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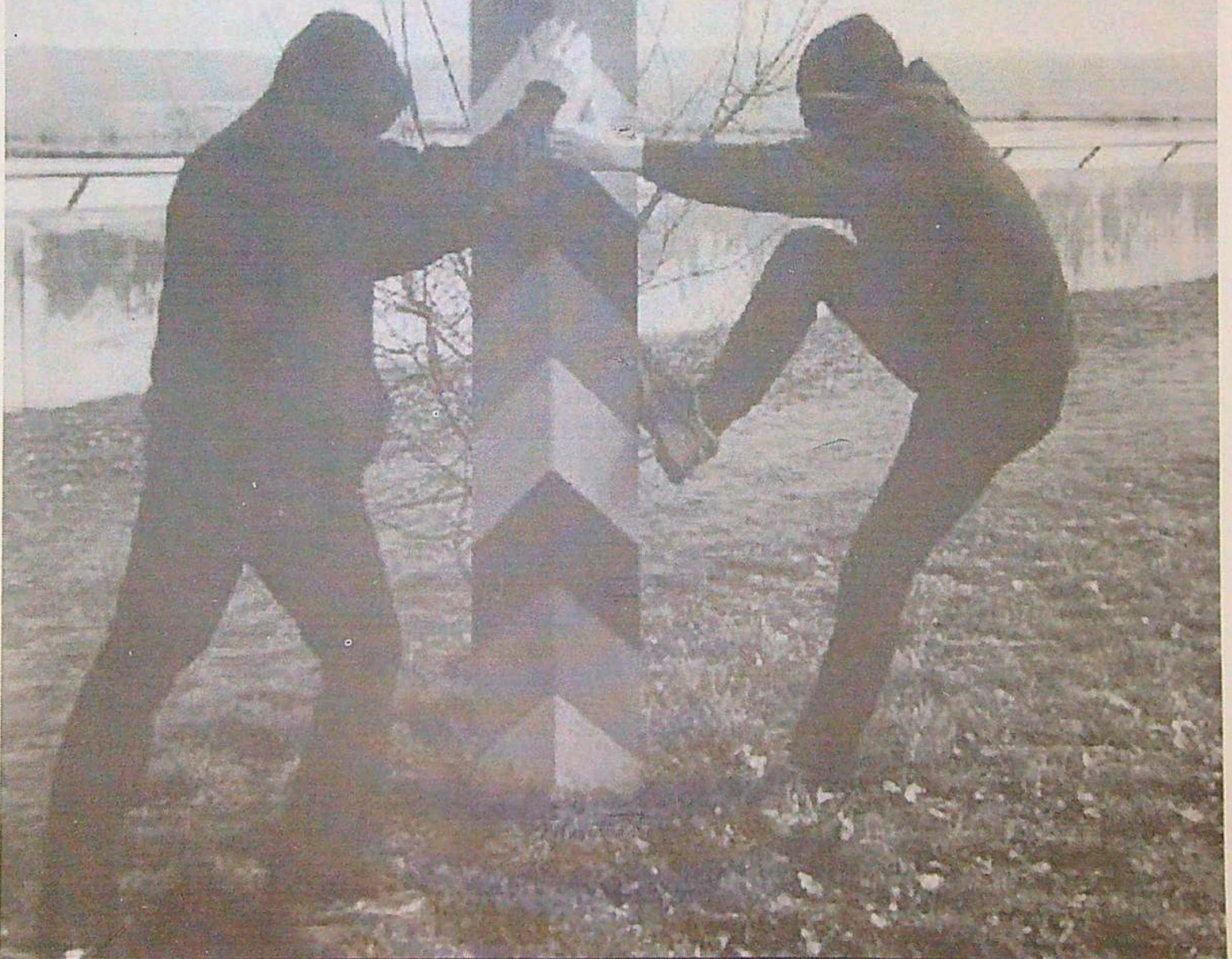
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Anarchist courier from Eastern Europe





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

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

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

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There is a justifiable need to abolish the borders between nations, societies, cultures and whatever else separates and defines us. In order that the process of their abolition does not lead to the formation of new borders or other types of segregation it has to be done from below, by the people not by elitist institutions such as The European Union, NATO or United Nations.

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

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

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

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

... we are still planning to start with more theoretical publication considering anarchism in Eastern Europe. This one pretend to contains more polemics, debates and deeper criticism. The theme of the first issue will be a wide presentation of history, roots and backgrounds of the anarchist / libertarian resistance in Eastern Europe and its influence on contemporary behaviours towards east european societies. We are waiting for an articles and materials covering this issue.

# "Party for elite in the city of ghosts"

summary of anti-NATO actions in Prague by PH, International secretary of the Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation and editor of the "A-kontra" magazine.

The NATO summit in Prague was the event with the biggest concentration of heads of states in Czech history. 45 head of states finally came to Prague to discuss above all the NATO enlargement and the war against Iraq. Between those presented on the summit was the president of France Chirac and also the president of the USA Bush. Czech anarchist organisations hesitated what to do. Following the debate about summit hopping vs. local activism, the Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation (CSAF) first decided not to call for international mobilisation, but rather to focus on "national" and mainly informational campaign against the NATO itself. This decision was accepted as the official position of the CSAF at its general congress in autumn 2001. Later, the situation change because of opinions of another anarchist organisations, mainly Organisation of Revolutionary Anarchists - Solidarity (ORAS), and a few individuals. To solve this problem, Czech anarchists decided to call for the first antiNATO international meeting, where we could discuss our opinions with international comrades. On this meeting it was decided to call for international mobilisation. In Czechia, the antiNATO platform came into existence. Anti-NATO platform was an umbrella group which consisted of the CSAF, ORAS, Feminist Alliance of March 8 and a few individuals. Intensive mobilisation took place in Poland, Slovenia and Germany. Organisation from these countries participated on three international meetings which take place in Prague; among others it was the Polish Anarchist Federation, AFA Slovenia, Abolishing the Borders from Below magazine collective, AFA Croatia etc. To summarise the activities of the CSAF taking place in the time before the summit we could name around 40 lectures of CSAF activists organised in different regions and cities in Czechia and Slovakia, mini-tour of Tobias Pflüger, German anti-militarist, who spoke on four lecture in two universities and two other places, and several smaller street actions (street parties etc.) also in different parts of Czechia and Slovakia. Month before the summit,

the ORAS left the antiNATO platform because of lack of the people and energy. The preparations intensified - the medical group was set up as well as the media group, the border repression group and others. Most of this working groups were composed of two or three people except the medical one, which was larger. It is also important to note that we had been in the total lack of money so we wouldn't have been able to work without help from abroad. Thank you, comrades. You know who you are...

## The State repressions

With the intensifying of preparations, the state repression intensified ten times more. The level of "preventive" repression was really high. It was announced that there would be 12,000 policemen in the streets, 3,000 of them with anti-riot equipment and 4,500 of soldiers with military vehicles. But this was nothing. Ministry of Interior received more than 650 millions of Czech crowns (21.5 millions of EUR) to ensure the safety of the summit. And they knew very well what to do with this financial injection. Already several months before the summit, the Ministry of Interior started huge media campaign against anarchists. This campaign was becoming stronger and stronger. Special police branch for fighting "extremist" paid a guy using hard drugs for a long time to go to few journalists to tell them he is an anarchist who had visited secret anarchist preparation camp. According to him, in this camp anarchists learnt how to work with bombs and trained themselves in working with real guns to shoot policemen. Of course that big articles about this never existing camps appeared on the first page of newspapers. Also other appeared about "the organisation which only way of working is brutal violence - the Black block - is coming to Prague." And it doesn't finish. The Minister of Interior announced he had the confirm information that at least 12,000 people were going to Prague and about 20% of them were dangerous militants. Few weeks before the summit this ministry published the Ten Commandments for

Basta is coming to Prague. Few police trainings of "anti-demonstration actions" took place in various military spaces and of course, from all of them there were shots in TVs. In short, police and the Ministry of Interior prepared themselves and also nearly all of the Czech citizens for the street war. And finally, a week and a half before the summit the Czech parliament in "state of emergency" passed the special bill which made possible not only American firefighters guarded the Czech airspace without any responsibility for the damage they would eventually use (remember Italian cable-car destroyed by American firefighters because its pilot wanted to have a fun a few years ago?), but also that 150 US soldiers could have operated in the streets under the same conditions (i.e. without any responsibility before the Czech jurisdiction). Last but not least, police also announced that they were going to close the borders so no protesters from abroad would be able to get in Czechia. Shortly after the summit it was announced by the Police chief that they had cooperated also with foreign secret services in order to prevent "foreign radicals" from coming to Prague in their countries and their effort was successful according to him. We saw in Poland how it looked with secret agents threatening parents of activists... "These preventive operations were a big success," said the chief of "anti-extremist" department of Czech Police.

## The city of ghosts

According to official data, around 200,000 people followed the official line and left Prague. In fact this number must be bigger. Trams, usually so overcrowded that you have to wait one or two before you manage to get in, were so empty during the summit that you could have even sit. That gives us real picture. The Minister of Interior admitted shortly after the summit that he had needed the empty city. Of course he didn't say he made the panic intentionally, but there is no better way how to make the city empty anyway... He said that it is obvious that heads of states can't wait in traffic jams and the empty city made it easy. Thanks to the panic called by the Ministry of Interior a lot of shops barricaded their shop-windows and doors with wooden boards or at least cardboards. In the valley under the Congress centre, where the summit took place, literally four of the five shops were barricaded like that, included small shops like bakery, ironmongery, stationery and my favourite one, undertaker's. Even the Czech president Havel complained on his final press conference after the

summit that some of heads of the states had complained the only thing they could have seen in Prague were military armoured vehicles. Surprise, surprise... Maybe the Ministry of Interior should have organised rally of glorification of the NATO, shouldn't it?

