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There is an enduring need to instantly abolish all states, governments and authoritarian institutions so that communities based on common values such as freedom, respect, collaboration and solidarity can be formed. These communities in turn can lead to the transformation of the world order into one based on the above mentioned values.

In an attempt to push forward both of these goals with support for development from the anarchist movement above the borders we have created ...

"Abolishing the Borders from Below" an anarchist courier from Eastern Europe

There are many reasons why it is necessary to put out this type of publication on a regular basis. There are a large number of anarchist groups in Eastern Europe who could operate much more effectively with a continual exchange of ideas, tactics, experiences and materials with similarly minded groups from all over Europe and the World. It is clear that many western activists are also interested in the ideas and actions of the "eastern anarchists". We believe it to be necessary to tighten the collaboration between east and west in resisting Fortress Europe, the globalization of the world economy, and above all capitalism and its effects on our life. A mutual exchange of inspirations, motivations, and cooperation from anarchist communities all over Europe is needed on a day to day basis not only in times of international protests like the ones in Prague, Gothenburg and Genua. The intent of this paper is to set up a better network of communication between groups and individuals from different parts of this continent. The process of creating an 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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Report from the second international anti-NATO meeting in Prague

The weekend 21-22 of September was another important step of the anti-NATO campaign which will reach its peak during the NATO-summit in Prague exactly two months later (21-22 of November). It was important for both - local and international anarchist / anti-capitalist movement. On Saturday 21.09 an anti-NATO street party took place in the centre of Prague from which you can find a report in this issue. And on Sunday the very long awaited second international meeting for coordination of anti-NATO actions in Prague took place. We reported you already from the first one which happened in spring time and on which one the need of mobilisation and some of the principles of November actions were decided.

After a longer break, around 30 activists from several countries gathered again in Prague's great anarchist info-shop to bring fresh strength to the mobilisation and to the upcoming actions real structures and visions. In the meeting which lasted about 10 hours representatives of all active anarchist groups in Prague, as well as individuals took part. They were joined by activists from other cities of Czechia, from Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Poland, Germany and some American activists living actually in Prague. Other groups from abroad asked to be informed of the results of the meeting. After a short report about an anti-NATO action the day before and the current situation in Prague the agenda of the meeting was set up. The most important issues to discuss were: accommodation, infrastructure, repression, plans for actions, finances, media and intensification of the international mobilisation.

Accommodation possibilities for November are similar to how they were two years ago during s26 actions except of sleeping on the station because of possible coldness (strangely two years ago hardly anyone decided to stay on the station anyway ...). There are possibilities to rent flats (for all those who will decide to stay in Prague for few weeks), to get cheap rooms in the hostels (it is strongly recommended to book it before), to sleep at private persons (this is of course limited and basically reserved for those who will come earlier to join the preparations) and to squat the houses/flats (local activists are trying to squat something bigger before the protests and open it for foreign activists as sleeping/organizational space). It is hardly possible that any schools, sport places or other public buildings will be available because of pressure from the authorities but there are still attempts to find them. All you need more to know about accommodation you can ask directly the accommodation coordination team natoaccommodation@lists.riseup.net

Generally speaking setting up the infrastructure is more difficult than before s26, this is because there is no will for any collaboration with the authorities so far. That means - everything needs to be set up from below: accommodation, info-points, Convergence Centre (CC), IMC (Independent Media Centre), offices for working groups (for example anti-repression structures). There is already the great info-shop in centre of Prague which will be open

during the protests and serve to give all informations to the activists. The problem is that this place is relatively small so there is a need to set up one or two alternative places to provide informations. Local activists are trying to set it up during the next weeks.

After a crisis period the Prague IMC is back with the news on November actions and there is a call to all people who would like to help with setting up the international IMC in Prague for November - the location is going to be found out. Equipment and financial help for that aim are needed of course. You can contact a group coordinating anti-NATO-IMC-Prague under imc-prague@lists.indymedia.org. Locations for offices for other groups has to be found in the next future. There is the possibility that anti-repression structures and the borders-coordination-group could use the OPH (legal observers) offices or be set up in one of the future info-points. The biggest problem is to find a proper space for the Convergence Centre. This was already difficult enough two years ago and it was easily evicted by the authorities after the first day of mass actions. There was consent during the meeting that this time it would have to be much safer and a much more independent space. There will still be attempts to find such a building in Prague and if this will not be possible there is the idea to find a piece of land and put huge tents there. It would provide convergence space (as it was during no-to-EU actions in Brussels at December 2001). Such huge tents have to be found too, so there is a call to all groups around Europe to contact people in Prague if they can help to provide such a tent/tents.

Another big issue during the meeting were expected repression: before the protests concerning the process of preparations, on the borders, during the protests and afterwards. As a first step the borders-coordination-group was founded to prepare the strategy against border repression in November. More about expected border repression you can find in the interview with a Czech activist inside this issue and under antiborder.prague@zipilip.com

Second idea considering anti-repression work was to put together an international anti-repression group including Czech activists, Czech legal observers (OPH), Czech lawyers, international ABC activists, international lawyers and members of other anti-repression groups around Europe. This group should be found together as fast as possible in order to set up effective and professional structures to counteract the state repression. Local activists already started to work on that issue so there is an urgent appeal to all ABC/anti-repression groups around Europe to join that structure by any means. Contact under info@antinato.cz. No need to remind you that this project needs financial support as well!

Considering plans for the actions there was as usual big differences about ideas and expectations. The consent was that the plans has to provide enough free space for the last moment decisions during the meetings in CC in last weeks/days before the actions. This way all groups which wish to influence the

decision making process can do so by sending their delegates to Prague early enough. Prague actions will be organized on 100% anti-authoritarian/anarchist principles. Of course a minimum has to be decided earlier so there were some decisions taken.

Local groups have booked many locations for gatherings by the city government already months before so there is a lot of possibilities for different groups and organizations to start and/or lead their actions independent of others. These locations are: Václavské Náměstí (its in the center of Prague), Náměstí Hrdinů (its to the south from Congress Centre were the NATO summit will take place), Náměstí Míru (in city center) and Letenská plan (free space at the periphery). All these are legal from November 20 to November 24, each day from 9 am to 8 pm.

The protests will start on November 17 (Sunday) with an anti-capitalist and anti-NATO march. The November 18 is kept free until now. November 19 (Tuesday) is the day when the most of war-makers will arrive into the city and have an exclusive dinner in the center of Prague. For all the day many food not bombs (FNB) actions in different parts of the city are planned. There is again a call to all FNB collectives from abroad to join that action! This is as well a day of remembrance of the victims of capitalism world wide. That's why in the evening in front of exclusive-NATO-dinner there will be a gathering with pots, plates, spoons and street instruments inspired by protests in Argentina and in solidarity with struggle in Argentina and world wide! All attempting to disturb the capitalist orgie inside. The day of November 20 (Wednesday) is for now as well free of actions (can be used for last preparations for N21) or as there are first informations about fascist groups mobilising for Prague (Russian and Serbian militant fascist groups known for their easy access to Czech announced their activities in Prague!!!) this day can easily turn to be the day of anti-fascist activities. The main anti-NATO actions are planned for November 21 (N21 - Thursday) when the summit itself starts.

Structure of the November 21 Action Day: The idea is to encourage many autonomous, creative, decentralised actions and marches throughout Prague in the morning and early afternoon of the day. There will be a meeting point for those people that do not want to engage in the morning actions at Náměstí Míru at 14:00. At Náměstí Míru there will be an info point, speeches, hopefully a public forum and some sort of fun, colourful happening. The theme for this gathering will be SVEJK, with the idea to encourage people to dress, act, or bring anything Svejk-like!!! (for more info about Svejk, look up or read Jaroslav Hasek's 'The Good Soldier Svejk'). At 15:00 this group will leave Náměstí Míru to come together with the other autonomous action groups and marches at a location which will have to be decided ... much ... later! From that point there is hope to do something all together depending on how the situation has progressed during the day. This is a structure in which every group can find space for their lovely kind of action. These actions will be better prepared and

coordinated during the last days in Prague so there is a lot of space for everyone who likes to influence its course. Although the bigger part of Czech activists are sceptical about real chances of disturbing the NATO-meeting itself everything seems to be still open and depends of the how many people will join the actions.

November 22 (Friday) is again free of plans for now but it was clear for almost everyone that actions against NATO/capitalism need to continue as well as the jail-solidarity demonstrations. Strongly invited to join all street action are medical teams (and individuals) from abroad as the Czech medical team is not big enough.

Lets come to the finances. It can appear to many of you as incredible but the whole budget which Czech anarchist groups have is ... 60 euro!!! Well, they are saying that they are used to make something from nothing but there it is clear that the protest could be prepared much more effectively if some donations would appear. Money is needed for almost everything: For printing of posters, leaflets and bus-cards, for renting the offices and possible space for Convergence Centre, for the preparation of various actions, for costs of anti-repression structures, for communication, costs of the lawyers, medical cost, for IMC, for artworks, banners, etc. If you can support the anti-NATO offensive in Prague with money contact info@antinato.cz

A discussion took place about how to intensify the international mobilisation during the last 8 weeks. International posters, more info on international websites, regional info gatherings and benefits are some of the elements of that campaign. On the last page of our bulletin you will find a full list of contact addresses you need to join that mobilisation. Some Czech activists told that they are afraid that many groups will resign from coming and join them because of expected border problems. Others said that the borders should be abolished together with the states, the states with their governments, the governments with their military structures what will lead to automatically abolishment of NATO ... so they believe that the international movement will agree on that and will join the protests in Prague regardless of the repression on the way. Some are complaining that after Genova the international struggle is "in crisis". Some believe that the was-takom of the Bush-coalition will motivate thousands to come back to Prague. At one thing all Czech activists seem to agree: The global criminals are coming back to Prague and we have to do something, regardless of the expenses. We would like to add: We will do something ... we will give them the same message we gave their colleagues from IMF/WB two years ago: You Can Not Stop the Global Resistance!!!

At the end of the meeting the date for the third international meeting was set up for 26-27 of October (Saturday-Sunday) in Prague. After the long, intensive and effective meeting the international crew continued an unofficial conversation in spirit of cold Czech beer and reminiscence of s26. More info about NATO in Prague you will find on pages: 6, 7, 8 and 24.

Lithuania: NATO's first virtual member state

by Geoffrey Vasiliauskas

Should Lithuania be asked to join NATO this November in Prague, the country would become NATO's first virtual member state -- virtually indefensible, with no geopolitical strategic significance to the security of other member states, virtually a democracy with a simulated free market and feigned respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Since NATO formed, the organization has pretty much written the training manual for new recruits as it went along. Turkey, then a dictatorship, was seen as key to security in containing Soviet expansion in the Black Sea, Mediterranean and Middle East. US president Eisenhower pinned the hopes of the post-war world on collective security arrangements, which were supposed to have included blocs similar to NATO based in Baghdad for the Middle East, a plan cut short by the Ba'athist revolution there that eventually led to Saddam Hussein's rule there, but also in the Far East, the Pacific, Africa and South America.

When the Cold War wound down to an end, more or less every former Soviet satellite state began knocking on NATO's doors, and some even began inquiring what the price of admission and the dress code were in order to enter the exclusive club. In response, NATO instituted the Partnership for Peace program and laid down some guidelines, maybe even calling them criteria, for aspirants: respect for human rights, rule of law, democracy, a free press and a free market economy. Lithuanians said, no problem, we can do that.

Lithuania had no choice in 1991 but to undertake awesome economic and political reforms. Along with the substantial and real reforms in the Lithuanian military over the last decade, economic reforms have become an end in and of themselves, serving to secure a new line of credit from the IMF or World Bank, or pushing Moody's to up the nation's

credit rating a notch or two. Endless reforms have also proven profitable, while an end to reforms would mean foreign aid via a number of programs would simply dry up. So Lithuania has become an expert at simulating reforms, at jumping through the right hoops at the right time while accomplishing nothing tangible in free market economics, with no end to internal

finding novel ways to violate human rights. Readers of Baltic Times will remember the case of the anti-NATO protestor thrown out of his job the next day after accusations from security personnel he was a secret agent of the Soviet military intelligence, GRU, and the case of Ashique Hamdani, long-time resident of Lithuania deported after exposing corruption in government and law enforcement, forced to leave his wife and daughter behind. Readers also remember how Lithuanian political leaders, busy preparing to send their political delegates to the Frankfurt Book Fair this October to tell the world about Lithuania's achievements in guaranteeing human rights and democratic rule, gave the orders to arrest protestors during the recent visit by the Chinese dictator Jiang Zemin to Vilnius. Lithuania's best-selling author Jurga Ivanauskaitė was roughed up by police and arrested without charges. Police continued to harass her even after they issued public apologies to her for the treatment she received at their hands. While Lithuanian politicians attend Frankfurt to tell fairy tales to all comers, Lithuania's writers

Delegates found Lithuanian prisoners were effectively being tortured by the way they were held, and in certain cases were intentionally tortured by law enforcement. They also found Lithuanians were arrested and held for unreasonably long periods of time before ever coming to trial, in many cases for months and years. It took a full-scale HIV epidemic at a Lithuanian penal colony this spring to wake the public and politicians up to what the EU delegation plainly reported last year. It finally came out that prison officials themselves were selling IV drugs to prisoners to augment their meager salaries, but had neglected to sell prisoners needles along with the drugs. Hundreds of male prisoners were using a single needle to inject heroin.

Respect for the rule of law is a strange proposition in a country where the president is in clear violation of the national constitution. The Lithuanian constitution doesn't allow political office for those who have sworn oaths of allegiance to a foreign power. As a naturalized US citizen and a US soldier and government employee, president Valdas Adamkus swore allegiance to the US. He also seems to have worked for US military intelligence, if only as a Russian translator during the Korean war. Luckily, the wording of the Lithuanian constitution law was changed by MPs to allow such cases to forego the normal ritual for run-of-the-mill KGB agents.

It would require a book to enumerate all the ways in which the Lithuanian constitution is routinely ignored by public officials and the courts in Lithuania. The document makes all the right sounds in all the right places, but the auditorium is empty. That fact might be lost when Lithuanian politicians embark on their latest musical tours this autumn in Frankfurt and then Prague (November NATO-summit), to be followed by a gala performance in Brussels.

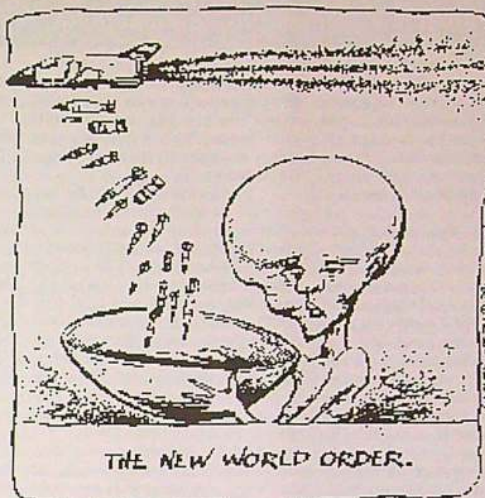


rapy, Lithuania opted for the lobotomy.

In human rights Lithuania has done the same thing, putting on a good face for visiting experts from international organizations while doing nothing to improve practices inherited from the Soviet organs of repression. In some cases Lithuania has even done the Soviets one better,

BELA KRAJINA WON'T GO TO NATO!!!

Bela krajina (White Carniola) is an area in the south-eastern Slovenia, close to the Croatian border. The area itself is an important strategic point for military bases in the future, more exactly for Schengen borders. Fortunately, local inhabitants are aware of the consequences that NATO will bring: increased prices, militarization, military bases etc. After action with putting banners with anti-NATO slogans through all Slo at the beginning of July, in Bela krajina (BK) the banners are still hanging there. Why? Because everyone is against NATO, from old farmers to young activists. Thus, they gave out a declaration in which they demand separation from Slovenian state if it goes to NATO. They declared BK as anti-military area and they demand referendum for separation from the state if NATO comes. They put lots of propaganda like posters, flyers and political activity around this subject. They put the Declaration in all media. What was the reaction? After putting the Declaration out, the national newspapers started to search for the "responsible". Even if the BK's activists show themselves in public



and are ready to speak, they asked mayor and other BK's politicians about it. Their answer was of course that they did not do this and that it's not true that people from BK don't want to go to NATO. They declared Declaration as false, because it was not made by the "leaders of BK" and they said that it's sure a joke. When journalists asked the locals if they hanged the anti-NATO banners, they answered: "No, we don't know who hanged it, but maybe you know, because we would like to know those people." What they wrote in newspapers was that it was a summer joke or because of the tourist concourse between other tourist areas or it was a trick of youth political party which stands against NATO and it's part of their voting campaign. The mayor said: "It's a joke and people laugh on it." Of course national newspaper I didn't write the real cause of the Declaration. The real reasons are, as I already mentioned, the moral question, anti-militarization and economical consequences. It's no doubt they mean it seriously. The people, not their self-proclaimed leaders. AFA, Molotov

A KILOMETER AWAY FROM NATO, TWO MILLIONS FOR FREEDOM!

In the night on 23. to 24. June Slovenia was again over-flowed with collective action against membership of Slovenia in military alliance NATO and against its function. In the action "A kilometer away from NATO, two millions for freedom" about 200 different banners were hanged through all country. Banners were hanging on road bridges above main highway cross (Koper-Maribor, Kranj-Bregana) and near some important roads. Banners were made in different locations, by different individuals and organizations, including activists from squat A.C. Molotov in Ljubljana.

