

resistance

the anarchist bulletin

Celebrate May Day
by coming to a benefit
night the ACF and Solidarity
Federation are holding for
Czech prisoner Michal
Patera, imprisoned for
defending himself against
fascist attackers
**Sat 1st May, 7pm, Arsenal
Tavern, Highbury Way.**

NO WAR BUT THE CLASS WAR



A bomb in Pristina, bringing peace to the region?

In the remnants of Yugoslavia, war has once again flared up with horrific results. Ethnic Albanians are trying to split from Serbia to form a breakaway republic in Kosovo. They have suffered severe repression from the Serbs, prompting NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) to use air strikes against Serbia, and threaten to send in ground troops. Whilst the Serbian armed forces are undoubtedly guilty of brutal atrocities we have to ask ourselves can air strikes really be used to bomb people to peace?

No to bombs

And the only answer to this question is a resounding "NO". Despite the images usually portrayed on the news of "surgical strikes" and "smart bombs" it should not be forgotten that we are talking about dropping from the sky large amounts of high explosives. Pious talk of minimising civilian deaths will be of no comfort to the friends

and families of those who have been killed. The NATO planes bombing Serbia will only drive people into supporting the unpopular dictator currently in power Slobodan Milosevic, making it even harder to get rid of him. There is opposition to the war in Serbia and thousands of conscripts are refusing to report for military service, but NATO bombs are destroying this

movement and fuelling the fires of patriotism. And would the Kosovan nationalists demand for an independent Kosovo improve the lives of the people living there? We should not forget that this would only be a "normalisation" of capitalism - i.e. they would be living in the same shit system as the rest of us. This, of course, is why NATO is taking an interest in seeing peace enforced in Yugoslavia. There needs to be an end to Serb aggression as much as NATO aggression but we shouldn't think that supporting Kosovan nationalism against Serb nationalism would be a step forward. We need to recognise that wars between all states or would be states are power struggles within capitalism and not about creating an alternative to it.

Worsening situation

It is now estimated that over a million people have been forced to flee Kosovo. NATO has given the Serbian army the

perfect excuse to intensify their war, which they have done so with relish. So much for NATO protecting the Kosovars. The British government have reacted to the refugee problem they've helped create by generously offering to temporarily house a few thousand in prisons - which shows the true extent of their commitment to helping the Kosovars. Many politicians and much of the press are now calling for ground troops to be sent in to Yugoslavia, a sure way to cause more deaths. We should not be fooled into taking sides in wars between nations - the only war we support is the class war of the international working class against the bosses of all nations. ★

What You Can Do

Despite the best efforts of the media there is a lot of opposition to this war, Although the anti-war movement is still weak and disorganised attempts are being made to build effective opposition.

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