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No Border Camp

Timisoara - Romania; 9-15 June 2003

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Anti Border Conference

on the eve of removing the eastern borders of EU

Warsaw - Poland; 26-29 June 2003

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International Anarchist Meeting - EE

"ANARCHY 2003"

Warsaw-Poland; 27-30 June 2003

connected with ...

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BORDER POLITICS

Warsaw - Poland; 30 June 2003

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Kundzicze - Poland; 2-7 July 2003

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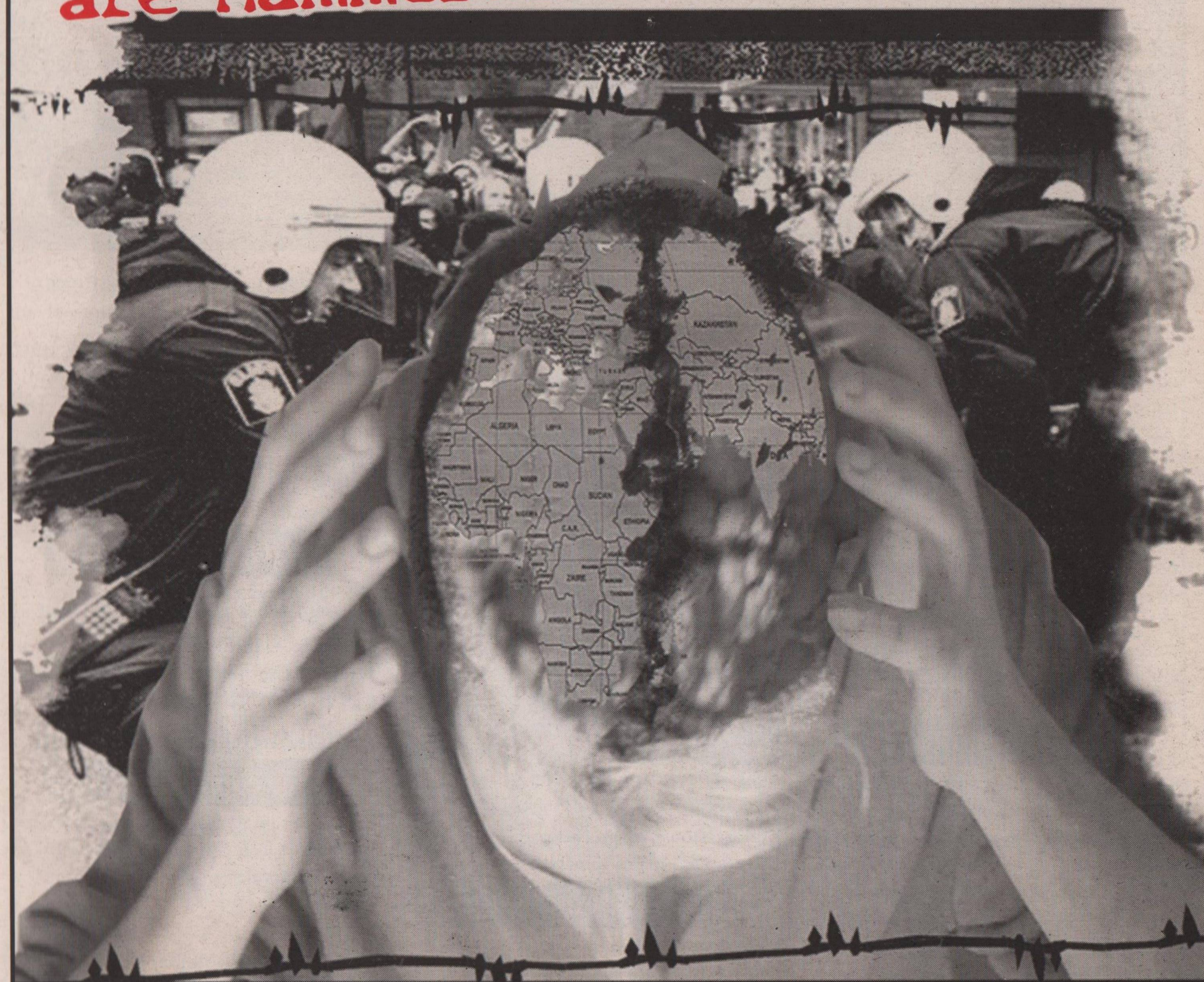
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ABOLISHING THE BORDERS FROM BELOW

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bi-monthly newsletter

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The lines that divide people
are hammered into our heads



GO WITH US
TO ANTI BORDER
CAMPS 2003

Anarchist courier 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 the process of their abolition does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation it has to be done from below, by the people not by elitist institutions such as The European Union, NATO or United Nations.

There is an enduring need to instantly abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, collaboration 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 an attempt to push forward both of these goals with support for development from the anarchist movement above the borders we have created ...

"Abolishing the Borders from Below" an anarchist courier 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 Eastern Europe who 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 collaboration between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and its 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 Genua. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. The process of creating an editorian 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."

An anarchist courier

Bi-monthly bulletin with information on different political and cultural anarchist/auto-nomous activities in Eastern Europe.

Editorial collective

Is a part of an international anarchist collective based around east-european activists living in Berlin. As well as this publication the collective also organises an ABC support group, a libertarian library, organises various solidarity actions and cultural events, and supports local and global struggle against all kinds of oppression.

Correspondents

Our great idea is to set up a stabil network of correspondents from different regions of East Europe to cover the most current, important and interesting issues. Our correspondent team for today: Pavel (Prague - CS), Mato (Bratislava - Slovakia), Alek (Skopje - Macedonia), Saszka, Nastya (Grodno - Belarus), Antti (Russia), Ninja (Vilnius - Lithuania), Ivo (Ryga - Latvia); Andrea & Subwar Collective (Belgrad - Yugoslavia), Maya, Tine (Ljubljana - Slovenia), Jelena, Suncana (Zagreb - Croatia), Mutlu (Ankara - Turkey), Soja, Michu, Laure, Zaczek (Poland), Rebel M. (Serbia) and others. More correspondents needed!

Other sources of info

These are: "alterEE" east-european-anarchists internet discussion list, "Warhead" - internet info service of @-activities in



Poland, ABC-Poland - info bulletin, "Avtonom" russian magazine of Autonomous Action Network, "AACTIV Newsletter" from Romania.

Co-operation

If you operate in Eastern Europe you can send to us info about protests, manifestations and other actions going on in your region ... you can present activities of groups, collectives and projects working in your neighbourhood ... you can inform us about up-coming political and cultural events ... you can present statements of your group on local or global issues, you can express your ideas, opinions or criticism ... everything from anarchist perspective. You can join our redaction collective as a correspondent sending regular reports covering different forms of activities in your region. Please texts send to:

abolishingBB@hotmail.com

Please send your graphics/photos only to:

abolishingBBphotos@hotmail.com

If you operate in other parts of the world you can help with distribution (see below). You can spread information about this publication or just make the most of the information here as effectively as possible.

Distribution

We are looking for people/collectives ready to distribute this publication on a regular basis in their regions (especially in southern Europe). Previous issues are as well available. Contact for distribution:

wielkowitsch@hotmail.com

Free copies/Print-Rin

Free copies go to all info-shops and libertarian libraries in Eastern Europe as well as to our correspondents who supply a postal address.

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.

Sponsored

Money for printing is collected through our breakfast-benefits performed regularly in KÖPI/Berlin as well as through our pizza-circus, and benefits from outside

Deadlines

Deadlines for next issues:

#11 - 15.07.2003

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SOME OF THE PAST ISSUES OF ABOLISHINGBB ARE STILL AVAILABLE DIRECTLY IN OUR OWN DISTRIBUTION SECTION. HERE YOU HAVE CONTENTS OF THEM:

issue # 5 - August 2002

"Where are we now with AbolishingBB ?!" (editorial article), "AC Molotov is in big trouble!" - call for solidarity" (Slovenia), Campaign to Combat Global Migration Management - Campaign against IOM (call for campaign), Manifesto of the Autonomus Action (former Soviet Union), Founding Conference of Autonomous Action (report), Anarchist movement in Slovakia (report), ABC reports (Poland, Turkey), The anti-border camp in Wizajny (report from action), "Same World different Realities ..." (article), NoBorder Network (presentation), Polish border police in action (report), "It happened to a lad" movie review (Belarus), 6 pages of short reports, Communities in Struggle.

issue # 6 - October 2002

Anti-NATO mobilization in Prague (report from international meeting), "NATO's first virtual member state" article (Lithuania), "Bela Krajina Won't go to NATO !" (Slovenia), "A kilometer away from NATO, two millions for Freedom" (Slovenia), interview with Czech anarchist NOT ONLY about anti-NATO actions in Prague, "NATO and Slovakia" (article), anti-NATO actions reports (Slovakia, Czechia, Poland), AntiFascist Action - Pula (report - Croatia), Report on criminalization of anarchist and anti-fascist community in Bialystok (Poland), Neo-Nazis attacks on IAS activists in Sabac and Novi Sad (Serbia), ABC reports (Turkey, Belarus, Poland, Slovenia, Russia), Autonomous Action networks conference in Krasnodar (Russia), "Victory of AC Molotov ?" (Slovenia), No Border Camp in Sredisce (Slovenia), AACTIV-IST newsletter august 2002 (report from Romania), Craiova Anarho Front / Frontul Antifascist Craiova (Romania), Hungarian independent hc/punk scene (report), "Protests in Szczecin shipyards and the workers' situation in Poland (report), Solidarity call from IAS (Serbia), "The Eviction of the KRZYK squat has been blocked" (Poland), Food Not Bombs in Olsztyn (Poland), 3 pages of short reports, Communities in Struggle.

issue # 7 - December 2002

Summary of anti-NATO actions in Prague (by international secretary of CSAF), Eastern European Anarchist Block (N21-statement), N21 around the Eastern Europe (protest reports), Resistance against NATO in Slovenia (backgrounds and resistance documentary), We Dont Want Lies (press release by IAS after presidential elections in Serbia), War in Chechnya (interview with ex-russian soldier), Aactiv-ist Newsletter (October 2002), Repressions against anarchists in Romania (Romanian secret service report about romanian anarchism), Meeting of Polish Anarchist Federation (report), Collective for Libertarian Idea (the first anarchist collective in Macedonia - presentation), KARA ev open the doors (statement of new anarchist project from Istanbul), Between will of Power and Economic Crisis (report from Turkey), Bicycle Caravan to the EU summit in Thessaloniki (project presentation), Violence against animals in Slovenia (report from Ljubljana), DeCentrum and Bialystok (interview with activist from anarchist centre in Poland), ABC reports (Turkey, Poland), few pages of short reports, Communities in Struggle.

issue # 8 - February 2003

International Anarchist Meeting EE in Warsaw / Poland (schedule of details), Anarchist MayDay 2003 in Eastern Europe (contribution into discussion), Can the War take Centre Stage? - article about war in Chechnya, Anarchist Defence Alternative - text about how to consider the defence of anarchist society, Bulgaria in the NATO = NOW - interview with members of new anarchist group in Sofia about the situation in Bulgaria, Interviewers Firm - first antifascist football hooligans in Russia... and few pages of short reports, and Communities in Struggle.

issue # 9 - April 2003

Eastern Europe Against the War (action reports and statements); "Sudden Death of a Mobster ..." (ASI statement commenting assassination against Serbia prime minister); before EE Mayday 2003; infos from preparations to NoBorder camps in Romania and Poland; Anarchist march against imperialistic policy of the world elite (Zagreb); Antifascist reports from Poland, Russia and Belarus; "Experience from the West" article; "Dont trust anybody, not even us" - brief history of the Czech anarchism; Ukraine report from the Revolutionary Confederation of Anarcho-Syndicalists (February 2003); Institutional and Social Mess of Bosnia nad Hercegovina; First Conference of Autonomous Action (February 2003); Belavezha forest disappearing (Poland); Fight against pipe (Georgia); Anarchist Initiative Rijeka (Croatia); ABC reports (Poland); few pages of short info; Communities in Struggle.

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If you think that you can help with filling that network up, especially in north Italy, Belgium, France, Ireland, Bulgaria, Spain, Switzerland or Portugal ... LET US KNOW !

One could expect some occasional speeches ...

We've come so far. You're holding in your hands Abolishing the Borders from Below ... # 10 ! In such case one could expect some occasional speeches summing up this inaugural period. Well, why should we not try to do it ... but before we come to it, we owe you a little apologies for mistakes in last issue as well as for not being able to print in this issue all texts/reports which we recieved. There were so many again, that we couldn't put them all here and some have to go straight to the archive ... sorry.

So, here we go ... our collective was formed in September 2001 and two months later part of it decided to present anarchist movement another regular publication: anarchist courier from EE called "Abolishing the borders from Below". Since this time most activities of whole collective are signed with that name. We remember very well that first reactions among EE-anarchists as response on our appeal for contribution were very sceptic and cynical: "Yes, yes. We agree with idea and we wish you lot of luck but we are not expecting to much of that especially in matter of continuation". In this point we have to congratulate ourselves. In spite of radical rotations among editorial collective, especially at the very beginning, we set up more or less stabil editorial team which has managed to publish ten issues keeping bi-monthly frequency and light signs of progress. As a result we believe that you have gained a bit more confidence in us. We are glad about this as we believe that confidence, next to such values like responsibility, solidarity or cooperation, is one of those which most need to be cultivated during process of formation of free society. Unfortunately we have to criticize ourselves for never fulfilling our promises of turning AbolishingBB into monthly frequency. There are plenty of reasons why, but maybe the most important one is that at this moment such a decision would mean for each of us to sacrifice some of other activities in which we are involved. And true is that actually no one from us is ready to do so. But we never gave up this idea, and we still look optimistic in future.

While we are already by self criticism - some see as a weak point the lack of our own texts in the paper. There are actually two different opinions on that topic within our group. One says that general idea of AbolishingBB is to give EE anarchists a space for presentation and exchange of their views and activities, that we should stick to that concept and not turning this publication into a tool of expresion mainly of our own politics (as there are existing many other ways for us to do it). Second says, that until now we are

very limiting our contribution in AbolishingBB to almost exclusively editorial work, while at least some of us have a bit wider ambitions. This discussion continue within collective and at the moment is hard to anticipate its effects. But what we definitely would wish is to find in future issues more theoretical texts/polemics from around EE, letting AbolishingBB to be half informational courier half forum helping to develop anarchist ideas among european @-movement.

In the AbolishingBB editorial statement (page 2 in each issue) we are announcing: "The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between (anarchist) groups and individuals from different parts of this continent". How does this process looks like in reality? Probably we are the last ones which know truly the answer but, what we have already written few months ago - we have an impression that "AbolishingBB" is helping to tighten connections within EE anarchist world. And even if that is not necessary our main purpose, we believe this is already enough to could say: "AbolishingBB" is worth to continuing. In fact we probably found out another positive aspect of our project. We believe that this publication have helped to discover bunch of very small and isolated anarchist groups/projects in many parts of EE, bring them out of this isolation giving them feeling to be part of international resistance or maybe even international movement. If this is true, this is maybe the biggest use of AbolishingBB so far, with hope to be follow by other ones.

Of course, we are very attentive watching all present events and changes within Eastern Europe. We mean first of all such changes like EU plundering expansion, creation of new borders within EE, bringing in visa regiments or from other side creation of new anarchist structures - last Balkan Conference or upcoming EE International Meeting "Anarchy 2003" in Warsaw. For sure all this occurrences will have serious impact on future transformation of our publication as well as transformation of EE anarchist movement itself. Especially we are looking forward for already mentioned Warsaw events in which we are going to take part.

As usually we hope you will make the most of the information you will find in this issue as effectively as possible. Feel free in sending us critics considering our newspaper. By the way, AbolishingBB is still not available in many places of Europe, so see if you can help our distribution to cover all of them. Look forward for next issues as well as for radical social changes world wide ! Anarchy and solidarity ... Abolishers.

INTERNATIONAL "ANARCHY 2003"

The purpose of the meeting is to strengthen ties between anarchists and anti-authoritarians in Eastern Europe and even beyond ! We want to exchange information and experiences, make contacts, better develop existing projects and investigate areas of cooperation and resistance for the future ! In addition to networking meetings and discussions, we will include some activities open to general participation; these will include (but are not limited to) exhibits, a demonstration against the visa regime, video showings, a lecture on anarchist history in Poland and whatever else people are inclined to organize!

At some point, special attention will be paid to the fact that our comrades to the east of Poland will now have to face a more restrictive regime and we would like to dedicate some time to evolving practical strategies to overcoming these new barriers. The dates of the meeting have been called to coincide with the start of the new visa regime in Poland. This meeting is meant to be an act of resistance; international solidarity is the best way to fight the borders that the state is trying to make between us!

As we favour a decentralized process of organization, we highly encourage people to join in and put on a workshop, propose their topics or items for the agenda, bring something to present and to think about social events, contact with the public. Anybody can organize what they want and are interested in - we only ask for notice so we can spread information and organize some logistic matters such as space. So if you're interested in taking a more active part in the process, let us know!

Friday, 27.06.03

- § Opening
- § Anarcha-feminist meeting
- § Anti-sexism: theory and practice
- § The Free Software Movement

Saturday, 28.06.03

- § Working with Grassroots Organizations in Russia
- § Using computers for sabotage and resistance
- § Eastern European Networking
- § 100 Years of Anarchism in Poland
- § Video Night

Sunday 29.06.03

- § Meeting of anarcho-syndicalists and people involved with workers' movements.
- § Social Events

Monday 30.06.03

The campaign against the European Union and against border politics. Open meeting with public

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BORDER POLITICS

ANARCHIST MEETING EASTERN EUROPE WARSAW / POLAND 27.06 - 30.06.2003

EASTERN EUROPEAN ANARCHA-FEMINIST MEETING

A unique chance for anarcho-feminists to meet and coordinate. Meant as an open meeting/discussion, groups from around eastern europe (and elsewhere) are welcome to come, tell a little bit about their projects and discuss their experience. In addition, we'd like to put a number of issues on the agenda for discussion. If you have something you'd like to talk about, tell us! We'd like to get some texts/ideas from people BEFORE the meeting so that we can distribute them and other people can familiarize themselves with certain issues beforehand. Among the ideas we've heard so far are:

- * mixed groups or women-only groups
- * do eastern european women have a different agenda
- * forms of international cooperation
- * the workers' movement for women
- * fighting sexism in our own environment/ movement (subtle and not so subtle)
- * is the EU going to improve women's situation - or not?

ANTI-SEXISM: THEORY AND PRACTICE

For beginners and especially for men. Same format as above. Discussion of the dynamics of gender. Experiences in fighting sexism. Experiences of mens and mixed groups, queer groups and gender benders. More info to follow.

THE FREE SOFTWARE MOVEMENT

Software resistance? Of course! A bit about the movement plus seminar with Dima Borodaenko. Main topics of discussion:

- freedom of information and traditions of free software developers;
- free software and free education: experience from Minsk Linux community;
- beginners intro to free software:
- source code and what you wanna do with it;
- Linux, Mozilla, Apache and other

free projects;

- what's inside of Unix-like systems and how to use it;
- organization of development in large free project, by example of Debian GNU/Linux.

ANARCHO-SYNDICALISTS' MEETING

Ideas and strategies for organizing. Find out who's doing what and how we may be able to help each other. Presentation of groups/ initiatives and discussion.

- * Workers' Rights in Different Eastern European Countries
 - * The Attack on the Labour Code
 - * What European Integration means for workers. (In the EU, future EU and outside the EU.)
 - * International Image Pollution Campaigns
- Put your issue on the agenda!

COMPUTERS FOR SABOTAGE AND RESISTANCE

Strategies from around the world. No-Borders campaigns, anti-job.ru, fax bombs, do-it-yourself media. Presentations followed by open discussion.

EASTERN EUROPEAN NETWORKING

The title speaks for itself. We also expect guests from almost all networking projects - from alter-ee, to Abolishing the Borders from Below. Bring material for exhibits. We would also like to make a virtual exhibit on our web pages!

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE EU AND BORDER POLITICS

The issues in the campaign against the EU. Information about the EU from Laure A (and friends). The anti-EU campaign in Bialystok and elsewhere. Fortress Europe and border politics in the East. Presentations followed by discussion.

- * The economic agenda of the EU
- * The EU and food politics
- * The EU and supergovernmental rule
- * The Acquis Communautaire

Practical Information

Housing

All people who have contacted us and confirmed their attendance will have confirmed housing. We will be sending you the e-mail addresses of your host(s) shortly and ask that you make contact with them before you arrive. There are still limited free spaces available and they will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will also have some paid places at our disposable. There will be a limited number of spaces for slightly over 1 euro but then the prices go up. So it is important to register with us if you'd like to take advantage of the housing options. We expect those who do not register to be responsible for their own accommodations.

Space

Most events will be held at SOS. As there will also be another event open to the general public running concurrently, certain meetings may be held off-premises. A few events will take place in different locations; information will be available during the conference only. As there are several small rooms available at SOS, we are still able to offer rooms to people who would still want to organize a meeting/ workshop/ discussion.

Arriving in Warsaw

Thursday arrivals should go to the Infoshop on ul. Lotewska 11. To get there from the Central Station, take any tram in the direction of the Vistula River. (This is the direction which would take you past the Stalinist Palace of Culture - the tall building in the center of Warsaw) You get out at the 5th stop, Rondo Waszyntona. This is the first stop over the bridge. Lotewska street is on the right, and you have to walk down some stairs and head 3 blocks back towards the river. Lotewska St. is the last before the river. Friday arrivals should go straight to SOS. From the Central Station you need to take any tram south. (Look for the direction "Mokotow". (The Culture Palace is east of the station.) In about ten minutes you will see a shopping center called Galeria Mokotow. That's the stop you should get off at. It's a two minute walk from there on Rzymowskiego Street. We will have signs on the street to help and send a more detailed map to people who register. People registering will also be given contact numbers in Warsaw at a later date.