We didn't use any name of organization or

representers, because we've had bad experience with it. The only name that was used was Reci Ne NATO (Say No NATO) and Dost je (It's Enough). We represented this in public like this is not a formal organization and anyone who takes actions against NATO is a member of it.



this action's consequences was the attempt of eviction of Molotov and (in the same day) Refugee Centre for Bosnian refugees in Ljubljana, because eviction started directly after the action. Minister of Foreign

Affairs Dimitrij Rupel, who is the loudest defender of NATO, also send his people to search for anti-NATO activists and list of these people

was published in a newspaper (not by him of course). On the "black list" are especially intellectualls (professors from universities, theoreticals etc.), journalists and likely squatters.

The action was loud in public and analyses made by media showed that the public opinion went from 40% against NATO and 60% for it to 60-70% against it. The government also promised to make a referendum, but now they changed their mind. We assume that they wanted to shut down the activities with the eviction of Molotov. But luckily, we are far away from being the only ones who refuse NATO and its war-machine. We are everywhere!!

"If you know how to save the world, don't whisper, scream!"

"For a world of many worlds!" "You can give to yourself only freedom!"

In other words:

"It's time for a scream that demands freedom and a world of many worlds in which it must be clear, that war is not and must not be a game."

Interview with Czech anarchist involved in preparations of actions against NATO-summit in Prague

"NATO is going to Prague and we have to do something, regardless of expense"

Short introduction is needed. At first, the following interview was made mostly before the second international meeting in Prague which took place at 22 September 2002, at the situation when Czech anarchists could not know how wide international support they should expect. Secondly, it is important to mention that there are existing many differences in opinions and expectations considering NATO-summit in Prague among Czech anarchists itself. We asked our comrade to try to be objective but of course some of the specific questions could have various different answers depends of who would respond them. But what is the most important that this interview giving us a pretty clear picture of Czech reality in context of upcoming protests. Well, it for sure will not help to spread a massive optimism around continent but hopefully will motivate many of you to intensify process of mobilisation and preparations to the November's events. We want to say thank to our comrade for this interview - ABB.



There was a lot of confusion & myths going on outside of Czech after S26 two years ago about what was exactly situation in Prague afterwards. Could you explain how the events around S26 influenced in turn: inhabitants of Prague, the Czech society, young Czech generation, media, and the anarchist movement in your region?

I'll start with anarchist movement. Just after the S26 and a few following months we were really disappointed and confused. People who had come to protest left Prague in the evening of September 26 and next day we found ourselves in a fire from all sides: media, police, society in general and also various groups and activists from abroad. These attacks lasted for a few weeks. Of course we expected a strong wave of repression from state and police as well as usual reaction of media, but feeling of so-called "normal" people was really hostile towards protests which found us more or less surprised. Mainstream media managed to show the demonstrators as nearly-terrorists who destroyed half of Prague (our nice capital!). Nearly all of them talked about real war in the streets etc. so people were really scared and hated all anarchists. We felt we had lost years of work with common people in one day. In people's minds, anarchists were just Molotov's throwers again. Also, we were really upset by criticism from activists from abroad, as this criticism was mostly based on a false facts and we unfortunately didn't have enough energy to react.

But in a half of a year our feeling started to change slowly. We learnt that S26 and especially the preparation process gave us a lot of new ideas, experiences, contacts etc... We slowly started to use some of these new techniques like security banners, samba-bands and generally tried to bring more fun into our actions. Some new groups were created under direct influence of S26 - I mean the *Reclaim the Streets* Prague, which already collapsed(*) and the *Feminist Alliance* (still active). Anarchist groups have been using their international contacts from S26 to networking with western comrades and sort of young supporters of anarchist movement was radicalised by S26 events (**).

Attitudes of young Czech generation was different from attitudes of Prague's inhabitants and the Czech society in general only in a bigger level of apathy... However, some section of Czech anarchist movement believe that S26 had also impact on a working class in a sense of their radicalisation, especially after the incident a half a year ago when fired workers attacked their former boss and then even police which tried to defend him. In general, since the September 27 we have thought that S26 was a victory on an international level. We thought it was in the same time a total loss on a national level, but this feeling changed and now oscillate somewhere between "it wasn't so bad" and "it could be worse."

Could you shortly describe political landscape in Czech right now? What is the basic opinion about NATO among Czech society and particular, which parties, NGOs and not-anarchist groups are planning to protest against NATO-summit?

All right. The Czech Republic has now (so-called) Social-Democratic government with support of coalition of Christian party and one small right-wing party. So-called opposition is composed of the biggest right-wing party (with more or less hidden tendency to ultra-right) ODS and Communist party. All (parliament) parties are fundamentally and loudly pro-NATO with exception of Communist party, which is completely against NATO as well as NATO summit in Prague. They even announced some street actions against the summit, but we saw before S26 what they mean by that: calm march of several thousands hardcore bolshevik's pensioners and their young supporters lead by communist MPs several days before actual summit. As far as I know, no NGO announced any kind of street activity during summit. They haven't even published brochures nor leaflets - it seems that they wouldn't be active in any way (***). Most likely they are scared of being link to terrorists because as everybody knows NATO is the only protector of peace... Among non-anarchist groups some bolshevik sects announced they would go to the streets, but I don't care about them. We also tried to address some pacifist and anti-militarist groups, but we have learnt that these groups are usually composed of one or two members with no real potential (if they at least exist) and they are usually not interested in participating anyway, mainly because the lack of energy.

Should we understand that from organized groups and organisations only anarchist ones are taking seriously importance of showing resistance during NATO summit?

Well, not exactly. I think also various bolsheviks and trockists take it seriously as well, but they are even far more weaker than anarchist movement so their effort is really useless. They even not organise "normal" demonstrations, because they are able to mobilise up to 15 people... And of course, we are not quite interested what they are doing. In contrary, we hope they are doing nothing and soon die. So when we expel bolsheviks because of that reasons, then the answer to this question is yes, you should.

What were the most important arguments which brought not really huge Czech-Slovakian anarchist movement to decision about calling (after such a short time from S26) for another massive protest in Prague?

The point is that there wasn't real discussion whether start this campaign or not. There were some voices against it because of variety reasons, but generally the feeling was like there is no alternative.

Shortly, NATO is going to Prague and we have to do something, regardless of expense.

On the first international meeting which took place in Prague in April 2002 you told a lot about that S26 was a big lesson for you in issue of organizing massive protests and about big mistakes which were made during this event. Could you tell us what mistakes you find as the most fundamental and how it is influencing preparations for November actions?

It is important to note first that no one from people involved in preparation of S26 have experiences with this kind of protest, so it is obvious that we did some mistakes. Now it is crucial to take a lesson from it and don't repeat them again. One of the most important mistake was pacifist attitude of INPEG (coalition of organisers) towards media and society in general. We talked a lot about non-violence issue, stressing that we are not violent and not going to destroy anything. Partly it was reaction on mainstream media which constantly talked about tens of thousands wild anarchists coming only to destroy everything they would even see. We wanted to negate this so our outputs was too about non-violence at the expense of the second part, which was that we are in the same time fully ready to self-defence when being attacked by police. Unfortunately, this second part wasn't heard too much and was completely overshadowed by non-violence part. In my opinion, it was caused by three causes: first, constant media attacks about violent anarchists willing to destroyed whole Prague, second, inexperienced spokespersons who come under the pressure of media and the atmosphere in society, and third, too hybrid coalition of organising groups. The result was confusion and mess inside the INPEG after the "violent" demos on S26, because we weren't prepared on that in theoretical level and didn't have any plan how to work in spite of guessing that it could happen all the time before. This year, we don't talk about violence from our side - to the question of violence we answer that it is NATO who is real aggressor, not us. The second problem was too hybrid coalition of groups - INPEG members. On the begging there were even one "radical" NGO, which influenced all basic documents towards pacifism and blocked all revolutionary ideas being passed inside it and finally they refused to sign it and left the INPEG. We had no time and energy to change it so it stood as it was. Also, among member groups there were "soft" bolshevik groups SocSol and some non-anarchist activist groups like - Voice of the Earth. The result was that we weren't able to say what we are for, which is really important, maybe more important than saying what we are against. In anti-ANTO campaign this year there are only anarchist and pro-anarchist groups, so this problem was effectively solved...

Could you shortly present

CSAF/ORA Solidarita criticism against NATO and the way you're proposing to get rid of it in the future.

I think these points are really obvious, so I'll be really short. NATO is organisation which serve only to protect economic interests of rich regardless of anything else (for example human beings or environment) and has no legitimacy, nor at least quasi-legitimacy. We are calling for immediate abolishing NATO (and giving money rather to schools, accommodations, hospitals etc.) as a short-time goal and of course, for a change of society towards more free and self-management society as a long-time goal.

Since many months you are running intensive anti-NATO campaign in your country. What are the main components of that campaign. How you see it effects after all these months? What argumentation seems to bring the most understanding among the Czech society?

I am sorry I have to let you down. It is true that we are running relatively big campaign for many months, but society as whole has still the same level of apathy as ever. We use mainly street info-steels, leaflets, posters, smaller demos and public lectures. But by these methods we could influence hundreds, maybe thousands of people, which is really a drop in the ocean. The most understanding argument is for sure money. People feel that it has no sense to give tens of millions to military while everything other (education, sanitary, housing) is in real shit.

Are you expecting that when crisis around Iraq will end with another war at least part of Prague citizens will awake from their apathy and decide spontaneously to join the protest or at least its anti-war aspect?

I'm not sure. Despite the fact many of Prague citizens are against war, they apathy is much more stronger... This is still the same problem - people don't think they could change something by showing resistance in the streets. But I can't say that it couldn't radicalise some people, but it wouldn't be for sure thousands of them - rather tens, at best. But I think there is a big chance it would make at least part of people to stand on our side intellectually.

What are you expecting from protests planned in November? What do you see as the main goals of that mobilisation?

We all agree that most likely there is no chance to interrupt the summit once again. Police is too well prepared. What we can do is to express our dissent from the summit and possibly annoyed life of delegates in Prague (they want to eat in luxury restaurants, they even have a big luxury dinner for delegates in the place outside the Congress centre, they for sure want to sleep etc.)... These are more or less goals of all groups involved in prepara-

tions (****).

After so called "Summer of Resistance" (Gothenburg, Barcelona, Genova) it was heard everywhere that the "S26" actions in Prague were the only ones could be called "organized from below" where everyone could influence process of planning the actions and could influence a message brought to the streets? Many people were missing this kind of organisation and communication while other massive actions. Do you think that it is possible to reach an organisational level similar to that one from "S26" in November?

Yes, that's for sure. The protests will be certainly organised from below and with maximum respect to anarchist principles of direct democracy - i.e. everybody could influence everything from a form of actions to the message bring to the streets. I could say it for sure because there are no hierarchical structures like NGO's or big trade unions or hierarchical movement who would want to join the protest.

What strategy of Czech police and authorities are you expecting in November? How far and in which way are these upcoming events discussed today in Czech medias and by Czech authorities?

This is not really easy but very important question. They are prepared both technically and theoretically. We know that chiefs of Czech police have attended several forums focused on struggle against "antiglobalisation" mass demonstrations and that they coordinate all security measures with police of other EU and even non-EU countries. Close partnership has been negotiated with Germany, Polish, Austrian and Slovak police. So far it was said that there will be at least 12.000 policemen and several thousands soldiers. Also, some time before the summit will come around 2.000 FBI agents to help the Czech authorities... Police received special 500 millions of Czech crowns (around 17 millions of EURO) for anti-demonstration equipment. It was announced that on all frontier crossing there will be special cameras which should be able to recognise people's faces and compare it to database of "unwanted people" and the same software should be also used in CCTV system in Prague(****). Finally, police announced this time they wouldn't allowed demonstrators to destroyed the city centre, which in their words should be protected as well as the place of the summit. All of you can imagine what this cocktail means...

NATO summit is being discussed in media, but usually only on what-do-you-do-with-demonstrations or we-are-so-proud level. Politicians constantly talked about the unique opportunity to show world that Czech Republic is able to host the top level summit on the same level as the most developed states are. Philosopher stressed that it is one of the most (maybe even the most) important point of

history and we, Czech people, are in the centre of it! And of course, no criticism of NATO in mainstream media ...

What kind of support in context of November 21-22 but as well during the preparations, you wish the most to receive from abroad?

The first need is the money. They are needed for printing posters and leaflets (of course we are able to print something on our own, but if we would printed several tens of thousands posters and send it to collectives around whole Czechia it would be really good propaganda tools. We are able to print several thousands at best), for accommodations, communications, we also need at least one public info-point... During preparations, we welcome people who could come to Prague several weeks ago and help with preparation work. We also encourage bigger collectives who are coming to protest against summit to send one delegate around a week before so they would influence the decision making process and help to coordinate activities. Also, we strongly encourage people and groups to come with ideas what to do (direct actions around the city etc.) and not to wait what we have planned, (the map of Prague could be fined on www.mapy.cz, the place of summit could be fined there when you type the word "Vysehrad" there and choose "mhd" /city traffic/ in right menu. It will find the metro station which is straight under the Congress centre). And we also call groups from cities not far from Czech borders to prepare demonstration of solidarity and against possible border repression which people who wouldn't be able to cross the border could join and to let us know as soon as possible they are doing so in order we could inform about it in our materials, web pages etc. And finally, we welcome solidarity actions on all places around the world... See you in Prague!

(*) Actually RTS-Prague split few weeks ago and ex-RTS activists formed various groups what some of them see as positive development.

(**) The example of ongoing preparations to anti-NATO actions is clearly showing how much more professional Czech activist become and how much the international contacts are staying alive.

(***) As the mobilisation around summit is growing from day to another there is not said that the situation did not change since the interview was made.

(****) This expectations are not necessary the same ones which developed during two international meetings but the ones which the most of Czech/Slovakian activists present.

(***** At the moment Czech Legal Observers Group (OPH) is trying to prove that this kind of monitoring is not allowed in Czech Rep. Lets wait for results of that appeal.

A letter from Slovenia about situation on the Czech borders ... in September!

Salut! Last week, in Thursday September 19, four people from Slovenia, going to Prague for international meeting, were refused to enter Czech Republic. We went with a car and since they were checking everyone who was not Czech or Austrian, they check our passports in the computer and stopped us. Me and my friend were taken to the office, where they wrote some protocol, which of course was in Czech and we didn't understand it. Between that, they searched the car. They just said we have to go back, showing on me and my friend. It was probably because we were arrested two years ago on demonstrations in Prague, even if we were not accused. We tried again the next day on another border and it was the same. When we asked, they said, prohibition is until 1 December. We wanted first to make troubles on the border, but we had two dogs with us and were tired. Later, I found out that they have all rights according to the law, for such fascist behaviour, and they can send you back without explanations. And they send all car back, even if just one person is suspicious. So, it's the best to use train in such cases. Next day, another car was coming to Czech borders with people from Croatia and Slovenia. They were totally searched, bookers were searched, politically questioning etc, but they couldn't find anything more, so they let them go. They manage to come to Prague. It is important that we are ready for VERY BIG BORDER CONTROL, because it's TWO MONTHS before demos and we were really not expecting so big control. take care, por la libertad...



NATO and SLOVAKIA

This is short part of text published by Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation in Slovakia in connection with campaign against NATO. Slovakia is one of the candidates for the admission, so this topic is very important for us. For more info, please contact Slovak link of CSAF (www.csa.cz).

After the disintegration of The East Bloc and extinction of Warsaw pact arose really insanity about western kind of thinking, bringing myths like Capitalism = Democracy, or Capitalism = Prosperity. And as the guarantee of security, thinking about joining NATO became serious, after being of free-market and penetration of foreign capital, became stronger. During the government of Vladimír Mečiar Slovakia is unacceptable in comparison with countries like Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland for NATO. But since 1998, by coming of new government, we're witnesses of gushing acceptance of any recommendations and instructions of the international elites. In the other hand, we can see social crisis, as the sacrifice of "positive image" of Slovakia. There are many examples of want on activities of political-economic elites with no regard to interests of citizens of Slovakia. In November, there should be decision about initiation of Slovakia in NATO, everything with no discussion. There is something to say.

Our elites say, that membership in NATO is only possible guarantee of security and prosperity. The instruments of these goals should be increasing amount of foreign investments and the guarantee of protection in the case of military attack. The instruments are clear, what about backlashes?

The interests of NATO are determined by the interests of global owner-class. The protection is therefore bounded until the moment, where the interests of Slovakia are compatible with interests of foreign investors with the goal to increase the influence of global elites. Good conditions for mighty entrepreneurs are nowadays only attractions for NATO in decisions what to protect. And prosperity? "Prosperity of handful = doubtfulness of majority". Foreign capital, that means reinforcement of globalised capitalism as the hugest - and most dangerous - form of human oppression in history. Social differences, thousands of people under the border of poverty, everything are the attributes we can see nowadays and everything will be much worse.

Question of admission of Slovakia? Health service and school system are standing closely near the collapse. Nevertheless, the contributions given to the preparation for admission are four times more than money given to education and research. Slovakia, as the state with the worst social situation in central Europe, could be knocked out by another increasing of expenditure given to the army and military service. Only way how to compensate this expenditure is to increase the taxes and decrease social help, or to become more in debt of foreign economical institutions, military companies etc. Economical stability? Forget it.

After long time lasting oscillation of public support to admission of Slovakia under 50%, the government decided to start quite unknown campaign. More than million dollars it is impossible to count that exactly have been dedicated to non-government subject and media with the goal to create their own campaign to increase the support. The brainwashing of "their own" population has been taken as thoroughly natural thing. The analogy with ex totalitarian regime is perhaps only accidental. The workshops for teachers are only bottom of moral swamp.

