justice.
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Nonviolence and Social Empowerment Conference 18-24 February, 2001 Orissa, India

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FTAA Convergence April 1, 2001 Quebec City, Canada

An anti-capitalist convergence against summit of the Americas conference (Organisation of American States) where leaders of the western hemisphere meet to negotiate the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Other groups wanted to take up the fight against the FTAA at any level. PGA meeting also scheduled.
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EU Top Meeting June 2001 Gothenburg, Sweden

"Subversiv Info" has produced two movies to give you a taste of what to expect in Gothenburg, Sweden (in English and Spanish)
[Surf to www.motkraft.net/afa](http://www.motkraft.net/afa)
and click on GBC 2001.
Watch them, show them, use them!
We'll see you on the barricades in Gothenburg!

International Women's Day March 8 2001

A end to no pay, low pay & too much work! Mobilise now for the 2nd global women's strike.

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IN THE MEANTIME, ACT IN SOLIDARITY...

The U'wa of Colombia are fighting oil exploration on their land.
<http://www.ran.org> or
Reclaim the Streets for solidarity campaigns

Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA)
Save the Narmada River Campaign are fighting the New York based Ogden Corp. that is trying to build the Maheshwar Dam on the Narmada River.
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Illisu dam campaign
Balfour Beatty construction is building a dam in Turkey which will displace 25,000 Kurds.
www.illisu.org.uk

The Free Papua Movement (OPM)
is fighting against mining companies like Rio Tinto as well as for independence from Indonesia.
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BACK AT THE RANCH... ONGOING CAMPAIGNS IN THE UK.

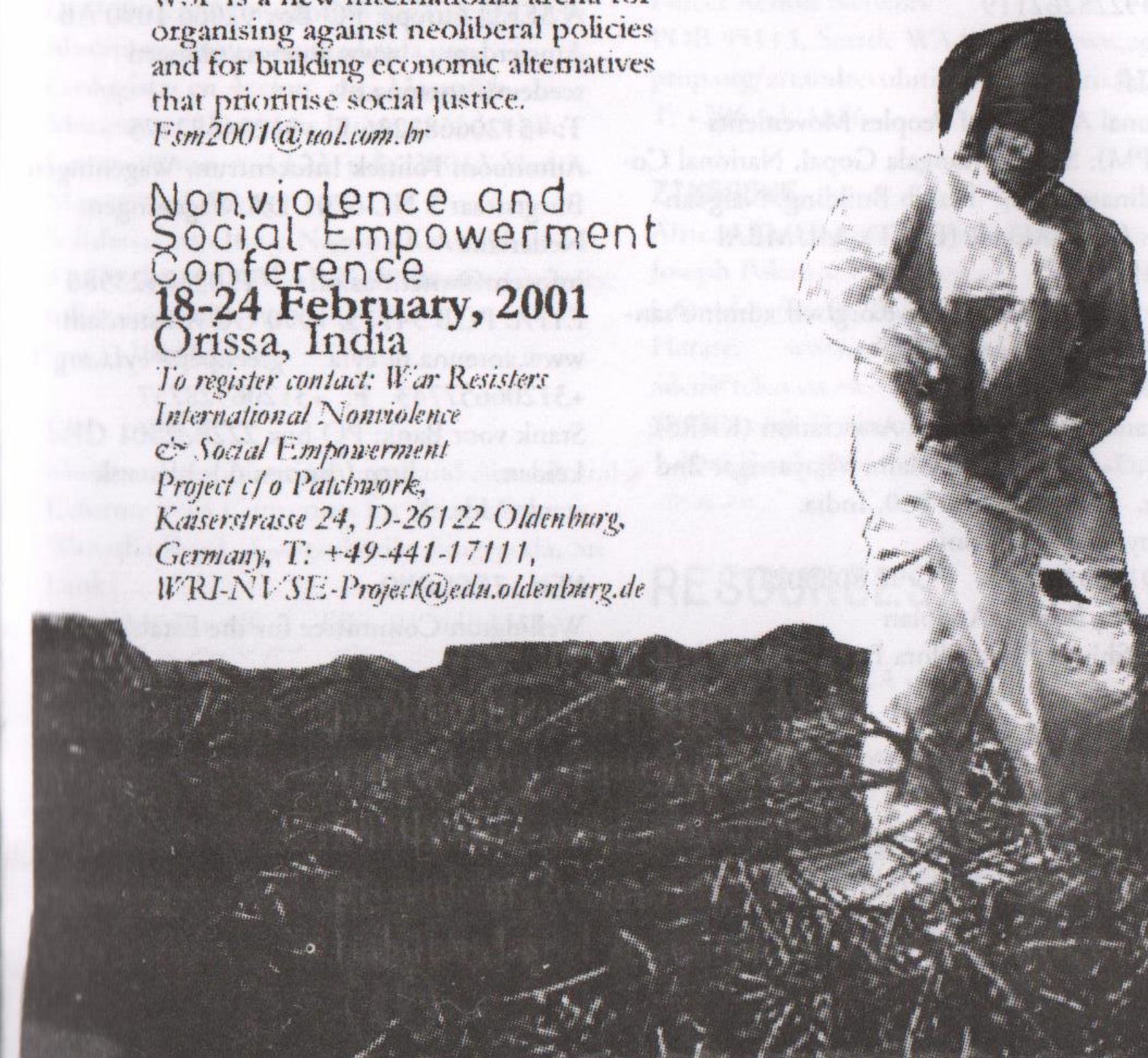
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***CAGE:** A network supporting resistance to the prison industry.
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***GEN:** For info on genetic engineering campaigns
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***Primal Seeds's** campaign on industrial agriculture with locations of GE sites www.primalseeds.org