Transport

There will be a very limited amount of free tickets available but in general, people should decide whether they want to pay or not. The most affordable option (for law-abiding citizens) is to purchase a 3 or 7-day ticket for unlimited use. Expect to pay about 5 euros.

Childcare

Childcare will be available during the conference. We are asking for volunteers to help organize events for the children and to help out with this.

Language

We will offer English, Russian and Polish translations at all scheduled events. We cannot guarantee translation for meetings which are not included in the schedule. People will be responsible for that themselves. Please note that although we cannot offer translation in other languages throughout the conference, with advance notice we can arrange translation in the following languages if somebody has something to exhibit or would like to give a talk: French, Spanish, German, Czech. There will be speakers of other languages available but we cannot volunteer them. We are asking however for volunteer translators because we would prefer many people to translate a little than a few to translate a lot.

Internet Page/ Mail Update

Following this mailing, we will not be sending any additional updates unless you have registered or request information. We may however check for updates on the web page:

www.altermost.org.pl/iam.

Please note that we have been slow with updating the page but expect more regular activity there in June. We also encourage people to send information about their groups as we'd like to make a page about groups and activities in Eastern Europe.

Camp

This year there will be the fourth annual anti-border camp, again in Krynkki on the Polish-Belarusian border. The dates are July 2-7. Krynkki is best reached by bus from Bialystok. Contact us separately for more information about the camp at a later date.

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ANTI BORDER CONFERENCE 26 - 29 JUNE 2003 WARSAW

The polish east border will soon be the border of the EU. There are some people who dislike this, and who want to criticise and oppose to it. Basically we are from the informal anarchist, feminist, anticapitalist and antifascist groups from Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Germany, Austria, Vietnam, and others, also international groups. Some of us are migrants living in Poland.

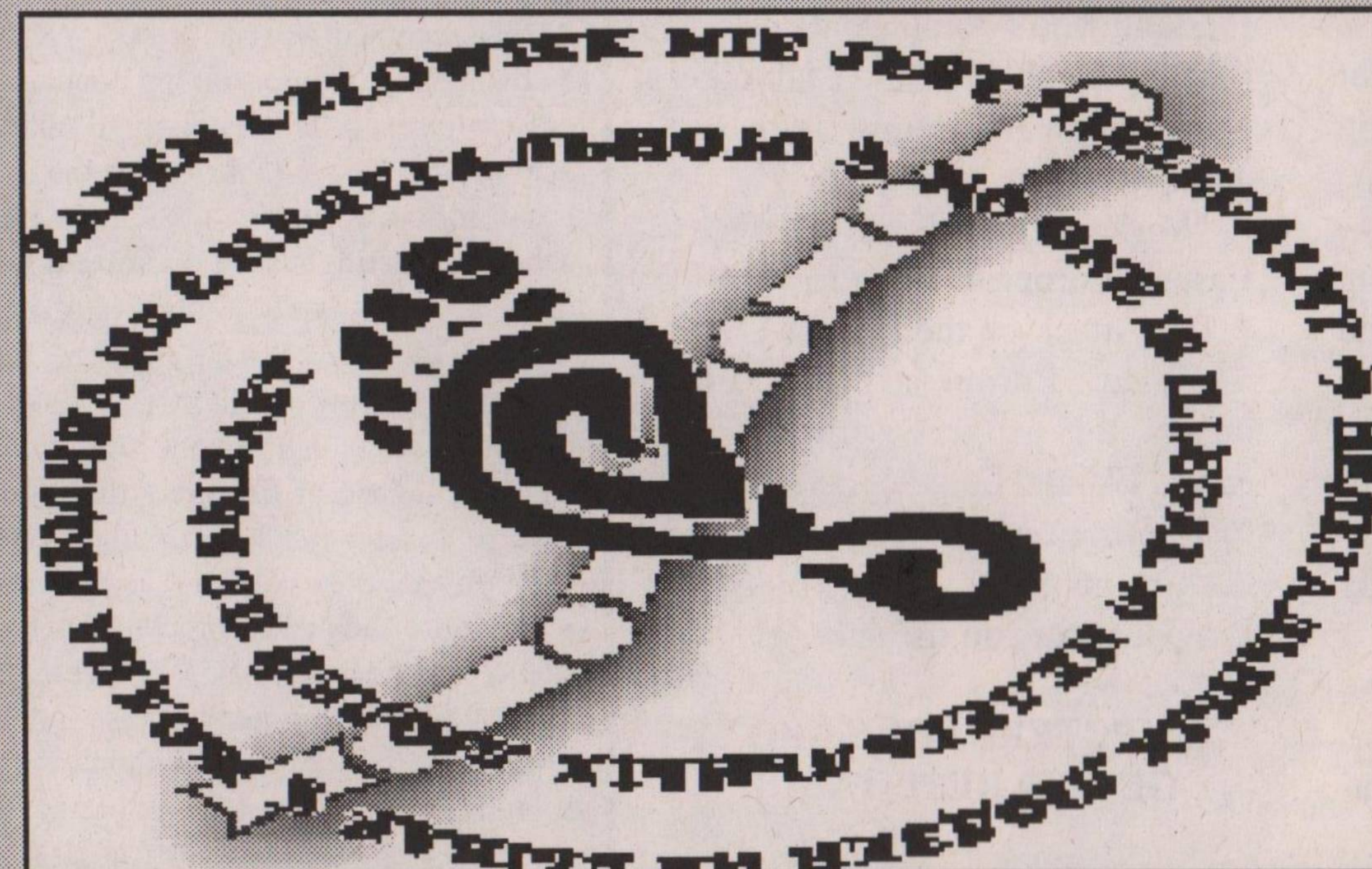
We'd like to make several workshops, discussions, presentations on the topics connected to the borders and how to oppose to them. Than - we'd like also to have some art & music performances, and actions of course. All of that in different places in Warsaw.

The topics that will probably appear:

- work & migration
- Polish border policy
- critique of the control of migrations
- Pro - migrant campaigns
- Racism in Poland
- Antisemitism in Poland
- Promoting antiracists attitudes - strategies in education

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- Situation of refugees in Poland
- Contemporary critics of capitalism
- The problem of racism and sexism in trafficking in women
- Poland in the context of contacts with the other eastern european countries
- Abusing Human Rights in Belarus
- Economical and political situation of Lithuania in the context of EU enlargement



Some of the above stated topics will change slightly, and some new will probably appear. There will be music and exhibitions too (we have a great collection of anti-border drawings by kids from the last anti-border camp in Poland

for ex.), and some food will probably appear too.

On the 1st July there will be a great need for some actions - the new visa regulations will be installed in Poland.

We hope you will join us there. for details:

www.zcnjn.most.org.pl

Anti-border camp in Poland few kilometres from Belarusian border Kundzicze 2-7 July 2003

Anti-border Camp in Kundzicze, is scheduled to take place on 2-7 July. It is very close to Belarusian border. We want to repeat success of two previous camps, especially one from 2001. We want this camp to have creative and confrontational approach towards authorities and friendly approach towards local population, what we managed to achieve previous times. Unfortunately not too many people declared help this time and we hope that some will support us at the ned because we still need many things.

Below is the list of some stuff that could be helpful for us. We feel completely left alone with organization of this camp and this doesnt give us good feelings although we are still very determined to make this camp working.

We need people with their own cars to help us with transport groups carrying

supplies etc. We need people experienced with cooking for large groups and other people who want to help in kitchen. If somebody has possibility of organizing mobile kitchen for us, that would be great. We will also need pots, pans etc to help with cooking. We need people who will organize some workshops, who will bring useful propaganda etc. If you have any lecture or workshop in subject of anti-border stuff, freedom of movement etc which you would like to present, let us know quickly!!! We need people who want to talk to media, who want to be in group co-ordinating activity of the camp, people who will do some performances etc. We will also need lot of money, specifically for: fuel, gas for cooking, printing of propaganda, rental of buses which will carry people from Bialystok to Kundzicze after demonstration on the beginning of camp will be finished, rental of school

as a place to sleep for activists, rental of place for the camp (place itself will cost us 150 euro), other necessary equipment. We also would ask if its possible for anyone to bring walkie-talkies for security group as terrain of the camp is rather big and this kind of communication would be very very helpful. Please take it seriously! We need desperately a power generator since we dont have our own and renting it will be very very expensive. If somebody can help us with that please... We need serious and dedicated people for security group. We need many more things. For details write: soja2@poczta.onet.pl There is not much time left and we want this year camp to be biggest and loudest of all!

Help us to make it possible !!!

With anarchist greetings

Anarchist Federation Bialystok
and Kolektyw DeCentrum.

NO BORDER CAMP IN ROMANIA TIMISOARA 9-15 JUNE 2003

Starting with the mid 80's, Europe started to show it's border regime and legislation. In 1990 Schengen covention was adopted, by wich common standards on migration politic were established for all member states. All the countries in the european Union, except UK and Ireland, signed this agreement. Starting with that moment, asylum seekers from outside EU could ask for asylum only in the country they succeeded to reach. This thing made it impossible for immigrants to choose freely the resident country in conformity with, for example, the language they knew to speak or the place where their family or friends were.

In 9-15 June, Timisoara, a city placed in the west of Romania, near the borders with Hungary and Yugoslavia, will be the scene of the first NoBorder camp from Romania. This camp will mean 7 days of actions, discussions and workshops around the central problem - freedom of movement and establishment for everybody. The camp aims to unite activists, migrants and artists from all over Romania and Europe, to create an environment for communication, exchange of informations and debates about migration and border regime.

NoBorder Timisoara will be a practical demonstration of collective and participants abilities of organisation and administration of their own actions during the camp, on non-hierarchical basis and self-management. This attempt asks for everybody's active participation, the camp being planned as a diy project.

Main discussion points:

Freedom of movement - fundamental human right; UN high commandment for refugees Schengen Information System - "electronic borders", social control

SIS is the central piece in the the border regime in Schengen region. Projected for centralisation of the dates concerning immigrants and refugees control, SIS is used also now for search and find the people considered "dangerous". All 13 member states of schengen agreement are participants in the SIS under legal but also logistic aspects. Although UK and Ireland are not a part of schengen space and so they are not part of the same visa

regime, an official raport shows that the two countries have a in EU's efforts of stopping ilegal migration and organised crime. SIS data base contains recordings made in each EU member state, agencies from EU countries being interconnected through thousands of terminals, this thing allows them to persons wanted for deportation or arrest, or suspected for being a danger for national security and for public order. These data base contained at the end of year 2001, 10541271 recordings, including also between 1.3 and 6 millions of names. Siemens and Nixdorf and Bullroup have projected and offer for SIS infrastructure and also the soft interface, and sema group is the one who's providing the SIS management. In the present SIS 2 is being projected, which will allow identification with the DNA and biometric recordings (recognition by the iris).the dates held by SIS are available for Europol and Eurojust. The number of the new ebties in SIS increased seriously after september 11 2001.

Migration, globalisation, work Detention centers for imigrants, imigrants rights, international legislation regarding migration, Romanian legislation regarding migration, detention centers for immigrants in Romania refugees and imigrants are some of the most vulnerable members of society.

The number of asylum seekers in the detention centers has grown very much over the past years. People who are not suspected for committing any crimes are locked without trials, many times for many months, in detention centers which are actually prisons from all points of view. The incarceration is subjective, arbitrary, ilegal, useless and unjust. People who have done nothing wrong are locked away for indefinite periods waiting for the beureaucratic procedures for solving their problems and demnds. Asylum seekers are put in domestic prisons, facing inhuman treatment, racism and segregation.

Fascism, racism, nationalism sexism, homophobia capitalism, corporate politics, UE enlargement, the WEF, FMI, G8..

The leaders of the (capitalist) world are preaching about a so-called "war without ending" who's destination is to protect

western values and civilisation, to justify theyr military actions and the support they offer to oppressive regimes. In the nme of protecting "our way of life", through military campaigns, they are actually trying to get unrestricted acces for western corporation to all resurces they need. Through international financial and trade institutions like the IMF, world bank, WTO, the west takes advantage of the economic domination and power to impose the rest of the world politics which will favorize theyr interests, leaving behind nations sinking in debts and poverty. As a consequence, people from this kind of places, brought to poverty by western exploitation, are being forced to leave, to imigrate looking for a better life, risking persecution and death.

Pollution, animal rights.

Lead by their needs and desires to achieve always more profits and bigger ones, capitalism extends globally, resulting in a process of degradation of the environment in it's way. Abusive exploitations of the naural resources, together with pollution and carbon emissions have determined rapid changes in the global climate, more and more people being forced to leave their homelands because of floods, deforestations, and other forms of environment destruction. We're witness of the mass extinction of many animal and plant species - of the ecosystem and the traditional human society which is based on these things.

Preliminary agenda

- 8 June** - the camp opens officially evening - concert with "Severed Head of the State" from USA and some Romanian support band
- 9 June** - arival of more people evening - informal meeting and going over the program, organisation, participants, actions ... Later in the evening - "relax! you'r in romania" party
- 10 June** - all day workshops on "noborder" issues.
- 11 June** - all day workshops on "noborder" issues. Evening - concert with "Molotov Cocktail" USA and Baracka from Hungary plus Romanian support band.
- 12 June** - "let's meet romania, kids" day workshops on different issues, from here like: gay/lesbian situation, Roma minority situation, Rosia Montana gold minning disaster, indymedia romania and ilegal radio from Cluj (maybe others).

Evening - concert with Guardia Nerra (USA-Argentina) and Romanian support band

13 June - practical workshops, "diy must rule!", preparation for the final action in 15 June. Evening - films.

14 June - ecological cleaning of the forest around the camp and "diy active-reactive squatting workshop", a group who will get materials and together we will shere experience and energy in trying to make the place liveable. The building we have it's possible to be a lot to work, so the group involved in this thing might start from the 13.06. (There is not sure if this workshop can happen because of the lack of money to get materials) Evening - final details about tomorrows action.

15 June - time to take the streets day. The thing is, that all those things hopefully will develope and many new things will happen. All depends on people, which gonna come, all depends on you !!!

There are chances for noborder football and badminton championship to happen !

And finally, of course **WE NEED HELP !!!**

We still look for people, which could prepare the workshops on issues mentioned above, as well as on many technical skills. Most important things we very very much need are:

- big mobile kitchen, or at least kitchen stuff for preparing large meals (pots, gas cookers, etc.)
- small electricity generator
- 2 camping/car toilets (they look like bag and we need it for the squat)
- 1-2 bigger tents (for meetings, etc.)

Also, please bring any possible political videos, books, zines, publications, etc. (the best would be in english), because Infoshops in Craiova and Timisoara got recently open, but due to isolation and financial impossibilities has yet not much to offer, so they hope for any materials...

We always try to put updates at:

www.noborder.org
and

www.proiectns.org

Soon there will be directions and maps there .. see you in Timisoara.

"From the Local Struggle to International Resistance"

The statement from the First Annual Balkan Anarchist Bookfair

Anarchists from numerous groups and organizations from eight Balkan, Eastern and Central European countries gathered at the end of March in Ljubljana, Slovenia for the International Anarchist Gathering and the First Balkan Anarchist Bookfair. The purpose of the meeting was first and foremost to create a space for dialogue among anarchists from various parts of Europe.

Because of the existing authoritarian and repressive system, which divides people with the help of ever more walls, many comrades were turned back at the Slovene border. The border and visa regime therefore kept many of our comrades from joining us.

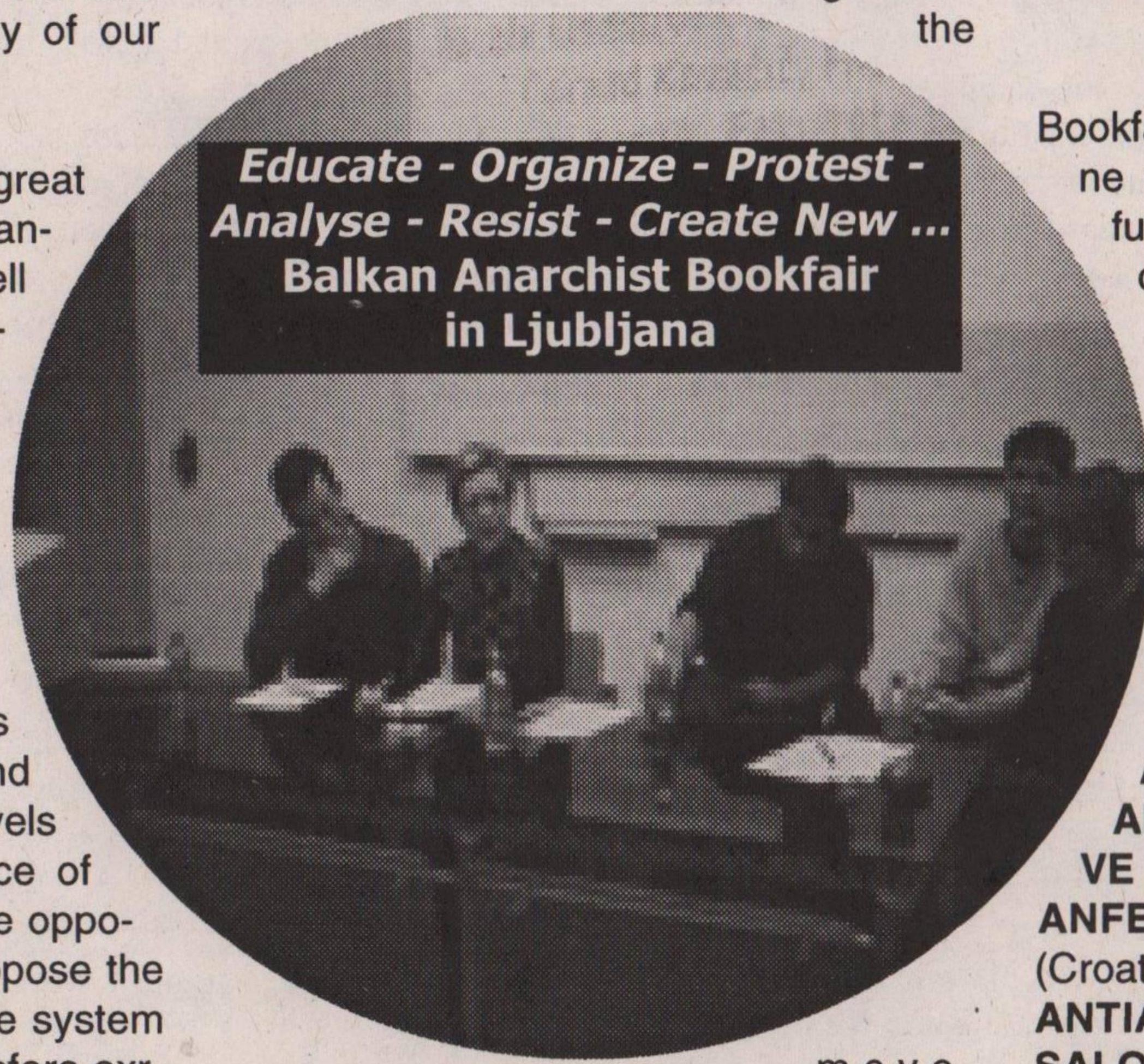
Nonetheless we met in great numbers with the desire to exchange experiences and ideas, as well as create new contacts, understandings and connections among the diverse realities within the international struggle for a world founded on solidarity, equality and social justice. We struggle for a world of free of the permanent global war and violence that creates and sustains new divisions among people and imposes new borders at all levels making possible the maintenance of the unjust world social order. We oppose the logic of war just as we oppose the current war in Iraq as well as the system that produces that war. We therefore express solidarity with the Iraqi people, who alone can fight for their true liberation because "Enduring Freedom" can never be flown in on the wings of capitalist, quasi-democratic aggressors and occupiers. We therefore also express our solidarity with the our comrades from the "Antiauthoritarian movement of Salonika 2003" and all those who have set off for Iraq with the goal of honestly helping the Iraqi people.

Through our discussions, debates, and meetings we remained firmly committed that our struggle is essential. We are just as sure that the further investment of energy and effort into the building and development of our movement for a true alternative to the existing unjust system. The international character and

principles in the realization of this gathering confirm the possibility as well as the advantages of abolishing all borders between, people, classes, sexes and cultures.

We share the belief that the anarchist movement cannot be built in ghettos nor closed in its own circles but rather that we must open anarchism and the anarchist movement to the people. This is only possible by building strong local structures which work in local communities and take advantage of existing potential to bring development and progress to the

Educate - Organize - Protest - Analyse - Resist - Create New ...
Balkan Anarchist Bookfair in Ljubljana



ment.

The anarchist movement must ceaselessly work to create a parallel alternative world that operates outside the existing paradigm as well as alternative forms for communicating with the public.

With the desire to create the above goals we will protest in the coming months against the capitalist system that, in its exploitation, forgets humanity. We will work for another world, which is not divided between the dominant and the exploited, a handful of rich and a majority of impoverished. May 1, 2003 was therefore marked by protests around Europe. We will go to the conference in Sofia, in June fill the streets of Thessaloniki and oppose the summit of the EU, and meet

again at the International Anarchist Meeting in Warsaw (Anarchy 2003).

At the Second Annual Balkan Anarchist Bookfair (expected in Belgrade or Sofia) we will reflect on these efforts and their accomplishments.

Of course, it is important to say that this year's event was successful, constructive and productive. We all allowed ourselves to enjoy the positive mood, which showed great potential, desire and energy for future cooperation towards the building of a internationally connected movement.

The First Annual Anarchist Bookfair is therefore an important milestone which will leave its traces on the future path of the international anarchist movement.