## Politics of anti-NATO platform

AntiNATO platform profiled themselves as the anarchist group. It announced the spreading of alternative information and informing of general population about our alternatives as the main goal of the campaign. It was also announced that antiNATO platform didn't want to disrupt the summit neither to march to the Congress Centre. All of this goals were decided and agreed also on the international meeting which took place in Prague. The antiNATO platform had a spokesperson who stand out only with a rubber mask of Vaclav Klaus, the leader of the biggest right-wing party in Czechia and the person mainly responsible for Czechia becoming the NATO member, and under the name of George W. Bush translated into Czech. This should have first of all prevented personalisation of the movement but also made the spokesperson to feel more safe and given the corporative media show they wanted, but according to our rules. AntiNATO platform also stressed that people were ready to defend themselves against attacks of police as well as it was not responsible for any action of another groups who may have decided to protest in way they like. When asked if our protest could turn in violence the spokesperson always answered it is the NATO who commit real violence and that such a question means a certain level of cynicism.

## Anti-NATO in the streets

The description of all demonstrations is not point of this article, so first only the short summary. First demonstration took place on November 17, the anniversary of fall of bolshevik regime in Czechia in 1989. The main motto of this action was "After 13 years of capitalism we need a new revolution." This demo was attended by 300-400 people and was thought mainly as a possibility for showing the resistance for people from other parts of Czechia because it was Sunday. Second demonstration took place on November 20, the day before the summit. It should have been the noisy demonstration before the Obecní dum, the palace where luxury dinner for the summit delegates took place. About 500-600 people came to this creative action. People drummed, whistled and



N21 Prague



shouted slogans and left the place after few hours without any arrests. One of the interesting thing is that on this demo (as well as on the first one) an "Anarchist's block of solidarity with Argentina" was formed



samba-band, banner saying "Solidarity with Argentines!" and about 40 people banging pans and pots in solidarity with an uprising with anti-capitalist nature in Argentina. And the most important action and the day of our loudest protest, international day of action November 21. The meeting point was on Namesti Miru square at 14:00. At 12:30, a group of one hundred of Czech anarchists met at the place and went to the march in direction to the Congress Centre. Not because they really wanted to go to the Congress Centre. Police announced many weeks ago that huge surrounding area will be closed and nobody without permission wouldn't be able to get in. AntiNATO platform booked the march across the Nuselsky bridge which lead directly to the Congress centre several months ago so the march was fully legal. Anarchist wanted to show that the law is valid only sometimes and for someone... And it happened. Police blocked one hundred (!) of peaceful activists with two armed vehicles and several lines of police with anti-riot equipment. So anarchists turned and went back to the Namesti Miru. Around 2 000 people gathered there meanwhile. After 15:00 the real march started, but before that a group of bolsheviks with their flags had to be kicked off the spot. Several bolsheviks reacted aggressively on demand of one anarchist and attacked her. She was bitten by angry bolshevik, but a bit later they left the place. In one street, the main march with the Black block in first line was joined by around a few hundreds strong march of Eastern Europe anarchists, who marched from another place. At this moment, the march had 2 500-3 000 people. The march went to the working class area of Nusle in the valley under the Congress Centre and then back to the Namesti Miru. The march lasted for three and a half hour, but the mood was quite good. People knew well that police was waiting for the even minor incident which would have given them possibility to attacked the march. But this incident

didn't happened. As it was announced, the march didn't tried to get close to the Congress Centre and went on the way organisers had booked. So later police decided to help themselves with a few provocation, but people didn't answer. First the police car with driver was mysteriously forgotten before the march and get into it. The Black block, the worst of the evil and public enemy number one surrounded this car and wait until it went away (without any damage!) in order to prevent action of police provocateurs. Later, the bus for delegates stood in the way of the march, but people went around and nobody attacked it. No incidents happened.

### Conclusions

The main demonstration against NATO is a big success for anarchists who work on preparations. One of the main point is that anarchist's principles of self-management and solidarity proofed themselves to be working once again. People who came to the demo knew what to do and were careful to ensure that the action would looked like they wanted and not like the police wanted. Police wanted to fight, preparing themselves for that for more than half a year. Anarchists wanted to show the resistance and informed people about our alternatives - and it happened. Another important point is that the demo was so well attended. In the climate of war created by the Ministry of Interior it demanded a big personal courage to go to the streets - and hundreds and thousands of Czech people did it. Although there were a few hundreds of people from abroad (mainly from Slovenia and Poland), majority of demonstrators were Czech people. To be open, we hadn't waited so big number of Czech people coming. Also important is that the international solidarity, especially in Eastern Europe region, was clearly manifested. Not only by common march and then block of Eastern Europe anarchists, but also by the "border points" for people stopped on the border in Germany, Poland, Austria and Slovakia. This border points provided informations about situation on border, sleeping places, and in some of them solidarity street actions happened. Somebody could think that the demonstration could be more militant, but we believe that this is our success and move from the strategy of summit confrontation to local activism. PH, International secretary of the Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation and editor of the "A-kontra" magazine.

## N21-statement of the Eastern European Anarchist Block

### Capitalism breeds NATO - NATO breeds Wars, War breeds Victims - all in the name of Profit !

The global elits are uniting their powers in organisations such as WTO, IMF, WB, etc. which are based on global exploitation, that oppresses the vast majority of people around the world. In order to serve and protect their conquering aspirations, the western superpowers (USA, UK, France, Germany, Canada) are using NATO as the armed tool of capitalist globalisation. The further extension of NATO, which is being discussed in Prague these days has only one goal in front - completing the puzzle of global militarisation, which brings the richest few vast profits and suffering for most of people of our world.

The NATO expansion can be viewed in many ways. By extending to the east, NATO wants to put military pressure on Russia and indirectly on China. Bulgaria and Romania, the new members of North Atlantic Terrorist Organisation, will enable NATO pact to further extend to the geopolitically very important Kuakaz area. It is also important to stress, that Nato is an institutionalized army dealer, that wants to open more military markets in eastern Europe as it does around the globe.

We, The Eastern European Anarchist Block, strongly oppose and reject NATO's militarist politics. There are only a few of us demonstrating on the streets of Prague today, because of the fascist and oppressive regime at the czech borders which does not allow our fellows, opponents of the Status Quo, to get into Prague to practice our rights to free movement and freedom of speech. However, the fact is that the majority of common people in eastern Europe oppose joining NATO. But once again the capitalist and militarist elites are the decision makers and not the people. Let us fight together against capitalist and military exploitation and oppression. Because the aim of Warsaw pact, NATO or islam terrorism is to preserve differences between rich and poor people. There is no war against terrorism, war is terror! Nato is a real terrorist, not the people who are struggling for a better world. Let us not allow our children to grow up in fear like we did during the cold war. Military pacts don't provide security but they are keeping people in wars, fear and insecurity. Let us not allow for our youth to go off in foreign lands and fight on behalf of those, who already have too much !

We oppose capitalist, religious and military elites and we want a society based on people's co-operation, solidarity and self-organisation. We want a new school system for our children, not military training. We want better hospitals instead military bases. We want a clean environment and so we oppose to nuclear-toxic waste. We want social equality, peace not NATO's wars of conquests. NATO can't provide global security, it can be reached only by social change.

**NATO elites have already decided to treat us as its servants, but we will never accept NATO as our master !**

**Express your solidarity with global struggle against unjust capitalist globalisation and militarisation of our planet on the streets of Prague on 21st November !**





**Incident with bolsheviks on N21  
anti-NATO demonstration in Prague.  
CSAF member's statement**

Czech trockist are organised in small organisations, which are parts of bigger international organisations. There are three: Socialistická alternativa Budoucnost (Socialist alternative - The Future), member section of Committee for Workers International, Socialistická Solidarita (Socialist Solidarity), member section of International Socialist, and Socialistická organizace pracujících (Socialist organization of labour), member section of League for Revolutionary Communist International. Their ideology is not attractive in Czech republic with experience of Bolshevik dictatorship, so they create front organisation for their agitprop work in ranks of young angry people. It was Campaign for rights of youth, Initiative against racism, and now it is Initiative against war. Members of Bolshevik organisations (and some sympathizers of Initiative against war) made block, which came on demonstrations against NATO, which was organised by anti-authoritarian platform AntiNATO (it includes Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation, Feminist group of 8.3. and many of individuals). Anarchists have big political problems with Bolsheviks parasitizing on anarchist demonstrations and in many times we said that they are not welcome. They promised, that at this day they will not propagate their Bolshevik ideas and organisations, but that they will propagate only their anti-war campaign. It was compromise and we let them on our demonstration on 20. 11. But at 21. 11. there were also Rifondazione Comunista next to block of Initiative against war (this block had 40-90 members on demonstration). As we traced latter, they were not informed about promise of Czech trots. They had on anarchist demonstration banner with big sickle and hammer. We really do not want to have on anarchist demonstration symbols of Bolshevik dictatorships, which liquidated many of anarchists in Russia, Ukraine, Korea, Spain and Bulgaria and also for many years suppressed peoples of countrys in eastern Europe. One organiser (member of Feminist group of March 8) therefore came to them and asked them to furl their banner or leave demonstration. She even proposed them to go on route, where we had possibility to have legal march, but which we did not want to go. When they did not reflect, she attacked their banner, but she was attacked from members of RifCom, which beat and bit her. Some Czech trots said that this was revenge for Zdenek Zewd, Czech Trot, who was brutally attacked in summer 2001 by some Czech militant anarchists from circles near to Federation of Social Anarchists (member section of IWA). Circa one hour after it there were Bolsheviks, namely members of RifCom, attacked by some masked people from Czech militant anarchist/antifascist circles (Czech trots said, that their number was twenty). They broke to one member of RifCom his nose. Organisers did not want tolerate block, which included people, who attacked our comrade. So, in the time, when anarchist procession stood in Belhradská street and waited on procession of eastern European anarchists, our delegates went to block of Initiative against war, where also some members of RifCom were. Member of CSAF called to Bolsheviks to go off and masked antifascists attacked them. One of Bolsheviks called to retreat. There was liquidated one banner of Initiative against war. In a moment the police arrived and divided Bolsheviks from angry antifascists. Some of them started to scream "Bolshevik cunts!!" (!!!) and other slogans. I think, that we cannot tolerate on our actions Bolshevik propaganda. We also cannot tolerate attacks of our comrades. I think, that it was not good to attack them so rashly, without to give them any time to go off. I was also disgusted from political level of slogans, which were cried against them. But RifCom should understand, that to bring banner with big sickle and hammer on anarchist demonstration in Eastern Europe is not good idea. Sorry for my bad English.

