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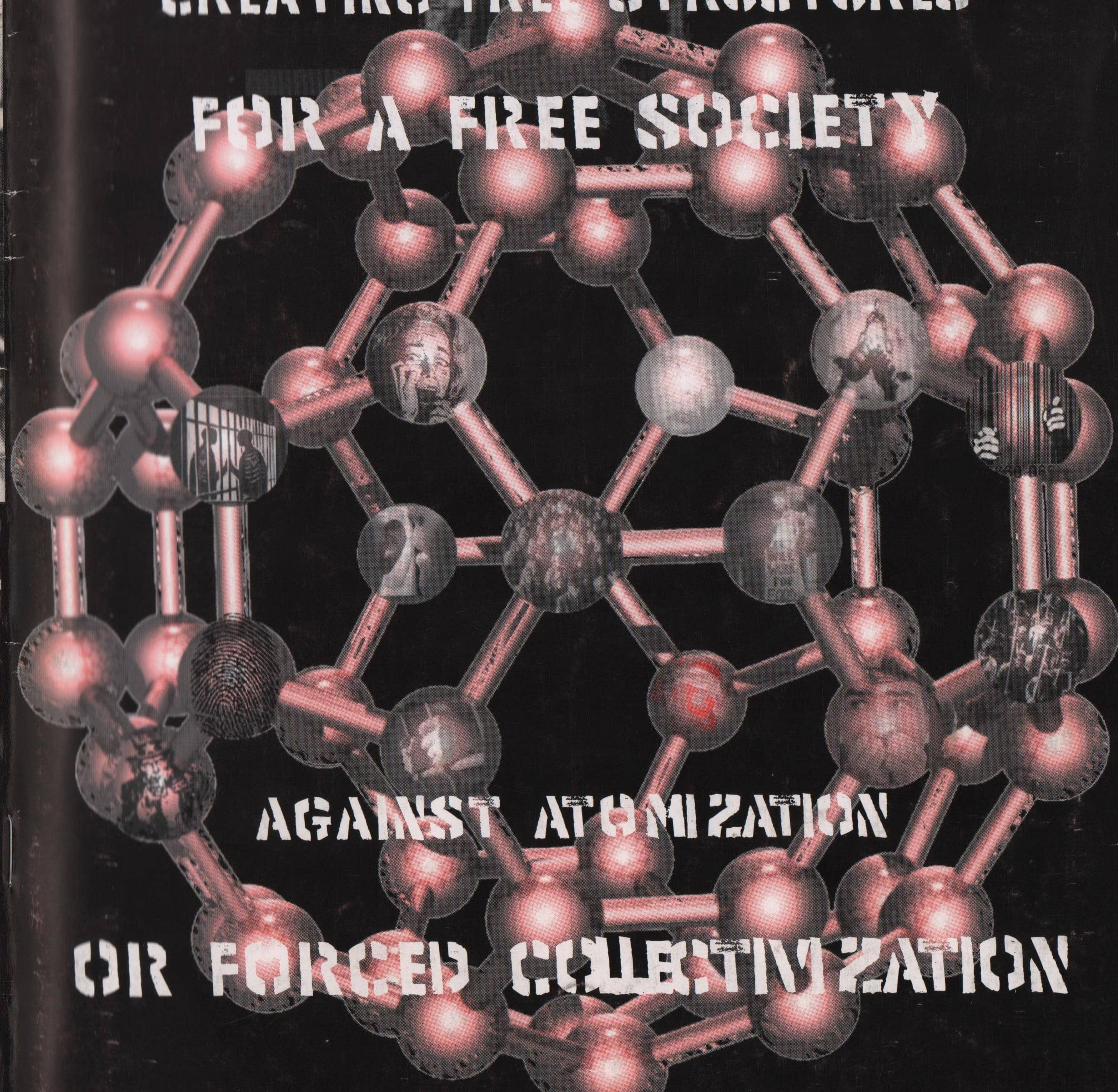
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From the beginning, our distro. concept would rely on the regional distributors to cover the request of the newspaper. We have realized that this structure is not 100% working, therefore, believing strongly that everyone should/could have the possibility of access to the information and news contained in ABB, so we have decided to attempt to solve this problem by forming a special subscription team within our collective - all this to break the barriers and the borders around us and spread, as much as possible, the noise of the ongoing struggles in eastern Europe, hoping that the wind of anarchy, solidarity and mutual aid, coming out from these experiences, may blow to you.

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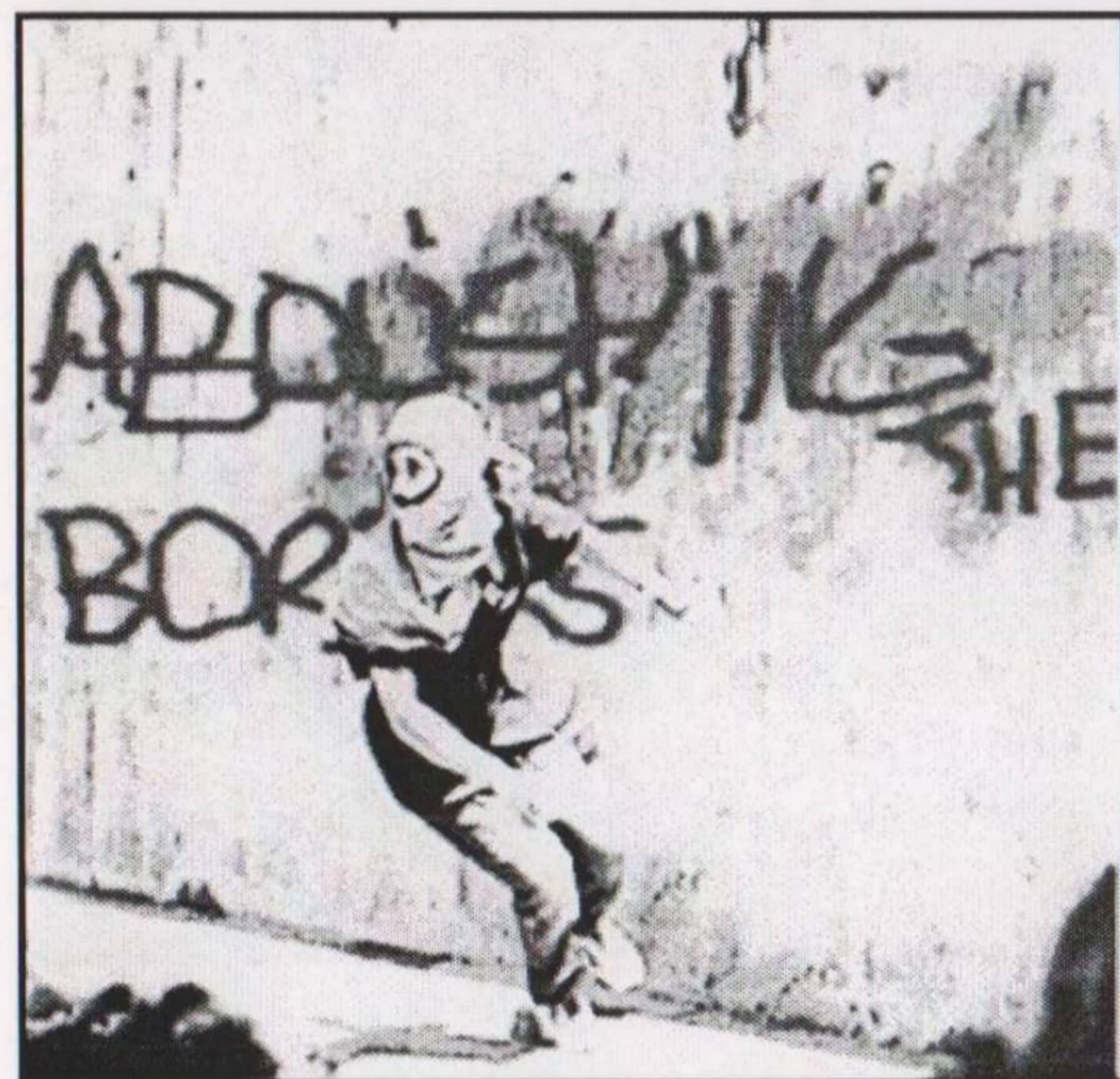
Anarchist Journal from Eastern Europe



There is a justifiable need to abolish the borders between nations, societies, cultures and whatever else separates and defines us. In order that this process does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation, like those established by elitist institutions such as the EU, NATO or UN, it has to be done from below, by the people. There is an enduring need to immediately abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, cooperation and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values. In order to push that process forward with support for the development of the anarchist movement over the borders we have created ...

“ABOLISHING THE BORDERS FROM BELOW” AN ANARCHIST JOURNAL FROM EASTERN EUROPE

There are many reasons why it is necessary to put out this type of publication on a regular basis. There are a large number of anarchist groups in EE which could operate much more effectively with a continual exchange of ideas, tactics, experiences and materials with similarly minded groups from all over Europe and the World. It is clear that many western activists are also interested in the ideas and actions of the "eastern anarchists". We believe it to be necessary to tighten the cooperation between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and it's effects on our life. A mutual exchange of inspirations, motivations, and cooperation from anarchist communities all over Europe is needed on a day to day basis not only in times of international protests like the ones in Prague, Gothenburg and Genoa. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. It is also a platform for regular presentation and exchange for various anarchist groups from EE itself, as well as helping to strengthen contacts between them and will hopefully lead to mutual inspiration. It also gives an opportunity for effectively organizing common campaigns and struggles. The process of creating an editorial team for AbolishingBB was a great step toward this so we appeal to everyone to make the most of the information here as effectively as possible. Finally this paper can be seen also as a mirror of our movement so every positive development in EE is coming back to us in form of motivation for further work on this magazine ...



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“AbolishingBB” is a bi-monthly magazine with information on different political and cultural processes and activities in Eastern Europe seen, commented on and analysed from an anarchist perspective.

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ABB is an international collective of migrant anarchist activists living in Berlin. The collective was formed in Autumn 2001 by a group of east-european migrant activists and was later joined by other migrant activists from other parts of the world. As well as this publication the collective also organizes a radio-show, a libertarian library, various solidarity actions, informative meetings and cultural events. We also cooperate with other anarchist groups, projects and campaigns (mostly in EE but not only) and support local and global struggles against all kinds of oppression and for a free-society.

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Our work would not be possible without the great contributions of our correspondents from around EE. The

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Free copies go to prisoners, all info-shops and libertarian libraries in Eastern Europe (who get in touch with us) as well as to our correspondents. At the moment we print by ourselves 1500 copies of each issue, and there are some local groups which make more copies by themselves after our agreement on that.

FINANCES

Unfortunately until now we were not able to cover our costs only through selling the newspaper so we would appreciate, if possible, benefits from outside

BAD ENGLISH REPUTATION

As you probably noticed *THE ENGLISH* which is used in this newspaper is very far from its gramatical and stylistic ideals. It is mostly because this is *ENGLISH* in which most of our correspondents, big part of our readers and most of us (as the editors) are communicating. So obviously we choose to use *ENGLISH* which is understandable for ourselves. Secondly, we decided to be rather “*BAD ENGLISH REPUTATION*” newspaper as to rise a level of language and this way eliminate probably 30-60% of our regular readers, especially in south and eastern Europe.

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This website is from one side a source of information about our collective but basically - an archive of texts which appeared in our newspaper in the past. Check it out (some chapters are still under construction).

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We do not necessarily agree 100% with all opinions expressed in the journal, but all here we found worth printing (for various reasons) !!!



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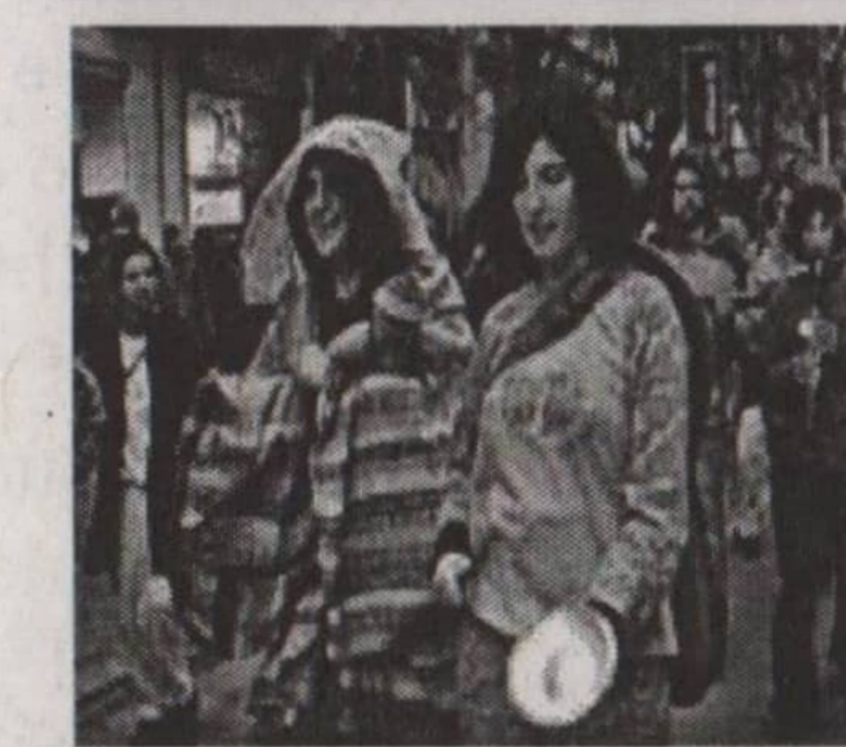
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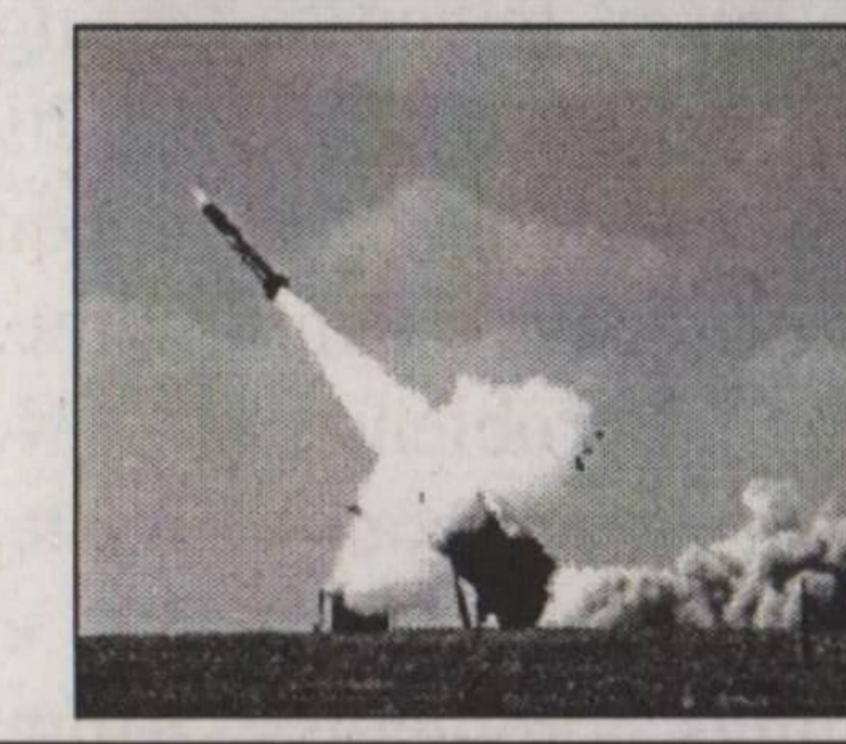
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ORGANIZING FOR BREAKFAST, STRUGGLE FOR LUNCH, AND SOLIDARITY FOR SUPPER. ANARCHISTS' DAILY BREAD

The human, as a social being, ever formed spontaneously into herds and groups, and built communities. Over time we began to take care about our circumstances and ways of forming these environments about how they influence him/herself. Some were doing it in a spirit of welfare for everybody, some for their own profit. The last made the creation of free associations more and more difficult, till impossible. Some societies never allowed the authoritarian relations to take over. Those are today in an extreme minority. The rest began the struggle and everywhere where it was successful free forms of non-hierarchical organization were setup immediately (or they had already been set during the struggle). Here we could bring the best known examples of the Paris Commune, Black Kronstadt, the Makhnovshchina or the Spanish Revolution. Everywhere where undertaking the struggle was temporarily impossible, people went ahead with propagating the idea or with experimenting with free communities under the authoritarian conditions, which in both cases was difficult and dangerous and often ended in some deformations but at least kept the ideas alive. Here we could mention the writings of Thomas Morus and Peter Kropotkin, experiments of Charles Fourier, or even today's land-communes, urban libertarian squats and social centres or workers cooperatives.

As you probably know, some of the moments of free/anarchist organizing took place in the region of eastern Europe, on the land of the Ukraine, in the cities of Russia, and for sure many other places and times which have been squeezed by the roller of history. In the last months for example appeared documents giving a final proof on anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist structures during anti-fascist resistance in two Warsaw uprisings, in 1943 (in Warsaw Ghetto) and 1944 ("Warsaw Uprising").

But the fascist and Bolshevik machineries did not allowed these

communities to survive and grow again. Supposedly the long years of so-called Real Socialism in after-war Eastern Europe gave the society collective structures. Unfortunately most forms of organization in these times set was conducted by state structures and have to be seen as forced collectivisation. And even if these processes are finished and almost forgotten now, many people in this region have deformed understanding of the term collective, which is very far of what anarchists, and anarcho-syndicalists mean. On the contrary, collectives (understood as free associations of people based on mutual support and solidarity) brings a connotation with authoritarianism, forced forms of organization and state interference in social relations. At the same time the tendencies of creating free associations are still very visible on the different terrains of social relation, coming as usual from the very natural desire of people to unite for the profit of everyone and all together. Some of these free associations even take the shape of anarchist structures; some are made by anarchists themselves. So ABB recently decided to give more focus on these structures.

However, the very inspiration to deal with the issue of collectives and free forms of organizing came actually from a very close perspective. It started with the continuous process of self-reflection and self-criticism towards our own structure and relations within the collective. From the very beginning of our existence we have been facing a number of internal problems, starting with failures on internal communication, meetings structure and way of discussing things, problems with autonomy of the individual towards the group, turbulences on the line of responsibility / self-initiative / informal hierarchy, problems with fluctuation of the members of the group, etc. We realised that during propagation of the libertarian ideas we are internally creating too many contradictions to it. We asked ourselves from

time to time where the sources of these difficulties and contradictions are. Is it the uncontrolled appearance of the attitudes deeply rooted in us from the period of growing up and education in the authoritarian environment? Is it an effect of the omnipresent state mechanisms interference in our lives? Or are these just our weaknesses that we refuse to deal with seriously enough? Or is it all ONE and THE SAME THING?

From this point we realise that next to our own analyses of the problem we would like to see how other groups deal with these problems and what ways of dealing with these contradictions they use. This brought us then to the question how the east European anarchists are organizing themselves in general, in what structures, what form of groups, collectives, affinity groups, associations, communities, networks and federations. How are they realising in practice the task of organisation in anarchist terms. Looking deeper in the issue we reach finally the point of the specific modern post-Bolshevik history of the east European societies and related to it problems with the contemporary developing of collective structures. That is why we started this editorial with a short historical excursion. So this wide theme we presented to our correspondents and comrades around the region with a request to participate in exchange. We have already got the first interesting responses, which you can read in this issue and we hope that in the upcoming editions more materials will come.

Next words in this editorial are related to the text that we printed in the last edition of ABB, the text on the Roma situation in Slovenia. As we have expected we got some polemics on it, which mostly brought the points of criticism, which we presented ourselves in our comment printed right under the controversial article. This is the reason why we decided not to print the polemics sent to us in this issue. Even if we agree with most of them, they mostly did not bring any new

arguments into the topic. Exception is the text by another Slovenian correspondent, a text that gives interesting and more background information on the social tensions within the Slovenian society in recent years. This text you will find in the issue. The author of the controversial article is a correspondent and comrade of the collective and friend of some of us, so at the same time we lead a dialogue as we believe that this is the best way to clarify the differences in understanding and in analyses of this very sensible issue.

Then we would like to inform you that after a long dead period our website is coming back soon with a fresh outlook and original concept of frequent actualizations. It still may take some days but check it out soon, it might be worth something again ... as it was supposed to be from the beginning.

And one more structural news, however not as good as the previous one. We are again in the financial dead point that seems to be an almost permanent situation since years. For now we cannot do anything more than sit down again and discuss the whole financial concept of ABB from the very beginning, and in the meanwhile to ask those groups and projects which are able to support us with some benefits making it possible to distribute this and print next issues of the journal. However, before you send some benefit to us ... read the last lines of this editorial, please.

In last weeks we have witnessed intensive struggles in some cities of Europe, struggles of which anarchists were in the front line. We mean here, among others, the radical and massive protests of the youth in Greece against the education reforms and the resistance against state attack on the libertarian structures in Denmark. In all places, Copenhagen, Athens and Thessalonica many comrades have been arrested and imprisoned. During these last struggles our project was as well hit in some points as some of our com-

rades involved in AbolishingBB as correspondents or distributors got imprisoned. Some of our east-European correspondents which have joined the struggles in different places have already been released; some of the distributors remain still in the state prisons facing serious charges. But even if our full solidarity goes to them as well as to all prisoners and comrades around the world we are not printing in ABB the specific reports and calls for solidarity. As you know our modest project is focusing consciously on supporting the eastern European movements and comrades, because this is the very specific idea of the project, which might seem curious but is very important to us and seems to be accepted widely by the borderless anarchist movement. Therefore, we are just calling in this exclusive place of our journal for intensive support to all recently imprisoned comrades in Copenhagen, Thessalonica, Athens, as

well as those already locked since months in the prisons of Barcelona and Italy and anywhere else. The last weeks showed the growing meaning of anarchists within the social tensions, as well as the growth of borderless cooperation, and who knows if this moment is not a turning point in our struggle. Who knows ...

**Solidarity to all
imprisoned anarchists!
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and capitalism!
Forward towards
the free society!**

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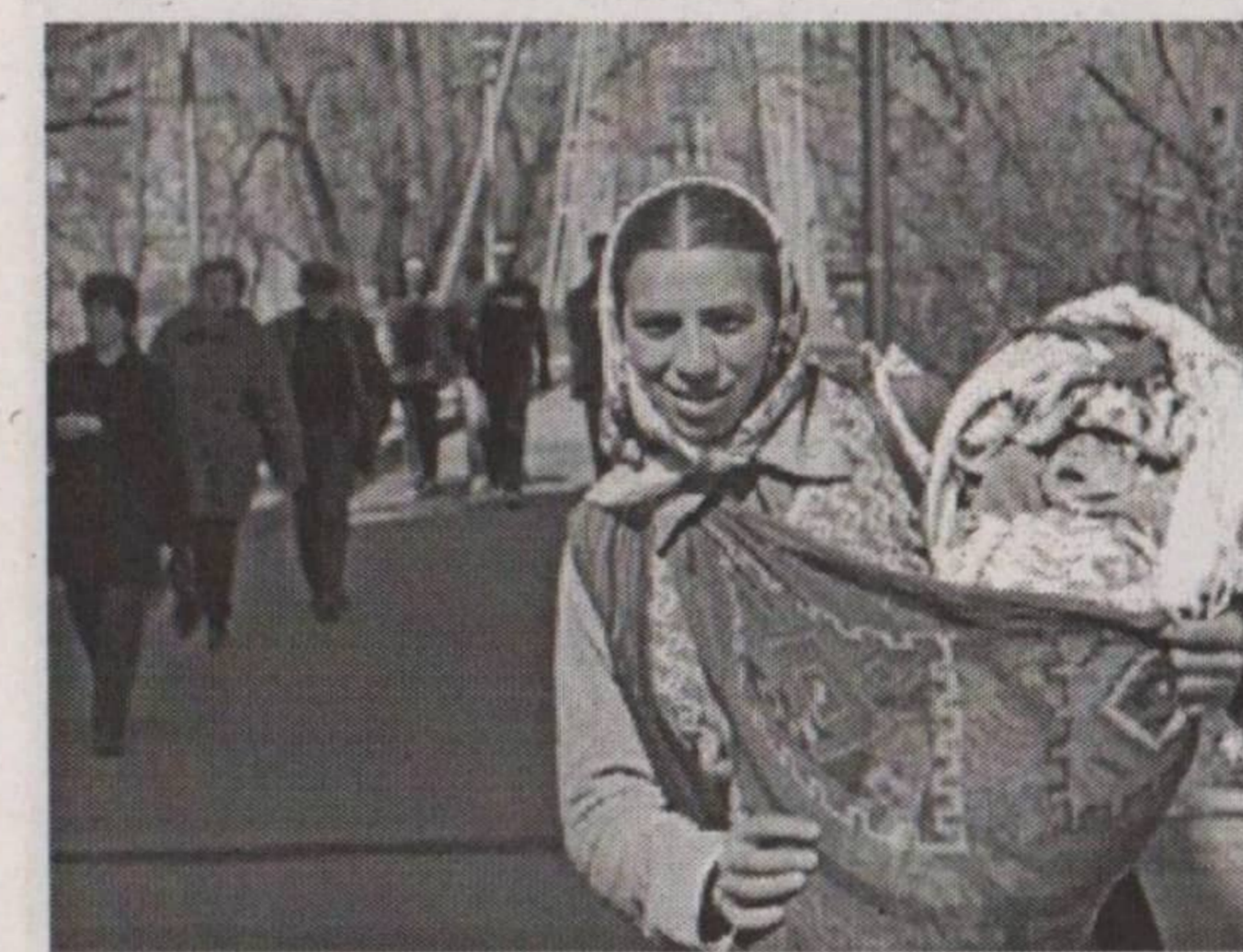
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**FASCIST AND NEO-LIBERAL TENDENCIES IN CON-
TEMPORARY SLOVENIA**

As you may already know, after more than a decade of Liberal-democratic reign, Slovenia "finally" got a Right-wing government (2004). Though it is a broader coalition of parties, the main agenda is set by the famous anti-communist fighter Janez Janša and his Slovene Democrats. As they always tend to legitimize their policies by criticizing the communist past, Democrat staff learnt many important lessons from the authoritarian regimes. We could say that their methods are more Stalinist than measures of the Yugoslav Communist party ever were in the former Yugoslavia.

**Anti-Communist government or
New Stalinists in power?**

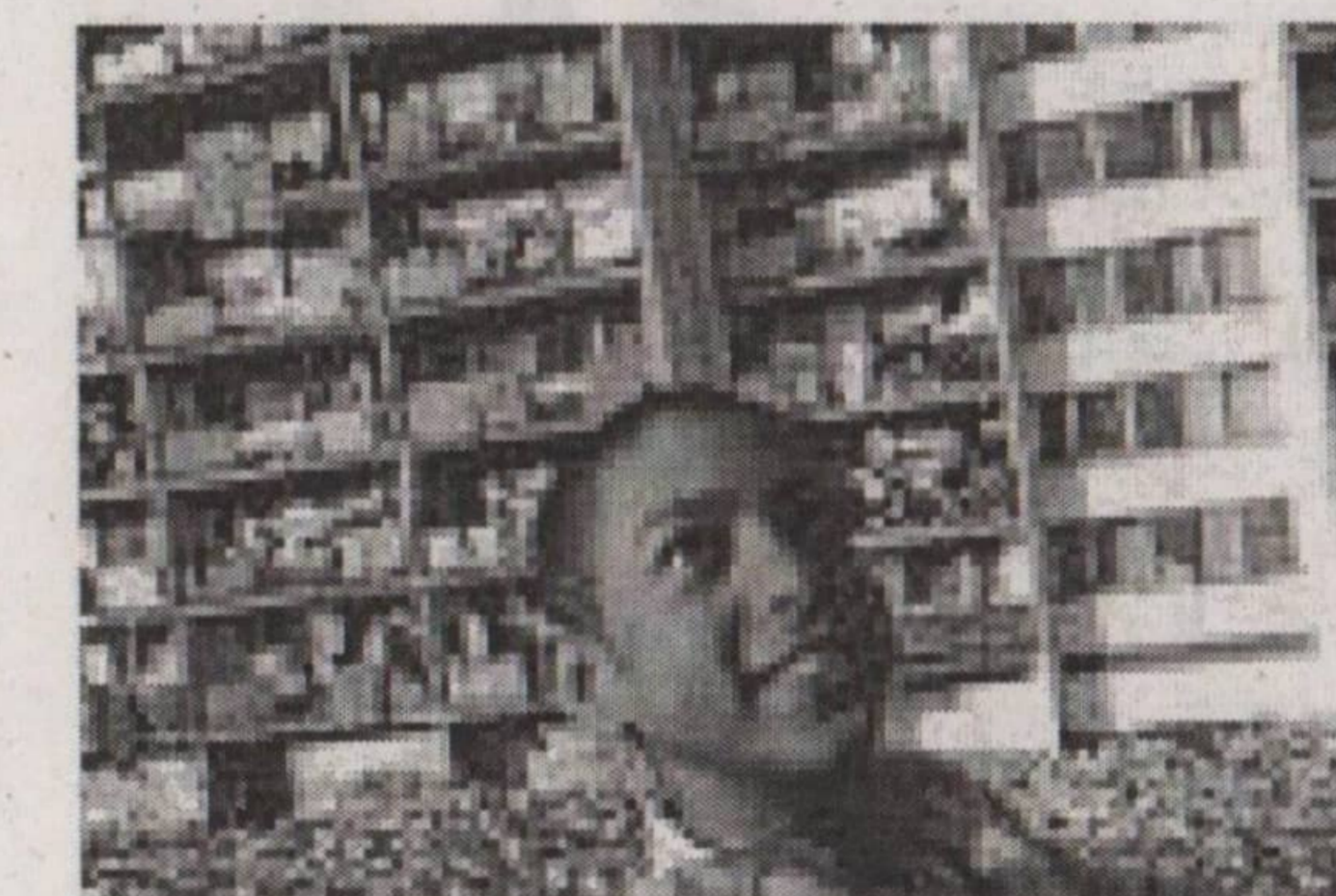
Right from the start Slovene Democrats launched extremely authoritarian policies. We could name these policies in different terms. They have obtained a form of "post-modern" purges, where many former governmental employees were immediately fired. Many jobs, not just high-rank posts, but also middle or low-ranked bureaucrats, are assigned according to the ultimate loyalty to the Slovene Democrat Party. One of the most important accelerations of their "employment policy" is that they changed all heads of state-owned companies. Simultaneously, they cleansed all editorial boards of public radios, televisions and newspapers. Many persons from companies' boards are now present also in boards of the mainstream media. So, the control is complete.

One cannot be surprised that "commercial" (American-owned) television, POP TV, is being more critical than public television. Well, to be sure, this "critique" remains at a "democratic" level - nothing else. But at least it functions as a democratic check of the government.

After these major shifts in the media, economic and political spheres, the government started with the second wave of privatisation. But let us look further back in the history, to the first wave of privatisation. After the break-up of Yugoslavia Slovenia took the "conservative" model of the re-installation of capitalism, it did not adopt neoliberal policies and did not attract foreign investments that proved to have disastrous effects in the majority of East-European countries. This model allowed a peaceful social transition and conservation of all fundamental welfare rights in the beginning.

Unquestionably, also Liberal-democratic Party started taking neo-liberal initiative though its internal splits prevented it to embrace it fully. First privatisation was marked with large "de-nationalisation" process, where the major beneficiary was Catholic Church and some remains of old bourgeois class that returned from Argentine (etc.) or was still in Slovenia. Private business slowly began to flourish and class differences started to grow steadily.