OUR STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

AACTIV-IST COLLECTIVE - TIMISOARA (Romania)

ACT/YOU&ME - anarchist press and distribution (Croatia)

AK47&DHP - anarchist distribution and publishing (Croatia)

A - Moravia (Czechia)

ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST INITIATIVE [ASI] (Serbia)

ANFEMA - anarho-feminist action (Croatia)

ANTIAUTHORITARIAN MOVEMENT SALONIKA 2003 (Greece)

ANTIFASCIST ACTION ZAGREB [AFA] (Croatia)

CRAIOVA ANARHO FRONT - CRAIOVA (Romania)

C.S.A. Via Volturmo Udine (Friuli, Italy)

CZECHOSLOVAK ANARCHIST FEDERATION [CSAF] (Czechia&Slovakia)

GERMINAL - FAI - anarchist group (Italy)

RIJEKA ANARCHIST INITIATIVE [RAI] (Croatia)

SKRATOVA CITALNICA - anarchist library (Slovenia)

SOCIAL ANARCHIST FEDERATION [SAF] (Slovenia)

ZADAR ANARCHIST FRONT [ZAF] (Croatia)

THE SYNDICATE CONFEDERATION

"ANARCHO-SYNDICALIST INITIATIVE"

PRESS RELEASE

For forty two days martial law was officially imposed in Serbia: we wanted to find out what was happening, but it has just now become vague what was really going on; what we know is who is, again, going to suffer the consequences. In order to face the criminal, the State needed to ban right to strike and other syndicalist activities, public gatherings and public commenting on the decision of imposing martial law - and in this way using the methods of the fascist regimes, the methods which are perpetuating undisturbed manipulation and repression.

Two days after the statement of the Anarcho-syndicalist initiative was delivered to the media, related to the murder of Zoran Djindjic (Serbian prime minister), police searched the flat, confiscated the computer equipment and the mobile phone of one of the members of the local group of ASI. Serbian Minister of Labor Dragan Milovanovic issued an order according to which the police was working. He is continuing his politics of betrayal of the workers' interests, faced with furious resistance of those whom he betrayed: «the wild», only according to the State standards, strike of more than 300 workers of IMT factory are giving best example that we are not going to go along with the state which has been imposed upon us and which is taking part after part of our lives.

After the arrest, our member was questioned more than six hours about our syndicate actions, membership and ways of organizing. During this time our member was not informed about which law was broken by delivering the statement - since none of the media had published our statement. Our member got a police document deciding to hold him for thirty days and he was taken to the prison cell in the police station «29. November». While staying in the cell he was faced with other prisoners who were systematically beaten up by the police (for example: with baseball sticks over their whole body, especially the knees), who were forced to sign blank statements and who were threatened with torture and assassination by special plaintiff. After three days our member was released - again without any explanation of the grounds on which he was arrested - and he was ordered, in spoken form, that he cannot comment on the things he saw or heard in the cell.

The document that was given to our member on the occasion of the assessment of the sentence in the explanation states that: «Named person has been detained on the date of 14th of March 2003., on the basis of legitimate suspicion that his freedom could jeopardize security of the citizens and of the Republic itself.» It is made self-evident that the State, i.e. its striking force - the police, considers that today's safety of the citizens is much more threatened by those who publicly present their positions than by those constantly laying off thousands of working people, those who are making their living on the stolen surplus value of those working people, those

training young man to kill or those running over pedestrians in Belgrade. (Note by the translator: a several days ago Serbian minister of agriculture ran over a young woman in Belgrade because he was overspeeding in the center of the city).

The repression against our syndicate has not ceased with the detention of one of our members. Moreover, our member, a ballet worker, employed in the National theatre in Belgrade had been exposed to intimidation and threats by her superior. Ministry of internal affairs (the police - translators note) had delivered request to the Ministry of Culture of Serbia which, for their part, addressed the management of the National theatre asking for surveillance and keeping track of «possible problematic» behavior and activities of our member. While talking with operational director of the theatre our member found out that she was subjected to scrutiny for a longer period of time. As some of potentially criminal acts she was faced with suspicion that she was: propagating free love in her rented apartment, painting graffiti against privatization, organizing the agitation group in the theatre, participating in the distribution of leaflets in front of the building of Ministry of culture (translators note: which is completely preposterous falsehood) and distributing our propaganda newspaper «Direct Action» to other employees. It is important to notice that the operational director was not contacting our member, although he is the person in charge for financial managing within theatre, whereas our member, as well as many other employees of the National theatre, didn't get paid for more than six months.

We are going to repeat that only the fascist regimes in near past used to act in this manner against syndically organized workers. If the practice of the intimidation continues, Anarcho-syndicalist initiative will not hesitate to use any means necessary for protection of our member's rights.

Imperialism of the USA has continuously been going on through the war against citizens of Iraq. Calling themselves upon the god blessing, protection of freedom and democracy, once again USA has gained supremacy over «middle east» and control over Iraqi oil industry in another private war. Apart from that, the war can prevent severe economic crisis and further declining of dollar. The government of the republic of Serbia didn't find it suitable to even comment on this military adventure of its big friend and donor, and in this way is forgetting that we have all gone through this process in our not so distant past. Anglo-American barbarians, among other things, have made it possible for the sum of 170,000 artifacts created at the dawn of civilized human society - the artifacts which represent the history of the entire humanity - fall into the hands of enormously rich collectors from the «west» who will skillfully hide them from «ordinary» people.

Great syndical centrals are still continuing to undermine the history of the workers struggle - Association of independent trade unions will not be marking the First of May this year, while the «Independence» will bring, for second time, the proven enemies of the workers to the celebration - the Social-democratic party. The party which in parliament voted for the law which would shame some of the worst conservatives of nowadays.

As long as syndicates are continuing cooperation with the State and political parties, workers rights will remain forgotten and unfulfilled.

It will be 19 years since the brutal murder of the sindical activist Radomir Radovic at the end of this April. He was one of the rare syndicalists who publicly supported the idea of the creation of the syndicates independent from the State. On the 20th of April 1984, he was imprisoned along with another 27 participants at one of the gatherings of the «Open university». The «Open university» refers to the number of discussions, held in secrecy in private apartments all over Belgrade during the eighties, which gave opportunity to dissidents to exchange their ideas. The day after his imprisonment Radomir was released, but the day after that he was taken to the police station by the two employees of the State Security (Miroslavjevic and Petrovic). However he was released around midnight on the same day. On Monday, the 23rd of April, Radovic went to work, afterwards he met his girlfriend from who he parted around 7 pm. - he was not seen since then. On the 30th of April in 1984 Radomir Radovic was found dead in his aunt's cottage in the village of Orasac. Despite the official survey which described Radomir's death as a suicide, great number of facts are witnessing that Radomir was another victim of the State repression. Anarcho-syndicalist initiative is contributing to the request of his friends and family to open the files of the State Security that were supposed to clear the ambiguities concerning his death. The State and capitalism are killing, but we never forget.

We believe that after ceasing of the martial law the workers rebellion will reach its peak again and that the workers will see through the syndical bureaucracy and the State structures - discarding the tactics of the lesser resistance and waiting for the fulfillment of the false promises, while accepting the radical struggle for their rights on each and every front.

In Belgrade,
April 24th 2003.

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WHILE THE WAR MAKERS SEEMS TO BE NEVER SATISFIED IN THEIR INSANITY, AND MOST EE GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING STRONGLY FOR U.S. BUSH BLOODY INTERESTS THE ANTI WAR PROTESTS ARE CONTINUING ON THE STREETS OF EAST EUROPEAN CITIES

Action in Ankara by DTCF anarchists

Turkey. Anarchists in DTCF (Ankara University Language & History Geography Faculty) organized an anti-war demo on 16 April Wednesday. As soon as drums & bells reflecting the war atmosphere started to make noise, anarchist group shouting slogans of "Land, Commune, Freedom", "pentagon's servant media nit" and carrying black&red flags came in front of the library and walked towards the mid-garden spreading their leaflets "We won't be anyone's soldier". Right after the manifest titled Hard Tale was being read in the garden, anarchists burned their black flag and ended the demo -which was the most meaningful and enthusiastic of all- chanting the slogan of "You cannot make revolution, you cannot buy it, it exists in your soul or nowhere"...

Antiwar actions in Bosnia-Herzegovina

The actions against war in Irak initiated by anarchists from Mostar and Banja Luka continues in Mostar. The protest actions in front of the American consulate, the demonstrations, the graffiti and the anti-war performances are just a part of the repertory of this first collective and coordinated movement of the anarchists of Bosnia Herzegovina. A "Food not Bombs" street action at the doors of the American embassy in Sarajevo happened in Saturday 30 March. On 1st May some 100 people joined anarchist demonstration in Mostar.

"Against capitalist war, against capitalist peace, Terrorist = IMF, WB, WTO, EU, NATO" or just "Fuck off USA !"

Anti-war protests in Czech Republic

Anti-War Marches

Over 1 000 people protested in Prague on the day of start of the war. They marched through the city centre and shouted anti war and anti US government slogans. The important thing is that people of all age were presented, which is really not usual in Czechia. There was also 100 strong anarchist block established spontaneously on the demo. Demonstration finished with loud protest at the American embassy, where one of the anarchists burned American flag. Direct action took place also in other cities, where anarchists from the CSAF hanged anti-war banners on public places and handed leaflets.

On Sunday March 30 there were the biggest anti-war demo so far. About 1500 came, anarchist 100 people strong block was presented between another blocks like high school students block, university student block, Trockist block or Bolsheviks block. Anarchist carried big banner saying "Against capitalist war, against capitalist peace - terrorist = IMF, WB, WTO, EU, NATO...." and a few red-black flags.

On Tuesday March 25, spontaneous demo against war took place in a small city (a couple of tens of thousands people) Valaske Mezirici. About 200 mainly young people attended, marched streets and chants anti-war slogans. Local anarchists were presented and involved in very short two days preparations. Only one police car was presented, it tried to stop the march several times but without success. Few people were fined later after demo.

In Pilsen, three anarchists masked as deaths marched the streets and handing anti-war leaflets. Also, anti-war graffiti appeared around the city. Another demo is planned on

April 7.

In Prerov on Saturday March 30 about 50 people, mainly anarchists, attended anti-war march and chanted anti-war and anti-capitalist slogans.

250 mainly young people attended anti-war march in Opava city on April 1, prepared by local high school and university students. A couple of tens students attended anti-war demo in Jihlava on March 28.

On April 2, anti-war demo organized by local high school students attended by around 150 people took place in really small city Roznov (about 10 000 inhabitants). Small anarchist block was presented.

On April 5, local activist of the CSAF called demo against war in a small town of Caslav. About 60-80 people took part.

On April 7, about 400 people gathered on the demo called by CSAF, Food Not Bombs Pilsen and local Arab union. A lot of picket and banners help to spread atmosphere of creative resistance. Two speeches were given. Important thing for organizers is that people

of all age took part.

Direct Actions

Several cases of hanging banners out took place across the Czech republic. Two big banner were hanged on very significant historical building in Prague by one well-known NGO activist. In Pilsen, someone "unknown" hanged banner on historical tower in city center and it was later get off by fire-patrol. One man is accused of hooliganism because he sprayed "thank you" and "fuck off USA" on US army memorial in Pilsen.

For more infos from Czechia look at <http://www.csaf.cz/english.php>



antiwar protest in Czechia

"There are some things that never die - ones that never really were alive"

That's what we can say about democracy in Russia.

Anti war protest violently disrupted by the police in St. Petersburg

On the 15th of april at 5 p.m. a meeting against the occupation of Iraq should have been taken place near the USA consulate in St. Petersburg. The meeting was planned by the Antiwar Committee - a coalition of anarchists, trotskyists, independent human rights activists and people not belonging to any organisations, who have been organising protests against the war in Chechnya since 2000. While the law says that those who want to organise some action on the streets just have to inform the authorities in advance (before 10

days), in fact the organisers have to apply and wait for a permission. This time the permission was not given.

Several hundreds of posters and stickers informed about the meeting and at 5 p.m. more than 100 mostly young people gathered by the consulate. There was another picket there, organised by stalinist RKR, which lasted from 4 to 5 p.m. and gathered some tens of mostly old women and men as well as some younger stalinists and nationalists. At 5 p.m. the police informed the Antiwar committee that their meeting was against

THERE ARE NO DEMOCRATIC BOMBS

the law and so they have to go away. The activists didn't obey and spoke to the crowd through the megaphone. The cops broke the megaphone and detained a person who was taking pictures, beating him. Other activists intervened and also got beaten and detained by OMON (police special forces) and men with no uniforms, supposedly from FSB or some secret service (anarchists say some of them smelled of alcohol). A female journalist of local paper "Petersburg News" was also beaten. 9 detained people (4 of them anarchists) were put on the floor of OMON bus and taken to the police station #78.

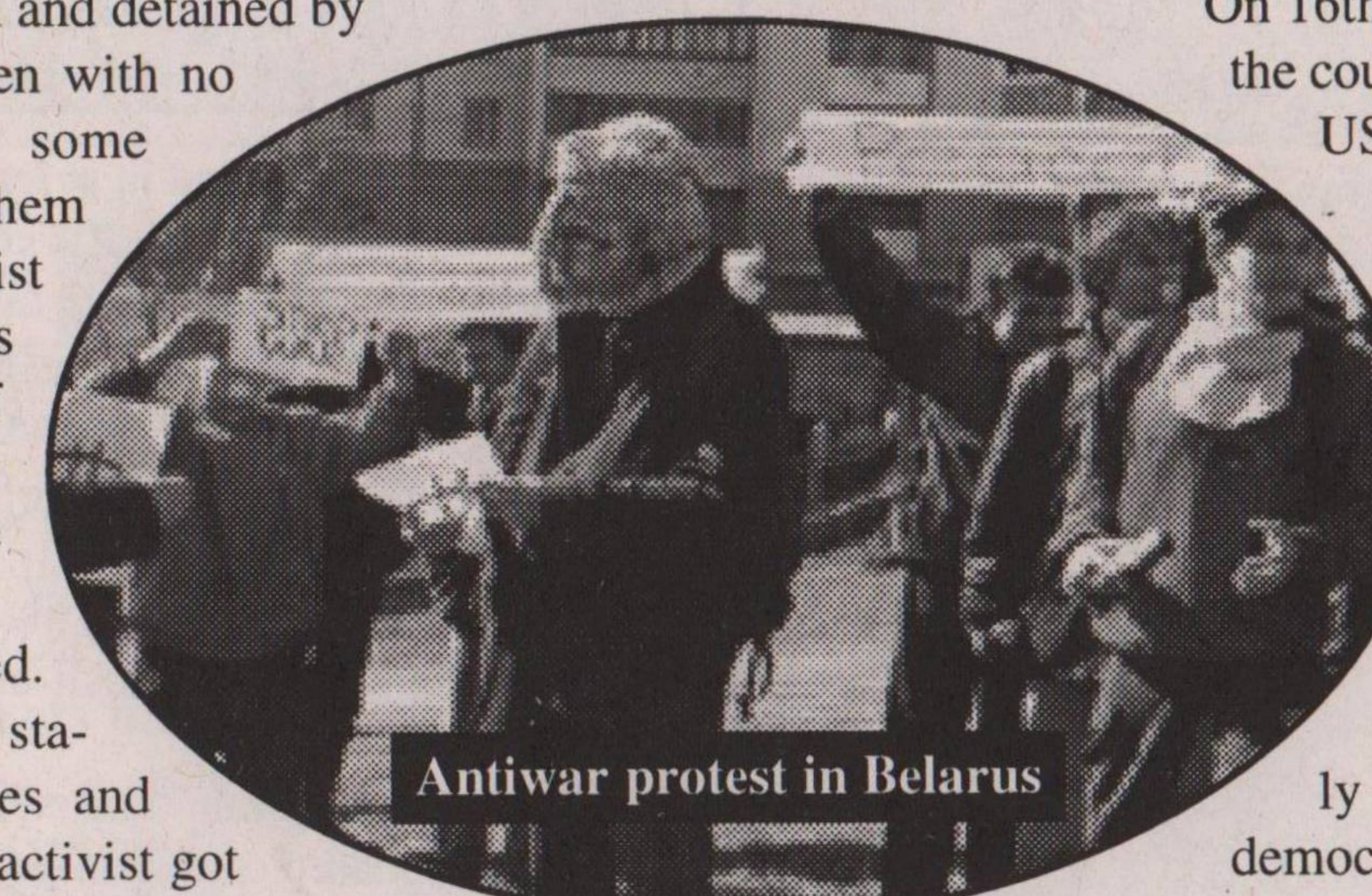
The meeting was disrupted. About 60-70 people went to the police station to show solidarity with comrades and demand their release. There one more activist got detained for "disobedience" to the cops. One anarchist was beaten the most severely and needed medical help, so with the help of human rights activists he was released and taken to the hospital, although another protester who also needed help was left in the police sta-

tion. After 4 hours 4 activists were released and one managed to run away. 5 people spent the night in the police and were taken to court in the mourning.

On 16th of April 7 people's case was considered in the court. 4 people got fined - 500 rubles (about 16 USD) each, 2 were released without fines and right now we have no information about the 7th activist.

As well an antiwar demonstration in Moscow on 19th of April, planned by left-wing (non-stalinist) organisations were also not permitted by local authorities. As canadian hardcore punk band No Means No said "There are some things that never die - ones that never really were alive". That's what we can say about democracy in Russia.

The antiwar activists are going to gather again to plan more actions against wars and police brutality. Full info in russian language is at <http://russia.indymedia.org>



Antiwar protest in Belarus

"Against this war and against the participation of Polish Army in the conflict (...) Last weeks events confirmed antidemocratic and antisocial attitude of Polish government"

An open letter to the european societies from Polish Antiwar Coalition

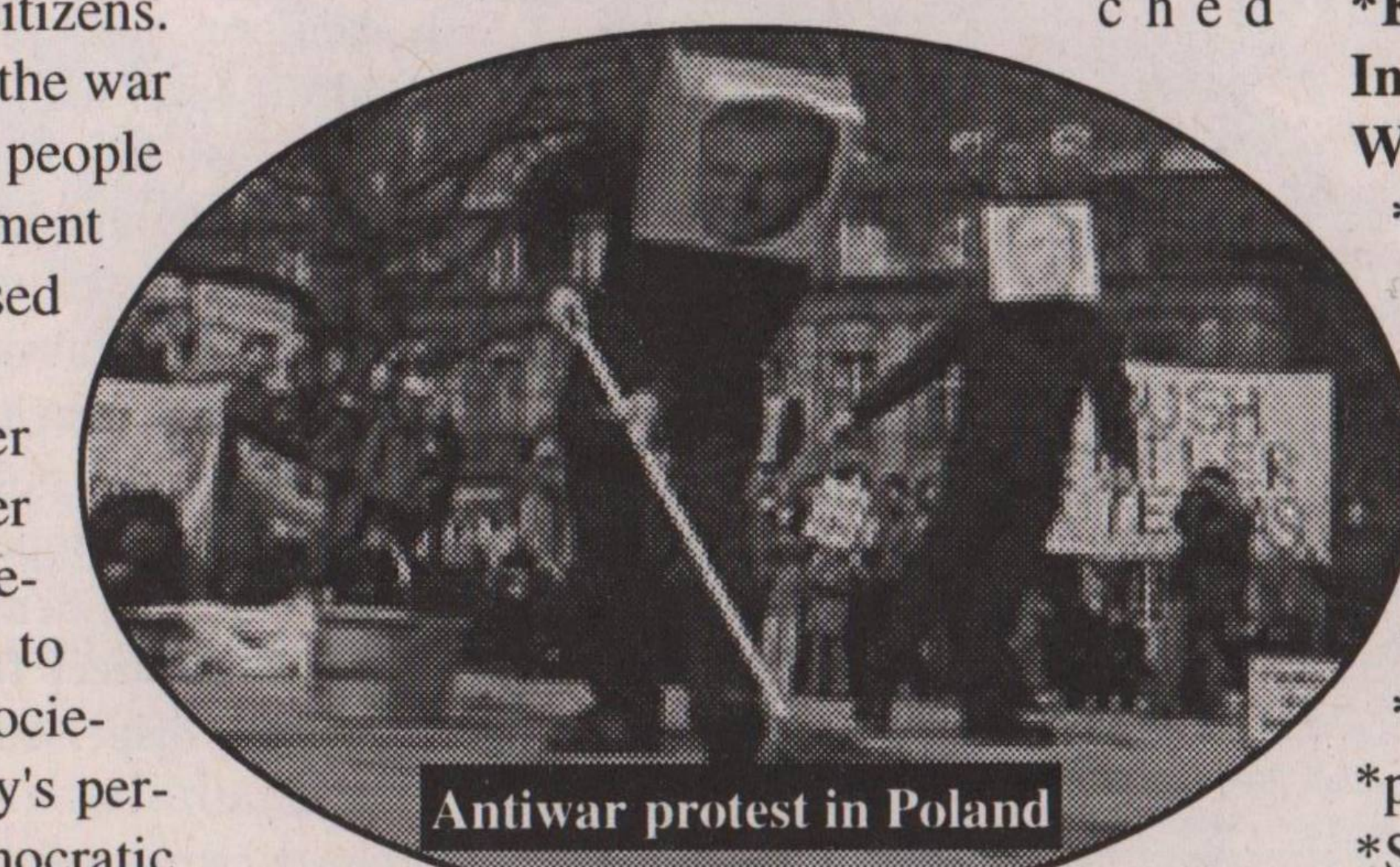
AN OPEN LETTER TO THE EUROPEAN SOCIETIES

The war has started, although we wanted to avoid it at all costs. This unjust war has been triggered with cynicism and deliberately. For many weeks, Polish social organisations have protested against this war and against the participation of Polish Army in the conflict. We express the opinion of a great majority of Polish citizens. Nearly 70 percent of them is against the war and stands for peace. Thousands of people have already revealed their disagreement in numerous demonstrations organised in Poland.

The president Aleksander Kwasniewski and the prime minister Leszek Miller, who support the interest of USA and send Polish troops to Iraq, do not act on behalf of Polish society. Making decisions without society's permission, they have abused the democratic rules. Moreover, they have committed a crime against both Polish and international law, using military force without citizens' will. Last weeks' events confirmed antidemocratic and antisocial attitude of Polish government. Violence has become their common language, what we could clearly observe on 20th March, when a peaceful antiwar demonstration in Warsaw was brutally dispersed by the police.