AND ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS...
Whether you are defending green spaces, building community gardens, buying locally, going on critical masses, squatting wasted properties or raising awareness, the choices we make define our reality... everyday actions which assert control over our local environment and the lives of our communities combine to show that there are positive alternatives...



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www.ainfos.ca - international anarchist infor-
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Economic Globalisation, Prague S26 site
<http://x21.org/S26> - September 26 main web-
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www.carbusters.ecn.cz

www.schnews.org.uk - Site of weekly interna-
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www.veggies.org.uk/acd - UK animal rights
resource and contact directory

www.whirledbank.org.uk - The truth about
the World Bank

www.lobsterparty.org - Extensive database of
international anarchist/activist contacts

www.s11.org - S11 against the World
Economic Forum in Melbourne, Australia

www.eco-action.org/efau - good contacts for
UK EF! groups and current campaigns.

www.wtoaction.org - anti-World Trade
Organisation site

www.50years.org - coalition for the profound
transformation of the WB/IMF

www.indg.org - International Network on
Disarmament and Globalisation

www.primalseeds.org - a response to industrial
biopiracy and corporate domination of the
global seed supply. Contact for agricultural
actions in Prague.

<http://uk.indymedia.org> - collective of inde-
pendent media organizations and hundreds of
journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate
coverage of major protests

www.squall.co.uk - radical alternative newspa-
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www.corporatewatch.org.uk - keeping an eye
on the corporations

www.undercurrents.org - alternative news
video crew

<http://damn.tao.ca> - US based activist news
coverage

www.igc.org/csn - Colombia Support Network

www.ran.org - Rainforest Action Network

www.prairienet.org/clm - Colombia Labour
Monitor

<http://go.to/n30> - Anti WTO/ anti Expo2000

www.ilisu.org.uk - Illisu dam campaign

www.zmag.org - well established activist
resource site

www.irn.org - network for grassroots move-
ments resisting large dams

DISCLAIMER

We would like to warn you not to join the dots or see the bigger picture, or to act in solidarity or to realise that their struggle is your struggle.

Just make sure your own back yard is clean and tidy, put up a tall fence and never look over it.

Dig it?

You

The conference centre

This note appears to have value.

On closer inspection you can see it is worthless.

This money is as useful as a World Bank loan, geared to benefit the few at the expense of many.

STOP THE WORLD BANK AND IMF

Tato bankovka se zdá mít hodnotu- při bližším pohledu vidíte, že je téměř bezcenná. Tyto peníze jsou tak užitečné jako půjčka Světové Banky- jsou ku prospěchu několika na úkor vydaju mnohých.