Now situation is more crystallized. Economic and financial reforms are important part of the new government. After installing new bosses they started selling the state-assets in big state-corporations. There are reforms that are planned for health, pensioner and tax-systems. Especially when they wanted to introduce flat-tax, massive opposition of syndicates that were joined by student, anarchist and other initiatives took place a year ago (it was the largest demonstration after Slovenian independence). The



reform was stopped for some time, but will definitely be introduced though in minor steps. The government and their officials want to stay in power, so they will not risk drastic measures in their first mandate.

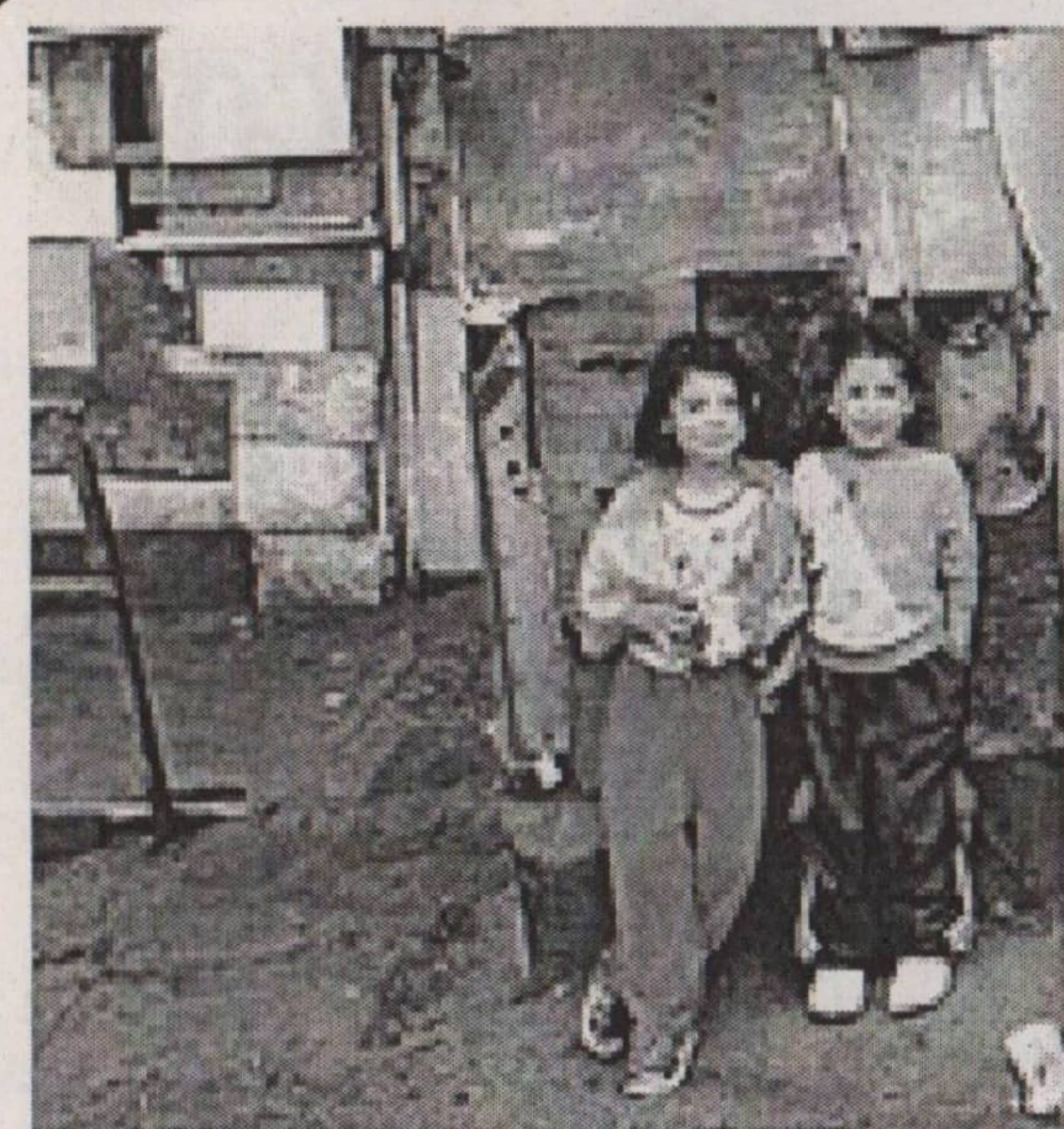
This neo-liberal reform is going hand in hand with conservative reform and broad conservative sentiment. In November 2006, women were affected; there was a move towards slow illegalisation of abortion - they tried to wrap it up that women will have to pay for abortion, but we all know this is just the first step. All marginalised groups are under attack. The issue of erased is still not resolved. The Constitutional Court demanded from the government to give everyone back their right for the permanent residence, but it is not even on their agenda! What is even more concerning is that European Commission, in the beginning of February,

with extreme conservative Frattini, said that it will not do anything for erased and that Slovenia has to deal with the breaching of human rights on its own. So, what can we make of this? They know that there is something utterly wrong, but they won't do anything... hmm, what about all this proud statements about Europe respecting human rights and minorities? Here, the utilitarian and economist logic of major European institution was openly demystified. It is important to add that there is still one group that is very active in Ljubljana and has advocated for this cause as well as for construction of antiracist network that is called Dostje! (www.dostje.org)

Gypsy drama

Apart from the constant problems with the immigration policies and the "police" treatment of immigrants, Slovenia became infamous at the end of year 2006 with its fiasco with gypsies (*it is also a question of what kind of political expression we are using in Slovenia we would usually employ the term Roma people, though one has to be aware of the political correctness and its limits). This fiasco that was transformed to a massive scandal with the help of media was used as a platform for the articulation of fascist discourses and practices. In one little village in Southern Slovenia there were constant hostilities between Roma people and "true Slovenians" that were a dominant group, well organized and backed-up by the whole political and repressive apparatus. Members of this Roma family (Strojan family) are Slovenian citizens and one night "true Slovenians" decided that they should not be living there, they make too much trouble. So, they took politics in their hands and evicted them from their home. Later they were deported by the state to some other town, where condition of living resembled a





prison and not a home. When they wanted to come back to their real home, countrymen from their original village organized what we call "village guards" (*same expression was in use for the fascist collaborators in the 2.WW). In other words they welcomed them with guns. Of course, gypsies did not return. Local guards were even checking police cars and this escalated in fighting between police and true "guards" of Slovenian soil... The government remained moderate in their treatment with fascist; they tried to find "final solution" for the gypsy issue and tried to provide alternative home-stays. Everywhere Strojan family was met with anger and armed guards. For Christmas, the president of Slovenia, Janez Drnovšek, made a brave attempt to persuade true Slovenians as true Christians to show some humanity and accept gypsies. He even tried to present them a story of Jesus' parents that did not find a place to sleep in Bethlehem. Very smart and well prepared move that almost ended tragically. People started screaming and spitting around the president and police had watch out all the time. Thus, local guards did not let them pass into the village and all cars with food supplies had to turn home. After some time they finally got the provisional place at outskirts of Ljubljana.



Even though this problem is now temporary solved, we can detect the symptom of new politics. When the Slovenian Ombudsman and other activist initiatives protested against the Government and against racism against gypsies, Government demanded a public apology from Ombudsman. This is surely not an absence of political culture, as some European experts in political theory, would qualify the phenomenon. This is a symptom of fascist politic in its purest form. Deportation, neutralisation of critical voices, passive attitude towards grassroots fascist organizing - all these moments show in the direction of the rise of extreme right wing tendencies.

Even though the situation seems rather pessimist, it gives even bigger chance for new articulation of the "leftist" movement for global justice. Different groups and collectives were scattered or stagnated ever since the arrival of Slovenia in NATO and EU. Slovenia recently entered EURO zone and prices and services have of course risen dramatically. With the new government in power and with the living conditions not exactly improving, there is a great chance of the rise of new political realities. At this time collectives are slowly gathering their momentum. Cultural activism from the autonomous centre Metelkova (www.metelkova.org) and squatted factory Rog (<http://tovarna.org/>) might become more linked to direct political actions in the near future.



collectives - organizing

WHY WE ARE NOT AN AFFINITY GROUP

text from Russia



Idea of affinity group called with other names (such as a troyka, "triangle") has been around in Russian revolutionary movement since the nihilists. But I think stressing importance of mutual friendship and trust in affinity group context is a more recent phenomenon, dating from Western anti-war, ecological and feminist movements of 60's and 70's. In this sense affinity concept is antagonist to a concept of an organization based on formal structure and agreed platform. In some sense purpose of platform is to override personal relations between members, which are often considered as a hindrance, as they may create conflicts which are not of political nature, thus not "real".

Perhaps back in the days people were less alienated from each other, and revolutionaries did not have to take any special measures to create solidarity, friendship and

trust. I do not know. However, when anarchist movement began to re-emerge in Soviet Union in 1980's, it was not building on experience of Western New left, but on written accounts of movement of late 19th and early 20th centuries (4 survivors of the old movement could still be found in the 80's, but they were not anymore in a fit to give much oral advice). Thus Russian anarchist movement is still working more in context of organizations and platforms than in context of affinity groups.

My group (*Autonomous Action of Moscow*) has been around in a way or another last 7 years. Some time ago I felt uneasy due to fact that most of these comrades I only see in our regular meetings. Then I realized that many of them are just too different to be anything more than good acquaintances to me. And this state of affairs is a rather logical consequence from our way of operation - we welcome anyone who passes our security scanning against infiltrators. And they are not so easy to single out - only case when we caught one was solely due to his stupidity. Whoever who may fit our type of operation is welcome to stay. If someone was a total shithead we would probably kick him out, but we do not demand anyone to be friends with the rest. Thus we are not an affinity group.

Any affinity is always about exclusion, creation of insider humour and codes no-one else may understand. Whoever claims she/he may be good friends with anyone, is either a hypocrite, or a superficial moron who does not even understand what a true friendship is about. I detest tendency of groups turning to closed cliques, but it is also something deeply human, and for many even more necessary than activity itself - I do not think we may ever get rid of it by writing platforms.

Our approach dates back from times when anarchist movement here was in a crisis even deeper than the current (permanent?) one, when there simply was no chance to be too picky. It has alienated plenty of people from us, but our way has also some benefits. Some people just do not fit anywhere else, but with us it is shit you do which determines the respect, not (only?) your scene popularity.

By S2W



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Together we are stronger!

Text from Croatia

If we work together in harmony, we can work on things that require more time & effort then doing it individually (I'm not underestimating the strength of individual, some things ARE better when done by individual - as for some direct actions - and some are better for affinity groups. It depends of situation and what you want to do). The point of anarchist struggle is, despite of mainstream prejudice, to be organized, in a different ways then this society is: non-hierarchical. But often, the burden that we carry with us from this society's mentality is too strong, and the way society function is reflecting on the way of the work of group and also inner relationships. That's the enormous paradox which most, if not all anarchist/affinity groups have/had. I think that most of people involved in such groups, which exist and work continuously through longer period of time, can confirm that. By promoting anarchist ideas, we found ourselves in big discordance between theory and practise. That's the issue, which is much more important then we think,



and also a problem on which not enough attention is brought. So I'm glad that this topic occurred in ABB!

In Croatia we have 2 form of organizing collectively - one is **informal collective** which gathers around when there is a need for it, like when organizing some event, or demos. This kind of group gathers around mostly few times a year, with mostly same people, and with some new also. This group also don't have a name, but taking different names, depending of situation (like *Network of social solidarity*, *Antifascist front*, *Zagreb's anarchist movement*, etc.) This kind of group have its own problems, but also not so different from the other form of group - which is affinity group who is working continuously during year, having meetings and some permanent projects, and others periodical. But the aims of those groups are, in my opinion, different. For the first kind of group the aim is to accomplish successfully the cause they are gathering around for - like to bring attention of people on the current situation, for example, what are disadvantages and reasons why Croatia should not enter NATO or bringing attention on politics of EU, which politicians unconditionally want to join so much.

This group split after demos or public event they gathered around for. Generally problems of those groups are not solved, because there's not discussion about mistakes and problems and functioning of a group after the event is over. Becoming aware of this, there were attempts of hav-

ing meetings afterwards, but that's wasn't very successful (with some exceptions, like on the last year's **Anarchist**

Bookfair).

The **other** form of group is, unfortunately, very rare in Croatia - I can remember only *Anfema*, and *FNB* collective from Zagreb, which is starting with serious work of informing people about reasons against entering NATO while spreading food and cloths for free, and explaining through leaflets why are they doing that. I see improvement in that, because there was some period when NGO organizations called FNB to cook on some events they organized, considering it primarily as free food, and not political initiative. That's the group which, if want to spread this information around, have to work continuously, and it's starting to happen!

Although, I want to write here mostly about this other group, **Anfema** (*AnarchaFeminist Action*), cause I have the most practical experience with this group, since being in it from the very beginning in 1999. I don't want to write here about history (herstory) of a group, because I've already done this in ABB #17, #23, and there's also a web site to check if you're interested (www.anfema.tk). I want to write about current situation / problems. In a moment there's 8 people in a group, we have meetings once a week, cause we're working on organizing 1st *Anarchafeminist Festival* in Zagreb which will take place on 13th, 14th and 15th of April this year (www.anfemafest.tk).

2 years ago, when new people joined, there were only 2 of us in a group (the other person is not anymore, but supporting our work). Some new girls were much younger then me, 16 years old, with no practical experience in activism, but with a big wish to contribute. I spent a lot

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of time getting to know them, talking with them, seeing what they want to do, what are their opinions about anarchist and feminist ideas. People reacted on that, well... not supporting. I heard reactions like: "You can't make someone an anarchist, if he/she already isn't" "I'm giving them 2 years top" and "Are you giving lectures to your pupils?" That disturbed me a lot, cause then we can throw up the term of anarchist education and self-education. The lack of support to those girls disappointed me very much, cause I realized that anarchist core here become very ghettoized, not giving a chance to new people to join, and without new people it's the matter of time when those ideas will die. I didn't know what's the best way to approach those girls, so I wrote to A-sisters all around the world, asking them for their opinions, advices and experiences. Answers I received helped me a lot, encouraged me, and this way I'm thanking them a lot. Later few more people joined, so now we're mixed by age and gender. The character of problems which we have from the beginning is

- 1) different level of experience,
 - 2) taking over responsibility in a different measure
 - 3) inequality in involvement into the group
 - 4) bad communication inside of the group.
- These are problems that came out from the fact that we are all very different, we don't take things equally serious, and we have different background/experience when it comes to practical activism and theoretical points of views.

Don't get me wrong, it's not a problem that we have (some) different thoughts on some issues, but it is a problem when one or two persons are doing the most of the job, and the rest of them are doing something from time to time, or skipping meetings (some more, some less), or getting late, or

when attempts of communication about that comes only from one side... and the worst problem is that nobody detects all that as a big problem. The thing is in taking over responsibility - that's why some sort of hierarchy developed. Since few months back, we had an attempt of discussing about those problems, and we did it partially - it wasn't enough time to solve those big problems in just few meetings. But one good thing happened - organizing this festival, which is the biggest thing *Anfema* ever did (and it's important cause that's the way, among others, we want to spread and promote ideas of collective among the society and to connect group with other similar groups/individuals), and it requires a lot of organization, effort, energy, and - common work! This will be like a big test for us - if people don't take their share of work seriously, we will fail. That's why we did a small internal QUESTIONERY about personal responsibilities considering festival, way of the group functions, purpose of doing what we do, etc. I see here a big gap between theory and practice - you can say what you want about anarchism in theory, having great thinking about some issues, but it all falls down into water when you don't self initiatively do something, but only if somebody else ask you to do some part of the job. That's the problem, which can't be solved by one person, but both/all of them. Two practical examples of problems here:

1) People from the group were complaining that they don't know all the details about the fest, while skipping meetings in the same time, and not asking/calling anybody to ask for news. And answering questionnaire about responsibility, the general conclusion was that "we could all be more regular in going on meetings, but who am I to preach when I'm also doing that?!" So, it's not that people are totally unaware of existing problems. Unfortunately, it takes much

more effort to solve those problems but to give it up or ignore it. And again, it takes all sides to solve it!
2) We agreed to organize cocktail party in order to collect money for the fest. But opposite to agreement, all people were late to cleaning and preparation the place for it, because of their personal reasons! We talked about that later, and next time we did it, it was better.

I see asking and answering on those questions as a small, but important step to better communication. Maybe we don't have as much time as we used to, because we deal mostly with things about the fest, but it also rushed some problems to be solved. What doesn't kill us, it will make us stronger! We also discussed about what if... some new local people want to join after the fest cause they liked the idea, and I can see others from the group in the same doubts as I was when they joined! But now it's more of us, with more experience, and I think with those conditions things can only be better..

For me personally, being a part of this group is playing a very important part in my life, and I definitely think that it's worth of committing myself to this group, no matter to such problems for which I think that CAN be solved, cause I think that's the best way to oppose to isolation and dehumanization which today's society is pushing us into. Just making that this kind of group works / exists for years, means that resistance exists and also people who still care, passing this resistance on, and on...

Isolation is the weapon of powerful, and unity is revolutionary!



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Anarchist organization, decision-making and its problems

Interview with member of **Autonomous Akcion Moscow**

The following interview with member of Autonomous Action from Moscow was made by Swedish comrades preparing these days a larger publication on anarchist organising where various present as well as historical types of anarchist networking and organising will be presented and discussed. From the letter of one of the comrades: "It will be about different views and ways of how to organize. We want to show in different ways that whole idea of anarchism is about organization and the total opposite of chaos". This publication should be ready in May and we are awaiting it with big interest (while we hope it will be translated into English too). At the same time the activist giving this interview pass it to us assuming that ABB might be interested in publishing it too, especially in context of this issue. So this is how it landed on our pages. We believe that by publishing it here we are not only serving you some more background information about ways of organising by Russian anarchists but as well making sort of advertisement for the publication being prepared in Sweden. AbolishingBB

General. What is your stance or view on anarchism?

I think it is important to make clear both opinions of Autonomous Action, and my personal opinion.

Autonomous Action is exactly speaking not an anarchist, but a libertarian communist organisation. It was intended to become a common front of all libertarian communists - both anarchist and anti-authoritarian marxists. Latter are not much in former Soviet Union, probably not more than two dozen active, but they have a high theoretical level. But for some reasons existing libertarian marxists have not joined us, perhaps because our organisation has an image of a youth organisation (although we have many 30+ people are around), and we have

not prioritized working out theoretical positions too much, which tends to be is favourite sport of these marxist types. Now we have few people who prefer to call themselves rather autonomes than anarchists in order to distance themselves from rest of the anarchist movement, but vast majority of our 100 or so members call themselves anarchists, and we do not bother to censorship anarchist cliché style from our publications.

Personally, I consider myself anarchist and communist, without any further attributes. But lack of attributes is not because of escaping critical take on current state of our movement, in contrary I think anarchists should continuously reach for something new.

Organisation. How are you organized? Why have you organized yourselves this way?

To answer this question, you should understand history of our movement. Although Autonomous Action was founded in January of 2002, process began two years more early. In my personal opinion, winter of 1999-2000 was the deepest point of the crisis which anarchist movement faced after flourishing in time of perestroika. Anarchism is certainly not synonymous with liberal market reforms, but destiny of the movement which was born in 1980's was still so strongly connected to democratic movement, that general disillusionment with democracy also hit hard anarchism. What worked out in 1980's did not worked in 1990's, fall of anarchist movement was also accompanied with heavy infighting when people made most different kind of analysis on which went wrong.

In autumn of 1999, nothing was happening, and only 3 months after new war in Chechnya had began, anarchists in Moscow got

their shit together to do anything.

Autonomous Action was founded to take ex-USSR anarchist movement out from this deepest crisis. From theoretical point of view, it was founded totally wrong way - from top to bottom, superstructure was being discussed before any real Local groups even existed. In reality, it is much more right to set up structures from bottom to top - first establish working local groups, and then start coordination between them when they reach a critical mass. But in 1999-2000, something had to be made to make it out from nothingness. Thus Autonomous Action was formed, an international organisation from the onset, although it was just 3 persons from 3 different cities taking part to initial discussions, and during following years it was not much more.

World was much different in 2000-2002, most notably very few had internet in Russia. For a person in some peripheral city without any groups, it was very difficult to get into contact with anarchists. Actually, it was almost impossible to find anarchists even in Moscow. Point of Autonomous Action was to create some minimal visibility and a rallying point for a very weak and dispersed anarchist movement in the former Soviet Union. For an isolated person in an isolated city, it



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would be much more meaningful to act as part of something bigger. This primary function is still the main influence in the current organisational structure of Autonomous Action - but due to huge spreading of internet during last 5 years, this function has largely become outdated, and thus perhaps the concept of the organisation as well.

In practice, the concept of networking isolated anarchists is realized by accepting both individual members and collective members, and that people have often been accepted to organisation even if nobody has met them in real life, especially if they are from very distant locations. Also, not too much questions have been asked about opinions of people, affirmation that they agree with manifesto and rules has been enough.

We do not limit our activity geographically, but personally I would be reluctant to accept groups with many non Russian speaking members, as translations would create bureaucratic overhead. Currently we have active groups only in Belarus and Russia and individual members and supporters in Lithuania, Moldavia and Ukraine. In past, we also had people in Kazakhstan. Our group in Armenia was repressed and many of our Armenian members are currently in exile.

Decision-making. How do you make decisions? Do you use consensus? Why, or - why not? Does everybody participate in all decisions?

We have a rather complicated decision-making structure, because we wanted to have flexible ways for different kinds of situations. Backside of this is that our rules are rather complicated, and apparently many of our members are not really aware of them and actually may even feel alienated from them.

There are five different ways to make collective decisions of federative level. Three of these structures are "highest decision-making mechanisms" of the organisation with unlimited powers, two have just limited powers.

Highest decisionmaking mechanisms are:

- 1) General meeting. Must take place "offline", but people may pass their vote by mandate or by e-mail if they may not attend.
- 2) A consensus between groups. Any decision may be passed by any time frame, if all the groups have announced their agreement, even if there were some disagreements inside the groups (groups may decide themselves if they are making decisions by veto or by majority if consensus fails). Opinion of individual members who have no group does not count. This is the quickest decision-making mechanism, but requires a high level of consensus. This far it has never been used.
- 3) A general referendum. Votes are passed by various means of communication in a certain time phase. For a situation when consensus decision between group fails, but decisions have to be made before next general meeting may be called. This method has also never been used.

Decision-making mechanism with limited powers:

- 4) A conference. Is like general meeting, but has less strict requirements in regards of quorum and a right of calling for one. May only make decisions which are recommendations, or to which it has a mandate from three highest level decision-making mechanism (for example, a general meeting may give conference a mandate to spend 10 000 rubbles for some campaigns, and conference may specify how to spend this money). Often conferences have been organised in winter, when it is more difficult to reach quorum for a general meeting, and general meetings have been organised in summer when people are able to travel more.
- 5) Coordinatory council. This is a body which makes decisions on e-mail list between any meetings and referendums. It has very limited powers - it has right to accept only individual members, not groups to organisation, and it may only make decisions on finances in framework specially set by some decision-making mechanism with stronger powers,

ers, for example to spend a certain amount of money to specified purpose during a year. It may make resolutions, but they will be subscribed as resolutions of coordinatory council, not resolutions of organisation. In practice, coordinatory council is more for doing organisational tasks than making decisions.

Presentation in organisational council is based on delegation by groups. Each group has one vote, but it may have as many delegates as it likes, and split the vote among them as it likes. Any member of Autonomous Action (individual member of member of a group) has a right to join e-mail list of coordinatory council, and to have a voice but not vote, also in case if not delegated by groups. Decision-making period of a coordinatory council is 2 weeks, so during this period any local group may call a meeting, and make a decision about their vote by imperative manner.

Unfortunately, for most of time of 5 years existence of Autonomous Action, Coordinatory council has either not worked at all, or just few of the delegates have actively taken part to the discussion. Only merits of council this far has been publishing internal bulletin during first few years of organisation, and organising general meetings and conferences - it has not really managed to coordinate any campaign activity.

Problems of decision-making raising from having both individual and collective members have been solved so that every individual has one vote in a general meeting, conference and referendum - whether she/he is an individual member of federation or member of some collective member. However individual members of federation have a bit less rights than members of groups - they may not influence to consensus decisions between groups, and they have no way to influence to work of coordinatory council except voicing their opinion. Also, whereas



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groups have a responsibility to keep their members on course of current affairs of the organisation, federation has not such responsibility in before individual members, with exception of a call to referendum, conference or general meeting.

But it is not meant that individual members of the federation should be individual members forever - purpose is that soon after their joining as individual members, they would find comrades in their area in order to create a real functioning group. Sparsely distributed but passive individual sympathizers are not much of use for the organisation, thus organisation has less responsibilities in front of them.

All of the five aforementioned structures make decisions by consensus. However in case of general meeting, referendum, conference and coordinatory council decision, a backdoor of 2/3 vote has been reserved. This has antagonized many anarchists here against us, which consider anything but a consensus decision-making as authoritarian. However practice has shown, that what is for these people consensus in theory, is veto in practice. In my opinion, veto decision-making, where any single person has a right to halt decision, is hardly more anarchistic than majority vote, and veto has just as little to do with consensus as majority vote. Often in practice consensus does not work, and it is just two backdoor alternatives - veto or a majority vote. We have decided, that (2/3) majority vote is much better.

Of course, often it is not about the result but about the process, and certainly a lot could be done by improving facilitation in our meetings. Although we reject veto, it is clear for me that in many respects there is much we may learn in regards of facilitation from consensus school of decision-making. Unfortunately, from the very beginning we have slipped to very stubborn kinds of ways, where number of people have seldom made compromises, unless it is clear to them that majority would vote against them. Hopefully we may get rid of this kind of mechanistical, quantitative decision-making ways, but for

sure they stick hard.

Problems. What problems have you encountered? How have you handled them? How and what do you do to accive active participation?

Well, much of the problems were already explained above. Also, the original function of the organisation required an open structure, but as during last year we have become known for our uncompromising militant anti-fascist position (unfortunately only among nazis, no among public), we have been forced to make organisation much more closed - but our organisational structure lacks behind these developments. Level of complexity our organisational structure has right now would make sense if we had 1000 people and rather open structure, in which many people do not know each other personally, but it hardly makes sense with organisation of 100 people grouped to rather close-knit and underground groups.

In my personal opinion, internet has made much of the traditional concept of anarchist organisation outdated. As long as governments will not take internet over (something which will certainly happen in moments of upheaval) we do not need organisations to share information between each other.

More cohesive organisations, with more strictly defined common positions and projects and a higher level of mutual trust and agreement still make sense in my sense. But this far Autonomous Action has never managed to initiate campaigns to which even half of the groups would have participated, nor have we developed very sophisticated collective analysis of anything.

In former Soviet Union, it is still a bigger share of the anarchist movement joining formal organisations than in any Western country (here up to 50% whereas in the West it is usually less than 5%, at least where major anarcho-syndicalist or revolutionary syndicalist unions are missing). But the inevitable tendency here is also towards more individuality and focus on lifestyle and temporary projects rather than

long-term collective struggle and commitment. We may criticize these tendencies but there is little we may do against the tidal wave but to adapt to it. I think these days none of us in Autonomous Anarchists pretends to organise all of the anarchists or even "social anarchists" or libertarian communists, but rather a small share which more or less shares our approach and ways of working. Ways to interact and coordinate the best way with all the rest of the movement are yet to be developed.

Given the easiness with which we have accepted new people to organisation, getting them to participate actively is for sure a huge headache. The original purpose of the organisation being first of all information network and encouragement, quorum demands are rather weak - with conferences and general meetings it is only about number of groups represented with at least one vote, not about total number of votes. In coordinatory council and general referendum there is no any quorum whatsoever. We decided in the beginning, that if someone wants to be with us but not to do with us, it is ok as long as these people are genuine libertarian communists. And really, the realities in some peripheral and downtrodden cities with 2 anarchists are so different that it is not surprising that these people may feel isolated during electronic discussions on small nuances of some decision-making mechanisms.

But for sure, with the time it gets really frustrating if there are groups from which we hear once a year or even more seldom. In future, I would like to see more strict selection just to keep up my own motivation.

Anything else you would like to add?

Well, I am afraid this was too much already! We wish you luck in your war against your rotten social-democrat regime. Slap anyone defending left unity with Stalin and GULAG - they deserve it!

Questions were answered by S2W from Moscow group of Autonomous Action

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Principles of the Anarchist Federation (FA)

There are various ways of anarchist organizing or organising of the anarchist movement. One of the most popular and traditional way is the federative structure. Some Eastern European anarchist movements, for instance in Poland, are using such structures. It definitely does not mean that all active anarchists and anarchist groups there belong to the structure of the FA but this is the biggest anarchist organisational structure in Poland for now. We have decided to present the FRAGMENTS of its structure agreement as an interesting comparison with the one of Autonomous Action network in ex-Soviets which you can find in the interview next to this text. For more detailed information you would have to contact the groups of FA directly. Contact addresses you can find in our Communities in Struggle chapter at the end of the issue. AbolishingBB

Sections in the FA

A section is an autonomous group of people who joined the Federation. They are an organizing unit and they take resolutions themselves in the group. A section joins the FA during the FA meeting.

Meeting

- The meeting of the Federation takes place two times a year.
- Each section send its representative or a group of representatives for the meeting. They are to relay the decisions of the section. They are not allowed to vote differently from their section's arrangement.
- On the meeting the time (the month) of the next meeting is set up. One section is chosen as the coordinating section of the next convention, they must give the exact date of the meeting three months in advance.
- Sections of the FA should discuss all the issues on their meetings and 2 weeks before the convention they are obliged to send their decisions on paper to the coordinating section
- After the FA meeting all the groups become a bulletin, prepared by the coordinating section, with all the resolutions taken during the convention.

Issues

- There are four kinds of issues to be discussed:
- private issues of each section - all the initiatives of the sections, mostly local initiatives
 - external issues of the FA - all the initiatives which the Federation addresses to the public
 - internal issues of the FA - resolu-

tions, principles of the Federation

- accepting and excluding of the FA sections

Voting

- There are three ways of taking resolutions in the Federation:
- within every section
- during the FA convention
- within the coordinating section
- Voting on the private issues takes place within a section
- Voting on the internal issues and on the accepting and excluding of the FA sections takes place during the FA meeting
- Voting on the external issues takes place on the meeting or within the coordinating section
- The majority system is used for voting on the internal issues
- The consensus system with veto opportunity is used for voting on the external issues
- Only the FA sections are allowed to vote on the FA meeting and within the coordinating section
- Every section has one ballot
- The categories of the discussed issues are established during the FA convention.
- If a section can not send its representative for the FA convention their decisions sent for the meeting paper reckon as a ballot only during voting on the internal issues.