O.S. Member of the CSAF.

# N21 around the Eastern Europe

## ZAGREB

### "New NATO, new Wars"

(Croatia)

NATO summit in Prague gave rise to several actions and events organized by ZAP (Zagreb Anarchist Movement). A public debate "Croatia's admission to NATO - necessity or delusion" took place on the November 4th, 2002. This event was organized by some anti-war NGO's. On October 29th a group of ZAP activists handed in a protest letter to the Czech ambassador in Zagreb. The letter contents were about disapproval of repression against Prague activists as well as some activists from Croatia who had problems on the Czech border on their way to the Anti-NATO preparatory meeting in Prague. Some mainstream media published a short text and the photo of the "Novy NATO, nove valky!" ("New NATO, new Wars!") banner. On November 2nd STOP-NATO street party took place on King Tomislav square across the main train station in Zagreb. The event started at noon and passed without incidents. There were panels on the square which displayed informative texts. There were also short puppet/dance performance, free food and tea prepared by FNB collective as well as background music played by some DJs. About 200 people gathered that day and the party was finished around 17h. In the multimedia center m.a.m.a. Activists from Slovenia presented book/manual on NATO (with reasons both - for and against it) and they showed some films about anti-NATO actions. The following day different newspapers published articles about the event and there was also a short report about it on the local TV news.

## VILNIUS

### Bush not Welcome

(Lithuania)

Yesterday at the evening we were honored by visit of His Majesty George Bush. Most streets in the Old City - the heart of Vilnius, were closed since Thursday 21 Nov - no cars and almost no pedestrians were allowed, only thousands of cops and soldiers. This morning Bush appeared in public at the Rotušės square and gave a short speech, explaining, how happy we are to be invited to NATO. Our president Valdas Adamkus also spoke, promising, that Lithuanian army will take part in war against Iraq, if that will be needed. Sporadic and unorganized anti-NATO actions were going on for three days. On 21st a group of anarchists made theatricalized anti-NATO demonstration, walking through streets and pulling wooden tank model. Police did not interfere. On night from 21st to 22nd a group of young activists was arrested for placing anti-NATO posters on the walls. They will be fined by 2000 Litas what is about 600 euro, five times the minimal salary in Lithuania (!!!). At the morning of 23rd, when big concert, followed by speech of Bush was happening at the Rotušės square, a lot of action was also going on. It was very unorganized and unprepared, but also it was very hard for police to stop, because small groups of people all around the square were pulling out banners and displaying them. Police mostly confiscated banners and recorded the identities of activists, but, as far as I know, no one was arrested. Also a lot of threatening was received by surrounding NATO supporters, mostly older people. Unfortunately, mass-media coverage of all these actions was minimal.

## BRATISLAVA

### repression in Slovak republic

International co-operation of police forces has brought pretty nasty backlashes for anarchists in Slovakia. The system of tally of people participating in anarchist activities has shown its skills during NATO summit in Prague. After preventing few Czech anarchists to cross the border during antiNATO street party in Bratislava in September, another people were stopped at Czech-Slovak borders. Many of them had no goal to join protests in Prague, they only wanted to their schools or to visit their friends. Police gave no reasons to do this, they just marked the people as "persona non grata". Police tally offers really interesting reasons like taking part in anarchist demonstrations few years ago, or in anarchist congress two years ago. One Slovak anarchist tried to cross the border with the goal to discover, whether police has himself in the tally. After he'd been accepted to enter CR, he asked customs to verify this act, because he organised an anarchist demonstration in September. Then, he was stopped and took in next train back in Bratislava. Anarchists in Bratislava are summoned to police stations and examined with regard to protests against NATO. Police records the people who join anarchist actions like demonstrations or lectures. Despite interest of media in activities of anarchists and many contacts with those people, in the fact there are no news about this trend.

## WARSAW

### repressions and actions

(Poland)

Already weeks before N21 Polish repression organs begun visiting and frightening activists. It was clear that there was (there is ...) close cooperation with the Czech side. It was proofed again on the borders where the long lists prepared by Polish side with names of Polish activists were waiting in the hands of Czech border policemen. This way part of protesters were stopped. So this way naive cops help them to join N21-solidarity actions around the country! Solidarity actions with the countersummit in Prague happened at Czech consulates in Warsaw, Wrocław and Szczecin. The actions were not to big as most activists were very busy ... in Prague. In Warsaw, anarchists had the leaflet below:

**Why we came to the Czech consulate.**

We are, of course, interested in the protest against NATO. We don't believe in wars, and the politics of NATO, we don't think that we should be spending money on offensive weapons while millions of people live in poverty in this country. We believe that we have a right to let the world know our opinions, we have the right to organize and protest. We didn't always have those rights and when we didn't we knew we were living under a totalitarian regime. The regime is back. People who wanted to protest the Summit in Prague were often turned back at the border (many with notes written in their passports) and, if allowed in, met with police harassment and brutality. Riot police attack a rented center, police attack people sitting and talking in a pub... Prague looks like a police state and everybody is assumed guilty and provoked just because they have a different opinion. This is what democracy looks like in today's Europe where dissent is being criminalized. This is why we are here at the embassy. We want to send a message to the Czech Embassy that they can keep us out now but they can't scare us or change our opinions.

**THE NEXT REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE VELVET!!!**

Anarchist Federation and antiglobalists



**Following press release by Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate (IAS), anarcho-syndicalist organization from Serbia, was sent to the media as a comment to failed presidential elections. Elections in Serbia failed because there was not enough people participating. IAS started anti-election campaign, several weeks ago, all over Serbia.**

### WE DON'T WANT LIES !

Initiative for anarcho-syndicate (IAS) is greeting all the workers who saw through hypocrisy and artificiality of the system and refused to participate in spectacle which is called "elections".

For centuries now, our masters are teaching us about obedience and fulfilling of our "duties" which they imposed upon us; our "citizen duty" should enable them legitimate robbery of fruits of our work. Sure, there are those who boycotted elections for other reasons, but it is obvious that huge amount of people is disappointed by politics which is placed upon us as only possible. Nationalists, liberals, two sides of the same coin: failure of the elections is a clear message. We don't want lies, we don't want hypocrisy and promises for buying cheap opportunist political points.

Future forcing of elections would mean that will of workers is not respected, workers which clearly said that they don't want to be part of spectacle, workers who recognized that offered choice is not a choice at all, because

all we can choose is some kind of evil. While capitalist economy is destroying and killing all that is humane in us, while State is locking us up, beating us, marginalizing us, subordinate and punish us, while it is protecting interests of capitalists - there can be no talks about reforms of the system. System must be destroyed, and all protagonists of that system of injustice must face punishments for enabling and forcing of

### ABSOLUTELY



### NO GOVERNMENT

in human economy and nationalism. It is all the same for us, if they offer this or that person for "president", "representative" or "expert": they are all servants of the system

which we want to destroy, and least that we can do is to refuse to vote.

What about nonexistent and low pays? What about those workers who have been fired and locked out? We are not going to fall for political games and elections - we saw through that game and we are refusing to wait in line like slaves and servants. We said what we taught - and local politicians can like it or not - don't play with our will and lives: we refused to vote, but that is only the first step. It is not boycott of some political parties - it is boycott of whole, sick, artificial system!

You can call, once again, new elections, and not notice that we already twice said "no", but be sure that your time is gone. We are going to tear and throw to fire all parties, politicians and capitalists.

**Our time is coming !  
Death to the State and capitalism !  
Long live Liberty !**

Initiative for anarcho-syndicate

## BELGRAD - Founding Congress of "Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative"

Dear friends, we would like to inform you that "Anarcho-syndicalist initiative" held its founding congress in Belgrade, Serbia on 19th of October this year. The congress was peak of two-year long work of activists of initiative for anarcho-syndicate who have spread ideas of organizing and fight against all repressive institutions and system that surrounds us. In this way anarchist organizing in the Balkans is coming to the next phase - phase of organized resistance. On one hand it will enable much larger efficiency of our actions, easier coordination and placing in to practice our ideas but, on the other hand, it will mark moment in which State and capitalist system will start to comprehend us as a real obstacles to their goal of shutting down any last bit of free thought that lives.

Congress, apart from forming statutes of organization, as platform for our future work and organizing, also adopted several important decisions which will affect work of our organization. Name "Initiative for anarcho-syndicate" is changed and from now on class orientated anarchists from Serbia will organize themselves under the name "Anarcho-syndicalist initiative" (ASI). Also congress decided that

our organization will affiliate with anarcho-syndicalist international: International Workers' Association (IWA-AIT) ([www.iwa-ait.org](http://www.iwa-ait.org)). IWA is international hasp which is bounding together anarcho-syndicalists from all over the world in common fight against exploitation.

Congress delegated persons which will be members of editorial collective of our newspaper "Direktna Akcija" (Direct Action), persons who will form program board of our publishing/research house "Centar za liberterske studije" (Center for libertarian studies), and persons who are going to be organized in committee "Solidarnost" (Solidarity) and whose duty is to assist ASI members that find them self in trouble because of standing up against illegitimate authority of capitalist economic system and the State. Until next congress international secretary of our organization will be Milica S. She can be contacted at: [is@inicijativa.org](mailto:is@inicijativa.org). Secretary of our organization will be Ratibor T. ([ns@inicijativa.org](mailto:ns@inicijativa.org)) and for position of treasurer our friend Sava K. was elected.

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## Vegan sandwiches instead of McBurgers Food Not Bombs protest in Belgrade

16 October, the Anti-McDonald's Day and International Day of Food was supported in Belgrade, the capital city of Yugoslavia. People from this part of the world took part in the struggle against multinationals, McDonald's in particular by organizing action in the centre of the town, in front of one of the most visited McDonald's restaurant, and the 4th biggest object of that kind in Europe ! This action was held by four independent anarchist, ecological and autonomous groups which are: SUBWAR, MANUFACTURA, MALI ZELEN and ALARM and also helped by the number of other individuals and volunteers who gathered together with us.