Zastavte Mezinárodní Měnový fond a Světovou Banku

cut out and hand out Zde odstříhni a rozšíř dál cut out and hand out Zde odstříhni a rozšíř dál

The time is up for...

- ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION
- CORPORATE COLONIALISM
- ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION

Čas vypršel pro...

Swat the World Bank and IMF

- Ekonomické vykořisťování
- Společný kolonialismus
- Ekologické ničení

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"Between them the IMF and World Bank have caused more harm to people than any other non-military institutions in human history"
David Korten.

STOP the World Bank and IMF

"Mezitím Světová Banka a Mezinárodní měnový fond jsou zodpovědní za více mrtvých než jakákoliv jiná nevojenská organizace v historii."
David Korten.

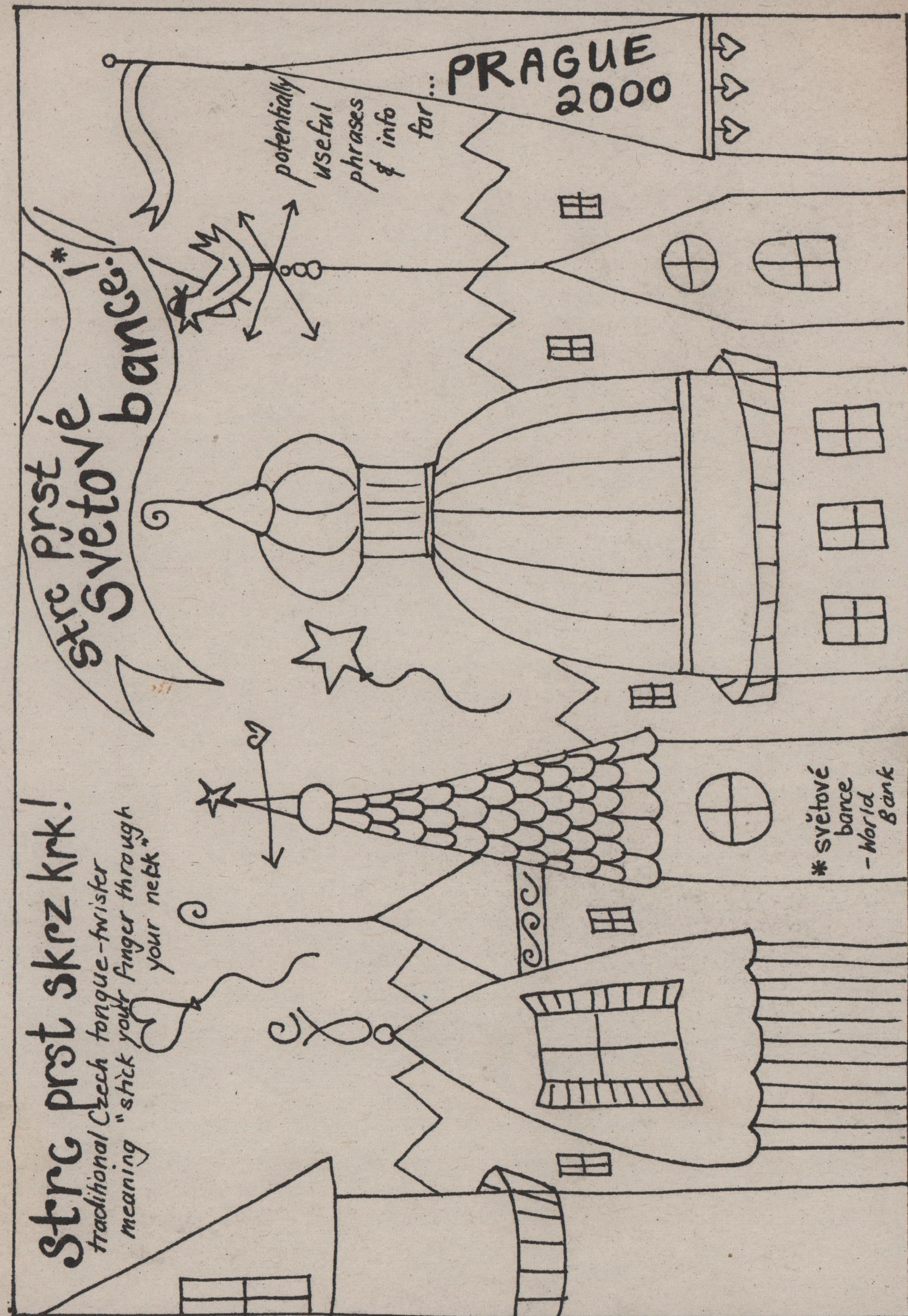
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A USEFUL PHRASE TO SHOW PEOPLE...

