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Anarchist courier from Eastern Europe



An anarchist courier: a bi-monthly bulletin with information on different political and cultural anarchist/autonomous activities in Eastern Europe.

Editorial collective: 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 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), Saszka (Grodno - Belarus), Alex (Minsk - Belarus), Domas & Ninja (Vilnius - Lithuania), Maya (Ljubljana - Slovenia), Jelena & Sunsane (Croatia), Tomek (Gliwice - Poland), Soja (Bialystok - Poland), Wolf & Rafal (Trojmiasto - Poland), Kuba (Wroclaw - Poland), GAS (Poznan - Poland), Michu (Torun - Poland). More correspondents needed!

Other sources of info: "alter ee" internet discussion list, "Warhead" - internet up dates of @-activities in Poland, ABC-Poland - info bulletin, "Avtonom" russian magazine of Autonomous Action Network, "A-zine" - anarchist bulletin from Warsaw.

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 activi-

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 ...

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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 editorial team for "AbolishingBB" was a great step toward this so we appeal to everyone to make the most of the information here as effectively as possible."

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CSAF STATEMENT AGAINST NATO

Below is the speech of CSAF delegate on the anti-NATO demonstration in Munich. However, the speech finally wasn't read because the CSAF delegate didn't come to Munich because of traffic problems.

Dear friends,

I am speaking there on behalf of Czech and Slovak anarchist movement. Czech politics elite decided several years ago that Czech Republic must join the NATO at any cost. They managed to do so and two years ago Czech republic became the member state of this military pact.

Nobody asked us, Czech people, whether we want to join it or not. And they had a pretty good reason for it. At any time before president Havel, former pacifist and after decline of former Eastern Bloc propagator of abolishing the NATO, had signed the official documents about joining, more than a half of Czech population was against joining the NATO.

We are not in the NATO, just our elites are. But we pay a prime cost for it. While Czech army generals hesitate whether they buy US or Sweden air-fighters, social situation is constantly deteriorating. Less money for schools and education in general, less money for hospitals and sanitary engineering, but more and more for army and their killing machines.

Czech anarchist have been opposed NATO no matter if Czech Republic is actually member or not. But we would like stress that there are fairly chance for Slovakian anarchists that they can succeed in their struggle against joining the NATO. We fully support their demand for not joining it since NATO don't guarantee security and peace - it guarantee only another bloody wars for profit.

But not in our name. This is way we all are here today. And I, as a delegate of Czechoslovak anarchist federation and Czech anarchist movement in general, would like to express our solidarity with today's action. At this time my comrades are gathering on a solidarity action with this protest in Prague. Nevertheless they are not physically here, they are with us ...

Smash the NATO!

For anarchy!

War-makers are going back to Prague ... What about anarchists?

At least 43 heads of states, including Mr. Bush and probably Mr. Putin as well, and about 5.000 ministers, officials and another VIPs are going to Prague on November 21-22. These days the NATO summit is taking place there, first time in former Eastern Block ever.

We, Czech organising anarchist, very hesitate what to do. Knowing well that a tactics of a massive anticapitalist demonstration has its limits and that this kind of action is a question of a debate worldwide we are thinking whether try to prepare it or not. In the meantime we agreed that our priority is not to prepare theatrical action, but take the NATO meeting as an opportunity for information campaign between Czech people, spreading information about NATO and our alternative. We also agreed that street action(s) (in case there will be any) should not be contrary to our (educational) aim. Having some experiences with

preparing of massive street protest against IMF/WB meeting in Prague in 2000 we know that this kind of action demand a lot of effort, time, money and also people. But Czech anarchist movement is weak to do so. We are in the lack of people and money and regard our presence between people as far more important then one (even big) street action.

Because of this quandary we decided to call international meeting about this event. We would like to hear opinions of anarchist from another countries and discuss about form of possible anti-NATO action in November. If you are interested in this issue, please come. The meeting is taking place on March 9 with chance to continue on March 10 when it is useful. Please contact us for details: intersec@csaf.cz
**Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation ;
Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists -
Solidarity ; Feminist Alliance of March 8**

WE LOVE PRAGUE AS WE HATE CAPITALISM !!!

First international coordination meeting for anti-NATO summit in Prague.

9-10.03.2002, Prague.

About 25-30 persons took part in first international coordination meeting for anti-NATO summit in Prague. The meeting took place in Prague's infoshop, the following groups and projects were represented: "Buko" (Berlin), "IndyMedia" (Berlin), "Abolishing the Borders from Below" (Berlin), "CSAF - Anarchist Federation" (Prague), "ORA Solidarita" (Prague), "Ulice Ludem" (Prague), "Anti-war/anti-NATO committees" (Munich, Berlin), as well as different activists from Dresden, London and Czechia. The meeting was called by anarchist groups from Czechia to discuss together with international activists possibilities for massive mobilisation and actions during the NATO summit in Prague in November this year. It started with a presentation followed by an introduction made by local activists which explained the current situation in Czechia, especially focusing on results of s26 (anti IMF/WB summit in Prague). Then Czech activists presented exact and clearly all their ideas, fears and expectations ...

... the local movement is not strong enough to carry out the whole campaign by itself ... a massive mobilisation and preparation for the actions is not possible without intensive help from abroad and would make no sense ... long term and effective anti-NATO campaign and mobilisation among Czech society is necessary (its already started in different towns in the country) ... massive repressions, much stronger than during s26, should be expected - already before November, on the borders, as well as during and after the actions ... there will appear for sure difficulties with setting up an infrastructure for anti-summit (accommodation for thousands. Convergence Centre, info-centers, indy-media locations etc) ...

... in the end - the question was put into discussion: Is an international anarchist movement able to join early enough and support strongly enough preparations in Prague (join with people, money, materials, ideas, experiences) ? If not - there is an idea about call to anti-NATO actions Europe/World-wide instead of focusing

on Prague.

After long discussion which took half a day, a kind of consensus was reached ... there is an international will to come back to Prague which at the same time should not exclude solidarity actions on those days all over Europe/Worldwide. Delegates on that meeting couldn't tell of course how much support there could come from abroad but they were pretty optimistic in that. In the evening the discussion continued and brought us to the following conclusions ...

... different goals, strategies and forms of action competing to s26 are needed ... the main goals should be to show the resistance and present alternatives instead of shutting down the NATO-summit itself ... A good strategy to deal with repressions, borders and medias are indispensable ... the form of actions should respect a freedom of expression in protesting and diversity of priorities but as well to attract (not scare) the local citizens ... no common mobilisation with Trotskist and Leninist groups (which already started their mobilisation for November) but possible coordination of actions on the day ... proposition of bringing "the borders issue" on up coming border camps in the summer ... there are some funds needed already now for propaganda but much more after the summer for such purposes like - infrastructure, equipment, rebuilding of the Czech-IMC, lawyers, communication, posters, etc.

Most of the above mentioned issues should be deeper discussed on the next international coordination meeting in the end of June in Prague on which more activists from more international groups, with more ideas and proposals are welcome. The working version of the statement written during the second day of the meeting you will find below this text. A mailing list was set up to let the discussions develop in between the next international meetings. The lack of delegates from polish groups was a disappointment. Organizationally the meeting was prepared perfectly by local activists - nice atmosphere, warm meal and cold beer of course!

Working version of statement of the International Coordination Against NATO-summit in Prague.

NATO an alliance of rich war makers are meeting in Prague in November 21, 22, 2002. It is the first time a NATO summit has taken place in the former Eastern Bloc. During the cold war, people in the west were told that NATO was formed to protect them against Warsaw pact invasion but in reality it has occupied the position of defending the interests of Western capitalism against its competitors. Since the collapse of the Soviet bloc, the Western capitalist states have sought to expand its military and economic dominance in the East. This has been achieved economically using institutions including the IMF and World Bank, which met in Prague in September 2000 and militarily with the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland's inclusion into NATO in 1999.

Our resistance extends not only to NATO, but to all kinds of military whose aims are establishing and keeping up oppression. After the end of the

cold war and even more so after September 11, 2001, the protection of capitalist interests by armed forces and ever more sophisticated weaponry is being legitimised by the mainstream media. In the name of civilisation external repression is being justified. But state armies and military pacts are also being used as instruments of repression against people in their own countries. Internal criticism is being criminalised putting into force new laws against terrorism that cut even further into hard won democratic rights.

We stand against capitalist power structures, statism and militarisation and reject all forms of hierarchy, exploitation and oppression including sexism, racism, and homophobia. Our idea is based on libertarian principles of a free and classless society based on the self management of all putting needs before profit.

Lets tell them NO. NO to their wars, NO to their profits. Abolish the NATO alliance and all forms of militarism. In November anarchists, libertarians and other anti authoritarians will show their resistance to war and to capitalism both in Prague and internationally with solidarity actions.

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Poland

First Anarchist Press and Literature Fair. *Date:* 18-19th May 2002. *Place:* squat "ROZBRAT", Poznan, (central Poland). *Idea:* We cordially invite publishers and readers from anarchist, ecologist and artzine circles. We hope the fair will be a forum for exchange of critical thought, opinions and ideas on common publishing activities. We would like to talk about the future of the freedom publishing movement in Poland, co-operation with publishers from other countries, chances for development. Beside the possibilities of buying and exchanging publications there will be lectures, discussions, exhibitions and film projections. If you feel you are a part of the movement for individual freedom and a free society, we wait for your proposals for taking an active part in the fair.

We secure: exhibition place, place to sleep, friendly atmosphere, possibility of buying vegetarian food and drinks. *Fair bulletin:* After you send us info about your publishing house we will publish it in a special "Fair Bulletin". *Contact:* gas / anarchist solidarity group, michal wojcieszak, p.o. box 12, 60-975 poznan 61, poland; email: yyanek@poczta.onet.pl or grok@interia.pl WE ASK YOU TO CONFIRM YOUR PART IN FAIR AT LEAST 2 WEEKS EARLIER.

On saturday 26th of January, an action at a Mercedes dealer was organised in Warsaw by the Polish anarcho-feminist group *Emancypunk* and people from the German autonomist movement. The action was a protest pointing at the very low and belated compensation money that the East European ex slave workers in Mercedes III Reich factories received. The action consisted of fake "tax collectors" who came to the car sales salon and marked all the cars with stickers saying they are being seized for the unpaid money. According to our correspondents, it took a while to the sales personnel to figure out it was bogus.

Polish government wants to introduce visas for Russians, Ukrainians and Belarussians in mid 2003. The EU bureaucrats said that it's a "question of trust" and that without it the "justice and internal affairs" chapter of negotiations with EU can't be closed. Czechs and Hungarians have introduced the visas long ago. Until now the Polish government was saying

that because of the "good relations" between Ukraine and Poland the visas will be introduced only when Poland enters EU. Now they seem to be ready to break their promise under the pressure of fascists from EU. There were some protests from the anarchists, however symbolical ones rather than something serious (several written articles and one happening).

The same story goes on the border regime between Czechia and Slovakia. It was said that nothing would change till Czechia joins the EU (today Czech people can cross border to Slovakia only with their I.D.). Recently Czech minister of interior spoke about "change" in this regime, more border-police there etc. And of course (surprise, surprise) the passports will be necessary.