Coordinating section

- During the time between conventions all decisions on the external issues are taken by proxy of the coordinating section
- Duties of the coordinating section are:
- coordination of the information flow between all the FA section

- updating of the contacts list and handing it on to the next coordinating section
- linking all the sections
- accepting resolutions' projects from the sections and spreading them among the other sections

Working meetings

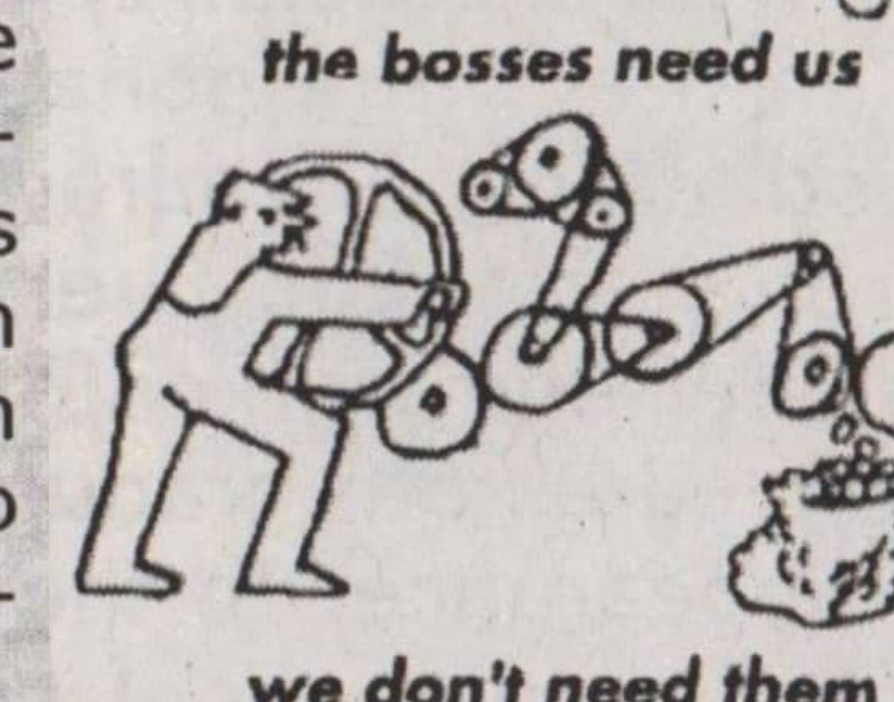
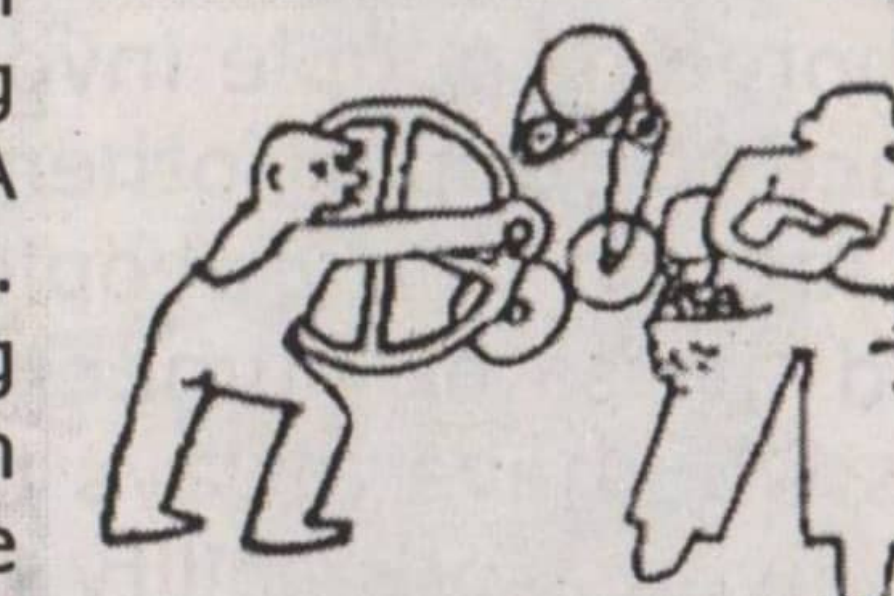
Decisions taken during working meetings are not obligatory for the FA sections.

Special meeting

- There is a possibility of organizing the special meeting
- Information about the willingness of organizing the special meeting should be passed on to the coordinating section or directly to all the sections

Accepting and excluding from the FA

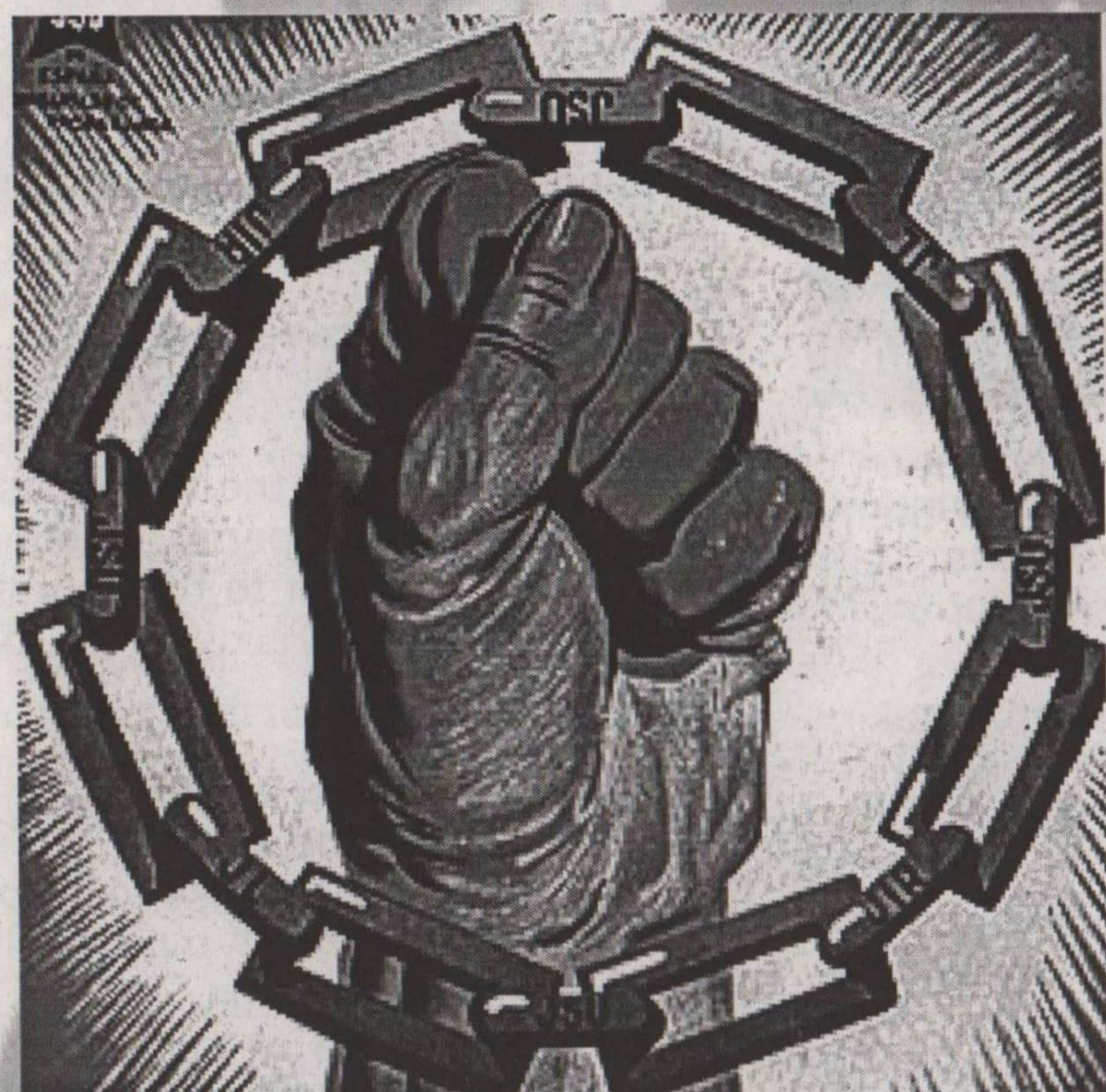
- Any group who would like to become a member of the FA must apply during the FA convention.
- The recognizance by some other FA section is obligatory.
- Information about such group must be published in the pre-convention bulletin.
- New groups can be accepted only during the FA meeting and only by using the consensus system with veto opportunity for voting on it.
- If any section wants to leave the Federation it is allowed to do this anytime.
- If the coordinating section could not contact with one particular section before two conventions on end, the section can be excluded from the Federation.
- Every section has the right to apply for excusion of some other section during the FA meeting. Voting on such issue uses the consensus system with veto opportunity.



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RECYCLED ESTATE "THE VUKOMERIC GROUP"

text from Croatia



The Recycled Estate project started in the year 2000, and was truly enlivened in 2001. It is a group of young people, known as The Vukomeric Group, mostly belonging to the non-governmental organization Z.M.A.G. (Green Network of Alternative Groups). Young people, born in urban centers, with average an age of 22 at the time the project started, both sexes equally represented, decided to focus their energy to the Recycled Estate project as the open educational center. On a disused piece of land of around 1,820 acres in a Vukomeric village near Zagreb, they decided to create a permacultural, ecological agricultural husbandry, an area for the information exchange and knowledge transmission, a home to people involved in the project and a place to support other sustainable projects.

Around thirty people in the headquarters, and the same number of friends and supporters who have always been ready to help, were all given a possibility to realize their dreams when they were donated an old, moveable, wooden house, characteristic for the Croatian Turropolje region. Everybody participated in the transfer and worked on the new roof, and the recycled estate gradually acquired the intended appearance. In the 2001-2003 period, the group learned about the permaculture (a sys-

tem of designing the human environment with purpose of creating sustainable communities) and the ecological architecture, developing their own vision of the recycled estate as the open educational center, which, apart from the house, should also include gardens, a greenhouse, a solar collector and a windmill energy system, liquid waste clearance system, ponds, and ensure enough space for friendly and other kind of visits, parking space for vans and other vehicles transformed into moveable homes, etc. During those two years, members of the Vukomeric Group were acquiring and exchanging experiences and connecting to other similar groups abroad; they were working on the farm, planting seedlings, preparing compost bins and hot beds, carting soil for the ecological growth of food. After two years, they felt ready to organize workshops for other people, and, in accordance with their principles, to distribute knowledge and skills free of charge.

Thus, workshops on creation of permacultural gardens in towns were held on the roof of one building in Zagreb. Furthermore, they organized a workshop entitled "How to make the eco-soap"; another workshop where participants learned how to create a solar cooker; bio diesel workshops and yet another one teaching the creation of a solar collector. Also free workshops in the town or on some other locations (Zumberak) for the town people were organized. The Vukomeric Group members were demonstrating a strong wish to fight marginalisation even before the creation of the Recycled Estate project. Many participants were active in projects and activities of non-governmental organizations like Attack or Zelena akcija (Green Action). Furthermore, a considerable number of them started their own activism on scenes inspired by movements in music (punk, reggae etc.) and independent fanzines, promoting values of "new social movements" (peace, ecological, feminist, squatter...) from the mid-eighties of the past century, which were renewed in Croatia on the mentioned scenes in the mid-nineties. The Vukomeric Group is not a protagonist that

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simply escapes the town and goes to the country, it is a considerably more complex, interactive model of redefining the urban and the rural in Croatia, where people wish to be outside the town, but close enough, in order to help the town heal the wounds caused by the violent urbanization. Trying to resolve the trap of marginalisation of sub-cultural groups in town, the Vukomeric Group, with their own activity and activism directed towards the active ecological consciousness materialized in the work on a recycled farm, also became a significant protagonist in one already marginalized milieu (Vukomeric), where young people do not stay but aim at the town. For that reason this represents an example of spontaneous actions of young people against marginalisation, consequently resulting in a double profit -for the town scene of sub-cultural groups and the example of the "do it yourself" activism, as well as for the marginalized rural environment, in which the Vukomeric Group started presenting a new model and

direction of development. It is a kind of development returning to the rural, but on the ecologically based principles, with values and main beliefs like the consensus in making decisions, gender equality, cooperation with nature and others, in contrast to the existing competition and destruction of nature.

The project is growing more and more, with new people involved. Another house was bought a few years ago, and last year a straw bale was built on the estate. There are many plans, which involve finishing all the projects that are started, and also to do a lot of other different things to make our dream come true. Unfortunately, our funds are very low. This is our call for help; if you have the possibility to make benefit shows, or to collect money in any other way, your help would be more than appreciated!

Thank you in advance,

The Vukomeric crew

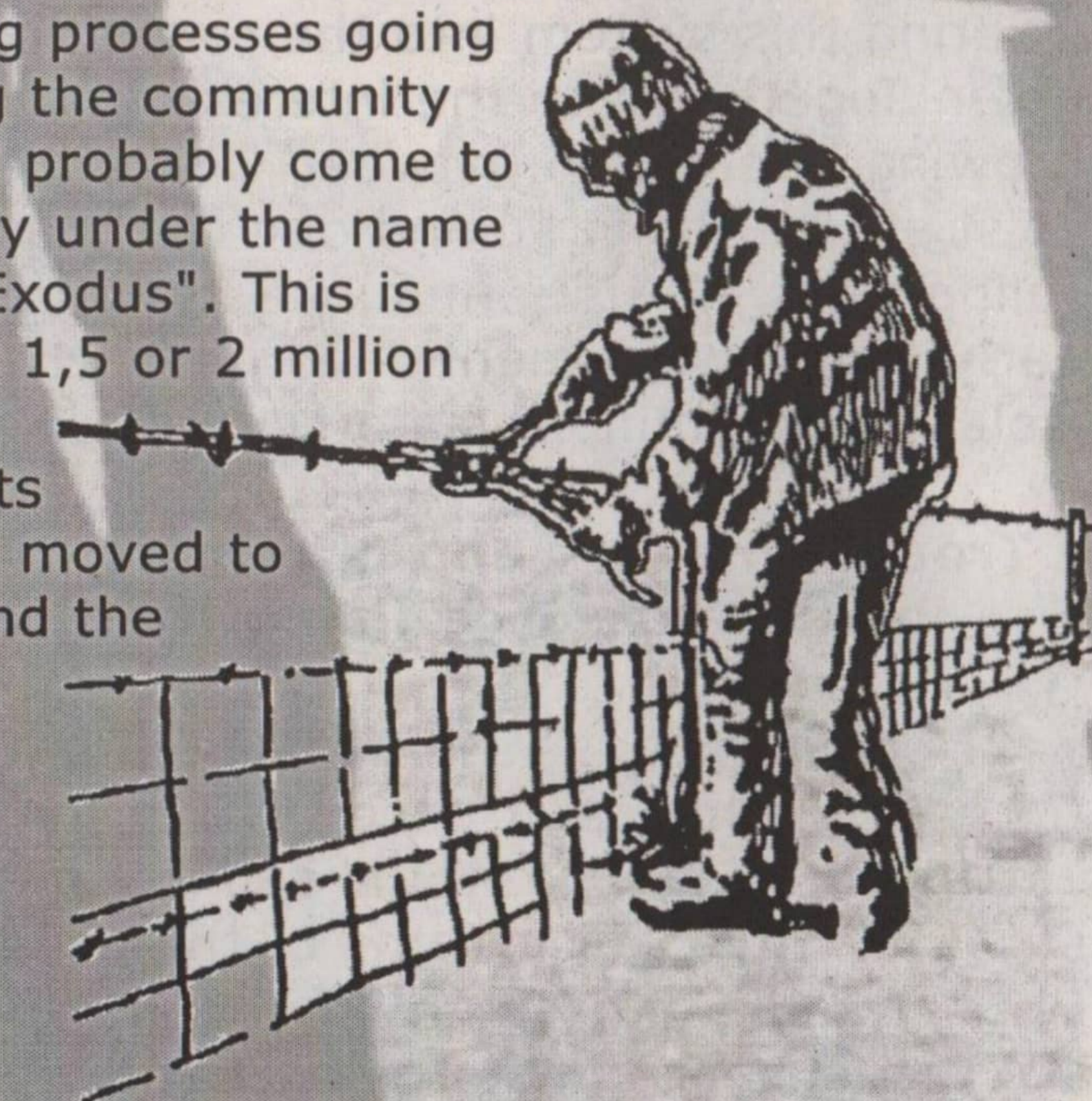
A MULTIPLE STRIKE How the organized immigrants hit the system in different places at the same time

By Veronika (AbolishingBB)

Don't forget about the immigrants

Focusing on different forms of contemporary free associations and collective networks one should not forget about immigrants who are also organizing themselves. The challenges they take and the social processes involved in these attempts are specific and interesting at the same time. I could start from the analysis of the structure I am involved myself, I mean the AbolishingBB collective as the collective is still based on anarchist immigrants. It might be quite an interesting material but forgive me, I will not do it in our own publication! Those who are interested I can just send to our website where some of the specifics can be found in the text "A short history of the anarchist collective from Berlin" as well as in some parts of the interview we gave 2 years ago for some

Slovenian anarchist magazine ("Interview with anarchist collective ABB"). In this article I would like to take a closer look on the very interesting processes going on among the community which will probably come to the history under the name "Ireland Exodus". This is about the 1,5 or 2 million of Polish immigrants who have moved to Ireland and the Great Britain in last few years.



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Ireland Exodus - rather good or bad news for the Polish and Irish ruling classes?

Just to remind some facts: the processes of economical liberalisation, the robbery politics of the entire Polish political class aimed against the population (mostly against the workers and the young generation) ended up in massive unemployment, pauperisation, lack of hope and frustration. Millions of people were forced to leave the country. About two millions headed to Ireland and England after their local labour market opened its borders for cheap labour force. Two millions of cheap workers moving to the local industry was in this case much cheaper option for the capital as moving the industry to the places of cheap labour market - especially when the labour forces defraided the costs of their relocation themselves. The Polish government was encouraged to proudly announce the amazing results of its politics - decreasing unemployment, poverty and criminality in the country but forgetting to add that it had been gained by the massive (partly desperate) exodus from the country and by drastic increase of the repressive apparatus of the Polish state.

We can observe the first interesting effects of the decrease of unemployment in Poland - the growing power of those workers who remained (in misery) in this country. Strikes and protests have suddenly got a different dimension when there is no cheap labour on the spot to scary with. This used to be the common tactic of the recent Polish governments to stop any resistance before it is born. The strikes of the last months show that the elites are showing less and less arrogant face. From the anarchist perspective it doesn't seem to be spectacular news but on the other hand it might also change the face of the working class - for the more arrogant one, what in turn would be optimistic news for everyone wishing to bring this system into the revolutionary disaster. Together with the interesting tendency of growing interaction between workers and anarchist structures in Poland one could ask if the ruling class did not announce its victory too early (not having mentioned its international isolation and minor electoral support...).

Trouble makers and criminals - working immigrants organizing themselves

"Ireland Exodus" seems to be a sword cutting off two heads at once - using the martial arts terminology we would call it a multiple strike. One year ago some of the conservative British media started an infamous debate about "Poland exporting its criminals and trouble

makers to Ireland in order to solve its internal problems" spreading the theory that the rate of crimes is falling in Poland while growing in Great Britain and Ireland. The local leftist reacted with "this is racists' insinuation without any reasonable arguments, the Polish workers are very polite and they are saving Irish economy so stop blaming them!" Well, as an anarchist I would like to congratulate both of them - the rightwing for his/her smart observation and the leftwing for his/her smart reaction, however, all of this is a bullshit.

Let me explain this in this way - the right was right: the trouble makers and "barbarians" have recently landed in the "Irish" and "British" neighbourhoods! And the wave of crime in fact has risen ... The first acts of crime hit the TESCO company. Some Polish workers provoked quite an intensive unrest in the factory when they refused to work under condition of the permanent intensification of their work. Many Irish workers spontaneously supported the protest what in turn awaked even some Irish unionist structures. Everything ended up in an international campaign against the company. This was just the beginning of the wave of crime. In 2006 the Polish immigrant workers, among them some of the "trouble makers from TESCO" founded in Dublin their section of Independent Workers Union (IWU). This section gathered mostly the Polish but also other immigrant workers around in the struggle against the precarious system of temporal contracts for workers. Already the founding declaration of this Polish criminal section of the IWU is as interesting as sympathetic. You will find there the words saying "We want to stress that we are independent! It means in practice that we do not have absolutely any links with government or any worker-unions linked to the government (it does not matter what government is in power, we are against it)". What is also interesting is the fact that according to my researches such a radical position towards the state you will not find on the pages of the English/Irish version of IWU declaration. Just a little criminal contribution into the ways of workers organizing. This criminal association was born out of the wild unrest in the TESCO managed to bring some Irish bosses into troubles and it gathered more and more members of a different origin (international criminal plot against law and order?). In January 2007 they brought their own bulletin called "Kiszona Kapusta" - "Sauerkraut". Criminals stress there the need of the self-initiative and self-determination in the workers' resistance, while they as the association are ready to offer the workshops on organizing the strikes and

harassing the bosses. "Who doesn't fight - doesn't win" is the Sauerkraut-motto. Some of these criminals were known from their radical attitudes already in Poland so one could think that the Polish elites might be extra glad of having them out of the region. Well, not really, the first international contacts which criminals made was the one with the Polish anarcho-syndicalistic union IP (Workers Initiative) and except for that activities of the Polish workers in Ireland echo in their homeland providing a sort of inspiration for the local workers. This is how the sword transformed into a wild boomerang.

Trouble makers and criminals - anarchist immigrants organizing

Watch out - the second wave is coming - the real trouble makers are getting organised in the neighbourhoods of the Irish and British cities. Among the hundreds of thousands of the Polish immigrants there must be many anarchists, too. Already 2 years ago there was some rumour about an anarchist group in London communicating in a Slavic dialect of cockney and taking the Polish Embassy as their favourite aim of actions. Recently the wave has reached Dublin. On the last Poland-wide meeting of the FA (Anarchist Federation) in Szczecin (short report from this event you will find in this issue) among a few new local sections which have joined the federation structure, the FA-Dublin was announced and welcomed. FA-Dublin, a group of the Polish anarchists living in Dublin, cooperates closely with the Irish anarchists of WSM (Workers Solidarity Movement) and already translates many texts written by this group into Polish and distributes it together with its own materials among the Polish communities in Ireland. In the beginning on March they actively participated in the annual Anarchist Bookfair in Dublin. What sort of troubles will come out of this spectrum and how far this imported wave of criminals and trouble makers will infect the Irish society the future will show. One seems to be obvious already now: in the long term perspective not the best news for both the Polish and the Irish elites.

Migration is anarchism in progress

Migration, together with the natural instinct of human being to freely move around, is nowadays the result of capitalistic relations conducted with the help of the state structures. However, this forced migration is also a multiple strike against this system and a wave that

puts some unexpected processes in motion - thousands of migrants taking streets of Genua 2001, burning cars on the suburbs of Paris, migrant kids attacking the police during the Mayday riots on the streets of Berlin, storm on the European Fortress, tensions around hundreds of refugee and deportation centres, unrests in the Irish factories started by immigrant workers, the growing international solidarity against any state oppression ... east European anarchists printing anarchist magazines in Germany ...

Immigrants - organize, your determination brings hope to the world!

Anarchists - support and join the immigrant structures!

If migration is a struggle against structural oppression and anarchism is a struggle for society of free and self-determined people, than migration is anarchism in progress!

"Through the creation of the self-organized movement of migrants and refugees we struggle to entirely abolish the injustice which we face and to take back the rights which have been taken away from us. On a long-term basis we fight for a model of society which replaces capitalism and hierarchical relationships with freedom, justice and solidarity: a society with dignity and free from borders, racism, patriarchy and oppression"

(from PLATAFORMA, the paper of immigrants' network)



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INTERVIEW WITH ACTIVISTS FROM THE "AUTONOMISTS COLLECTIVE" FROM TORUN IN POLAND



ABB: We have published your texts or reports from your actions many times but so far our readers haven't had any occasion to read something about you as a group. Could you shortly tell us about the origins of the group?

AC: The association „Autonomists' Collective" was set in 1995. Of course, before the fact there was already an informal group of activists. The first years of our activism, already as a collective, concerned mainly such issues like animals' rights and nature preservation. Anti-racism has also always been an important aspect of our activism. Like many other groups, our collective is also characterized by people's rotation. Many people

from the first „crew" have left. Nevertheless there are still many persons who want to act in the association according to its aims, trying to gain the aims.

ABB: Do you agree with us that the years of state-controlled socialism and failed resistance in Polen have led to some concepts' deformation in the social consciousness? We mean the concepts of „solidarity" or „collectivism" that are very important for anarchism but it is difficult to use the terms in Polen without being accused of bolshevism. Can you think of any other concepts like this? Have you ever thought about this „social-semantic" problem?

AC: That's true, it has happened already many times that using the word „collective" automatically makes leftists from us. This semantics is also often used by our opponents, for instance by some fascist groups, to accuse us of communism or bolshevism. It also happens to be problematic when we have to cope with some official institutions in Polen. In fact the most people of our group are anarchists. Answering the second part of your question, we can observe some similarities in the situation of the „young socialists". Most commonly they are seen as bolsheviks which is not true. We think that such semantics' deformations are

undoubtedly the left-overs of the communist indoctrination.

ABB: We would like to focus on the second part of your name. As far as we know you were one of the first openly acting group that, after the changes of the year 89/90, decided to use the word „COLLECTIVE" in its name. Was it a conscious choice? Why exactly „collective", not „group" or something else? Was it really important for you? What did it mean for you in those times?

AC: The name „Autonomists' Collective" and the word „collective" were used to characterize the group and our activity. We wanted to underline the fact that we were a group of people with libertine ideas trying to get our aims being organized and acting collectively. The word „collective" seemed also a bit provocative then. Only after some years we see that the word is actually more suitable to our present group than to that from the beginnings. We've managed to get rid of many bad habits that can discredit the word „collective".

ABB: After all these years of your activity, many internal processes problems you've got through, what can you say about „being a collective" and „collective experience"?

AC: As we mentioned before,

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there was some rotation of people in our group and in spite of the fact that we generally don't want any leaders, we have to admit that there are people that, according to their commitment and more activity, play „important" role in the group. (In Polish we call such people *dobry wujek*, „a good uncle", how you describe a more experienced and more „clever" person, somebody that can always give you advice, but also somebody who thinks that he/she is more important than the others). We really try to avoid any kind of domination but it happens that „new" people can sometimes feel uncomfortable or mixed. This is a sign for us that we still need to work a lot to create a totally non-hierarchical collective and also work like this. There are 15 people in the group, around 10 come for our meetings. However, there are many more people that take part in the meetings and actions but they don't belong to the „Autonomists' Collective". This is the result



of the past crisis in our group when only 2-3 people engaged themselves in the AC activities. In that situation we decided to invite peo-

ple from other groups (Indymedia, „Empatia") to also take part in the meetings. Now all the groups meet together planning common actions, trying to gain some common aims. Often members of the AC take part and also organize some actions

of „Empatia" or Indymedia and the other way round. It seems we are a collective in a collective :-). We think that it is just much easier to gain something together so we try to keep our autonomy using the potential of all the groups at the same time.

ABB: How would „collective structures" look like in the society you fight for? What is the relation between „collectivity" and such: issues as freedom of an individual, „collectivization" (of goods, work processes, social relations etc) and „socialization" (of goods, work processes, social relations etc)?

AC: The society we fight for would be organized among the rules of collectivity, community. We want the decentralize the power so such items like a borough, a settlement or a district to decide. This would be a very long process and our activity can actually only build the foundations for the work of others who would like to continue. We strongly believe in free-groups/communes/associations who work as collectives. In Poland there are many groups like ours acting in other cities. Most of them have anarchistic background, there is still too little collectives from other circles. We think that collectivism doesn't mistreat the freedom of an individual in any way.

Collectivism consists of individuals living consciously in a group, feeling responsible for it. Mutual cooperation of autonomists builds a good collective.

ABB: How popular are collective structures in the Polish society nowadays?

AC: They are not popular. There are only living communities and single initiatives of some groups trying to solve their single problems.

ABB: Do you want to promote them then? How?

AC: The best way to promote such structures is to show the society that it is possible with some concrete examples. If we ourselves organize our activities and everyday life collectively we promote such structures at the same time.

ABB: Thank you very much for the interview.

AC: Thank you for the opportunity you gave us to introduce our collective in your magazine.



"WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE THINGS WE LOVE AND VALUE ...

AND WE DO NOT NEED PERMISSION FOR THIS!"

**WHO IS CRAZY AND WHO IS THE ORGANISER?
ANTI-CAPITALIST PROTEST IN THE CAPITOL OF BULGARIA**

On the 17th of February there was a carnival-protest "Who is crazy?". The people gathered to protest against the destruction of the environment and against the decision to extremely lower the percentage of territories, which are going to be in the "Natura 2000" network and therefore will have at least a little bit of protection against the greedy capitalist interests. Once more the Rulers showed that for them their own personal gains, which they will get with building up and the destruction of our home Earth, are more important and the people who are struggling for the protection for our valuable nature were presented as though they were crazy.

The protestors gathered at 15:30 in front of NDK (National Cultural Palace) in Sofia. Lots of the people were wearing pyjamas (as if they had escaped from the madhouse) and many others different colourful outfits. There were a lot of musicians, playing tarambukas (dombeks), drums, kavals and other whistles. There were juggling clowns and skiers skiing on the asphalt-paved streets. After a considerable crowd gathered, around 150-200 people, the march started. The first policemen appeared, but they did not try to stop us, because probably they did not know that there was no permission for the protest.

Down on the 'Vitosha' there was a lot of music, songs, dances and slogans like "the Earth is not for sale!" and "Capitalism kills the Earth!". The demo turned towards presidency. There everyone stopped and the musicians started to play very loud. Police officers started to ask around "who is the organizer", "why are you protesting". Police tried to stop the players, but they went on playing. Now the cops understood that the protest was without permission and the fact that we were self-organized confused them and they could not stop us. Then we continued the march through the "yellow stones" (the centre of Sofia is paved with yellow stones), towards the Parliament. And there were few police cars blocking our way and trying to stop us. After some arguments with the police they let us go, but stopped three of our friends. We waited for them and when they came we understood that they only had to sign a warning. We went on and reached the Parliament. And there songs, dances and slogans. Great euphoria had grabbed everyone. We stood about ten minutes and decided to go on towards BNT (Bulgarian National Television). We already had a strong

escort of a few police cars who were carefully watching us.

When we reached "San Stefano" we encountered the "order keepers" once again. This time though the boys in blue were determined to stop us. They told us that we did not have permission to protest and that we had to leave quietly. Of course no one liked the idea and we went on playing, singing and dancing, trying to reach BNT. At this moment the police uncovered their true face. They showed that they serve the people, but not ordinary people, and only the people with money. They started to push us away, but we refused and we stayed where we were. That made them furious and started to arrest people, probably provoking them with their colourful and beautiful outlook and good mood. The pigs arrested four people in an extremely aggressive manner, they were pushing, hitting and dragging people.

To show solidarity we all gathered and started shouting the names of the arrested, insisting that they be set free. The cops got very angry and started to kick and push some of us as hard as they could. One cop pulled one of our friends, who kept on telling them to let the arrested girls free as well as not to be so brutal and aggressive to us. But in the big mess that was all around we managed to pull our friend back out of the cop's clutches. We had to step back a little and we went on playing and shouting towards the pigs. Then a police officer came and took the papers of three people. At this time there were threats that the arrested will be free when they stain the sheets red (one of the arrested girls was dressed in a white sheet). This brilliant police thought was from someone who said he was "Sergeant Zhechev". There was a series of similar threats and insults. They decided to scare us with tickets, arrests and police brutality. During the clash with the police there was one cop who was filming the faces of the protestors. After half an hour they were thinking what kind of tickets to write to the boys, whose papers they had taken. In the end they wrote a ticket for violation of order in society, because they were playing musical instruments. After that the protestors started to walk away, but some went to make noise in front of the police station where the arrested people were held. They were set free soon after that. The arrested people were harassed and offended by the

cops. They also got tickets for not obeying police orders to step back.

The whole demo went very well. There was a lot of noise and the protestors were able to grab lots of attention. We have to fight to the end for the things we love and value, no matter that we will be called crazy or terrorists or of the police terror against us. We do not need permission for this. We will show no compromise in defending Mother Earth. She is not for sale and no one can own her! Nature belongs to everyone - humans and animals!

The struggle goes on!



LABOUR STRUGGLES

POLISH POST USES REPRESSION AGAINST STRIKERS

In the last issue we reported on postal workers wildcat strike supported by anarchists in Poland...

After the strikes by postal workers in November, the authorities of Polish Post (Poczta Polska) are repressing the participants of the protest and also trade union activists. Bartosz Kantorczyk, one of the people that had started the strike, was moved to work in another post office.