We would like to assure all the European countries that a great majority

of us do not support Polish government's policy. Our movement demands withdrawing Polish troops from Iraq. We don't allow American Army to be on the territory of Poland as we were against the presence of Soviet Army on our lands. We disagree spending 8 million dollars on military equipment, mainly produced by the Americans. The government should rather face the huge unemployment that has reached



Antiwar protest in Poland

20 percent and the lack of money in national budget for medical and social care.

We join the European societies in the fight for peace. We hope that the general, widespread protest against the war will be continued, according to all free nations of the world will.

Polish Antiwar Coalition:

*Anti War Coalition - Poznan (www.antywojenna.prv.pl);

*Anti War Coalition - Krakow

(www.kka.w.pl);

*Anti War Coalition - Wroclaw (www.wojna-stop.prv.pl);

*Social Initiatives Association "Ulica";

*International Fluxus Art Group "Double Travel"

*publication "Ulicy Wszystkich Swietych" *polish section of Central European Press Corporation of REGIO-POLIS

*Komitet Pamieci Ofiar Stalinizmu - Instytut Badan Stalinizmu i Patologii Wladzy

*Inicjatywa Pracownicza - Pila

*Association "Obywatel"

*publication "Obywatel"

*Harcerski Ruch Ochrony Srodowiska im.sw. Franciszka z Asyzu

*ATTAC Poland

*artistic group "Biale Gawrony"

*Nurt Lewicy Rewolucyjnej

*publication "Versus"

*Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczno-Kulturalno-Wolnosciove "KRZYK"

*Portal internetowy <http://www.evot.org>

*Federacja na rzecz Kobiet i Planowania Rodziny - Warszawa

*"Pro Life" group

*Nieformalna Grupa DURGA - Wroclaw

*Wroclaw group "Społeczeństwo Aktywne"

*Pacyfistyczna Komenda Uzupełnień

*publication "Robotnik Slaski".

WE HAVENT STOP FIGHTING AGAINST TERRORIST WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

... VIOLENCE HAS BECOME THEIR COMMON LANGUAGE ...

MAYDAY 2003 ACROSS EASTERN EUROPE

"OUR ENEMY IS NOT IN CHECHNYA, OUR ENEMY IS IN KREML" ANARCHIST MAYDAY IN MOSCOW

45 people marched under black and red and black diagonal flags in Moscow 1st of May 2003. This was the biggest anarchist mayday demonstration in Moscow since 1990, twice more people participated than to fiasco of the last year.

Demonstration went from Metro Universitet via Lomonosovskiy, Leninskiy and Universitetskii streets to place where Jerry Rubin club organised a concert for inhabitants of Gagarinskiy area. People from Autonomous Action and Rainbow Keepers participated, biggest group of participants were probably "unaligned anti-authoritarians". KRAS-AIT had their own 4 person strong march following the main march half

kilometres behind. Jounos did not showed up but who cares.

Demonstrators distributed leaflets and carried banners "Against power and capital" and "Our enemy is not in Chechnya, our enemy is in Kreml". Bypassers voiced supporting comments. Slogans against state, FSB (exKGB), fascism and Chechnyan and Iraq wars were shouted. March was not legalized, which usually means that someone (or all) of the participants get arrested. However although march took 40 minutes and cops were observing the situation since the beginning, no-one was arrested due to tactical superiority of organisers in comparison to cops.

"... HOWEVER THE ACTION AGAINST STATE AND WAR WILL ONE DAY BEGIN AND NEVER END" TURKEY - ANARCHISTS ON MAYDAY

Anarchists demonstrated in at least six cities on May 1st in Turkey. Anarchists mostly organized as a bloc near the permitted meeting square and marched to join the official demo.

ISTANBUL

Around 50 persons met at the black bloc meeting point near Sisli and joined the official demo at Sisli square. The numbers swelled at the square to around 100. There were many black, red&black flags and circled-A's but no banner. After shouting slogans and marching for some time in Sisli among a crowd of 60.000+ (parties, unions, ngo's, students...), about 2/3 of the group left the square and marched in loose formation intermittently shouting slogans towards Taksim square, the city center. This half-hour march outside the isolated demo zone traditionally allocated for protests was positive and much more empowering than what was taking place at Sisli. Uniform cops told the group to fold the flags and be silent while leaving Sisli but these orders were promptly ignored, a few undercover cops followed the anarchists around. Once at Taksim square, the anarchists maintained a low profile in face of the huge police presence there and slipped through to continue a quasi-demo style march on Istiklal Street for some distance and then dispersed.

ANKARA

About 75 anarchists came to form a black bloc and marched with black, red&black and black-purple flags and a circled-A banner to Sihhiye Square. The circled-A banner was dropped from Sihhiye bridge. The Ankara Anarchy Initiative distributed 2000 leaflets titled "The Transparency of Evil" at the demo zone. Tacanka Collective marched in a separate group of 20-35 persons and distributed a leaflet titled "Freedom Red

& Black" and carried a banner reading "A free world without capital, authority, state, cells".

IZMIR

Anarchists marched from Hilton hotel to Gundogu square carrying black and red&black flags and a banner reading "Capitalism Kills - Black Bloc". About 75 anarchists converged at Cumhuriyet square. The march was enthusiastic and the noisy anarchists captured a lot of attention. The anarchist group circled around the other groups rebel yelling and jogging. A local radio made interview with an anarchist and the words: "Like any other action labeled a demonstration, this one began and will end. However the action against state and war will one day begin and never end" went on air.

USAK

The Usak Anarchist Autonome and several other anarchists marched together as 5-10 persons with black flags despite recent state repression against the Usak A.A. The demo was dull but it was important to come out on the streets for anarchists and not be silenced by the police which at one point tried to again intimidate the anarchists with undercover officers.

ANTALYA

A group of 25 anarchists went to MayDay demo at Antalya with red&black flags. The police did not allow their banner because it was not informed to the organizing committee. The anarchist group was very loud and some chants were picked up by other groups while some were shunned.

MALATYA

About 10 anarchists marched behind the unions carrying red&black flags at noon. They resisted an attempt by leninists to push the group to the back of the march. The overall atmosphere was tense because of earlier arrest of a group of socialists. The MayDay events were unenthusiastic because of the recent earthquake at Bingol that killed 85, the heat and participation was somewhat hurt because of college exams deliberately placed on May 1st.

MAYDAY 2003 ACROSS EASTERN EUROPE

One could ask:

And what happend to the idea of a common East European MayDay 2003 ?

In last two issues of AbolishingBB we were following (and supporting) development of the idea of common EE MayDay 2003. At the end nothing like that took place despite of the fact that around the EE there were dozens of independent MayDay manifestations. So far, we understood that there were various reasons why in spite of big enthusiasm at the very beginning the idea died. Firstly, during the last months many groups were very strongly focused on anti-war campaigns and did not find enough time or energy for coordinating their regular MayDay events with the rest of the region. There were as well some voices to hear saying "in present time we can hardly imagine to bring our local demands under umbrella of common EE-Mayday". And lastly, some groups decided that such an idea need a bit more time to develop and adopt it to their local traditions and priorities. So there appear a proposal to postpone it until Mayday 2004 and it is very possible that this topic will be discussed and developed during "ANARCHY 2003 - EE Anarchist Meeting" in Warsaw. So probably already in the next issue of our publication you will find some more information about it. AbolishingBB

"FUTURE SOCIETY (...) WILL FULLY DEPEND ON THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO FORM IT, AND WE, ANARCHISTS, ARE JUST POINTING OUT A FEW PRINCIPLES, ON WHICH THE SOCIETY SHOULD BE BASED ON. THESE PRINCIPLES ARE ..." MAYDAY SPEECH IN PRAGUE

Today already for more than one century, anarchists and the broader workers movement are celebrating MayDay. Totalitarian ideologists and (neo) liberal propagandists have managed to make most of the society forget the real message of this day. We would like to propose clearly, that MayDay is not some superficial workers holiday for us. We understand it as a celebration of the fight for freedom, which is led by workers, students and unemployed people against capitalism, all forms of class society and any type of compulsion. On the first place, it is the work forced to us and abstracted from context, which we are fighting against. We are never going to celebrate our handcuffs, but our struggle against them.

The first of May reminds us of the judicial murder of several anarchists in Chicago in the year of 1886 during their struggle for and eight-hour shift. This murder was one of the many proves that the state stands on the side of economic elites, and serves them any time and in any case. The state itself hardens and reproduces social differences.

The defenders of the state are telling us all the time of the rights the state is supposed to guarantee us. But the Chicago murder shows us a more general fact: if the state is not forced by pressure of the non-privileged people, there are no rights guaranteed at all.

It is then understandable, why anarchists and other enemies of state celebrate the MayDay tradition. And on the other hand it is a paradox, when it is celebrated by political parties who try to win power inside the state structures, or posthumous children of totalitarian regimes and parties, responsible for many murders and massacres.

MayDay is also a symbol and celebration of our international solidarity. It is an opportunity to reject artificial constructs of "national states". In today's world it also means a chance to reject the mutual setting of people against one another by

military conflicts, propaganda and religious fundamentalism.

We refuse artificial constructs of identity; we refuse to believe that we have more in common with those who rule and exploit us because we are supposed to be a part of one "civilization" than for example with Arabian or Latin-American workers.

The fact that we declare ourselves as internationalists and that we will not let anybody set us against each other doesn't mean that we deny cultural identity and historical experience. The only thing we say is that this identity and this experience are not bound either with the institution of national state or with some so-called "civilizations". It is bound with every individual person and different communities, independent on the fact if a person was born in them or chose them voluntarily.

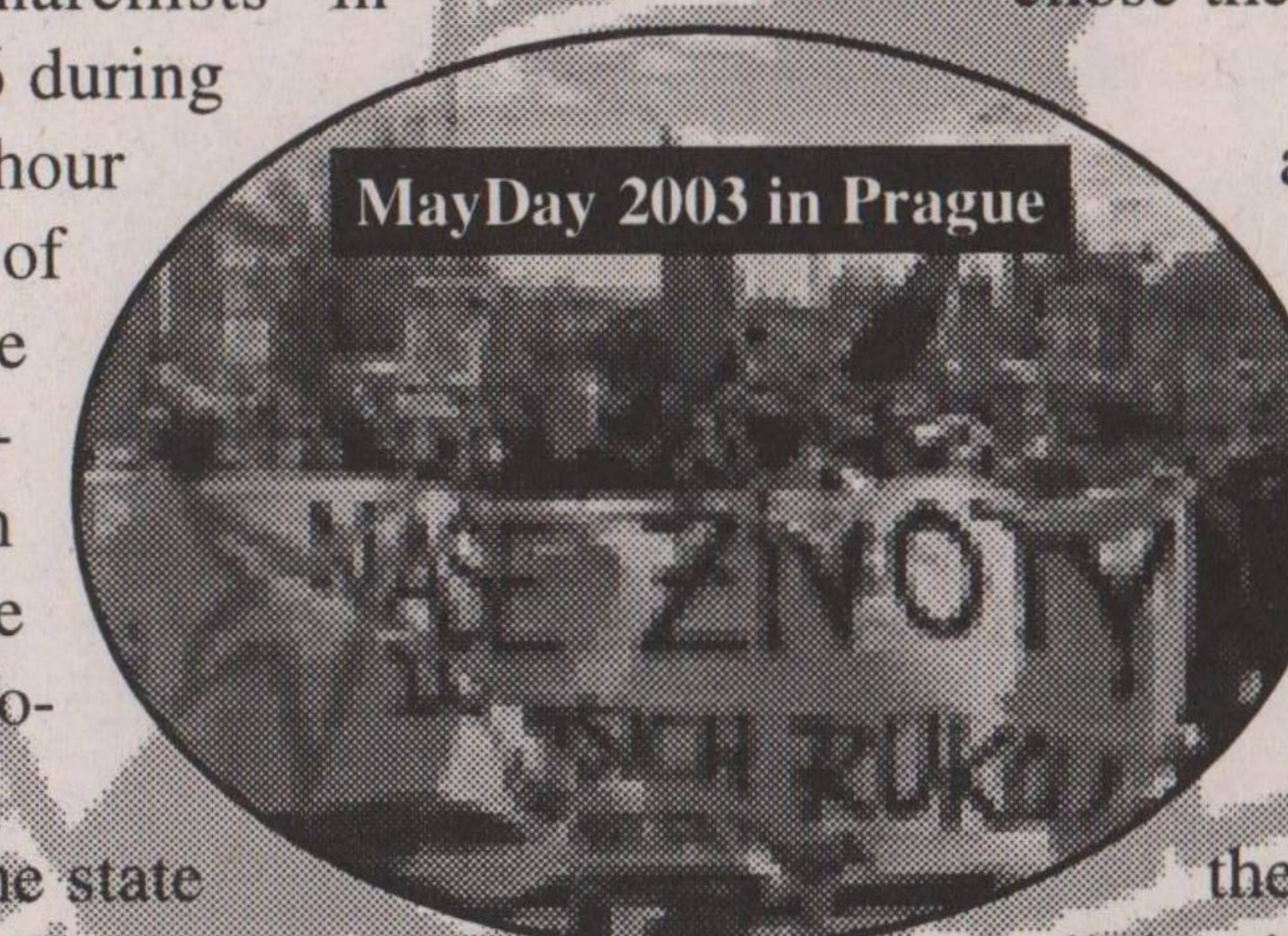
Today, in the time of "national" and "civilization" conflicts, we think it is important to indicate the context of "natural" regions, and remind others of their historical experience. In our case we are talking about the region of Eastern Europe. Our historical experience is on the first place our common history of living in a state-capitalist system, which had two major consequences: first it proved that the state and a free society based on social justice are not compatible terms. Second, it discredited any possible alternative to capitalism in the eyes of the society, and opened the door to a strong neo-liberal expansion.

The realistic socialism was not the failure of Marx's analysis of capitalism or other opinions of this important, though a very controversial thinker. However, it was a clear controversial of the idea of his and his followers that it is possible to reach the emancipation of all people, if the working class will take over the state power as a political party, either in the elections or by a military revolution.

The reality formed by Lenin, Trocky and their followers proved, that one of Marx's greatest opponents was right - Michail Bakunin. Already in



MayDay 2003 in Prague



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MayDay 2003 in Prague

"DIRECT ACTION NOT POLITICS" MAYDAY ACTIVITIES IN SOFIA

These year our 1 of May demo in Sofia was in the garden near the bulgarian parliament. We was about 30 anarchists from our group Anarcho Resistance (AnarhoSaprotiva) and members of Bulgarian Anarchist Federation (FAB). We were carrying a banner and black and red&black flags. On the banner was written "1 of May - Direct Action Not Politics". We handed out leaflets and our newspapers "AnarchoResistance" and "Free Thought" ("Svobodna Misal").

Passerbies were showing interest. There was a picture of our demo in one of main bulgarian newspapers the next day. The comment was silly, but the text of our banner was visible.

Anarchists from Thessaloniki from Anti authoritarian Movement Salonica 2003 (<http://www.resistance2003.gr>) also took part in our action.



MayDay 2003 in Istanbul

"WE ARE BEING FUCKED BY THE STATE" ANARCHIST MAYDAY IN POLAND

About 300 people took part in a May Day march / street party in Warsaw. The march stopped by the presidential palace with a sound truck and anti-government speeches were made.

The demo got rather interesting coverage in the press because the posters also had an anti-media aspect and pictures of a famous anchorman on them. He even took the poster on TV and complained that anarchists were insulting him.

About 50 people marched on mayday in Bialystok. The march had antifascist and anti-EU accents. Police objected to a banner saying "We are being fucked by the state". They wanted the demonstrators to take it down under the pretext that it is insulting. However it was explained that the state is not a person, and therefore it can't be insulted. Media coverage was quite good and positive.

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the 1870's he was pointing out that the win of the political power will lead to the formation of a new exploiting and repressive class; new, this time red elite, which will be the same if not even worse than the one ruling before. Tens of years of brutal repression made his words come true more than enough. Today it is more than clear that if the people should be and feel really free, the state has to be destroyed together with all other forms of hierarchy and supremacy. Bolshevik regimes served to the neoliberalists as a monster, which until today eliminates any alternative to capitalism. The state anti-Bolshevik propaganda just helped in the process of restoration of classical capitalism and other attacks on our living conditions, which we face in everyday life. Different asocial steps of current politic take away from us the little of social advances we have gained.

We stand today face to face to a great challenge. The states are integrating to form superstates. The capital straightens its hegemony not only by economic weapons but also by a never-ending war. We are pushed to loyalty with these trends by our politics, having no chance to present our point of view. At the same time, the "superstate" and capitalist system is not able to solve fundamental problems such as the social or ecological crisis. At this time we consider important to open a discussion about alternatives.

We are anarchists that mean we want people to be free

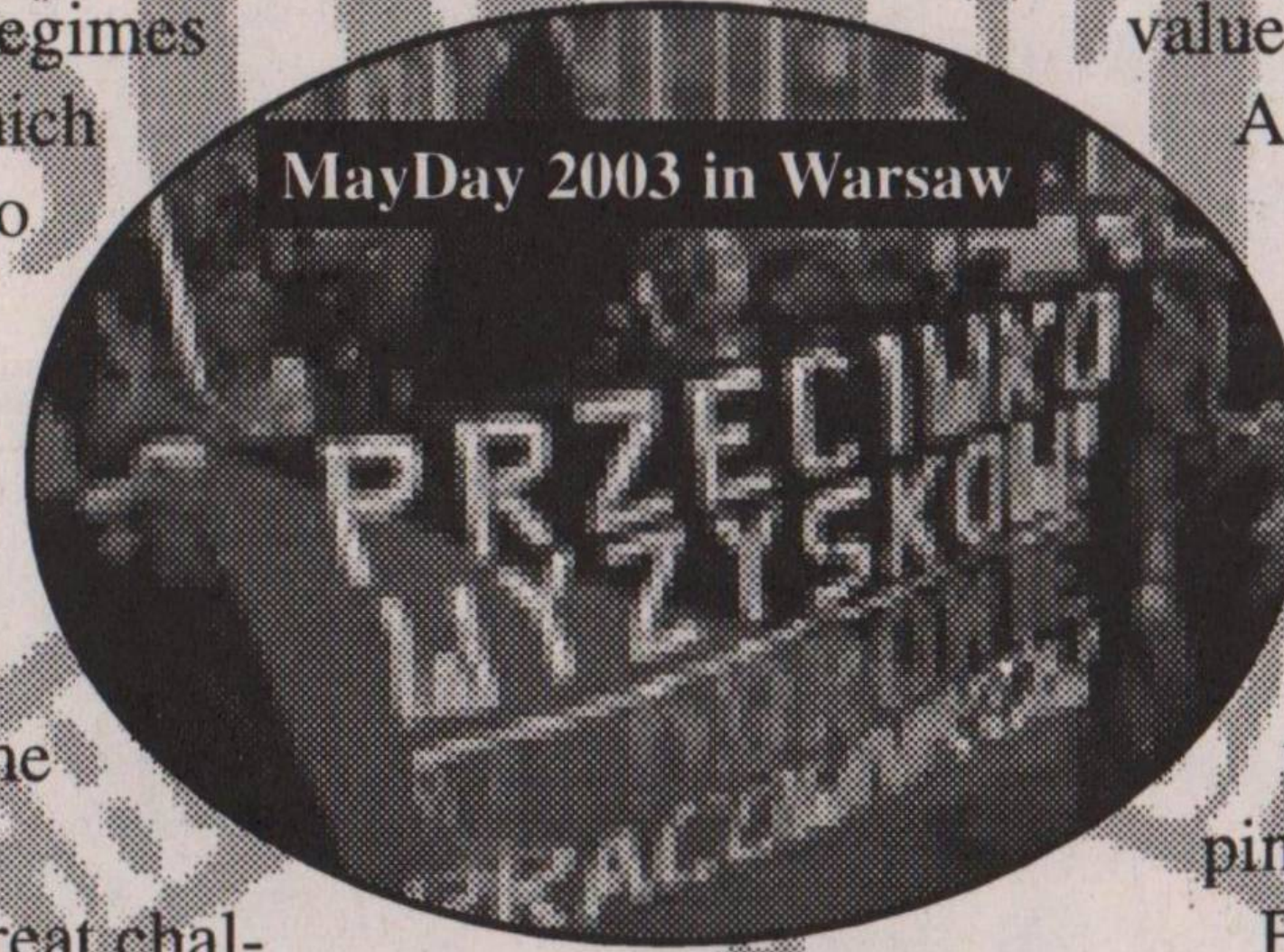
to decide about their own lives. We don't have any perfect plan how to build the future society, no utopia vision of this future world. We are saying t

hat its appearance will fully depend on the people who are going to form it, and we, anarchists, are just pointing out a few principles, on which the society should be based on. These principles are equality and diversity. The life of each person has its value and no one has the right to rule anybody else.

All people should have the same chance to develop themselves in a society that will not restrict them in any means. Equality doesn't mean all people should be and behave exactly in the same way. We know very well that people differ from each other, that they have different needs, and that these differences between them are developing the whole society.

Freedom and self-government form the base.

We want to live in a society, where we could rule our own lives, and wouldn't have to listen to some artificial authorities. We also ask the freedom to take part in decision-making processes - to have the right to decide about everything concerning our lives. The group of selfish individuals fighting for their profit at the expense of others is not our ideal in any case. No one has the right to usurp the welfare belonging to everyone. Our goal is balance and cooperation, not competition and supremacy.