Admission of Slovakia in NATO is an interest of nobody of us. However, much worse problem is existence of this organisation as it is, as the military service of global class of capitalist elite. Therefore it's impossible to criticise NATO by autonomist positions. The only way is different, free, non-hierarchical and non-class set-up of society, called also as anarchist. Destruction of NATO structure and another multinational institutions is only one little step on this road. The social revolution, protection of own freedom and society is an affair of every one of us.

Anti-NATO action in Bratislava - 14 September 2002

About 400 people, mainly from Slovakia and Czechia took part in an illegal march at 14th of September in Bratislava during 3rd Bratislava Street Party. This year, the main topics of action organised by the group of Slovak anarchists with help of Czech comrades, were campaign against NATO and against parliamentary democracy, in connection with summit of NATO in Prague in November and with elections in 20th-21st of September in Slovak republic. After static part with speeches, live and reproduced music and distribution of anarchist propaganda, people started the

blockade of the most important roads in downtown of Bratislava, including one of the bridge across Danube. In the street, they could listened to two speakers of CSAF, talking about social and political connections of NATO and about exploiting and unjust character of parliamentary democracy. After turning the march in downtown with luxurious stores and restaurants, the cops made the circle round demonstrators and forced them to continue walking out of the main streets. After three hours, the march was finished and the actions continued by the lecture "Globalisation, War, NATO", orga-

nised by Czech and Slovak comrades from CSAF. But Slovak police made one dangerous precedence even before the action. They stopped five Czech anarchists with reasons "they are going to take part in forbidden action and they are carrying forbidden materials (that means anarchist and antifa)". Because of the order of police president, they had to leave the border and go back.

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Anti-NATO action in Prague - 21 September 2002

On Saturday September 21 the Prague anti-NATO street party took place. Around 400 people gathered in a park "Těšnov" in the city centre and after two hours moved to street rally. The march with banners like "We are killing humanely, NATO Lmt." or "Reclaim the streets" and red-black flags blocked traffic on the most busy road in Prague for about an hour before final occupation of one of the most busy crossroads for several hours. People sat on the road, listened to music of a DJs and speeches of delegates of anarchist groups and played football there. Action finished peacefully after several hours. Police announced four arrests, we could confirm two.

One member of CSAF was arrested after trying to prevent themselves from being photographed by secret policeman. The police said that he was giving a nazi salute (when he covered a police camera by his right hand !!!) but he was released after several dozens of minutes without actual being accuse. The second guy was arrested from still unknown reason. A week before this Prague street party there were another anti-NATO street party in Bratislava (Slovakia). Around three hundreds people marched through the city centre shouting slogans against NATO and militarism. A few anarchists from Czech Republic were prevented to cross the borders by Slovak border police and were sent

back with stamps in their passports. But the delegate of CSAF Prague managed to get there and in his speech he invited people from Slovakia to join the November action against NATO in Prague. Both actions were part of anti-NATO campaign and mobilisation to demonstrations against NATO summit in Prague. Another small anti-NATO street party took place two weeks ago in a small town of Písečnice. About one hundred people took part there.

*more anarchist news from Czechia and news regarding NATO summit in Prague on www.csa.cz. New English section there!

Anti-NATO action in Warsaw - 24 September 2002

On Tuesday September 24, about 100 people held an anti-NATO action in Warsaw as the meeting of NATO criminals was held in the city. Action was prepared by FA, Emancypunk, Food Not Bombs and squatters from Black Frog. It started off in an ironic way with Uncle Sam's anthra collecting money for Poland to buy F-16s. The action was supposed to show that normal people give money to help different charities but won't give money to support war and, by and large, the public was very nasty to the war-mongering american with the NATO flag. A chorus of women with George Bush's portraits sang funny war songs. Many poor inhabitants of Warsaw appear to get a warm meal from FNB collective. There was a big presence of media and many interview was given to them. Then there was a march to the presidential palace and the american embassy. People were shouting old slogan "Neither Moscow - nor Washington", as well as "No war for our money!", "NATO fuck off from Warsaw!", "Bush - make your war in Pentagon". Demonstration was not legitimized but it took the police quite a long time to pushed people back from the street. Two people were arrested in front of the hotel where the NATO ministers gathered in Warsaw live. They had a banner comparing Bush to Hitler. The charge for which they were arrested was "propagating fascism". No

comments.

One of the different leaflets given out was this:

WAR - THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THE ECONOMY! Everybody knows that war means millions of dollars in business - and that means jobs for the ones lucky enough to get to participate in one. (Unless of course you're on the losing side!) The arms business and all related industries already cost, that is bring in, (depending if you're on the spending or receiving end of the tax money) billions of dollars a year - much more if there's a war. Imagine if you owned stocks in one of those companies like Lockheed Martin - you could make a fortune! And if you make a fortune, that's good for the economy because when you've got a lot of money to spend, you can hire a gardener and a maid, and a lot more people have jobs. War makes good economic sense - it's not just wasting money, because for every \$100 we spend on war, somebody is getting rich and putting at least 10% of that money back into the economy. Poland should understand that war is good for them too, because for every \$100 they spend on war, they can expect at least \$12 dollars to come back into the economy. (Of course you can't expect this system to work as efficiently as in the US yet.) The best thing though is that war can help to alleviate your problem with unemployment. It's a sin that so many people are sitting around at home doing

nothing when they can be fighting for the american way of life. First, you can expect to send some people over to Iraq to play a heroic role; they'll probably die, but then you won't have to worry about them coming back and being bums or car thieves or anything. At least they'll have done something meaningful with their lives. Secondly, there will be plenty of jobs for those who aren't fit for fighting. Since we are equal opportunity employers, we especially encourage women to apply for these positions. American soldiers are particularly fond of Polish nurses (but only the young ones), and we'd pay them more than you do to work in Iraq, so they'd be better off. And of course, after the war they'll be one hell of a mess, and everybody knows that Polish cleaning ladies are the best in the world. We can even hire older women to do those jobs (nobody looks at cleaning ladies). Don't you know somebody in your life, maybe a mother or aunt, who'd be better off with a job in Iraq than sitting around the house all day doing nothing? Show the government that you have more common sense than it does when it comes to economics. (And you DO have better sense than those damned ex-communists!) Your contribution shows that you care about F-16s, that you care about bombing the hell out of Iraq and that you wanna make a bloody fortune on the war industry - just like us! American-Polish Friendship Association, F-16

AFA/Antifascist Action - Pula / Monte Paradiso / Croatia

On 2nd of August, 2002, Monte Paradiso, already traditional punk festival, began in Pula. Even last year during the festival there were minor incidents with local fascists. This year we got some information concerning their (fascist) preparations for the festival, so we also held several meetings in order to prepare the people and the plan for the upcoming situation. Two days before Pula, a similar punk festival took place in Labin. It lasted for two days and there people gathered and discussed this problem. While in Labin we already received information about fascist attacks on people who had arrived to Pula some days earlier. Anyway, in Labin we talked about the best possible tactics and came up with the plan to form four or five groups of ten people and go to the center of the town in order to secure strategic points there (like bus and train stations) as well as the road that leads to the festival venue. This was planned in order to reduce the attacks against the people coming to the festival, usually walking in groups of two which had been the favorite target for the local fascists. Our tactic standpoint was that of defense. The self-defense is our usual action tactics in order to face better if contacts with the police should occur.

By the way, the police force in Istria is fairly fascistically oriented because, besides the minority of extreme Croatian nationalists, it serves as a support to enforce the policy of withholding Istria within the borders of Croatia. Italian fascists claim Istrian territory as well. Also, there we have Istrian people with their goals and their leaders in the struggle. Moreover, in Istria there is a current issue/conflict between Slovenia and Croatia. And the last but not the least problem are the fascists called ustasas who want to create the spirit of Croatian fighter with every action they carry out. They want to impose the spirit of militancy on Croats, since Istria wasn't directly affected by the war in Croatia. Few days before the festival, ustasas organized a concert of a famous ustasa singer who saluted the big crowd in Rijeka in fascist manner by raising his right arm after which he continued with ustasas' propaganda. At the moment, in Rijeka prison there are generals tried for the war crimes, so this is also the cause for their activities. When they organize demos, they pay 50 E to the people to come, they organize free bus transportation from the uninformed villages of Zagora region in Dalmatia...

In any case, some form of open attack with media coverage was out of question. We agreed to meet in Pula at 12 o'clock, to organize and proceed with the plan. People gathered and formed four groups of ten or more male and female comrades from different countries. Then someone suggested that language barriers might be a problem, but it turned out not to be true since everything functioned fairly well.

We went to the town and separated. I was in the group that was going to Sijana where the new bus station is and where the supposed meeting point of fascists was. We sat on the benches to wait for the bus that was about to arrive. After some time we were informed from the people there that the people who were sitting in the park were making comments about us and how many of us was there... The people from the park had normal summer clothes, but when a car full of people pulled over to the nearby parking lot we knew that something was about to happen. We knew which types of cars had been used during the previous attacks, and that car on the parking lot corresponded to one of the descriptions. We contacted the group that was closest to us and called them to move to our position. At that time one more group that was informed about the situation arrived. This was the beginning.

Around seven fascists gathered around the car and started taking clubs from the trunk. I have to admit that they had clubs and that this film-like performance caused some disturbances on our side, so that at one point we had to encourage people to stay because running away would give fascists psychological advantage. We had expected such thing to happen and prepared for it - let them approach us and then shoot from the gun. After they heard the first sound from the gun they started running away and around 30 people started to chase them. The bus station was in chaos, fascists were

dispersed and trying to flee. We spent a bit too much time trying to catch them, so soon we were ourselves caught by the special police squad. They took us to the police station, together with couple of fascists who received normal treatment, whereas we didn't. Twenty of us were detained, put in a hall and told that they would personally make sure that these objects were never to be given back to us.

After the short questioning the story was set up so that we turned out to be villains, while fascists would come into the room and identify us for every question the cops asked. We were even accused for damaging and robbing the car they took their weapons from! This lasted for about one hour after which they released those of us who were the citizens of Croatia. The foreigners were retained and insulted with typical statements - "Why did you come here? Why the fuck can't you speak Croatian? What are you doing here if you can't speak Croatian? If you want to say something to me say it in Croatian..." For the whole time we were bolstered by some 60 people gathered outside the police station. But fascists also had two men talking to the police for the whole time in front of the building. We were released, but the foreigners were retained from 14h to around 17h. After that they were released too but the police kept their documents and they had to show up at the court the next morning. I personally spoke to a journalist and told him my version of the story which left him speechless and hard to believe. When he asked the cops about what had happened that afternoon he was told that nothing significant had happened. When he asked for the mass fight at the bus station, he was told that it had been nothing and that there was nothing to write about.

By the end of the day we had to intervene several times and there were also some more injured people. The fascists were shooting from an air-ride from a car and hurt our comrade from Antifascist Action from Slovenia. I have to say that initiative for this kind of organized approach in Pula was taken by Antifascist Actions from Slovenia and Croatia and they participated in the realization of the action, but the support came mainly from the punk movement people gathered at the festival, mostly from young people whereas the situation with older ones was more confusing. People were acting like that was not their concern. But we must and can do without those who are not present.

I also have to say that, when asked about the situation with the fascists, the people from Pula would answer that there was no such thing and that all that was not a problem. However, the conflicts during that time were big and frequent. The next day fascists even more intensely continued to speed around in their cars and attack smaller groups of people. When the night fell they approached the barracks where the festival took place so that we went out again to chase them, to set the ambushes for them and to fall into their ambushes, and it went on in circles. Until the special squad showed up again. This time they found a shaken off gas gun, which contributed to make the situation more serious. All of the sudden they wanted to cooperate and asked for the information that we have. And we gave them those information. All the number-plates that we wrote down have expired long time before. The police set up their patrols in that part of the town, so that the intensity of the attacks was reduced, but nevertheless some incidents occurred that night.

People who ended up at the court had to pay around 400 E for their violations (which was possession of clubs during the fight). This sum of money was for five people. Some of the money was collected at the festival, some of it was collected among the people and one part was given by the organizers of Monte Paradiso festival.

In the end, everything was covered by the papers because it was too big to be concealed. But when I reflect on it now - it would be better if it didn't happen because the press presented the whole situation in a very superficial and sensationalistic way. We will continue with our struggle. With every action we're getting better. The fight goes on. AFA (Croatia)

Report on criminalization of anarchist and anti-fascist community in Bialystok/Poland with some history of Anti-Fascist resistance

by ABC Bialystok

Bialystok is a 300 000 city in North-East of Poland. It has proud history of Anti-Fascist resistance going back to II World War. In present times we can see again old monsters rising their ugly heads. Almost since beginning of organized nazi movement in Bialystok, militant anti-fascist groups emerged. First they were just little groups of very dedicated, militant activist, then movement grew bigger and bigger, there were more actions and nazis started slowly losing control over streets. Few times in our recent history we faced new waves of nazi activity but there were always people who opposed them directly and without limits. It costed us a lot. Few years ago one of our friends got killed in suspicious circumstances in a city 80 kilometres from Bialystok, killed by unknown nazis. Many people suffered continuous harassment of themselves and their families, many people suffered physical injuries. Still, resistance never stopped. On a place of activist who left movement, there were new ones. Situation changed dramatically in last two years. We managed to squat a place in Bialystok which became center of all anarchist and alternative activity. Our movement received many new people and a lot of energy. Almost immediately this place became priority target for nazis. Till now it was attacked about 40 times, from small groups throwing stones to regular attacks with 30-40 nazis throwing molotovs etc. We resisted all the time. Moreover, we decided not to wait for them but attack them first. We formed something what we call Antifa Patrol: group of anti-fascist street fighters patrolling streets of Bialystok and attacking nazis everywhere. We started being successful in driving nazis out of streets, although we are far away from complete success. Compiling this together with the fact, that we managed to defend our squat few times against police and we destroyed their public relations image totally, someone decided to fight us with another means. We experienced something what never happened before-planned and cynical criminalization of our movement. Our people became landing in custody and jails for almost everything.

Present legal situation of our groups is very serious:

- one person from the squat is finishing his prison sentence for assault on a nazi skinhead (he will be out at the end of September/beginning of October 2002)
- another activist just received 2 years on 5 years probation for alleged assault with dangerous weapon, action he never took part in, but nevertheless he spent 4 months in jail for that
- 5 people are framed in assault on a singer of a nazi band from here, one person additionally charged with threatening behaviour
- one anarchist already having sentence in probation (2 for 4 years) for assault and robbery on nazi skinhead, now is being framed up in previous body harm, after he successfully defended himself along with other Anti-Fascist against nazi attack. This charge can end up in 10 years sentence for him
- one anarchist charged with assault and robbery on a nazi skinhead, he pleaded guilty and is awaiting a trial (he preferred to admit his "guilt" because he was caught by police moment after attack on nazis)
- one person charged with violent resistance and insulting a police officer after cops raided a squat in an attempt to evict it
- two squatters charged with attempt to break to police radio transmitter
- over 20 misdemeanor trials for things like participation in illegal gathering, failing to disperse on police request, not giving an ID to police officer etc.

While we never surrendered and we continue to fight nazis and authority all the time, we need your help to continue our struggle and not to get stuck with legal proceedings. Therefore if you can help us with money for our activity and trials, or you can send us some interesting materials to use like leaflets, stickers, video films etc, we would be more than happy!

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Neo-Nazis attacks on IAS activists in cities of Sabac and Novi Sad (Serbia)

At 22 July occurred two attacks by Neo-Nazis and fascists on members of IAS - Initiative for Anarcho-syndicate in two different cities of Serbia. First one happened in city of Sabac where local group was recently formed. Two of our members were attacked by Neo-Nazi skinhead without apparent reason. Of course our members defended themselves and skinhead was thrown from top of a bridge, and most probably his life is now in danger.

Second attack happened just several hours later in city of Novi Sad. Serbian fascist group called "Obraz" was sticking their posters all over the city. Two of our members from Novi Sad local group were destroying the posters when three members of "Obraz" appeared. After some verbal fighting one of fascists had hit one of our members in the back. Again our members responded and head and arm of the attacker is now broken, two other fascists had run away and our members even called the ambulance to help heavily wounded fascist.

This two examples show that rise of extreme right in Serbia is not an "illusion" and "nonsense" as many of the media here is trying to present. Fascist and Nazis are raising out there and we have to be ready for a fight with them in every moment!

Long live class war!
Anarcho-syndicalist greet
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ANARCHIST BLACK CRESCENT ABC TURKEY

The trial of 5 Turkish anarchists from Usak, judged with the claim of helping a (so called) illegal terror organization, has just ended and all of them have been acquitted! The court started on 10:15 with participation of 30 anarchists (for solidarity) and ended about 11:35.

Thanx to all comrades
for their solidarity!
In the name of
a world without prisons!