The actions of the

employers are illegal. This case is absolutely a sign of repression. Bartosz Kantorczyk is a well-know trade union activist who has demanded respect for workers and unionists rights. He was of great importance when there was a dispute between the workers and the employer in November 2006. He was a member of the strike committee and was chosen by the work crew. There was wide publicity in local and national



press on his actions. Also other activists were threatened by the management of Polish Post. They were threatened with firings, and that was because of the fact that they were supporting the previous protest and were demanding respect for workers rights and the employers meeting the demands of the strike.

Trade Union Workers' Initiative demands an immediate action of the Polish Post management to move Bartosz Kantorczyk back to the post office he worked in and we are announcing that we will make protest pickets in Gdansk, Poznan, Warsaw and other towns.

**Workers' Initiative
February 2007**



**"PAMIETAMY OZARÓW!" MEANS
"WE REMEMBER OZARÓW!"**

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST IMPEL FIRM STARTS

Impel commonly breaks the workers rights. In 2002 the bodyguards of Impel-Security pacified brutally the famous protest of Telefonika crew at the cable factory in Ozarow Mazowiecki (near Warsaw)*. Workers had been defending their factory from liquidation in order to maintain workplaces in the city. On 26 of November 2002, by order of the Telefonika owner Boguslaw Ciupial, Impel's armed professional guards smashed a legal demonstration in front of the factory's gate, attacking the workers heavily. Impel boasts of this repressive action among the employers advertising themselves as a firm successfully suppressing workers protests.

Inicjatywa Pracownicza has closely cooperated with the Protest Committee of Ozarów and our activists have been actively participating in workers blockades of the factory gates, blockades meant to make impossible the carrying out of installations and machines. We never forgot what happened in 2002 in Ozarów and we have already announced many times that the day will come when Impel will pay for those actions.

In March 2006 in Kostrzyn, city on the Odra River next to the German border, Jacek Rosolowski was dismissed from Impel-Tom as he wanted to found a local group of Inicjatywa Pracownicza in his firm. Rosolowski won the first case in the labour court. The court stated that the reason of dismissal was in fact unionist activity. The management of Impel then took revenge on three

other members of OZZ Inicjatywa Pracownicza, dismissing them as they were openly talking in the court about Impels repressive practices towards members of the unions. That is why Inicjatywa Pracownicza and KPjORP - Komitet Pomocy i Obrony Represjonowanych Pracowników are calling for the demonstration on 19 of April 2007 in the city of Wroclaw (south-west Poland).

Impel Group, administrated by Wroclaw's company Impel SA, is the biggest holding in Poland specializing in security, cleaning and catering service for firms. Impel Group employs over 30,000 workers including around 5,500 handicapped persons.

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* In ABB issues from 2002/2003 you can find reports and interviews about the "struggle of Ozarow"

ANTI-FASCIST NEWS



ANTIFASCISM IN RUSSIA

One more anti-fascist stabbed in St. Petersburg

Street war between anti-fascists and fascists in St. Petersburg continues. On the 14th of January 2007, Vanya, 21 year old anti-fascist activist was stabbed on his way home. A group of about 7 young boneheads attacked him with knives, and made 20 wounds all over his body. Passers-by took him to hospital, and he was operated on immediately. Today (16th of January) Vanya is still in hospital in serious condition, having his diaphragm and liver injured and lacking blood.

Analogically as it was with our comrade, anarchist and anti-fascist Timur Kacharava, killed by Nazis in November 2005, this time Nazis also attacked after the weekly action of Food Not Bombs. Around 7 boneheads were hanging around nearby the square, where activists served food to homeless people and keeping an eye on activists. Vanya left the action before others and went home alone. Obviously, the Nazis followed him until he was away from the city center and attacked him near his house at one of the suburbs. Prosecutor has started an investigation of this case as a murder.

**НАЦИСТЫ, ФАШИСТЫ
И ПРОЧАЯ МРАЗЬ**



СЛЕДУЙТЕ ЗА ЛИДЕРОМ!

Today in St. Petersburg, participating in any kind of public political action, hardcore concert or so on means a huge risk to all of its participants. Nazis are aware of almost all actions made by anti-fascists, anarchists or punk- and hardcore youngsters. Instead of storming the actions, Nazis gather nearby it, observe activists and wait until they split in different directions. Attacks are made by group of Nazis on 1-2 anti-fascists. Many anti-fascists full names, faces, home addresses are well-known and wildly spread through Nazi forums on the

Internet.

Some activists find no solution, except violence, attacks and fights against Nazi scum. Another's prefer rather quit all activities, than continue the endless violence. Those, who are still organizing some other kinds of activities, are living in permanent stress of new attacks by Nazis. And nobody is either shocked or surprised of what is happening anymore. Everything just fits well on the picture of the sick society, surrounding us.

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Marta

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Neonazi Terror in Russia Apparent Bomb Attack Against Food Not Bombs in St. Petersburg

On February 4th a small bomb supplied with a timing device exploded at 4.20 p.m. in Vladimirskaya square in St. Petersburg city centre where Food Not Bombs actions are organised every Sunday by different rotating groups for last 2 years.

The bomb was hidden under a kiosk selling flowers. The device was small, but it damaged the kiosk, the woman selling flowers was wounded and had to be brought to hospital, two homeless people also suffered from the blast. Obviously, the purpose of the bomb was not so much to kill but to terrorise.

Luckily, that day Food Not Bombs serving was happening later than scheduled and the activists showed up on Vladimirskaya a few minutes after the explosion. The food was given to the homeless without any problems. Usually 4.20 p.m. would be the moment when most people gather in the square for food.

At the time of the action, activists did not pay much attention to the incident - it could have been some conflict between organised crime for example. But later that day it was revealed that the bomb had a timing device, people considered that Food Not Bombs may have been targeted on purpose - by neonazis.

The use of explosives is nothing new for Russian nazis. In Moscow on December 22, 2006 a bomb set up against local anti-fascist activist wounded a dog and several police officers who attempted to neutralise it. Last August in Moscow a bomb set up by nazis killed eleven people in Cherkizovski marketplace where lots of migrants have been working.

This is not the first attack against Food Not Bombs activists in St. Petersburg either. On November 13, 2005 local activist and musician Timur Kacharava was stabbed to death by a gang of nazis in the very centre of the city a few hours after action. On December 10, 2006 a group of anarchists was attacked by nazis after the FNB action - two people got knife wounds. A week before that there was a fight between neonazis and activists of Antiwar Committee who have been organising a weekly picket against the war in Chechnya / North Caucasus for 7 years already; the fight happened a few blocks away from Vladimirskaya. On January 14, 2007 Food Not Bombs activist Ivan Yelin was followed by nazis and attacked near his house in South-West St. Petersburg. Ivan was stabbed over twenty times but fortunately he survived and is recovering now.

Some people from the local activist community decided that they will continue to distribute free food on Sundays on Vladimirskaya square anyway, others are organising Food Not Bombs in other parts of the city. Also anti-fascist actions are being planned for March, when European week against racist discrimination takes place.

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From knives to explosives. The new wave of Nazi terror in Russia

An article by Vlad Tupikin about
the murders of anti-fascists.

Last Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, the case about the murder of 20 year old (after nine days he would be twenty) anti-fascist Alexander Ryuchin was taken to court. On 16th of April 2006 he has been attacked with a knife in the suburbs of Moscow, on the way to a punk-rock concert, popular among young Moscow anti-fascists. A few skinheads attacked Sasha and his friend Egor. Actually there was no fight - there was a murder.

Three attackers have been detained, Nazi attributes and literature have been found in their home apartment. Another three of them went into hiding. It may seem that everything is clear? But don't hurry to make your judgements. The case has been brought to court not under the murder clause. The detainees, two members of Slavonic Union - Vasily Reutov and Andrey Anziferov, as well as the member of the group "Format 18" Alexander Shitov are to be charged of "hooliganism", conducted by the group of individuals through a deliberate collusion or organized group" (Art. 213. 2 CC RF), "Wilfull infliction of the light damage to a health" (Art. 115 CC RF) and for "beatings" (?? 116 ?? ??). And the case about the murder has been given to separate procedure, those accused under it are Alexander Parinov and Nikita Tikhonov who have gone into hiding and one unidentified person.

The attorney Stanislav Markelov, representing the mother of the killed, Tatyana Petrovna Ryukhina, has informed the reporter of REGNUM agency: "Everything is being done, in order to decrease the level of social danger of Reutov's, Anziferov's and Shitov's actions. There is a pretty cynical, but working rule: if there is a corpse there is a case of 'Murder'. And I'm very concerned, that the case about the murder of anti-fascist by the activists of right wing radicals became an exclusion from this rule".

Another strange thing of a similar kind is that the case about the murder of another 20 years old young anti-fascist form Saint Petersburg Timur Kacharava hasn't been given to the court up to this moment. He was also murdered by the followers of right wing radical views, who had attacked him and his friend Maxim on 13th of November 2005 in the city centre of Saint Petersburg, near the shop "Bukvoed", on Ligovsky Avenue. It's a busy place; the parking place of tourist buses, leaving for Finland, next to it is the Moscow train station. There was no fight either. They rushed upon him, stabbed him several times with a knife. One of them went into the neck of Timur that became fatal.

The attackers of this widely spoken crime of the last year has been detained already in December 2005. The governor Valentina Matvienko and the speaker of the Federation Council Sergey Mironov were making declarations about the Nazi character of the murder and about the need to combat the display of xenophobia in the Northern capital of Russia. However the case is being hanged heavy, and the Petersburg anti-fascists begin believing, that this case will also be smothered, by charging the detainees on hooliganism, and by limiting the charge to an insignificant, if not even - suspended period.

And finally one more event, completely fresh. On Friday 22 December, in the south-eastern part of Moscow, in Lyublino, there was an explosion of a self-made bomb in the entrance of an apartment house. Near the bomb on the wall there was a picture of a swastika, the can with explosives itself was hidden beneath a heating radiator, and appa-

rently it has been activated by the wire, that was connecting the bomb and the tablet with an offensive nationalist inscription: "The residents of the flat ... are black..."

The bomb, and rather the tablet, was detected in the entrance in the day time by 20 year old Tigran, who was living in the flat. He could have touched the bomb, but saw the wires in time. He wasn't able to see the bomb, but decided to call the police. The police arrived at the place with a cynologist and a dog after a while. During the clearing of the device it exploded.

This event was mentioned in press as the next attack of nationalists on non-Slavonic residents of Moscow. Saying that, another young Armenian man was able to escape becoming a victim of right wing radicals - a banal story for the modern Moscow, no matter how terrible it may seem. Quite banally the Office of Public Prosecutor initiated a criminal case on hooliganism - no murder assault ... Tigran has been interrogated as a witness (not as a victim!).

However this event is not simple. Tigran - who was born in Moscow is a son of Moscovite-parents (in the press there has been already an absurd and false version in circulation, that he is living in Moscow with the family only some ten years). He is not merely "a young man from Caucasus". He is a - Moscow Anti-fascist, in the past one of the workers of www.antifa.ru web site. Besides that, he, the same as his dead comrades Timur Kacharava and Alexander Ryukhin, - is an admirer of punk/hardcore music.

To all appearances, Tigran should have been the third in the list of killed young anti-fa. His photograph has been posted on Nazi web sites, he has been threatened several times, on the walls of the construction site in front of his house one could see a Swastika, with writings: "Tigran, say hello to Timur". Several times he has been attacked in concerts, several times he was bumping into people with bonehead outlook (boneheads, in Russian bons, - are named by antifa which are Nazi-skinheads, to avoid confusion with the anti-fascist skinheads who exists). The guy is quite tough, Tigran was always the winner in any skirmish.

And now there was a bomb

The politics, which is being ignored by the Office of Public Prosecutor, through initiation of the criminal case on relatively slight clauses in Tigran's case, is being followed by the Federal Defence Service of RF. While police were interrogating him as a witness, the members of FSB visited his mother at home (the door has been damaged by the explosion, it wasn't closing) and, using woman's emotional shock, they took some things like: badges with the crossed out swa-



stika, stripes, but most importantly - the computer, said Tigran.

Tigran has even a certificate of impressions of the computer from FSB members - all materials for the term papers before examinations are not available now, something has to be answered in the Institute.

I would like to emphasize: as far as I know, neither Timur Kacharava, nor Alexander Ryukhin were members of any anti-fascist organisations, they were just following their own anti-fascist views and were people, of quite active living positions. Timur was playing in an anti-fascist hardcore group, on Sundays he was feeding the homeless people with hot food (homeless, or, according to old militia terminology, bums, if anybody doesn't know yet - they are another object of hatred from young Nazis, along with non-Slavs and representatives of several youth subcultures - punks, rappers). Sasha was carrying out propaganda on his own: he was designing on computer and distributing self-made anti-fascist stickers (some of such stickers were found in his pocket after his murder). Tigran was also not a member of any organisation, but was helping an anti-fascist web site, when he was not busy with education.

To my question, whether Tigran was taking part in fights with Nazis, he answered with affirmation: "Of course, if they are attacking? Should we give up then?"

"Nazis made us anti-fascists, - a former member of antifa.ru continues - We all belong to some subcultures, to some groups, whose representatives were clashing with fascist violence, and thus becoming a target for their attacks. In one particular moment you stop respecting yourself if you are not responding to the strike with a strike. Especially, if police and the state as a whole don't do anything in general, in order to stop the street fascist danger".

"We, young anti-fascists, are sometimes being accused, - Tigran continues, - that, if we were not present, Nazis would already calm down. Saying that we are acting as a teasing red flag to them. If there would be no

anti-fascists, say those who accuse us, - the street Nazi violence would come to naught. Everything is completely opposite. Antifa was not present and obvious long enough and finally they appeared, owing to the Nazi violence not stopping, but rather increasing. And everybody knows that at first Nazis were attacking people of non-Slavonic outlook and normal representatives of youth subcultures, that were weaker. Antifa appeared later - as a reaction, as a response by informal anti-fascists youth "

"Look, - Tigran says, - fascists, when attacking, often pursue an objective of mutilating or killing their victim, they use knives and even guns. Antifas, when fighting with fascists, do not pursue an objective of physical elimination or disabling. Fascists should just understand that they are also not eternal, they are not immortal, and they have to understand the value of human life, the value of every individual on their own example. Maybe, small, underage Nazis, teens, who shaved their heads because its cool, because now everybody will be afraid of them, after getting it several times in the neck from normal guys, will understand that there is nothing cool in it, to be a fascist, - no. Maybe at least some of them would stop "

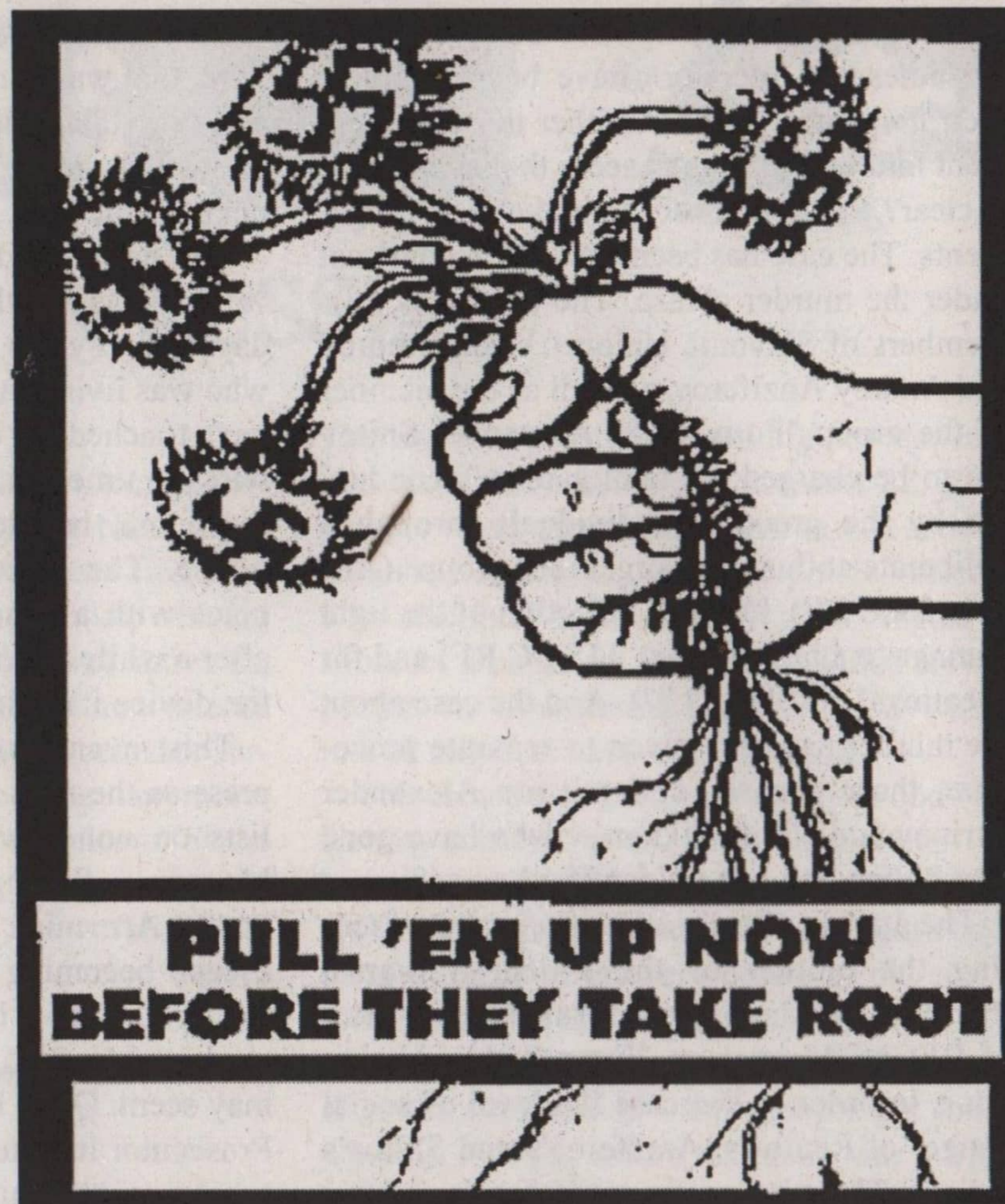
Tigran thinks, however, Nazis in general - as a violent street movement - couldn't be stopped by just fights. This is just containment, the defence of youth subcultures against Nazis. "If they wouldn't be put into jail, Nazi idiots following their sense of impunity will begin doing much worse things. In their closed forums on internet they are already discussing the preparation of terrorist acts on markets and even in state departments, but haven't decided yet - whether to make the newcomers guilty of it or

that my door is just about to be blown up "

Isn't he afraid that the unexpected guests will come again? "They were already here - in the night after explosion, when the door was not closing. At four o'clock a ring on the remote entrance phone - a young cheeky voice, saying a telegram. Later on, walking in the entrance some of them were hiding their faces under a scarf or hood, poking by the door, up along the staircase and down. The cat in my flat pricked up its ears, I looked into the peephole, and I saw - "guests". I called the sister to call the police again, and rushed to the staircase to chase them. But in home slippers I couldn't run fast, I could-

n't catch them up. And the police too, even if they came with automatic-guns quite quickly, apparently they were guarding somewhere close".

All this phantasmagoria is really taking place now in Moscow before New Year. And crowding it out of comprehen-



of the politics, and pedagogy too. Is the official initiative of "Nashy" that declared themselves as a democratic anti-fascist movement enough? Obviously, not.

Politicians that don't want to give up the anti-fascist theme to Kremlin and its political agents, must think about how to react to new circumstances avoiding standardized methods.

Fascism and xenophobia - it's not merely another trump-card in election campaign in the marked pack of cards of authorities, it's a social reality. Those who were not brought to reason by the "Russian March" should have been brought to reason by the street Nazi terror. But, apparently, opposition politicians, coming in their cars to carry out discussions or joint demonstrations with nationalists (which they think, to be "moderate") don't take the streets into account in general. Even given the fact that these streets are being bossed by Nazi.

Often this is being ignored by mass media too. In one of the respected newspapers I have been told, that the statement of some antifa.ru out there, regarding the murder of Sasha Ryukhin - is not yet an informational cause. "Moreover, they should be certainly registered", - said the editor looking strictly into my eyes. I don't know, whether they are registered or not. I know that in order to take a knife and make a bomb, there is no need for registration. And Nazis know it very well.

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are reference books on preparing and using self-made explosives, same as the one that exploded in the entrance of his apartment house.

"How do you feel after that event?" - I asked him. "Its ok. Friends helped me to repair the door, they gathered some money. Now we need money for a good attorney, we got to search for them. Now we have something to be busy with. But somehow it seems

It's absolutely obvious, that the question requires not only the consideration of the police, but

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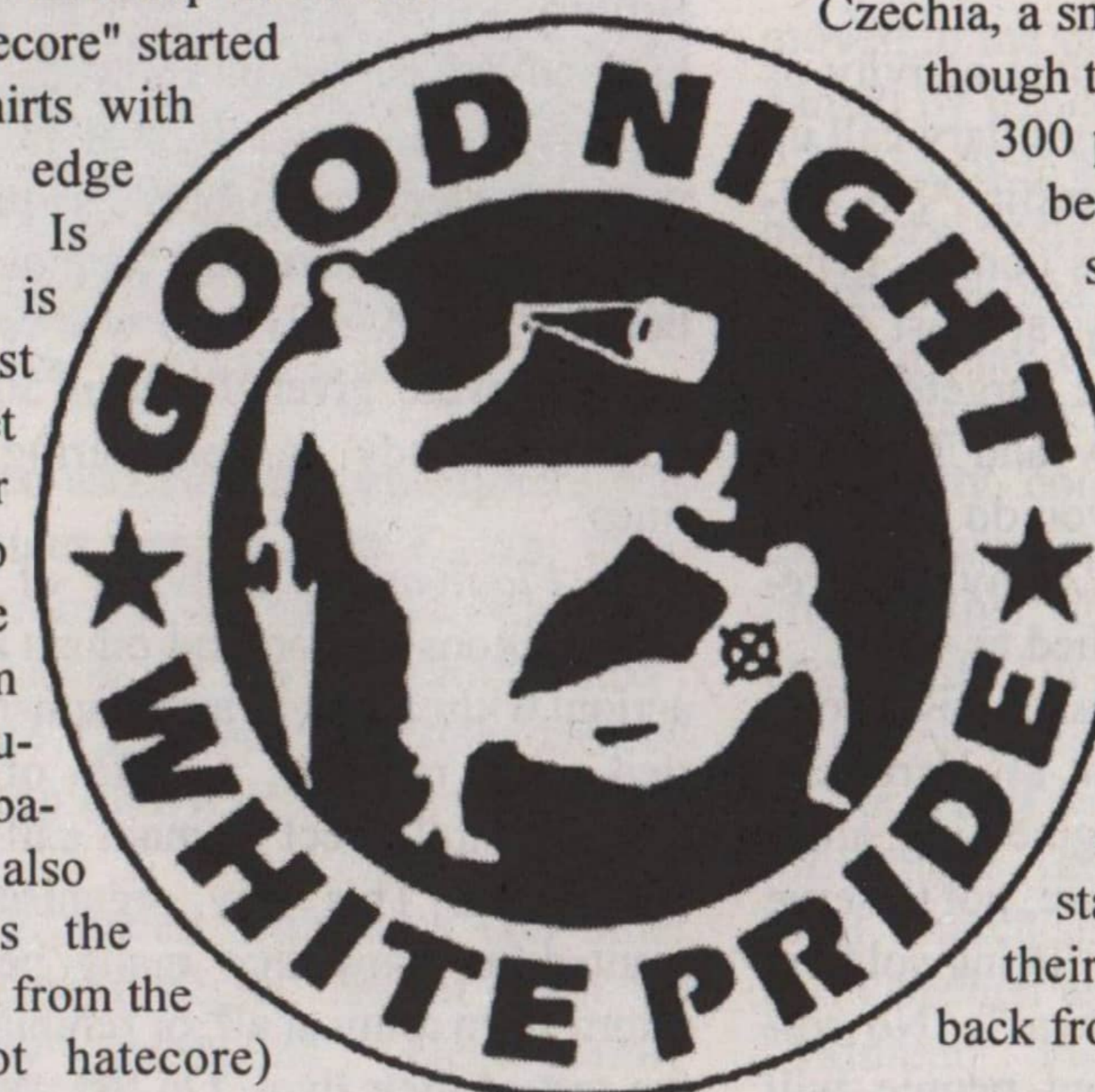
LIVE AND TRAVEL WHERE THEY WISH...

WHEN THEY WISH

ANTIFA NEWS FROM CZECH

NS straight edge?

The Czech nazis discovered the straight edge scene... Some time ago they organized a big international festival in the country. It didn't really succeed due to the mistakes of the organizers. Although a lot of nazis from Germany, Poland and the rest of Europe showed up, the local nazis generally didn't come and after all the organizers seemed to lose some money... There played a famous NS straight edge band "Tear Down" from the USA so the biggest nazishop in Czech republic "Hatecore" started to stock T-shirts with straight edge designs... Is seems that it is their newest attempt to get out from their small ghetto and get some attention from other subcultures. But probably it will fail also this time as the straight edges from the hardcore (not hatecore)



scene have already reacted and some articles about this pitiful nazi trial appeared on hardcore websites.

Otrokovice remained anti-fascist... Again!

Once again, nazis tried to march through the so-called antifascist stronghold in the Eastern Czechia, a small town of Otrokovice. Even though they managed to gather around 300 people around the same number of (not only local) antifascists were fully prepared to stop their march. And antifas succeeded again... Due to the constant attack from the antifas (and to the fact that the nazis were stupid enough to respond to the antifas' provocations), the police stopped the march and sent the nazis back to the train station. They managed to read their speech there and then went back from where they came from...

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Odpor.org down again

Antifa fights in the cyberspace as well. The Czech biggest nazi web, odpor.org, was hacked on the Holocaust Memorial Day and stayed down for four days.

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The Czech Red Watch started

Some scattered nazis groups joined in an effort to create a "dignified answer to ANTIFA monitoring" - the Czech Red Watch. The result is actually a one big joke. They identified just two notoriously known people but they didn't managed to get their addresses that were made public several times before... The most funny is the fact that they copied a list of employees of Jewish museum and Communist party. It seems the Czech nazis already know how to use the ctrl+c and ctrl+v commands!

ANTIFA BIALYSTOK (POLAND) REPORTS

Last two months proved to be very busy for Bialystok Antifa.

The level of violence on the streets is increasing again as some prominent nazis were released from jail (they were on remand for taking part in assault on football hooligans of Jagiellonia Bialystok with whom they have a "holy war").

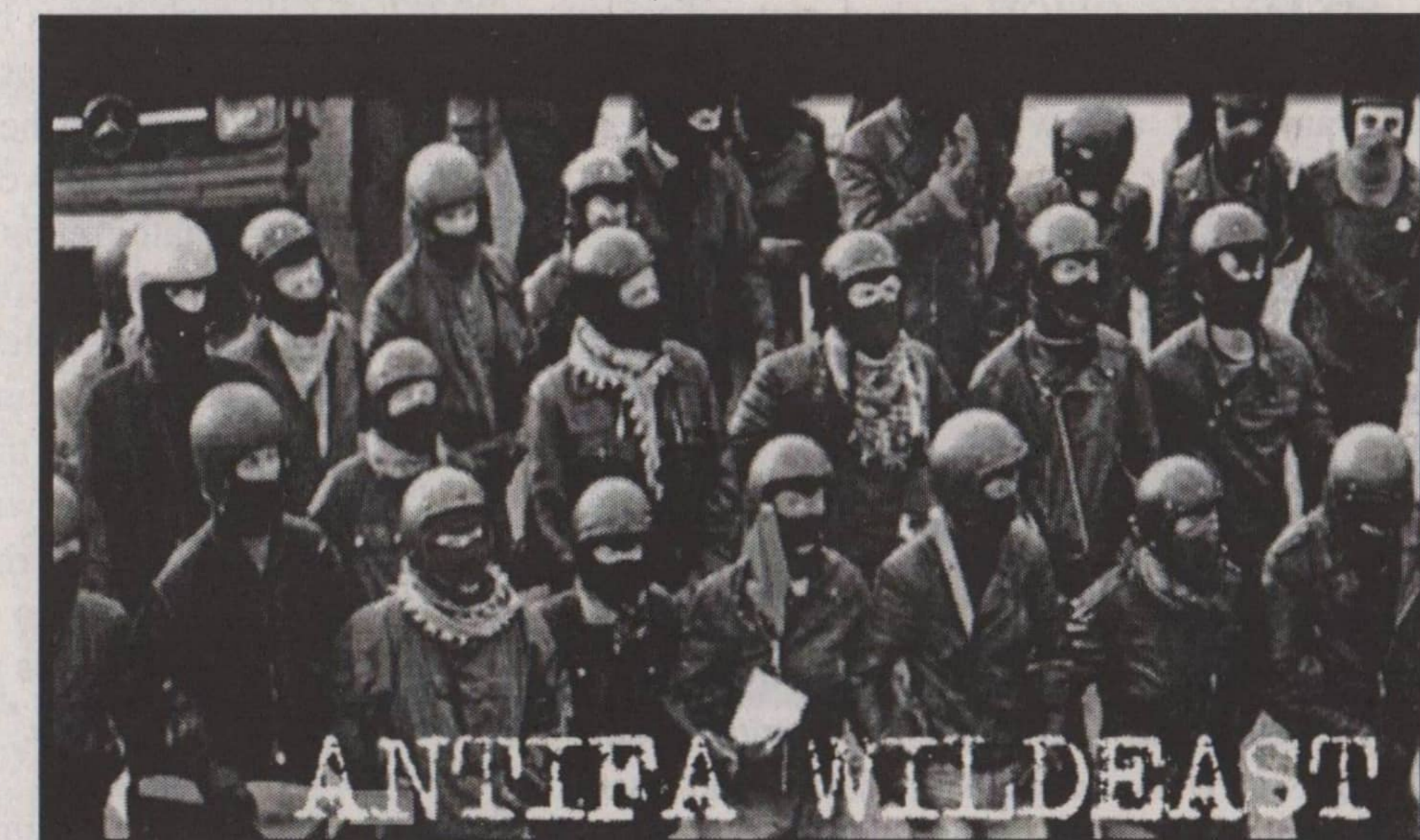
In the beginning of February about 7 Nazis appeared at the last alternative festival "Zgrzyty". Apparently one metal band, called Othermind has many nazi friends as their vocalist is the step-brother of a well known Bialystok nazi skinhead. Antifa was quickly alerted to the presence of unwanted guests at the concert, drinking beer and sieg hailing as if they were at their own party. Some Antifa's quickly arrived at the concert but a fight was stopped by security guards. Antifascists promptly left the concert and waited till the nazis would leave the venue. After that, a quick "political dialogue" ensued, in which Antifa's explained to the nazi scum the error of their ways. Whoever wasn't fast enough and didn't manage to avoid the "discussion" quickly ended on the floor, meeting with arguments of boots, fists and pepper spray. This was not the best day for Bialystok's nazis... Even more funny is the fact that the vocalist of the above mentioned metal band was also beaten up by somebody and nobody knows by who... Antifa is watching you nazi scum!!!

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Bialystok's fascists unlucky again

Few months ago we received information about a chapter of the fascist organization NOP appearing in our beautiful city. Antifascists quickly gathered intelligence on these scum, including pictures etc. In the meantime fascists were showing off on the internet, publishing reports of their "actions" (such as sticking 100 stickers and 50 posters in the city) and in general feeling more and more brave, on their net forums commenting "Antifa ha ha ha", "Antifa is not existing apart from putting stickers" etc. to

their unpleasant surprise they met one evening with antifa patrol and the quick encounter ended up with three of them bleeding and running for their lives. Even more unpleasant was that within next hour they met Antifa's two more times, ending up with one of them with a quick knock out. Two days later on their internet website information appeared, which reads "Bialystok's chapter of NOP suspends all its activities". Victory for Antifa and warning for fascists - dont bite off more that you can chew... playing politics can be a very dangerous game...