Kronstadt anniversary in "ROZBRAT" squat in Poznan. For those who like to relive historical battles, the Rozbrat squat in Poznan offers Kronstadt anniversary parties, where the Trots are invited for a match in bottle throwing with anarchists. Last year, the trots were outnumbered and ran for their lives. The squat was veiled with black plastic for the occasion, to symbolise "Black Kronstadt".

Chechen refugees were evicted from refugee centers. Information actions were organised in Bialystok (north-east Poland) and Poznan by the *Committee Free Caucasus* in support of Chechen refugees who were refused refugee status in

live in the central train station in Warsaw as many other homeless people do.

Some 60 workers from Gdynia (north Poland) shipyard are on "illegal" occupation strike in support of their 130 laid off colleagues. The official "Solidarity" trade union refused to support them. A support and information action was organised by the "FA's Workers Initiative" in Poznan. Members of the initiative include workers in the Szczecin (north-west Poland) shipyards, which were recently repressed for "incitement for sabotage" through the distribution of their anarchist magazine in the shipyard.

The FA's Workers Initiative is aimed at practical self-help (such as mutual insurance) and the exchange of experiences in the workplace struggle between working members of the anarchist movement and beyond. It's not aimed at promoting some rigid "workerist" reading of anarchist ideas. It's meant to reach out to the social group in which it already functions, without the intention of ending there, but also without living with myths and fetishes, instead concentrating on the people who are the closest.

Another squat in Poland! A new squat has appeared in *Czestochowa* (south Poland), a stronghold of Polish catholicism (you know, the place where the Swedish were defeated by "divine intervention"). The squat is called "LITTLE MARY" and is located on Warszawska 249/25 street. Anyone passing through or having some spare anarchist literature for the library in the squat is invited.

Manifestation in defence of "FREEDOM". Several hundred people marched on February 22nd on a demo organised in defence of the "FreeDom" (Free House) social center in Wroclaw (south-west Poland). The crowd was made of various anarchist organisations and a group of local homeless and unemployed supporters. Even though the demo was peaceful, the police were massively present with water canons and rubber bullet guns. There was no fighting, but they blocked the march completely. The social center is not a squat, as it has been obtained for use legally. After the fire caused by a nazi attack, the city has required the tenants to fulfill all the security requirements which they can't afford. In the face of this, they are facing eviction. The social center gained some



Poland and thrown out on the street. 15 people were already evicted from the refugee centers, and further 30 have been given very short eviction notices. The evicted include an 85 year old woman who is unable to move by herself. Some of the evicted have been forced to

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notoriety in the neighbourhood for distributing free meals and for providing entertainment for children from nearby houses.

About 300 people marched in Warsaw to commemorate March 8. The protestors demanded freedom of choice for abortion as the main theme but other feminist and women's issues were mentioned as well. There was a festive atmosphere and many people joined the marchers on the way. Anarchist groups like KURWA and Radical Cheerleaders took part. A number of gay and lesbian activists were also present. There were a number of funny street theater presentations and no problems with the police.

Anarchists participated in a demonstration against the repressions of the state of Israel in Wroclaw. They marched along the Victims of Auschwitz street and lit candles at the monument of the Uprising in the Jewish Ghetto. Most of the 100 demonstrators were Palestinians. Great numbers of secret police were reported. Of course some fascists wanted to join in, but after scuffles with anarchists they were forced to hide their banners. Meanwhile the Wroclaw anarchists delegation in Barcelona managed to avoid being arrested.

In Poznan, the FA, ABC and GAS (local anarchist group) organised a demo on the Day Against Police Violence at the monument of the Spring of Peoples. They distributed CD's with the videos of police violence in Krakow during the pacification of a charitable concert and talked about the cases of repression against free speech committed by the police in the last months at home and abroad.

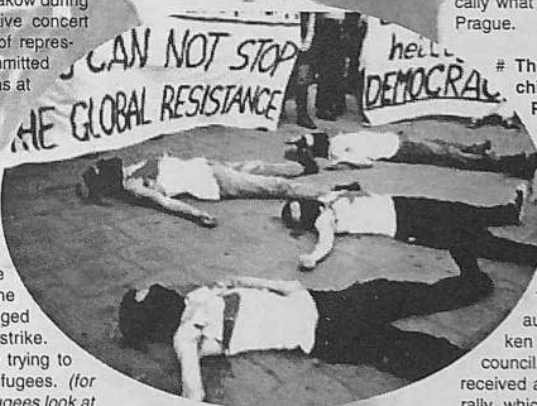
About 200 Chechen refugees started a protest at the camp near Warsaw in the end of March. They complain of bad treatment by police and also the management of the camp. They wrote a protest letter demanding the head of the camp be changed and may start a hunger strike. Anarchists from Warsaw are trying to make some contact with refugees. (for more info about Chechen refugees look at our ABC-pages; page 12)

About 250 persons took part in anti-racist march organized by anarchist in Olsztyn (north-east Poland). A small group of fascist which appeared around the demo were smashed rapidly.

Czech Rep.

XIV meeting of Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF) took place on March 1-3 in Plzen in the western part of Czechia. About 30 members took part. Two delegates of the Organisation of Revolution Anarchist-Solidarity (ORA "Solidarity") and delegates and observers from various local anarchist groups and observers from FA Warszawa (Poland) were also present. Besides internal issues and problems the main issue of the meeting was planning of the anti-NATO campaign, preparation of Mayday and a form of action against parliament elections in June. The Polish observer also informed us about their anti-border campaign and about what is going to happen this year so the possibility of future cooperation will be discussed within CSAF. With relation to the anti-NATO campaign we agreed that we don't want to focus on preparation of one single mass action in November but our aim is rather to run the anti-NATO campaign there through local actions, speeches, info-stalls, posters, leaflets etc. against the NATO during the whole year. From the internal issues we talked about the work of ABC-CSAF, summed up our street actions and work in general for the last half a year (since the last meeting) and discussed the reports of working groups. PH (International secretariat of Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation) intersec@csaf.cz

called the demonstration against the Radio Free Europe on Saturday, February 16. The building of the Radio is a subject of politic debate since September 11, because it is located in the centre of Prague near Vaclavské Náměstí (the main square in Prague), Prague's main train station and also above the subway. Various politicians (ab)use fear of terrorism and call for relocating of the Radio as it is a very alluring target for terrorist and the attack would endanger many innocent people, tourists etc. The director of the Radio responded very irritably to this possibility and this was exactly what nationalists needed. About 100 nazis gathered on this demo on Vaclavské náměstí. Czech AFA (Anti Fascist Action) organised a counter-demo which about 80 people came to, mainly anarchists. Because the nazi demo started at 11:00, anarchists with red and black flags and banners gathered there already at 10:00. Police quickly formed a line in order to guard the nazis and when the nazi demo actually started, police tried to push the antifas away from there. When nazis started their speeches antifascists responded with chanting antifa slogans and whistling and even a few eggs and rotten vegetables were thrown to them. In that moment antifas found themselves surrounded by police and one of the anarchists was arrested. After the nazi demo finished police backed up and surprisingly didn't arrested more people. Meanwhile, several groups of people waited aside and explained to some of nazis coming to the demo physically what they think of their presence in Prague.



The campaign of Czech anarchists against NATO meeting in Prague in November has already started. First action (2.2.) was a street theatre in front of the Conference Centre where the actual meeting will take place. About 30 people participated on this action playing an ironic piece about NATO and its role in the world. The action was permitted by authorities, but the play was broken up by representative of a city council and one of the organizers will receive a fine. Second (9.2.) was street rally which started in front of the army headquarters and ended at the Ministry of Defence. About 100 people come, some anti-war and antimilitarist banners and red-black flags. A small group of nazis were trying to attack some of the anarchists, but unsuccessfully.

Nazis demonstration in Prague. New politic party "Prava alternativa" ("The right alternative"), coalition composed of the most militant and aggressive nazis now playing the role of "nice patriotic guys" and mobilising for the upcoming election

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Actions against NATO and war continue in Prague - symbolical act against war, George Robertson, chief of NATO, made an inspection in Czech Republic this week. During the visit he made a lecture at the Charles University in Prague /for invited persons only and without translation/. A group of anarchists from Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation /CSAF/ were present near the University building and whistled and shouted while Robertson arrived. Cops pushed anarchists out of the bosses way. After the end of the lecture one anarchist stood in the way of the US Embassy limousine and forced it to stop. Then he smashed the US Government flag from the car as a protest against american aggression in Afghanistan. He was caught by antiextremist-policemen who also caught another anarchist trying to stop policemen who were violently acting against his comrade. The rest of group whistled at the rest of Robertson's car convoy on its way around them. Both Anarchists were released after 2 and 4 hours. Their case was sent to local authorities, they will be probably fined. The flag-reaper wants to sew the flag back on its place, in that case, that US Government will end the war and refund itself immediately!

On Friday March 8 there was a big demonstration in Prague organised by anarchist-feminist group the Feminist Alliance of March 8. About 300 people gathered there. The demo lasted more than four hours and it was more like celebration/happening than a "proper" demonstration. Several bands played there (punk, ska, folk) on an open-air concert against sexism, street theatre was played, the speeches read, good vegan food was available and other Czech anarchist organisations were present with their info-stalls as well. Generally it was a very nice and creative action. The second issue of the anarchist-feminist magazine "Prima cesta" (the Direct journey) was published by the Feminist Alliance of March 8 to mark March 8 and was sold there. This time about pornography and its relations to feminism and anarchism with a useful gift inside (a condom with a message: don't let them increase any more and pictures of Pope, Bush, Lenin, Margaret Thatcher and the Czech minister of interior). At the end a few nazis compliment us with their presence but after they realised there are not just "weak and crazy intellectual feminist" but also a lot of

antifascist fully prepared for confrontation they rather left with no incident.

Prague: Anarchists against NATO celebrations. On Tuesday, March 12, local authorities in Prague's periphery "Hurka" arranged celebrations for the occasion that Czech Republic has been part of NATO for 3 years. Some politicians including american ambassador participated on the meeting, while militaristic /terrible/ country band played their army tunes and military fans were showing their US army uniforms. The meeting was finished by fireworks /probably reference to "brave" bombing of Afghanistan/. We had considered this meeting as a provocation and cynical arrogance - celebrate the Army while it is killing civilians on the opposite side of the world. Over 20 anarchists gathered nearby the meeting and came to join it carrying banner and pickets saying "More wars mean more celebrations", "More dead civilians mean better democracy" and more. At the meeting anarchists were stopped by Police cordon, so it was shown, that right to celebrate have only those with the "right" opinions. A parodical speech was read, which was almost liked by some listening participants of official meeting and slogans were chanted: "Peace to huts, war to palaces", "NATO means war", "Formerly Moscow, nowadays Brusel" and by the speech of some politician: "Heads must roll!". After some time of bothering of speeches by whistles demonstration was finished. A group of bolsheviks also

Polish embassy in Prague which took place on Saturday. It was a solidarity demo with imprisoned antifascist Tomasz Wilkoszewski sentenced for 15 years for killing a nazi in self-defense.