Since this day was called also the International Food Day, we thought that the best way to remark it would be to mix this two occasions together so we organized "Food Not Bombs" action as a part of the protest, and we were giving free food with leaflets about the multinationals, McDonalds and FNB actions all over the world. We have staved on the street around three hours, giving vegan sandwiches with tea and apples, inviting people to join us and to pay more attention to the homeless in this city of three million people, where their number is tragically big. Action was successful, even followed by local media, photographers and journalists from some daily newspapers, in the positive spirit. This kind of action was one the first in the whole country and because of that a bit esoteric to the population here who have never seen something similar before. That fact was so obvious and we have some difficulties at the beginning trying to convince people that the food is for free and they can feel free to take as much as they want. There wasn't any trouble with the police, McDonalds security, or anyone else even if there was a football match that day between Yugoslavia and Finland and it was quite logical to expect nationalists, skinheads and other ignorant examples of society we live in. So we were pleasantly surprised that everything was OK.

Hopefully, we will be able to continue organize "Food Not bombs" protests continuously, since we find it the best way to promote different attitude towards new world order and the world's politic, and very useful too, by offering concrete help to the people who need it !



# Resistance against NATO in Slovenia

## BACKGROUND: SLOVENIA ON THE WAY TO BECOMING A NATO STATE ?

The main topics of the Prague NATO-summit will be the so-called "war on terrorism" and expansion of NATO (*text was written before the summit*). Seven Central and East European states, including Slovenia, are expected (and expecting) to be invited to become members of NATO. NATO membership is a favoured project of Slovenia's political elite who have invested much energy and money into its accomplishment. Almost the entire class of contemporary Slovene politicians, regardless of their various positions in the ruling coalition or its opposition, has joined forces to accomplish the "mission" of NATO accession. NATO membership is presented as an integral part of the "democratisation" and (re)integration with "Western civilisation". For a year or so the pro-NATO propaganda machine has been working full blast, abundantly backed by government financing. It has produced piles of lies, it has manipulated and concealed data, and it has tried to silence and discredit critical voices by accusing them of nostalgia for communism and Yugoslavia, or of right-wing extremism. Two especially infamous moves were the newsletter *Natopis* and the blacklist of NATO critics. The propaganda

newsletter was sent by the government to every household enlightening citizens about the unquestionably magnificent advantages of NATO membership. The blacklist, drawn up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, contained the names of journalists and other people (mostly dissident intellectuals) who had written critically of NATO and Slovenia's plans to join it. Pro-NATO propaganda has increasingly been invading the autonomy of the university as well: various faculties have hosted lectures by NATO representatives and domestic NATO advocates with a clearly propagandistic purpose. Recently we were shocked to see how low NATO propaganda can go - in some primary schools we discovered an invitation for an art competition for children aged 6-15 on the theme of "a safer world". In the little story accompanying this invitation the children are talking about NATO as of a hero which would act against any one that would dare to throw a bomb on any one of the states joined in it and as we (Slovenia) will become its friends it will build a safer world for all of us.

Along with this aggressive propaganda campaign, the ruling class also made some legislative changes which removed the "obsta-

cles" to NATO membership. For example, the Defence Law was changed so that it now makes possible the involvement of the Slovene Army in military operations outside of Slovenia. This corresponds to the duty of NATO members to contribute to all its activities, including military operations out-of-area, which lately seem to have become NATO's main purpose. In addition, the Maritime Code was changed as to abolish a ban on nuclear-powered ships and ships carrying nuclear weapons in the territorial waters of Slovenia. This is perceived by many as a first step towards the establishment of military bases and the siting of nuclear weapons in Slovenia, which the public vehemently opposes.

However, the (not very sophisticated) government propaganda has not succeeded in convincing the public to support NATO membership. On the contrary, public support has been falling steadily while resistance is growing. The latest opinion poll (September 27) showed only 38.5% of the population is in favour and 39.4% against, with 22% undecided. The most important reasons for this reluctance are probably the lack of clear answers from the government on what exactly the responsibilities of

Slovenia as a NATO member will be (costs, co-operation in military actions around the world, military bases, nuclear weapons stationing), as well as increasing disagreement with the foreign policy of NATO's dominant member, the USA. Recently an article on the lack of public support for the government NATO project with views of government representatives and critical intellectuals was published in the Washington Times, available at <http://www.geocities.com/recinena-to/wary.html>. Some journalists and prominent intellectuals have also expressed their wariness of NATO in critical articles published in the mainstream media. They publicly voice their doubts or openly oppose the government's NATO project, and highlight the totalitarian character of the government's pro-NATO campaign. Two important books also marked the public debates: *Ne NATO - mir nam daje* ("Not NATO - give us peace / give us a break"), a collection of essays and analyses by twelve well-known Slovene intellectuals critical of NATO, and the civic handbook *NATO - pro and con*, an exhaustive presentation of supporting and opposing arguments.

## RESISTANCE GROUPS AND THEIR ACTIONS

This is an outline of the situation in which the topic of NATO and militarisation was taken on by some existing activist networks, and in which new groups and networks were formed. The common starting point is the rejection of NATO on an ethical basis: we see existence, functioning and expansion of NATO as a part of the logic of war that underlies the system of globalised capitalism and ensures the maintenance of a gravely unjust world order. We regard NATO as one of the instruments of the global neoliberal politics of coercion and exploitation of human beings and the natural environment in the interests of the global ruling class. We believe that this kind of globalisation and the world order it is producing are extremely unjust and destructive and we try to contribute to the global resistance to this process, and to creating alternatives. Our struggles are at this moment centred around the topic of NATO and militarism in general. Among many other things we find it

especially appalling that in its new strategic concept (1999) NATO ascribed to itself the "right" to intervene militarily in conflicts outside the territories of its members, according to its own judgement as to which crisis could "affect the security" of its members, even without a UN mandate. In practice this means arbitrary military interventions throughout the whole world where NATO members, and especially the USA as the dominant power in NATO, want to protect or assert their interests. Furthermore, NATO's new military doctrine approved in 2000 allows for the possible use of nuclear weapons in attacks. We believe that such an organisation is a permanent obstacle to peace and a permanent threat to the environment and the existence of the planet as a whole. It should be dissolved and not expanded! To express our opposition to NATO and to further encourage the evident growth of critical stance to the NATO membership in the population, we have carried out many

actions and we are planning some more. Here is an outline of some actions:

Organised resistance began in October 2001 with placard posting and letter and e-mail sending actions expressing the opposition to war in Afghanistan and to NATO, and specifically Slovenia's membership in NATO. As the placards were available on an internet page, many people around Slovenia posted them on their own initiative in their home towns. These actions found some resonance in the mainstream media and also at the top of the political class: Minister of Foreign Affairs Rupel expressed his indignation over the anti-NATO campaign at several press conferences, especially stressing he "has never polished Bush's shoes", referring to one of the slogans saying: "Slovene politicians are ecstatic over polishing Bush's bloody cowboy boots". In March 2002, an action was carried out at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Ljubljana) on the night before the

visit of Christopher Bennett, the editor of NATO Review, who was to hold a lecture about the NATO to the students. Activists wrote graffiti on the walls all around the faculty and hung three banners with strong anti-NATO messages on the glass tower of the faculty (pictures at <http://www.geocities.com/recinena-to/recinenaonafdv.html>). The action was accompanied by a public statement and a letter to Bennett which can be read at <http://www.geocities.com/recinena-to/bennet.html>. On the evening of the celebration of the people's uprising against Nazi occupation (April 27, 1941), 40 people with a banner indicating a parallel between an infamous Slovene Nazi collaborator and the present minister of foreign affairs, managed to get inside the hall of the cultural centre where the observance was held and protested against the way Minister of Foreign Affairs Rupel imposed himself as the official speaker and abused the celebration by propagandising for NATO, stating among other things

that NATO had grown out of the antifascist struggle. An anarchist group organised the first Maydays in Slovenia which had its height on May 1 with demonstrations in front of American Embassy and the Governmental building where NATO and domestic political oligarchy were strongly condemned. In May a pamphlet called "Let's recycle Natopiss" - parodying Natopiss ("Natopaper"), a newsletter sent by the government to every household - was published and distributed. It exposed government's lies about the costs of Slovenia's membership in NATO and other disputable claims. In June about 140 banners with anti-NATO slogans were displayed on all major road bridges over the highways. Some banners with local content (for example: Maribor won't join NATO!) were hung over local roads. Shortly after the Slovenia's Independence Day in June a huge banner (15,5m x 4,5m) was hung out from the tower of the Ljubljana castle, a very visible central point in the city. For some three hours the message Ne NATO - mir nam dajte (double meaning: Not NATO - give us peace / Not NATO - give us a break) could be seen from the city in a delightful summer day (pictures and an e-postcard at <http://www.geocities.com/recinenato/nenatonagradu.html>). Recently this banner has been hung in two other towns, Koper and Velenje. In July a group of young anarchists living and creat-

ing their political resistance in the squat Molotov, which also offered a space for many other activists and groups, experienced a violent repression. Thanks to determined resistance by the squatters and the mobilisation of a solidarity network the squat still exists today. Most probably the reason for this repression action was the central role of the squat in the resistance against NATO (more at <http://www.acmolotov.org>). The hot and active summer was concluded with the NoBorderCamp in the last days of August. The main topics were migration, ecology, civil disobedience, but there was also an anti-NATO component including planning of further resistance and carrying out some actions (materials distribution, anti-NATO concert). In autumn the materials presenting the arguments against NATO and Slovenia's membership (the English version of one leaflet with these arguments can be read at <http://www.geocities.com/recinenato/nonatoleaflet.html>) are being distributed in major towns with the accompaniment of street theatre, drummers and jugglers. A recent visit of NATO lecturers at the Faculty of Social Sciences was interrupted by singing, drumming and a speech denouncing this kind of misuse of the university facilities for purposes that have nothing to do with higher education and the development of knowledge. Several protest letters were sent out, condemn-

ing breaches of university autonomy by military propaganda, expressing opposition to militarisation of the university in general, and protesting against the militarisation of the Port of Koper ("visits" of NATO military ships - also nuclear-powered ones - in the port are getting more and more frequent). When the state president hosted a NATO delegation in the beginning of October, the Network of Associations, Groups and Individuals for Peace sent him a public letter asking for a meeting with the NATO delegation in order to present views opposed to NATO - held by a significant segment of the Slovene population - and the alternative of neutrality. There was no reaction to this request, but later a letter from the president's office suggested that the claims of the Network for Peace about the prevalence of support for neutrality of Slovenia were misleading and that the President has always pleaded for a discussion on the basis of arguments. The activism has also an internet component: numerous webpages have been created. The central information point about activities against NATO, and including many political analyses and commentaries is <http://www.geocities.com/recinenato/>. Other important pages (unfortunately most of them are only in Slovene): <http://www.acmolotov.org/noborder> <http://www.dostje.org> <http://exeat.com/politics/andrej1971>

[http://kreativni\\_uport.tripod.com](http://kreativni_uport.tripod.com)  
<http://members.fortunecity.com/nato5/>  
<http://www.ruleless.com/porta/nato/nato.php>

At present the energies of active and critical people are concentrated in the preparation and mobilisation for demonstrations against NATO and for peace that will take place in Ljubljana between the 7th and 10th of November. They will be created and carried out by many groups and individuals from different spheres of society so that they will be a very colourful and widely dispersed event. They will include street parties, political-artistic spectacles, concerts, street theatre and performances, direct actions and a march for peace on November 9.