"promiňte, nemluřím česky, jen anglicky. Jsem tady, abych podpořil protest proti Světové bance, protože si myslím, že politici a velké obchodní společnosti mají velkou moc. Lidé by měli užívat zdrojů rozumně a s ohledem na naši planetu, přitom žít společně, čestně a pokojně. Praha je nádherné město!"

→ sorry, I don't speak Czech, only English. I am here for the protest against the World Bank, because I believe politicians and corporations hold too much power. I think people can share resources equally and treat the planet gently, and live together justly and peacefully. I think Prague is very beautiful!

- Notes -



GREETINGS AND BASICS

English	Czech	sort of pronounced like...
yes	ano	"ano"
no	ne	"ne"
please	prosím	"proseem"
and	a	"a"
thank you	děkuji	"d'yekooyi"
hello	dobry den	"dobree den"
goodbye	nashledanou	"nas-khledanoh"
that one		"tumten"
could you please...	"mohul (man)/mohla (woman) bisteh"	
do you speak English?	Mluvíte anglicky?	"mlooveete anglitski?"
I don't speak Czech	Já nemluvim česky	"yah nemlooveem cheskee"
I don't understand	Nerozumím	"nerozoommeem"
fine	dobře	"dobrzhe"
sorry (apology)	promiňte	"prominyehteh"
good	dobře	"dobreh"
bad	špatné	"shpatneh"
more	víc	"veets"
less	míň	"meen"
enough	to stačí	"to stachee"
some	několik	"nekolik"
my name is...	jmenuji se	"ymenooyi se"
how much?	kolik	"kolik"

DIRECTIONS AND BORDER STUFF

where is the...	kde je	"gde ye"
how far...	jak daleko	"yak daleko"
go left	levo	
go right	pravo	
straight ahead	jedte / bezte rovne	
I'd like a ticket to...	chtěl(a) bych jízdenku do...	"khtel(a) bikh yeezdenkoo"
underground	metro	
long distance bus	dálkový autobus	
bus	autobus	
tram	tramvaj	
train station	vlakové nádraží	"vlakove nahdrashzee"
I'm here on holiday	já jsem tady nadovolené	"yah ysem tadi nadovoleneh"
I'm a student	jsem student	"ysem student"
I'm just passing through	já jenom projíždím	"yah yenom proyeezhdeem"
I'm not with them!	nejsem s nimi!	"neysem se nymee!"

in the morning	ráno	"rahno"	today	dnes	"dnes"
weekend	víkend	"veekent"	yesterday	včera	"vchera"
tomorrow	zítra	"zeetra"			

Excuse me. Can you tell me the time?

Promiňte, prosím. Můžete mi říct kolik je hodin?

"promintye, proseem. Moozhete mi rzheets-t kolik ye hodyin?"

A POTTED HISTORY OF PRAGUE

Prague is a beautiful city, and has seen many occupying forces come and go. The Czech lands have Celtic beginnings, then were populated by Slavic tribes, and through the Middle Ages things were dominated by a Christian feudal system. The supposed "golden age" was the 1300s, when Prague was one Europe's finest cities, and it acquired much of its amazing architecture. **The 1300s were also notable for a riot in Plzen, when the recipe for beer changed!** For more than three hundred years, from 1526, it was occupied by the Austro-German Hapsburg empire, till this was edged out by democratic reforms that were part of the European-wide revolutions following 1848. After World War 1, it became an independent nation-state. In 1939 Nazi Germany re-occupied. In 1945 as the US and Russian armies approached from east and west, Prague was liberated by its own residents.