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ABC BELARUS

A Belarussian Anarchist
is Cruelly Beaten
by Policemen

On the night of 7-8 September, in Belarus (East European country), in the city of Grodno, a group of 10-15 people was going back from a birthday party. Suddenly two police cars drove up to them and policemen started pushing the people into the cars. Stas Pochobut, a 26-year old Belarussian anarchist, the "Navinki" newspaper reporter and the leader of the punk-band "Deviation", was attacked just for asking the policemen's documents and was put into handcuffs. The policemen started beating him right in the car. On the arrival at the police department a member of the Active Communities Confederation "Razam!" ("Together!") Zmiser Dufko was also arrested. All the rest people were released. Stas Pochobut was being cruelly beaten over all this time by the policemen, especially by the one called Valerii Shpakevitch. Stas's brother Andrei Adlianskii, a journalist, arrived at the police

department and insisted on calling the emergency. But when Andrei informed the police about his intention to sue to the Public Prosecutor's Office, he was immediately accused of hooliganism and arrested as well. Andrei got a warning from the judge, he and Zmiser will appear in court on the 11th of September to get their final verdicts. Stas is in still in hospital, in neurology department. His facial bones are broken and the doctor says that his eyesight can be badly ruined. Verdicts and phone numbers of the Public Prosecutor's Office will be added later. Pictures of Stas: <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/stas1.jpg> <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/stas2.jpg> <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/ruki1.jpg> <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/ruki2.jpg> Pictures of the policemen and Valerii Shpakevitch: <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/kazly.jpg> <http://www.razam.by.ru/actions/090902/spak.jpg> Andrei Pochobut (Stas's brother): 375-(0152)-31-30-46, (0152)-33-46-46, e-mail: kds-razam@tut.by, antyla@mail.ru Neurosurgery Department of Grodno Emergency Hospital: (01522) 2-45-33 The Public Prosecutor's Office of Lenin District of Grodno (0152) 72-27-20 (Prosecutor's Deputy - Strel'tsova Elena Viktorovna) Military Prosecutor's Office of Grodno - (0152) 73-02-07 (Prosecutor - Kalinovskii Viktor Pavlovich) Police Department of Lenin District of Grodno - (0152) 79-74-40

Stas has undergone surgery and will be in the hospital for two weeks. The military prosecutors in Grodno will not take up the case - only the Leninski Regional Prosecutors are working on it. There were already a few witnesses called and tomorrow the investigator, Shisko, will take Stas' testimony. The fax at the Leninski Prosecutor's Office is 375-152-72-37-57 and the Deputy Prosecutor is Elena Viktorovna Strel'tsova.

ABC ACK POLAND

Maciek in prison
for daring to criticize
the anti-human policies
of the government

Maciek Horoszko from Anarchist Federation section Szczecin has been sentenced for 10 days of arrest for chaining himself in a court in protest against the continuing imprisonment of antifascist Tomasz Wilkoszewski (sentenced for 15 years for unintentional killing of a fascist in self-defence - he has served about 5 years of this sentence). Maciek will appeal this decision which - as he stated - "reminds us of the times when people were put into prison for daring to criticize the anti-human policies of the government". Maciek asks for faxes to the Regional Court of Szczecin expressing outrage for the attempts to silence the right of protest. Sąd Rejonowy w Szczecinie IV Wydział Karny fax (4891) 433-35-28

ABC SLOVENIA

The first trial in the case
AC Molotov
against
SZ Slovenian Railway

Salut! Yesterday, 6.9., we had a first trial in the case: AC Molotov (a squat in Ljubljana, Slovenia, which they want to evict since 11.7.) against its owner Slovenske Železnice (SZ; Slovenian Railway Company). All together was very funny and dumb. There were 9 of us, representative of SZ; lawyers and the judge, who were the only-one speaking. The first question of SZ's lawyer was if we think to go out. Our answer was NO. Then she said there was informal agreement between us and persons from the Museum, than we have to respect it and go out.

Later, she said she doesn't know about the agreement, because it was said by us. Ofcourse, in reality, no-one informed us about going out at that time. Their lawyer couldn't say more than her meaning that this is a private property and if Slovenia is a state of law then there is no question who is right. The real question of this trial was if the Company knew the fact that we live there. If they did, then their accusation of disturbing the property has no meaning, because they set up a law suit too late (according to the law, the owner can put an accusation of disturbing the property to 30 days after s/he founds out that the person is using his/her property). On the question of the judge if they knew about the fact that we live there, their lawyer said she doesn't know and they must ask the witnesses - the workers of Railway Museum. She claimed she has never been in Molotov and later that they couldn't identify the persons because there are about 60 people going in and out and lots of them under 18. When we applied as witnesses in the next trial, she asked if we can tell also the year of our birth, because we don't look so old.

Our lawyer gave next evidences about SZ's knowing of our living in AC Molotov: two television shows in winter (we squatted the place on new year 02), article in newspaper (about FNB), key from the doors (we made it together with the person from Museum, because it's the same building) and police records (from new year, they visited Molotov more than 30 times, identifying the inhabitants).

They were speaking also about sanitary inspection and they claimed it came alone (they didn't call it). Here, SZ made another violation, because they would have, according to the statement made by inspection, to disinfect the place totally. They couldn't make this with dredger and barricading the windows of the house. Their lawyer finally confesses that they wanted to destroy the house (even if they still don't have permission to destroy nor to build). Thus, the next trial is on 22 October with 6 witnesses defending Avtonomna Zona Molotov and 2 witnesses to

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speak in favour of Slovenian Railway Company. This is just a starting point. If we want to continue (this will happen if we don't find another house and we can keep this one for a year, two, we don't know), the next big trial is about violations of human rights made by SZ and G7 (private security company) and then comes the final trial with decision when we have to go out. I think, we won't come to the end of the trial, because we need another house (we have no water and electricity; Mirovni Institut, organization that is sponsoring our lawyer gave lots of money already for these charges and it can happen that they throw us out in winter). We made a plan of direct actions if the city doesn't give us another house for at least 3 years!

Just to mention that the day before the trial came police with order from the judge to search the house, because SZ put an accusation of stealing the electricity. They didn't find what they were looking for (a certain cable) and for first time they were acting almost all according to the rules (they wrote a record with our complaints, waited for the lawyer). They were too much nice, with questions like: "do you maybe know who could connected electricity?" etc.). As they didn't get the person who connected the cables, the accusation has no meaning. For the end - today the syndicates from Railway Company are having demonstrations, because the Company will be soon privatized. In general that means it won't work in favour of the people (what public transport should stand for), but in favour of capital. It means more exploitation of the workers and higher prices for the people, who's only transport is train.

...a las barricadas.....

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RUSSIA

Evgeni Novozhilov is free

An anti-war activist from Krasnodar, Russia, Evgeni Novozhilov has been liberated from the mental hospital to which he was imprisoned last autumn. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the campaign, organised by Autonomous Action of Krasnodar and other Russian anarchists and radicals.

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Autonomous Action networks conference in Krasnodar

This text we have received from an american anarchist which during his stay in Europe has a possibility to take a part of AA conference and sent his report about it before any of Russian activists did it. We would like to thank for that as well as for great feeling of keeping it in simple version of english what make this report understandable for more activists around Europe (especially Eastern E.)

I have been asked to write an article on the Autonomous Action networks bi-annual conference, from an observers view. In issue 5 of AbolishingBB, is the manifesto and information on A.A.

About 45 members of A.A., and a few supporters and some observers, camped on a lake outside of Krasnodar city. During the days were meetings, and in the evening was swimming, socializing, and the occasional singing of revolutionary songs or Russian and Georgian folks songs. It would not be right for me to describe in detail the members of A.A. (for security reasons), but I can say, it was a welcoming mix of people. A.A. is not just an anarcho-punks (though, naturally there are some involved), but an excellent mix of workers, students, young and old, platformists, anarcho-communists, an anarcho-feminist collective, intellectuals, and some who quit right wing organizations, people from all different backgrounds from all over Russia. Only six of the nine groups (A.A. is based off of groups by city, not collectives, as well as individual members) could attend the meeting, because of the size of Russia and the travel costs involved. But they met their quorum.

At this point, A.A. is still growing an not yet a Platformist federation, but they are certainly heading in this direction (a good thing, as I am involved in a platformist federation). The discussions are free flowing, and very heated at times. The projects of various groups varied, but A.A. is trying to focus its actions on a few areas of resistance. Anti-fascist actions is considered among the most impor-

tant, especially with the urban-dwelling members. Fascists are a big problem in Russia, in Moscow I was told there are as many as 5,000 assorted nazi-skinheads, fascist militia groups, and ultra-right wing parties (not included are typical racists and nationalists). Propaganda is the main weapon, though some other actions have worked too. Also, recruiting from the fascist parties, and embracing those who leave the fascist organizations. For many young people in Russia are disillusioned, and Fascist parties are very alluring. Many quickly become disillusioned with the fascists as well as the state, and fortunately, finally find the anarchists. The problem facing anarchists in Russia, is the strength and visibility of both Fascist groups as well as Communist parties, while anarchists are still relatively small (but growing) and, like everywhere else in the world, demonized by the media. But disillusioned people, realizing that fascism sucks, are trickling into A.A.

The federation magazi-



ne, AUTONOM (ABTOHOM), has attracted some people who never understood anarchism, or heard only lies about it. Autonom is now up to issue 18, and has grown every issue and now presses 1,500 copies per issue. The magazine itself was the center of debate too. It is, for sure, very punk and black bloc culture in its layout and imagery. Some within A.A. feel it is time to change the publication to be more appealing to regular people, while others feel it is accomplishing successful outreach, others wish to focus more on domestic issues, and others want a theoretical magazine. It is hoped that eventually there could be more publications from A.A., each focusing on one the topics mentioned above. But costs are high, wages are low. Also, the communist par-

ties have a better financial situation and produce dailies which cover domestic issues. It would be difficult, at this point, to compete with these newspapers.

AA does have other publications produced by members, and supporters. There is an anarcho-feminist magazine which will be available in the fall. Another magazine produced in Moscow by supporters of A.A., deals with cultural, artistic, and satirical pieces reflecting young political peoples views. There are leaflets and other smaller, simpler publications as well, but none are as well known as Autonom. Supporters of A.A. do not have much say in the federation, but do work with members on local projects, which, naturally strengthens their actions, as well as allows possible future members easy access to the federation, so that it does not appear cliquish at all.

Other projects discussed or in the works, range from creating social centers and info shops to a book program for children who now have to pay 100% costs for there school books (in the past it was 30%). There is a plan to begin organizing collectives or housing unions based on apartment bloc buildings. Another group from Siberia proposed something which will go beyond the collectivizing of farm land to the point of abolishing money within the village. Unfortunately, I mean no disrespect, but I could not fully understand the entire plan due to translation limitations.

Other problems addressed within the federation is decision making policy outside of conferences (a common debate within geographically large federations, in my opinion.) Especially considering only about 75% of A.A. members have access to internet, and the post within Russia can take a painfully long time.

In the end, everyone seemed satisfied with the conference. The final decision was to collectively break the federations past rule forbidding intoxication during a meeting, and fine Russian vodka poured.

Craig (Burmada, NEFAC-Boston)

VICTORY OF "AC MOLOTOV" ?

AN UPDATE ON SITUATION IN A SQUATTED AREA
"AVTONOMNA CONA MOLOTOV" IN LJUBLJANA

Autonomna Cona Molotov is a kind of a social centre of alternative culture and autonomous politics. The place was squatted in December last year and since then, Molotov provides place for various political and cultural groups and 15 people to live in. In seven months, the place started to live in full political and cultural program.

At the beginning of the summer (11.7.), the place's became a victim of repression by state's aparat and later of illegal acting of its owner - Slovenian Railway Company. 7.7. police made an illegal violent action - a house search - against squatters with their aim to criminalise AC Molotov. This was just a preface for the action, planned by its owner. On 11.7. the eviction started, made by Slovenian Railway Company with the help of private security company G7 and police and secret intelligence service. They wanted to evict a place immediately, to destroy it and keep it "safe", but it didn't work so....

Squatters, with the help of local activists and support network, started a big supporting campaign for AC Molotov. With the start of eviction started also a big and long struggle for keeping the house. Activists occupied the roof and place around Molotov, because security guards closed the house and no-one was allowed to come in. Thus, 15 people were kept inside the house for 7 days, until the owners finally agree to start a dialog with squatters. In the meantime, the festival of support was organised in front of the house and it lasted about two weeks (theatre, concerts, performances, video projections...). There was also a big international support campaign of solidarity going on. In Zagreb a protest was organized in front of Slovenian Embassy, while letters from all around the globe were sent to the owners and other persons guilty for such injustice. The result of the support campaign was very positive and successful.

First, the campaign influenced the national media, which provided a place for the start of public discussion about autonomous places - squats, autonomous political acting and alternative culture. Squatters organized several press conferences, gave interviews and explanations, in which they accused illegitimate and illegal acting of the owners against squatters. The support was rising thanks to the media campaign and their presence gave squatters a chance to show themselves in public and to fight for the right for a place and activities. Next victory was that Railway Company, G7 and police were stopped in illegal evicting, again thanks to media and public support. In spite of all that, various incidents, provocations and violence against squatters continued, but bigger illegal actions were prevented. All situation also forced the owners to start with the dialog, for which the squatters were calling from the beginning. It happened in the form of two meetings between Railway Company and AC Molotov. The request of the owners was that we go out until the end of august. The answer was: "We - inhabitants, activists and supporters of AC Molotov, will not and can not leave the place, until we find alternative location." That's why AC Molotov called for all competents and for all people, who could help with finding of

new location for autonomous zone. It was also pointed out that we could avoid problems in the future if we don't have to take illegal way to get a new place. Help was offered from various nongovernment organizations and institutes, cultural, youth, animal liberation and political organizations, mayor (municipality of Ljubljana) and ombudsman (human rights organization). The city offered us a place, but it was too small and for too short time (a year or maybe more). We decided not to take it and they in a way washed their hands, even if they gave a word that they are still searching a house for us. We gave them a list of empty houses and ask that at least to help us with getting contact with the owner, but their answer was...silence. Despite all the promises, there is still no salvation.

On 11.8. a festival was organized, which reminded for a month-lasting struggle for Molotov and a month-lasting repression against it. Security guards and police were presented 24 a day until 15.8., when they finally moved out from squatted area. Railway Company put accusations against squatters and squatters against acting of the owners, their violations of basic human rights (we were denied access of food and water while we were kept inside etc.) and illegal and violent actions of police and G7 (private company are doing lots of violations with evictions of people's homes without legal papers, with using force etc., but no-one until now charged them of this, because of lack of knowledge and will of exploited people). First order from the judge was that security must leave the place and another was that the owner has a right to put off the electricity and water.

Today, AC Molotov looks quite similar as before. Security and police are gone, program and life in Molotov goes on, even without water and (sometimes) electricity. We find our alternative ways, but the way till final victory is still very long. The trial on court started in September and next one is at the end of October. We want to continue with the process to disable the G7 company and to keep Molotov for longer time, even if at the end we will lose and we will have to go out. The bigger problem is, that after big support campaign, we started to lose our "supporters". Journalists started with articles, which show no more respect and understanding for us, and organization which was giving us money for legal support lost their

interest in supporting us. If we lose the lawyer, it means we lose the house in not more than 15 days. The only ones left are the Student Organization, which gave money for us, and Youth organization, which still wants to help us with finding the new place.

That's why, we decided to keep pressure on those people, who promised us so much help at the beginning, and to demand new place before winter or to guarantee us to stay in Molotov through winter. We believe, we will have to find a place on our own. With Molotov, we saw how much corruption and illegal actions exist in the state, which proclaimed itself for democratic! We are ready to make public action of liberating desert places and attacking the private property. Our plan is to squat in public empty deserts places, which could provide developing of social experiment - creating of alternatives and set up of free and legitimate autonomous zone in Ljubljana. We have enough energy, will and power! We believe in ourselves and in our struggle, so we can't wait for the conclusion of story of AC Molotov, when we will loudly and clearly demand our rights! Freedom is in our hands! Struggle goes on until the final victory! Check update on story: www.acmolotov.org
Report by Tine & Maja



This year's summer ended with the second No Border Camp in Slovenia. It lasted from 28.8. till 1.9. 2002 in a small village called Sredisce in North East of Slovenia. Camp structure was set on the Art Center grounds, that is 200 metres from the Hungarian border. It was not far from the «triple border» and close to two deportation centres in the villages Prosenjakovci and Vidonci. Therefore the location was well put, the only problem was the distance from the surrounding towns and villages.

The camp was successful. Most of the program came true, new ideas were developed, new contacts made, people learned to work together, network of resistance has grown stronger. Camp represents new and important experience for the local movement and a successful action against the system of exclusion, for a world of many worlds. Around 100 people from Slovenia, Croatia, Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Belgium, Mexico and USA came. We expected more international participation, which would give a more concrete note of a global action to the camp.



Infrastructure was well set, because the Art center had extremely good conditions for the camp. We organised an Infopoint where people could get all the information concerning the camp. There was a lot of info material available, publications of Mirovni Institut and anarchist literature of AFA distribution was available to buy and every day there were organisation meetings and discussions. In the same building was a Press center with a non-stop internet access and a working PR group who was in charge for public relations and journalists. On camp web site were daily reports of the camp. In Press center was a daily video workshop which product is a film video diary of this years camp. Under two large tents were meetings, lectures, discussions, workshops, video projections, social evenings, breakfasts and dinners. Kitchen and food providence was in the hands of Food Not Bombs collective. Meals were twice a day (or even more), for donations and plentiful. Next to the Art center building was a place for camping.

By its contents the camp was divided into four theme complexes: The curse of borders, Disobedience, No Nato, and Creativity without borders. There were a lot of activities on this topics, practical and theoretical. The purpose of the camp was to develop, upgrade and strengthen local structures and movement, to cooperate with local communities and to attack the system who builds newage concentration camps such as deportation centers and similar. Most of the actions and program was directed to these aims.

Opening began with a plenary meeting where we introduced each other, agreed on camps functioning and introduced the program and some ideas about it. There were daily workshops: pottery, ceramics, sculpturing, juggling, drummers, banners making... Many different groups, stories and projects introduced themselves such as I KAPAK - a solidarity movement for refugees problems, AC MOLOTOV - a concrete movement of creating the alternatives, Rome community and their problems, video activists and other artists... Every evening were video projections and social evenings. Before the beginning of the camp the No Border Camp newspaper was issued with the introduction of cooperative groups and activists, camp program and all things that set us to organize such camp. It was distributed where the actions were taking place and it informed people about the problems that camps of this kind warns of and deals with.