MayDay 2003 in Warsaw

"OUR LIVES IN OUR HANDS !" TROUBLES WITH POLICE AND NEO-NAZIS DURING MAYDAY DEMONSTRATION IN PRAGUE

The demonstration in Prague started in the early afternoon, when members of a Feminist group came to Strelecký ostrov to situate a memorial plaque. The MayDay demo itself was supposed to take place at 12pm on Strelecký ostrov, however due to hygienic reasons (sediments from last summer's floods) the demo was moved to

group set off headed with a sign: "Our lives into our hands" and marched to Dejvice with music from a worker's samba band. Even during the march police tried to scare participants. In side streets special anti-demonstration units in full war gear posed for photos with helmets and shields. At one moment the police attacked a demonstrator because he wasn't walking in the correct direction according to them...

During the march slogans were shouted, and near the Israel Embassy slogans for solidarity with the emancipation fight of Palestinians. After about an hour the march arrived to Vítězné náměstí, victory square, where info stands about anarchism and action organized by Anarchist organizations. A soundsystem was set up as well. Anarchist literature and vegan food were also available.

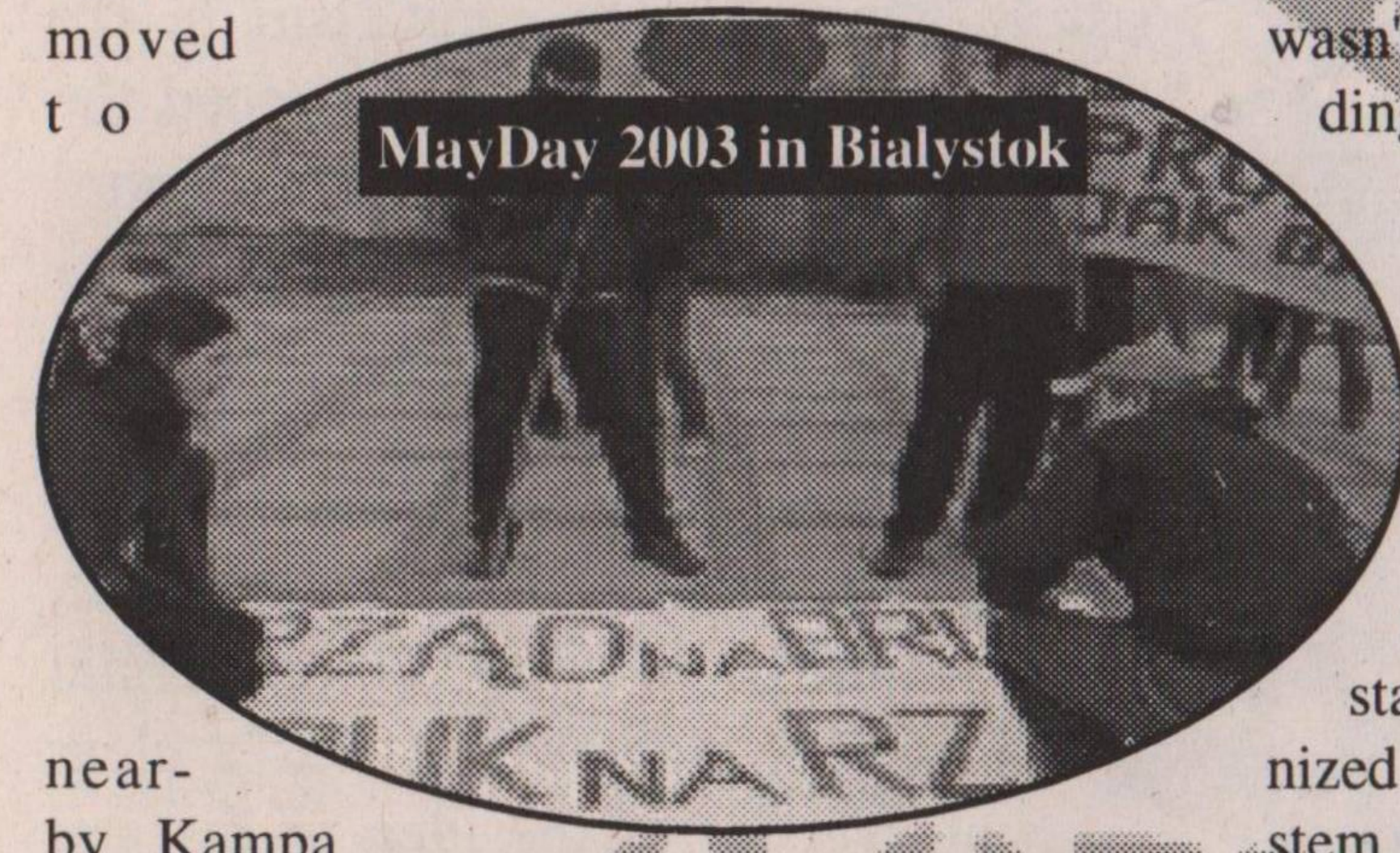
Then there followed a speech by Daniel Zapata, an activist for Native American rights from the Xiximeka tribe, who familiarized demonstrators with the history of oppression on not only his tribe and reminded of the unity of all fights against oppression, exploitation, and fascism.

At the end of the event there was an incident with neonazis which was highly

enlarged by the media. 6 older fascist skinheads came to "see what they could see" at the anarchist demonstration. When militant anti-fascists stood in their way they turned around and left - however as many times before they just left so they could attack participants of the Anarchist demo who were leaving. Antifascists there-



MayDay 2003 in Istanbul



MayDay 2003 in Białystok

near-by Kampa park. Police did their best to cause problems for the demo: Kampa was closely guarded from the side facing Strelecký ostrov and anyone who looked nonconformist in any way or carried an object for use during the demonstration (signs, megaphones) was stopped for an illegal ID check. However gradually around 300 people managed to attend the demo.

After the speeches around 2pm the

fore decided to confront them right away. The neonazis fled under the protection of police and two of the slowest neonazis received several hard hits. Hopefully they learned that they are not welcome to Anarchist demonstrations.

As well in the town of Otrokovice an anarchist mayday took place. About 50 people took part, marched the city while shouting slogans, and giving the speeches.

"Don't afraid to come to Baltic states (...) but hurry up, because it fades away with modern work-buy-die lifestyle" - DIY scene report from Lithuania

The beginning of 2003 hit local underground scene with the great loss. Legendary "Green" club and "Kablys" squat in Vilnius were closed down after police invasion. Though the main reason was drugs and stolen stuff (nothing was found except few litres of home made buzz), it seems that city authorities decided to clean out the building, which served as the squat, club, vegan cafe, info-meeting point for local activists and rehearsal space for many bands for more than 4 years. At the moment, few people still live there and bands still play, but the owners of the building clearly stated, that they do not want to have any troubles with police. The building is prepared for renovation, but it seems it will take quite a long time. Ex-Kabyls squatters are looking for a new building, while underground gigs were moved to local pubs. As far as I know, there are no more squats in Lithuania.

On the other hand, it seems underground movement is getting more active in other towns. After positive hardcore band Splitface was founded in Salcininkai, a small city near capital Vilnius, together with friends they have opened a venue in a garage called "Garage DIY", promoting diy way-of-life in a province. There are more and more gigs and interested people in the second

big town of Lithuania Kaunas, which used to be a punk-capital in 1987-1990. For a long time (and still) Kaunas is known for its macho street fightings, but it seems situation is getting better. Unfortunately Kaunas crew aren't so lucky as people in Siauliai, who's got their own half-squatted place called "Bendradarbei". Siauliai always was quite alternative city with lots of bands and students, but the new venue is a big step forward to form a real diy community. Lithuanian port Klaipeda, which used to have some really nice clubs some years ago, was neglected for a long time, but there are some activists there as well. People are trying to break a silence in other towns as well. That means more

places for bands to play and more space for various ideas to spread. Some things that worry: transforming of underground movement into one more system inside the system, we're trying to ignore. "Our system" really lacks of tolerance and creativity sometimes - people just take what they are given and then we have one more consumer community. Some people think it's just a music and they still live in the Pistols' era, but it's a lack of information, especially in province; lots of people are leaving the scene right after their teenage riot period, strange, because I'm 27 and it's still interesting for me and it's always sad to see friends leaving... We must learn in few years, what took decades for Western diy community.

Not so many interesting new bands recently, but old ones are getting better. All the information can be found at www.hardcore.lt, where you can download free mp3s of many Lithuanian underground bands. Its better listen to music not to talk, so just few lines to draw a whole view. Frekenbok (original and interesting ska/reggae/punk) and Sloppy Livin' (quite standard ska/punk) are new bands with their debut records out. Baltic ska pioneers Dr.Green are exploring various styles further, with hard touch of punk and ska. Hardcore scene is presented by Bora (animal rights), SC (freak-emo-hc), Splitface (melodic sxe hardcore) and few more. It's probably the most popular music style in LT underground. Street oilpunks Toro Bravo are still alive, though have problems with line-up constantly. Local grind/crust heroes are Per

Kryziu Ir Kancia Tavo with superb noisy and funny live performances. There are more bands, of course, but either they're too young to judge or just clones of already heard sounds. Lithuanian bands often play in Latvia (check fuckin' brilliant open-air festival of diy culture "Tabuns" at www.nekac.lv) or Poland, few like Bora, Spicki or dr.Green played a lot all around Europe.

Lithuanian scene is strongly connected with Latvians for many years. Though there is a stupid border control between these two Baltic states, there is a quite intensive bands, ideas and people migration. Similar situation is with Poland. Might sound strange, but there are almost no contacts with the third Baltic state Estonia, who are more interested in cooperation with Finland. Neighbours Belarus and Russia are quite isolated because of visas regime. After Soviet Union breakdown everybody headed to West, a lot of activists moved to live in various European squats - it's always easier only to support, not to create. On the other hand, these "emigrants" help to set up gigs abroad for Lithuanian bands, sending various hard-to-find printed and video material. The fact that some of them are coming back is very positive. For East European people Western squats seems like heaven, but you can't deny that it depends on economical situation.

Simple example - you can't find food near a supermarket in Vilnius and you can find almost everything near a supermarket, say, in Berlin. Sometimes I wonder where they put all the expired products, but you can buy really old vegetables or even expired stuff sometimes. So far we don't have overproducing - what is going on for years in West. The same economical factors concerns all underground movement aspects, not only squatting. You can't just live for your unemployment "salary", because it's too small even for the most general living needs. And police don't care about human rights so much, though it's getting better. I don't ask for sympathy, just want to point out the gap between West and East Europe to understand each other better.

There used to be really big zines scene in 1990-95. Then everything went down and for a long time there was only Kablys zine, published by Bora and dr.Green members. It covers mostly music, but there are various socio-political matters as well. Last issues came together with free CD sampler. From time to time there were Mutual and Sperm Oil zines, but they were very irregular and disappeared at last. Recently few non-musical zines were published, covering non-musical fields such as feminism and modern anarcho ideas.

Lithuanian underground is pretty well presented on internet at above already mentioned www.hardcore.lt where almost all diy projects are hosted. There is a calendar of actual events, forums for various discussions, free independent mail system. The page was launched in 1995 by SC and dr.Green members. From my own experience regarding effectivity of this page: we used to make posters of "Green" club gigs and put them somewhere in a city, but later we've realized there is no need - it's enough to announce a gig on www.hardcore.lt! Save forests, use less paper!

So this is the way things are on our side. Just wanted to say, don't afraid to come to Baltic states with your band or your girl/boyfriend to enjoy our small, but honest company. I'm sure you would find lots of interesting and unexpected funny (and not so funny) things here. But hurry up, because it fades away with modern work-buy-die lifestyle. Iki pasimatymo!

"There is a group of people with a dream and passion for better world" MayDay report from Riga in Latvia

Hi! At last some news from Latvia! In the beginning I'll try in few words describe situation in Latvia. I don't know whether you know something about anarchist movement in Latvia so I'll better start from the very beginning. First thing - there is no movement, there are no anarchist organisations, there is a group of people with a dream and passion for better world... Everything is just beginning here - the first time red'n'black flags waved over people heads on February 15 during anti war action, where anarchist made up illegal demo and managed to gather about 150 (mostly punk/hc sceners and students). Second time - during the MayDay. As there was no chance to made demo with at least same amount of people (you can count anarchists just by using both hand fingers) also cops won't let away other red'n'black demo without any oppression as they did first time (when they didn't get the meaning of those flags) we decided to organize critical mass action. We wanted to block the traffic in central street of Riga, as some of the streets

were closed due to municipal "labor day celebration" activities, other streets were overfilled with traffic, so the bike ride should be very effective - and it was! About 25 bikers armed with red'n'black flags and sounddevice hit the traffic, there it really hurts ... we manage to completely block traffic and pushed cars to wait while we pass ... it was fun and then the cops shoved up. Police used brutal force and blocked the bikeriding activists; and without any explanation they arrested two activists, told others to roll away immediatly and wanted to leave. Other activists blocked police van with their bikes and didn't let to take away comrades. In few moments we were completely surrounded by impressive police force, after some negotiation police got comand to arrest all of us. Some escaped but police arrested 16 activists and their vehicles. It took 4 hours at the police station till all 16 were free with invitations to court in 23rd of May. So some news should shove up soon.

Report by Ivo - our new core-spondent (welcome in club Ivo !)

First Conference of SAF / Social Anarchist Federation

"We feel potential for building a strong anarchist movement in Slovenia"

Social Anarchist Federation (SAF) - first traditionally organised anarchist association in Slovenia, which started to realise, at the end of last year, the initiative for building a strong and connected structure for the anarchist movement in Slovenia - held its first conference in the city of "Crni vrh" from 26th - 28th of April 2003.

On the conference 30 members of SAF were present. Although the majority of participants were from the local group Ljubljana, there were also lots of individuals from other parts, cities and regions of Slovenia taking part in the conference. We see this as an important fact, especially interesting and important for building of a future Federation structure and for building and forming new local groups of Federation in other cities and parts of Slovenia.

The main agenda of the conference was to discuss and agree on the main points, on the basics of which we are joining in a Federation and which will be the guide lines for the Federation development and work in the future. The main practical agenda of the conference was to write and confirm first basic document of the Federation: "The principles of organising and acting" ("Principi organiziranja in delovanja"). This document presents the basic principles, t.i. anarchist principles, under which we will work and organise in the Federation. The writing of the document was made by working in groups and at the last meeting of the conference this document was finally established and agreed on. The document is somehow the statut of the Federation, the main organisational platform in which are written basic principles of working and relations.

The other work process of the conference were numerous discussions in which we were searching our main theoretical and political ideas and statements. It was very interesting to see, how we, as anarchists, have pretty different views and personal statements on the basic topics, such as the view on modern society, question of social revolution, making decisions, class divisions, relation to the State and capitalism, etc. Although the discussions were very fruitful, interesting and constructive. The political platform of the Federation will be written in the 2nd basic document of SAF: "The manifest of Social Anarchist Federation". This document should be established around the 1st congress of SAF, which should take place in the autumn of this year. The discussions of the first conference were a good introduction in forming and writing this second important document.

Other activities of the conference were focused on the future development and future work of the Federation, on the ideas and initiatives, which should be realised in the future and the main goals, which we want to achieve in the year until the 2nd conference. Some of this goals, which were written are:

- cooperate in a squatting project and establishing a new autonome zone in Ljubljana;
- establish an INFO SHOP / CAFE in this new AC;
- start to regularly publish the newspaper(s) of SAF;
- publish at least one book;
- establish a web site of SAF;
- cooperating in the organisation and realisation of the 3rd No Border Camp in Slovenia this summer;
- creating better international contacts and cooperating in the activities of Salonika and Warsaw this summer;
- establish a strong distribution and production of "propaganda" materials;
- organise as much as possible presentations and public discussions around Slovenia;

- again establish a FOOD NOT BOMBS collective and its regular organised actions;

- establish a strong and wide antiauthoritarian/anarchist coalition, which will organise and realise a big protest on 1st May 2004 in Ljubljana; etc.

The conference was a very productive and successful event for SAF. We were all very happy and enthusiastic after the successful end and results of the conference. This was an important event as for the anarchist movement in this part of the world as for the Federation itself. We saw a lot of inspiring energy and will for the future work and development, so we think that the future of SAF will be interesting and constructive. We feel the good atmosphere and potential for building a strong anarchist movement in Slovenia. This was just the beginning.

For the organised struggle!

Social Anarchist Federation,
May 2003

Please feel free to contact us, for getting more informations and for creating better and stronger contacts and communication:

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ANTI-RACIST FOOTBALL COMPETITION

ON 21. 06. 03. THE "AUTONOMIST COLLECTIVE" WILL BE HOLDING THE 5TH EDITION OF ANTI-RACIST FOOTBALL COMPETITION "WE PLAY FOOTBALL EVEN WHEN IT RAINS". THE GOAL OF THE EVENT IS TO CREATE ALTERNATIVE FOR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR OF RACIST FOOTBALL FANS. THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMPETITION ARE SEVERAL GROUPS FROM DIFFERENT CITIES. SQUATTERS, PUNKS ALONG WITH ANARCHISTS AND ORDINARY PEOPLE - ALL MEET TOGETHER TO PLAY FOOTBALL AND HAVE GOOD TIME. AT THE SAME TIME THEY SHOW THEIR DISAPPROVEMENT FOR RACIST ISSUES AT SPORT STADIUMS. THERE ARE CO-EVENTS PLANNED SUCH AS: CONCERT, FIRE SHOW, SOUND SYSTEM, ETC.

"ANARCHIST FEDERATION"
IS BACK ON TRACK

TORUN'S "ANARCHIST FEDERATION" IS BACK

ANARCHIST ACTIVITIES UPDATE FROM TORUN - POLAND

ON TRACK. AT THE MOMENT PEOPLE FROM "AF" AND "AUTONOMIST COLLECTIVE" COOPERATE TOGETHER VERY CLOSELY. THE RESULT OF THIS MUTUAL WORK WERE SEVERAL ANTI-WAR ACTIONS DURING AMERICAN INVASION ON IRAQ. PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE: WWW.1984.MOST.ORG.PL

SHELTER-CLUB ANNIVERSARY

2ND ANNIVERSARY OF "SHELTER" WILL TAKE PLACE ON 11 AND 12 OF JULY. A CONCERT IS PLANNED AND INDEPENDENT FILMS FESTIVAL.

"MILITIA IS SEARCHING FOR..." SHOP
GET CLOSED!

UNFORTUNATELY UNDERGROUND SHOP
"MILITIA IS SEARCHING FOR..." HAS BEEN

CLOSED DOWN. IT WAS A REGULAR MEETING PLACE FOR "AF" AND "AC" PEOPLE. NOW THEY GATHER IN "PILON" (UNDERGROUND PUB).

ACTIONS BEING PREPARED

COUPLE THINGS THAT ARE BEING PREPARED" IN TORUN. AMONG THEM: ACTIONS AGAINST EU AND HELP FOR TOMEK WILKOSZEWSKI (AN IMPRISONED ANTI-FASCIST, PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: WWW.TOMEK.MOST.ORG.PL. TOMEK IS LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT

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"Systematic arrestments, which have for a goal to frighten activists" Croatian police repression against Bicycle Caravan in Zagreb

The 8th of May- action day

On the 8th of May 1945 Zagreb was free from fascist occupation and domestic traitors. How much are things different today, in defined and free Europe of today?

Socialdemocrat mask behind which stands modern fascism, and immigrant centers are concentration camps of today. Caravan came in Zagreb on the 7th of May, and bicycle critical mass was planned the next day, as joint action of people from the caravan and local level,

which were people from Zagrebian anarchists and Antifascist action. The day before action, there was a meeting, with participants from the caravan, as well as local activists, so action got bigger dimension. Parallel, there was a "Week of European integration" going on, so we decided that their main event on the Cvjetno square will be target of our peaceful action, but things



were going in other direction.

The whole action started at noon, from already traditional starting place of all critical masses in Zagreb, Square of victims of fascism. About 100 people were riding bikes, and stopped the traffic

in city centre. Slowly moving we came to the IOM (International Organization for Migration) office. We stopped

system, which produced materials which were previously recorded, which is very good idea, because nobody is exposed, and in newspapers there were articles where people from the Ministry of European integration are saying that there was no need for police reaction, because their security was in control whole time. Next day all that was taken back, but our cameras recorded everything, including police brutality.

What to add on the end, except that a film was created, with which we'll try to make a pressure on the police, and on the systematic arrestments, which have for a goal to frighten activists.

Struggle continues!
Antifascist Action Zagreb

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Why a bicycle caravan through the Balkan

At the moment almost the whole world population appears to be looking for answers to all their problems in ethnic identities. This keeps us divided. We would like to work against this tendency in a practical way. We are carrying banners and stopping in towns along the way to distribute pamphlets, stickers, and create events. We hope lots of people from all over will join us in solidarity and help us organise our tour, regardless of appearance, nationality, sex, language or religion. All are asked to contribute personally, theoretically, practically, musically or in any other way they'd like.

getting police escort, and soon we arrive to Cvjetno square. There were balloons and colorful decorations, which European policy is masking its fascist policy. We blocked the area by bikes, and put banner on stage. People from the caravan had their own sound-

taking them into custody, our action was directed on them putting out. They were accused of disturbing public peace and order, and they spent into custody and on the court more than 48 hours, so they didn't have to pay anything on the end. All activists were released.

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SHORT HISTORY & PRESENT SITUATION OF
C.A.F - CRAIOVA ANARHO FRONT
ROMANIAN ANARCHIST GROUP**

C.A.F. is an initiative group of young people: boys and girls, whose number is unfortunately influenced by the social and political conditions in Romania.

C.A.F. appeared in 1997 from the remains of the dead "Underground Movement", due to the need of action to radicalize the movement of the youth in our town and in order to offer a real alternative and to oppose a resistance at least as much as the oppression. So, C.A.F. remains a small group of action, underground for the moment, which decided to get to the light through its deeds.

Short history

In the city of Craiova the punk movement appeared in the first half of the '80s, strongly related to the anarchist ideas, being from the beginning more than a musical movement. It represented a moment of change for the youth of that days, being the idea from which the solidarity in the fight for liberty - in a totalitarian system - was born.