Communists were elected in 1948 – with debatable consequences! Dubcek, the party leader, started various reforms in the late sixties, which became known as the Prague Spring. This was stopped by Soviet-backed invasion on the 20th of August, 1968. Fifty-eight people died on the first day; after this **people resisted by disorientating the invaders – removing street signs and numbers.** Dubcek was exiled to an obscure forestry department. In 1989 after the Berlin Wall had been breached, a demonstration of 50,000 people in Prague was attacked by the police. **In response the following days saw larger and larger demonstrations by students and then most of the population.** An anti-communist coalition negotiated the government's resignation by the 3rd of December. This has become known as the Velvet Revolution. It was followed in 1993 by the Velvet Divorce, as the Czech Republic and Slovakia decided to split into two countries.

Czech citizens are proud of having thrown off various occupying forces – let's make sure they see the World Bank as the occupiers this time, and not us. We have the opportunity to inspire, party, network, make the World Bank unworkable, and spread and learn new ideas. We can make sure everyone in Prague knows why we are there and what we are doing. We can help stop the march of modern capitalism into central and eastern Europe. But if the events before or during the conference turn to fighting, or damage, let's be clear we are targetting the World Bank and corporate institutions, and not the people of Prague, and the things they hold dear. Even if it's "property" we personally don't like, Prague is made up of people's own homes and businesses, **Prague itself is not the target.** If we leave Prague in a mess of our making, while the Bank succeeds in portraying itself as listening and accomodating, the chances of fighting its encroachment into Europe will be massively set back. Trashing random pretty buildings and family cars is not the same as trashing capitalism. Corner shops are not corporate shops! Let's destroy the World Bank. Let's destroy McDonalds. But **let's make the city and people of Prague SEE that our vision, our actions, our world are better than that of the Banks.**

NUMBERS

0	nula	"noola"	5	pět	"pyet"
1	jedna	"yedna"	6	šest	"shest"
2	dvě	"dvye"	7	sedm	"sedoom"
3	tri	"trzhi"	8	osm	"osoom"
4	čtyři	"chtirzhi"	9	devět	"devyet"
			10	deset	"deset"

FOOD & FRIENDS & DATING & BEER

I'm vegetarian	jsem vegetarián	"ysem vegetariahn"
I don't eat meat	nejím maso	"neyeem maso"
I musn't eat food containing...	nesmím jíst nic všem j	"nesmeem yeest nits fchem"
...sugar	sukr	"tsookr"
...cake	dort	"dort"
...wheat	psenice	"?"
...chemicals	chemicky	"chemicky"
...animals	zvirata	"zeevrata"
...diary products	mlečne výrobky	"mlechneh výrobky...(maybe?)"
...genetic ingredient	geneticky součást	"geneticky"...don't know
vegetarian dishes	bezmasa jídla	
bread	chleba	"khleba"
water	voda	voda
vegetables	zelenina	
chips	bramboroveh hranolki	
salad	saláti	"salati"
Pleased to meet you!	těší me	"teshee mne"
What's your name?	jak se jmenujete	"yak se ymenooyete"
How are you?	Jak se máte?	"yak se mahte"
Fine thanks	děkuji dobře	"dekooye dobrzhe"
Where do you come from?	Odkud jste	"oktoot yste"
I'm British	Jsem Brit	"ysem Brit"
...English	...Anglickan(ka)	"Anglichan(ka)" - female
...from Scotland/Ireland/Wales	odkud Skotsko/Irsko/Wales	"oktoot Skot-sko/Irsko/Velz"
Are you on your own?	Jste tady sam?	"yeste tadi sahm"
I'm with my...	Ja jsem s...	"Ya ysem s..."
...boyfriend	svým mladencem	"sveem mlahdentsem"
...girlfriend	svou divkou	"svoh dyeefkoh"
...wife	svou ženou	"svoh zhenoh"
...husband	svým manzelem	"sveem manzhelem"
Are you single?	Jste ženatý svobodný	"yste zhenatee svobodnee"
Can I get you a drink?	Chtěl(a) byste něco k pití?	"khttel(a) biste netso k pitee?"
Would you like to go out with me tonight?	Mohli bychom se večer sejít?	"mohli bikhom se vecher seyeet?"
Why are you laughing?	Proč se smějete?	"proch se smneyete?"
Is my Czech that bad?	Mluvíš česky tak špatně?	"mlooveem cheski tak shpatne?"
Where shall we meet?	Kde se sejdeme?	"gde se seydeeme?"
No I'm not interested	Ne, já opravvu nemám zájem	"né yah opravdoo nemahn zahyem"
thank you.		
Leave me alone, please!	Nechte mne prosím!	"nekhte mne proseem"
Thank you, it's been a wonderful evening.	Děkuji za krásný večer	"dekooye za krahsnee vecher"
Are you up for it?	Jdete do toho?	"dete do toho?"
I'm from Britain and I'm on the pull!	Jsem Britanie a jsem na tahu.	"Ysem Britania a ysem na tahoo."
Two beers please	Dve piva prosim	"diveet piva proseem"