A clear NO! from the people of Slovenia to the invitation to join NATO would demonstrate to NATO and its dominant member the USA that they are not irresistible, that there actually exist people who do not want their country to be incorporated into their global military machine and do not want to bend to their economic, political and military dominance.

Additionally, this NO! would show people in other countries endangered by NATO's expansion plans that it is possible to say NO and that there do exist alternatives outside of NATO. This could encourage them to refuse the invitation themselves as well.

## CALL FOR SOLIDARITY!

We believe that our struggle against the NATO is a small but nevertheless important contribution to the struggles against the militarisation of world politics and the logic of war. We are asking you, resistant people all around the world, to support our struggle! You can do this by 1. sending us a statement of support and expressing your comments and opinion at <http://www.acmolotov.org/nonato/> 2. spreading our message into your activist network and if possible to local and alternative media (...)

**Thank you for your solidarity!**  
 Activist network of resistance against NATO and militarism



## The action days against NATO in Ljubljana

Salud! Yesterday, 7.11. the action days against NATO started in Ljubljana - Slovenia. The first day was named "En la proxima estacion entrada libertad" - something like a Spectacle in the city - street party - creativity against NATO and war - performances and political message... NO NATO - GIVE US PEACE!! The action started in Bavarski dvor at 12:00 in the centre of the city, where some 200 people gathered... We blocked the main street and marched through the city - towards parliament of Slovenia and HQ of Government... On the way there was some street performances, cheering slogans, dancing and distributing leaflets... We had some costumes - two of NATO death with guns - which helped slovenian police controlling and attacking the anti-NATOs... Was very colourfull, funny and the march had a lot of energy... After we visited Parliament house we went towards Government HQ and on the way activists put the big banner (NO NATO - GIVE US PEACE) to one of the crossing buildings... When we came in front of the Government HQ - demonstrators got surprised: on the building (on terrace) across the street band started to play and we occupied the place in front of Government and start with our street party... After the first band played - there was some speeches of public known persons and also activists... Food not bombs collective was distributing food and some drinks - there were some more performances and more bands playing... When the sun went down joglers started their long and

very good fire performance... Street party lasted until 7 pm when we gave the last speech and call people to join other actions and especially demo on Saturday... Police was all the time with us in a full preparation, with cameramen and civil cops (like usual) but there was no conflicts, no provocations and action ended peacefully... They tried to stop the concert on the terrace but they could not and all program (althoug the action was illegal-like all the others) went through... A group of croat anarchists was not allowed to cross border (3 times) in the name of SECURITY... Their SECURITY: exploitation and repression... We hope that groups of activists from Croatia and Austria will be able to cross borders in next days, so that they can join our other protests...

You can find reports from actions and photos on <http://nenato.tripod.com/> [http://www.kiber-pipa.org/modules/gallery/view\\_album.php?set\\_album\\_name=aktivizem](http://www.kiber-pipa.org/modules/gallery/view_album.php?set_album_name=aktivizem) - PHOTOS

Today another actions are going to happen - SPEAKERS CORNER in the main square of Ljubljana, where everyone will have opportunity to express their opinion... In the evening there will be a mobil action in the city - to encourage people to join DEMO on 9th of NOVEMBER...

9.11. - the day of our loudest protest / MARCH FOR PEACE / demo against joining NATO see you, anarchists greetings  
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## ANARCHIST BLACK CRESCENT ABC TURKEY

### Conscientious objector arrested

Turkish conscientious objector Mehmet Bal presented himself to the army on Thursday, and was arrested immediately. Today he was transferred to the military prison in Adana. War Resisters' International is concerned about his safety, and therefore calls for protest taxes to the military prison in Adana.

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Mehmet Bal is a unique case of a conscientious objector, and probably many will feel uncomfortable about this case. Osman Murat Ülke, Turkey's first conscientious objector who spent 2 1/2 years in prison from 1996-1999, met him in the Military Prison of Eskisehir. He wrote about him in a letter published in Peace News December 1999-February 2002 (in which he called him Ahmet). In this letter he describes the circumstances in his prison cell, which was lead by Ahmet. Osman Murat Ülke first encountered a boycott against him, but was released soon. He returned to the same cell soon, after being rearrested because of his conscientious objection. He writes: "This time, my room-mates were quite surprised, because they saw that my stay was not a coincidence. They realised that I was serious about conscientious objection and that I

chose to be there. Ahmet had difficulty accepting this and so he started discussing this with me. After a while we came to the point of living peacefully together.

"Although our thoughts were in conflict, he began to respect me, followed by a kind of friendship. Observing my behaviour in prison, Ahmet tried more and more to understand my principles. So we began to discuss, in a more relaxed way, ethics, religion, anthropology, history, nationalism, psychology and so on. He was reading the books my friends brought me and one day one of these books acted like an explosion inside him. "After nearly two years of knowing each other, his rate of change gets faster and faster. ..."

Mehmet Bal (alias Ahmet) was imprisoned because of murder, and at the time Osman Murat Ülke met him in prison, he was a fascist. In March 1999 he was sentenced to lifetime imprisonment. Osman Murat Ülke describes his process of change above. About 4 months ago an amnesty granted by the Turkish constitutional court lead to his release, and he was immediately ordered to report to his military unit in Mersin. He went there and refused to bear arms. He then was allowed to serve in the library of the barracks. Four weeks ago he was granted holidays. During this time he decided not to continue to serve - even in the library - but to declare his conscientious objection to military service.

**War Resisters'  
International calls for  
support letters to  
Mehmet Bal:**

Mehmet Bal  
Adana 6.

Kolordu Askeri Cezaevi

Adana, Turkey

War Resisters' International calls for protest letters to the Turkish authorities, especially the Military Prison in Adana, and Turkish embassies abroad. Please mention that you are concerned about Mehmet Bal's safety. War Resisters' International calls for the immediate release of Mehmet Bal.

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**Anatolia,  
I object!**

"I object! I decided not to carry out my military obligation,

which I have been doing for 9.5 months, and to declare my conscientious objection as of 18/10/2002.

Briefly, the reasons why I made this decision are as follows. Militarism accepts destruction as problem solving methodology due to its nature. By proposing some reasons which may make militarism acquitted, it tries to have the things, which it has done and will do, legitimized by the help of some laws in order to save itself from the results as well. While taking action, militarism works with the ruling class in a complete harmony in order to produce more benefit for both sides. This loop and harmony have continuity and the ones, who dare to damage this collaboration, are shut, punished even terminated. Whole history is full of such kind of events and every time the different version of same play is staged and played successfully. The situation created is so much clear and how individual tries not to see that, conscience appears every time by pointing out that the truth is undeniable. However, the sentiment, what we call is "common sense" and which makes the people convinced every time, wants people to ignore these situations and proposes several reasons to do so. It also proposes that it would be correct action to grab a role in this game. It is usually more attractive to choose what common sense offers, but in long period, the opposite will happen contrary to what was promised. Another core aspect of militarism is obedience, which is unconditional. The path that takes human being to such kind of obedience is prepared carefully. Individual is forced to involve this process within the idea of defense of the country and the society, in which it is born. Individual is

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never asked to express him/her idea at all. Reasons are ready. The acts of people in these boundaries, which are drawn by authorities, are presented as if they are holy. The country in which you were born, even your parents have no suspicion on the holiness and correctness of them. They are ready to serve their children as victims for a reason put by someone. Actually, they already got their children prepared for such situations. Even there are some exceptions, apart from thinking over what happens, the vast majority of population cannot imagine what the opposite may be. The damage of the wars caused by militarism and its allies are not limited to human being. What purpose could clear the responsibility of destroying the nature using nuclear or biological weapons? In fact, the owners of such weapons are already aware of the situation. It surely can not be thought that they are so stupid not to notice this dilemma. Does not world's current situation reflect the dirty games mentioned above clearly? Everyone knows the fact that the truth underlying latest assault of US & its allies to Afghanistan under 9/11 excuse, and reason under recent Iraq scenarios is not the security. However, everyone is surrounded by common sense. I am curious that how people could accept a scene that will be consisted of bombed corpses? Is it not the truth that USA is gaining power due to insufficient protests with a few exceptions? As a matter of fact, people should not expect a pre-determined behavior from anyone in society; the decisions have to be a result of our inner voice. How "Big Brother" is able to say 'you are from us or not', so people should be able to decide in same exact manner, whether they have a willing for war or not. The ones, who have a typical warrior logic based on

'building by destruction', are directing their guns to another people now, there is no guarantee that I will not face the same gun's barrel in future. Taking into consideration both painful experiences coming from my life and the observations that I obtained by living in military ambience for 9.5 months, I have understood that I could not deny the voice of my conscience any more. I am declaring my CO to the public and stating that I will not carry out any obligation dictated by military, civilian, local or universal authority or by any person, institution or structure, whatever the reasons are. I would like to explain the progress shortly. I joined in army in May 1995 as 1975-2 period numbered and was arrested on 9th of September 1995 as a of an ordinary crime which has no political overtones. After 7 years in prison, I was released on 23 May 2002 and join to the army directly. I had continued to the service till 18 October. Moreover, I have no intention to escape. I am going to go to the military for the last time and give military ID and the belongings to them.