In those dark years the communist propaganda spoke to us about the Western World's decline, giving as examples the punk groups made up by "no future" young people and bands with left sided ideas. This doesn't mean that the repressive organs in Romania would have accepted something like this in our country, although the youth here had the same problems due to the complete failure of the communist experiment. In the last communist years the unemployment, the lack of houses and food (although they were rationalized on a card, they didn't exist), the lack of things to wear of decent quality, the cult of the leader's paranoid personality, the abuse of the repressive organs, the total destruction of man's personality, had transformed the everyday life in a black concentration camp.

Thus our fight for liberty was based on a profound hate against the so called communism. The red flag with the sickle and the hammer represented and represents the nazi flag with swastika. In school we received an anti - racist education and even an ecological one, while the politic regime was exactly at the other pole, a stupid ultranationalism which persecuted gypsies and hungarians, doubled by a forced industrialization which destroyed the environment.

After the Revolution (1989), we

slowly began to learn what capitalism meant in Romania, the terror of the state property slowly switched in to the terror of the private property. The former members of "the Party" and the most greedy "important" people took advantage of the chaos of the first years of transition.

The State still remain very powerful, this "democracy" is nothing but another form of totalitarianism, the control and repression are maybe more efficient then in the communist years. The society and the individual continue to be the main target of the manipulation, propaganda and of the dehumanization. The capitalist promises for a prosperous future, that requires huge sacrifices in the present, prove to be simple utopias, but the public opinion is disinformated and prevented from finding an alternative.

The phantom of communism and now the terrorist threats make almost impossible a resistance movement. After '89, the young punks in Craiova tried to create their own alternative, their own future, in a different way from the society. At the beginning of the '90s, the Underground Movement was created, and using the pretext of promoting the punk music, tried to create a subculture of resistance. Even from the beginning, the punk concerts were forbidden, but the police harsh intervention needed a more radical response.

Once created, this punk scene was used to promote anarchist ideas. We understood that the alternative can't be built in parallel to an intolerant society and with the state.

In this way our fight was a double one: on one hand we tried to maintain the individuality but also the solidarity, on the other hand we tried to destroy the preconceived ideas and the social conventions. From the search for our own personality we realized the necessity of a total liberty. Thus we became the contestants of the society of consumers.

The moment our movement became stronger, and our alternative was more visible, and this example became that dangerous that the state used its repressive force to protect the nonvalues imposed by the society imitating the western capitalism. In 1997 most of the mass - media started a huge denigration campaign of the Underground members. We got used to accusations of satanism, the principal one being of gathering new

members and that of anarcho-terrorism. Taking advantage of the big number of members and sympathizers, more or less than 50, we created a spontaneous public protest in the center down town. We tried to explain that we are a cultural and non-politic movement. The press didn't take us serious and the police let us believe that we won't be punished for that protest..

Even from 1996 the Secret Services tried to create informers inside the Underground Movement. They put pressure on the families, they went in our schools or work places so that many of the members were intimidated and returned to a normal life.

Although we have been continually harassed by the police and the Secret Services, this didn't do anything but to strengthen our will to fight. We started to communicate more with the ones in other towns like Timisoara and Bucharest. We try to coordinate as much as possible our actions.

For the moment, because of the small number of people implicated and the ignorance or the bad will of the other people, our action mainly aim at sensitizing of the public opinion, to the exposure of the lies and of the noxiousness of the capitalist society, of the policies of the parties (right or left) and at anarchist propaganda. We try to make people more interested in what happens around them or with their own person and their true needs, destroying the selfishness myth and that of false competition. More precisely, we are speaking about magazines, pamphlets, graffiti, punk concerts and (not rarely) about direct confrontations with the ones trying to limitate our freedom.

Now we are followed everywhere by Secret Services agents and things become harder to be done. Despite all these, we succeeded in doing something that attracted the attention of the public opinion.

During the election campaign from 2000, there was the threat that the leader of the extreme right party - V.C. Tudor, a little bit stalinist, a little bit hitlerist - might become the president. We had to take attitude and after we were allowed to demonstrate against the extreme right ideas by the local authorities, we got out in the streets - about 30 people - with red and black flags and antifascist banners. We talked to the passer-by and we did a small test: a hundred people signed

against, and only one signed on the pro-fascist list. Many people sympathized with us while the gypsies were really interested in becoming members of our movement, as they had been directly threatened to be exterminated. It didn't matter that the press ignored all this event because we succeeded in expressing our ideas.

Unfortunately we became again "too dangerous", and the authorities tempered us, destroying the bound between the members once more. We had to get used to the small underground actions done with serious compromises. Instead we took part at the actions in Timisoara, one of the most successful being "Food Not Bombs", a tour around the city which stopped in front of the McDonald's and which transformed into a real public discussion against militarization and war. In september 2001, we tried to organize in Craiova an Alternative Art Festival to which we invited many foreign bands (from USA, Germany, Croatia, Yugoslavia). In the last moment the authorities succeeded in stopping us by putting great pressure on the people that would have rented us the necessary piece of land. Finally, we had to be satisfied that we had at least a concert, with the police at the entry. We, somehow, were happy because we established friendly relationships with guys from other countries.

On May the 1st 2002 we got from the authorities permission for a photo and paintings exhibition, to take place in one of Craiova's squares. More over, we also placed special spots for slogans, red and black flags and distributed propaganda materials and most important - we also organized a Food Not Bombs action, we gave food and clothes to the poor people. These and the 50 members attracted the attention of the public and the press.

Next, we took part to a meeting that took place during the biggest syndicate strike in the last 15 years. Unfortunately, we were only 20 people. The policemen tried to prevent us from entering the center of the town where the demonstration was. Unexpectedly the syndicalist workers and other people in the streets defended us so we could participate to the event. We distributed pieces of writing that were widely accepted by the participants to the meeting which truly manifested their sympathy to us. This time, the press was especially interested in the presence of the anarchists. On this occasion we succeeded in proving to the people that the anarchist movement in Craiova does not represent a threat for them and that it is made up of pupils, students and workers who have the same problems as they do and who try to help them or even gather them in their fight for a better life. Our implication in this manifest didn't do anything but to worsen our relationship with the authorities.

This last important event that we took part in, happened exactly when the Secret Romanian Service completed their report about the anarchist organizations, sustaining that they died and that their members deal with drugs, pornography, child abuses, zoofily and extreme violence.

Some C.A.F. members took part to the anti-racist and anti-fascist demonstrations and camps this summer in Germany, being invited by our friends in Weimar. They also participated together with the members of Barricada from Boston at the No Border Camp and demonstrations in Strasbourg, France.

For the moment we are passing again through a bad period due to the financial problems, the internal lack of understanding and not the least because of the authorities threats. We hope that this period will pass as soon as possible and that our fight won't stop only to surviving. For us there is no resignation, but death.

ABC ACK POLAND DEFENCE SPEECH OF SENTENCED ANARCHIST

An anarchist from Krakow has been recently sentenced to a fine of 38\$ for putting posters for a Food Not Bombs action. Below is the translation of the defence speech the accused pronounced during a court session:

"It can't be denied - I have broken the law. I am guilty. I admit I have posted the poster, and according to the law this is illegal. The testimony of the witness are true strictly speaking, however they are biased. The witness has testified that I allegedly acted with full knowledge of the punishment I would have to face.

This is true. However I have explained during arrest why I decided to break the law. I am an anarchist, and that means no worshipper of chaos, but I praise freedom. I do accept however the limitations of freedom which come from life in society. I have broken the law consciously. It was an act of civil disobedience. The Anarchist Federation has no access to popular newspaper columns, radio shows or television programs. This poster hung on an electric box - so as not to cause problems to anyone - is one of the few methods of communication with society which is available to us. By issuing a condemning verdict in this case, the Court puts the right of freedom of expression under question. And anyone will agree that the freedom of expression is the 'conditio sine qua non' of democracy. [here come quotes from the

Declaration of Human Rights]

I have quoted those legal documents, because I would like to assume that this Court intends to uphold those rights. I would like to ask in a rhetoric manner if distributing information about an action consisting of giving food is an act which should be subjected to punishment? I would like to believe that feeding homeless people is not an act which is harmful for society."

The court has stated the following in justification of the verdict:

"The speech of the defendant richly illustrated with quotations shows that he has an entirely different idea about the social order. Therefore it is pointless to discuss with the defendant."

The judge also stated:

"I do not have any particular aversion to anarchists, and the low extent of the punishment comes from the fact that the motives of the defendant were altruistic, despite the fact that the acts were a grave danger to society."

The judge also quoted the words of pope Leon XIII:

"Freedom is not the freedom to do whatever you want".



ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS

BUBBLING UNDER - BONEHEAD SCENE IN MOSCOW 2003

REPORT BY MOSCOW ANTI-FASCIST ANARCHISTS

This is a summary about operational status of bonehead movement of Moscow, which was the first of its kind to be formed in the former Soviet Union, and until lately also the most numerous, dangerous and organised. However during one year the scene has taken a falling course.

United Brigade 88

Famous group Obedinennaya Brigada 88 was 1999-2001 the main coordinator of racial violence in Moscow. However after the Tsaritsyno pogrom of October 2001, where 3 immigrants were murdered and about 20 seriously injured (originally nazis were sponsored to attack "antiglobalists" by official structures), this group has been repressed by FSB, 2 persons are in prison and the rest shit scared. The only real activity of the group is publication of the journal Delo88 (Cause88), which declares itself as "an organ of right-wing skinheads of Moscow". But this journal is nothing but bullshit. It is published about once a year, print quality and size is worse than that of anarchist journals. Price is 40-50 roubles (anarchists sell with 10 = 30 cents), we do not know about printout but hardly more than 1000. It has not a single legal distribution place in Moscow (more because of their own stupidity than because of extremist character of the contents). They also have a really crap website. People from OB 88 still hang in the nazi scene, their old reputation is still there, but no any serious activity. They claim to have also sort of "youth group" called "Angry", but this seems to be mythology.

Russian section of Blood & Honour

Few months ago B&H launched their second and third local sections in Saint-Petersburg and Rostov-na-Donu. But Moscow section has suffered seriously, lately almost all of those people who fought the reputation of B&H in the end of the 90's have left the group. Right now the core of the group is 18-22 year old, already much less dangerous than they used to be. Only serious activity B&H Moscow is doing is their website, which is seldom updated. Their journal "Overtka" (Screwdriver) has not been published for years, nothing has been heard about "official Russian B&H bands" Vandal and TNF. It seems these groups are mostly interested about publishing their songs of late 90's in the West to make some cash. There is a sort of split going on in the street operation of Moscow B&H, some people want to leave and to form Russian section of Combat 18. They are the same clowns from the "young 100% white power football hooligan group" who after being ambushed by another hooligan group in a metro station jumped to rails and ran to tunnel. Somewhat disgraceful start for Russian Combat 18!

Nazi music scene in Moscow

Besides Kolovrat, the whole Moscow bonehead scene of 3000-4000 persons has only 3 groups - Savrog, Banda Moskvyy and Die Firma. They have very seldom any concerts. They claim it is

due to repression by FSB. But really they are playing "Uncatchable cowboy Jo, whom no-one is trying to catch". Yes, there certainly is some repression by FSB going on, they may not organise any big concerts or to play in commercial musical clubs - but if they had any spirit, they could organise small closed concerts as much as they want... Besides these, there are some 3 somewhat known groups who support nazis - metal group "Butterfly Temple" and ska groups "Malefactors" and "Clockwork Times". But all of them are first of all interested about successful commercial activity and winning a chance to play freely in clubs. So they do not do any nazi propaganda. And as for Pauk (leader of the most popular Russian metal band, Korrosiya Metalla) goes, about all serious boneheads already ceased cooperation with him, since Pauk may be characterized with immortal jerkness and unceasing will to use his partners to anything which he just can but better not to. Pauk has formed his own "nazi-scene" with clowns from Tsiklon-B and some other groups. Their political activity just discredits nazism. And most likely this "scene" is soon about to collapse completely since Pauk was charged for spreading the national hatred and is soon about to understand that cashing with nazism may cause him some problems.

Kolovrat

Is the only professional bonehead group in the former Soviet Union. Its status is half-legal but they are very active. 2-3 illegal concerts every month in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, website of professional quality, plenty of merchandise, during last year 3 studio-quality releases published. But they are also quickly heading towards some trouble. Leader of the group, Denis Gerasimov, makes his living with this project. He is accused of "commercialization", and that this "creative boom" is nothing but his financial interests. They also got into some serious problems with their former closest allies, a small group called **Outlaw Hammer Skins**. They are only 5 persons, already around their thirties - veterans of the movement. Most of their activity is contacts to western comrades, international trade of merchandise, music and journals. Lately Kolovrat publicly accused OHS of blowing \$6000 from their common fund. OHS rejected these claims completely. They changed fierce insults during one week in 2 forums of nazi websites, and we just expect claimed "closet homosexuals" to realize what they promised to do to those accused of "financial collaboration with jews" anytime soon, and vice versa. This incident is a really serious blow to Moscow bonehead movement.

General level of bonehead organisation in Moscow is in such an arse, that they are not even able to fill metro with their stickers, nor to do some serious graffiti. They are loosing the competition with anti-fascist and anarchist skinheads in this field. It is true that ultra-right parties of Moscow (NNP, RNE, NDPR and Pamyat) are more successful in this activity, but it is already another theme...

Football

Hooliganism in general is doing as well as ever in Moscow, besides groups around premier league clubs (Spartak, TsSKA, Lokomotiv, Torpedo, Dynamo, Saturn) there are stable supporting groups of "aggressive citizens" around first league club FC Himki, some 15-20 clubs of second league have their own hooligan groups as well as some 5 3rd league clubs. Both "Zenit" of Saint-Petersburg and Samara Ice-Hockey team "Krylya Sovetov" have their "representatives" in Moscow. But besides all this the influence of nazism in stadions keeps falling - NOT A SINGLE football hooligan group remains 100% nazi (no-nazi does not mean anti-fascists but apoliticals, who often think that politics just disturb the real issue). Keep in mind, that in 1999-2000, 85% of hooligans defined themselves as national-socialists. Although there are still many nazis in the scene, number of anti-fascists is in a stable growth, as well as the share of apolitical hooligans. Supporters of MosEnerg, club hooligans of which are 70% antifa keep gaining more and more reputation... few years ago forming such a firm would have been impossible.

Parties

Only political party which is interested about boneheads in Moscow is Peoples National Party of crazy A.K. Ivanov-Suharevsk, a nutter who with a serious face claims to be "a Russian Hitler". All in all activity of NNP is entristm in the dying, but still massive movement of boneheads, and their only goal is to gather few thousand boneheads under their flag in order to be bought with a good price by some bigger and less radical ultra-right party, which would give them a minor chance to get Ivanova-Suharevsk to Duma.

Rumours and realities

Small radical anti-fascists groups are getting more and more active, which has caused plenty of urban legends. Among most youngest of nazis, 12-16 year old, as well as among some 18-20 year old stories about brutal manslaughters by anti-fascists are told completely seriously, as well as the legend about trolley bus bombed with huge letters SHARP which during weekends travels around Moscow, packed with anti-fascists doing quick raids and soon to disappear. Not to forget the band of gay skinheads, gang-raping nazis... these stories are hardly making bonehead movement any more popular among children... But reality is also playing against nazis in Moscow. People are getting more and more used with the new multi-national face of the city. You see Caucasians and asians mixing with almost any youth group in the streets, there are plenty of international young couples around. This way the breeding ground of racism is just drying out.

All in all, bonehead movement in Moscow is not yet in a complete freefall, and it is still a dangerous phenomenon, but we think that after a year or two it will hardly be any danger anymore.

ANTIFASCIST UPDATE

CZECH REPUBLIC

Nazis gathering in Rakovnik

On May 10, a few tens of nazis featuring some of the leaders gathered in the small town of Rakovnik. Around 50 antifascist were presented and heavily harassed by police - ID of all antifascist was checked, later they were also searched and some weapons like sticks were seized.

Anarchist come to the pub where the fascist gathering took place and loudly asked nazis to come out. None of them did it, surprise surprise, so after 20 minutes (and after special anti-riot squad came to defend nazis) antifa decided to leave. In that time they were stopped, surrounded and searched. However, some of the nazis were confronted later and one nazi car was damaged.

Nazi leader on his foot

On the May 8, as we all know the anniversary of the end of the WW2, car belonging to one of the nazi leader Filp Vavra was burned by incendiary bomb placed by antifa at very early morning. This car was used to nazis provocation many times, last time it was involved in attacked on AFA lecture in Otrokovice (see next news).

Nazis attacked, AFA fought back

On April 19, about 20 nazis attacked the pub where AFA lecture should have taken place. Nazis came 20 minutes before the start of the lecture, so only 8 people were presented there (4 visitors waiting for a lecture and some local activist; no one from the AFA yet). Nazis in common cloths armed with sticks beaten up the shit from the people there, while 4 waited before the pub and were saying to the people coming that the lecture was cancelled. Four people were taken to the hospital, but all of them all already alright now.

Next day, nazi concert took place in a town of Zlin nearby. Antifa smashed the windows of the pub and sprayed antifa slogans on walls. The same happened again in the evening after show...

Antifascist rally in Southern Town, Prague, April 20th

There was antifascist street rally in Southern Town, largest suburb of Prague, capital of Czech republic, organised by Federation of Social Anarchists - IWA and Antifa-Prague group. Event was organised to counter rising tide of street violence, committed by neonazi gangs against antifascist and antiracist oriented inhabitants, ethnic minorities, members of various subcultures and poor people. Another aim was to held locally-organised action, where people recognise, that they do not have to fear that they stay alone in their problems with nazis, without any possibility to create a free space for themselves. Moreover the rally was intentionally held on the birthday of Adolf Hitler, to prevent neonazis to organise their own celebration. They fully concentrate to react against our action. Despite the action was local one, neonazis considered their reply as top priority. They consider Southern Town suburb to be their fortress. Fascist mobilisation nevertheless has shown something they rather wanted to hide. Neonazi movement today is weakened by inner disputed, militant antifascist activities, police reprisals and debacle of their new strategy, received from German so called "Free nationalists". Nazis hardly mustered 50 people, mainly activists of so called National resistance group (also from regional groups) and football nazi hooligans. Antifascists gathered more than 100 people, mainly young local inhabitants. Despite fascist violence is a great problem inside Southern Town suburb, which affects many families, older people had shown up in much lesser numbers than on similar rally, held 18 months ago. Despite nazi provocations, rally marched through streets of Southern Town under large slogan banner and a lot of pickets. (fsa.anarchismus.org)

RACISM IN 21ST CENTURY: EU'S RACIST POLICIES AND ITS TOOLS ... FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE I O M INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR MIGRATION

When speaking about racism these days, we speak about profound globally organised structures of migration laws, intergovernmental organisations, economic transnational lobbies and diplomatic circles.

The "mistical Ubermensch philosophy" of the fascist states from the first half of the 20th century, have been abandoned to be replaced by the new order capitalist dictatorship of developed *ubermensch* nations, better said by their elites.

In the same way by the end of the eighties the german nazi-socialist idea of *lebensraum* in the eastern europe has been turned into economical *lebensraum*, an exploitation paradise for the european union's capitalist lobbies.

In the following decade the European Union has become a fortress, state with strong control over the life of its people and people migrating within the Union. While from eastern european countries migrating into EU have been turned into complete second class citizens and their freedom of movement has been restricted by a large system of control, detention camps and exploitation, in the east of the iron Schengen border the EU's capital gained complete economic and political dominance. The idea of "economic lebensraum" has been realised. In this manner people coming from eastern europe are made second class europeans, uncivilised and not wanted inside EU's, but still serving good as a cheap labour working for the EU's companies in their own countries.

Today's modern racism performed by so-called anti-fascist and anti-racist governments needs a different kind of control machinery. This machinery is a widespread net of "humanitarian organisations helping migrants", "financial aid programs", etc... While performing as humanitarians their only real goals are those of their funders and financiers: USA and the EU.

These are controlling migration and in the same moment the cheap labour markets. One of the most important intergovernmental

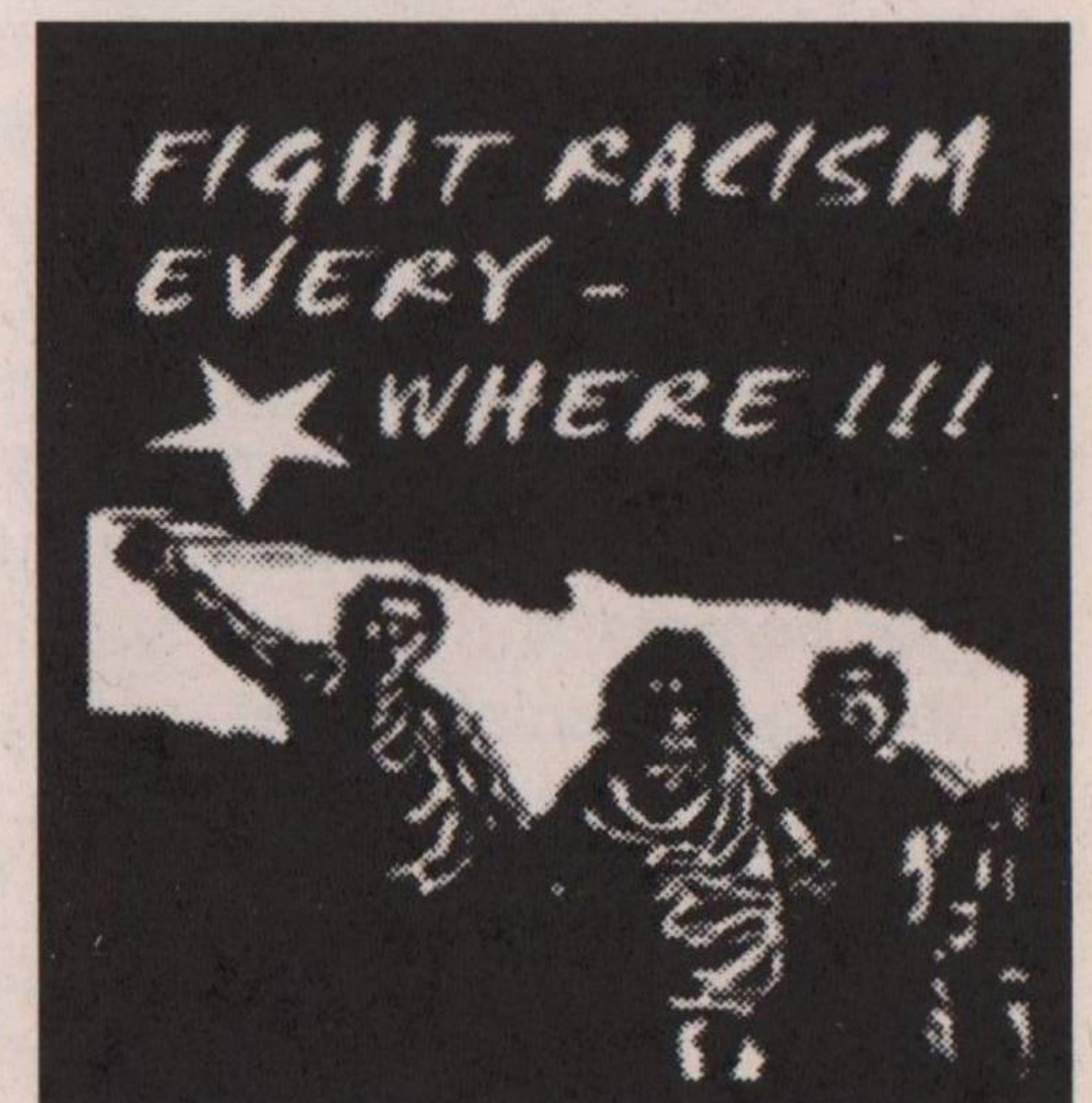
organisation of this kind is the IOM. This "humanitarian" organisation responsible for the torture and physical suffering of refugees, deportations, haunting on migrants, organising huge desinformation campaigns, steling and playing waiting games with ex-nazi concentration camps slave labour systematic brain drain from eastern europe and so on...