NO BORDER CAMP SLOVENIJA 2002 ART CENTER, SREDISCE 28.8. - 1.9.2002

Because the purpose of the camp was also to make contacts to local population and to inform people of the subjects with which we deal with, was on a local population initiative organised a football match between the participants of the camp and local football club Domanjsevi. Before the match a Camp delegation visited both nearby Deportation centers. They wanted to invite «foreigners» to join the football tournament. Of course policemen and supervisors did not allow them to do that but they allowed the delegation to introduce themselves.

They distributed passports of global citizenship issued by the camp, and the refugees were very enthusiastic about the activism and solidarity and the purpose of the camp. During the visit in Vidonci 6 refugees managed to escape across the fence into the forest. We do not know what happened to them, but we hope they deserted state border successfully. Because we did not succeed to bring the refugees to the game, the match was played between the Camp and the local club Domanjsevi. There was a lot of supporters and we introduced ourselves and distributed materials. The camp lost the match but we invited people to join the camp. Some of them later did, so the match was a successful contact to local inhabitants.

There were two other actions. The first action was in Gornja Radgona on a agricultural fair where we distributed our materials, had a juggling performance and a performance on illegal refugees. We talked to people about the bad sides of Slovenia joining NATO and similar problems. A similar action took place in Murska Sobota. Mainly the reflections of locals were very positive, everyone wanted to talk to us, share opinions and to know our stands. Once again we found out how many people are against NATO and Slovenia joining it.

There were four lectures on the Camp on Friday. Anton Komar lectured «Nutritional totalitarianism and modern corporations» where he demonstrated which corporations have the monopol over the poisoning and genetic engineering of food and pharmaceutical industry. He talked about the dirty game these corporations play in the name of profit. Andrej Horvat and Ana Potočnik lectured on «Gathering resources from the international funds», Stojan Habjanec on «Ecological building of straw houses» and Dejan Rengeo on «Use of hemp on daily basis». All lectures were interesting with discussions after.

On Saturday were organised two symposiums with international participation in a castle Grad. First was titled «The alternatives to the neoliberal globalisation» moderated by Andrej Kurnik, lectured by Francois Houtart, professor Emeritus on the University of Louvain in Belgium, director of the Three-continents-centre and the editor of the magazine Alternatives Sud; Francesco Ruparelli, editor of the magazine Posse; and dr. Darj Zadnikar, activist of Dost jel and lecturer at the Faculty of Education in Ljubljana. It was a discussion of a newage Empire, global capitalism and fighting in the alternatives. Second symposium was titled «No NATO» moderated by Marta Gregorčič, AC Molotov activist and Fellow Researcher at the Faculty of Arts in Ljubljana. Three authors of a book No Nato - give us Peace lectured, we discussed strategies of actions against Slovenian joining NATO. Saturday night ended with a NATO FUCKT concert with three bands playing.

On meetings on NATO subject we decided on a wider local campaign in September, October and November. We decided on a more progressive program, more wider actions

against NATO. We will organise a big antiNATO festival in Ljubljana in October and a main demonstration against Slovenian future membership. Sadly we could not agree on date of this demonstration, should we organize it at the time of the Prague summit, before it or after it. Although we decided the following: mobilisation for contra-summit in Prague will be organised intensively. Its participation in mobilisation, preparations and actions of kontra-summit has been affirmed by the activists of Slovenia and Croatia (AFA Ljubljana, AFA Zagreb, Independent Trade Unions of Slovenia, Say No to NATO! It's Enough!...) and individual activists from different groups. We decided to organize additional meetings on mobilisation for Prague in Ljubljana and Zagreb. Probably the main demonstrations against NATO will take place in Ljubljana and Zagreb a few weeks before the Prague summit - that climax of local antinatio groups is achieved and to encourage the Prague mobilisation.

The final action for the conclusion of the camp was on Sunday with the solidarity action in Deportation center in Vidonci. We could not decide on the strategy for the action so in the end the caravan of the Camp of approximately 60 people headed to Center and performed a carnival of support. Cheering slogans NO BORDER NO NATION NO DEPORTATION! and drumming - activists entered through the hole under the fence and went on the center yard. Police tried to prevent us from coming into the centre, but they couldn't. We sang, danced together, get to know each other. We made interviews with imprisoned people about their stories, introduced ourselves and called for abolishing of all borders between people. The police did not react, and the action ended very successful. Later we gave the refugees the maps with hints where they are and where to go when escaping.

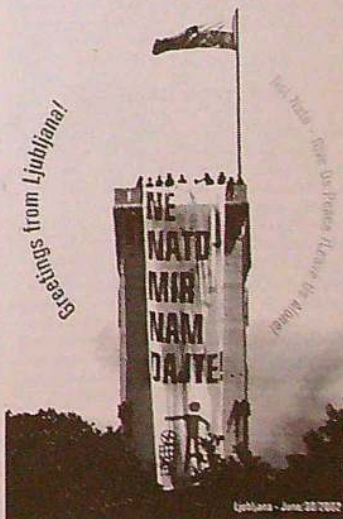
Police was working all time of the camp. Activists and actions were controled and monitored and police wanted the owner of the Art center to be their spy. Their main interest was to collect informations on mobilisation and coordination for Prague. Probably because the last years camp in Slovenia was later charged by the Italian Ministry of Internal Affairs that there were made plans for aggressive, violent and illegal actions in Genoa. Funny, but true. We did not take them seriously and made fun of them all the time.

Camp was very successful and we already began organisation for the next one next summer at the same place.

PROTI SISTEMU IZKLJUČEVANJA!
ZA SVETI MNOGOTERIHI SVETOV!

Report by Tine & Dunja

You can find more details, reports and photos on :
www.acmolotov.org/noborder



AACTIV-IST NEWSLETTER # 1 AUGUST 2002

Romanian anarchist/anti-authoritarian/anarcho-punk activities up-date

Aactiv-ist newsletter is not an actual publication. It's aim is to provide people who are interested in the activist scene in Romania with information about the scene here. This will be a pretty chaotic start, but we hope to improve on the way. Please excuse the grammatical errors - we're only romanians. Anyone is welcome to use information that we put here for their written or electronic publications ... if you do so (and we hope you'll do so ...) please drop us a line at pinkpanthers@k.ro because we would like a copy for our Aactiv-ist library ... soon to be open. Please spread this around as widely as you can ... If you received this issue and you would like to no longer receive it, please let us know ... we don't want to piss you off. Since this is the only publication about Romania (in english) of this kind we have decided to give coverage to the different 'struggles' so we will present to you all of the things we know ... be it anarcho-punk, environmentalism or radical anarchism.

AACTIV-IST Collective
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Aactivist is an anti-authoritarian autonomous collective based in the city of Timisoara in the west of Romania - a country somewhere in Central-Eastern Europe. We work together at different actions for some time now but we never thought of having a name. We gave up this idea since we got a little tired of organising things and have other organisations take credit for them - because we didn't have a name. Pretty embarrassing to think that we thought that we should first do actions and then think about a name while others who just stayed behind and complained took credit for it because... they are an organisation. The people involved are pretty different: highschool or university students, artists, punx, anarchists, employed and unemployed people. Some of the things that we were involved in organising are: anti-NATO bombing in Yugoslavia protests, the Underground Timisoara Festival, Paris Not Hotels campaign, Earth Day 2001, Anti-Fascist meeting in Timisoara, tours or gigs for diy/anarcho-punk bands, distribution, leafleting, publishing zines etc. Sometimes we are 3 or 5 people involved in doing something, other times more. The reason we got together is because there is no anti-authoritarian group in our city and we wanted to have a better organisation of the anarchist / anti-authoritarian resistance in a city/country where capitalism is starting slowly to show its real face.

AACTIV-IST Distribution

For a while now, in Timisoara there is a distro, but due to the fact that in the past it was done only by one man it wasn't too useful for the scene. Also the fact that it had different names confused people a bit ... Clipa Anarhie, Rezistenta Urbana, Nesupunere Civila were some of these names. Some weeks ago we decided to start a real distro, a distribution that can give an opportunity to our scene to grow and for the people in it to stay involved longer - not to leave it after one year of 'rebellion'. We will carry: anarchist and anti-authoritarian magazines, books, and also the diy anarcho-punk scene will get space ... CDs, tapes, badges, patches, t-shirts ... So, if you think that you might have something good (and cheap enough for Romania) please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

AACTIV-IST Library

This place will be a natural continuation of the Aactiv-ist distro and will carry much more than what you will find in the distro. Because it depends a lot on the suc-

ces of the distribution, it's a bit early to talk about how the space will look, what kind of books will be there... As some of you probably know, already, we started months ago the process of gathering materials, a process which is still going on now... we don't want to get a space and keep it empty... Our idea was that the space should also have 1-2 computers connected to the internet and be a meeting and documentation room for the activists ... Anyway, please contact us if you want to make a donation: a book that you don't like anymore, something that you published or you distribute... we are here and any help is welcome.

AACTIV-IST Publications

A sad fact in Romania is that the system prohibited anarchist publications ... so we reached the 'record' of having 2 crap studies about anarchism in the past 10 years and most recently a translation of a book by Bakunin ... there is no alternative publication in Romania so this is why anarchism has one of the worst coverages ever here ... It's useless to talk about publication if you don't have a good distribution. So, we will settle with doing some fanzines and from time to time booklets ... for the moment.

PERIAM PORT MURESH FESTIVAL

12 - 13 July 2002

The place Periam Port is a small village at 50 km from the city of Timisoara, and it's placed on the river Mures (in Romanian you pronounce it Muresh). As a multi-cultural anti-nationalistic detail you must know that in the area where Periam Port is, Banat, villages are different from one another ... some have more hungarian ethnics, other serbians, germans or even bulgarians (!?) ... This village was founded by a german minority long time ago ... now they are all in Germany - back to the E.U. roots ... I don't think there are too many things to say about the festival. It was crap if you look at the event in general terms. Because we know the people who made it we wanted to bring as many diy @-hc/punk bands as possible but because of bad coordination we ended with no band from outside Romania coming and we hoped for 7 (!?) from Serbia and Hungary. If next year we will be more maybe it will be even more fun. Some of those crazy car-hating bike lovers with anti-authoritarian beliefs and an environmentally - friendly lifestyle formed the A(narcho)Activist Caravan. The group was formed of a number of people that even now we can't sort out. There was the Radical Biking Crew, meaning 6 angry anarcho-cyclists, anarcho-punk/hc music, vegan food, red/black flags, a radical message, bad jokes, broken bikes, and lots of fun rioting against polluting trucks and their sexist drivers (class war activists got the chance to destroy expensive cars - and later houses and damage rich fucked up macho shitheads ... and anyone who killed a member of the local government got free dinner !!!) ... haha. And because we are not that narrow-minded how you would expect we also had a Car Crew with anarchist distribution (called AActiv-ist), anarcho-tents, banners, and more of that radical message for the people. There were also some people coming with the train but we decided not to waste 2 days counting people who are with us, as sometimes we were spread all over the place.

The idea was to go there and have a radical stance, and let the people know that we exist and we're not some ghosts. Around the distribution place we had discussions on anarchism with some people, some of them even provided us with good information (like the fact that Bakunin and Proudhon were anti-semites

(!!?) - if you have any comments please send them to us as we are pretty confused now).

Then there were the punk bands Haas and Gurani which played their worse gigs ever (musically speaking) but regarding to diy and anti-capitalist message it was their best one. When Gurani and Andrei, the singer of Haas sang "Clipa Anarhie" together we had a direct action workshop in front of the scene there were 2 big cradboarded posters advertising CocaCola sponsors (!?) - everybody decided that there will be no such thing during the performing of Gurani. Around 10 took part in the workshop. There were people from the band and people from outside the band. People with the flags distracted the Angry Locals Security Patrol (A.L.S.P.), people with masks made from t-shirts attacked 2 times the posters until everybody could dance nice on broken bits of coca-cola we also had also a person with photo camera and a person who was supposed to call the lawyer (who was also there) in case of trouble with the police or the A.L.S.P., also there were discussions on what to say and what to not say to police if you are arrested? the band was also ready to give us their full support. It was a funny action, but the preparations before were as serious as you could get and I think a lot of people learned some things and will do better now in case of a real confrontation with "the forces of evil" - haha. In the end we all regretted that the cola things weren't big enough for our anger? Some of us didn't expect a big and visible success, but strangely it happened? the direct action workshop was a success, the bands brought a good message to the people, we somehow got a bit closer about everything and at the end of the festival we had at least as big impact as the Kktus Caravan (who had a bus, a van and 25 people - which is a bit more than our stuff) we were asked about meaning of the red/black flags by a lot of people, and someone asked us the classical question: "Are you fascists?". We were the people with the flags, and banners on their tents and we got a good reaction from the majority of the people? Another good thing was the fact that after the people with bikes came in the Friday evening the 1-2 nazis there choose to leave very early Saturday in the morning as they saw that our group was pretty united and we got big support from the people who were happy to see us there (some people were coming at us and finger-pointed the nazis saying "look it will be great we will have material for the antifa workshop"?)

MAYDAY ROMANIA

Romania, like all the other countries in the Communist Bloc had very big celebrations of Mayday before 1989. Huge masses of people would come together (forced or not) to celebrate their working class dictator. After 1989 everything changed ... nobody celebrated Mayday anymore. I remember in 1998 for the 1st of May I was sitting in a park and some stupid reporter was interviewing old people, punx, etc. about what they remember from Mayday ... anyway, nothing happened ... it's been 12 years now and still nobody is on the streets. The working class got such a nausea of the celebration during the Ceausescu regime that they don't even want to know about it. They don't care that this is their day, the day when they should speak up, they just want to forget all the humiliation from 'communist' times. The 2 parties who are on the 'left' are both in the parliament fighting to get the power and they know what is the latest fashion in manipulating the working class, and that is the European Union and NATO - so they will not bother with celebrating this day because they think they might get associated with Ceausescu times. Because the peo-

ple were taught to associate Mayday with communist dictatorship, any attempts to celebrate Mayday will mean that you are a communist, and if you are a communist that means you want dictatorship, and you don't want the E.U. or NATO, and that means that betray your country's interests... so, you might be a dangerous extremist or a crazy lunatic... This is the image that politicians and media have created and implemented into people's head. Anyway, the lack of any radical left or anarchist groups was also a big contribution. I know that radical people in the mid 90's were all pro-Europe and they were thinking that the Western way was the only way... That was probably because during their school in the Ceausescu times most of them got really fucked by that system and never wanted to hear about it. I can give you some words of one of them: They took us one day to a restaurant where highschool students were supposed to eat, we were models for a photo campaign... they chose the most beautiful out of all of us. They brought us all these nice smelling, good looking foods and we were supposed to simulate that we ate them with pleasure ... but we weren't allowed to touch them at all. We stood there for hours doing this and not eating and when they finished they sent us home ... So, now I guess you understand why people don't want anything that reminds them of those days. Next thing that jumps into my head are the words of a radical person: "let us have capitalism and after that we can fight against it". So, 12 years with no events on the streets for Mayday, the ruling class have succeeded in taking away the one day in a year when the working class should stay united and fight against capitalist oppression. With all this negative attitude towards Mayday, people started to organise and here's what came out:

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decided to organise something for Mayday. It will be a little hard for me to give tons of details because I was in Belgrade for Mayday... but I can tell you some things. There were around 30 - 50 people and the action took place in the center of Craiova - a city in the south of the country. There was a food not bombs action and free clothes for the people which went pretty well. Also there were leaflets, music, some exhibition... In the evening there was a party attended by more people and also a graffiti guerrilla action. At one point, a group of 20 or something old communists pass the action and some of them came back after their march was over.

In Timisoara, a day before Mayday there was a poster action and guerrilla graffiti and after that people split up... some went Craiova to help there. I went to Belgrade and the other people joined in the Mayday Picnic in Timisoara and talked about 'the revolution'. It was a hard beginning but we did it and the most important thing is that we did it in our own spare time, with our money. I just hope that these actions brought us a step closer to the solidarity we aim for and that next year things will get even bigger.

FOOD NOT BOMBS in Bucharest

This action will be organised by Actiunea Anarhista Bucharest and no date has been arranged. If you have any advice, suggestions or questions you can send them to this address: carotrans@sc.ro just heard a rumour that the action already took place but no "official" news ... maybe they will tell you more or your advices can be useful for future actions.

A31 GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION

August 31st is meant to be the Global Day against the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) held in Johannesburg in South Africa. Also is a day of solidarity with the people in South-Africa

who are in struggle against what we might call an economic apartheid.

AAActivist collective and a group of people who work in different NGO's or collectives in Timisoara decided to organise an action in Romania. The people involved in this autonom anti-authoritarian platform come from different parts. We also have contacts with activists from Bucharest and in Craiova who also are organised in autonom anti-authoritarian groups. We decided that we should do this action in a way that we could reach several goals:

- to give people in the streets a more social and environmental message about the World Summit than they normally hear in the mainstream media.
- to get a big coverage of our actions and message in the romanian media.
- to unify the small activist scene in Timisoara and Romania through organising and taking part in the actions

14 SEPTEMBER - SMASH THE W.E.F.

In 15-17 September in Salzburg - Austria will take place this year's World Economic Forum (WEF). After last year's attacks on protesters and total prohibition of demonstrate this year the Anti-WEF co-ordination group faces even more problems because off new laws against activists and problems with some mainstream NGOs. We believe that this people should be supported in their efforts and after participating to an Anti-wef co-ordination meeting we decided to join and make actions in Romania too. The reason who motivated us most to take action was the fact that most of the things on the agenda of WEF are concerning the fate of the Eastern European countries. This happens behind doors and without people knowing about it. So, the first aim of the action is to inform the large public about what is happening at the WEF. This will be done by a street action that attracts the attention of the public and the (even mainstream) media. By doing this we show at the same time solidarity with the people in Salzburg who demonstrate also for us. Both actions don't have a 100% established program yet, so if you have any suggestions of you can somehow come here and join the actions feel free to contact us.