AP distribution is a small Czech anarchist collective which distributes and publishes anarchist literature. Currently we offer more than 30 anarchist book and pamphlets in Czech and Slovak languages (these two languages are nearly similar) and numerous anarchist magazines. AP distribution works on NON PROFIT bases. An English web pages could be reached on <http://apdistribution.unas.cz/English/index.htm> Recently we came across three anarchist publications which could be in our opinion interesting for anarchist world-wide. We offer them below (their covers could be seen on our web pages). There are two kind of prices. First is for people from Eastern countries and all poor people in general. If you think you could afford it then pay the second price. You will donate to our distribution and publishing. You still won't pay the cost price, which is even higher (we write the cost price below as well for comparison). If you would like to get some of the titles, please send the money first. The best way is to enclosed it into the envelop, preferably between two piece of cardboard in order to cover it. And send it as the REGISTERED letter, not the common one, please.

"**L'Assiette au Beurre**" magazine. The Czech anarchist movement has a long tradition of anarchist's artists. Majority of the best known Czech writers from the begging of 20th century were anarchists and their works are in primers and school books till today. Also painters are part of this tradition. Below we offer three titles about this anarchist painters and caricaturist, focused mainly on reproductions of their work. You can see three demonstrations of their works on our web pages. These great artist grouped together with Frenchmen, Poles, Portuguese etc. around French anarchist satire magazine "L'Assiette au Beurre" (Feed-tank). During its twelve years existence (1901-1912) it become known throughout Europe. A majority of the issues lack any sort of text beyond the titles of individual political drawings. For the first time in the history of this genre it happened that an illustrated review of this type had not only commercial and political ambitions, but purely artistic ones as well. The main ide-



protested on the place of NATO celebration. Petr Z. (International secretariat of CSAF)

The Polish Press Agency reports about a picket of Czech anarchists at the

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ological principles of the magazine were critics of Capitalism, Church, State and War. Our offer:

* The Collection of political drawings and caricatures from "L'Assiette au Beurre" - book full of full-page color reproductions of the best known artists of "L'Assiette au Beurre." Also contain a short text about "L'Assiette au Beurre" and artist in Czech and French (enclosed it an English summary by AP distribution). The majority of drawings reproduced in this book is focused on social, anti-war and anti-statist issues and are surprisingly actual in these days as well as it was one hundred years ago. 8 pages A4 on art paper 1st price 4 EUROS + pp, 2nd price 7 EUROS + pp, cost price 15 EUROS (for information about kinds of prices see below).

* The Collection of replicas of a special issues of "L'Assiette au Beurre" by F. Kupka - F.Kupka is the best known Czech caricaturist and one of the most important artist in "L'Assiette au Beurre." This collection on a nice cupboard box contains replicas of his four special issues with themes the Money, the Religions, the Peace and the Liberty. The fifth album contains a short history of "L'Assiette au Beurre" and titles and writings about the drawings in another four ones. It is in Czech, English, German and French languages. All drawings are still very actual with anti-statist, anti-capitalist and anti-war position. Three demonstrations of his work you can see on our web pages. 98 pages A4 on quarto paper (16 or 20 pages each album) 1st price 7 EUROS + pp, 2nd price 12 EUROS + pp, cost price 23 EUROS (for information about kinds of prices see below)

* The Album of replicas of drawings by Vaclav Hradecky - one single album of political drawings by another Czech famous anarchist artist V. Hradecky. 16 pages A4 on quarto paper 1st price 2 EUROS + pp, 2nd price 3 EUROS + pp, cost price unknown (for information about kinds of prices see below).

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Postage:

1) the Collection of political drawings and caricatures from "L'Assiette au Beurre" For Europe: 3 EUROS, overseas: 6

EUROS by airmail, 3 EUROS by shipmail
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Croatia

Report from the anti-NATO demonstration in Zagreb. In solidarity with the anti-NATO actions in Munchen, Germany 2.2.02. ca. 200 people gathered on Cvjetni Trg, press statements were given, tea and leaflets distributed (about food not bombs, civil service, the conference in Munchen, anti-NATO viewpoints, anarchism and the rest). We had lots of transparents with stuff like: "NORTH AMERICAN TERRORIST ORGANISATION"; "Imagine They Were Planning a War and Nobody goes"; "FOR GLOBALISATION OF ANTICAPITALISM"; "The Answer to NATO-EU War Policy is Worldwide Social Revolution"; "WHERE WARS ARE FOUGHT,"



FREEDOM IS NOT; "Who Is Here the Terrorist?"; "GLOBAL RESISTANCE". We went in a procession with transparents across cvjetni trg, to trg Hrvatskih Velikana, shouting slogans like: "International soli-

darity!", "down with NATO", "No to NATO, no to NATO, no to every war..." etc. There was a short enheartening speech in front of the mock and then we went to the MORH, where there were about 300 of us. a model of a radar was concreted in, as a symbolic act against setting up NATO radars in Croatia. Then we went to the american embassy, where a big pack of pigs was waiting for us. In spite of them, we managed to hold a short performance, where persons dressed like NATO soldiers were beating up persons dressed in orange, with the sign CRIME IS CRIME IS CRIME... after a person from Slovenia climbed a light pole and held a speech of support and international solidarity, the police started pushing peaceful protestors. We (all as one!) sat on the street in civil disobedience. The media showed this as "pushing around with the police" - who was pushing whom? Another performance was made (politicians bragging about new weapons and starting another war... two confronting armies shooting at each other behind barricades, while mothers with children from both sides are between the barricades, all civilians and all soldiers die. the whole time, a person with a cardboard TV on the head is reading the news, which change, important ones mixed with unimportant ones, with the bloody massacre happening in the background. in the end, two deaths come and take the dead children away in bags. the news finish with "Thank you, this was the news from unconscience.") Then we distributed food not bombs. At the next day, two persons were called for "informative conversations" at the police station, but all went well. media coverage was good on radio, bad on tv and newspapers. hm... twisted, but noticed.

We are preparing a video in our own production, which you will hopefully also be able to see and next time we hope more people will come!

Russia

Avtonom N°17 - English summary. Avtonom is quarterly (well, almost quarterly) paper of Autonomous Action, which developed from network to federation January 2002, after two years of existence. Currently Autonomous Action has approved 4 collective member groups from Moscow, Samara, Nizhni Novgorod and Krasnodar, and we have contacts in 22 other cities of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine. You may contact Autonomous Action or Avtonom by writing to fak-kr@mail.ru or P.O. Box 13, 103028

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Anti-election propaganda is banned in Russia. Few months ago police disperse several illegal action of anarchists in **Rostov na Donu** (south Russia) which were propa-

gating against elections during day of local elections (both electionary and anti-electionary propaganda is banned during election day).

In Rostov na Donu some members and supporters of **Autonomous Action** joined demonstration with banner "Down with power and capital" and distributed leaflets "Why we need anarchy". Police searched anarchists and confiscated flagpole...

Supporters of movements "New Wave", "Autonomous Action" and "Rainbow Keepers" organise in **Rostov na Donu** a picket against McDonald's and paint anti-fascist and anti-militarist graffiti.

Clashes with fascists in Moscow. 12th of October 4 anarchist skinheads accidentally drop in to a concert which is crowded by nazis. In the following fight member of murderous nazi group Brigada 88 gets CS pistol shot to his face, and anarchists successfully retreat without casualties. (Translators note: 30th of October 300 fascists organise a pogrom in Tsaritsyno marketplace of Moscow, killing 3 and wounding more than 20 black persons. Target was choosen randomly after nazis failed to attack "anti-globalists" they expected to protest local WEF summit organised in Moscow 29th-30th of October. Large crackdown of nazis by authorities followed the pogrom, including closing down the Brigada 88 group).

Day against McDonald's - 16th of October, Moscow. 14 participate to international day

Fascist propaganda on heavy-metal events in Moscow. Most popular Russian metal group "Korrozija Metalla" concerts in Moscow as part of their concert tour "against drugs". Fascist head of the group Pauk propagates in the concert flyer following way: "Junkies - they are the same as 'hachi' (caucasians) and niggers, they must be trashed..." Anti-fascists spray surroundings of the concertplace with anti-fascist graffiti.

Social ecologist "Rainbow Keepers" organise action against rocket fuel reprocessing plant project of Volkinsk, Udmurtian republic. In street theatre action organised outside Udmurtian representation in Moscow, three bourgeois from America, Russia and Udmurtia respectively opened pompously new factory, however thick smoke from the factory quickly filled the street, leading to painful death of local inhabitants of Udmurtia. Udmurtian republic officially backs the project in which Lockheed Martin was the contractor until May 2001, although according to polls more than 90% of the local population is against

Commemoration Day of October revolution in Russia. What was in the past the commemoration day of October revolution (during the soviet times), nowadays it has been transferred to meaningless "Day of pacification and agreement" in order "to make peace with the past" by the political elite, simply because they do not want to celebrate October revolution, but people do not want to give away a holiday. It has also become a day of demonstrations of those who want the old times back, another may-day for communist supporters, especially pensioners who are the most impoverished in the new Russia.

Anarchists and anti-authoritarians usually see nothing to be celebrated in the October coup, but in many Russian cities anarchists organise actions or leaflet in major demonstrations anyway, since it is one of the rare occasions where thousands of discontent people are in the streets.

In Yaroslavl anarchists join demo with red and black flags and banner "War against war". Where "left-wing-nazi" **National Bolshevik Party** shouts "Stalin-Beriy-Gulag", anarchists reply "Brezhnev, Suslov, mental hospital".

SMAK's anti-war action in Yaroslavl (northern Russia). "Anarchist Alternative - union of young anarchist communists" SMAK organises in Yaroslavl picket against army with banners "Down with the draft slavery!", "Peace to the people of Chechnya and Afghanistan!" and "War against war!".



against McDonald's distributing 1000 leaflets of Autonomous Action outside different outlets. Independent Worker's collective from Pushkin square McDonald's was happy about the action, however further cooperation with the collective failed.

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SMAK announces that they are now by far the most active left-wing youth group in the city.

Anarchists in Yaroslavl participate to illegal picket called by Socio-Ecological Union against import of nuclear waste.

50 activists of Autonomous Action and ecological movement "Sarnol" organise in Krasnodar (southern Russia) leafletting action with banner "Down with power and capital - for self-governance and libertarian communism!". There were also banners against corporate power, CPC oil pipeline project, "Blue Stream" gas pipeline, patriarchy and nationalism.

Autonomous action against Putin's puppets in Voronezh (central Russia). Group of local youth attacks "Putin Jugend" ("All-Russian Non-Governmental Organisation Let us walk together", formerly "Youth for the president"), who organised actions against communists around Russia 7th of November, throwing them with rolls of toilet paper. Police arrests participants of the action.

Civil disobedience in Saint Petersburg. Inhabitants of the area of Troitskoe Pole start in November a protest camp against massive bypass road project of Saint-Petersburg, KAD. 13th of June inhabitants had managed to stop night-time works. Constructors have announced that there will not be central heating in this poor working-class area during the whole winter.