IOM an organisation supposedly dedicated to "help" migrants by combating "mafia trafficking with migrants" IS THE BIGGEST MAFIA ITSELF. While they speak of dedication to help woman migrants enslaved as prostitutes as their primary mission actually by percentage it shows that its just 0.16% of their activity. While speaking of mafia taking advantage of migrants and especially woman they somehow forget that they consciously invented the same mafias by creating border control systems and racist discriminatory migration laws dividing people into wanted and not wanted, civilised and uncivilised, *ubermensch* and *untermensch*

This organisation has to be destroyed ! By targeting their widespread net of offices, by educating about their activities, by counter-informing against their campaigns, by any means necessary !

In Thessaloniki we want to target the EU police state with wider range of objectives. In the Ex-Yugoslavia and Bulgaria during the bicycle caravan we want to destroy one of its tools active in the region.

Smash the IOM,
smash the European
police nazi-state !



ORA-S (Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity)

Czech group about their present politics

Despite the risk that time pressure and my "English" don't allow me to speak as clear as would be needed I want to make some short comments about **ORA-S (Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity)** in these time.

To speak the truth last ORA-S congress represented no unforeseen change, it was only a step in a process. Some months ago our own experiences (of our involvement in both campaigns such as mobilization against IMF and struggles in workplaces like tractor factory in Brno or airplane factory in Kunovice) forced us to ask questions to which we couldn't find an answer within anarchist tradition. For this reason we looked for other sources of inspiration which were unknown in Czech Republic like "french" neobordigism, council communism, "italian" left, autonomism or situationism. We consider them as a relevant expressions of proletarian movement in history, as a theoretical reflections of a communist tendency within proletariat. For instance, it is worthy to

meet critique of any ideology made by situacionists (and in this sense it was said on our congress: that any ideology is counter-revolutionary both "anarchist" and "trotskyist") as well as meet the stress on the total abolishment of value, commodity production and state made by Gilles Dauve. (On the other side we consider all forms of trockism as completely counter-revolutionary.)

It is true that for that reasons we have objection to use the term "anarchist" (or "marxist") for describing our group (while the labels are not the thing which we would be very interested in: real content of your "politics" means more than label).

(...) We recognize limits of "activism" and made some critique of it (based both on our previous experiences and on results of "from-one-campaign-to-other-campaign" attitude in general) but it doesn't lead to pasivism.

For instance, we participated in night picket lines during recent strike of tram drivers in Prague, spread our leaflets

and attended meetings of tram drivers unions (unfortunately, there was no participation of other groups from anarchist milieu during this event although it was important manifestation of class struggle here) and established informal contacts with members of these unions (which are also interesting workers activity, for instance, they have no paid officials).

Also, everyday activity means for us our participation (with others) in Prague infocafe Mole's Column which is a very needed space where a lot of meetings of various groups are happened library/study is next and important step. (...)

It is difficult to offer at one dash a concise picture of ORA-S position and we have only a few texts translated into English. I send a Mission statement of our internet magazine Alarm below. Also Mission statement of infocafe Mole's Column which we co-wrote may give some picture about ORA-S. It can be found here:

<http://www.red-star-research.org.uk/tact/krtkovakolona.html>

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ONE WE KNOW FROM OFFICIAL MEDIA

And this is not just because "they lie". They often don't lie: if newspapers write that lay-offs are necessary, because they are helpful to economy, they are right: shares, value of companies, which sack sufficient numbers of workers on a pavement, rise. If TV lectures us, that one have to be a flexible workforce, who is willing to forget about his/her own life and move to this or that place, change his/her skills for this or that occupation, it's a realistic testimony about life under capitalism: people are just specific goods, labour force, which has a value as far as capital needs it to produce profit.

And that there is something missing in the image given by media?

That they don't look at the world from the viewpoint of a lay-offed worker; shop assistant, who is slaving in a supermarket; worker, who is performing a degrading job at the assembly line in a factory of so much praised foreign investors; or student, who is struggling on between studies and day labouring, or who is studying with remorses, that he/she is a burden for his/her parents and can study only thanks to their self-denial? That official media don't understand the tragedy of a fate of a "foreign" labour force, which has to choose between a status of a burdensome "foreigner" to keep his/her family alive,

which separated by hundreds of kilometres (he/she is described as an economic immigrant, who is searching "for a better lot", as if it is possible to measure a human life with money and as if a man could force capital to need the very workers in the Ukraine - how many of us in the Czech Republic were successful in persuading an employer, that capital needs you?)?

That media don't give a whole picture about this world?

Journalists don't withhold the whole reality intentionally, their lies, tendentious obscuring and diverting attention is not largely deliberate: they just follow specific demands dictated by market. Journalists are specialists, whose task is to reproduce capitalist ideology, confusion and alienation.

Official media just aren't "our" media - but media about us: they rob proletariat of his daily experience, they take away our lives - to swallow them and throw them out as an episode in an alienated social spectacle. From thousands of our daily humiliating Sophi's choices become statistic figures; tens of thousands of little resistances, when we try on our workplaces, in our communities or at our schools to take our lives in our own hands don't get into the media, one can't

see beyond millions of our daily consents with the system how we resist them (and therefore a potential for revolt) - they become just a document about vitality of the dictatorship of capital. Everything what could contain only the smallest embryo of a radical tendency and critique of today's anti-social society, media interpret according to needs as a positive critique, an anti-social expression, a healthy civil activism's impuls or pardonable (and so much necessary for capitalism!) idealism.

Here they paternally appreciate, there they support repression: and every time they serve the system to absorb, dominate - and survive everything. It is not our aim to make a counterweight to official newspapers: we just want to express our everyday experience of life in the capitalist society, its reflections and the anarchist-communist tendency, which is an expression of this experience: tendency, which rejects present private capitalism in the same way as state capitalism, which ruled the Eastern bloc before 1989, as arbitrary forms taken by the dictatorship of capital.

After all, we are not mesiahs, who would, as a Leninist left, see as their task to command workers - our activity comes from an understanding, that we have no other chance for a worthy, human life than resistance. And we do not wish to speak for others, only for ourselves, we do

not want to interpret the world, we want to change it. We should paraphrase a well-known statement of the anarchist Durruti from the Spanish revolution, "a new world exists and it is growing already in today's proletarian resistance against capital." Indeed, a libertarian communist movement is being born within the old, alienated society as an expression of its total

negation. It might disappear from sight, it might pause - but it will reappear, because the need of it will exist, as long as capital rules the world.

We will build the other world ourselves - workers, whose lives diffuse in a spectacle of the official media; who are sacked today, forced to carry out stupidifying, degrading work; who are thrown in

this or that direction as a pile of sand; who are shaken with by capital according to its needs; who are nothing else than (necessary or unnecessary) goods on the market (workforce) - and who refuse to be such goods anymore. For that matter, history made the other world necessary and also possible.

ALARM - the magazine of Libertarian Communism

Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity

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Alarm, the magazine of Libertarian Communism, is maintained by the Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity (ORA-S), however all articles will not be our own. But because we are the organisation, which is based on a principle of collective responsibility towards a unified theory/practice, we think it would be honest to differentiate collective positions of ORA-S:

- under the collective responsibility of ORA-S will be included those articles, which will be signed by an ORA-S member (unless it is stressed, that it is his/her personal view, for example because of the fact, that questions, which are dealt with in the text, are beyond a political agreement of ORA-S);

- on the contrary, texts of our members, which express only their personal views, articles of our supporters/co-workers, monitoring or translated texts of other groups we publish, because we consider them as fecund and inspirational for theory/practice, but maybe in some things ORA-S would not agree with them.

What you will find in Alarm...

We do not want to pose like we were present everywhere - just because we are able to rewrite news from *Dnes* or *Ěeské noviny*. News based on information both from official sources and, for example, A-Infos or IMC we want to separate from our own: those you will find in the section *News* (and we admit that there will be rather less of those), borrowed in the section *Monitor*.

Interviews you can find in *Interviews* and shorter considerations, commentaries and reflections by members of the Alarm collective, again surprisingly, in *Gloss*.

In the section *Class in Struggle* we want to bring short little news about proletarian resistance from all over the world.

Essays, Analysis will contain another texts, which have some connection to the libertarian-communist tendency or can be a challenge or contribution to it.

Again, we would not "sign" all of them, but they might contribute to understanding of history and the world around us.

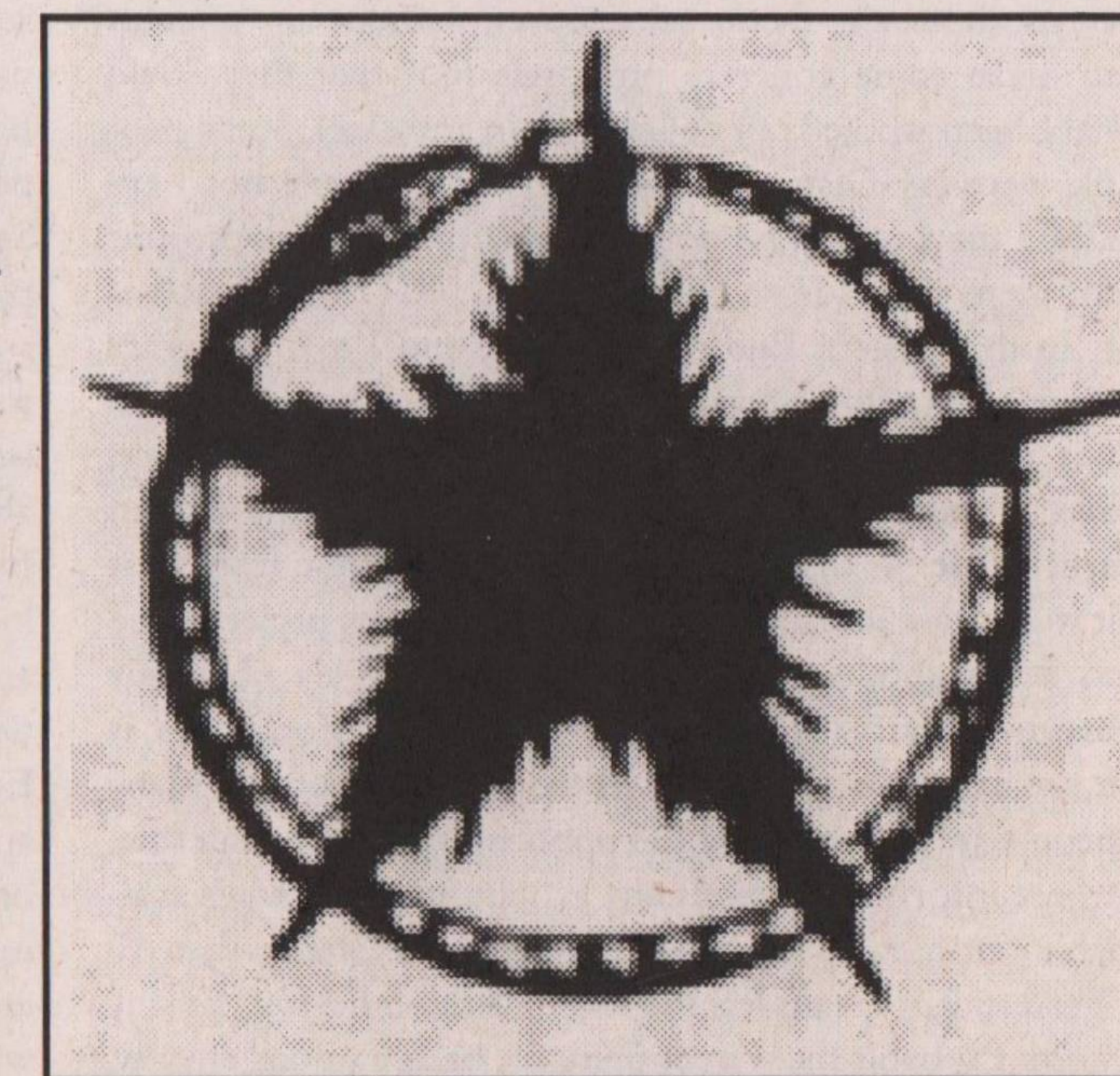
In *Announcements* you will learn about discussions, talks, exhibitions and also demonstrations, which are in preparation, and into the section *Reviews* we would like to catch as much of the most interesting things from books, concerts, etc., as we will be able to do.

In the section *Statements* you will find speeches, leaflets or posters...and also those statements.

Once upon a time we would like to introduce interesting webpages of all kinds in *Tips from Web* - and things, that would look rather inappropriately in above mentioned sections, you will come across in *Astonishing Things*.

This menu will be most probably extended in time - but what we know already now, is, that one section is missing. However, when we will find a section *Letters and Reactions*, depends only on you! ...and what you won't find there

In Alarm you will not come



across traditional sections as "home news" - "foreign news" or "movement" - "society", which have become domesticated even on the pages of anarchist publications (including our own ones) - and this is not just a formal nuance, but rather an expression of our position.

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ment and society often reflects a fact, that with an arrogance of activists it is overlooked, what is happening outside the space, which is called movement. Yet, how are we to determine, what is still movement and what is not? Is even the most "marginal" and may be even the least successful practical activity (action), which activists often even do not learn about, of workers themselves from the most neglected workplace or neighborhood an expression of a movement, or is it often boring and stereotyped and thought and action unprovoking actions, we do? Beyond outlining and fetishization of the movement's terrain a fear might bleed, that activists will lose their privilege, their sacred soil and an inability to understand, that tendencies towards an emergence of a real libertarian communist movement are breaking onto surface as always in the history of class struggle, regardless of whether they call themselves or whether someone will benevolently award them the label "movement."

You will not find here neither section "From home" nor "From abroad." Even this is not a formal fad for us. It is an expression of the fact, that proletariat has no homeland. Borders are not drafted between nations, states or races, but between bourgeoisie/counter-revolution - and proletariat/revolution. Workers from France or Brazil, in contrast to "our own capitalist class", belong to the same world

of the same class interests as we do.

We refuse, though we run the risk of being labeled as "lifestylists", to remove arts from our life as something secondary or extraordinary. We believe, that libertarian communism is an abolition of separations between "work", "art", "entertainment", "leisure", or "education" - and that those things, which are in today's world separated by commodity economy based on a capitalist production mode, will merge into a creative social activity of man. June 2002

"Some groups in the East for sure try to operate on the tradition of the movements which toppled the iron curtain, but to a large extent it is the Western movements which generate movements in the East (...) The point behind the topic was that there seems to be much goodwill in the West about how to get East Europeans involved, but not much of any practical ideas (...) We need some more dimensions here ... "

An attempt of analysis of the East/West movements cooperation - in article by Autonomous Action/Moscow activist.

Following Antti's article concerns his disappointment at PGA-conference, which took place September last year. On its base he pointed out some difficulties, contradictions and typical misunderstandings, which are occurring in attempts of cooperations between antiauthoritarians & anarchists from Western and Eastern Europe. Some of his statements could be find as more others as less pertinent. We see this article as a adequate inspiration for other EE-activists to present their own experiences and opinions on that topic, which could be published in following issues of AbolishingBB. Everything in hope to provoke any practical developments in the future.

The purpose of this article is to summarize my personal experiences from the European conference of the People's Global Action, which took place 31st of August - 4th of September 2002 in Leiden of Holland.

The experience was indeed confusing, and more than once I really find myself asking "what am I doing in this place?". However it was very useful to clarify to myself some things what are going on in the Western Europe - on situation and perspectives of the movement. My experiences were maybe not always encouraging, but maybe I understand certain things more clearly by now. Slipping from my principles

During last 5 years when I have been active in Finland and Russia, I have found myself countless times criticizing activist tourism, where people travel thousands of kilometers to some spectacles instead of trying to get the message spread in their own areas. I personally tried to stay away from these events, never travelling to West from the river Oder (*western polish border - abb*). Last spring I however decided to travel to European PGA conference, since I discovered that I am much in a need of some moral boost. Luckily I expected to get this moral boost just from seeing big bunch of political hippies, and not from the possible resolutions or practical coordination the conference could make. Although no Russian was interested to travel with me and I am not completely broken, I decided to hitchhike onwards from Latvian border to save money and to raise awareness in Russia that if you really want to participate to an international event, it is not really a question of money. I soon realized that my estimations about schedule were far too optimistic, but I had incredible luck on the road plenty of times and arrived to Leiden early in the morning of Friday the 30th, just a bit more than 5 days and some 2500 kilometers since I had left Moscow. It took days to accommodate to the environment. It was not only the demonstration against the Corporate influence over the UN in Amsterdam of the Saturday, which was the most hippie action I have ever been in, but the Leiden in itself and Dutch cities in general. I mean, everything was just too nice and cute even in the Finnish scale, not to talk about the Russian! How can one seriously think about destroying the global capitalism in such a place? In another hand, my undocumented Polish friend from Berlin got harassed by cops just for dumpster diving or walking on the street - if you disturb all this disgusting nicety, you are immediately pushed around! In such places one has feeling that you just have to break something. No wonder why so many voted the racist LPF party, the place would be ready to fascism if there only was some movement crushing of which would require that! How I hate those welfare states! So fresh, so clean.

As I said I had no any expectations beforehand, but this changed soon on the place. Everything (food, night places, venues) was stunningly well organized, even a daily conference paper was published with infor-

mation about all the sessions of the day before! Even more important, the wish to deal with the structural problems on the European level was very evident. So suddenly I was much more motivated with the process part of the conference, especially when I realized that none of the more practical working groups were about themes which have any relevancy in the former Soviet Union. The fact that "civil society" does not exist in ex-USSR sets a very rigid frame to what you may even think to try. For example, although Russia is not contributing less to the global debt problem than Western countries, in Russia you may forget about organizing around some demands towards decision makers which do not raise direct possibilities of people to influence their own lives by direct action. Same thing with any Third World issue whatsoever, the segment of the society which would pressure policymakers towards something just does not exist. Chechen war was another thing since the own nationals were slain there in thousands in the both sides, and there were real chances of mutinies for example, but we finished organizing against even that when anti-war movement took course to agony two years ago (in December 2002 we however resurrected our campaign). Our solidarity demonstration as part of the S26 of year 2000 around IMF and World Bank issues is unlikely to be repeated, it is not really the problem in Russia that people do not know that they are robbed, they know it very well - it is not the information what is needed but effective and credible forms of resistance. Discussions about Rio+10 or Carbon Trade could be as well in another planet for us.

Process as a goal in itself

In the morning of Monday the 2nd there were still no any really relevant one case issue workshops from xUSSR perspective, and I decided to join the PGA process discussion. Here my activist culture went to a full crash course with the one around there, the consensus process here became a painful experience at least. Most of the morning session went to discussion about what issues we should discuss and in which order. In the end not any real decision was made, discussion just followed it's own logic.

Eastern-european workshop

It became clear that people had come to the discussion with very different kinds of ideas what it should be, and most came without any idea whatsoever. Almost all people from the West came to hear a lecture about East Europe, without any opinions or wishes to do something. Many people from the East came to talk about their concerns about any theme whatsoever, without any attempt to make some concrete proposals (not that they could have been worked out collectively in any case). Some people were NGOists, they were very nice people but I am afraid there would be no any basis for common projects for them since I have no any faith to NGO way of activity in the Eastern Europe. So in the end I just ended up listening the flow of words and trying to write notes. I do not think the presentations in conferences are a good idea, if people want to just learn something the written articles are for that. However, for many people from East it was pleasant just to sit and tell about their projects, and to listen about projects of the others. This obviously because for many people adopting oral information is more easier than adopting written one, and because many people are unable to use full opportunities of the internet, where information about any groups and projects is available but hard to reach. During the break, more than 10 Western Europeans left the room, without having said any word. Probably most were there for presentations anyway, but maybe some were silenced because for some reason the discussion adopted a sort of "East talks, West listens" mode. I do not see much of a point in this, maybe it is some reminiscent of some "Western guilt" discourse which is quite present in all documents of the movement who address the issue of raising the Eastern and Southern participation. However as far as the East goes, this is quite pointless approach since role of Westerners here is not that of sole cheerleaders, since in East there are no simi-

lar living tradition of peoples movements than in the South and thus the ideas and modes of organizations come from the West. Some groups in the East for sure try to operate on the tradition of the movements which toppled the iron curtain, but to a large extent it is the Western movements which generate movements in the East, and thus Western and Eastern groups should have completely equal roles in this discussion. There is nothing like a good guilt-tripping.