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**Tomasz Wilkoszewski  
still fights  
for his freedom!**

Tomasz Wilkoszewski, anti-fascist prisoner who spent longest time in prison from Polish activist, is still fighting for his freedom. After international day of solidarity for him, seems that its not enough for president to grant him clemency. People from his solidarity group are continuing their work and campaign to make him free.

Anti-Fascist news from  
Bialystok

In Bialystok struggle against fascism continues. As a matter of court trials against anti-fas, Rufik, whose case was described in previous issues many times, finally was sentenced for 2 years in 5 years probation. This was very high sentence as for person without criminal record and without any proof of his guilt. Rufik unfortunately didn't have money to appeal this decision so this is final verdict. There was also first trial of Lapa, anarchist endangered with very high prison sentence. About 15 nazis came for this trial along with similar number of anti-fascists and two times both groups almost started fighting, but antifa people didn't want to make situation of Lapa worse, so they limited themselves only to making photos of nazis. There were few skirmishes between anti-fascist patrols and nazis recently. Unfortunately, police increased its presence on the streets of Bialystok and each action is even more risky than before. In recent case, all anti-fascist patrol and few nazis were arrested in the centre of the city by vans of cops with loaded shot-guns (something, what almost never happens here) and one van of anti-terrorist brigade with submachine guns. What is worth noting that there was no fight and anti-fascist were only harassing nazis verbally as all event took part very close to police station. All arrested were later released without any charges, after their weapon was confiscated. In similar case ambush of anti-fascists on one well known nazi outside a building of a court ended in a big chase with civil clothes cops and two people were temporarily detained. All of this shows that Bialystok cops are more and more repressive against anarchist and anti-fascists, giving nazis green light for their activity, what is

proven by recent action of nazis, when they disrupted meeting with Israeli ambassador and cops didn't even check their ID cards and let them leave undisturbed.

Current legal situation of  
anarchist community in  
Bialystok

Few activists having already sentence in probation. 5 cases of assault. One case of assault and robbery. One case of weapon possession. One case of grievous body harm. Two cases of attempt to break into police radio transmitter. One case of violent resistance and insulting a police officer. One case of threatening behaviour. 5 people investigated for criminal damage. This is together 10 people charged for 7 cases and more people investigated. Additionally there are still about 10 misdemeanour trials for failure to disperse on police request, not giving ID card and similar offences.

We spent about 800 \$ on legal work and we need more funds. Local ABC team is totally overloaded with financial needs so if any of you can help, drop us mail. ABC Bialystok would like to thank comrades from ABC groups in Spain, UK (Bristol, Brighton), France (Dijon), Belgium (Gent), Czech Republic (ABC-CSAF) and also Freedom/London, NOVOST/France and ARA Defence Fund for financial help. Without you it would not be possible to continue our struggle!



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## Krakow: The half-yearly meeting of Polish Anarchist Federation

The half-yearly meeting of Polish Anarchist Federation was held over the weekend in Krakow. Participants included delegates from Poznan, Krakow, Lodz, Szczecin, Mielec, Lublin, Chelm, Warsaw, Wroclaw, Gdansk / Tricity, Rzeszow, Slupsk and a newly admitted section from Opole.

The topics discussed included discussion about the choice of boycotting or voting "no" on the EU accession referendum to be held in february-march next year. The question is whether it's better to aim for a non-valid referendum if less than 50% of people vote (in case we assume that most voters will say "yes"), or if we think if it's possible to have enough people vote "no". Similar discussions are being held in circles of other opponents of the EU, which happen to be our political enemies from the right. One of the ideas was to address them to establish a common strategy for the referendum, but of course without engaging in a common campaign (the reasons we oppose the EU are rat-

her different...) Regardless of the results of the referendum the government will sign the accession to EU, but it's a question how much hassle it will be for them and how much obvious lies they will have to present to the public. The more obvious their manipulation, the more possibilities are open for a protest movement.

Other questions discussed were:

- a campaign to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of the 1st Chechen war 8 years ago on 11th december.
- Groups in Poznan, Warsaw and

Krakow have decided to participate,

- international east-european conference to be held in Warsaw on 27-30 june 2003. It is a proposal for discussion of projects such as

- Polish - Belarussian anarchist federation, actions of support for the future ABC-Russia, coordination of various workers rights and feminist and anti-sexist initiatives, or actions against the EU. Particularly invited are people involved in the Alter-EE mailing list. (more details available later on alter-ee).
- idea of creating a wide anti-war movement, which is

made difficult by the fact that in Poland the only organisations which have some antiwar sentiments are such as conservatives opposed to war in Chechnya, trotskyists or Amnesty International. All of them have quite a limited understanding of the question and are not very interested in protesting against war in general.

Other things planned are actions at the gates of the Ozarow cable factory, where workers are on occupation strike for 190 days now, blocking the liquidation of the assembly lines which was scheduled as a result of a hostile takeover of the company. There was also further discussion about whether the OKP (Inter factory strike committee) uniting various factories threatened with liquidation is a promising base for an antiglobalist movement, or if it is just a springboard for ambitious leaders who want to go into politics. So far, the Poznan section keeps its involvement in OKP, while the other sections of FA remain skeptical.

### RZESZOW

#### anarchist activity report

Rzeszow is a middle size city in south east Poland not faraway from Polish-Ukrainian border. In Rzeszow we have basically two traditional anarchist groups - local section of Anarchist Federation and BLACK GALICJA (Galicia is a name of a region of south-east Poland and Ukraine). There are as well some individual persons who do their smaller projects. Right now there is an attempt to connect all this persons cooperate together and planning together. We have many ideas, problems and plans ... but this is what is actually going on in Rzeszow.

We continue Food Not Bombs action but for now only two times per month. Many people comes for food and we are doing our best to do it on weekly basis. Our anti-militarist PKU group helps young people to don't go to the army. We have an anti-evictions alert and spreading information about evictions (it is part of country-wide campaign). Ones at month there is WOLNY KADR action of showing anarchist and pro-society movies. These projections are very good visited. Occasionally we have a little Free Stock in a friendly pub, where people coming with their papers, music, books and clothes. We have one place for meetings, this is a garage for which we have to pay. There is going all the time some money into reparation costs of that space. We have a local Anarchist Black Cross member, and we help a political prisoners by sending a packages with things like tape recorder, phonecards, papers, tapes, clothes, tea etc.... and by writing letters to them.

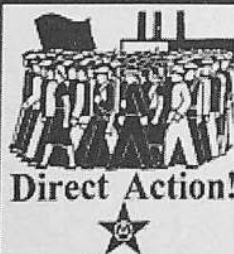
And now about our plans. We are on the good way to start a little copy centre to help with printing anarchist and libertarian publications. It is going to be a beginning of our anarchist library and anarchist press distribution. For now we have some original books of Bakunin, Kropotkin, Proudhon, Chomsky, Nettelau and

### Salud!

We're the Anarchist Federation from Szczecin, nord-west corner of Poland. We would like to invite everyone who is interested in fighting for freedom, direct democracy and human dignity : against authority, poverty and capitalism; to join our demonstration on 14.12.02. This demo is going to remind of the events of December 1970, when people were fighting against communist regime. We have done such an anniversary a year ago and we want to continue this action, because the situation in our country (and generally all over the world) is getting worse, the unemployment is still high and - most importantly - this year the shipyard in our city has broken down and lots of people have lost their jobs. We are also planning a party, films etc. We have places to sleep for guests, so you're welcome. More info soon, if you are interested to come and participate in this demo please write to:

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With @-greetings FA-Szczecin



Malatesta. Step by step we are collecting more books and publications. We make a first preparations to start with LETS (local independent economy) but there are still things to discuss and some problems to solve. In next month we planning to start an anti-EU campaign and organize a speech in University of one guy from FA-Krakow about situation in Chechnya. Some of us going to join an anti-NATO actions in Prague. That's for now from Rzeszow ...

### TORUN report from "Autonomist Collective"

We remind that Torun is a city in central Poland with 250 thou-

sands citizens. There are few independent projects i.e. "PILON". "PILON" is a pub in which many bands from Poland and foreign countries regularly play concerts. This summer pub celebrated its sixth anniversary. Pilon is situated in the centre of the city so gives a possibility for activists to meet each other regularly. Besides, people from "SHELTER" club (placed in Wschodnia street) are very active. They organize a concerts and give place to practice for many local bands that play various types of music. Underground shop "MILITIA IS SEARCHING FOR ..." is still existing. In the basement of the shop there is training room where people associated with AUTONOMIST COLLECTIVE train techniques of "Kravmaga" (martial art) two times a week. Also regular meetings of Autonomists Collective take place there. Autonomists Collective as a part of "Let's Kick Racism Out of Football" campaign printed few hundred posters, which dealt with problems of racist issues at stadiums. Posters have been hung in the streets and info about the action have been sent to the newspapers. On December 7, collective is organizing 2nd independent movies festival. The event will take place in "Shelter". Shows of underground movies not only from Poland are in the schedule. Income from the event will be used to help Tomek Wilkoszewski. Tomek is a polish anti-fascist doing years in prison for the accident in which nazi died. Also informative action about NATO politics is planned. It will take place before Prague's meeting of NATO. At 11 and 12 of November official celebrations of Polish independence day took place in Torun. This event was organised by "All Poland Youth" which is an organisation of polish nationalists. Torun's anti-fascists interrupted the march of the nationalists on the first day. Autonomists Collective have sent disapproving letters to local newspapers and city council.

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You can be surprised to see here another report from the same event. You are right. In the last issue we have published an article written by member of NEFAC which participated in second conference of Autonomous Action. Meanwhile we received a report from the same conference directly from our Russian friends. As this one is stressing some different aspects as the first one we decided to publish it too ...