Estonia

21st of August 28 year old punk **Svena Tarto** dies in jail in Tallinn suburb of Nymme due to "internal bleeding", obviously having been maltreated by cops during arrest. Punks organised meeting and demonstration against police violence, and a festival of several days where all big Estonian punk groups, such as anarcho-folk-punk Vennaskond and Migreen performed.

Romania

Raport from Carlo Giuliani Antifascist Meeting; 11th-13th January; Timisoara.

11.01.Friday - in the morning. The participants from Romania arrived. Although they were pretty tired, the small group of activists from Craiova, Bucharest and Timisoara started the discussions. The result, we like to think, is a better organised national network of @antifascist group.

In the evening all the people meet and we make teams for the actions that are about to follow. We start the antifa graffiti actions,

one of the places where we did a lot of graffiti was close to a legionnaire (Romanian nazis) bookstore. Unfortunately we couldn't get close enough to the place because of the 'design' of the building, so other kind of direct actions were impossible to do. In the evening we are joined by some people from other countries (Germany, Bulgaria ...).

12.01.2002 Saturday - morning. The biggest team, the food not bombs team starts to prepare the food for their action. Meanwhile, the poster team is in the city sticking antifa posters and also posters that advertise the concert in the evening. - at noon the food not bombs team hits the road to 'spread' the magic beans around the center of the town, were usually you find a lot street kids, homeless people and beggars ... Armed with 2 banners, food and flyers the highest point of the action was in front of a McDonalds fast food ... some pictures show things better. All this happened while the poster team joined the concert team in order to prepare better the concert in the evening. In the evening The Pagan Future Theatre joined the crew. At the concert the bands performing were Haos, Gurani, Indirect from Romania and Brain Damage from Serbia. Pagan Future Theatre did a performance and the Brain collective + Richi (a local) did a spitting fire show inside the concert room. We also had (thax to the Banja Luka / Bosnia Herzegovina group) video revealing actions in Seattle, Prague, squatting in Barcelona. June the 18th, Reclaim the Streets actions, etc. 13.01.2002 Sunday - in the morning. Actually it was more at noon than in the morning, when people met and we had some

bambus and making the evaluation of the meeting. Here's a list of groups involved:

Romania - Tinerii Prieteni Ai Naturii Timisoara; Frontul Antifascist Craiova / Craiova Anarho Front Collective; Miscarea Pentru Societate Alternativa Bucharest; Miscarea Underground Timisoara; Asociatia Antifascistilor Din Romania - Bucharest; @11%?/? Collective, Timisoara.

Serbia - Pagan Future Theatre - Mladenovac. Brain Collective - Ada; Independent Voices Collective - Backa Topola.

Belarus

Reclaiming the streets in Minsk. Street patrol of some 45 anti-fascists successfully beats fascists three times the same day. Minsk is one of the first ex-USSR cities where antifa has reclaimed the streets.

Kazakhstan

Anonymous group of workers paint in city of Aktau graffiti to walls of elite areas of Western workers (including such luxuries as warm water) of the boomtown, recently born due to oil industry expansion. Graffiti goes "Your real enemies are cops, bosses and politicians - down with all wars but the class war!"

Ukraine

Anarchist group Tigra-Nigra organises in Kiev guerilla theatre against war in Afghanistan. In theatre peaceful inhabitants build their village, until terrorist, leaving red tracks behind him comes to village and soon disappears. Then special service agents come, stamp all inhabitants as "terrorists" and hang a big placate "village of terrorists". Soon bombers appear and destroy the village. Special agents also demand bypassers to replace arabic numbers with the latin ones everywhere, for the sake of "war against terrorism".

The pictures on pages 4-9 show different actions of Polish anarchists all over Europe in last months:

pictures 1, 3 and 4 - demonstration in Wroclaw to save the anarchist centre "FREEDOM" (February 2002).

picture 2 - action performed by Polish activists in Berlin on the way back to Poland from anti-capitalist protests in Genua (July 2001).

pictures 5 and 6 - anarchist formation "Black Christmas" on anti-capitalist protests in Brussels (December 2001).



discussions about the Balkan Unity Network and its future project the Balkan Caravans. Meanwhile some people left the city. In the evening The remaining people joined a "how to make diy patches with your own hands" workshop done by Cocis from Serbia. We continued, all night long drinking

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"Autonomous Action Krasnodar" support campaign for

Evgeni Novozhilov

Here are two translated letters from political prisoner Evgeni Novozhilov, who is in forced treatment in regional mental hospital in Krasnodar, Russia. He is arrested for bogus charges of "hoax about an act of terror". He explains reasons why FSB is after him in the letters below. Evgeni is not an anarchist, but he is a human rights activist and anarchist sympathizer. He showed up in actions of Autonomous Action in his hometown. Autonomous Action of Krasnodar is organising a support campaign for him since there are no any liberal human rights organisations around to do the job. However Autonomous Action is currently trying to figure out what is the best strategy, since his mother announced that she is a friend of director of Krasnodar mental hospital and in case campaign keeps low profile, she will be able to avoid treating Evgeni with heavy chemistry (usually Russian patients in prison mental hospitals become human vegetables in few years). So, what is best thing to do now is not yet clear, but meanwhile please write letters of support to Evgeni. You can write them to his home address, from which his mother will pass the letters further: **Evgeni Novozhilov ul. Ignatova 51, kv. 105 350061 Krasnodar, Russia.** He speaks at least English, German and Swedish.

First letter from political prisoner Evgeni Novozhilov

"Dear Dmitri! I write to you from mental hospital of Krasnodar area, from prison section #3, to where I was sent by FSB (Former KGB, Ed.) 16th of November. In my 'case of Krasnodarian Babitsky' there are some new details. For clarity I will tell my story right from the beginning. Thanks to me, the paper 'Krasnodarskie izvestiya' published first and last time some materials about the real

side of the Chechen war 20th of March 1999. In order to have these facts known, I claimed that I was fighting in the Chechen side 1996, and gave interview to journalist Valentin Kayuk. In my story I used materials from Radio Liberty, especially those made by Anrey Babitsky. Redaction of KI published article with header "Cannibal from cannibal island", and added "a commentary" from general Pulikovsk, in which he justified his limitless cruelty during the first Chechen war, after which he found a safe heaven under protection of Samoylenko, who was the city governor of Krasnodar those days. General said to mr. Kayuk, that it is his civil duty to give me to FSB. Which later immediately did. Since March-April 1999 I have been continuously followed by FSB. First time FSB visited my home 17th of January 2000, claiming to check my passport. They took my passport, and ordered me to show up in the police station next day. 18th of January 2000 I was examined a long while by FSB, during which they clarified with help of a lie detector that I never fought in the side of the rebels. 10th of February 21.15 four police officials came to my home, lead by captain Portnyh. They said that I am suspected of stealing a hat from an elder lady in front of my home 8th of February. They took me to police station for interrogation but never interrogated me. They took video footage about me, after which we had a lengthy political discussion. They let me go, because my mother had come with me. They asked me to come back the following day 10 AM in the morning for interrogation with person who had lost her hat. I came, but there was no any interrogation. 12 AM they said I am not suspected about anything, but soon a person will arrive who wants to have a talk with me. However no-one came, and 5 PM they let me go when my mum arrived. Mr. Putin was visiting Krasnodar 10th-11th of February 2000, which is why this "special operation" was organised against me. 27th of December 2000, a week after I had called to Radio Liberty during a discussion about Chechen war, a police officer came to my home, accompanied by FSB agent, and said "What is

this hooliganism of yours in the doorway? Visit me in the afternoon". I did not come to him, since I was seriously ill then and was almost unable to leave home. 11th of September 2001 I was called to an interrogation by the city procurator of Krasnodar, to be carried by coroner Sokol. He announced that some "veterans" had contacted city procurator demanding him to find "hero" of the article published in "Krasnodarskiy Izvestiya" one and half years earlier. Protocol was written in the form of "explanation" in the name of city procurator. 5th of November coroner Konstantin Stanislavovich Linov announced me, that I am suspected of having committed a crime "hoax about an act of terror". The proof were two telephone conversations, 6th of April 2001 with my friend Igor Morozov and 3rd of October 2001 with my acquaintance Viktoria Podloznyiaya (which they had tapped, Ed.). 6th of April I was in bad condition due to bad medical aid to chronic piodermis (skind disease with plenty of rankling sores all around the body), and in a telephone call with Igor Morozov I noted "I would like to blow up everyone and myself as well". 3rd of October 2001 I was still suffering piodermis, and due to failure with a woman I was in a bad mood. In a conversation with Viktoria Podloznyiaya I said "I had such a feeling that I would like to hijack a plane and fly to a skyscraper". This is what I explained to coroner K.S. Linov 5th of November 2001. My regional residence permission was taken away from me. I refused from a public lawyer during interrogation. I heard from a source I may not reveal, that 8th of November coroner Linov yet did not knew what to do, since he had not enough proof to open up the case. I tried to seek help from human right organisations. Sergey Grigoryants from Glasnost foundation (Moscow), and Tatyana Kasalkina from Memorial (Moscow) were interested about my case, but Moscow is far and they were not able to do anything for me. In Krasnodar there are no any normal human right organisations, and all lawyers refused to help me since I have not money, so I was not able to find any help. After 8th of November Viktoria

Podloznyiaya changed her testimony. This I learnt 16th of November, when city prosecutor's office started prosecution. I had no lawyer, and I refused from services of public lawyer (which are not much better than in Soviet times when their main task was to jail their client, Ed.). The only proof against me was tapped telephone conversation with Viktoria Podloznyiaya, and her testimony. She testified that he look my comment seriously, so I was accused that the hoax was given to a person - Viktoria Podloznyiaya. She also claimed that I had tried suicide by cutting my veins, which I have never done. Thanks to these lies coroner managed to send me to forced treatment to closed, "half-prison" section #3 of Krasnodar mental hospital. 16th of November I was carried to mental hospital by coroner Linov and FSB agent. I had 38.2 degrees of temperature. Coroner and FSB agent managed to pressure hospital staff to cancell my rights. During 30 days I went through all of the testimony. FSB passed to psychiatrists plenty of materials, such as articles from "Krasnodarskiy Izvestiya", and plenty of citations from my telephone conversations with "anti-Russian" contents. Not very surprising, that I was given a diagnose. So now, until the court I will stay in mental hospital an undefined period. Court will be carried WITHOUT MY PRESENCE and will decide will I be kept further in forced treatment. Thus I have become a political prisoner, jailed in a mental hospital. I want to say few words about Viktoria Viktorovna Podloznyiaya, born 22th of August 1972, living in the city of Anapa, Krylov street 83-2, 353410 Krasnodar area Russia, phone +7-86133-50495, mobile phone +7-902-430-3761. She works in a local trading business. We met in the beginning of 1989 in rock-club organized by Seva Novgorodtseva from Russian BBC. First half of 1990 I visited her each week, I was in love with her. We splitted in September 1990, remaining friends. We did not met during ten and half years. In May 2001 I decided to call her. She was happy. She wanted to meet with me, since she visited Krasnodar each week due to her work. However somehow we did not managed to meet. I was intruded

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by my old memoirs and feelings, and tried to not to give it much attention. However I figured out that the company in which Victoria is working is connected to mafia, and I supposed we would not meet since I was not from their circle. And in the end, Viktoria showed that FSB of Anapa is connected to this same circle. So she sold me to her FSB-mafia friends. This was a big strike to me. However I do not want to be bitter towards her. She just made her choice. What can I say? Now I want to tell about myself. My name is Evgeni.