As for the last common topic, "how western groups willing to help East European groups could do it in a constructive and useful way" goes, it was my idea. When I started with it we had some 20 minutes left, so I just said what I think without much of hope that some larger discussion would take place. The point behind the topic was that there seems to be much goodwill in the West about how to get East Europeans involved, but not much of any practical ideas. For example I have not read a single strategy paper during the last years not wooing about low level of East European participation, and concerns how to have some more of it. In another hand, when there are some very concrete proposals by Eastern groups about cooperation, often nothing comes out from them. When I was talking how conference and summit travelling of the few without sharing the experience with the others creates activist elites, a comrade from the *Rainbow Keepers* was a little bit insulted since she had organized this kind of projects in the Russia in the past, and had a contradictory experience. She felt that in general the interest in Russia to international events is miserably low, and it is a huge pain to have some people travelling even when it is possible to do it for free. In the end, I sort of agree with her that the issue is much more complicated than just "activist elite vs. the rest". But it is not the stupid and ignorant mass of activists either - there are just deep structural and social reasons which prevent PGA and other international initiatives, such as summit spectacles, to create synergy with the Russian movements. At first, the Russian society is currently in a very different state than those of the West or of the South. Where in many Southern countries structural adjustment has pushed huge masses of people back against the wall, where chance is to resist or to die, and in many Western countries traditional left is facing the same choice, in Russia where Yeltsinite democracy is going to its agonizing death the fragile civil society born during the Perestroika time is gone as well. The nation is ready to totalitarianism, only reason why it is not created is that really fascism is only necessary for capital where there is an opposition which has to be crushed, and in Russia there isn't. For masses of people hooked to their tv screens, events like Prague, Seattle or Gothenburg would as well take place in another planet. Those Russians who travel to these events get some moral boost, but do not have much of an attempt to organize around same kind of issues on the local level since there is hardly any perspective. Really networking always goes from bottom to up - you must have a well functioning group in your city until you may reach out to local and national level, and unless the regional networks are not functioning, doing international work is a waste of time. For example Alter-EE list has been networking East European anti-authoritarian activists for 6 years already and has a very wide base of subscribers, but it has seldom been able to create common projects since there is just not that much base for such a thing. Really networking and common projects sort of born out spontaneously, when time is ripe for them. For example I proposed 4 years ago in East European anarchist conference in Prague to set up such a East European news courier as the *"Abolishing the Borders from Below"* is now, but the time was just not ripe then - now it is, and ABB appeared completely independently from the networks in which I have been raising the discussion. In some sense attempts to have some success with Russian participation to international movement is sort of hitting ones head to brick wall, as long as the social conditions for that just are not there.

Or more exactly, you maybe would get some results but better not to expect too much, and better to very carefully work out some model how those possible results could be reached since there are many traps on the way, and good intentions alone are not much of any help. We need some more dimensions here. Take concrete issue, such as the East-European involvement. At first West-Europeans should realize, that most issues which work out in the West do not work in the East. Even many issues, which you could imagine should work in the East, will not work. Still there are and will be some ideas which could be worth of trying. For example Autonomous Action of Moscow got first hooked to European Noborder-network just in connection with the organization of the Polish bordercamps, but in few years an idea of organizing support campaign to Chechen refugees popped up. It did not really worked out, but was worth of trying anyway. When we again began questioning our participation to the Noborder in the spring of 2002, Southern groups of Autonomous Action began to organize anti-deportation campaigns in the Kuban region of the Black Sea rim. So when Western groups begin new campaigns, they should have a thought if there could be an East-European dimension in them. The same way, East-European groups should have a thought if their campaigns could have some West European dimension, and more importantly, be concrete and realistic with their expectations, and even more

importantly, to expect something else except just money. People shouldn't be too realistic - every anti-repression issue, every ecological protest has at least some potential to become international, you should at least have a try. East Europeans should strive to understand West-European movements in a more deeper than just a superficial way. At first sight anything in West Europe seems just awesome, but after another look it is easy to find plenty of problems. My strongest discovery after Leiden was that I am actually hell of a lucky to live and organize in Moscow - our autonomy of action is in a completely different level than in the West. In the West, whatever you say or do is annoying someone else in the "left". In Russia there are people criticizing and hating you as well, but they are something like 10 persons in some closed e-mail list. But in the West, there will always be hundreds or thousands of people putting you as a reformist, an extremist, an authoritarian, a disorganized, a liberal, a dogmatic, a sexist or a sectarian feminist nutcracker or whatever on every step you take. Here we can just do whatever we want and organize the way we want. Actually in federative level Autonomous Action is just about as organized as is possible without sinking into bureaucracy or to endless discussions about formalisms, being in this edge is a sort of an ideal compromise to me. In the West, there would not be a chance for such a balancing. If East-Europeans do not start to understand West-European society and

movements, they do not even find any normal people to cooperate with, for example dozens of people in Russia live in faith that ATTAC in the West are good people and efforts should be taken in order to network with them ... what a waste! In similar way, most of people in Russia think that the commonly agreed main goal of any big international mobilization is to have as big riot as possible. If there is something from which West-Europeans should get rid of, that is the attitude that everything should be on a walking distance! If you think that places like Warsaw or Prague are far away.... fuck you! They are not! People from Siberia spend days hitchhiking on highways or bumming in short-distance trains to get to our summer conferences at the Black Sea, and you may not spend few short hours in a comfortable Western train which is a direct connection!

Probably East-European involvement would also require that some people which have a long-term involvement in the PGA should take the issue to their hearts. Eastern expansion was for sure a condition for the Noborder network to have any perspective at all (since soon Central Europe won't have any ground borders), but it would not have happened without lots of sacrifices and work by a very few Western individuals.

Antti ("Autonomous Action"-Moscow)

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EXILING FROM HUNGARY- last year border experiences by Serbian anarchist

Maybe this text will not be interesant to somebody but I think it is important to show in what kind of situation are poor people, what poor must do in their life & how they finish. Of course, the CAUSE of the poverty is the State with its slavery law, borders, (i) migration policy, propaganda against foreigners, etc. Therefore poor are victims, as for me concretely, I was sick of all in that moment so I believed that I don't have anything to loose. I can add that people try to cross borders in illegal way even they don't know anything about that area/region, many are really without money, they don't have information about their rights or maybe they don't have any rights (still I don't know), etc, etc.

I found an information on the Net about No border camp in Sedrice in Slovenia, in the end of August 2002. Of course, I wanted to visit it. Comrades from Slovenia sent me "guarantee letter" but idiots from Slovenian embassy refused my visa-demand. In any case, I decided to go because as I said I was sick of this situation in Serbia where I live under pressure of poverty. So I didn't have anything to loose and even if I finish in the prison, they will have to give me food and bed. It seems like it is better to be in the prison than outside in the middle of this capitalistic "freedom" in which we are left to our own resources that we care about ourselves i.e. we are left to the exploitation realized (run) by capitalists, modern creators of slavery. On Sunday, 25 August, I started to hitchhike on the highway. I planned to stay 4-5 days at No border camp and after it I wanted to continue traveling to Italian squats and after winter to German's ones. I had in my pocket only 54 Euro when I started to travel. Like paradox first car was jeep with Ljubljana registration and inside were children of richies, cheerful and smiling. They told me that they travel through Croatia to Slovenia but not through Hungary. In any case, I don't believe that they would really take me with them in the car. In that moment I thought: "You see, children of riches enjoy, but what's happening with poor?" That's reason why poor need anarchistic revolution while riches don't need it. In any case I succeeded finally to stop one car so I came in Pozarevac. From that town I succeeded to come to the border with Hungary (Kelebija). It was already noon so it was very hot. Border officers didn't allow me to ask people anything so I had to cross border and to stretch out my finger. So, again one hour I waited and finally one man traveled to Italia so he had to drive near to Hungarian/Slovenian border. I remember that he didn't believe me that I have only 5 Euros in my pocket. At 21 p.m. I left him in Kormend, about 40km far away from Slovenian border and 20km far away from Austria. There I was lucky because woman in Hungary are not so scared from man (this 2 surely) like women in Serbia, so with

first I didn't succeeded to communicate but with second one I communicated in German language. So at 22 p.m. I arrived in Bajanseny, Hungarian village at border with Slovenia. Hungarian borderer allowed me to cross border without problem because we don't need visa for their country, but at Slovenian side of border I didn't succeed to come in. I got impression that they would let me to come in if I had money but when they heard that I am without money they refused me. I asked them for asylum but they didn't accept it, under many excuses. I had discussion with them because my opinion is that they shouldn't decide about asylum but office for refugees, etc. But I didn't succeed so I went back to Hungary. I bought at the border telephone-card in order to call comrades from Slovenia. I tried to call them but I didn't know exit-number from Hu for Slo, so I got some people from Hungary. Cops, who followed me all the time, also didn't know it. I must say that cops there are very soft in comparison with those at Serbian/Hungarian border. "I slept" in waiting room at the border. In the morning I tried again to call anarchists from Slovenia but again without success. This time I knew exit-number but nobody answered on phone. All the time cops followed me with the car. Where I go they go also. Then I decided to go again at border and to ask for asylum without idea to go back. Again I had discussion with Slovenian borderers and in the end two men and one woman caught me for hands and led to Hungarian side of border. So, again they didn't allow me to ask for asylum and they didn't want to arrest me and to lead me to some camp for refugees. My opinion was that they had to do it because I had such experience in Swiss, where I saw that borderer brought one Albanian in a cell in detention center in Basel who is caught when he tried to cross border in illegal way. So, again I was in Hungary and cops followed me again. I saw that I had no chance to try to cross border illegally now so I started to travel back to Kormend. It was noon when I came there. I started to travel to Austrian border. I had nothing in Serbia in order to go back there while my mother live also under rent. This time I planed to cross the border illegally. One boy took me with his car one part of travel and he told me that border is not so far away, maybe 5km. I didn't know that it is not so. I thought if border is near it is better that I start to walk through woods and hills. So I did it. I walked 5 hours through nettle, woods full of thick conifer that stretched me, sometimes some animal run in front of me because there were no people around, the sun was very hot, I had very hard bag on my back, hungry... Short said: "I died"... During walking I saw many little empty watchtowers so I thought always that I am near to the border so I came in always more in woods. That's so when somebody walk through unknown region/area. After 5

hours I couldn't stand it so I found the main road in order to see am I in Hungary or in Austria. Unfortunately I was still in Hungary. I sat beside the road without wish to move myself. I asked one man how much is far away the border and he told me just 1km. I walked little and I saw that trucks stand in order. I got power again to walk and I started to go to the hills and woods. But UNFORTUNATELY after 50m up to the hill I heard working of motor behind me. The car is stopped beside me and man from inside represent himself like border control. In some way I didn't care because I died psychically, corporally and I was hungry. In any case they will have to give me food. After several questions (*Where did you go? I wanted to take a rest in shadow. Where do you travel? Austria. Do you have a visa? No. Money? No. Come with me.*) he led me to the custody. It was Monday 17 p.m. My opinion is that their behavior were pleasant, they gave me food, man who control my things in details apologies himself to me: *"This is my job I must do it, sorry"*. I didn't care. Later they found translator and I gave statement but I didn't know that it will be used for my exiling. I would write it in different way. I don't need visa for their country so I thought the statement is bureaucratic formality and in the end borderers the day before didn't arrest me. They told me that their office from Gyor will decide about me. I didn't have idea that they can exile me without trial. In legal proceeding I could ask for a lawyer so it would not be easily to them to prove had I intention to cross border illegally or I wanted just to take a rest in shadows of trees. But nothing from my ideas did happen. So cops from Gyor came after several hours. I didn't see even Gyor. They drove me there and put inside of car 7 people more (5 Albanians and 2 Chinese). So at 21 p.m. we started to travel to Kelebija/Serbia. During traveling they stopped in some town near to Serbia, brought me in some building, one hour after midnight there waited some officer and translator. They read me decision about exiling, took reprint of my fingers, made photos of me. At 4 a.m. I was at Serbian border. So I was arrested at 17 p.m. and I was already exiled to Serbia at 4 a.m.

Here I found some bus, which traveled to Belgrade, free. Here I had "chance" to choose will I pay in Hungarian embassy 30\$ for transport costs or 15\$ if I want to give complaintment. I didn't do anything of it because I had no money in order to translate complaintment nor to pay 15\$. Finally I slept here and I ate and continued with classic everyday-life.

One more time it was proved that how long other take profit from work of millions of people, they'll be able to enjoy and to travel without problems, but we, millions, we will have to vagabond/tramp all over the world and to risk our life.

COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

THE NEVER COMPLETE LIST OF ANARCHIST GROUPS, PROJECTS AND COLLECTIVES FROM EASTERN EUROPE.

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Anti-McDonald - <http://belmac.narod.ru>;

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Autonomous Action / Grodno - Grodno P. O. Box 38 230015 Grodno; Belarus.

Autonomous Action / Minsk - Minsk P. O. Box 34 220030 Minsk; Belarus.

"Ataka" - anarchist newspaper; ataka@tut.by

BAF / Belarusian Anarchy Front -; baf@list.ru

Belarusian Linux Community -

www.linux.hitech.by

"Ecoresist" - anarcho-ecological group; ecoaction@tut.by

FAB / Federation of Belarusian Anarchist -

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KDS "Razam" / Confederation of Active Initiatives "Together" - 230005 Belarus; Grodno P.O.Box 237; kds-razam@tut.by; www.razam.by.ru

"Navinki" - political weekly newspaper; Minsk; kampramat@tut.by

"Rebellious girls" - anti-sexist initiative in Minsk; rebelgirls@mail.ru

www.anarchistory.boom.ru - history of anarchy in Belarus

www.375crew.org - d.i.y. political punk \ hardcore culture of Belarus

Bulgaria

"Anarho Sprotiva" (Anarchist Resistance) - newspaper; <http://resistance.hit.bg>

"Chlyab i svoboda" (Bread and freedom) - newspaper / discussion forum; <http://savanne.ch/svoboda>;

svoboda@bulgaria.com

"Anarchy in BG" - <http://change.to/anarchy>;

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Croatia

AFA - anarchist antifa network;

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Feminist Alliance of March 8" - @-feminist

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Info-Shop - Sochanska 6; Prague.

"MILADA" - squat in Prague;

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ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolutionary

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<http://alarm.solidarita.org>; intersec@solidarita.org

"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF inter-

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Hungaria

GONDOLKODO ANTIKVARIUM - book-shop run

by anarchists; 1066 Budapest O.u.40; <http://shmin-taka.mahost.org>

Latvia

"ZABADAKS" - DIY political/cultural project,

infoshop etc.; Viljolu 24; Kuldiga; LV-3300Latvia;

www.nekac.lv; maris.steinbergs@kuldiga.lv

Lithuania

PO BOX 790; Vilnius 2050; nindze@hardcore.lt

Macedonia

KOLEKTIV ZA SLOBODARSKA IDEJA -

anarchist collectiv in Skopje; kolektiv_za_slobodarska_ideja@hotmail.com;

slobodarska@zipilip.com;

slobodarska@yahoo.com;

slobodarska@hypocri-sy.org

Poland

ABC/ACK - www.ack.most.org.pl

ACK Warszawa - po box 30; 02-741 Warszawa

121. biuletyn@ack.w.pl

ACK Poznan - po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31.

sanch@poczta.wp.pl

ACK Bialystok - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

ACK Slupsk - po box 65; 76-200 Slupsk 12.

bifa@polbox.com

ACK Trojmiasto - Bartek Pomierski, ul.Wiewiorcza

72; 80-126 Gdansk. pomierz@friko2.onet.pl

ACK Wroclaw - S.A.K.A. ul. Jagielonczyka 10D;

50-240 Wroclaw. pbn@poprostu.pl

ACK Lublin - Piotr Hiller, ul. Cwiklinskiego 2/30; 20-

067 Lublin. cqkier@poczta.onet.pl

ACK Lodz - Lukasz Pieczara, ul.Swiezianki 23/7;

91-496 Lodz 88. lukaszpieczara@box43.pl

Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul Jagielonczyka 10D;

Wroclaw (burned out !!!).

"A-zine" - an anarchist publication in english con-

tains articles of polish anarchist groups. L.Akai, po

box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4. cube@zigzag.pl

"BUNKIER" ("B 65", "NAGAKAKA") - under-

ground concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 65;

Torun.

"C-4" - alternative culture centre in Lodz

(ul.Weglowa 4).

"Czamy Blok" ("Black Bloc") - anarchist publica-

tion in polish; po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

"De Centrum" - anarchist squat in Bialystok,

adress: ul.Czestochowska 14/2; tel.+48 608082442

EMANCYPUNX - anarcho-feminist group; po box

145; 02-792 Warszawa 78.

FA (Anarchist Federation) - some of FA-sections

you can contact by local ABC/ACK groups.

FA-Praga (Warsaw) - J.Gawlikowski; po box 227;

00-987 Warszawa 4.

FA-Rzeszow - ul.Kustronia 6/48; 35-303

Rzeszow; tel. 602517195

Food Not Bombs / Gdansk - po box 118; 80-470

Gdansk 45.

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn - edelweiss@c2.pl

Food Not Bombs / Rzeszow - ul.Kustronia 6/48; 35-

303 Rzeszow; tel.602769138.

Food Not Politics / Gliwice "S.E.K.W. Krzyk"; po

box 2; 44-101 Gliwice.

jedzeniezamiastpolityki@poczta.onet.pl

"FREEDOM" - Centre of Animation an Alternative

Culture / Anarchist Centre & Collective; ul.

Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw. freedom69@go2.pl

Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc"

(Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-975

Poznan 61.

"INFOSZOP" - infoshop / anarchist & feminist

library / info cafe; ul.Lotewska 11; saska kepa;

Warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursdays 18°-20°;

Saturday 13°-17°; Sunday 14°-17°;

www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop

(tel. +48 503676482).

Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA (Workers Initiative of

FA) - federation of groups linked to FA focusing on

support for workers; Dominik Sawicki, po box 53; 70-

474 Szczecin 34.

KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW (Collective of

Autonomists) - group of activist po box 13; 87-116

Torun 17; michoo77@poczta.onet.pl

K.U.R.W.A. - Anarchist Revolutionary

Coeducative Feminist Group;

www.alter.most.org.pl/kurwa ; ptite@go2.pl ;

cube@zigzag.pl

"KROMERA" - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromera

6a; Wroclaw.

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Krakow.

testcyf@kr.edu.pl

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Poznan.

lets@poland.com

"LITTLE MARY" - anarchist squat in

Czestochowa; ul.Warszawska 249/25;

"Mac Pariedka" - monthly anarchist magazine in

polish; pariedka@polbox.com

"PILON" - underground bar/cafe open Mo-Sa

from 6pm; adress: ulica Bulwar Filadelfijski - Torun

(under the only one car bridge in the city).

RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action) - po box 43;

15-662 Bialystok 26. pkropotkin@wp.pl

"Radical Cheer Leaders" - anarchist female

cheer leaders team based in Warszawa. Contact

through Emancypunx.

"ROZBRAT" - squat / anarchist centre,

ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

S.E.K.W. "KRZYK" - squat / anarchist centre, po

box 2; 44-101 Gliwice (ul.Sienkiewicza 25; tel.+48

504878370).

SZWEJK - anti-military service; ul.Pulaskiego

21a; po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31

"TEKNO COLLECTIVE" - underground techno

crew from Torun; sadi@poczta.onet.pl

WIEDZMA (the WITCH) - anarcho feminist

group; www.wiedzma.w.pl

"YA BANDA" - anarchist samba band

Milanowek/Warszawa. olga23@go2.pl

Romania

AActiv-IST Collective Timisoara, Antifa auto-

nome / anarchist punk group - aactivistcollective@yahoo.com; pinkpanthers@k.ro; aac@burne-rang.ro

A Nera - ecological, social and (counter) cultural

center; in the mountains Cheile Nerei

aactivistcollective@yahoo.com

Actiunea Anarhista (Anarchist Action) -

spleenpati@yahoo.co.uk

C.A.F. (Craiova Anarho Front) - anarchist collecti-

ve from city of Craiova. libertatera@yahoo.com

Gluga Neagra / Black Hood Distribution -

diy anarchist-anarchopunk distribution; gluganea-gra@hotmail.com

"Revolutionshop" - anarchist infoshop in Craiova;

revolutionshop@hotmail.com

Russia

A-Distro - distribution of anarchist publications; po box 13;

109028 Moscow; dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca;

<http://www.tao.ca/~dikobraz/distro>

Alliance of Kazan Anarchists -

antimil@narod.ru; <http://antimil.narod.ru>

"ANARCHIVE" - russian language electronic

library and archive of anarchist theory and practice;

<http://anarchiv.da.ru>

Anarchist group of Nizhni Novgorod P. O. Box

25 603104 Nizhni Novgorod Russia

ad_nn@mail.ru

Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia - PO

Box, 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065. e-mail: anlibera-tion@rambler.ru

ANTI-FA Samara - anti_fa@mail.ru

ASSOCIATION OF ANARCHIST

MOVEMENTS (ADA) - see "Noviy Svet" newspa-

per contact adress

Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-

Sindicalists - lack of contact adress.

Free Trade Unions Confederation - Tomsk;

kulac.narod.ru

Indymedia Russia - (in Russian language)

<http://russia.indymedia.org>; e-mails: indyrn@mail.ru;

indymoskwa@pochtamt.ru (Moscow); indymedia_piter@pochtamt.ru (Petersburg); smesh-no@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, coo-