DESERTER DAY IN RUSSIA

ANARCHIST ACTIONS IN RUSSIA - 23RD OF FEBRUARY 2007

In 2004 "Day of defender of the fatherland", formerly "Day of the red army", got the status of an official holiday - this marked it as an anarchist day of protest if it had not already been before. States are celebrating many doubtful issues, but a state holiday on a day of ethnic cleaning, that of Chechens and Ingushetians in 1944, was too much.

In Moscow in 2004, 50 anarchists promptly marched without permission down Tverskaya, then by Kuznetskiy, most went to Lyubyanka square, where a brief meeting was held before police showed up. Next year they were to come up with a more ambitious plan - "Deserter day festival", a weekful of anti-militarist events.



During the first festival, in 2005, most events were open, which resulted in the holders of all premises receiving phone calls from various secret services. Most events were halted before planned time, some were cancelled altogether. March by new and old Arbat streets resulted in some arrests.

In 2006, due to experience of previous year, festival was more low key in Moscow due to repressions the previous year, but actions were spread more widely around Russia than in the previous year. In Irkutsk of Siberia, anarchists staged up a "play war", in Tyumen anarchists organised action "Do not serve monsters". Beginning of that year was marked by the hideous fate of private Sychev, who had his feet and parts of testicles amputated after first being tortured in army and then denied medical care for days.

In Moscow, OMON trashed cartoon tanks of anarchist deserter platoon next to State library, just a few hundred meters from Kremlin.

So what about 2007?

The previous evening, movies were shown in both Moscow and Tyumen. In Moscow, a short clip of anti-militarist disruption by Clandestine Insurrectional Rebel Clown Army was shown, after which Andreas Speck from War Resisters International spoke on theme "Global resistance against militarism", case examples were anti-recruitment campaigns in USA, refusniks in Israel and anarchist organising against militarization of

Venezuela. With around 60 participators, Moscow event was a big success.

In Tyumen, first a short documentary "A letter to home" about mobbing in army was shown, then Tin Drum of Volker Schlöndorff. During the following discussion, the symbolism of "Tin Drum" got many different interpretations, but there was not much discussion about 23rd of February as no-one among audience had positive feelings towards militarism.

The following night saw some activity as well; it is told that in Tyumen military call up centres were covered with graffiti "No soldiers - no wars" and "Soldiers home - generals to barracks". In Moscow, at least three military call up centres were targeted - in Lefortovo region of Moscow and Moscow region - graffiti included "If you do not want to serve - do not serve" and "Army is slavery". Some windows were trashed as well.

In Voronezh, revolutionary anarchist group "Black Bloc" made graffiti at Voronezh Military Institute of Aerial Engineering, anarchists painted "I was born to live, not to serve in army!", "Army is slavery", "Bring soldiers home - send Putin to Chechnya!", "No soldiers - no wars!", "An armed people will defend itself" and others. It was -20C (-4F), but everything went fine, besides the fact that anarchists had to gnaw beer, which they were carrying not in order to booze but in order to deceive authorities, as it was frozen.

In Krasnoyarsk, anarchists painted to call-up centres "Deserter is a hero of Russia", "Call-up - army - morgue", "Call-up is slavery", "No to war", "I want to live, not to serve" and "One is not born to be a soldier, but one does die as a soldier".

Next day in Blagoveschensk of Russian Far East, local call up centre got some extra graffiti although the previous ones were also not cleaned yet. Stickers and leaflets "Lads! There is nothing to do in army!" and "Hero is not one who killed, but one who refused!" and "If you do not want to serve, do not serve!" were also distributed, and more paintings were made with stencils.

23rd of February, it was time for action in Moscow. It was a clear but cool winter day with -14 C (7 F), most of the people preferred to stay inside, so streets were almost empty. People formed small groups in first gathering point and regrouped in Patriarch Ponds, our "Down with the police state" banner was too big for narrow Maloy Bronnoy street, so just banners "Our fatherland is the whole humanity", "No war but the class war" and "Peace to people, war to powers" were carried. Besides traditional slogans ("No to war in Iraq and Chechnya!", "Our enemy is not in Chechnya, our enemy is in Kremlin!", "Freedom, equality, anarcho-communism!", "Raise the black flag higher, state is the main enemy!"), I also

heard some new ones (such as "Aty-baty - trash the call up centers!" and "Peace to people, war to powers!").

The march turned up Tverskoy Boulevard and crossed Nikitskaya, in New Arbat a police car cut the march, but people oriented quickly and nobody was arrested. March went down Gogol boulevard to Kropotkin metro station, as OMON was still nowhere around, it was decided that march would go on to Park Kultury metro station. But in a minute two busloads of astronauts showed up and people went legging - around 15 of 110 participants were arrested, some brutally, many of them because they attempted to hide in a trolley bus. By 6 PM, everyone was released, those over 18 were given fines of 500 roubles in courts, nobody is considering paying the fines.

In Vladivostok, activists of Vladivostok Autonomous Action and others made a small action without flags and banners. They carried a big red box, a coffin of a conscript, along central street to main call-up centre of the region. This way organisers of action wanted to show that many people do not return from army at all, or remain disabled for the rest of their lives. On the way to the call-up centre, participators shouted "Soldiers home, generals to prisons!", "Army is slavery, down with the state!" and other slogans. Police were already waiting for them at the call-up centre, and those who could not escape were rounded up. They were giving court orders for misdemeanour charge of participating in an illegal demonstration, and everyone was released within a few hours.

In Kazan, there was a picket in main pedestrian street from 11 to 12 AM. People carried banners "Freedom, equality, internationalism", "Down with the conscription slavery", "Make love not war", "No races, no nations, no borders", "No Nazism - no problem", and had red and black, black and pacifist orange flags. There were around 20 people altogether. Some 200 leaflets written in St.



Our fatherland is the whole of Humanity

Petersburg last year were distributed. There was no harassment from the side of the authorities, besides usual monitoring with video cameras.

After the picket, participants moved to the premises provided by a local religious organisation to continue the program. Actually it came up as an illegal march. After some 20 minutes cops showed up, but people managed to speak themselves out of the problems.

Inside, a recorded TV program on anti-fascist actions and Soviet classic anti-fascist movement "Everyday fascism" were scree-



No War but the Class War

ned. The space was cold but atmosphere was friendly. Besides people from Kazan, there were people from nearby cities, Germany and Cameroon. During the day, anti-fascist stickers and a new local anarchist paper Derzay ("Hold on", <http://www.derzaj.ru>) were distributed.

At 5 PM a concert with punk and other alternative groups began, and it went on without any problems. Derevyanni Macintosh, RISK, Spory?, N.T. Lie, Branch (Tolyatti), Indikator (Izhevsk), Frenzi Kids (Perm) and Vitamin Rosta (Nizhnekamsk, their last concert ever), were supposed to play.

There was also a picket in Yekaterinburg on the 23rd of February; in a comic scene two police districts almost went physically



Peace to People, War to Powers

against each other, settling the issue where action should take place. As a rule, Yekaterinburg anti-war actions have taken place at headquarters of Military District of Volga and Ural, which is also close to the crossing of Kirov and Oktyabrskiy districts of the city. Soon after picketers showed up, plain clothes officers, lead by Sergey Vasilyevich Evdokimov showed up, asking why activists were this time on the side of Oktyabrskiy district, as usually they are in the side of Kirov district. As a response, activists showed a letter, subscribed by vice-mayor of Yekaterinburg Kulik, where vice-mayor proposed to move action by 50 meters, due to

"danger of terrorist assaults".

But police chief Evdokimov was not afraid of terrorists! He noted, that in his opinion it would be better to move action 50 meters back to its usual place, which is on Kirov district side, and which is also where organisers had originally appealed to have the action.

This turn of events was welcomed by the organisers, and they moved 50 meters - also demanding security guarantees from Evdokimov, in case police of Kirov district would not like this. They supposed this would be necessary, as on another side of the street there were more and more police officers of Kirov district gathering. Thus participators moved to the other side of the street, accompanied by police from Oktyabrskiy district.

When they had crossed the street, a short but very heated discussion between police representatives of two districts followed. Seldom may one see police taking issue of free speech of the people so close to heart. Eventually, conflict between the two police districts was settled by a representative of the city police department, and police of Oktyabrskiy district crossed the road back to their area, victorious.

The picket was organised by Yekaterinburg Movement Against Violence and joined by local anarchists from Autonomous Action and Chechen and Ingushetian cultural centre "Vainakh". Participators carried placards "23rd of February - date of deportation of Chechens and Ingushetians", "23rd of February - a day of anti-war actions", "For your and our freedom", "Army is a school of slavery and violence", "Army in Russia is murder, harassment, sadism", "Down with conscription slavery", "War in Chechnya is a crime, shame on Russia" and others, and banners "Afghanistan, Chechnya... what next? Enough!" and "No to war, dictatorship, conscription". Altogether there were 17 participants.

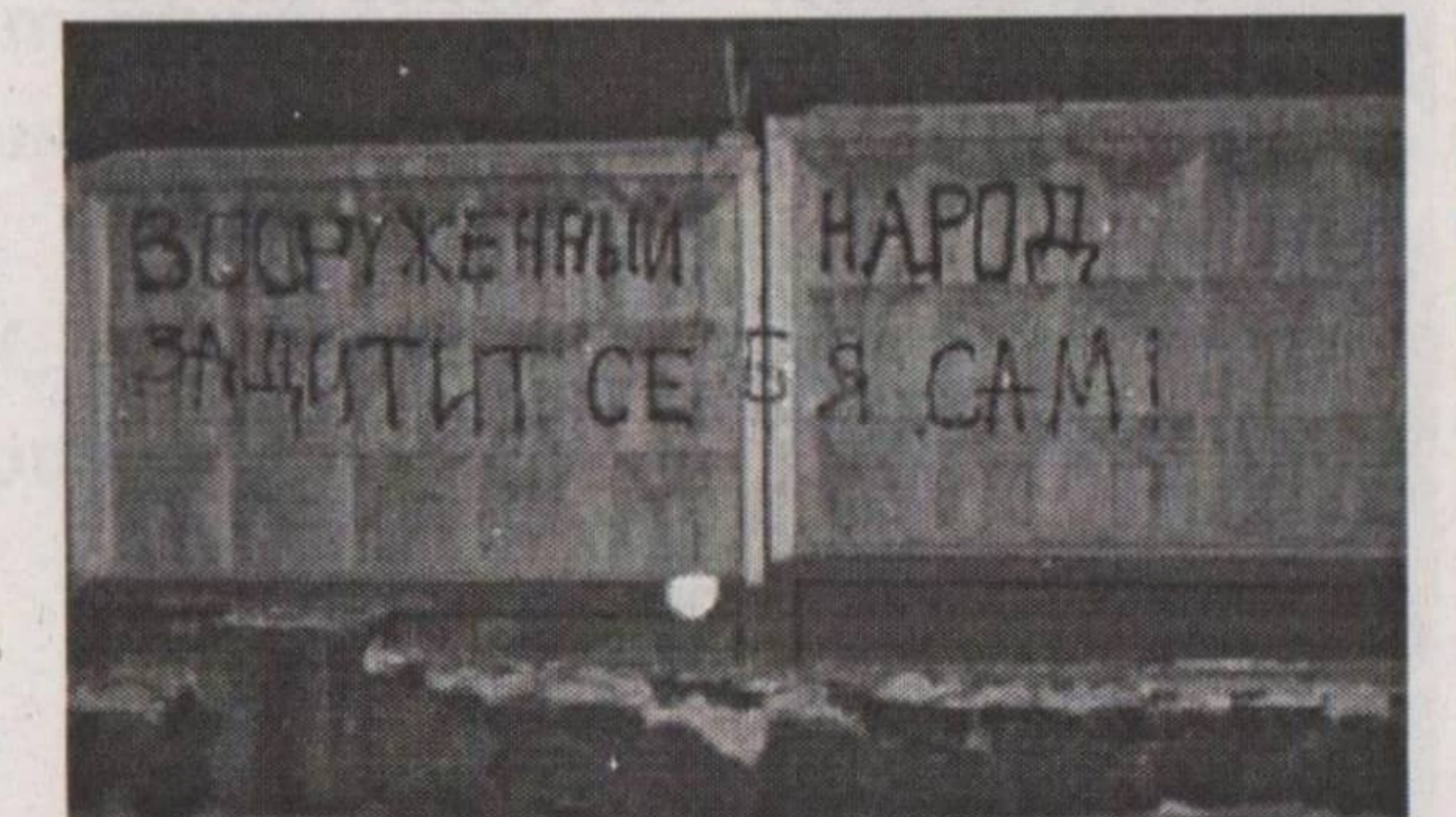
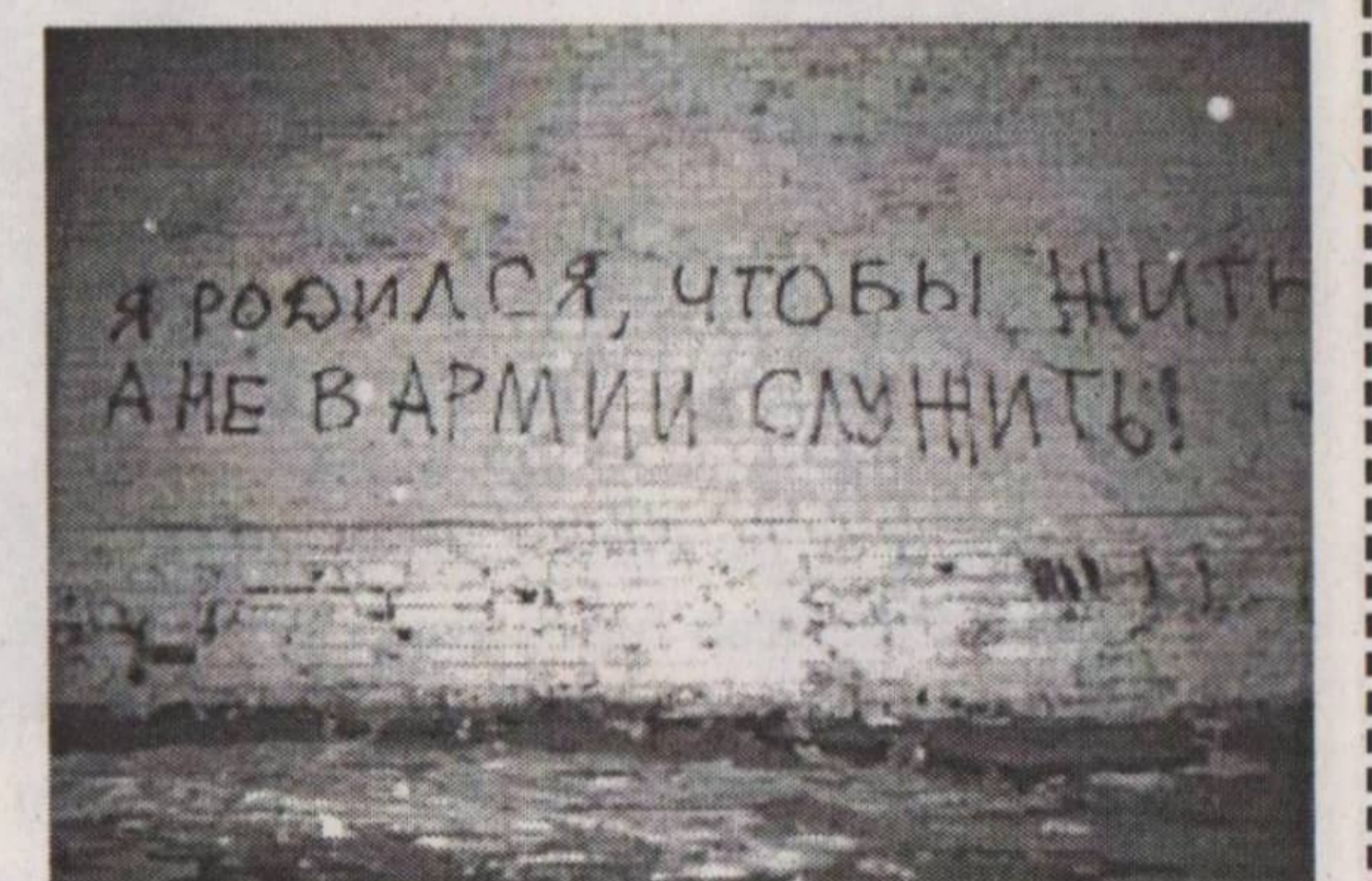
In Kaliningrad it was not warm either, -15 C, but 30-40 people gathered for a "Drink not bombs" against big liquor business at statue of Schiller. Anarchists distributed leaflets to people passing by, and also collected signatures for a petition against the development project around the square, which is supposed to destroy all the green areas. When the paper was full of signatures, a delegation visited the mayor's office to hand it over.

On Saturday 24th of September, Deserter festival continued in Moscow with closed sections, where campaigns against Sochi Olympic candidature of 2014 and against elections of 2007-2008 were planned. In the evening, there was a concert, which turned out to be very big although it was secret - up to 200 people were packed into the club. Crowd Control, and Kranshtein from St. Petersburg, Vo Ves Golos from Nizhniy Novgorod, and Working boys, Ruki Na Odeyalo, Penicill, Reu49 and Politzek from Moscow were playing.

Of St. Petersburg, no-one has written

accounts yet but apparently on the 23rd, anarchists and human rights activists organised a common anti-war action and on the 24th there was non-violence training with guests from War Resisters' International. On Sunday the 25th, there was also a concert in Nizhniy Novgorod, and a major police provocation against Food Not Bombs in St. Petersburg - 15 people, both organisers and homeless, were arrested at the place of the action, under the false pretext of investigations of a recent bomb attack against McDonald's in St. Petersburg (apparently made by a mentally unbalanced man), and interrogated them up to 4 hours - asking questions "very much in topic", such as "do you know what does 14/88 mean?" and "who is your leader?".

Ok, this was about all about Deserter day this year - hope to see you around here next year!



THE U.S. RADAR BASE IN CZECH REPUBLIC

Seventeen years after the last USSR soldier left the Czech territory, the politicians are again ready to "invite" an army of another "friends and allies" to the country. Of course it is much different this and generally one can't compare the situations... That time it was the evil and un-legitimate Bolshevik government that invited the army... This time it's... ehr.. of course the legitime government who is going to invite them. The SSSR was bad but the USA is the good one!

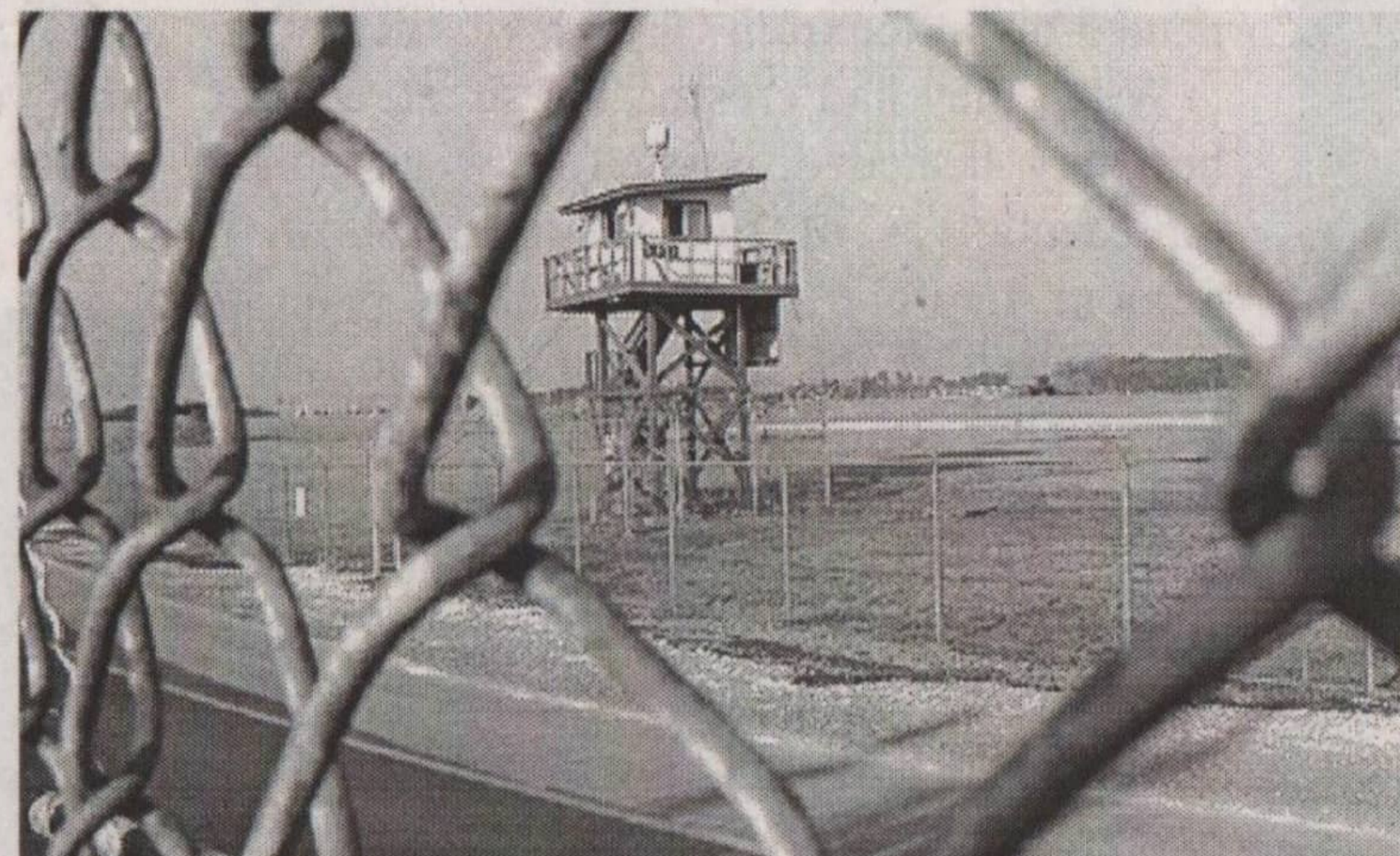
The whole situation is not only the clear example how the state and global capitalism works. It is also the issue that may influence the whole world and in the same time it creates a unique chance to show our resistance and international solidarity (as some other part of the system, a missile base, is going to be built in Poland).

The US military machine is just going to make a new step in the global army contest and the planned radar and missile bases in Europe are the crucial part of its missile-defense system. The European bases are officially presented as the defense against

bomb in the pre-election time... You can imagine how risky it is to talk about hosting another country's military base in a country that has been occupied for forty years by the USSR army.

Cheat on public

The new right-wing government eagerly accepted the US request. Without any attempt to play the democratic game, they simply said they were going to do everything they could to comply to the request. They denied any petitions about referendum on this issue



a possible attack from the Middle East but many experts claim that such an argument has no sense due to the actual position of the US and they say that in fact it is aimed against Russia. The official reaction of the Russian authorities is also clear: they think this base is a threat on them. It is quite easy to guess what follows: both sides would invest more and more money into their missile and missile defense systems. Many experts see that as the beginning of the new cold war.

Cheat on voters

The attitude of the Czech authorities show is typical. There has been no government in Czech Republic for about half a year. In the result of the last elections around 100 places in the parliament got the right-wing politicians and another 100 the so-called left-wing politicians and they spent several months on arguing who was going to govern. Finally, the right-wing ones managed somehow to convince two of the left-wing MPs to vote for their government. The very same day



that the government was elected (it was Friday afternoon!!) the USA officially asked them for a permission to build the radar base. Of course it must have been a coincidence...

Some alternative journalists hit on some secret document about preparatory talks between the Czech and the American authorities on missile and radar base that took place before the election. It was categorically demented by all the authorities however it was quite clear that they simply lied. Nobody cared anymore... it was already after the election, wasn't it? It would have been a really big

bilateral and many experts on politics think that it actually serves as a way to destroy the arising anti-american unity in Europe.

There are yet many "details" that stay unclear and nobody wants to clarify them. Who would finance the base? Which law would be applied on the base? Would the American soldiers be protected with the legal immune against the Czech law? What kind of source is going to energize the base (there are some rumours it would be a small nuclear reactor)?

A small island of truth

It's clear that this base is going to put the Czech Republic into danger. Firstly, the Czechs would become complice on all USA crimes and aggressions. If the US would ever attack any state from its missile base (as there is just a small difference among "defence" and "offence" missiles), the Czech Republic and Poland would be responsible for this, according to the international law. It is also clear that the bases (particularly the radar one) would likely become the first target of aggression if anybody would like to attack the US (to disable the defence first and then launch the missiles).

Globally this bases would help the USA to become the world policeman and to strengthen their global domination. We have already seen how the USA authorities use their domination and force.

The local opposition against the base is growing. There were several demonstrations called by the umbrella group "Initiative No to the Bases". This group is consist of various reformist and Bolshevik groups and their

demos are generally hopeless (my favorite speech during one of them was the one cheering that both the anarchists and the nazis attended the demo - according to the speaker it was the proof that resistance against the base is apolitical and that it unites different groups...). On the other hand, they managed to gather several thousands people on the demos, which is a big success in the generally unpolitical Czech Republic.

According to the group it was not surprising that anarchists didn't participate in the demos. Although a lot of anarchists individually (not as any group) attended the demos with flags and banners.

What next?

What should be done now? The opposition against the base exists and they already got the attention of the mainstream media. However, it is also clear that they won't gain anything by petitions and speeches. We need some direct action.... The anarchist and radical movement in the Czech Republic may be too weak to organize anything.

The case of the bases though is not only the Czechs or Polish issue. It creates the international danger so what about some international action or mobilisation? It is just my personal opinion but I would see the mobilisation against the bases as more important than to do crowds during international capitalists' summits...

EMANCYPUNX NEWS - JANUARY 2007

Emancypunx Distribution was started as a collective project of the first polish anarcho-feminist group called *KDP (Women Against Discrimination and Violence)*. The distro started in the beginning of 1996, then after a while *Emancypunx* became also the name of an all-girl anarcho-feminist group.

The idea of the group was to organize more radical actions than *KDP* and oppose any hierarchies & leaders (also among the group members). Through these years *Emancypunx* was struggling against oppression (through organizing demonstrations, street actions, performances, conference, publishing zines and newsletters, shows, meetings...) and motivating other women to self-expression. As we, our visions, activity, opinions were invisible, ignored or even absent in the scene and world outside - there was no other way than to create our own positive reality.

Cultivating & spreading "independent women culture" is the aim of *Emancypunx*. That's why the distribution & record label was formed - to give access to the results of our creativity and also to spread information (at this time music, literature or zine's done by women and for women where hardly available in Poland). Not to forget: *Emancypunx* were involved in many DIY Hardcore/punk shows and also festivals like "*Walpurgis night*" (focused on a pro feminist and pro queer message) and HC and sXe festivals. At the same time there is more activities signed as *Emancypunx* with many other girls involved like *Radical Cheerleaders* or *Performance Group*.

For the end some lines about the name "*Emancypunx*". It's a word game (with the word emancipation/suffragette and punk). It means emancipation in punk. Hardcore, straight edge, women rights and a general political consciousness are a part of that emancipation.

Emancypunx is involved in the new collective called *Kvir Sfera*. Our plans are to organize several events this year related to feminist and queer issues (concerts, performances, film screenings, exhibitions). Also based on that collective

we registered a foundation which aim is to promote art & culture. More details soon!!!!

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EMANCYPUNX ZINE LIBRARY

A CALL FOR ZINE DONATIONS!

The zine library exists for a few years already and is based in a book library of the women organization OSKA that is based in the centre of Warsaw. A lot of people are visiting the library and some of the visitors inspired by the collection even started their own zines later. If you edit a zine that is related to queer, feminist or women issues, we would love to present it in our collection. Please send a copy to:

Ramme
Po box 145
02 -792 Warszawa 78
Poland

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RELEASE ON EMANCYPUNX: THE RAZORBURNS CD OUT NOW!

We are happy to announce that the CD record of *THE RAZORBURNS* is out! We are proud that *The Razorburns* decided to release their debut release on *Emancypunx*. The *Razorburns* are from San Francisco, USA and their music is pop laden, punk based, and brainwashing.

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OTHER UPCOMING RELEASES ON EMANCYPUNX ARE:

★ *BRUISE VIOLET* 7"EP: debut 7" of all-female raging feminist political hc/punk band from California. *Bruise Violet* are known already from their demo cd-r. Also some of their songs appeared on compilations released by *On The Rag Records*.

★ *BEYOND PINK* new 7"EP: following their great full length LP on *Emancypunx*, *Beyond Pink* are coming with recordings on a new 7". It's gonna be a co-release between *Emancypunx* and *Contraszt!* Records from Germany. It's not everything yet, as all these girls from *Malmo* are planning to record in summer another full length for *Emancypunx Records!*

★ *FABULOUS DISASTER/BAMBIX* split LP/CD: it's gonna be a killer split release from both veterans of melodic female fronted punk! More details on it later!

* First pressing of *TRUST "Hardcore girls" 7"* is almost sold out. Only very few copies are left!

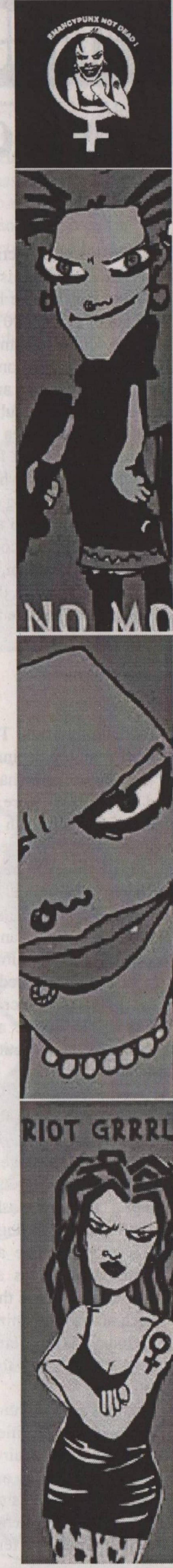
* We deal direct. Check our full mail-order list online! Except our all releases, we distribute much more cd's, vinyls, tapes, zines etc.

* Labels/Distros: If you're interested in distributing our releases in your area, don't hesitate to write for wholesale list or possible trades.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPEALS

ANARCHA-FEMINIST FESTIVAL IN ZAGREB



You're invited to actively participate in the first Anarcha-feminist festival in Zagreb (Croatia) that will be held on the 13th, 14th and 15th of April, 2007. The program is imagined to contain a number of lessons, discussions, video projections, workshops, exhibitions, presentations and performances that introduce, describe, fulfill, expand and define the term and the idea of anarcha-feminism. The festival will last for three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) while we're preparing a d.i.y. hardcore punk gig on the first and second day. We also hope to attract as much guests from abroad so we could have a richer and more diverse program. However, groups and individuals from the former Eastern Block/Eastern Europe are given the advanta-

ge because we want to connect and get to know each other better so that, by cooperating, we could talk about the problems we believe we share. Since the Croatian policy hopes to integrate in the EU, it is in the same position as, for instance, Czech Republic and Poland were so we can learn about the upcoming problems from their experience and share the experience and models of solutions with countries in the similar situation. We hope that Zagreb will attract guests from many different places thanks to its location between Poland and Romania and become a meeting point for anarcha-feminists every year. Hoping to create a diverse program, we're inviting guests from abroad, but since some of them come from countries with

lower life standards, we are fully aware of the financial problem and are actively working on collecting money for travel expenses to make it possible for a bigger number of participants to come. Since we're an anarcha-feminist group of affinities that believes in self-sufficiency, solidarity and d.i.y. principles of organization, by this we appeal for solidarity in organizing benefit gigs or collecting donations. If you want to contribute, contact us on anfemafest@gmail.com and come to support! For further information see www.anfemafest.tk

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WHAT IS ANARCHA-FEMINISM?