### Second general meeting of the Autonomous Action

16th -18th of August Autonomous Action had its second general meeting in the city of Krasnodar, Russia. Altogether 46 persons from Moscow, Nizhni Novgorod, Krasnodar, Novorossiisk, Chelyabinsk, Belorechensk, Sochi, Izhevsk, Samara, Rostov-na-Donu, Kirov, Grodno (Belarus), and Boston (USA) came to meeting which was held in a tent camp in the outskirts of the city, in the bank of the river Kuban. Besides members

of the organisation, number of participants included guests from several sympathizing organisations - Inter-Professional Union of Labour (MPST-AIT), Rainbow Keepers, (council communist) Marxist Worker's Party (MRP), Anti-fascist Youth Movement (AMD) and North-East Federation of Anarchist Communists (NEFAC, North America). In the beginning, local groups reported about their activities. Coordinatory council reported about membership and funds of the organisation. It was noted that coordinatory council was functioning only one month period during the 6 months that had passed since the previous meeting. Autonomous Action accepted 2 new collective and 6 individual members to organisation. A number of changes were accepted to both manifesto and organisational principles of the organisation. For example it was accepted that in case groups have consensus between each other about some decision to be made, decision might be made without having it passed by general meeting or referendum. A procedure of accepting new members to Autonomous Action was discussed and passed, as well as a procedure of the general referendum. After a heated discus-

sion the structure of the coordinatory council coordinating the work between meetings was also changed, before membership was open to any members but now it was decided that each of the groups delegates one or several persons to participate, and these delegates must be immediately recallable. Coordinatory council works in an e-mail list. If local groups want, they may continuously rotate their presentation and subject their delegate to imperative mandate. Coordinatory council has a very limited power, for example it may approve membership of individuals but not that of groups, and it has no right to exclude members. Current budget does not allow council any independent decisionmaking on the finances. Practically council only organises following meeting, takes care of publication of membership bulletin and books (Avtonom-journal has a separate redaction) and may subscribe some resolutions in the name of the Autonomous Action.

Besides formalities, meeting discussed also practical actions. It was decided that publication of one membership bulletin will be financed from the federal funds during the year (some people deci-

ded to finance at least one extra bulletin with their own money). Group of Nizhni Novgorod proposed that the campaign they will start against alternative service-law which will come to force in January 2004 could be made a federal project. A new redaction for journal "Avtonom" was chosen. Four of the collective members named their delegates for coordinatory council on the spot, and when meeting was finished these four agreed with each other about practical mechanism of functioning of the council which was not an interesting topic to rest of the participants. It was decided that Autonomous Action will republish Ken Knabb's book "Joy of Revolution" if commercial publisher does not proceed with the project (first Russian edition by Siberian Confederation of Labour is sold out). It was decided that a conference of Autonomous Action will be organised in Moscow in the end of the January 2003. Conference has power inferior to that of general meeting, conference has no right to change basic documents of the organisation. It was decided that next general meeting of Autonomous Action will be organised somewhere in the south of Russia in the summer of 2003.

### International scientific conference consecrated to 160 years of P.Kropotkin

The commission of Russian Academy of Sciences for scientific heritage of P. A. Kropotkin, the State University of Culture and Arts in Saint-Petersburg and the Museum "The Kremlin in Dmitrov" invites everyone to participate on the work of International scientific conference consecrated to 160 years of P.A.Kropotkin. This conference is organized in Saint-Petersburg (9-10 December 2002) and in Dmitrov (11 December 2002). For 12 December, the imposition of garlands on Kropotkin's tomb in Novodevichy cemetery in Moscow is planned. We ask you to inform us about the theme of your contribution before the 15 November (not more as 15 minutes). Yours answers are to send to Organizer committee. Our address: *Organizer committee of International scientific conference consecrated to 160 years of Kropotkin, Dvortsovaya naberezhnaya 2/4, Saint-Petersburg, 191186, Russia. Tel.: (812) 273 39 78 (Pavel Ivanovich TALEROV) e-mails: w e b 8 @ m a i l . d u x . r u kropotkin160@pochtamt.ru www.kropotkin160.pochtamt.ru* The foreign participants are to ask to send us MORE QUICKLY the basic information about his workplace and also the electronic copy of primer page of his passport. Sorry, we can't carry your travel expenses. But the allocation and thenourishment in Saint-Petersburg are to carry by the organizers of the conference. We ask also to circulate this information to all having interest in the participating. Organizer committee.

### PRAGUE'S INFOCAFE APPEAL

Infocafe Anarres (working name only) is an anti-authoritarian and anti-capitalist initiative taken by various people who were involved in the anti-IMF/World Bank protests of S26. Members of the groups ORA-Solidarita, Ulice Lidem (Reclaim the Streets) and Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation are involved, as well as individuals non-aligned to any group. The purpose was to use the energy and creativity generated by the S26 gathering to establish something of longterm value in the Czech scene. We began renting a disused basement complex in a residential area in northern Prague one year ago, to provide: a) an educational and cultural resource to be used by the local community, b) space for the Czech movement to use for its political and cultural needs, c) a space for our own social and political projects. The infocafe is also being used by Feminist Group 8 March, Earth First!, CarBusters, IMC Prague and Food not Bombs. Plans were to create a bar/cafe space, a library and an office. After one year of continuous activity, including largescale reconstruction, the bar/cafe space is operating and the library is now ready to be used. Events have included film showings, medical training, craft workshops, and lectures. There are plans to establish a community garden behind the building. The space has been used to host two international meetings with comrades from the UK and Germany. We also plan to help prepare the counteractions during November's NATO summit. The process has not been without difficulties and we have

had to learn from many mistakes that we have made. We have had to learn a lot of things very fast. But we are succeeding in our aims of sharing skills and resources, and encouraging new people to be involved with the project. Members of different groups from different backgrounds and even different countries with no common language, are learning to respect each others' differences and to work cooperatively towards common goals. However, the immediate result of our past errors is a financial crisis which is presently outside our capacity to deal with. Because the space is not yet completely ready, the amount of money coming in through the bar and other activities has been too small to cover our costs. A major effort to reorganise the way we work has begun, but will not provide immediate financial benefits. We expect the situation to improve over the next few months or weeks - there are already signs that it is doing so - but at the moment we are very short of money and have debts to pay, as well as a series of bills. The amount we have to find is high by Czech standards - a month's salary for a well-paid worker. But by Western standards, it is not a large amount. That is why we are appealing to our international comrades to help in any way they are able.

#### Our bank account details are:

Name of Account Holder: Spolecnost 2000  
Address of Account Holder: Socharska 6,  
170 00 Praha 7, Ceska Republika  
Name of Bank: eBanka a.s.,  
Address of Bank: Na Prikope 19, 117 19  
Praha 1, Ceska Republika  
Account Number: 948700001/2400  
Solidarity and best wishes,  
the infocafe collective



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#### Fascist Activity

# **On football stadiums.** 1st of September 2nd league football team Mosenergo (which has its stadium in Tekstilshiki, poorest region of Moscow) went to play in the city of Vladimir. Last time Mosenergo hooligans had made some trouble, so local cops were afraid. But to their surprise, this time Mosenergo hooligans did not trash the city but each other! It was the anti-fascists bashing nazis out from the terrace! Stunned cops did not arrested anybody.

# **On the concerts.** Two years ago nazi was killed in the aftermath of Moscow concert of Spitfire, a popular ska group from Saint-Petersburg. Then Kolovrat crew, posse around Kolovrat which is one of the biggest White Power groups in Russia, swore that every Moscow concert of Spitfire will be trashed. So in August nazis tried to start mayhem in the Svaka club, to where Spitfire had come to play. But anti-fascist managed to kick nazis out. Later hopes of the aryan races did not dared to attack anti-fascists outside the club.

# **Attack on anti-war picket.** 4th of August some NBP-wankers (National Bolshevik Party) attacked a small anti-war picket in Saint-Petersburg, only to get beaten up by anarchists. Bring your whole posse next time or you won't have a chance!

# According to mainstream press, 17 year old hipster got 8 years in Omsk for killing a nazi during a streetfight.

#### Other info

# **Police evicts a squat in Moscow using brutal violence - solidarity needed!** Evgeni Schetov is an artist, to whom Moscow Union of Artists provided a space some two and half years ago. Since then, small space in Armyanskiy Pereulok no. 1 has become important hub for libertarian revolutionaries in Moscow, in particular for radical ecological movement **Rainbow Keepers**. This made both city officials and bureaucratic art prats from Moscow Union of Artists unhappy, and during more than a year the space has been under a threat of an eviction. In reply to threats, Schetov has quit paying rents and for municipal services - making space the first political squat in Moscow since 1997. Neither the Moscow Union of Artists nor the person who owns the place bothered to go to court to nullify the contract which is in force until October 2004. Instead they decided to use illegal direct action and violence to reach their goals. Pressure against the

place has been growing during last months, with regular attempts of police to break into the place and violent beatings of activists by people from Moscow Union of Artists. Breaking in has not been an easy task since the place is located below ground level and has a heavy door protecting it. However in the morning of **Saturday 12th of October police managed to destroy door with axes**, and police and members of Union of Artists rushed in smashing all the people on their way. One of the attacked got a brain crash, some others bleeding wounds. 3 persons had to visit hospital. Everyone got arrested. In time of the arrest, Moscow Union of Artists threw all property to street and changed the locks.

# **15th meeting of the Association of Anarchist Movements** 9th-11th of August the 15th meeting of the Association of Anarchist Movements (ADA) took place in the city of Nizhny Novgorod in Russia. 14 persons from Saint-Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan, Tver, Yaroslavl and Minsk (Belarus) were present. Meeting check ad the membership and made a number of resolutions - against state borders, against state dictatorship and police brutality, on the global situation after September 11 and an anti-fascist resolution. For Russian texts of the resolutions, write to [ad\\_nn@mail.ru](mailto:ad_nn@mail.ru). It was decided that 16th meeting of ADA will be organised in Yaroslavl next year, and in Saint-Petersburg if extraordinary circumstances prevent organising meeting in Yaroslavl.

# **Radical Actions against the amoniac Terminal.** On November activists from **Rainbow Keepers** and **Autonomous Action** made an action against the building of an ammoniac terminal in Taman. Aleksandr Zimbovski from Yekaterinburg blocked the main entrance of the main administrative building of the Krasnodar region by locking it with a lock and chain which was tied around his neck. Two women from Autonomous Action in Sochi and Krasnodar had a banner against the terminal. Almost immediately the cops showed up and broke the chains. Aleksandr was detained and dragged inside the building. Journalists recorded these events. Then some guy came out an harassed journalists and took Aleksandr to the UVD. What was interesting was that they were prepared and apparently always have a special saw ready by the entrance of the building and were able to cut through the thick chain in seconds. Zimbovski was held overnight and nothing happened to the women with the banner.