MAP OF ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS IN ROMANIA TIMISOARA

- Slogan zine: the oldest zine around dealing with diy anarchistpunk and political stuff. Issues both in romanian and english. criticabest@k.ro
- Eco-Shock: environmentalist newsletter, last issue was pretty radical. tpm@bonat.ro
- Pick it up!: probably it's first issue it's the best romanian zine.anarchopunk and political in the same time. nasol@jucal.com
- Nonconformism punk and politics in a zine done by 2 girls in the hc/punk scene. antiaria00@yahoo.com and fiction84@yahoo.com
- Activ-ist, is what you're just reading?

BUCHAREST

- Alternativ is a good anarchist e-zine which will probably have a version in hungarian language soon. alter-re@k.ro
- Rezistentă Antifa is a zine done by Actiunea Anarhista on topics like anarchism and antifascism. alter-ro@k.ro
- Steagul Negru is a nice zine because is also makes fun of things while being serious as fuck. carotrans@sc.ro

CRAIOVA

- URA is an anarchist zine done by the Frontul Antifascist Craiova / Craiova Anarho Front. They also do a small manifesto called Info Propaganda. liberatiatero@yahoo.com

C.A.F. - F.A.C. **Craiova Anarho Front /** **Frontul Antifascist Craiova**

By happiness in our town is no Nazi-skinheads, or actions of right opposite organization, because of serious implications of punks.

In our country is a legal right opposite organization, "The New Right", who is financed by the Big Romania Party (P.R.M.). Since few years they recruit people from the whole important towns from here, of course without Craiova where we are in.

The only ones and the most dangerous nazis with who we confront day by day on street and even home, are police. Thus our last actions were against them. We had a strange conversation with them, unmasked theirs abuses by graffiti messages appeared in the town center.

On 1 May we harassed the authorities and we organized a little demonstration, actually an "art exposition" under the free sky, where we could communicate with people. The action was called "Protest Against Ignorance". Was and a "Food Not Bombs", we shared clothes to poor people and we managed to demonstrate to public opinion that 50 younga definite to give up theirs pocket money can do more for theirs neighbors than the state who allotted 20 millions \$ for the fighters troops sent in Afghanistan.

Then another more recent action was the participation to the most bigger protest-strike of unions from Romania. Our group of 20 people with red-black flags, attracted immediately the police attention who tried to stop our access in the "Prefecture" market where the demonstration was. But to our surprise the public opinion took attitude against police who were forced to let us in peace. After we managed to share flyers and our manifests and the impact was huge. For workers seemed to be the best. We were appreciated even by some trade unions leaders. Unfortunately we attracted too much attention, mass-media who was more preoccupied of anarchists presence than the workers problems.

With all this after the meeting ended the police took us for "identification". But we were all released and we didn't receive fines. Though we enjoy the unique solidarity of public opinion who cares about facts and ignores the fake news which a big part of

press spread it against us since few years ago. If the charges like "devil denomination" were easily discredited, in the moment when the national television channels announced that in Craiova is an anarchist group who wants "to blow the state", the authorities informed themselves. Here was a spontaneous demonstration where participated more than 50 anarchists and punks. Then we told them all "the truth": the state is an permanent institution who must to disappear. We weren't accused of anything, but now the police threat us only in private person. Our principal problem is that we are too little and we live day by day. Is very hard after a work 12 hours a day, to think to the next actions. Thus our hate against the state and the capitalism grows and we hope to not break in desperate actions.

One week ago we returned from Strassburg where we participated to the first demonstration out of country. In case you want more informations about what happened there, let us know.

On 16 august is going to be an "anarchists" meeting from Romania, where will participate and 2 C.A.F. members. This meeting will be in the country center (Targu Secuiesc). We will send u more informations about it after we will come back.

While we try to keep alive a "zine" Hate-War-Anarchy, for now only in romanian language, which is base more on propaganda than on informations about actions and anarchists organizations. About our zine, has an enough "bad" name, but contents materials who demonstrate clear our intentions and feelings: Hate & War for state and capitalism. Peace & Love for people and planet Earth.

Have u been in Craiova? If yes we stepped once near others. Unfortunately the ones with who u kept in touch didn't know to many about us. If u would stay few more hours we could meet each others. Anyway we must to take back the "International Bridge" project. Many informations we have about NEFAC and Barricada Collective Boston. The anarcho-punk band, Ceolgoast, concertized twice in our town and together with them came and other friends from Boston.

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Croatia

A three day manifestation took place in Zadar. Since July 18th - 20th Zadar anarchist front (z.a.f.) and youth organisation ZVUK organized a three day manifestation called "CARLO VIVE". Manifestation was organized in memory of Carlo Giuliani death and we wanted to remind citizens of Zadar in what conditions Carlo was killed, we wanted to show them what capitalist elite is able to do in defense of their profit. But also we wanted to show bad impacts of economic globalization, especially now when our government tries to show it like something good, something that will help people and give them "bread and plays". On the other side the unemployment is rising and the factories gets closed day by day, in Zadar there is maybe two or three factories that still work and they are in private property, like everything else in the town. We wanted to debate with people and try to represent them anarchist idea like alternative to capitalism especially now when right-wing parties are rising, we must mention that Zadar is a postwar town where many people are nationalists and it is hard to work, to talk about self organization, workers rights, anarcho-communism because people still didn't restore consequences of state communism and in many cases they start to look us as communists and pro-serbians.

In those three days we organized workshop named "lets talk about globalization", which was decay because of no interest from citizen side, in which we planned to represent activities of South Eastern Social Forum and Zadar Anarchist Front, we where also organized some streets actions; on day when Carlo died we put something like floor bloc-board with pictures which show minute by minute of Carlos death, and we also organized a first food not bombs project, which was shown like big success. Contact:

Zadar Anarchist Front;
zadarskianarhisti@yahoo.com

Russia

Holiday season is coming to a close so time to start a campaign .. against NESTLE ! The NESTLE corporation bought up the Rossiya confectionary factory in Samara a while back and, since then, the working conditions have got worse and worse. Over the last five years, although output has doubled, wages have fallen from \$500 a month to between \$150-200. In addition, workers are expected to work more efficiently in conditions which sometimes are in violation of health safety rules. There is a union there, Solidarity (not to be confused with the Polish Solidarity) which has 10 members but they have practically convinced the other 800 to go on strike. They are demanding a 180% pay rise, an end to searches upon leaving the factory, a normal

lunch break, 5 minute breaks during the day and equal work for all categories of workers including temporary workers. There is starting a small campaign with nasty letters to NESTLE.

Mayday repressions in Moscow. The Confederation of Russian Anarcho-Syndicalists (KRAS), affiliated to the International Workers Association, reports that 10 people, including some of their members, were attacked and arrested by Moscow police on May Day. The 10 were participating in a peaceful demonstration organized by anarchist and autonomists at the State University of Moscow. The 10 were held for six hours without food or drink. The detainees, prior to release, were told by the authorities not to participate in a planned demonstration for May 6th. The KRAS is asking that comrades write to the appropriate Russian embassy or consulate urging the Russian government not to press any charges against the May Day protesters. For further details and information contact the KRAS c/o Vadim Damier, Perelulok Alaynova 13 kv 24 107258 Moscow, Russia; Tel/Fax: + 7-095-9637861

Russian Anti-Nuclear ActionCamp 2002. In response to the Russian government's decision to import 20,000 tons of high-level radioactive waste, environmental groups organized a series of protest actions, including an action camp, near Krasnoyarsk in Siberia. The camp, which began on June 30, took place near the prohibited zone around Krasnoyarsk-26, home to Russia's largest high-level radioactive waste storage and a plutonium-producing reactor. According to plans proposed by Russia's Ministry of atomic power

degradation in the country. This plan is being promoted by a small circle of people in Russia's nuclear industry, who hope to control the funds from waste import contracts. Environmental groups say that the import of waste is unacceptable: each country has to manage its own waste within its borders. No waste should be dumped on other countries. Early in 2002, local citizens and environmental groups collected nearly 100,000 resident's signatures calling for a region-wide vote on whether or not to ban nuclear waste imports into the region. According to the Russian constitution, this is the only way the public can make a decision that can not be overruled by any authority. Local authorities refused to accept these signatures, even though only 40,000 votes are needed according to referendum law. Environmental groups are taking the local authorities to court in hope of restoring justice. The organizers of this action are Ecodefence, Socio-Ecological Union and Greenpeace-Russia.

For more information, or to make a much appreciated donation please contact the organizers: In Moscow: +7(095)2784642, 7766546 (German speaking), 7766281 (English speaking) e-mail: ecodfence@online.ru and alni@online.ru In Krasnoyarsk: +7(3952)653345, Nikolay Zubov.

SKT has now an e-mail list. Siberian Confederation of Labour (SKT), syndicalist union which unites some 6000 workers has set up an e-mail list to server of Lithuanian anarchist punks, hardcore.it. E-mail list runs in Russian language. It has become very important to have quick contacts between union activists of different areas of Siberian Confederation of Labour and discussion on the questions of activities, problems, financing and organising meetings. This is why e-mail list SKT-kontakt has been found. Rules and topics of the list Purpose of the list is to discuss labour codex, labour relations and ideas, theory and practice of workers movement.

Membership and technical recommendations SKT-kontakt is for members of SKT which have access to internet, as well as for other syndicalists and trade unionists, from inside and outside of Russia. Forwarding and publishing materials from the list is allowed only after agreement with the author of the materials. It is recommended to use standards and cyrillic encodings accessible to everyone (ko8-R, windows). General rules Please discuss topics interesting to most of the subscribers. In case you are discussing themes not interesting to other subscribers or debate goes to personal level, better to move the discussion out from the list. Materials which may help other subscribers are most welcome, as well as any information about labour conflicts, strikes and labour courts. List is also formed for



(Minatom), Krasnoyarsk is where the important radioactive waste will be temporarily stored, and likely permanently dumped. The import of radioactive waste will make Russia an international nuclear waste dump, causing further environmental and social

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discussion about themes of general interest of the subscribers. It is not allowed to post not showing ones address. Do not use extensive quoting from previous mails. Flame and defamation, as well as authoritarian and nationalist propaganda and propaganda supporting political parties are banned. Disciplinary measures Warning, for serious breaking of the list protocol an exclusion from the list. Coordination List works with a principle of direct democracy. Any subscriber has a right to propose a new subscriber to the list. If other subscribers do not raise objections during 5 days, new applicant is subscribed. All new members should shortly present themselves. All members have right to propose a sanction against other members in case of breaking the list protocol. Decision is made by common vote of the subscribers. In case consensus is not reached, decision is made by majority of the votes. If you are interested to join the list, mail to Vasily Starostin sibokt@omsktown.ru

Nazis ambush anarchists & anti-fascists in Moscow. Blood & Honour of Moscow armed with knives attacked Moscow SHARP and anarchist skinheads in a concert of Skatallies. In the following fight anti-fascists managed successfully to defend themselves, and only one person got serious wounds. But he has been treated in hospital, and is not in a serious condition.

Action for animal rights in city of Sochi. July, 19. On a wall of a delphinium the slogan is written: "Freedom an animal". At bus stops in area of a delphinium, also it is written: "Delphinium-prison! Freedom animals!" and "Delphinium it is prison for animals!". The guide sign of a delphinium is crossed out by a paint. **July, 18.** It is destroyed about 40 posters of an exhibition of exotic animals. Two displays of this exhibition also are stolen. On fences of city are written: "Delphinium is prison! Freedom animals!", "For rights of animals we shall be at war!".

June, 22. In settlement Lazarevskoe (Sochi) were destroyed by active workers about(near) 30 boards of an exhibition of exotic animals. **June, 15.** Publicity board of fur shop recently established in city centre is burnt. The appeared in time fire-fighting crew of it has extinguished, when it already on half has burned down. **June, 14.** The red paint impairs a little two displays of the Sochi circus. One stand zoo Sochi which have recently appeared in city is decorated with an inscription: "BOYCOTT!". On the circus stand to the clown are added red from a mouth and red eyes. On a fence near to a circus by the big letters it is written: "Circus is a chamber of tortures!". The slogan "Animals too has the right to life", has appeared on a wall near railway station "Sochi". The publicity

Dear comrades ! Today mother of Alexander Mylnikov, which was a very active distributor of anarchist literature, has recognised in a corpse found during weekend in a lake - her son... The cause of his death is still unclear - but it's clear that people don't swim in clothes and shoes. The closest comrades of Alexander ask everybody - who has such a possibility - to provide some financial aid to the mother of the dead comrade and in organization of funerals. You can send money either on my address: Russian Federation, 610011, Kirov, p.o. Box (a/y) 457, Salnikov Sergey either directly to mother of Alexander: Russian Federation Kirov, pr. Stroiteley, d.40, kv.53 Mylnikova Helena. - You can also send letters of support and condolence to this address. He was a member of our organization since 1999. His name will hardly tell something to the most of leftist militants in Russia. He hasn't written a single article, he hasn't took part in hot debates and loud political actions. He silently and modestly took possible part in our common cause. He was one of the best distributors of left-wing papers, - inhabitants of south-west region of the city of Kirov would have certainly recognised - that at least one time in two months there was a bell in their flats - and there was a very young teenage boy with "World revolution" paper issue in his hands. His face can also recall many workers from factories of Kirov, - he happened to stand with papers and leaflets at factories' gates. He tries to explain our position among subculture youth, - doing everything possible to clear the minds of youth of nationalistic propaganda of Russian imperialism. He could have really consider himself the first red-skin in Kirov, - with solid marxist persuasions.

Poland

Dozen anarchists and squatters managed to prevent the eviction of Ms. Barbara Markiewicz, a pensioner living in mid-town Wrocław, who was unable to pay rent. The police and bailiffs charged with the eviction were stopped by people holding a banner "Stop evictions". The police argued that the eviction comes as a result of the complaints of the neighbours. However the neighbours were solidary against the police. The bailiffs decided not to proceed with the eviction. The first attempt of eviction of Ms. Barbara took place in April.

Anarchist Workers Initiative vs. "Solidarity" trade union. FA Lodz has organized a picket in front of the church where the official "Solidarity" trade union was holding a commemoration of the 31 august agreements of Solidarity 22 years ago. Anarchists attacked verbally ex-ministers of the "Solidarity" government, which was one of the most anti-worker governments post 89, and handed out materials of the Workers Initiative. Some rank and file members of "Solidarity" workers present at the ceremony supported the protesters and congratulated them.

15 people from FA-Krakow have been arrested after their food not bombs action made on September 11, 2002. It was a "preventive measure" as the police said. The rest of the people were continue picketing in front of the American Embassy which looks like a fortress at that day.

At 7 of August several thousand shipyard workers in Szczecin have intruded into the Odra clothes factory in Szczecin where women workers have not received pay for several months. The clothes factory workers are on partial strike and stop working for 6 hours a day. The intruders have dragged out the director of the enterprise and thrown eggs on him, and performed the ritual of driving the boss out the factory on a wheelbarrow (age old custom in Poland when firing your boss). The intruders demanded that the boss tells the workers when they will receive salaries. The police didn't intervene out of fear to enrage the demonstrators" as the spokesman of police said.

The media is outraged that workers beat the Director of the Odra Factory in Szczecin but it seems to us that he clearly provoked that reaction by telling people quite openly to fuck off. It doesn't seem to occur to the media to be outraged that women at Odra Factory haven't been paid in six months. This is the first time we hear about it in the media. Now the police who didn't arrest workers are dismissed and some workers are arrested. This is an important step in workers' solidarity as



board of fur shop also is corrected. To it it is added: "Fur - bloody clothes!". Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia Address: PO Box, 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065. e-mail: antiberation@rambler.ru <http://www.liberation.narod.ru/>

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workers from the Shipyards came to support the struggles of the women at ODRA. Just recently members of **Workers' Initiative from FA Szczecin** criticized the Shipyard workers for failing to see their struggle as connected and show solidarity to other workers. Maybe things will start to change.

Workers protest round the country.

Yesterday about 300 trade-unionists from factories all over Poland federated in a protest committee have demonstrated in Warsaw in solidarity with the Ozarow cable factory, which is on strike since a 100 days. Also present were delegates from **FA's Workers Initiative** who are members of the protest committee in Poznan. The Ozarow cable factory has been a victim of a hostile takeover by a polish monopolist of cable manufacturing, Telefonika. The new owner decided to liquidate the production line and move the machines to more efficient plants in Oswiecim (Auschwitz). The workers from Ozarow (near Warsaw) have barricaded all the exits of their factory and have so far prevented any equipment to be taken from the premises. It's a matter of survival for them, since no other work is available in their city. Previous attempts of help by Warsaw anarchists were rejected by the official trade-union of the factory. New attempts are planned, since the situation changed a bit as Poznan anarchists have become part of the Interfactory Protest Committee (OKP) and are running the committee's office in Poznan. Some friction exists in the anarchist movement about OKP, since some activists are inclined to more conformist and tolerant attitudes regarding religious and national sentiments of some of the workers, while other activists obviously object to that. The ideas of workers' shareholding are somewhat alive in people's minds, and it might be possible to influence people more into that direction and further from ideas about state interventionism, which are mostly promoted by the media in supposedly "objective" reports about the protests. The question remains if anarchists will have enough wit to know how to spread effectively their ideas in a way that can be understood easily without falling victims of conformism and being used by ambitious individuals from trade-unions, or without becoming ambitious individuals themselves.