Difficult question: That's why it's the best to start from the beginning. In the beginning of the story of anarcha feminism, anarchism and feminism were basically different expressions, although they were always a tight connection between them. (E.g. one of the oldest anarchist newspapers of the world "freedom", was founded by the woman and feminist Charlotte Wilson among others). In the end of the 19th and at the beginning of the 20th century feminist and anarchist were very active and noticed, for example

Mary Wollstonecraft, Lucy Parsons, Voltairine de Clayre and Emma Goldman, who made the connection between anarchism and feminism a very popular idea. Maybe they could even be called the pioneers of the fight for the freedom for women and by that for the society in general. In the 20th century the idea and the movement developed their ways of organizing, especially independent groups. They are masked by decentralism, non-structure, non-dogmatism, refusing of one ideology or line and complete despise towards hierarchy as a structure inside the group but also inside the whole society.

Such a way organizing & acting stayed until today. Why were the anarchist ideas always so important for the feminist movement?

Anarchism is fighting in its bases with every kind of authorities and their authoritarian systems, also against the authority of the man over the woman and against patriarchy. Authoritarian systems consider the family as a base for their existence. This is what children, and especially female children, in this

kind of system learn, from the father to the leader, from the boss to god, is to OBEY. Feminism is fighting against those dogmas of the patriarchy that has always been there, against the systematical domination of the man over the woman within all the structures of the society, against the culture of rape and against all the stereotypes of the woman life as a saint, mother or whore, woman as a sexual object or as a passive individual.

Feminism is fighting for the equal rights of women and men, complete realization of male and female potentials, and it's aiming to change the "man's world" towards a "world for all people", without caring about gender, age, race, sexual choice. Anarchism gives this opportunity to feminism. And this is the point where anarchism and feminism connect themselves to anarchofeminism. Anarchofeminism recognizes patriarchy as the essential weapon of modern capitalistic and hierarchical society, which decides about human everyday life through institutions and family as one of the institutions. That is why I consider that anarchofeminism is a more complete solution than feminism alone, because it doesn't focus on changing situation for only women, but on changing for all people in society, like a total change in society. The problem of women as second (third?) citizens in society is not a separate problem but is part of the whole problematic society of non-equality and authority. And non-equality among people, same as among women and men will exist as long as the relation of superior and inferior is rolled out.

The system that still holds this fetish of female inferiority does this because most of all it hates when its authority is touched, when it is provoked. That characterizes for all authorities, regardless if it is authority of masters over their slaves or men over women. Anyway the people escape from their cages with big free steps.

Anarchofeminism is a challenge to this system for both women and men, but also a personal challenge in itself, after all the first necessary change is in oneself, and then around oneself. Human passion and need of freedom exists from the very beginning of human kind and the thing is not just in emancipation of women but in emancipation of society, all people. We don't want to be able to do the same as men we want all together to be able to do much more. And when we succeed, Anarchofeminism will reach its goal. It'll be free to erase itself.



"INFO-@-POLICE"

NEW INFOSHOP IN BRATISLAVA/Slovakia

The first Infoshop ever in Bratislava has opened its door on Saturday, 21st of October 2006. Run by an independent collective, the library is a part of the libraries within 13m3.

Info-@-Police is currently more of a library and a reading room focusing on the anti-authoritarian movement in Slovakia and elsewhere. It also contains the *Red and black distribution* and a part of the *Priama akcia* (IWA-Slovakia) archive, where you can find publications from IWA sections (e.g., from Germany, UK, Spain, Czech Republic...) and other anarchist organizations.

If you come over, you'll find material usual-

ly not available in traditional libraries. It could be anything from a leaflet to an academic paper, but that doesn't matter that much - the content is important: social movements, economic globalisation, antifascism, ecology, feminism. Thinkers such as Chomsky, Bookchin, Goldman, Malatesta, or Foucault meet on our shelves ('police' in Slovak), speaking different languages (we offer literature in Slovak, Czech, English, German, Spanish, Russian and other languages).

For your internet convenience, we've prepared an on-line catalogue. Currently it holds more than 200 titles - and growing! As for

now, the *Info-@-police* space opens only Fridays, from 3 pm to 6 pm. If you publish some interesting material, we would welcome it in our library, so please get in touch!

Besides that we also want to start with info-cafes where we'll be showing movies and inviting people to give lectures and talks on anti-authoritarian topics. The events will be announced on the webpage.

If you have any questions, feel free to drop us an e-mail - info@infoapolice.sk

NEW EDITION OF "LAIKA" IS OUT

In the meanwhile 5th edition of the eastern-europe/ex-eastblock magazine "LAIKA" is out now. For the 1st time we also have English texts in the magazine. This decision was made, because most of the people in Germany, who read the paper understand both languages anyway, and it will open at least a bit more access for the international community. The new edition includes texts about murder the of Politkowskaja, the illegal (Biedaszyby) coalmining in Silesia-region in Poland and a report about nationalist government-organized Nestor Makhno-celebration in Ukraine.

GREETINGS FROM AN UNDERDOG!

The underdog film-festival 2007 will take place from Wednesday 25 April until Sunday 29 April at different places of culture and art initiatives in Vienna.

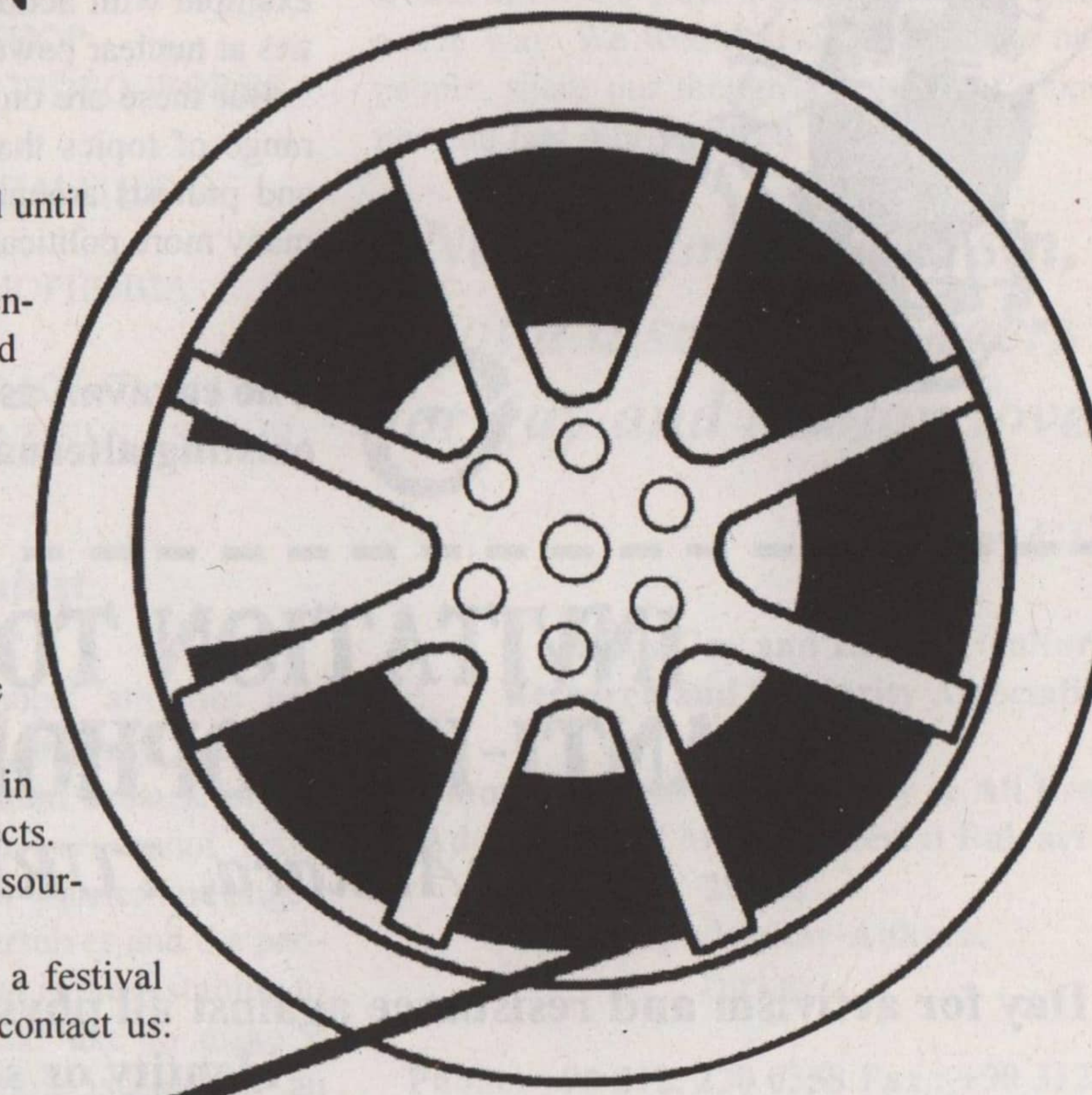
The film program 2006 consisted of contributions of all categories and genres. 2007 we will again show all films sent in in time. Only films contributed with racist, sexist or homophobic contents will be defeated.

The main idea of the festival is still to offer film-creatives the possibility to step out of anonymity. In underdog film-fest there is no competition to win and therefore no price. But it creates the possibility to show own works, to exchange about possibilities of independent film making, to create networks and to get ideas and encouragement.

Like in 2006 there will be a frame program, which will impart knowledge and experiments on the basis of lectures, workshops and discussions.

The underdog film-fest will again organise screenings as "Cinema in motion" at different places and cities in co-operation with local projects. Because it does not only understand itself as festival, but also as an "Open source" acting and interacting while the rest of the year.

Whoever feels like contributing to the festival, who wants to organise a festival themselves, or wants to spread the idea of the underdog film-fest, please contact us: info@underdogfilmfest.org



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"SHAKE-G8-BIKERIDE"

A bicycle demonstration from Budapest (Hungary) to the G8-summit in Heiligendamm/Rostock (Germany)

From 6th to 8th June 2007 the so called leaders of the 8 most powerful nations of the world will meet in Heiligendamm/Rostock (Germany). A lot of creative actions have been (and will be) prepared as a protest against the inhuman and destructive politics of the G8-nations. As part of the dissent!-mobilisation groups from the radical left, anarchists and autonomous groups launched the idea of a bicycle caravan from Budapest/Hungary to the summit in Heiligendamm in north-eastern Germany. The route that is now more or less fixed looks like this:

We'll start from Budapest/HU (1.4.) and then on to Győr/HU (8.4.), Bratislava/SLO (10.4.), Brno/CZ (14.4.), Hradec Kralove/CZ (20.4.), Wrocław/PL (28.4.), Poznań/PL (5.5.), Gorzów Wilkopolski/PL (11.5.), Schwedt/GER (16.5.) to Wittstock/GER (24.5.). In Wittstock we are going to meet with the bicycle caravan that comes from Western Europe to cycle the last part in a big group together.



What we want

We want to inform

people about and fight against the politics of the G8 and the effects of global (neoliberal) capitalism. For this we plan information activities and creative direct actions along the way through countries heavily affected in a negative way by global capitalism. During our trip we try to connect with local struggles and relate them to the G8-politics.

Why against G8?

The politics of the G8 stand for exploitation of human beings and nature, oppression and war. Because of the plundering of the so called "Third World"-countries people from the global south (and east) are forced to leave their countries and the few who are succeed in entering "Fortress Europe" are forced to live in deportation camps under inhuman conditions or without any papers which means without any basic human rights. That's why we plan some direct actions at deportation camps that we are going to pass on our way.

During the official summit the topic of access to energy resources will be on the agenda. We will bring this topic on the agenda already before the start of the official summit for example with actions and information activities at nuclear power plants.

But these are only two topics from a wide range of topics that we are planning actions and protests around. There will be space for many more political activities.

The caravan as an experiment of an existing alternative

We see the caravan as an experiment in which we can put our ideals and ideas into practice (if only for a limited period of time). We want to live together in a non-hierarchical way in which we learn and act politically in a self-organised manner. We try to make it possible for everybody to come along with us, no matter of his/her financial resources, physical condition or visa needs. We would like to use the time we spent together to connect our struggles as well as to connect with local struggles of the people we pass on our route.

And you?

If you have time in spring/summer 2007 (one single day or two months) and if you like self-organised political action you are the right person to join the caravan either from Budapest or anywhere else. If you don't feel like cycling with the caravan maybe your city lies on our route and you feel like organising something when the caravan passes by? Beforehand there are still lots of things that have to be organised... interested?

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for more information visit:

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*tear down the borders -
abolish capitalism*

INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA MEETING 2007

Ankara, TURKEY - May 17-20

Day for activism and resistance against all physical, ethical and symbolic violence regarding gender identity or sexual orientation

Through coordination and cooperation, the aim is to inspire and support all initiatives that struggle for equality. As KAOS GL, we organized the first International Anti - Homophobia Meeting 17 - 21 May 2006. The 2007 Anti-Homophobia meeting will take place 17-20 May (Thursday to Sunday). We are in the process of making preparations for Anti-Homophobia 2007, and we would like to share the provisional headlines for the meeting with you. We hope to hear from you regarding your suggestions, contributions or direct participation both from LGBT organisations, aca-

demia and anyone else who would like to contribute.

The Anti-homophobia meeting will consist of a variety of activities; workshops, panels, conferences, parties and film showings. The activities will take place in different locations and in different formats, on three university campuses. Some activities will be open to will only be open to registered and invited participants. Some of activities will be open to the press and media, while others will be closed.

The main subject of the 2007 meeting will be "THE MEDIA". In addition to this, a great

number of other subjects of relevance to lesbian, gay, bisexual or transsexual persons will be touched upon.

★ MEDIA FORUM AGAINST ★ HOMOPHOBIA

We expect participation from international LGBT organisations. We invite participants (1-2 participants from each organisation) from LGTB magazines and newspapers, and LGBT organisations who run websites or any other form of media, to Turkey.

Since September 1994, we are publishing the first and only LGBT magazine in Turkey called KAOS GL. We would like to hear the experiences of LGBT publications from other countries and regions. How do you create awareness around discrimination and homophobia in your newspapers, web sites or magazines? How do you use your media organs in the battle against homophobia? In the battle against homophobia, how and in which areas can we share our ideas? Is the idea of creating a "LGBT Media Network Against Homophobia" a dream? How could we make this dream come true? We would like to share our experiences, and also ensure ways to keep in contact and cooperate with you for the future. Alternative Media: In this panel, the alternative/independent media and homophobia in Turkey will be discussed. Mainstream Media: Media and homophobia will be discussed with journalists from Turkey and outside of Turkey.

★ CAMPUS FORUMS ★ AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

Within the framework of "Anti-homophobia campus forums" there will be a series of activities in the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara University Cebeci Campus, and Hacettepe Campus between 14-18 may 2007.

★ FEMINIST FORUM ★ AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

Homophobia and heteronormativity among feminists, and the possibility of a joint struggle against homophobia. The forum will be open to all women.

★ FORUM FOR LESBIAN ★ AND BISEXUAL WOMENS FORUM

Homophobia against lesbian and bisexual women. Lesbian and bisexual womens' strategies against homophobia. The forum will be open to lesbian and bisexual women only.



* Kaos GL is an anti-sexist, anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist group of gay & lesbians which is active since Sep. 1994: "There is no leader, chairman or an administrative board in the group. The group refuses hierarchy and prefers a horizontal organization model. Every individual in the group fulfils his/her responsibilities undertaken voluntarily."

★ RAINBOW ★ FORUM AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

Participants from LGBT associations and groups present the situation in their own regions in terms of the presence of LGBT persons, their experiences and their struggle against homophobia, focusing particularly on the period of 2006.

★ FORUM AGAINST ★ TRANSPHOBIA

Transvestite, transgender and transsexual persons share their experiences with transphobia in their working environment, and share strategies they have developed to deal with transphobia.

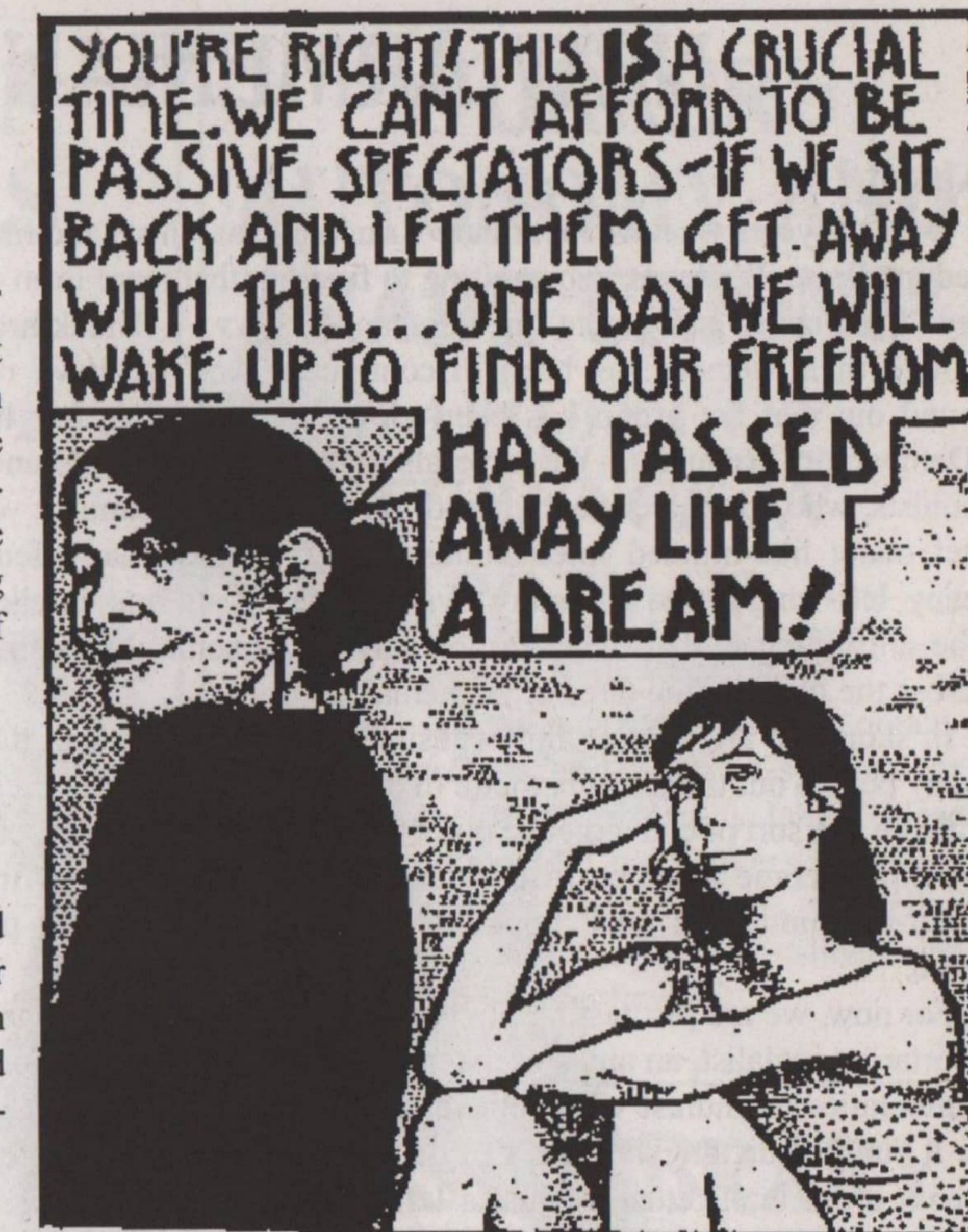
★ FILM SCREENINGS ★

We will show films in the Anti-homophobia week. We are anticipating short films with lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender themes...

- ★ AWARENESS WORKSHOP
- ★ ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA VIDEO WORKSHOP
- ★ THE DIFFERENT MODALITIES OF THE BODY
- ★ INTERNALIZED HOMOPHOBIA WORKSHOP
- ★ THE LABELING OF KAOS GL MAGAZINE AND LGBT MAGAZINES AS "PORNOGRAPHIC"

Why A Meeting Against Homophobia?

We encounter homophobic attitudes and behaviours in all areas of our daily lives. We are exposed to discrimination because of our sexual orientation. When we cannot resist homophobia, we foster our worries and anger, directing them towards ourselves and the people around us. But that is the last thing to be desired! We would like to make it known that homophobia is not only an issue concerning gays & lesbians but also heterosexual women and men. We would like to exchange our ideas about the issue of how homosexuals and heterosexuals can be liberated together. We are well aware of the fact that homophobia is a global affair. Based on this fact, we would like to learn and share the anti-homophobic experiences of gays and lesbians



from the Balkans, the Middle East, Europe, and all other parts of the world. We are looking for solutions to our problems. We would like to share the solutions we have found as well as to create the material and intellectual means for acting together when necessary. We would like to do these together and in an interactive way. We would also like to meet new people, share our thoughts, lessen our anxieties and feel more relaxed.

*Not a crime, not a sin,
not a disorder; Cheers
for gay and lesbian love!*

Kaos GL*

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NEW ARMENIAN ANARCHIST WEBSITE

About Us

Over the years we have met many Armenian anarchists and like-minded intellectuals. It was also exciting to find out that there is an organized "Autonom" movement in Yerevan (Proryv - "Breakthrough"), though their website has been discontinued. And we have recently found out that the group has been violently crushed in our beloved "Democratic" Republic. We have also met many socialists and communists, who adopt a critical view of dictatorial communism; we have met many like-minded intellectuals, many Greens, many feminists, many left-wing activists, many avant-garde artists and intellectuals. The only thing is that they are not only in Armenia, but also spread across the globe - "the Greater Armenia".

In short, we are starting this website with knowledge that there are many people out there sympathetic to our ideas. We want to create this website as a sort of convergence point - a Cyber-HQ and as a focal point to help us come together, discuss and develop our politics, first as a cyber-commune and then, hopefully, gradually grow into a political force.

For now, we are just testing the ground. So if you are an anarchist, a libertarian socialist, an anti-Fascist, a supporter of Direct Democracy, a democratic-communist who believes that communism doesn't have to be a Stalinist dictatorship and can be democratic; if you're a feminist, Green or an intellectual, or just a left-bank individual who is simply interested and who believes that the existing political parties both in Diaspora and the Republic, are a thing of the past, - then contact us (or just post a comment). Tell us about your views and concerns in Armenian politics (both Diasporan and Republican).

We would want to say from the outset that we are not interested to hear from fascists, racists, nationalist socialists, blood-worshippers, "tseghakron" race-worshippers or other intellectually impoverished persons.

About this blog

In this blog we will present the Anarchist and Libertarian-Socialist review and analysis of political developments that take place in Armenia, Caucasus and around the world.

Who are we

We are a circle of intellectuals (socialist, anarchist, democratic-socialist, libertarian; patriotic, but not nationalist) who have met in random locations of the globe and agreed that a serious "3rd Way" radical movement is needed in Armenian politics. We believe that neither the Liberal Capitalism nor a Bolshevik-style Dictatorial Communism, nor the pretentious Social Democracy, provide any plausible answers to Armenia's requirements, The 3rd republic has failed. The problem is the structure encoded in the Republican constitution! We propose to move in the direction of the Swiss model of Federalism and Co-operative Communally controlled mode of production, whereby the power of decision making is with the people in their communes (Hamainq). We say: Power to the People

azat.wordpress.com

THIRD ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR IN ZAGREB

March 30th to April 1st, 2007

The Third Anarchist Bookfair in Zagreb will take place on March 30th to April 1st, 2007.

Anarchist Bookfair in Zagreb (ASK - Anarhisticki sajam knjiga) is annual anarchist event that aims to become a long-term, developing project. First (March 18th to 22nd 2005) and second bookfair (March 31st to April 2nd 2006) went well, and we hope to bring in more and more people every year as participants, publishers, groups, projects - whoever is interested in what the bookfair has to offer.

ASK will take place in Zagreb every spring, as a local resource for anarchist and libertarian books and other publications. We also aim to open discussion on subjects that are important for the anarchist movement, or for our local community.

The idea for such a bookfair is not new, but is based on the positive experience of other Anarchist Bookfairs. In many different situations, these bookfairs have proven to be important events and meeting places on both local and international levels.

This is why we need your help - come and support this event with solidarity and participation!

Participation

To help us organize the Bookfair and finish the program on time, we need you to confirm your participation soon as possible. Our e-mail address is: ask-zagreb@net.hr.

Get in touch and let us know in which way you would like to participate. Here are a few questions, and we welcome any additional information.

Also, let us know if you need accommodation. There are a few alternatives, but we need all the details soon as possible.

Some of the details that we need from you:

1. Questions for all guests coming from outside Zagreb:

- how you want to participate?
- do you need help with accommodation (Free sleeping places are limited, but we can help you find cheap accommodation. There are few hostels in Zagreb, we can provide some more info on booking, prices, etc)

2. If you would like a booth:

- how big of a booth do you need?
- do you need help at your booth?
- can you help with the costs of the Bookfair? (This is not a condition to have a booth.)
- we need some basic information about you (contact, what books/publishers you distribute [not list, just short info for the

catalog]...)

You can download bookfair poster from our web page. To download it go to <http://www.ask-zagreb.org/engleski2007.htm> and see instructions on the left.

For more information:

web: www.ask-zagreb.org

e-mail: ask-zagreb@net.hr

This invitation in other languages (other translations are welcome!):

Deutsch - www.ask-zagreb.org/njemacki2007.htm

Francais - www.ask-zagreb.org/francuski2007.htm

Italiano - www.ask-zagreb.org/talijanski2007.htm

Portugues - www.ask-zagreb.org/portugalski2007.htm

3rd Anarchist bookfair



www.ask-zagreb.org March 30th - April 1st 2007

"WORKERS RESISTANCE IN THE NEW CENTURY. IDEAS AND ACTIONS"

MAYDAY CONFERENCE IN WARSAW;
APRIL 28 - MAY 1

April 28: Some of the topics: International solidarity campaigns, life without the work, how to fight against the employers, strategies of organizing non-hierarchical organisations, criticism of hierarchical workers unions. Presentation of the movies.

April 29: International meeting with activists of anarcho-sindicalist movement
How to organize. Presentations. Organisational problems and how to deal with them. "Yellow" workers unions - what is it? Contemporary campaigns. Lunch and party.

April 30: Action against temporal work system.

Mayday: Demonstration and picnic.



Through tens of years of communist dictatorship any studies about the idea and history of anarchist movement were appearing less than rarely, and most often, and to put it mildly - not in a very objective way. After the rebirth of anarchist movement in Poland, a slow process of finding and de-deceiving its roots. The anarchist publishers' natural reluctance towards national libraries and also not very active winning collections over by employed librarians who got used to "obligatory copy" caused the situation that unofficial publications were almost unavailable. There were and still are private archives but they can be used by only few people.

Poznan's Anarchist Library was founded in 1997 inside squat "Rozbrat" in a small room. With time, the collection was becoming larger and larger and the activity of the Library was more and more popular. The number of people using the Library was increasing and people interested in collecting materials about anarchism as sources for their scientific essays started to appear. After moving the collection

"WORKERS AUTONOMY AND TRADE UNIONS"

MAYDAY CONFERENCE IN
POZNAN

In days 2-3 of May another conference organized by anarchist and anarcho-sindicalists groups from city of Poznan is taking place there. Its working title is "Workers autonomy and trade unions". There will be as well a Mayday demonstration and anarchist-libertarian Bookfair on May 1-2 in Poznan.

POZNAN'S ANARCHIST LIBRARY

to a bigger room separate section of the Library - Archive was created. In archive only documents and later also book publications have been kept.

The Library is situated in the buildings of Rozbrat squat, it is opened three days a week. Currently, it is the largest and the longest functioning anarchist library in Poland. It is the largest and the longest functioning liberation library in Poland. Its collection is divided into archive and lending library. In archive there are documents, posters, books, magazines etc. describing the anarchist activity in Poland and abroad and about other social movements - you can use them only on the spot.

The Library still tries to support other libertarian initiatives by e.g. sharing with the double copies and sharing with the experience.

We are trying as much as we can to perform scientific researches and to publish them in forms of studies, with what we are presenting historical facts about our movement that have not been widely known. Once in a while we organize presentations of collections on one concrete topic e.g. publications of underground printing, magazines from between WW I and WW II, art.-zines or poetry volumes from underground printing. As Library together "Trojka" Fellowship we started to publish pamphlets about the Library's collection. Since the beginning we are trying to get in touch with other places like this in Poland and abroad, we use them to get new and

exchange collections.

The Library is sustained by its own funds from selling its publications and support from its symaptizers and co-founders.

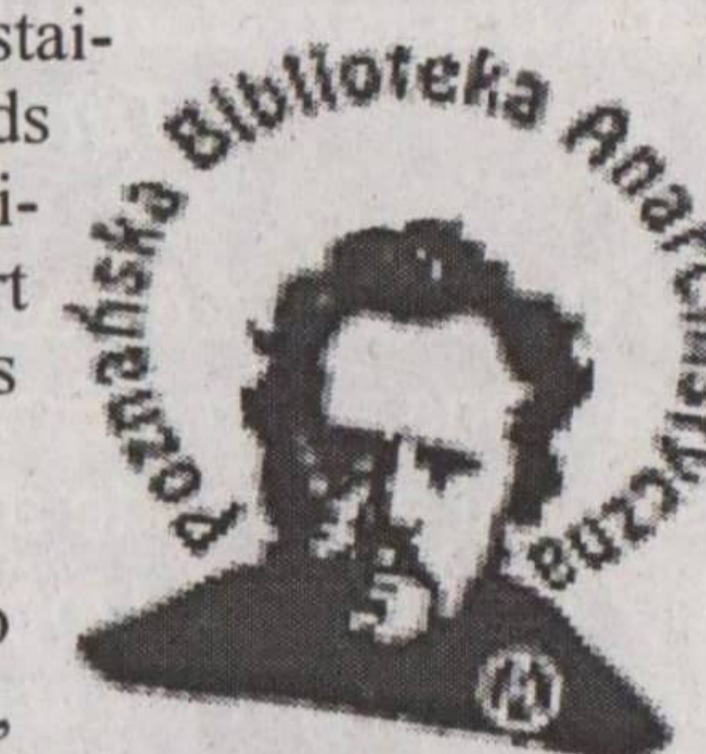
If you are willing to support the library, please send books, magazines or donations to the following by our postal address:

Biblioteka Anarchistyczna,
P.O. Box 5,
60 - 966 Poznan 31;
Poland

or write us: biblioteka@rozbrat.org

During office hours there is a telephone available:
(+48) 61 848 46 72

Open from Wednesday to Friday,
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



"TROJKA" FELLOWSHIP PUBLISHING HOUSE IN POZNAN (POLAND)

"Trojka" was founded in 1994, in the beginning as the development of the fellowship idea to share with finds of interesting texts found in second-hand bookshops and attics' sheltered spots. It turned out that the interest in that is much bigger than the group of friends, that is why the pamphlets started to be sold and advertised in wider spheres. Trojka was to publish cheap items to propagate anarchism, liberation ideas and creative thinking. With time, it started to publish more expensive items and those that were propagating the ideas and the history of anarchist movement. Nowadays, Trojka is one of the biggest distributions of items published in underground printing in Poland.

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

SOLIDARITY WITH COPENHAGEN YOUTH IN EASTERN EUROPE

All around Eastern Europe anarchists went on the streets in solidarity with struggling youth on the streets of Copenhagen. Some anarchists from Poland even made themselves to the K-town, some of them got arrested there. Here are some quickly collected reports, certainly only a bit of the solidarity which was given by EE anarchists (we are giving this issue of ABB to print while the actions are still taking place).