Vladimirovich Novozhilov, I was born 3rd of November 1972 in Sochi. 1977 I moved to Krasnodar with my parents. 1979-1989 I studied in school #70. 1990-1995 I studied in state university of Kuban, in the faculty of German and Roman philology. After finishing the university I failed to find constant work due to my difference of opinions with employers of Krasnodar area. I am interested about human rights and humanitarian activism. I have also been heavy metallist for 14 years, which is music which managers do not like since it is anti-bourgeois. So I was living with short-term contracts. I am member of Amnesty International, as well as cultural society Svergekontakt. In the March I got a serious skin disease, very unusual form of chlamydia. Two years, until April 2001, I suffered plenty of short-lived ranking sores all around the body. Between summer of 2000 and March 2001 I almost did not leave home. In June 2001 I managed to get better, but then FSB decided to ruin my life. Things are bad, but one must carry on anyway. Do you know if someone would like to write me (through my home address: Evgeni Novozhilov, ul. Ignatova 51, kv. 106, 350061 Krasnodar). Quite stupid, I guess. But I am really sad and bored. I want someone to know what is going on with me. Eugene P. S. My coroner was changed 15th of December for some reason P.P.S. Name of my mother is Galina Ivanovna Smirnova."

Second letter of Evgeni Novozhilov

"Hi, ...! 29th of December 2001 city procurator's office passed my case to Soviet raynarsud (organ which decides about forced treatment of mental patients, notorious anti-disident tool in the soviet era - Ed.). Prosecutor's office got results of "expertise" from mental hospital

13th of December already, so two weeks they were just letting papers to collect pile... court should decide about my case until 18th of January. Without my presence. My "diagnose" was not serious - "depressive syndrome". Medical treatment is not necessary. But it is completely possible that court sentences me to half years of forced treatment. Just remember that Pasko was given 4 years of hard regime, and not more only because he gained so wide support. So talk about me, I am necessary to no-one. And prison sentence of my "crime" was increased by special presidential decree by Putin 17th of December, so now they give 5-10 years for "hoax about an act of terror". My mood has stabilized, I try not to lose my spirit. It is possible to live here anyway. In any case it is better than in prison. I am training my Swedish and English. My section has tolerable conditions. No any special problems. I even met friends with some people. They have some 45-47 persons here, most of them normal people. In any case less sick than the staff. But food is very bad, 3 times better than in a prison but 3 times worse than home. Biggest problem is lack of information what is happening in the world outside. I miss Radio Liberty. Already during one and half months I have not heard normal news made by normal people. Isolation from information depresses me seriously. My friends, as I understand, have got afraid and runned away. That is sad. I have nothing special to tell now, as you may guess. Maybe you have something to tell? Best connection is through mum, Galina Ivanovna. She can pass me letters right to my hands. No pasaran! Evgeni P.S. In November and December I did not receive information bulletin of Amnesty International from London. And in December I did not receive journal of Swedish cultural society Svergekontakt. P.P.S. The worst sin is the cowardice."

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Anarchist sentenced

Anarchist JM was suspended sentenced for two months with one year deferment after being charged for "hooliganism." On September 29, as part of "Antifascist October," an antifascist demonstration was held in a small Czech town Nachod. One of the reasons for it was that

this city is the only one in Czechia which has a nazi in its city council. He's Mr. Rousek, "honorary chairman" of the nazi party called Right alternative. One of the journalist presented there was seeking for conflict in order to have a good story to write. So he phoned to Mr. Rousek and asked him to come to the demo to show his opinion. He did so and came. But he soon realised it wasn't a best choice after being forced to leave by rotten fruits threw by anarchists. But the journalist wasn't satisfied as the action was rather funny than bloody. He came to one of the antifascists and started to insult him because one of the fruit hit him instead of Mr. Rousek. But this anarchist, JM (32), didn't wait and showed him that he really shouldn't insult his comrades. He hit him to his face. Journalist wasn't neither injured nor cut down. He tried to fight back, but after being unsuccessful he called for ambulance for himself and for police to arrest JM. JM was arrested after the demo finished by fully armed squad of anti-riot police and questioned for more than 2 hours. After four months of investigation he was suspended sentenced for two months with one year deferment. Of course he appealed this absurd sentence so another trial will take place soon. ABC-CSAF

ABC ACK POLAND

Rafal Gorski (FA-Krakow) in jail

At the middle of the night of 7-8 of February police agents have brutally entered the house of Rafal Gorski, one of the activists of FA (Anarchist Federation) in his home in Krakow (south Poland). This came two days before the planned event organized against the city government by FA-Krakow. It was part of the annual FA campaign called counter-banquet, which happened regularly at the city's elitist banquet to publicize the theft and fraud committed by guests invited there. The banquet was called off, but anarchists didn't call off their counter-banquet. The police said Rafal Gorski will be arrested for three months because of a demonstration against evictions and homelessness in which he participated.

Many people still imprisoned after riots in Krakow !!!

If anybody wants to support the

people arrested in Krakow she/he can send fax to the Prosecutors office in Krakow. Actually you can write something in English (or in any other language) if you want, it is important now, that they know, that the case is known and criticised. There are about 20 people imprisoned for 3 months, there've been in jail for many weeks already. Everything happened after hundreds of punx fight back at police during benefit festival at beginning of January (see "AbolishingBB #2, page 5-6).

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"From the last moment - we have got not confirmed information that almost all persons were released in last days of March after about three months of jail. In next issue we will inform you how the situation looks like in fact.

ABC BELARUS

Police provocations, tortures and tactics against anarchists in Grodno.

Anarchist Black Cross of Grodno reported on 30th of January that 4 persons were arrested in Grodno after a political concert in pub "Kletka" in Sunday 29th of January. Arrested were Dima Gorshanov, singer of anarcho-punk group Antiglobalizator, his friend Oksana, Misha Nerush and a fourth unknown person. Dima Gorshanov was freed Tuesday 31st, and confirmed report of Oksana who was freed more early that all of them were tortured when arrested, with beatings and most common soviet and post-soviet torture, which is forcing to wear a gas mask and cutting the air supply. Dima was finally given a small fine for "minor hooliganism", police claimed that he had been drunken and breaking a window. Actually he is a straight edge (teetotaler). Police claimed that "this is just the beginning". Anarchist Black Cross of Grodno is certain that police just tries to scare youngsters away from political activity.

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We decided to publish this letter from refugees from Chechnya in our newsletter. The letter which was originally dedicated to civil rights organisations - as well these ones in whose sincerity we doubt and which politics we criticise. But the letter itself brings the very important message which should reach every particular person on this continent. That's why it jumped into our ABC - pages ... the Abolishers.

**LETTER FROM THE REFUGEES FROM CHECHNYA
TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH****REALIZE THE GENOCIDE ! REALIZE OUR RIGHT OF SANTCTUARY !**

We are refugees from Chechnya who could have managed to arrive in Europe. We are not many ! We are lucky ! Now we neither need to suffer under "mopping-ups" nor are shot down groundlessly on the streets by drunken mercenaries; we neither need to sleep in ragged tents, nor go hungry and we aren't search for either by Russian officers of militia who thirsty of revenge judge the Chechens in Russia by themselves. We are fled from the horror called "democratical" Russian federation for the Chechens.

We all reached Europe on different ways. Some despairing passed the borders illegally, other paid the treble for the tourist visa with borrowed money. In fact every refugee sold or left all he had built up during his life to go to Europe. On the other hand there are those who abused the situation in Chechnya and the life of sanctuary telling everybody to be a Chechen, but we don't want to write about them here.

Europe didn't welcome us sincerely. But we didn't expect that either. We would have been happy if we had the chance to demonstrate being an equal citizen, an equal European. Nearly everybody of us has got the highest educational qualification and lot vocational experience. Besides everybody of us showed the nearest social environment, either the neighbours or acquaintances, not to have less human values than everybody else. We are no robbers, no terrorist, but human beings who would like to earn by doing a fair work and to live our life to the best of our beliefs.

We went our way not because of economical problems. In Chechnya there is a very ruthless war Russia doesn't intend to finish, like everybody knows. Living in Russia is too dangerous for a Chechen. That's fact we try to prove here. Seeing all the strange thing for us is that you, dear respected Civil Right Organizations, whose authority is unimpeachable and whose word is always true and the law, you own the evidence. Nevertheless we have to prove our escape! Yes, there are Chechens living in Russia. But how do they live? They couldn't let them file at the registration office, and their unemployment and their other problems aren't the point at all. It were you who proved that all, as well as some reports of the Chechens who had to come to an understanding with it directly. It wouldn't be difficult to survive unless every second every citizen of Chechen origin must feel frightened to be arrested without any foundation with paradoxical effort to be beaten and to be tortured. And those are the measures the swarming official security service uses to guarantee the so called public safety. And everybody of us has as it were a sign on the forehead saying "murderer", "terrorist", "human of inferior quality" Getting through the proceedings for refugee it is required by letter to state that individuum is persecuted honestly by the government or an organization authorized by the government. That's the tragedy of Chechen in Russia - he never knows when exactly he is beaten to death, when he is confronted, when his children are forced to leave school, when his home is damaged. And which office in Russia should attest this for the victims? Even when this impossibility happened that someone gets this testation, such a letter wouldn't taken in earnest at all. Then this would be said: "a falsification, in Russia everything can be bought anyway". Not everybody here is able to persuade the officer that it is very dangerous for the Chechens in Russia.

But it takes long weeks, months and even years that everybody gets the same answer to his cry for help. This answer is the same all over Europe. Everybody expects it sooner or later. Lately the Chechens haven't only waited for the negative result of the proceeding for refugee but they have had to accept being arrested for month, before being sent back by plane like criminals with handcuffs to the "love home", the Russian Federation, where they then are already welcomed by the filtration institution. You know about the sad lot of people going there.

Through this letter we want you to pay attention first. After that we ask you to help refugees from Chechnya in Europe to tell the truth about the Chechens in Chechnya and the Chechens in Russia. It is nearly impossible for us to prove what have been done with us. We neither have the experience nor have connection and information you have got or will or could get. We are prepared to help you to help others, to let help us ourselves. Meet our wishes and defend us, each of us and altogether, like an individuum.

A N A R C H I S T B L A C K C R O S S

"... We are some who tried to use romanian punk scene for the promotion of anarchist ideas ... demonstrations, manifestos - now they are all prohibited ... actually the police suggested us to calm ourselves, to give it up at our ideals ... for as doesn't exist the resignation, only the death." - totally determination of young romanian anarchist movement, up date from Craiova by C.A.F.

C.A.F.