People from FA took part in the day of demonstrations of solidarity of workers from factories threatened with bankruptcy and layoffs (Bialystok and Poznan among other cities). In Poznan 100 people took part in total, in Szczecin there was about 1000 demonstrators in total. The endangered factories are mainly contractors of the Szczecin shipyards which collapsed. (Not longer than a few years ago, the Szczecin ship-

yards were shown as a model enterprise proving that Poland's transition to capitalism is an economic success. Everyone can see how this is in reality.) In Poznan, FA cooperates quite closely with the inter-factory protest committee and publishes a common newsletter with the independent trade-union "Solidarity 80". Some of the articles published there present anarchism and ideas of self-management. In Szczecin, members of FA (some of whom are ex-shipyard workers) participated in the pickets as well, however their relation with the protest committee is not as good. Activists from FA distrust some of the prominent members of the inter-factory committee for their tendency to de-radicalize the struggle.

Lithuania

The toys for child from difficult families. At 24 of July and at 10 of August two Lithuanian anarchists have organized in cities of Shalchininkai and Vilnius actions sewing the dolls for the child from so called difficult families (families in which parents don't care about their child, families with extremely alcohol or/and drug problems). In the actions did not take a part too many people so a decision was taken to make them systematically at every second week. This kind of action took place already in the past and it brought a lot of happiness to the child. We are collecting the old used toys as well for that reason but we are trying to put an accent on DIY toys as we want the child have to learn that you don't need to possessed so much to make something ... for example the toys. We call everyone to do similar action as there are everywhere people

ple/childs which need a help.

Czechia

Squatters in Prague still active ... but under attack. At 30 of August, at 9:30 am 15

private security guards rocked up to Medaci squat and kicked everybody out. The medaci crew recently lost tender to use the space as a cultural centre and the building was sold by the Prague 6 government to a private investor. Anyway, on the upside a neighbour who owns an empty block of land said they could use that place so electricity was run from another neighbours house and a theatre performance took place at the new all open air medaci

Another new squat in Prague was called **Safranka**, where about 6 people have lived on the roof for more than one month resisting eviction...

Serbia

"We don't want to eat this shitty food" - bankruptcy of McDonalds restaurant in Zrenjanin. In city of Zrenjanin, according to Serbian mainstream media, the first McDonald's restaurant was closed because of lack of interest in the food they were selling. The restaurant was open several months with a big loss of money, hoping that situation will become better. Luckily it didn't happen and management had to close it and declare bankruptcy.

McDonald's Yugoslavia, Yugoslavian branch of McDonald's company, is trying to hush the scandal and is claiming that they'll be back to Zrenjanin as soon as possible. Local TV station interviewed people on the street about the closing of McDonald's. Most of the comments were of the following sort: "We don't want to eat that shitty food," etc.

Slovenia

Hanging a banner on a Castle - anti-NATO actions in Ljubljana. After hanging banners on the road bridges, the final action was putting a huge banner (5 x 15 metres) on Ljubljana castle. First action failed, because security from the castle called police. That was on the national holiday (day of independence) and there was celebration and police in the centre. What we wanted to do was to hang a banner on the castle, so people from elite celebrity could see it. Activists sit on the banner and media immediately showed up, so there were no arrests. Action was postponed for few days later and a banner with a sign "Ne NATO, mir nam dajtel!" ("No NATO, give us peace") - you can also understand it as "give us a break"). A banner was put off by activists 3 hours later and saved for later.

www.geocities.com/rectineno/nenato.html
AFA, Molotov

* The pictures on pages 16, 17 and 18 show MayDay'2002 manifestation in Ljubljana / Slovenia



Hungarian independent hc/punk scene report

"A lot of you asked me to write this scene report for you. Actually, I'm in a little trouble, cause I've been into these things for a long time now, but up to this day my scale of values and my approach to this stuff is something way different than it used to be. I don't really want to go back in the past and I won't, a lot of things have happened, both good and bad. So, what's our current scene like? The real unity has never been formed, because of the obstinacy, parochialism, and it would be bad to deny that fact that as everywhere, there are plastic kids around here too. I guess this phenomenon exists everywhere. A huge number of people are talking about fashion, but in my opinion this will never take a part of the media, just those jackass kids and the media, for sure, which distort, tries to dilute, and I haven't talked about standardizing at all... I'm not going to define to anyone what hardcore is, what's anarcho punk or what's working class, moreover, I'm not going to ordain the following examples either. Everyone should inquire about it by themselves, discover some things and follow (?) the path that's been found well, do his/her job, and do not talk in vain! But let's not see only the bad things, the status is not that deplorable! We've got great bands, zines, friends, promoters... I endeavour to declare that the followings will contain only the things I represent, about the things I find good, and over these there are some more bands, zines, and organization either.

Some words about the bands: I dunno where to start. Back in the day, when I get involved to this tendency it was thanks to them that. That scene changed a lot in the past. There's SOCIAL FREE FACE (they have 2 lps), SPEAK UP!, who are searching for a label now for their new 7". While in the SFF the o/s, the n/s and the crossover are mixing, SPEAK UP! plays the classic New Jersey style o/s hardcore. SFF has a project band too that's called SUNSHINE TO BREAKFAST and I'd compare with BLACK TRAIN JACK and they've got one lp out. One of my best friends and his girlfriend sang in a band called AT ONCE HERO ANOTHER TIME ZERO. This band was formed by ex-members of FREE HANDS, but to this time the relationship of the members have changed, and that's the reason why my friends left the band too. EMBERS just released their first 7" with their brutal n/s- slayercore on it and they'll go on EU tour soon! Oh, and there's a ska band called TIZENHÉT, but actually I dunno so much of them. There was LIBERAL YOUTH here back in the day, now the kids from Szentgotthárd are playing that kinda music with their band called IRÉALISARCUL, however it's more punk, but

they saved the speed and the hardness of the original one. In Sárvár, in the very near of Szombathely, there's SPARK who are playing this Morning Again kinda n/s. In this city's castle were/are/will lots of shows which usually are promoted by my friend called Dosi, the apartment is assured by Jancsika most of time for the appearing bands (GIANT HELLO AND THANKS!!!!). On the North-West, near to the border, in Jánosomorja there are cool shows either and I have lots of friends too. Here plays the young, but great SZOBALFOGÁS their sharp/street-punk motivated music. The other friends of mine are doing a new band right now, before it, they were doing a crusty o/s band under the name BGP. Not so far from them, in Győr there's KEVÉS. They're playing complex and intensive music with anti capitalist and anti fascist views and their 3rd lp will be released soon! I'm really looking forward to it. There's a band from Tatabánya, they called CSIZMÁSKANDÚR and they have 2 lps out with great feeling, but I heard that they broke up. That would be a pity for Hungary's best ska band. Well, I think that's all from Transdanubia, maybe I'd mention the band called ISZONYAT. This is my band, and we're playing raw punk music with working class lyrics.

Let's see the capital city and that's surroundings: In Budapest there are some great bands like NEWBORN who just released a split 12" with CATHARSIS (USA). They're well known in Europe too. They had some tours too. There's a young band called the TAKTIKA, and they're playing something very strange (mix the Crimson Curse and Zegota and they're something like that...). The FALLEN INTO ASHES just released their first 7" with their metallic emcore on it and they're on way for their upcoming new 7". The WITHOPENARMS is a band with modern views and with some one-off stuff containing o/s music. I hope that their debut stuff will be released soon! HUMAN ERROR is Hungary's one and only crusty-core band with 2 bassists. They've got two lps out with "Another Bloody Intervention" and "...or Die!" titles, and they're very active! HOLDXTRUE is the only youthcrewSXE band, but they wrote a song that has deviated the scene. Everyone should decide that which part would she/he stand to! There are bands like 06/90 (streetpunk), BARACKCA (punk?) and the one and only skin band, the BOILER, but actually I dunno so much about them. But my favorite band is coming from the near of Budapest and they called HÁTSÓ SZÁNDÉK. They're gloomy, but still meaningful lyrics and music that based on streetpunk but has lots of ska and Oi! influences. As far as I know they're going to release their 3rd stuff soon! Pity that in the capital there isn't so much good venues, there were lots of them in the past but they've been renewed and stuff, the last bigger one has been closed in last summer cause the audience get in trouble with the police and with the bone-heads! But otherwise in Gödöllő in the Trafó club there are lots of shows! There's a cool record store too that's called NEMART, where lotta things are obtainable. In Szentendre there was INSIDE FEARS, but I didn't heard of them for a long time. (They formed a new band under the name BURIED BY TIME. Their music almost remained the same...) In the near there's another band called SEMMI KOMOLY and they play ska-punk-core and I really hope that their new demo'll be out soon.

On the North there's SEVEN DAYS A WEEK with their o/s music with streetpunk and Oi! influences maybe next year their new stuff will be out too, cause I liked their "One Of Many" stuff very much. Southern on the Great Hungarian Plain there's JACK which is very raw, very hard crusty-punk with grind and ska influences. If the gossips are true their new stuff will be released in Japan either (a split tape with SPEAK UP!). Otherwise there was a huge scene in the region back in the day, but there's only LECSA-PUNK - hard punkrock in the vein of EXPLOITED, NEGATIVE APPROACH - and everything else is dead. There's a band from the beach of River Tisza, under the name A KÖKLER with their ska music and they're good. Shortly that's all about the bands, actually I only wrote about the bands I like, cause there're other ones too, but...

We're good in zines I guess: my best friends are doing the "SZAVAK A SZIVBŐL" which is caring about music and politics and their 2nd issue is going be pressed soon. They're doing a minidistro either under the name "HANGOK A SZIVBŐL". "LONG LIFE LEARNING" is a free newsletter with interviews and translated lyrics and stuffs like that...; TOTAL ADDICTION" is mister Dr. Slayer's underground magazine...everything that's angry...full of jokes... You can also order some stuffs through the Antisystem. "NONKONFORMIST" is grown out from it's newsletter format to a normal zine. Filled with provocative, thought-provoking articles...; "PUNK-LAND" is the one and only punk music zine of the state maybe...; "SKINBOMB" is the zine of my best friend and he prefers the sharp and ska music and it's ideology and he's doing the GLADIATOR RECS and MAILORDER too...; "RADICAL ROOT" is pretty similar to the over mentioned, but these guys are doing a fanclub too under the name "ROOT BOOT" and I'd like to mention the SKAZOFÉNIA too, which is a good zine too...; "TORZ KÍTÖRÉS" is a leftist, "antiamericanmasscultural" zine + there's a thinking zine under the name "HASZTALAN 79"...; "EGYENESÉN ÁT" is a musical zine...; "TOMORROW NEVER CAME" is made by young kids and they just pressed the first on some months ago...; I haven't heard of "CHAIN OF IDEA" so much lately...; neither about "SHARK ATTACK", "NYITOTT SZEM-MEL", "KONFRONTALT"... I'm pretty sure that they're working on the upcoming issues... "XRESISTANCE" is the name of this new fanzine written in English.

It's not definitely belongs to the scene, but there are some political groups with publications, some environmentalist and animal defender groups with their newspapers but I don't know all of them, so I don't think it would be honest to pick up some of them...

Well, and we are hoping that some of these "... political groups with publications, some environmentalist and animal defender groups with their newspapers ..." will get in touch with us in order to establish any regular way of reports from anarchist/alternative aspects of life in region of Hungary !!! - AbolishingBB collective.

Protests in Szczecin shipyards and the workers' situation in Poland

text prepared by Anarchist Federation / Szczecin (north-west Poland) for the anarcho-syndicalist conference in Essen August 2002

Over the last few years the situation of Polish workers has gotten much worse due to economic recession. As a result, wages have been cut and workers are forced to work in worse and worse conditions. Workers are being blackmailed; either they agree with the conditions dictated by the bosses or they lose their jobs. Employers most often explain themselves by saying that they have to adapt to free market conditions and so efficiency, which already is rather high, has to be increased. They'll also tell you that there are many people ready to take your job. Some companies which until recently were quite prosperous have been brought to the brink of bankruptcy. There are three reasons for this:

1. The owners are thinking about making a quick profit but this often doesn't work out.
2. The companies are taken over by big multinational corporations in order to take over consumer markets and brands. Then these companies are deliberately forced into bankruptcy in order to eliminate competition and production is transferred abroad. One example is the Łaziska Steelworks (the only manufacturer of ferro-alloys in Poland and the second largest in the world). The steelworks was part of a holding company together with a power plant. After the privatization of the holding company, the part which controlled the electric power plant was bought by the largest competitor steelworks - a Swedish company. Since then, the price of electricity has increased dramatically. (Huta Łaziska accounts for 1% of the total energy consumption in Poland.) The steelworks became unprofitable. Thanks to workers' protests, they forced the energy supplier to lower its prices.
3. All the time Poland has to adapt to European Union economic standards. As a result, many industries which were prosperous are finding themselves on the brink of bankruptcy. At the beginning of 2002, a wave of protests shook Poland - the largest in 10 years. There were pickets, demonstrations and strikes. One of the most famous strikes is the occupation of the cable factory in Ożarów. The workers are protesting against the liquidation of the prosperous factory which was bought by a competitor. In Poland you can hear about miners who are protesting against government plans to restructure the mining industry which would lead to the closure of several mines; this would lead to thousands of job losses. Another government proposal which the miners are protesting against is the introduction of a six-day work week plus new efficiency quotas. Workers from Daewoo Motor Poland were also forced to take to the street; the crisis in the firm led to its liquidation in Poland. In the nearest future we can also expect protests from fishermen who are afraid of the job losses which will occur in that industry upon Poland's accession to the European Union. These are just some of the protests going on in our country. Almost every day the media has information about strikes or protests around Poland. However, these protests rarely lead to victory for the workers. Most often workers from small companies are protesting and nobody pays attention to them. They are not strong enough to fight. In large firms workers often can organize to defend themselves but the problem is that they are isolated in their protests; they can't count on solidarity from workers from other firms. After a protest is finished, nothing much else happens. There are no solidarity strikes and even workers inside one industry often don't show each other solidarity. The clothing industry protests separately even though they have similar problems like mines, shipyards and steel works. When the Gdynia Shipyards were on strike, the Szczecin Shipyards did nothing and you could even hear people happy that things were bad in the competitor firm. In effect, the strike in Gdynia was deemed illegal by the owners and the leaders of the strike given the sack. We think that among other things, the actions of the reformist trade unions (Solidarność, OPZZ and others) are to blame; over the years, workers became used to them settling matters on their behalf. Trade unions became auxiliary structures of political parties and those who fight for workers' rights are attacked both by the bosses and the big centralized unions. For years society put a lot of hope in Solidarność but their hopes were bound with the fall of communism. All the ideals which Solidarność represented were betrayed and as a result there are very few people in Poland who trust any social movements. Nowadays, people hope that capitalism can be reformed, that there's such a thing as capitalism with a human face and that their standard of living will be raised. Another important feature of society today is that it is highly divided and there is no spirit of

solidarity. Capitalism has led workers in Poland to compete and fight with each other instead of working together in solidarity and cooperating. For example in the ex Szczecin Shipyards, the workers of different shifts (brigades) were competing who will execute a bigger part of the plan, which led to the increase of daily work norms and the lowering of salaries. According to the Polish political and economic elite, our country is still undergoing a transition period in which we are still adapting to the economy of capitalist countries. This means that social benefits have been cut, unemployment has risen to 19%, health services are in a tragic state, bureaucracy has increased, etc. All these factors lead to a growth in social dissatisfaction and the working class has already lost hope that this system can be reformed and they see no hope for fixing the situation. As anarcho-syndicalists, we try to be wherever there are social and political struggles in we present our ideas of a stateless, classless society. We organize demonstrations, publish and distribute publications and take part in union protests, presenting direct action as the most effective form of struggle. Throughout the country, there are groups of people connected with anarcho-syndicalism who spread the ideas of workers' self management whenever possible. 2. The Situation in the Szczecin Shipyards In the last few months you could hear a lot about the situation in the shipyard industry and the effect that the fall of the Szczecin Shipyards has brought the Pomorzanie region. Many thousands of people work in this industry, either in the shipyards or some industry connected to it. The shipyard's holding company was the largest employer in the region. Until recently, the Szczecin Shipyards was one of the world's leading ship builders and it produced over 20 ships per year. It was held up as an example of privatization in Poland. In 1999, 22 ships were built and a similar amount was built in previous years. The workers did OK for Polish standards. The salaries and work conditions were comparatively good. Nobody ever thought the Shipyards could go bankrupt. A group of entrepreneurs managed to transfer the capital of the Shipyards to other firms through financial speculation and left the Shipyards in ruins. The new owners had formed The Industrial Group for this purpose. The new owners were connected to the power elite and the former President of the City of Szczecin was among them. It was designed from the beginning to take control over the Shipyards. The idea was to lead the shipyard out of the crisis which was caused by changes in the Polish economic system after 1989. At the beginning, the Shipyards functioned normally to a great extent but as it turned out, the takeover of the Shipyards would serve the new owners in their financial machinations. At first, the Shipyards was one big company but then it was divided into a dozen smaller firms who inherited the Shipyards' fortune. The Shipyards itself then had no money and only employed those connected by the smaller firms. The Shipyards wound up having to pay for services that it once provided itself. Production costs rose due to all these machinations - this is what happens in privatization. This caused the Shipyards to be less profitable. Also bad contracts with clients and too short terms for ship manufacturing - which meant that gigantic compensations had to be paid for delays. Several million of dollars were paid. All of these mistakes were covered up until November 2001 when there wasn't enough money to pay the Shipyards workers. There also wasn't enough cash to finish current production. The owners maintained that these were only temporary problems which would be resolved soon. Unofficially, everybody was saying that the company wasn't doing well but the media was silent; the unions pretended to have everything under control - and the workers believed this. The state institutions failed to react. In January 2002, the workers said "enough" - they hadn't received their salaries for 3 months. A spontaneous meeting was arranged by the workers, but the trade unions active in the shipyard refused to support them. The paradox is that the trade unions, which are supposed to protect the workers, were on the same side as the bosses and a few of the bureaucrats were on the Shipyards' supervisory board. During the meeting the shipyard workers demanded that all wage arrears be paid immediately and a program to save the shipyard to be presented. During this first protest, the owners had to explain how such a prosperous firm was ruined. Various objects were thrown at the bosses and the president of the "Stoczniowice" trade-union who cheated workers was almost lynched. As a result of all this, a bank loan was obtained within the week and it seemed as if eve-