Ungdomshuset solidarity in front of the Danish Consulate in Istanbul / Turkey

On March 2nd as a part of solidarity actions around Europe, anarchists in Istanbul also made an action to protest the eviction of Ungdomshuset squat and ongoing repression in Denmark. A press statement was made in front of the Danish Consulate with the signature of anarchists from Holland, Bulgaria, Germany and Turkey mentioning about the repression and cops' brutality against the Danish squat and activists. About 20 people attended.

Polish anarchists taking part in actions in Poland, Denmark ... and



Istanbul

A number of solidarity pickets were held around Poland: in Poznan, Warsaw and Wroclaw. The protestors demanded an immediate release of the prisoners and hands off Ungdomshuset. A solidarity billboard was also put up near the Danish Embassy in Warsaw. A protest letter

was sent claiming that "something is rotten in the state of Denmark" and promising to step up protests if the police actions continue. Unknown number of polish anarchists made their way to support the struggle in Copenhagen itself. Not all were allowed to enter the country. Two members of polish FA - Anarchist Federation - were among the arrested. After some time they got deported back to Poland. Many anarchists from Poland participated as well in the solidarity actions in Berlin and in the mas-



Poland

sive demonstration which took place on March 10th where about 1500 autonomists, antifascists and anarchists participated.

Anarchists in Poland also started to gather music, books and clothes for the imprisoned in K-town. Centre of Anarchist Information and polish ABC kept the polish movement about the developments in Denmark up to date.

Solidarity with the Copenhagen Ungdomshuset in Tel Aviv / Israel



We were about 50 anarchists in front of the building of the Danish embassy with @ flags, banners and placards. Some entered the embassy and talked to the officials inside.

RUSSIA

Tel Aviv/Israel



About Russian ABC

After heated years 1905-1907 thousands of anarchists and socialists were sent to labour camps and exile, first groups of Anarchist Black Cross (until 1919 called Anarchist Red Cross) were founded in 1906 to support them. The organisation became international the next year, when a group was set up in London. Although contact with anarchist political prisoners of the Soviet Union was lost in the 1930's, the international organisation has continued its activity in various forms ever since.

The Russian anarchist movement newborn in the 1980's was immediately targeted with repression, and during the following 15 years several successful and unsuccessful campaigns against repression were organised. But during the first years of the 21st century these initiatives disappeared completely from Moscow, and in summer of 2003 it was decided to refound Moscow group of ABC, since still no-one is protecting anarchists against repressions except anarchists themselves.

We support all anti-authoritarians, who are persecuted due to their political activities or acts which do not contradict the ideal of anarchism. And whenever possible, we support also prisoners who become anti-authoritarians during their sentences, so-called "social prisoners" who were forced to break laws for subsistence or in the fight against despotism of the ruling class, and prisoners who fight against the prison-industrial complex from inside. As anarchists we are against all prisons. We believe in direct action for the destruction of capitalism and the state. We are not a human rights organisation, since our goal is not defence of the laws but their destruction. In some cases we may support prisoners for purely humanitarian reasons.

The most elementary form of help is writing to prisoners, since the main goal of power is to isolate our comrades from the movement. We are publishing lists of addresses of the political prisoners, so that anyone can send letters of support. We also have a support fund, which helps with legal costs and supports prisoners materially, fund also finances literature to prisoners, such as journals Avtonom and Pryamoe Deystvie which we send for

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ZERO TOLERANCE

Activists from Student's Initiative held a protest in Warsaw against the Ministry of Education's "Zero Tolerance" program. This program is one of the cornerstones of a suite of ideologically-inspired moves by the fascistic, arch-conservative Minister of Education, Roman Giertych.

schools. Giertych has also been behind a wide-ranging campaign against the teachers' union ZNP.

"Zero Tolerance" as a slogan is also an attack on the slogan of "tolerance" promoted by those who promote cultural tolerance and tolerance towards sexual minorities. This reference is clear to everyone.

The whole idea of "Zero Tolerance" is actually a set of programic measures meant to turn kids into Giertych Jugend. After a series of high-profile violent events in school, Giertych announced that as sheriff he can clean things up - but of course this means that kids have to be whipped into shape. (This can even be literally as people from Giertych's party have openly called for the return of corporal punishment in schools.) All the kids need to be in uniforms, get religion, lessons in patriotism, etc. and delinquents (which is very broadly defined by Giertych) need to go to a military-type reform school.

Parts of this program are being presented to the public as a means of gaining support for the highly unpopular minister. It should be mentioned that an important propaganda tool for the Minister has been the facts that the Ministry has obtained EU funds for implementing this - although it is unclear exactly what the funds were given for and whether or not they won't be used to promote the Minister's form of patriotism and intolerance. So while the EU is "upset" about the words of the Giertychs, it is actually part of the plan, which is his only hope of staying in power.



Part of the ideological program of the fascistic All-Polish Youth, the organization which Giertych re-founded after years of inactivity, is to penetrate schools in different manners in order to indoctrinate youth in their values. These values include "God, Honor and Fatherland" - but also spill into the values recently propagated (note bene: in their mild form!) recently throughout Europe by the Giertychs - Roman and his father Maciej.

Roman, the Minister of Education, at a recent meeting of EU education ministers, announced that there should be something like a "European Card of Nationalities" which promotes certain ideas - like national identity. Also, he proposed a EU-wide ban on abortion and the "propagation of homosexuality". Maciej, a member of Europarliament published a scandalous booklet, "Civilisations at War in Europe", which is full of sexist, nationalist and anti-semitic sentiments.

This is what "Zero Tolerance" really means to Giertych. Among Giertych's many acts was to fire one of the heads of teacher training for using a textbook for teachers that had a chapter encouraging teaching tolerance for sexual minorities. He has made that topic forbidden in public



free to all those prisoners in the former Soviet Union upon request, who are not enemies of the anarchist movement. We try to react quickly against all repressions by authoritarians all around the world, and we are connected to Black Cross groups all around the world. We are not only reacting against the most outrageous acts against our freedom, we also distribute information on alternatives of the prisons, cops and the electronic surveillance of everyday life. We also try to prevent repression; this is why we distribute information about behaviour in interrogations, during arrests and other similar situations among the revolutionary movement.

Moscow group of Anarchist Black Cross is a common project of anarchist collectives in Moscow. Yet we have two members - Moscow group of Autonomous Action, and Inter-Professional Union of Labour (MPST, Moscow group of KRAS-AIT). We invite anyone to support and to participate in our work - the most elementary form of support is to write to prisoners and to distribute our materials. It would be even better if you could participate in our projects, or to set up your own Black Cross group in your area - for that you need only thirst for equality and solidarity.

Contact for Anarchist Black Cross of Moscow: P. O. Box 13 109028 Moscow Russia (please do not write name of the group to envelope)

CZECHIA

Czech antifa prisoner needs your support

Augustin Kraus is an antifascist from Czech city of Most, who has been recently sentenced to 14 months of prison for his participation in attacks against local nazis. His charge was "body harm".

He speaks Czech, can easily understand Slovak and Polish. You can also write him short postcards in English. It's important he receives some support. Augustin Kraus, Vazebni veznice, PP-1, Litomerice, 41 201, Czech Republic.





"MISHA - THE OLYMPIC BEAR - DEVASTATED SOCHI NATIONAL PARK"



Anarchist campaign against Sochi 2014 Olympic Games candidature

Autonomous Action and other anarchists are organizing together with Russian eco-activists against Sochi candidature for 2014 Olympic Games. Currently the campaign is centered on issues of ecology and socio-economic rights of the local people, but we are also developing a more fundamental critique of commercial sport. There has already been one action in Moscow - 19th of January a few dozen people picketed Russian Olympic Committee, and organized a guerrilla theatre, where Misha the Olympic bear devastated Sochi national park

including the ruling clique and oligarchs is aimed at some other things, but not at holding the Games. First of all it's stealing money from the budget.

Damage to nature

It's a fact that the Olympic Games in Sochi will cause huge damage to nature and biodiversity of the Western Caucasus. Protected natural territories including the World Nature Heritage Site "Western Caucasus" which will suffer immensely. Olympic units partly will be constructed on the land of Caucasian national biosphere reserve which is closed now even for visiting. The anthropogenic influence of an enormous skiing resort and mass competitions will spread for many kilometers around and put a lot of rare species on the verge of disappearance.

Damage to socio-economic situation

The Sochi' Games threaten the socio-economic well-being of the local population. First of all a strong negative impact will be rendered on the Mzymta River. This river is a main source of water for the southern and central part of Sochi. Some inhabitants will be moved from their houses because this land will be used for Olympic constructions. It's not the Russian tradition to take into account the interests of the local population and we suppose that the rights of inhabitants will be violated. All attempts of people to enter against Olympic Games in Sochi were suppressed by authorities.

"We'd rather change the Constitution"

The application committee "Sochi 2014" asked the Russian Federal Government to order the "appropriate bodies" to prevent protests of citizens and environmentalists. This fact shows the level of "democracy in Russia". Russian government and local authorities systematically neglect the rights for demonstrations and ignore the opinion of population.

Furthermore, in autumn 2006 the head of the Russian Olympic committee Mr. Tyagachev stated: "If [the environmentalists] brandish the Constitution to declare that we cannot cut firs and pine-trees,

we'd rather change the Constitution". Accidentally the official of high standing expressed his real opinion about law and legislation.

Our network unites a number of environmental activists and anarchists. We want to start a world-wide protest by environmentalists and other people. Join our network and support public campaign!



International Olympic Committee visit

18th-23rd of February Evaluation Commission of International Olympic Committee visited Sochi. We would ask everyone to write to the following addresses of IOC, demanding not to organize Olympic Games in Sochi: jacques.rogge@ioc.olympic.org, info@olympic.org, info@ioc.olympic.org. Although it is not much time left, we would be happy for any other kind of protest actions that you could imagine. Evaluation Commission will be working until June of 2007 with selection process of the host of 2014 Olympic Games. Already now IOC is concerned with ecological protests in Russia.

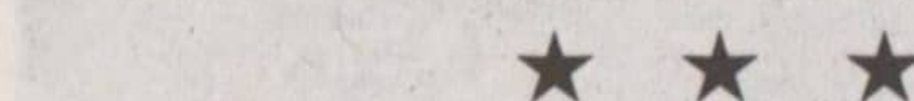
Links to websites dedicated to "Stop Olympic winter games 2014 in Sochi!" campaign:

Anarchists:

www.avtonom.org/olymp,
contact: taoom@riseup.net

Environmentalists:

www.seu.ru/projects/caucasus
www.greenpeace.ru
www.dop.environment.ru/olimp2014
contact: nolympicgames@gmail.com



The Russian government invests 10 billion euro to destroy world nature heritage

Help us to stop winter Olympic Games 2014 in Sochi!

The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) selected Sochi as one of the Candidate Cities for the Winter Olympic Games in 2014. The idea of this project is a large-scale bluff. Russian government is ready to invest a fabulous sum of money in the development of Sochi - more than 10 billion euro! They declare that the creation of huge and luxurious skiing resort is very important for regional economy. But economic bases of the project do not stand up to criticism. At the same time it will harm the local population and nature.

Putin and state support

The President of Russia Vladimir Putin has more than once expressed his support for the Olympic Games. All these events make a stir around the idea of conducting Olympics in Sochi. Obviously powerful Olympic lobby



FOOD NOT BOMBS ANTI-NATO ACTION(S) IN ZAGREB

The Food Not Bombs collective in Zagreb has been active since the year of 2000 with the occasional pauses and interchanging of people that are included in the collective. From the beginning its work has been closely connected to anti-NATO actions.

Now there are new people in the collective, a continuity has been achieved and the anarchist story is covered better by the use of various materials to inform people. Accompanying Food Not Bombs we started organizing "Take it or leave it" (free shop) which will from now on be a vital part of FNB actions, because both stories are closely connected and both strive to inspire solidarity and an alternative to the consumerist society. Also, we started a web site www.hranaeoruzje.net on which we are trying to cover the activity of all collectives in the region.

On the 10.2.2007. we had our first anti-NATO action in the series of 'No to NATO!' actions. The action went well, even though we should have been organised better at the spot regarding the division of chores, but now we know better for next time. The taking on of responsibility for chores should be arranged and agreed on right to the smallest details - from cutting the bread, to handing out fliers or telling people to wash up after themselves. We have also encountered a problem with the Socialist youth who came with their own propaganda fliers, even though our invitation to the action clearly stated that no parties are welcome (the Socialist youth is a part of the Socialist workers party). Unfortunately, we didn't notice that they were handing out their fliers, so we haven't reacted in time. Some people were expecting demonstrations to be led by FNB, but the key idea is for everyone to be active in their own way, to get involved so that we can do something together, and not have just

anyone monopolising the movement as well as the actions.

A variety of people were present at the action, the homeless, passers-by, people that came to support the action and friends...The ones who came to support the action took and started handing out fliers self - initiatively,

which is the goal of every anarchist action.

The actions will continue, and we hope even expand, because, with NATO drawing near, this issue is increasingly important in our region.



FUCK THE TRUCKS

REPORT ON THE ROSPUDA RESISTANCE IN POLAND

Anarchists, environmentalists, some NGOs and just plain citizens have been involved lately in stepping up the protest against the destruction of the Rospuda Valley Wetlands in Poland.

The battle has been going on for some time. The government plans to build the Agustow Bypass, part of the Via Baltica highway, though these wetlands, despite the fact that there is a proposed alternative route. Recently, the decision to start was signed by government bureaucrats, which means that the bulldozers can come at any moment. We suppose they are only waiting for the snow to thaw to start this work.

In response, a camp has been set up on the sight. So far there are some members of Greenpeace and other ecological organizations and some anarchists there. They are camping in rather rough conditions. We suppose that when it gets a little warmer next week, a larger group of people will go, including a large anarchist delegation.

In Warsaw, ordinary citizens started a daily action at the Ministry of the Environment, which is growing in number. Anarchists from FA Praga and the Praga Bicyclist Group, supported also by Green Mazovia, have started some protests at the Budimex headquarters: Budimex is the company which is to start building in the Rospuda Valley.

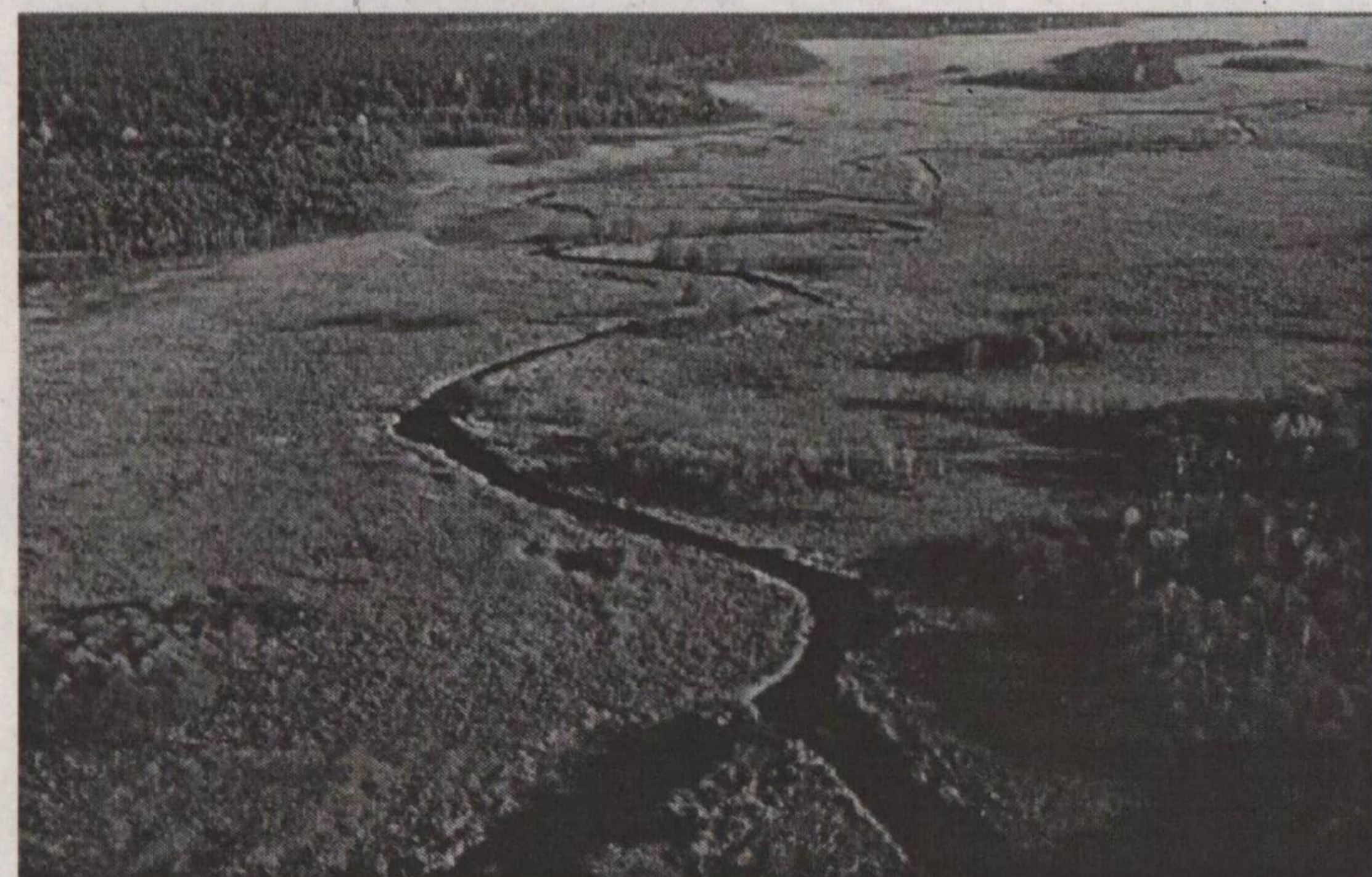
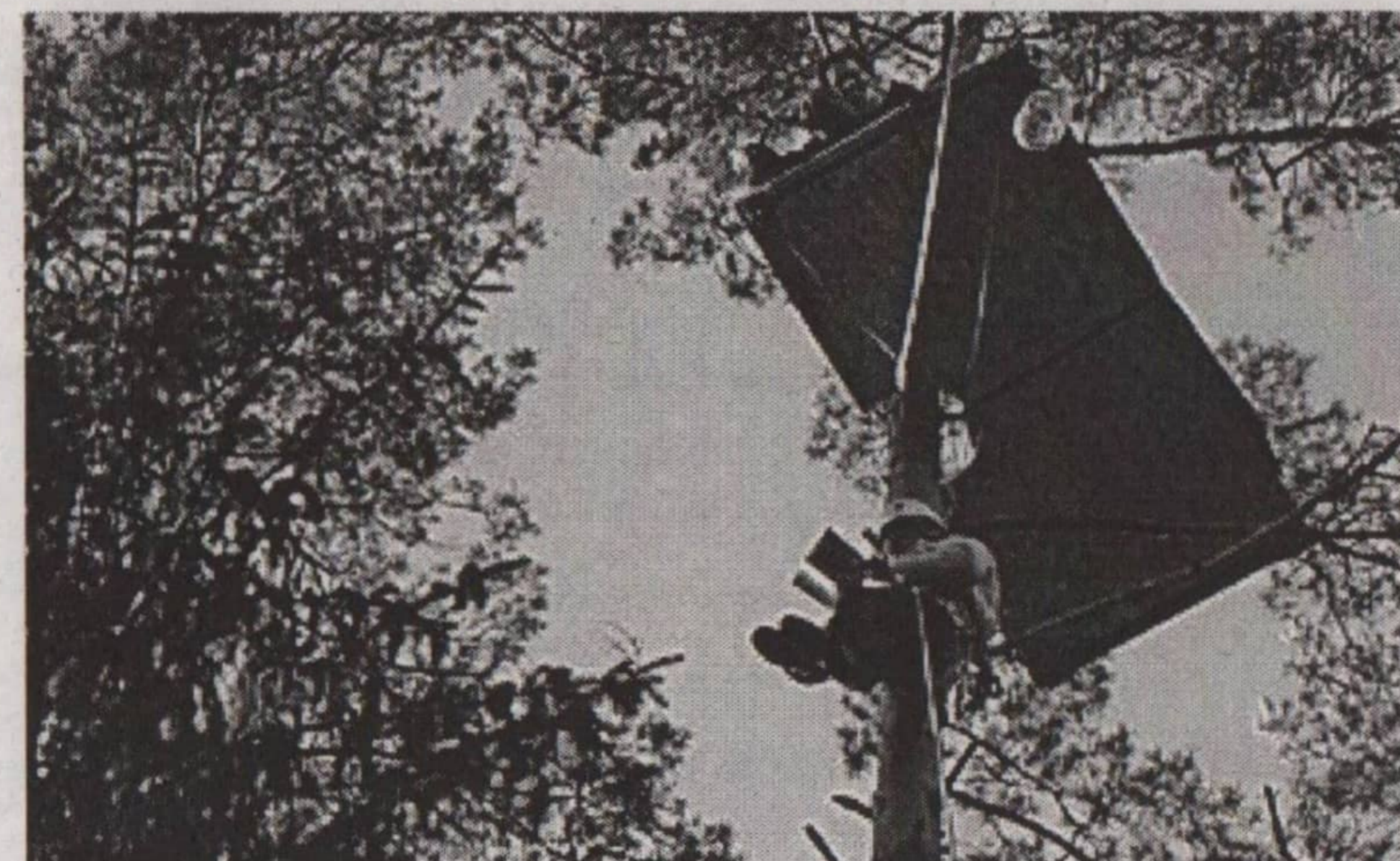
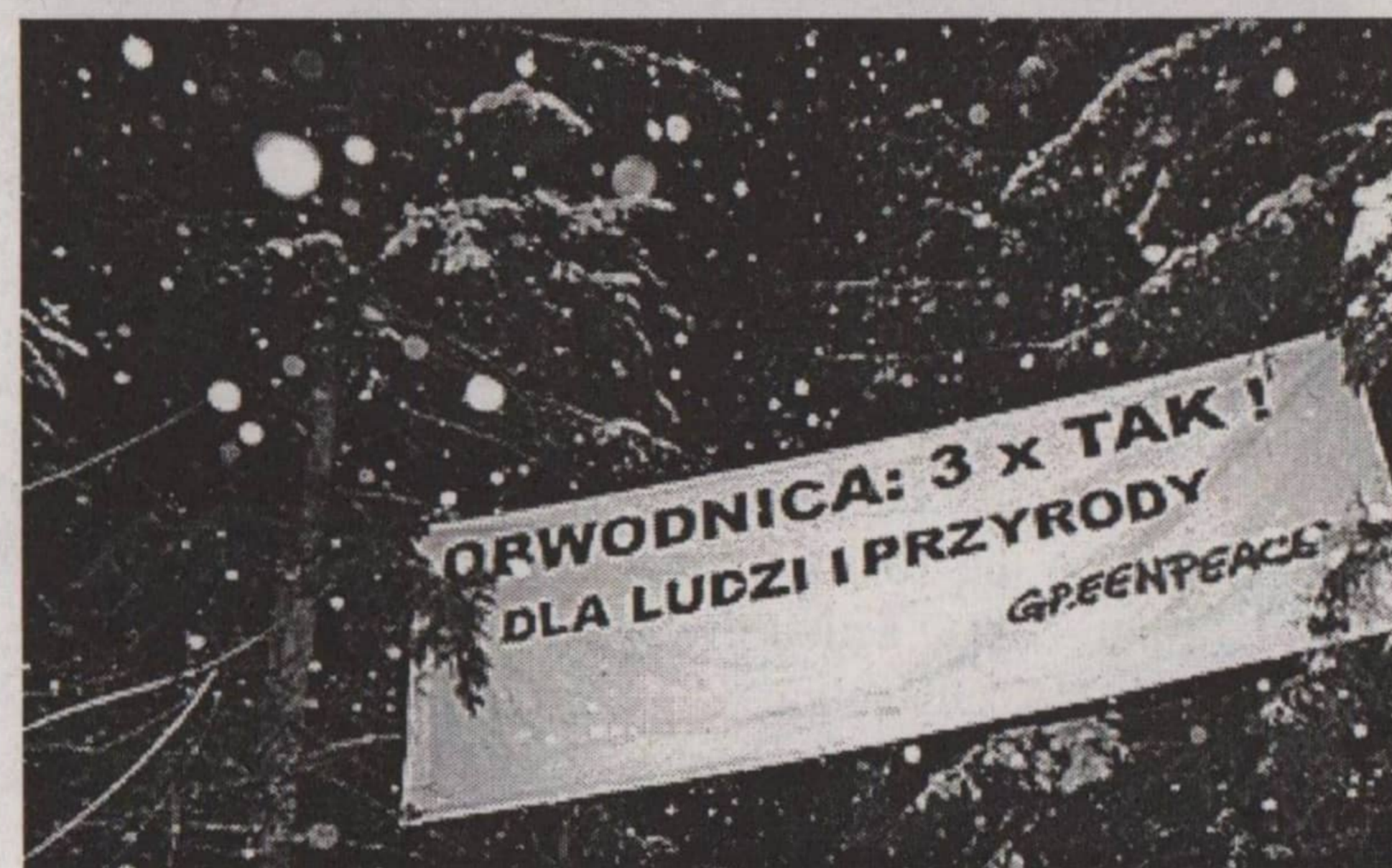
At yesterday's picket, anarchists pointed out the political and economic aspects of the decision to

build in the valley, not only the environmental impact. It was also pointed out that while Budimex firm and some politicians who invested in the land along the highway route will profit, Poland will probably get a fine imposed by the European Union for destroying an area protected by Nature 2000 and that normal citizens will have to suffer because their tax money will be wasted to pay that fine. Complaints about how tax money is misused and wasted were of interest to the Tax Inspectorate, which by some strange coincidence shares a building with Budimex.

Today the pickets will continue, at the Ministry and Budimex and soon the radical direct actions will start. On Sunday there is a national day of protest.

The protest is supported by a large group of people in society, even though most don't come out to protest; a huge amount have signed protest letters though. There is a lot of support from unexpected quarters as well, for example yesterday the Lech Poznan football team also lent support to the protest.

People from abroad can also send protests: there are lots of letters to be found on the Internet: it's enough to start a google search and you can find them. You can also check the web pages of NGOs like BankWatch or Greenpeace for updated information.



Third Anarchist Bookfair in Zagreb Zagreb / Croatia March 30th to April 1st

"Shake G8 Bikeride"

A bicycle demonstration from Budapest/Hungary through Slovakia, Czech Rep. and Poland to the G8 summit in Heiligendamm (Germany). Start: April 1st

Anarcha-Feminist Festival

Zagreb / Croatia; April 13 15

"Pamiętamy Ozarów!"

"We remember Ozarów!"

Poland wide demonstration of anarcho-syndicalists / workers
Wroclaw / Poland; April 19th

Anarchists activities around Mayday in Poland

"Workers resistance in the new century. Ideas and actions"

Conference in Warsaw;
April 28th - May 1st

Mayday demonstrations in Poznan and Warsaw

Anarchist and Libertarian Bookfair in Poznan; May 1-2

"Workers autonomy and workers unions"

Conference in Poznan; May 2-3

International Anti-Homophobia Meeting 2007

Ankara/Turkey; May 17-20

IDEAS ABOUT SEX AT THE ILLEGAL FESTIVAL "GENDER PATHS-2"

"Gender Paths" once a year, is a step at bringing together all people interested in gender - primarily from Belarus, Russia, and Ukraine - in one place, from 8-10 December, 2006, in the city of Minsk. I would name its distinguishing features as illegality, a full schedule, the diversity of visitors and participants, and the absence of censorship on the part of the organizers. Scientists with artists, as well as punks, anarchists, and other sub-cultural elements feel wonderful here. The organizers made sure the discussions and artistic parts of the festival were taken care of to an equal degree. The illegality of the festival becomes clear with the political situation in Belarus - dictatorship, no free press, certainly no gender festivals, where alternative politics must live underground.

So it is that the brightest occurrence in the post-Soviet expanse in the field of gender occurred in 2006 under the sign "Private Party" in one of the youth clubs in Minsk. It was a basement apartment with long corridors, a few small rooms, a huge bar, checkroom, huge double halls, and finally, technological apartments. One of the big halls with a few rows of soft comfy couches are the starting point of the conference. In the second hall, the photo-exhibit "Femininity" was stationed, and in the evening concerts were held there. The photo-exhibit "Mystery" was located in the small room to the left. Hanging on the wall of the corridor a little closer to the entrance were some impressive photos of feminist stencils.

For me, as one of the participants, the festival began early in the morning, with the setting up of my photo-exhibit under the name "Femininity" - a consciously scandalous project. The goal is in a subject which in official culture would be dripping with brutality, to give the understanding, to those who still don't have it, that the physical can never surely reflect a person's identity. The idea for an exhibit under the name "Femininity" arose in the summer of 2006, like a quest... Just what is femininity? For me, as a subject, to whom

this quality is assigned regardless of my wishes (determining me in various moments of my life to be either feminine or unfeminine) and dooming to debility all of my manifestations (physical, economical, political, emotional, sexual) such an order arouses visions and aspirations of finding myself, not attaching any meaning to supremacizing, patriarchal concepts of living. I never believed and hardly ever agreed that I was less strong or



less smart than a man, but I can say with certainty that for her personal development a woman has much fewer choices, inasmuch as the state makes her weak, dooming her to the function of domestic servant and childbearing unit. The outcome that flows from this, similar to menstruation, is a bloody answer to the question, "what is femininity?" With masculinity as with femininity - it's an illness. A social, unconscious illness. And it has already hurt women for many centuries (and maybe for more to come).

From more than sixty photographs I took thirty, in three working categories - body-image, menstrual, and fecal. People entered the hall to look around at what I had prepared for them... it seemed to me that they were in shock. They hardly spoke, maybe they couldn't find the words? But I suppose it opened new horizons in the minds of those who were held back from similar self-expressions and quests. The exhibit produced such reactions

as I'd expected - shock, amazement, and with some photos even disgust... But all those people who asked me to give them a picture for their personal collection really made me happy.

But enough about me, let's return to the festival... For convenience, it was divided into two parts - discussion and artistic. The discussions began at 13:00 and the art showings opened at 17:00 and lasted until 21:00.

This year the discussion segment took up such questions as: the creation and distribution of tactical media; gender marketing; postmodernist practices of designing of perfect gender bodies, "A Different Femininity" (the styles of homosexual youths); deliberate parenthood; gender studies in architecture; women's bodies and postcolonialism; erotica in Soviet film from the 1930s to '50s; reproductive politics in modern Russia...

The artistic segment this year consisted of a series of performances, photo-exhibits, concerts, and two shows by the underground and very classy "Free Theater" of Minsk. People also awaited Mariolla Brilovskaya (who delighted crowds last year with colorful cartoons and porno-karaoke) as well as the Polish band "Maskotki," but for various reasons they could not come.

And now, for the best parts, in detail. I wish the lecture on tactical media would have been a workshop on this theme, because I already realize the necessity of such things - it is the practical knowledge I lack... Marketing research into gender is always interesting, since unfortunately we live in an age of consumerism and collide with advertising regularly, even when we consciously limit our contact with it. And that means, it has influence over us. Therefore, it is very important to perceive the hidden message that it carries. Arrogant specialization seems to be the distinctive feature of some researchers from Ukraine, on account of their excessive academism. But, ignoring this, the lecture on "A Different Femininity," in the course of which they sho-

wed photographs of young women from the homosexual subculture in the Kiev city, aroused interest and a lively discussion. The most emotional discussion turned out to be one about deliberate parenthood, in which, besides parents, a two year old child also participated. It was discussing much about compulsory children vaccination. One of the funny things about Soviet ideology was the denial of sex, which was reflected in the culture and most immediately in cinema. A very funny lecture was dedicated to this subject, illustrated by Soviet films from the '30s-'50s, which put all those present in a good mood to the end of the day.