CRAIOVA ANARHO FRONT

We are a group by 5-6 youngs, girls and boys from Craiova. We try together to survive and to resist. The post-communist Romanian society is more than unbearable. Because of this reason our alternative can't be less than antisocial. Of course not against people but against conventions and social imaginations, against prejudices and old traditions. Thus our hate is for in principal about state and after about capitalism, who try and manage to repeat and hear the same

mistakes what he has done in Occident too. All is worse, more greedy, more polluted, more savage, all what is not accepted in "the civilised world" is practical here. The communist outlooks are still against the capitalism outlooks and many nostalgic politicians who are dreaming about the unique huge boss - the totalitarian state, they try to join the communist totalitarianism with the capitalism. Because of this politics the day by day life become nightmare, the street is a

battle field and all the people seem to be your enemies.. The illusion of liberty is stronger now, reason for what the repression of authorities become more and more stronger. At T.V. you are invited to think free, any action who betray this think is harshly punished. In the beginning of 80's, the current punk appears in Romania too, just before of the so called revolution from 89' they could talk about an anarcho-punk group.

In the beginning of '90 in Craiova have borned The Underground Movement, who was proposing to herself the promotion of punk ideas. Still from the first concerts the police intervened in force. Too much liberty and too much truth scared the authorities. From 1995 the secret services reopened the files before the revolution and they started an ample company of disinformate of public opinion and of browbeating of the underground members and followers. For many it was and it is only a fashion. But we are some who tried to use romanian punk scene for the promotion of anarchist ideas.

The propaganda and the direct actions spreaded meanwhile out of the punk scene. Thus have borned Craiova-Anarcho-Front. Demonstrations, manifestos, magazines, punk concerts - now they are all prohibited in Craiova, even the law permit them. The police and secret services doesn't tolerate them anymore because we attract to many "advocates" and we corrupt the youngs. We inverted the name in The Antifascist Front Craiova and we managed to receive approbations for the demonstrations against extremist parties by right. But now they don't let us to do this anymore because

we spoil the Romanian image in foreign countries, if we attract the attention concerning the racial abuses and the primitive and sick nationalism. If we became inured with the police harassing, the problem is that we don't have permission to organize concerts and demonstrations, we can't make a magazine, we can't spread manifestos, we can't protest in no way. In the beginning of september should was a punk fest with bands from Germany, Czech and U.S.A. We had to thank with a simple concert because the police followed us and exerted huge pressures concerning those who wanted to rent us the space for many days. Even they tried to stop us to keep in touch with others

towns but the police didn't do anything only to make the bundle stronger. We have friends in Timisoara, Bucharest and Moldavia. Together with them we "organized" a protest. Different slogans against the state and the authorities appeared on the walls of many buildings from the town center among that the mayoralty. Follows, raids, fines, examinations, ... but the police didn't find who was the person who wrote. The penalty for that would be...like they say...a 200.000.000 lei (6.800\$) ... or the prison.

Here the informations circulate very heavily. We have more than limitate acces at internet. The anarchist literature is almost absent. If Romania outrun the stone epoch she is now just at the iron age. Our only bundles with people are now the bands Terror Art from Craiova and Leon Czolgosz from Boston U.S.A. Terror Art managed few tours in Germany. This is the way how we got few fanzins with who we try to write to each other.

Actually the police suggested us to calm ourself, to live manual, to give it up at our ideals. They want to fit us in society after they had cared to disparage our image at work or at school. For us doesn't exist the resignation, only the death.

C.A.F. - Craiova Anarcho Front

"DRUGACIJI SVIJET JE MOGUC !"**"ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE !"****INITIATIVE / MANIFESTATION / SOCIAL COALITION****FROM BELOW.****INVITATION FOR 19-20.04 TO ZAGREB;
CROATIA**

We gathered in initiative "Drugaciji svijet je moguc" to create wide social coalition which can offer alternatives to corporate globalisation, capitalism, neoliberalism and which would work towards creation of general economic, political and social equality.

Our statement, something that we might call "main text" of the manifestation, partly takes some of conclusions made in Porto Alegre during WSF meeting, although it's more local, since manifestation that we organise is happening in Zagreb.

Initiative is organised by wide range of groups and individuals, from anarchist groups to human right groups, from feminist groups to anti-militarist groups. Also, we "negotiate" with workers unions as we find them important (although we can't agree with everything they do) in process of fighting global and local problems. Main idea is not to include political parties in this initiative and any other group that might be racist, nationalist, xenophobic, or exists to get power over people. Main idea for the manifestation is:

Friday, 19th of April, 2002.**Conference****"Drugaciji svijet je moguc!"**

Idea of conference is to present main problems and some of the solutions that we can offer. Some of the issues that we want to cover are GMO, alternative economy, organic farming and permaculture, alternative energy sources, but also to present some projects that already work on these issues and by that are very realistic alternative. This is all very new in Croatia and it's necessary to present it in this "official" way. Program for the conference and names of the guest speakers will be created by the end of March or first days of April. We

are open for any new ideas and possible participation in conference.

Saturday, 20th of April, 2002.**Street manifestation****"Drugaciji svijet je moguc"**

Manifestation is divided in two parts:

Cvjetni Square - This part of manifestation is meant to be place to gather and move from, but also as source of informations for people passing by, meaning everyone in town. We'll have few info points (and very active as well), covering different topics (Food Not Bombs, Books To Prisoners, @ Info, anti-militarist campaign, environmental destruction caused by MMF and WB programs, Take It or Leave It fair, etc.). Place for more info points is still open... Beside that, there will be some performances and music, which is also still open...

Non-violent protest - We plan to organise a moving protest from that square through town centre to MMF office, say there what we think and move further through the town centre. Main idea is to get more attention for the manifestation...

We invite you to come and participate in this manifestation, to help organising it or just to come when manifestation takes place. Also, if you can provide any help from financial side, that would be great, as our funds are really low (although, we plan to do this thing with minimum budget).

If you're planning to come, please, contact us first and tell us what you can do, what are your needs and how many people you expect to come from your group, town, area... We can provide some sleeping places, although that might be a problem for bigger groups of people...

Contact:**sara.petra@mail.inet.hr****THE NO BORDER NETWORK MEETING MAY 3 WARSAW POLAND.**

We warmly invite members of the No Border network to Poland, Europe's Final Frontier for the next network meeting. We understand that there have been a series of planning meetings this year already concerning upcoming actions and that many of you will be "meeting out" by now; still we are hoping to see you here in Warsaw if you can make it!

As you no doubt know, next year our friends from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia will face new travel restrictions to Poland and the Border Police, under directives and with the guidance of and funding from the EU have been super menaces, impeding not only freedom of movement but also acting as anti-"smuggling" commandos to protect corporate interests, etc.; this has already had a very negative impact on the residents of border regions. With this in mind, we look forward to all networking which will bring people together

in a common struggle against border regimes. Please note that the agenda has not been fixed; we would like to get feedback from people who will be participating as soon as possible so that we are able to draw up a satisfactory agenda and allot enough time to discuss each item. As such, we would like people to contact us with any concerns. We also would like to get a rough idea of how many people are coming. (...) We also would like to share the facilitation responsibilities and ask if anybody would care to facilitate a certain part of the meeting to please let us know.

FRIDAY, MAY 3**11AM Brunch.****12PM** Introductions, Brief Overview of the Situation.**13PM** Preparation of the Polish Camp.**16PM** Projects in Lithuania and Kaliningrad.**DINNER** Time for discussion of east-east, east-west cooperation. More arrivals**Balkan
Anarcho-Syndicalist
Conference
(BASC)**

We would like to inform you that mailing list, whose purpose we will describe to you latter in this message was set up by internet team of Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate (IAS) from Yugoslavia. Idea of the list is to coordinate efforts of anarcho-syndicalists from Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey and Yugoslavia) who are trying to organize first Balkan Anarcho-Syndicalist Conference (BASC).

Because of heavy history, that Balkan suffered (and not only for last 12 years), we feel that it is of utmost importance for anarcho-syndicalists from this region to work more closely, and we see this conference as a first step toward that goal. Everybody who feel that is capable of helping this idea is welcomed to the mailing list. To subscribe just send empty e-mail message to: balkanast-subscribe@yahoo-groups.com For more info on mailing list or BASC mail: rata@beotel.yu Please spread this message around. Anarcho-syndicalist greet - Rata (IAS-internet team).

SATURDAY MAY 4**9AM** Breakfast.**10AM** More Intros Camps, Strasbourg, etc.**12:30** Break - Sandwiches**13:00** IOM**15:00** EU and immigration Enlargement and eastern issues Discussion**DINNER** Social/ Party**SUNDAY MAY 5****9AM** Small walking tour of historic places (the ghetto, etc.)**11AM** Brunch**12:00** Any outstanding business (for people who might have to leave early)**14:00** Chechen refugees and other practical campaigns for refugees, migrants, immigrants**DINNER CLOSING/ FOLLOW-UP**

Please confirm your attendance by replying to cube@zigzag.pl. We will contact you about housing and other arrangements within the month.

BEWARE OF THE SEX INDUSTRY: Prostitution and Slavery in Poland

One of the worst things about prostitution is that many women are taken from their countries, drugged, beaten, robbed of documents and sold as slaves. Look at all the apartments around the city advertising the services of beautiful women, look at all the advertisements left on your car window or under your door and then think: how many of these places, operating openly and for all to see, are actually using slave women to satisfy their disgusting clients and make their enslavers disgustingly rich?

The answer is, unfortunately, more than we probably imagine. Figures from the international Office of Migration, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations, no fewer than 175,000 Central and Eastern European women are trafficked each year. According to organizations such as La Strada, an international non-profit that tries to help these women, Poland is a source of these women, a destination for these women (especially from places like Ukraine) and a major transit point through which these women are taken. They estimate that 10 000 of these victims are Polish women, most caught in poverty and unwittingly falling into a violent world which entraps them and threatens their very lives.

Police broke up an auction in a Warsaw hotel where women were being sold in August 2000. The people selling these women will most likely get a rather light punishment. It just shows that people do not take this problem seriously, mostly blaming the women slaves rather than the people that abduct them, beat and drug them, sometimes torture them, sell them multiple times and force them to have sex with as many as 20 men a day, often without wearing a condom. One can recall a case in 1997 when a Polish man and woman were found to have lured 60-70 girls to Germany on promises to work; most of them have disappeared and either can be presumed dead or enslaved somewhere, already ghosts of their former selves with little hope of being rescued and little chance of ever getting to live their life again. These cases, appalling instances of abuse and torture, rarely hit the headlines, such are the conceptions of these women that they aren't even seen as human beings.

Trafficking women can be more lucrative than smuggling guns or drugs because a woman is typically sold many times and brings in more income and, most disgustingly, being caught typically brings a lighter sentence for the mafia than selling guns or drugs would. 26 cases were brought against traffickers in Poland and 37 in Ukraine but the majority were acquitted and sentences were as low as 3 years in prison. For those reasons, there was an incredible increase in this type of slavery throughout the 90's.

The police, on the other hand, are more quick to act against women working for themselves, deporting more than 1000 women prostitutes last year. As is typical for police or any other state institutions, they are much more likely to punish people that aren't really hurting anybody than the worse criminals who, even if caught, aren't punished. In effect, the police and the state criminal justice system works in support of criminals.