LEGAL INFO AVAILABLE AS OF 26/08/00

- **Foreigners have the same rights as citizens of Czech republic.** Differences are possible only if the law (statute) admitted it (see "Stay of Foreigners Act")
- There are some important **constitutional rights** in CR - everybody (foreigners) has the right:
 - to be arrested and processed in a language they understand
 - to have an lawyer
 - to not say anything (to say no comment)
 - to organize or participate in peaceful demonstrations, happenings, street actions... (it is interpreted to mean not damaging property or people and not disturbing or restricting other people's freedom)
- More radical actions like **blocking the streets are usually only an offence, not a crime.** The Czech Criminal Code defines "a weapon" as "everything that can be used to attack body or property. It is prohibited to carry weapons in a demonstrations.
- Interfering **policemen must have an identification number**, if not, he or she is not considered a policeman.
- The **police can detain you for 24 hours.** The maximum general period of your detaining is 72 hours. If you are detained, you have got the right:
 - to not say anything
 - to be given an interpreter
 - to be given a lawyer
 - to inform someone of your situation
 - to get a meal every 6 hours (usually) - if you demand, vegetarian (you could also demand vegan, but I think in practise it will not be possible to get it)
 - to refuse to sign anything that you don't understand (the forms will be in Czech...)
 - to obtain a copy of your paperwork
- If you are charged with a crime (whether it is serious or not) and they have at least one of these three reasons, **they can keep you in jail (possibly for some months!) because they think that...**
 - 1) you will leave the country and won't come back
 - 2) you will influence witnesses
 - 3) you will commit a crime again.
- In the case of a keeping you in a jail you have got some more rights. The special possible punishment for foreigners is an expulsion from the Czech republic (not for Czech citizens)
- **Foreigners can be expelled from a country in some cases** (the maximum period is 10 years). The procedure of expulsion depends on your country - basically if you are non-EU/had to get a visa to enter it will be easier to expel you.
- **There will be a basic legal help in time of demonstrations in September in Prague** ("The Centre of Legal Help" - professional lawyers, and also some information pamphlets for protesters) which will be organized by czech NGOs. There is also a possibility of independent "legal observers" organized by EPS (Ecological Law Service). Next week it will be possible to get more legal information on this address: <http://inpeg.ecn.cz>
- The possession of any kind of drugs could be considered as a committing a crime (but only if you have got a "bigger than small amount" of it - although in practice it can be only 5 joints of marijuana...)

SEPTEMBER EVENTS, AS OF 26/08/00

1 onwards	Infoshop in centre of Prague, for the duration...
14 onwards	Direct Action Camp for a week outside Prague
18	Meetings and Press conferences begin for World Bank Conference
21 onwards	The Initiative Against Economic Globalisation (INPEG) week of creative action...
21-25	Five Themed Days of Action...
21	European Car-Free Day
22	Social Rights Day
23	Authority and Hierarchies
24	Debt
25	Human Rights Day
24	Finale Parade - festival and carnival through Prague with puppets and theatre, party on into night
22-24	The Art of Resistance Cultural Festival - various venues, various forms
22-24	Counter-Summit to World Bank Conference (discussions in English in several venues)
26	Global Day of Action closing down World Bank Meeting & destroying the IMF - global revolution will follow shortly
26-28	World Bank Conference
27-29	Continued sleep deprivation and anti-world bank activity, possibly jail solidarity...

more...?