The presentation about the reproductive situation in modern Russia brought us all back to reality. The proposed prohibition of abortion without the written permission of the husband; the prohibition against marrying foreigners (this concerns only Russian women, the men are free in their choice of partners), which is also a goal of the fascists by the way - the preservation of the Russian gene pool; the official discussion on the possibility of polygamy (it's understood this would only apply to men)...

Themes similar to these are openly discussed on TV, utilized in advertising... Fascism is not just one of the possibilities for Russia, it's already a reality today. Various other post-Soviet countries are also taking this path. It's a huge problem and we shouldn't passively think that it will fix itself. Nothing will happen if we don't make it happen!

People who create art are like a thermometer for an ill world. Thanks to them, we can provide a diagnosis, and with that, begin the treatment. For that reason, the "Free Theater's" show "Psychosis 4:48" amazed me. The production was based around a monologue of a woman with a split personality. You can apply this metaphor to today's world, to the politics, to the oppressed position of women and not be mistaken. The double standard permeates everything in the world today. This dichotomy has reached its critical point. It is time to throw down these enslaving forces, individually and globally. But there were such spectators who were attracted only by final part of show when both actresses bared their bodies... No less interesting to me was the second show of this same theater, under the name "Technology Breathing in a Vacuum." And what emotion did that play bring? For some reason - nostalgia, although unlike the frightening "Psychosis," the second play was funny. If you're ever in Minsk, definitely find (this is no easy task) and watch some of those plays, you won't regret it.

I loved the monologue "Domestic Hedgehog," as told by V. Sinkareva, with elements of street- and puppet-theater. A performing artist, using Soviet styles of street theater, portrays the whole world in two meters of space. A hospital, the fate of an artist, love intrigues, a warm fireplace, a train on the way to the city, Soviet chernukha [perestroika-era film noire], alcoholism. But it was all just puppets (hedgehog, cat, dog and ferret), they weren't real! No, they weren't real, but I cried anyway. And also the puppets were homemade (DIY), which in and of itself is very valuable.

Over the course of three days, in the artistic segment about six performances took place, and at the conclusion of the festival the group "Serebrenaya Svad'ba" (Silver Wedding) appeared in colorful costumes. We danced and smiled. And afterwards I packed up "Femininity" and left.

In the future I would like the festival to take the form of a camp, or if possible, to happen twice a year - in the winter in festival format (without changes) and in the summer in the form of a camp, somewhere outside a city (with workshops and large discussions of a general or specific character).

You can find my daily reports from the festival "Gender Paths-2" (from 8-10 December) in Russian, on www.zaraz.org and Belarus Indymedia <http://belarus.indymedia.org/>.

by Vlasta

ФЕСТИВАЛЬ ИДЕЙ О ПОЛЕ

гендерный маршрут. 2

8-10 декабря

МИНСК

в программе:

национальные собрания (вечера) в формате дискуссии

С участием: Александрович, Косачев, Роговский, Козел, Яно, Козачинский, Астапеня, Ступеницкий, Козел - "Косачинский маршрут"

Party buffet "48" (ул. Чкалова, 12)

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POLAND

DECENTRUM - STORY CONTINUES...

After October re-squatting of DeCentrum building and ensuing few hours siege by security forces, squatters face trial. Initially the authorities tried to charge people with "harming personal integrity of city guards" (this was due to "somebody" pouring piss, throwing rotten veggies and other unpleasant items on attacking city guards during eviction) but nobody admitted doing that and authorities couldn't find enough proof. Then they changed the charges to "disrupting house peace" (its bit less than breaking into the house illegally). A month ago the city council hired a professional negotiator to try to negotiate some agreement with charged squatters as public opinion is very supportive of us and local media have written bad articles about authorities all the time. So far all attempts at negotiations failed as conditions proposed by city council are unacceptable (apologizing to city guards for the harm they sustained during eviction, cleaning off DeCentrum graffiti from city council building etc.) so probably whole case will end up in court anyway.

CONGRESS OF POLISH ANARCHIST FEDERATION (FA) FEBRUARY 17-18, SZCZECIN

This Congress attracted special police interest; we were informed that police visited the space the day before and probably left a listening device. They also decided to visit the space but left after people explained that they weren't invited and nobody would talk to them.

The Anarchist Federation accepted two new sections: FA Dublin and FA Pila. For the first time, observers to the Congress probably outnumbered FA members. Unfortunately attendance from the sections was rather low with only groups from Lodz, Warsaw-Praga, Gorzow, Krakow, Poznan, Silesia, Szczecin and Torun attending.

Special attention was paid to upcoming campaigns including protests and calls for a referendum on the placement of a US missile base in Poland, mobilization to the Rospuda Valley, May Day and the G8. It was also decided to hold a few days of anti-militarist actions around the time of the anniversary of the war in Iraq.

It was decided to hold an anarchist integration camp in Poland at the end of August.

Other discussions and campaigns discussed included actions in defence of refugees, a project proposal to buy land for an ecological village and ways to promote direct democracy.

A number of internal and organizational matters were also discussed and decided. Many ideas were discussed related to increasing participation inside the Federation and improving the information flow and cooperation between sections.

It was also decided to do more to use existing resources and to publicize things like the collective secretariat more widely.

The next Congress will be held in the fall in Krakow.

CZECHIA

CZECH POLICE USE FORCE TO BREAK UP CLASHES BETWEEN NATIONALISTS AND ANARCHISTS

24 February 2007 police used stun grenades on Saturday to break up clashes between rival nationalists and anarchists over the proposed stationing of a US military base on Czech soil, Czech media reported cited by AFP. Around 100 nationalists gathered in the central town of Beroun to protest the proposed siting of a US radar base in nearby villages. They faced off against an equal number of anarchists determined to prevent their march, the CTK news agency reported. The two groups threw fruit, bottles

and sticks at each other and the police before officers intervened with stun grenades to push them apart and allow the nationalists to start their march. A handful of anarchists were detained by police, the agency added.

RUSSIA

ANARCHISTS MARCH AGAINST WARS IN CHECHNYA

More than 100 anarchists took part in an unpermitted anti-war march in Moscow. They called for an end to the conflicts in Chechnya and Iraq and for Russians to refuse to serve in the military. The demonstration was planned to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the Stalin-era deportation of the Chechen and Ingush people from their native Chechnya to Central Asia and West Siberia.

Protesters who marched under the black and red and black flags shouted "Chechnya is not our enemy, our enemy is the Kremlin" and other chants. Three people were arrested during the demonstration and at least 12 were rounded up and taken into custody after leaving the march. Everyone was released later in the evening, most were ordered to pay a 500 ruble fine.

ESTONIA

ANTI-GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN

One day before the elections, on the 2nd of March, around 40 anarchists gathered in the square in front of the city hall with flags and banners demanding "direct democracy not oligarchy". The protesters

headed to the Houses of Parliament to hold a peaceful picket there. As the demonstration was "illegal" two activists from PunaMust got threatening calls from high ranked police officers.

The 3rd of March is the general elections day in Estonia. With right wing parties Central Party, Reformist Party and Union of Res Publica and Fatherland being the favourites. It's also the debut year for the newly formed Green Party, although formed few months ago, already known for their homophobic views.

Last month activists from PunaMust (www.punamust.org) ruined large amounts of propaganda posters of the parties by pasting their own posters on them. Posters read "Enough of parliamentary state!", "More money = more votes" and more. Spokesmen of the parties, who spend millions on vilifying their rivals, and police decided not to start an investigation calling the activists "just a bunch of bitter kids in need of attention".

On the night of 2nd, another poster action took place with polling stations targeted this time.

LITHUANIA

ANTI-CAPITALIST PROTEST IN CITY OF KAUNAS

On the 3rd of February an anti-capitalist protest was organized by activists in Kaunas. About 30-50 people marched through the centre of the town, leaflets were distributed. There were no problems with police although the demonstration was illegal.

ANARCHISTS ON THE BARRICADES AND IN THE TREES

A SHORT HISTORY OF ANARCHIST RESISTANCE IN ECOLOGICAL TERMS IN POLAND

By Zbyszek (Correspondent from Warsaw)

Green anarchists on the barricades and in the trees

In the middle of February this Year the Polish minister of environment Jan Szyszko, signed the decision which allows building a fragment of the international motorway called VIA BALTICA through unique region of peat-bogs and swamps around the town of Augustow (north east Poland). Shortly after that the protest village of tents were set in the valley of the Rospuda River, the village was initiated by ecological activists of Polish Greenpeace being ready to lock themselves in the high trees to resist the disaster. At the beginning there were just a few of them but pretty quickly volunteers from all around the country start to join them. Against the extreme circumstances (the temperature was falling under about -20°C) after two weeks about 100 people were participating in the camp with the largest part being anarchists. Some of the banners hanging between the trees have been naming the names of the well known anarchist squats "Elba" from Warsaw, "Rozbrat" from Poznan and "Elktromadonna" from Czestochowa which communities were participating in the protest. This was however definitely not the first case of anarchists to be found in the first lines of in defence of nature against the bulldozers of the road industry.

Nuclear power station as a punishment

The tradition of this branch of protests is quite as big and as long as the contemporary anarchist movement in Poland, which appeared as a movement again in the beginning of the 80ies of last century. Its appearance was the parallel process to the establishment of the Solidarnosc workers movement. In 1982 the beginning of the construction of the first nuclear power station began in Poland. Curiously it was set in ZARNOWIEC, next to the city of Gdansk - the harbour city in north Poland, a cradle of the Solidarnosc movement. In the popular understanding of the people the decision of the localisation of the power station was not casual and supposed to be a kind of punishment for the inhabitants of the coast for their frequently appearing and violent rebellions against the communist power. The protests in the second part of the 80ies were inspired by the Wolnosc i Pokoj (Freedom and Peace) movement. This was an organisation

created in 1985, ideologically heterogeneous, gathering at this times anarchists as well as people of democratic and pro-state ideas. But in the city of Gdansk the core of the organisation was made by local anarchists and it was them running the protests as the first, using among other methods the one of protest-hunger-strike. The catastrophe in the nuclear power station in Chernobyl in the Ukraine raised the consciousness of many people in Poland towards the scale of the danger and the environmentalists from WiP got wide social support in their campaign. The situation changed even more after the change of political power in 1989 and the beginning of the governance of the so called democratic opposition. They allowed at least the popular referendum in the region of Gdansk in which 44% participated from which 86% said no to the nuclear power station. One year later the government decided to liquidate the never finished plant.

The Dam and the Mountain of Sw. Anna

Another massive ecological conflict began against the plans to build the massive water reservoir in the region of Czorsztyn in the south of Poland. In 1990 the movements of Freedom and Peace together with the already existing by this time an Anarchist Federation started an action campaign called Dam to the Dam. The campaign consisted mainly of blockades against the building of the water dam on the river Dunajec. During one of the last blockades it came to dramatic events when one of the drivers of the building site transporters ran his heavy transporters directly against the people sitting in the blockade and smashed the feet of one of the activists who could not jump away any more. This struggle was lost finally and in 1996 the building of the dam was finished.

Next large direct action campaign took place in defence of the mountain of Sw. Anna against its devastation through construction of the new highway in 1998. This protest was in many means similar to the one going on in the Rospuda Valley this year. Dozens of ecologists set the protest in the trees - defending them from being cut under the motorway site. The area was a part of the landscape park and the highway was about to cut it into two pieces. Similarly to the present situation in Rospuda, the attitude of the part of local population was negative towards the protestors as the local authorities were telling them that the new

highway will bring profits to the region, and among others the very promising for the local economy descent from the highway which would be built there. Finally, the ecologists had been fight back the common forces of state police and the private company security forces. Some activists were badly bitten; others were still sitting high in the trees when they were cut. There was kind of a wonder that there were not serious victims of this confrontation. A short time ago the local TV station presented a report from this area nine years later. It came out that most of the promises made by the authorities to the local population were never met. The famous descent from the highway was never build. The road is dividing the park in two pieces which is creating many difficulties for the locals and the permanent noise has scared away the animals and is annoying to the people. People, when asked what they think now about the protests 9 years ago, are saying to the TV cameras that if they would know how this process would end they would provide the protestors with meals during the whole period of the struggle...

Nuclear power station - the second try

Summarising this short history of the most spectacular ecological protests in Poland during the last 20 years, we have to see that the only successful one was the one against the nuclear plant in Zaronwiec. Never again have the united forces of environmentalists and anarchist managed to win the battle against the authorities. It is important to mention that behind every particular of these anti-ecological investments are standing the ministers of the environment which each time have accepted the devastation of the priceless nature with their signatures.

But even the success of the campaign against the nuclear power station might turn to be only reminiscence in a few years. The newly worked out new energy program of two years ago for Poland until 2025 brings with it the construction of the nuclear plant in the upcoming decade. The nuclear lobby is not even hiding the fact that after the fiasco from the 80ies of last century, they will carry on a few years long massive pro-nuclear propaganda campaign before the project will be started.

UNNOTICED NEWS - UNNOTICED NEWS

COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

MACEDONIA

- ★ direct action - anarchist collective
directa@freemail.com.mk
- ★ fuck yoga - a distro and label neveranswerthe-
phone@yahoo.com
- ★ kaka - a distro and label surovo@yahoo.com
- ★ napravi sam - a collective
radexx2000@yahoo.com
- ★ teror 13 - a infoshop info@teror13.tk
www.teror13.anarhija.org

POLAND

- ★ ABC/ACK - www.ack.most.org.pl
- Warszawa - po box 30; 02-741 Warszawa
121. ack-wawa@o2.pl,
http://www.emilka.bzzz.net/porady/porady.html
- Poznan - po box 5, 60-966 Poznan 31,
ack@rozbrat.org, tel. 0618484672 (tue 19-21, We-
Thu 17-20), http://www.rozbrat.org/ack.htm
- Bialystok - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.,
abcbialystok@o2.pl, www.ack-bialystok.prv.pl
- Lodz - riefka@gmail.com
- Warszawa-Praga - zaczek@gmail.com
- Mielec - redakcja@innyswiat.most.org.pl
- Przasnysz - fnb-przasnysz@o2.pl
- Wroclaw - tomasso@riseup.net
- ★ Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.
- ★ Anarchist Library - ul Jagielonczyka 10D;
Wroclaw.
- ★ "A-TAK" - anarchist magazine from Krakow;
atak@poprostu (contact); atak.dystrybucja@wp.pl
(distro); www.red-rat.w.interia.pl/atak.html
- ★ "A-zine" - an anarchist publication in english
contains articles of polish anarchist groups.
L.Akai, po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4.
cube@zigzag.pl
- ★ "Bractwo Trojka" - anarchist publishing house
from Poznan; bractwo_trojka@wp.pl, www.bractwo-
trojka.prv.pl,
- ★ "Bunkier" ("B 48") - underground
concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 35; Torun;
stagnation@wp.pl
- ★ Chaos Grrrl - anarchist-feminist zine from
Warsaw; chaosgrrrl@o2.pl
- ★ "Czarna Emilka" (Black Emily) - local of
GWA (Group of Warsaw Anarchists) in the very
centre of the city
- ★ "Czarny Pajak" ("Black Spider") - anarchist
space with discussion club, movie-projections,
anarchist-library, etc. in the city of Lodz;
www.czs.prv.pl; maciek@riseup.net
- ★ Dziewczyny w Akcji (Girls in Action) - anarch-
ist feminist group in Bialystok; www.dziewczy-
nywacjii.prv.pl; dziewczynywacjii@wp.pl
- ★ "Elblaska" - squat in Warsaw
- ★ Emancypunx - anarcho-feminist group; po box
145; 02-792 Warszawa 78;
www.emancypunx.com; emancypunx@o2.pl
- ★ FA (Anarchist Federation) - federation of
polish anarchists consisting of many local groups.
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- FA-Bialystok - fa.bialystok@op.pl
- FA-Czestochowa - akielasiak@wp.pl
- FA-RSA Gdansk - jwal@pg.gda.pl
- FA-Krakow - lukasdad@poczta.onet.pl
- FA-Lublin - falublin@poczta.onet.pl
- FA-Lodz - falodz@riseup.net
- FA-Opole - sobol13@o2.pl
- FA-Poznan - fa-poznan@rozbrat.org
- FA-Rzeszow - xjedrusx@o2.pl
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- FA/RSA Sochaczew - antinazi@friko6.onet.pl
- FA-Szczecin - fa_szn@interia.pl;
winanar@wp.pl
- FA-Warszawa - natak@poczta.onet.pl
- FA-Warszawa/Praga - fapraga@o2.pl & fapra-
ga@gmail.com
- ★ Food Not Bombs
- Gdansk - po box 118; 80-470 Gdansk 45
- Lodz - falodz@riseup.net
- Olsztyn - edelweiss@o2.pl
- Poznan - fnb@rozbrat.org
- Warsaw - fnb@op.pl; www.fnb.w.pl
www.rozbrat.org/fnb.htm, we serve food every
Sunday at west train station in Poznan
- Rzeszow - ul.Kustronia 6/48; 35-303
Rzeszow; tel.602769138.
- Gliwice - "S.E.K.W. Krzyk"; po box 2; 44-
101 Gliwice. www.food.gliwice.com www.food-
notbombs.prv.pl
- ★ Feminist & Anarchist Feminist Calendar -
feminikalendarz06@interia.pl
- ★ "Freedom" - Centre of Animation an
Alternative Culture / Anarchist Centre &
Collective; ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw. free-
dom69@go2.pl
- ★ Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc"
(Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-975
Poznan 61.
- ★ Infoshop "Grapes of Wrath"
Targowa St. 22; Warsaw (300 meters from the
Eastern Railway Station on Kijowska St.)
Open: Mon.-Fri. 18³⁰ - 20⁰⁰ or longer, Sun. 14⁰⁰-17⁰⁰
plus by appointment and during events (summer
2005 closed Aug. 15-31); fapraga@gmail.com;
www.alter.most.org.pl/infoszop,
- ★ Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA / IP-FA (Workers
Initiative of FA) - federation of groups linked to
FA focusing on support for workers;
- ★ IP-FA / Szczecin - Dominik Sawicki, po box
53; 70-474 Szczecin 34.
- ★ IP-FA / Silesia - po box 2; 44-100 Gliwice;
inicjatywa_silesia@hoga.pl
- ★ Inicjatywa Pracownicza (Workers Initiative)
- anarcho-syndicalist trade union, Poznan;
www.workers-initiative.poland.prv.pl
- ★ Kolektyw Autonomistow (Collective of
Autonomists) - group of activist po box 13; 87-
116 Torun 17; michoo77@poczta.onet.pl
- ★ "Kromera" - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromera
6a; Wroclaw.
- ★ LadyFest - there are few Lady-fests in Poland
(in Lodz, Wroclaw and Warsaw);
www.ladyfest.webpark.pl; ladyfestwawa@o2.pl
- ★ "Lesbians, Gays and Their Friends" - festival
in Wroclaw with conference, workshops, films,
street actions http://www.nts.uni.wroc.pl/festiwal/
(co-organized by the anarcho-feminist groups)
- ★ LETS - Local Economy Trade System
- Krakow - testcyf@kr.edu.pl
- Poznan - lets@poland.com
- ★ Liberta - anarchist-feminist group in Wroclaw;
libertagrill@o2.pl
- ★ "Little Mary" - anarchist squat in
Czestochowa; ul. Warszawska 249/25;
- ★ "Mac Pariadka" - anarchist magazine in
polish; pariadka@polbox.com
- ★ "Marcowanie" - anarchist-feminist mailing list,
bulletin and regular women camp
- ★ Obin (Warsaw) - radical street-art collective
organising workshops, internet and silkscreen for
free; www.obin.org
- ★ "Pilon" - underground bar/caffe open Mo, Th,
Fr and Sa from 7pm; adress: ulica Bulwar
Filadelfijski - Torun (under the only one car

- bridge in the city). pilon@poczta.onet.pl
web:http://www.pilon.za.pl
- ★ RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action) -
www.antifa-wildeast.prv.pl ; po box 43; 15-662
Bialystok 26. wildeast@poczta.onet.pl
- ★ "Radical Cheer Leaders" - anarchist female
cheer leader team based in Warszawa; rchpl@02.pl
- ★ Refuse - underground label & mailorder (books,
zines, music); www.refuserecords.prv.pl
- ★ Revenge of The Nerds (Warsaw) - anarchist-
feminist zine distribution/editors; www.revengeof-
thenerds.bzzz.net
- ★ Revolution Diva - anarchist-feminist zine
(Poznan)
- ★ "Rozbrat" - squat/ collective/ anarchist center/
anarchist library - ul. Pulaskiego, 21a, Poznan;
P.O.Box 5, 60-966 Poznan 31,
fa-poznan@rozbrat.org, www.rozbrat.org,
www.foto.rozbrat.org
- ★ S.E.K.W. "Krzyk" - squat / anarchist centre, po
box 2; 44-101 Gliwice (ul.Sienkiewicza 25;
tel.+48 504878370).
- ★ Sister to Sister - anarchist feminist group/net-
work around Poland, mail-order and anarchist
dyke zine "Lechtaczka"; sistersister@o2.pl
- ★ "streFA" - infoshop in Szczecin;
ul.Domanskiiego 1c, tel.504935357.
- ★ "Szwejk" - anti-military service and Poznanian
Anti-war Coalition; ul.Pulaskiego 21a; po box 5;
60-966 Poznan 31, www.antywojenna.prv.pl, anty-
wojenna@rozbrat.org
- ★ "Tekno Collective" - underground techno crew
from Torun; sadi@poczta.onet.pl
- ★ Ugrupowanie Feministyczne Anarchistyczne
(UFA) - anarcho-feminist group in Poznan;
ufa@rozbrat.org
- ★ Valpurgi Night - regular festival against homo-
phobia and sexism in Warsaw, with workshops,
conference, spoken word, concerts, films...
www.myspace.com/nocwalpurgii; ★ Wiedzma
(The Witch) - anarcho feminist group; PO BOX
3321-500 BIALA PODLASKA; POLAND;
witchgrrrl@poczta.onet.pl ;
www.wiedzma.most.org.pl
- ★ "Ya Banda" - anarchist samba band
Milanowek/Warszawa. olga23@go2.pl

ROMANIA

- ★ Aactiv-ist Collective Timisoara, Antifa auto-
nome - anarchist punk group aactivistcollecti-
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rang.ro
- ★ A Nera - ecological, social and (counter) cultu-
ral center; in the mountains Cheile Nerei; aacti-
vistcollective@yahoo.com
- ★ Actiunea Anarhista (Anarchist Action) -
spleenpatty@yahoo.com
- ★ C.A.F. (Craiova Anarho Front) - anarchist col-
lective from city of Craiova;
libertatero@yahoo.com
- ★ Fight Back - anarchist collective Bucharest,
www.fight-back.tk
- ★ Gluga Neagra / Black Hood - distribution &
bookings for diy concerts tours; g_a_rezisten-
ta@yahoo.com
- ★ Info-Propaganda - anarchist leaflets publishing
from Craiova; libertatero@yahoo.com
- ★ URA - anarcho-punk fanzine from Craiova;
WWW.ANTIFA-ANTITOT.BLOGSPOT.COM;
libertatero@yahoo.com
- ★ Love Kills - woman anarcho-punk zine /
Craiova; www.lilith-lovekills.blogspot.com;
jolierouge101@yahoo.com

COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

- ★ "Revolta !" - bmonthly anarchist & diy
hc/punk newsletter / Timisoara; aactivistcollecti-
ve@yahoo.com
- ★ Subteran Collectiv - anarchist-activists collec-
tive in the city of Iasi; subteran_iasi@yahoo.com
- ★ www.proiectns.org - grassroots activist site

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- ★ ABC-Moscow - spt2003@email.com; P.O. Box
13 109028 Moscow (no name on envelope !!!)
- ★ Alliance of Kazan Anarchists -
antimil@narod.ru; http://antimil.narod.ru
- ★ Anarchist League of Kamchatka - 4tan-
kista@mail.ru
- ★ Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia - PO
Box, 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065.
anliberation@rambler.ru
- ★ Anti-Fa Samara - anti_fa@mail.ru
- ★ Association of Anarchist Movements (ADA) -
see "Noviy Svet" newspaper contact adress
- ★ "Epicenter Infoshop" - Evgeni Fayzullin, PO
Box 103, St. Petersburg, 190013
e-mail: epicenter-infoshop@nm.ru
http://www.infoshop.spb.ru
- ★ Food Not Bombs
- Main Website: http://foodnotbombs.net.ru
- Volzhkiy - fnbvzl@mail.ru
- Voronezh - fnb-vm@yandex.ru
- Irkutsk - fnb-irk@yandex.ru
- Kirov - punkauskirov@mail.ru
- Krasnodar - fnb_krsndr@mail.ru
- Moscow - fnb-russia@yandex.ru
- Nizhni Novgorod - fnbnnov@rambler.ru
- Novosibirsk - x316x@mail.ru
- Perm - fnbperm@mail.ru
- Rostov-na-Donu - subbacultcha@mail.ru
- St. Petersburg - epicenter-infoshop@nm.ru
- Tolyatti - fnbtl@mail.ru
- ★ Free Trade Unions Confederation - Tomsk;
http://kulac.narod.ru
- ★ Indymedia Russia - (in Russian language)
http://russia.indymedia.org; indyr@nadir.org;
- ★ indymoskwa@pochtamt.ru (Moscow);
- ★ indymedia_piter@pochtamt.ru (Petersburg);
- ★ smeshno@riseup.net (Kiev, Ukraine)
- ★ IOKAS / Irkutsk Organization Of Anarcho-
Syndicalist Federation -
www.angelfire.com/ia/IOKAS; sidorovan@mail.ru
- ★ Jerry Rubin Club - Moscow punk club, coope-
rating with anarchists and environmentalists;
jrc@nm.ru; http://jerryclub.narod.ru
- ★ KRAS - IWA (Confederation of Revolutionary
Anarcho-syndicalists) - Moscow; c/o Vadim
Damier; -Pereulok Alynova 13 Kv 24; 107258
Moscow; comanar@mail.ru; http://aitrus.narod.ru
- ★ "Megaphon" - magazine of anarchist, anticapi-
talist, antiwar, labour, environmental and other
kinds of activism; megaphon@mail333.com
- ★ Network of Working-place Resistance - cok-
kney@rambler.ru, http://antijob.nm.ru
- ★ "Noviy Svet" - anarchist newspaper; new-
world@mail.admiral.ru; http://novsvet.narod.ru (all
issues since 1989).
- ★ "Nozhi i Vilki" - political punk/hardcore fanzi-
ne; zilonis@newmail.ru
- ★ Old Skool Kids - punk/hardcore label and
distro; oldschoolkids@yahoo.com;
- http://oskids.nm.ru
- ★ Petersburg Antiwar CommitteE - see "Noviy
Svet" contact adress
- ★ Petersburg League of Anarchists - see "Noviy
Svet" contact adress
- ★ Punk Revival - network of politically and soci-

- ally active punx from St. Petersburg
http://www.pv.mahost.org
- ★ Rainbow Keepers - radical environmental
movement. Contact addresses:
- Nizhniy Novgorod - klem@dront.ru
- Votkinsk - votkinskrk@mail.ru
- Kasimov - rk@rk.ryazan.ru (this is also the
address of Tretiy Put magazine)
- Perm - puliark@rambler.ru
- Volgograd - maasha@rambler.ru
- Ekaterinburg - vty2@mail.ru, dpn@etel.ru
- Moscow - rkrzl@seu.ru, blatoba@mail.ru
- Samara - duplo1@mail.ru, duplo@samtel.ru
http://duplo.narod.ru
- Rostov - rkrostov@don.sitek.net
- ★ S.H. Sound System - label & distro including
political punk stuff; http://svinokop.narod.ru;
diyhc@yahoo.com
- ★ Siberian Confederation of Labour - Omsk;
http://www.skt.org.ru
- ★ "Utopia" - anarchist magazine of revolution
and counterculture Vladlen Tupikin, p.o. box 80,
m-208, Moscow, 117208, Russia;
utopia@mail333.com
- ★ "Victor Serge's Library" - anarchist & com-
munist library - City Library no.10, ulitsa
Verkhnyaya Khokhlovka 39/47, metro
"Marsistskaya"
Telephone/fax: +7 095 278 8156.
http://www.sergelibrary.org/
- ★ "Volja" - anarchist newspaper (since 1989);
obschtschina@pisem.net; http://volja.nm.ru
- ★ "Zhest" - anarcho-feminist magazine;
zhest@pisem.net
- ★ www.squatting.ru - portal, dedicated to squatter
movement!

- ★ Contacts of Autonomous Action
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pes! Never republish parts of this contact list
without this note! Contacts are from Russia,
unless specified otherwise.
- ★ Federal site is http://www.avtonom.org
- ★ Collective members of Autonomous Action.

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- ★ ASI / Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative -
is@inicijativa.org (international secretary);
www.inicijativa.org
- ★ Federation of Internationalist Anarchists -
federacija@ml1.net
- ★ Subwar Collective - Belgrade; shavedwo-
men216@yahoo.com
- ★ www.anarchy-serbia.tk - anarcho site;
- ★ www.afanovisad.tk - Antifa Novi Sad
- ★ www.kontra-punkt.info - anarchist information
& discussion web-site

SLOVAKIA

- ★ AFA-Bratislava (Antifasisticka Akcia
Bratislava) - bacity_afa@yahoo.com
http://blava.antifa.net
- ★ Alternative Magazine in slovak language -
biedaduchay@safe-mail.net
- ★ Antifascist Action from Trnava - antifa-trna-
va@hushmail.com
- ★ Cirny Kriz (CK, Black Cross) -
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- ★ CSAF / Slovakia (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia
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- ★ CSAF Bratislava - bratislava@csaf.cz
- ★ CSAF B.Bystrica - bbystrica@csaf.cz

- ★ CSAF Trencin - trencin@csaf.cz
- ★ CSAF Vychod - csaf_sk_vychod@yahoo.com
- ★ FNB Trnava - jedlott@safe-mail.net
- ★ INFO-@-POLICE - anarchist Infoshop in
Bratislav; info@infoapolicy.sk
- ★ Priama Akcia (Direct Action) - radical social
anarchist organization / anarchist union; po box 16;
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- ★ A-distribution "Kontrakultura distribucija" -
kultura_kontra@yahoo.com.
- ★ Akd Izbruh Kulturni Bazen - autonomus cul-
ture centre in squated swimm-pool in Kranj;
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- ★ Anarhiv Resource Center - Metelkova 6, SI -
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- ★ SAF / Social Anarchist Federation -
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- ★ Union of self-organised workers - SiSD/USW
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- ★ Infoshop - infoshop in Kiev.
http://infoshop.zaraz.org; infoshop@gmail.com
- ★ Food Not Boombs - Kiev - die_young@riseup.net
- ★ www.zaraz.org - Kiev's portal of libertarian
initiatives. Web-site of anarchist group in Kiev.
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TURKEY

- ★ Anarsist Bakis - http://go.to/anarsistbakis -
archive of anarchist texts
- ★ ABC / Anarchist Black Crescent - abcanka-
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- ★ "Imlasiz" - www.imlasizdergi.cjb.net-anarchist
magazine
- ★ "Isimsiz" - anarchist counter-magazine; isim-
siz_dergi@yahoo.com
- ★ KaosGL - www.kaosgl.com - antiauthoritarian
gay/lesbian group and magazine
- ★ "Kara Kizil" - http://www.karakizil.tr.cx-anar-
chocommunist group
- ★ http://uygarligarkarsi.cjb.net - anarchoprimiti-
vists
- ★ http://ankarafanzin.freesevers.com - zine
from Ankara
- ★ http://veganarsi.cjb.net - anarchoprimitivist
zine
- ★ www.geocities.com/kaosyayinlari - anarchist
publisher in istanbul
- ★ www.mecmu-a.org - magazine from Istanbul



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