The only thing that will help is when average people show some concern for these women and stop treating women in general as sex objects. People need to fight against all forms of forced labor and react strongly the violence found particularly in this trade.

NO VIOLENCE AGAINST SLAVE TRADERS IS UNJUSTIFIED !

Both texts from that page are written by Polish anarchist last year and appeared in "Anarchist Bulletin" - Mayday 2001

AGAINST LIBERALIZATION OF THE LABOR CODE

All around the globe, business leaders and politicians celebrate every time some labor law is weakened as it is "an incentive for business", it will "stimulate the economy" and "it will create jobs". But workers around the world have had enough of businesses and governments telling them that if they want to have a job, they're going to have to give up some of their benefits.

As anarchists - we are not believers in asking the state to protect us - we are not naive enough to believe that their job is anything but protecting the interests of business. But we also are not going to stand around while governments bargain away the little protection that is given to us by the law.

Balcerowicz the Vampire would like to "liberalize" the labour code, trying to convince everybody that there will be a boost in the economy and more jobs - but who wants these lousy jobs if the majority of workers will be forced to slave from contract to contract, constantly forced to work harder, work overtime for fear of losing their jobs, without any type of real social contract with their employer? How many more concessions will they expect the Polish working class to make and what else will they resort to in their quest to humiliate, frighten and break the will of the workers?

We are tired of business's constant search for cheaper and cheaper labour. They control the capital and decide where to invest it, how many jobs to create, etc., but we did all the labour that created their wealth in the first place! **The cheaper we work, the more wealth they have and the more wealth they have, the more they use it against us!**

A clear message has to be sent to the politicians that if they want to bargain away our benefits, they'd better run for their lives! Enough is enough - let Balcerowicz live on 1000 zloties and a one-year contract with no other income and then he can tell us what his plans really look like. We never should stop showing them that they cannot sell us and that we're not going to tolerate their moves to get rich on our poverty!

PROTECT YOURSELF ! ORGANIZE !

“ From ZAP till DSM ”

WELCOME TO ANARCHIST MOVEMENT IN CROATIA

This is a short info on Croatian activist scene and a call for cooperation and contact. The scene, with its ups and downs, has been active for the past ten years, but last year, year and a half have presented a considerable bloom.

A group that has been around for longer period of time (around ten years) is **ZAP (Zagreb Anarchist Movement)**. The group publishes mostly anarchist publications and the newsletter "*Comunitas*" which includes the latest events and information in the field of anarchism and activism is being published even today. Aside from ZAP, on the publishing note, there is a rather new project "*Što cit@š?*" with publications in Croatian language (contact: markos@zamir.net).

ATTACK (Autonomous Culture Center) are people who are dedicated to different fields of work ranging from activism to culture. The venue is located in the former "Jedinstvo" factory and provides a bar and a concert place. ATTACK has a wide range of activities: Fade-in (video activism), FAKI (Alternative Theater Festival, contact: Itanjamanja@arabia.com), and currently happening is RAF (amateur movie festival) co-organized by ATTACK. The initiative "*Books for prisoners*" also functions under ATTACK. The group collects books for prison libraries in order to socialize prisoners, enable them to communicate with the outside world, and encourage their creativity (zazatvorenike@yahoo.com).

The longest tradition in eco activism belongs to **Zelena Akcija (Green Action)** with special interests in renewable energy sources and the problem of waste among other things. The latest project is called "*Recycled landed property*", situated on the ceded ground (contact: matko.sisak@hrstud.com). The aim of the project is to create an autonomous zone in a rural area that will consist of converted waste for the socio-educational purpose. The users will get and be able to make eco cultural contents on their own.

Prijatelji Zivotinja (Friends of Animals), contact: prijatelji.zivotinja@inet.hr are very active group as well. Their main concerns are animal rights and protection and promotion of vegan lifestyle.

CMS (Center for Peace Studies), contact: CMS@zamir.net promote non violence and educate volunteers and activists in civil society. CMS was originally a part of **ARK (Anti-war campaign)** whose main field of action was conscientious objection-civil completion of military service.

Feminist groups are large in number, even Women's studies exist, but there is only one anarchism-related group, **AnFemA (Anarcho Feminist Action)**, contact: anfema@zamir.net. AnFemA was founded two years ago and after a year long pause the group is planning various workshops and projects. Already in its fifth month of existence, Subverzije-evenings of video showing, discussions, presentations, hanging out and exchange of information are taking place every Monday in net.club Mama. Topics for each evening vary from introduction of different projects and consumerism, to anarchism and art, anarcho-feminism, media, and food. The "*Pie against suffering*" collective and "*What are you eating*" production cooperate with Subverzije.

Collaterally with the anti-IMFWB demonstrations in Prague in the summer of 2000 the **Initiative against Economic Globalization (IPEG)** was launched and organized a three day support action for the Prague demonstrations. People who participated in the demonstrations were those unable to reach the Czech Republic.

A follow-up was a solidarity manifestation with the demonstrations in Munich against the NATO meetings there (www.doljenato.cjb.net) on February the 2nd, 2002. Approximately 300 people marched on the streets, performances in front of Ministry of Defense and American Embassy buildings and a performance against NATO war policy were staged. The initiative "*Food Not Bombs*" took hold on that occasion. The demonstrations were attended by **Rijeka Anarchist Initiative (RAI)** and **Rijeka Activist Group (RAG)** as well. They started off the action against installation of NATO radars at strategic points in Croatia (mountains Ucka, Velebit, Sljeme, ...). The installation of a radar on Ucka Mountain was successfully hindered owing to the involvement of citizens, various NGOs and city authorities but the struggle continues because eight more locations are planned to be exploited for that purpose.

Due to the previous experiences on the whole activist scene we invite you to join us in the "**Another World Is Possible**" (DSM) - manifestation taking place in Zagreb on April 19th and 20th 2002., to mark the spring IMF meetings in Washington DC and to offer alternatives to corporate globalization, capitalism, neoliberalism and other global issues. Initiative is organized by a wide range of groups and individuals, from anarchist groups, human rights groups, feminist groups to anti-militarist groups. We are negotiating with worker unions as well as we find them important for fighting global and local problems. The idea is to exclude political parties and any other racist, nationalist, or xenophobic group or a group making profit over people. (more info about that action you can see on the left side - red.)

Looking forward to work together on another world which is necessary!

raport by Jelena & Suncana

Why are we against the construction of the gas pipeline "Blue Flow" ...

According to the system of unfair economic relations (so-called 'new world's

local people. In the result of gas export to Turkey it is going to be megaprofits for Gasprom and its foreign partners, in particular, Italian corporation ENI. As for impoverished

life forms in the area. Then this bulk of sulphur hydride could inflame and provoke a global ecological disaster.

But apart from such apocalyptic perspective this pipeline

the project by authorities and insuring a local self-government network in order to participate in decision making for all vital issues of the region. A decisive word has to be the

"Blue Flow" has to transform into "Green Flow" of our public movement !

order") that recently has been established in the world, multinational corporations and regional bureaucratic elite are plundering countries reach with natural resources and low living standards. In the new world's order the scale of the plundering is even bigger than in epoch of classic colonialism of 19-20 centuries. However, it's methods have changed.

The procedure is

Russian population (especially medics, teachers and pensioners) will get nothing from the project. On 9/12/1999 gas lobby in Russian Parliament have insured privileged taxation for the "Blue Flow" project, according to which for 15 years there will be tax relief in VAT, tax on profit, Road Fond tax and other taxes relief. Natural gas resources in Western Siberia are going to be exhausted in a few

is going to be dangerous even if its work fine. The noise from "Beregovaya" pumping station, situated nearby tourist bases of Arkhipo-Ossipovka and Inal will be comparable with that of a big airport. Add air and water pollution during the construction and you can forget the tourist zone's mere existence. It will practically impede the workers' taking a vacation in sanatoriums of trade unions.

word, expressed on common meetings of villages and towns, as a declaration of the people's will. And local authorities, taking any decision, have to pay attention to the public opinion and make sure that needs of local population are met. This would insure development in Russian Black Sea coast of tourism, recreational businesses and sustainable agriculture. Only in this way we can preserve

ANTIGLOBALISATION INITIATIVE OF "AUTONOMOUS ACTION" MOVEMENT - STATEMENT -

rather simple - natural resources are being exported from regions, the profit does not reach the population, but goes straight to big corporations and lured by them local and federal authorities that gradually forget about existing of interests for their own nation. National governments and owners of multinational corporations are united and conceive themselves as an elite in the "new world's order".

decades is going to be exported leaving people of the country without gas supply during long and cold winters. Moreover, the "Blue Flow" pipeline is most likely to lead to a global environmental catastrophe and collapse of Black Sea entire ecosystem. The greatest danger from the project is a high probability of underwater pipes damage, since it is going to be placed within a seismic area of the Black Sea. Specific feature

Local people will be deprived of traditional source of income, based on tourism.

Has the project for Gasprom and ENI enrichment bigger priority than economical and environmental wellbeing of Russian people, or, in global scale, of entire Black Sea region?

We believe that it is necessary to create public movement against "a construction of the century",

we our beloved warm Black Sea and insure wellbeing of both, the regional environment and population. Only in this way we can preserve our beloved warm Black Sea and insure wellbeing of both, the regional environment and population. And only in this way we can promote development of a civil society which is the only way to prevent the region from total destruction by multinational power seeking for bigger profits.

Stop the corporation now or our children will have to live in poverty on a waste disposal site !

The same is happening in Russia. Official environmental institutions, regional and federal authorities have given a "green light" to a construction of "Blue Flow" gas pipeline, ignoring voices of

of the Black Sea is a high concentration of sulphur hydride in deep waters (deeper than 200 meters). In case of any damage of the pipes, huge amount of sulphur hydride will come up to the surface killing all

based on grassroots initiatives. These grassroots have to form a horizontal network, including in it also social movements' activists and environmentalists. Such a movement is capable of insisting on closing

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Torun

local activity up-date by *Collective of Autonomists.*

Torun is a town of 250 thousand inhabitants situated in central Poland. Since a few years the main meeting point of activists in that town is a bar called "PILON". It is quite small place but with great location (centre of city, next to the old-town) and is famous for sympatic atmosphere. Lots of polish and foreign bands and others artists appeared here. The bar keeps since years a cheap prices for drinks, food and events what attract many young people and students. This is usually the first place where they are getting in touch with libertarian and anarchist ideas.

Another interesting place booking underground shows is a rented pill-box which also provides rehearsal space for bands. Since some time in the city center there is an info-shop called "MLICJA POSZUKUJE" ("Militia is searching for") with underground press and music. For more than a year a Center of Independent Culture called "1984" was located there. It was a space for meetings, exhibitions and library. Right now in the basement is rehearsing place for bands. Present we're searching for another place for similar activities.

KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW (Collective of Autonomists) is being active since 1995. There is no space to write about all our actions and projects. Generally we held activity concentrated on criticism and education on social and culture issues. I'll focus on our next planned actions. 20 of April 2002 - Street Party in the City center named "ALL DIFFERENT -

ALL EQUAL". Program includes:

- presentation of native american culture
- films concerning refugees problems
- independent cinema
- alternative theatre
- capoeira (dance, ritual martial art)
- fire show
- brake dance
- sound system
- reggae gig
- exhibitions
- presentation of local NGO's
- other attractions.

As you see we try to reach really wide spectrum of people, especially youth. It is as well to draw them away from influence of fascist / nationalist groups - traditionally strong in Torun.

Next action is planned for the beginning of summer. It will be 4th edition on Anti-Racist Football Cup. So far there were three editions with punk teams and Anti-Nazi Fan Clubs from around Poland. The cup traditional ends with gig and party. That event takes as a goal promotion of anti-fascist attitude among football fans and youth in Poland. It is as well a good opportunity for anti-fascist activists from all over the country to meet and refresh the contacts.

In Torun is also a local section of Anarchist Federation which frequently organizes various actions, usually together with KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW. If you would like to get in touch with any of these two groups, you can write on this adress:

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A-KONTRA

2/2002

English summary

A-kontra is a Czech anarchist magazine, published by Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation and Czechoslovak Anarchist Association. Currently published monthly with circulation 1.100. All articles are in Czech language. Due to the lack of money we still haven't managed to become an "official" magazine, which would help us to bring alternative informations to wider variety of people (then the A-kontra could be sold in every shop etc.). A-kontra is now being sold only by our own dealers so usually only people involved in anarchist movement have access to it. Despite the fact we have come through bureaucracy we still need money because the duplication of our circulation is essential to meet our aim.

This is why we still ask for donations. If you could donate us even a small amount of money, please contact us for details.

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The main theme: Feminism

Editorial - about abolishing of civil rights in most western countries as a reaction on terrorist attacks from September 11. The reasons for this measures presented us as "security" ones are false, as even the strongest militarism and almost total lack of civil rights can't stop the terrorism (as one could see in Israel example, don't mentioned the assassinations of Israeli army having almost total power). **Against NATO and capitalism: the oppression, which NATO guard** - article about demonstrations against NATO security council meeting in Munich. Thousands of people on streets demand a ban on all demonstrations... + the letter of solidarity by German anti-nato groups to support the anti-nato actions in Prague. **Resisting NATO in Czechia** - reportage from two Prague's street action against NATO: the street theatre (November 2) and the march (November 9) + the text of the speech of CSAF from the November 9 demo.

The grub of the resistance in a Big Apple - article about demonstrations of "bad" protestors against meeting of the WEF in New York.

Feminism and men - The struggle for women liberation is the struggle for liberation of men as well. Men must be liberated of their gender stereotype. Even men are oppressed by sexism, as the social stereotype tell them to be strong and "hard".

The appreciation of maternity: the change of current trend (by Gabrielle Robies) - translation from the Off magazine.

The struggle for a women liberation (by the Bikisha collective) - translation of the pamphlet of female anarchist collective from South Africa (<http://www.struggle.ws/inter/groups/bikisha/women.htm>) **Inferiority of women and creation of class society** - the critics of Marxist-evolution conception of history. Even before the class society the oppression of women exist so in order to abolish it abolishing of economist conditions is not enough.

The ecology of Vaclav Klaus - polemics to the article on ecology by V.Klaus, the leader of the biggest right-wing party in Czechia, published in the second biggest

newspaper there. The name of his article says all: "The environment will be saved by the trade." Member of A-kontra collective argue against his theses and for social-ecology.

It is possible to give human face to globalization and war? - translation of an open letter by twenty union leaders to members of unions and activist participating on World social forum in Porto Alegre (the original is on <http://globalresearch.ca>)

Direct action in Columbia style - article about 35 days long occupation of telecommunication tower in the second most important city in Columbia by members of a trade union, which ended in total victory for them.

Death and Funeral of Petr Kropotkin (by Emma Goldman) - translation of XXVI chapter of her book *My Dissillusion in Russia*, published for remark an anniversary of Kropotkin's Death.

The way in which Basics understand politics (by Asel Luzzarda) - translation of a short article about Basics political situation.

An interview with ... - Czech female HC band TAO.

What is written elsewhere? - the regular rubric of our magazine, which we review an interesting theoretical pieces from various magazines in. We copied this rubric from Czech anarchist magazine from the beginning of 20th century. Its aim is to give the Czech readers a brief look on discussions passing off international level. In this issue we review "Alternative to the EU" and "The media and political ignorance" from the Onward magazine and "The Bakunin's approach to revolution." "Kicking of the black block" and "Stirner, individual and anarchism" from the Red and Black revolution.

International news - brief news (demonstrations in solidarity with Argentina's people in Athens, action against Mercedes in Poland, the big anarchist demo of CGT and Madrid's syndicalist platform in Spain, Chumbawamba gave the money from General Motors to Corp. Watch and Indymedia, the demo against new racist law in Roma, solidarity anti-NATO demos in Greek and Croatia, anarchist counter-forum against World social forum in Porto Alegre, this is what capitalism looks like - about scandal with trading with death bodies in Poland) **ABC-CSAF news** - Czech antifascist suspended sentenced, USA: Karen Horning released, Four anarchist arrested and tortured in Belorussian, the Brand paper freed

USA: a new anti-terrorist law used against anarchist - short article about the "Sherman" and RaiseTheFist.com website case

And another articles, polemics, ads and news

20 pages A4 format; web pages: <http://a-kontra.csa.cz> (under construction) the cover of a new issue could be seen on <http://apdistribece.unas.cz/akontra.html>, covers of older issues could be seen on <http://apdistribece.unas.cz/akontrasmall.html> (the web of Czech anarchist-online distribution)

contact e-mail: apf@seznam.cz

The never complete list of anarchist groups, project and collectives from Eastern Europe.

(Attention: if you would like to attach any address or anyone from printed below is wrong - let us know !)

Czechia - Slovakia

ABC-CSAF - c/o P.H. po box 41.
565-01 Chocen. abc@csaf.cz

AFA - anarchist anti-fascist; po box 81; 100 81 Praha 105;
afa_praha@volny.cz

"A-Kontra" - anarchist magazine and collective, po box 223, 111 21 Praha 1;
a-kontra@csaf.cz

CSAF - (Czech-Slovakia Anarchist Federation), po box 223, 111 21 Prague
lintersec@csaf.cz www.csaf.cz/english
Poste Restante: 85106 Bratislava 57;
csaf_sk_vychod@hotmail.com

"Feminist Alliance of March 8" - @-feminist group; fs8.brezn@centrum.cz
Info-Shop - Sochanska 6; Prague.

"MILADA" - squat in Prague; mila-da.sq@volny.cz

ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolutionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111 21 Praha 1; oras_intsec@anot-her.com www.solidarity.org

"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF
intersec@csaf.cz

REVOLUCNY KOLEKTIV 9 NOVEMBRA - Poste Restante 851 06 Bratislava 57. Slovakia.

Croatia

AnFemA (Anarcho-Feminist-Action)
- anfema@zamir.net

Lithuania

"BARBORA" - squat in Vilnius;
Barboros Radvilaites 6/5; Vilnius 2001

Romania

C.A.F. (Craiova Anarho Front) - anarchist collective from city of Craiova.
libertatera@yahoo.com

Russia

Autonomous Action - network of anarchist & libertarian groups all over Russia, po box 13; 109028 Moscow. fak-kr@mail.ru

Autonomous Action (antiglobalist initiative project) - po box 3472; Krasnodar 350001. anti_hs@mail.ru

"Avtonom" - regular publication of Autonomous Action.

Serbia

RRR (Radical Resource Room) - polit/cultural project in Kraljevo.
kontra@ptt.yu

Slovenia

"VILA MARA" - squat in Ljubljana.
Smoletova 4; 1000 Ljubljana.
e_squat@hotmail.com

barriade13@hotmail.com

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 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.
cukier@poczta.onet.pl

ACK Lodz - Lukasz Pieczara.
ul.Switezianki 23/7; 91-496 Lodz 88.
lukaszpieczara@box43.pl

Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw.

"A-zine" - an anarchist publication in english contains articles of polish anarchist groups. M.Barton, po box 66; 00-956 Warszawa. cube@zigzag.pl

BARBIE WAR - anarcho-feminist group; Karolina Borkowska.
ul.Nowowiejska 6/45; 11-500 Gzysko.

"BLACK FROG" - anarchist squat and centre; ul.Sw Wincentego 6; Warszawa.

"C-4" - alternative culture centre in Lodz (ul.Weglowa 4).

CZARNE SIOSTRY (Black Sisters) - anarcho-feminist group; Pietruszka, po box 47; Miedzyrzecz Podlaski.

"Czarny Blok" ("Black Bloc") - anarchist publication in polish; po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26.

DISCO ANGELS - female independent art group; po box 145; 02-792 Warszawa 78.

EKO FEMINA - Anna Pietruszka; ul.Kalankiewicza 15/13; 82-300 Elblag.

EMANCYPUNX - anarcho-feminist group; po box 145; 02-792 Warszawa 78.

FA (Anarchist Federation) - contact by ABC/ACK groups.

FEMINA FRONT - anarcho-feminist group; Alina Synakiewicz, ul. Parkowa 84b/16; Grudziac 45.

Food Not Bombs / Gdansk - po box 118; 80-470 Gdansk 45.

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn.

Food Not Politics / Gliwice

"S.E.K.W. Krzyk"; po box 2;
44-101 Gliwice. jedzenieizamiastpolityki@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: Moi-Sa 16⁰⁰-19⁰⁰ (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

KONSOLA - anarcho-feminist group; Marta Maciejewska, ul.Newtona 12a/35; 60-161 Poznan.

K.U.R.W.A. Anarchist Revolutionary Union of Libertarian Coeducation; k.u.r.w.a@ahoj.pl

"KROMERA" - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromera 6a; Wroclaw.

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Krakow. testyf@kr.edu.pl

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Poznan. lets@poland.com

"LITTLE MARY" - anarchist squat; ul.Warszawska 249/25; Czestochowa.

"Mac Pariadka" - monthly anarchist magazine in polish; pariadka@polbox.com

RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action) - po box 43; 15-662 Bialystok 26. pkrpotkin@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).

STRZYGA - anarcho-feminist group; Rozbrat, po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31.

YA BANDA - anarchist samba band Milanowek/Warszawa. olga23@go2.pl

Educate - Organize - Protest

"DSM - Drugaciji Swijet Je Mogur !"

"Another World is Possible !" - conference & manifestation

Zagreb - Croatia; 19th-20th April 2002.

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Mayday 2002 - We are everywhere !!!

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**The international meeting of
No Border Network**

Warsaw - Poland; May 3-5

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Anarchist Press and Literature Fair

squat "Rozbrat" Poznan - Poland

18th-19th May 2002

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**Third International Conference of
Critical Geography**

Bekescsaba - Hungary

25th-30th June 2002

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"War-makers are going back to Prague ... What about us ?"

"We love Prague as we hate capitalism !!!"

NATO -SUMMIT

Prague - Czechia

21th-22th November 2002.

Analyse - Resist - Create New