rything would return back to normal. However, one day the workers were informed that they would have to take a two-week "holiday" because the Shipyards didn't have enough money to maintain production and the banks didn't want to give any new loans. It turned out that the money from the previous loan which was taken in order to build ships was used for other purposes including paying dividends to the owners of the Shipyards. After two weeks, when the workers returned, they were told that they were negotiating with the banks and they'd have to wait for money and a part of them were again sent on "vacation". During those next weeks, only 1000 of the more than 12,000 workforce was working. A month later even those weren't working. They demanded their back pay and started to prepare an occupation strike. However, after negotiating with the owners, they withdrew from the strike in exchange for payment of the overdue salaries. Money was paid within the week but production was frozen for another month. For these reasons, the workers started to worry about their jobs. They started to organize meetings and street demonstrations. Social discontent was rising and the political elites in Szczecin were afraid that the protest might spread to other factories. In May meetings were taking place a few times a week. They were organized by the workers themselves, without the unions. These assemblies were the most feared, because nobody had control over the workers. However during one of the meetings, a Protest Committee was formed. It served as a safety valve. At the beginning, everything looked spontaneous, but as time went by, the meetings seemed to become more and more closed for ordinary worker's voices. The spontaneity seemed to be gone and the committee started to conduct negotiations with the owners and the government instead of conducting direct action. Meanwhile, the workers were told to wait patiently for the effects of the talks, but there were none, and the initiatives of young workers were suppressed. At some point many shipyard workers stopped participating in the meetings, as they didn't bring anything except new promises. The shipyard workers took the protests to the streets of Szczecin, blocking completely the city traffic. This didn't last long. The protest committee started cooperating with the police and the march itinerary was announced to the police so that alternative traffic was organized. However during one of the marches the shipyard workers blocked the road to the center of the city. The committee was taken by surprise and there were fights with police. The workers managed to repel police attacks. The protest committee accused the workers taking part in the standoff to be "provocateurs" - despite the fact that every participant was wearing a shipyard pass. Since then the committee kept asking the workers to remain calm and refrain from provoking the police. The city inhabitants who decided to join the protest were thrown out from the meetings. The shipyard workers were induced into a state of paranoid fear of "provocateurs". This caused the isolation of the workers from the rest of the population. The anarchists from Szczecin, who participated in the protests so far and offered their help were taken off a shipyard meeting by the police. The most radical workers had enough of being insulted and prevented from speaking and stopped coming to the meetings. The main reason of the weakening of the protests was the reluctance of the committee to make any decisions. Currently, part of the workers were employed in the new shipyards (with worse conditions) and some found work in other firms. A protest which could have led to a wave of strikes throughout Poland was effectively repressed and redirected into debate and discussion instead of strikes and direct action. The Nationwide Protest Committee (OKP), which includes over a dozen workplaces from all over Poland, was formed on the initiative of the Shipyards protest committee. The OKP has existed for over 2 months but we don't want to evaluate its activity yet. We don't expect a lot from it because there was a certain form of manipulation in it from the very beginning. One of its ideological leaders became Marian Jurczyk, a pseudo-legendary figure from the strikes of 1980 who became the president of Szczecin and a Senator and currently is the far-right League of Polish Families. We feel that the OKP is more interested in politics than workers' rights (one of its postulates are new elections - and the fight to stop the liquidation of military units). Therefore, we feel that anarchists shouldn't take part in the activities of the OKP because it isn't a struggle for anarchist and syndicalist ideals.

Solidarity call from IAS / Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate

Dear friends, this is a solidarity call from Initiative for anarcho-syndicate, only organized anarchist, anarcho-syndicalist group from Serbia. Our group started publishing propaganda magazine, called "Direktna Akcija" ("Direct Action"), on first of May 2002. Since then we maintained regular, monthly, publishing of our magazine although we had a lot of financial problems. We are printing our magazine in 2000 copies, and costs of publishing are 310 Euros per issue, which is, when you have in mind that average pay in Serbia is less than 100 Euros, substantial amount of money for us. We are giving our magazine for free, because we think that it would be improper to sell it to the factory workers (which is where we are handing out most of DA's) who have pay which is much less than average pay here. Our

magazine is ONLY monthly anarchist magazine in whole Ex-Yugoslavia region and is, thus, read in all Ex-Yugoslavia republics: 500 copies of our magazine are handed out to anarchists and activists in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia. Subjects that we covered (and that are covered seriously for the first time in last 90 years) here in our magazine till now are: anarcho-syndicalism, general strike, sabotage, history of the first of May, economical globalization, abolition of alienated work, self-management, total conscience objection etc. It is important to say that we are getting GREAT response from people who are reading DA. First issue of our magazine was financially helped by some of anarchist and anarcho-syndicalist groups around the world - and we are very grateful to them

for that, but since than all of our finances are covered by donations of our membership. Now we are in the situation that some of our members have to sell some of their belongings to maintain magazine publishing every month. Because of that we would like to ask anarchists, anarcho-syndicalist and revolutionary-syndicalist groups and individuals around the world, who are able to do so, to help us financially. For any details on ways to send us money please contact editorial collective of our magazine at: da@inicijativa.org. We think that it is of utmost importance for whole anarchist movement in Ex-Yugoslavia to maintain publishing of DA, and we hope that some of you could help us with that! Best anarchist greetings!

Initiative for anarcho-syndicate (IAS)

The eviction of the "Krzyk" squat in Gliwice (south Poland) has been blocked

The eviction of the "Krzyk" squat in Gliwice has been blocked by the city mayor so far, thanks to the protests sent to city government officials. The squatters thank everyone who sent faxes and emails of support. However the case is not over, we still include the example protest and the addresses.

As we already informed, the squat "Krzyk" in Gliwice in Poland is now under a threat of being closed. On the 23 July the inhabitants of the squat had a meeting with the President of the City and now they know, that the building of the squat will be destroyed, and that nobody wants to give them another place. The City Council permanently ignores the demands for the house, that the squatters introduced several times to the city hall. The members of "krzyk" collective ask everybody for support, especially for writing mails/ fax to the city municipalities/ local representatives of polish authorities with demands for a new place for the squatters, who made a lot of social work for the local people. We

give you an example of a letter, but of course any other creative letters are welcomed!!

"I would like to express my solidarity with the members of the collective 'krzyk', who would like to continue its social and cultural activities in Gliwice. I cannot understand, why the local authorities try to ban the democratic groups of people who help to local inhabitants by organising things for the youth and who prepare the meals for the poorest, to mention just few of their initiatives. I want to signalise, that the municipalities should support this kind of activities instead of banning them."

nazwisko: name: adres:address: organizacja:organization: Adresy Urzedu Miasta Gliwice: The fax number to the Municipalities in Gliwice: fax: (0-32) 231-27-25 - centrala urzedu miejskiego pm1@um.gliwice.pl - prezydent Zygmunt Frankiewicz turek@um.gliwice.pl - I zastepca prezidenta miasta Ryszard Trzebuniak zp2@um.gliwice.pl - II zastepca prezidenta miasta Janusz Moszyński wroblewskat@um.gliwice.pl

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Food Not Bombs group in Olsztyn / north-east Poland

We are really happy to see this report as until now there was not much heard about anarchist activities in Olsztyn. More, Olsztyn was known in Poland as a fascist fortress. It is very surprising to hear that in that city exists probably the biggest and the most active Food Not Bombs collective in Europe. Check out this report ...

Our Food Not Bombs group has started about two years ago. Olsztyn is a town in north-east Poland with about 180.000 inhabitants. This region is one with the biggest unemployment and poverty in the whole country so we did not have to look faraway for motivation to start our activity. Community in Olsztyn is drowning in totally apathy, many are abusing alcohol leaving from day to another without perspective for any change. Everything what in Poland is changing for worse you can find in Olsztyn already in extremely form. The only one organization which seems to support poor people are catholics from Caritas, but even they don't really care. In this situation we have decided to provide help to the poorest and the same way show the local authorities that with minimum of costs is possible to feed big group of

people. We have started as a smallest group of friends playing in local punk bands (Third DeGree, Edelweiss Piraten) and involved until now in organizing anti-fascist resistance and campaign against army-service. The beginning was very difficult but there was no alternative as just start with it in spite of everything. Already the first action have showed that demand is big-



ger then we have expected - food was gone but there was still a lot of hungry people around us. One year long we were serving food once a week but then two other collectives were founded and at the moment we have a warm vegan food for people three times a week - Saturday and Sunday in two different locations. We are collecting many from organizing benefit punk gigs and other events connected to anarcho-

punk scene. We have put out a CD record, benefit compilation with various h/c/punk bands from our region, what helped us to keep action going on while financial crises. During all this months we have established connections with various communities which provide us the victuals like bread, soya or vegetables. The rest we have to buy. Usually we give away minimum 70 portions. There are not only homeless people which profit by FNB but as well pensioners and general poor people. Many times are coming whole families.

We would like to inspire the others to start FNB in their cities as in our case it gave us a kick of positive energy, open a way to get closer with local community and develop our own structures. In the world in which everyone cares just about him/herself, in which the money determine about who you are and the states are investing mostly in militarisation and wars, "food not bombs" is one from the most needed form of direct action. We know it is nothing new what we said and what we do but we just wanted to tell you that we are existing, that we will not give up our way, that you are not alone in your struggle. Best greetings to all FNB groups around the world and to all which are trying to create alive alternatives to this fucked up world. Feel free to contact us: edelweiss@o2.pl FNB - Olsztyn.

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ABC-CSAF - c/o P.H., po box 41, 565-01
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AFA - anarchist anti-fascists group; po
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"A-Kontra" - anarchist magazine and
collective; po box 223, 111 21 Praha 1;
a-kontra@csaf.cz

CSAF / Czechia - (CSAF - Czech-
Slovakia Anarchist Federation), po box
223, 111 21 Prague 1; intersec@csaf.cz
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"Feminist Alliance of March 8" - (f-
feminist group; fs8.brezna@centrum.cz

Info-Shop - Soeharska 6; Prague.

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

ORA "Solidarity" - organization of revolu-
tionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111
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"PAPIRNA" - squat in Prague.

PH - international secretariat of CSAF
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Antifascistická Akcia Západ (Antifascist
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CIRNÝ KRÍŽ (CK, Black Cross) - lack
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Nakladatelstvo Bod Zlomu (NBZ, Point
of Fault) - publisher of anarchist literature;
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PRIAMA AKCIA (Direct Action) - radical
social anarchist organization / anarchist
union.

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

Croatia

AFA - anarchist antifa network;
www.vjecniotpor.vce.com

AnFemA (Anarcho-Feminist-Action) -
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Z.A.F. / Zadar Anarchist Front - local
anarchist group in the city of Zadar;
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Hungaria

GONDOLKODO ANTIKIVARIUMBAN -
book-shop run by anarchists; 1066
Budapest O.u.40; www.ainfok.ini.hu;
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Lithuania

"BARBORA" - squat in Vilnius;
EVICTED !!! EVICTED !!! EVICTED !!!
"KABLYS" - anarchist squat in Vilnius;
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"Navinki" - anarchist newspaper; navin-
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collective from city of Craiova. libertat-
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Russia

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Autonomous Action - network of anar-
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Websites of groups linked to Autonomous Action:

<http://ad-direct.newmail.ru> - federal site
maintained from Novorossisk

<http://redskin.newmail.ru> - Red and
Anarchist Skinheads RASH, maintained
from Novorossisk

<http://antijob.um.ru> - site against work,
maintained from Moscow

<http://anti-fa-da.ru> - Anti-fascist project
"Black and Green resistance" from Samara

<http://potok.hotmail.ru> - website against
Blue Stream gas pipeline, maintained from
Novorossisk

<http://www.ad-m.narod.ru> - Nizhni Novgorod
group of anarchists

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<http://www.pocztanarod.ru> - website of anarchist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

<http://www.tao.ca/~dikobra/distro> - A-distro, biggest distributor of Anarchist literature in the former Soviet Union

<http://www.almaty-liberta.baom.ru> - Libertarian communists in Kazakhstan, a group which has individual members in AD although is not affiliated itself.

Other groups and projects:

A-Distro - distribution of anarchist publications, po box 13, 109028 Moscow; dikobrazi@lists.tao.ca; <http://www.tao.ca/~dikobra/distro>

Anarchist group of Nizhni Novgorod P. O. Box 25 603104 Nizhni Novgorod Russia; aniv@mail.ru

Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia - PO Box 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065, e-mail: antiberliberation@rambler.ru

ANTI-FA Samara - anti_fa@mail.ru

Association of Anarchist Movements ADA - lack of contact address.

Confederation of Revolutionary Anarcho-Sindicalists - lack of contact address.

RAINBOW KEEPERS - lack of contact address.

RASH - Red and A

"Victor Serge's Library" - anarchist & communist library; Balaklavskij Prospekt, d.6 k.4, room 365; subway station "Tehartanovskaya"; Moscow; open: Tu 18-20, Sa 12-17.

Serbia

IAS / Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate - ias@inicijativa.org (international secretary); www.inicijativa.org

IAS-ADA - anarchist library of local group of IAS; c/o Slobodan Gajin, Vojvodjanskih Brigada 15b/8, 24430 Ada.

RRR (Radical Resource Room) - political/cultural project in Kraljevo, kontra@pu.yu

Slovenia

AC MOLOTOV - cultural-political social centre (squat) in Ljubljana; Kuriljska 3; 1000 Ljubljana; events@acmoleto.org; www.acmoleto.org

AFA I.J. - Antifascistična Akcija Ljubljana; anarchist AFA group; afa.lj@volha.net

Ukraine

Autonomous Action / Lugansk - com_act@mail.ru

Poland

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

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ACK Poznan - po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31; sand@poczta.wp.pl

ACK Białystok - po box 43, 15-662 Białystok 26.

ACK Slupsk - po box 65; 76-200 Slupsk 12; bifa@pobbox.com

ACK Trojmiasto - Bartek Pomerski, ul.Wiewiorca 72; 80-126 Gdansk; pomierz@fiko2.onet.pl

ACK Wrocław - S.A.K.A. ul. Jagieloneczka 10D; 50-240 Wrocław; ph@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; lukasz-pieczara@box43.pl

Anarchist Library - ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul Jagieloneczka 10D; Wrocław (burned out !!!).

"A-zine" - an anarchist publication in english contains articles of polish anarchist groups; L.Aki; po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4; cube@zigzag.pl

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

"BUNKIER" ("B 65"; "NAGAKAKA") - underground concert/party space; ul. Wschodnia 65; Torun.

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

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

"De Centrum" - anarchist squat in Białystok; address: ul.Czestochowska 14/2; tel.448 608082442

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

FA (Anarchist Federation) - some of FA-sections you can contact by local ABC/ACK groups.

FA-Praga (Warsaw) - J.Gawlikowski; po box 227; 00-987 Warszawa 4.

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

Food Not Bombs / Olsztyn - edclw@wp.pl

Food Not Politics / Gliwice "SEK.W. Krzyk"; po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice.

jedzenie.amiestpolityki@poczta.onet.pl

"FREEDOM" - Centre of Animation an

Alternative Culture / Anarchist Centre & Collective; ul. Jagieloneczka 10D; Wrocław; freedom@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 kępa; Warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursday 18 -20, Saturday 13 -17, Sunday 14 -17.

www.altermost.org.pl/infoshop (tel. +48 503674821).

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; michow77@poczta.onet.pl

K.U.R.W.A. - Anarchist Revolutionary Coeductive Feminist Group; www.altermost.org.pl/kurwa; pule@go2.pl; cube@zigzag.pl

"KROMIERA" - squat/culture centre; ul.Kromiera 6a; Wrocław.

LETS - Local Economy Trade System in Krakow; letscy@kredupl

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

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

"Mac Paradiada" - monthly anarchist magazine in polish; pariada@pobbox.com

"PILO" - underground bar/cafe open Mo-Sa from 6pm; address: ulica Bulwar Filadelfijski - Torun (under the only one car bridge in the city).

RAAF (Radical Anti-Fascist Action) - po box 43; 15-662 Białystok 26; pkropotkin@wp.pl

"Radical Cheer Leaders" - anarchist female cheer leaders team based in Warszawa. Contact through Emancypunk.

"ROZBRAT" - squat / anarchist centre; ul.Pulaskiego 21a; Poznan.

SEK.W. "KRZYK" - squat / anarchist centre; po box 2; 44-101 Gliwice; ul.Sienkiewicza 25; tel.+48 504878370.

SZWEJK - anti-military service; ul.Pulaskiego 21a; po box 5; 60-966 Poznan 31.

"TEKNO COLLECTIVE" - underground techno crew from Torun; sad@poczta.onet.pl

WIEDZIA (the WFTU) - anarcho-feminist group; www.wiedzia.wpl

"YARANDA" - anarchist samba band; Milanowek/Warszawa; olga23@go2.pl

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November 21, Thursday

Start of the official NATO summit - the loudest protests; international day of action against NATO

November 22, Friday

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