JAIL SOLIDARITY

As used in Washington and Seattle - what has happened before is that people who are arrested refuse to give any details including their name, thereby stopping the police from processing their arrests. (A specific agreement on details given or not given may be suggested in Prague.) Imprisoned protesters then use the hassle they are creating (by stopping the police from moving them through & out of the system) to negotiate in solidarity with each other. This may mean - demanding that everyone gets charged with the same minor charge (instead of a few people out of all arrested being charged with something more serious) - demanding everyone is released at the same time (instead of alleged "leaders" being held longer) - demanding that no-one be deported etc. Experience has shown this can be effective.

Note however that the police may attempt to isolate the people they see as "leading" the jail solidarity so be alert for this. Also remember you cannot trust police or the system. In the past "non-violent" prisoners have refused to include "violent" prisoners in their jail solidarity. This could play into the police's hands, since looking askance at a police officer can get you an assault charge, and since often people so charged are being particularly targetted, and therefore need solidarity more than ever. Remember in Prague WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE and need to support each other, discussions about what tactics are appropriate or who did what and why can happen in the pub when we are ALL out of the nick.

POLITICS

More world, less bank	více lepšího světa, méně bank	"vitsa lepsheeho sveita, maynay bank"
Shut down the World Bank	zrušte svetovou banku	"zerushta svietovo banku"
People not Profit	lidé ne zisk	"lider ne zisk"
There is enough for all	pro všechny je dost	"pro vershenee ye dost"
Global Solidarity against	celosvětová solidarita proti	as it looks (proti is "protye")
Global Capital	celosvětovému kapitalismu	
Cancel 3 rd World Debt	zrušte třetí světový dluh	"zerusata tretí svetoree dloo"
No-one is Illegal	nikdo je nelegální	"neegdo ye nelegarni"
Create the World you want	vytvořme svět ve kterém chceme	"veetvorme sveeyet ve ktreem htserme
to live in	žít	zheet"
Celebrate	oslavujte	"oslavootye"
Peace	mir /pokoj	mir/pokoy (?)
Freedom	svoboda	
We are united	jsme sjednoceni	"ysme see-aird noseaner"
Land and freedom	zeme a svoboda	
Whose streets? Our streets!	Ci jsou ulice? Naše!	She so uleetze? Nasha!

IN THE STREET

call a doctor / ambulance	zavolejte rychle lékař/ambulanci	"zavolejte rikhlelehkarzhe/amboolantsi"
quickly	rychle	"richkla"
stop	stůj	
danger	nebezpečí	
slow down	zpomalit	
look out!	dávejte pozor	"dahveyte pozor"
Throw from the front you	Házej ze předu, ty idiote/cůráku!	"horzay zepředu tay idiot (fairly
wanker!		insulting)/choorakoo(very insulting)"
don't run	neutíkej	"nehootikay"
stick together	držme se pohromadě	"drezchmese pohoromodya"
they're behind you	jsou za tebou	"su za tubo"
we're surrounded	jsme obklopeni	"ysme upkleeschnee"
we will never surrender!	Nikdy se nevzdáme!	"niyde se nevzdama!"
we surrender!	Vzdáváme se!	"zdavama se!"
Fuck you	Bez do píce!	"beeyerzdo bitscha"
I am peaceful	Jsem pokojný	"ysem pokoynee"
sit down!	Sedněte si/sednout	"sednote si"
back	zpátky	"spatkay"
forward	dopředu	"dopschedo"
hooray!	Hurá!	"hoora!"
we are winning!	Vyhráváme!	"Veekaravahame!"

DISCLAIMER

1. This was not done by us.
2. If it had been, we wouldn't be responsible for any of the language mistakes.
3. Obviously we believe in the law. (It's definitely there.)