### Poland

# **Anarchists fighting together with workers in city of Ozarow (next to Warsaw).** A couple of dozen people from Workers' Initiative and the Anarchist Federation mainly from Lodz, Warsaw, Poznan and Silesia arrived to support workers in their struggle. In the past few weeks, there has been a couple of incidents with police using violence against striking workers in Ozarow. The number of strike actions in Poland are growing. In general, this is because of worsening economic situation due to increased pressure to restructure industries and what looks like some concerted efforts to disassemble some industries here. For example, after France Telecom bought a large share in Polish TPSA, they started to buy cables from Alcatel instead of Ozarow, although the cables in Ozarow are not worse than the ones produced by Alcatel. Ozarow just is being liquidated so the company can be restructured and make more money; it had state of the art equipment which was removed in trucks and brought to Bydgoszcz. Workers tried in vain to stop the trucks but were attacked by special forces. In a rare move, Ukrainians and Russians were also used to pacify the workers. Most people are sympathetic to the workers and there has been a lot of public support - but mostly in words, not in actions. The repression is getting such in Poland that ordinary people are usually too afraid. Last week police sent commandos in the kindergarten where the children of the striking workers go sending a clear message that they were ready to stop at nothing and trying to make people think they were putting their own children at risk by striking.

# **Leaflets during movie projections in Warsaw.** In Warsaw there was a leafletting campaign made at a showing of the film "War" by Balabanow. The film is about a case in Chechnya where bandits (referred to repeatedly as "black asses" and worse) have kidnapped a few people. Of course the first thing is they cut off some heads, a little torture, etc.. In short, it's just trying to make Chechens look as evil as possible and Russians be the good guys. Rambo's but actually much more racist. With plenty of resentful statements about how those black bastards study in Moscow University and sell oranges in the markets, etc.. So the leaflets action called attention to the fact that the film was one-sided and racist and offered people access to information on the war and the situation of refugees in Russia and Poland.

# **Leafletting the market in Warsaw.** At

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middle of October Praga-anarchists (Praga is a district of Warsaw) organized an action in Warsaw. Unfortunately they got the first day of snow. Idea was to distribute information and leaflet the stadium in Warsaw where there is a large market where many foreign people sell goods. The weren't as many people around as they'd hoped due to the miserable weather. However, during the action they found that a few foreigners from the ex-Soviet Union didn't even know about the coming visa regime so they realised the need simply to inform some people about this. The stadium was decorated appropriately the night before but the snow rendered certain elements barely visible. But surely people will begin to notice certain slogans and, like with any advertisement. There is a hope that will start people to recognise them soon and message will spread around the country. Activists have a few gadgets with ants on them (foreign traders are known as ants in Polish slang) and they are quite popular. News of the ant-campaign has already spread a bit among other activists and there is a hope it will become a trendy item amongst traders.

**# Polish miners have clashed again with police in Warsaw.** About 7,5 thousand miners demonstrated at the prime ministers office in Warsaw at 15 of October. Some of them clashed with police. The protesters were armed with sticks, bottles and firecrackers stuffed with ball bearings which they were throwing at the police. The demo was organised by the "Solidarity" trade-union which now tries to remarket itself as the defender of workers laid off in scam privatisations, as if that trade-union didn't for the last several years create a government which undertook those privatisations in the first place ...

**# Anti-war picket in Krakow.** On sunday 6th of October about 30 people took part in an antiwar picket of the US embassy in Krakow. They held a vigil for victims in every country that was the target of US military aggression. One protester will be prosecuted for "littering the pavement" with candles.

**# On friday 4th of October the anarcho-feminist group organised a "Reclaim the Night" march in Siedlce** against sexual violence and against criminalisation of the victims. The samba band and radical cheerleaders participated.

**# Actions against the "Chechen War" continue.** About 40 people invited by the Anarchist Federation gathered in front of the Russian embassy in Warsaw to protest

on the anniversary of the outbreak of the war in Chechnya. The leaflets referred to the recent hostage crisis in Moscow: *"The war has come back to Moscow. The handling of the hostage crisis in Moscow shows that the Russian government cares as little about people in Chechnya as for inhabitants of Moscow."* Some banners with solidarity slogans were displayed. One of them said: *"Leave the Chechens alone. Bomb the Kremlin."*

**# Upcomming actions against the "Chechen War".** In Poland will take a place the actions in a few cities on December 11 the anniversary of the beginning of the first Chechen War. It was decided at the meeting of the FA in November. Polish anarchists are trying to see if there is any international interest to join this day of action.

**# Solidarity actions with Belarusian anarchist Stas Pochobut.** There were solidarity actions in Bialystok and Warsaw outside Belarusian embassies and consulates as a sign of solidarity with Stas Pochobut, Belarusian anarchist brutally beaten by fascists cops in Grodno/Belarus. Belarusian government tries to make this case silent, Stas just left hospital with broken face bones and damaged sight. In Warsaw Belarusian embassy was also paintbombed and posters were stuck to its gates during separate, night time action of anarchists.

**# How to scare people off any critique of capitalism ?** In Warsaw, disgusting posters appeared posted by anti-capitalist offensive. It was full of hammer and sickle and telling people to celebrate the anniversary of the October Revolution. It's a very good way to scare people off any critique of capitalism ...

**# "DeCentrum" squat in Bialystok** manages pretty well, with liberated zone around the squat, where nazis are afraid to come anymore. There was a successfully 2nd anniversary of this squat with about 400 guests. Just some metres near young kids from neighbourhood squatted another building and called it *DeCentrum Juniors (III)*. They renovated the building, built rooms and meet there every day while DeCentrum squatters help them to do homework and to do renovations. Co-operation goes very good!

**# "Czarna Zaba" ("Black Frog") squat in Warsaw,** have got evicted at the end of November but the Warsaw-activists are already opening the new building for their

activities.

**# "Krzyk" ("Scream") squat in Gliwice** has just celebrated its 4th anniversary, but it seems like very soon it will be evicted, although squatters will get new, legal building from city council.

### Belarus

**# A polish official paper** was quite useful recently, they published the fax and e-mail to the Belarusian president - Lukashenko. In case of protest - just use it. fax: 00375-172-223503 mail: [contact@president.gov.by](mailto:contact@president.gov.by)

**# In Minsk** there was at November 7 demonstration and anarchists from the **Belarusian Anarchist Federation** took part. They had some problems with National Bolsheviks and others but everything ended peacefully.

### Croatia

**# Action of support with arrested Italian activists.** Anarchists from Zagreb gathered on thursday, 21.11., in front of Italian embassy to demonstrate against actions of Italian police after the social forum in Florence. We handed a protest-letter to secretar of the embassy and talked with him about the treatment of activists in Italy, arrests based on fascist laws, and inappropriate police actions since there wasn't any violence at all from the side of activists.

**# Police repression over the squatters.** Squatt in Zagreb exists for two months now, in the beginning police was there few times to check our id's but didn't make any trouble. One month ago they came and took 4 people who were at time in squat in custody overnight. Two spanish girls were ordered to leave the country, but were released in the morning. Last week police came at 11 p.m., this time there was more than 12 policemen and 4 police vehicles. They broke the doors because we didn't want to open it unless they had a court order (which they didn't). Searched the house through, made us carry things in police station with accusation that we stole those things, they didn't allow us to talk to each other and refused to tell us what are the charges against us. they kept us in station until 9 a.m., for interrogation. We can probably expect similar actions in the future.



This very drastic interview comes originally from "Barricada" - magazine of US anarcho-communist group NEFAC. Its appearance here was preceded by long discussion among the editorial crew of "AbolishingBB". There was at least few very strong arguments against it - you will certainly find them out after you read the interview. We would like to tell you now why we decided to print it after all.

We believe that this interview in its drastic form is uncovering a brutality and non-sens of probably the most forgotten (ignored!!!!) war in history of the modern Europe. We are faraway of segregating the wars on more cruel or less cruel, fact is that it is the only bloody war which is continuously lead in this part of the world with a very symbolical resistance among european communities (comparing for example to the "israeli-palestinian" conflict). It concerns the anarchists/anti-authoritarian movement too. So we are desperate to break a silence about this war by all means - even by publishing an interview with disreputable hero of that "spectacle", some could say ... with a murderer. Another important aspect - this interview is partly uncovering a grievous truth about generally manipulated behaviour of russian society and its (non)understanding of that war. We found as well as an interesting the process of how "our hero" has found his way to the anarchist vision of the world.

But most of all, in this way we would like to motivate you to joining an international campaign of putting a pressure on russian authorities to stop this nightmare. It can be done in different ways, it is up to you ...

This is an interview with a Russian Libertarian Communist taken in the summer of 2002, in Southern Russia. Due to gag-rules of Russian soldiers, and of course, retaliation of Chechens or Russians, we will just call him Alex. He is very clever, physically fit, and gives off the impression of someone who has not gone through the horrors which he has. He is very active in the anarchist movement in Russia.

Let's start with some background. What were you before you were drafted into the army?

A gangster.

When did your term start in the army?

In June 1996 I had to join the Army. [Russia stills has compulsory military service -ed.] I began the course of the "young warrior", that is, taking an IQ test, physical competitions, things like this. Several hundred men tested, and the officers decide what part of the army people will go to.

Did you want to join the army?

I wanted to go.

How long was the training for?

Two months.

Were you concerned about the possibility of going to Chechnya?

I knew it was a possibility. I was not surprised when I went there.

Looking back, do you think the training was sufficient for what happened in Chechnya?

We did some exercises in mountain warfare. And during training the officers made us chant: "Death, death, death to Chechens!". Out of 375 people, only 15 of us went into Chechnya. I was taken for Special Forces.

Tell us about your first day in Chechnya.

From a city in the north Caucasus, we were helicoptered into Staropromyslovskiy district of Grozny. I didn't think of any danger. When we landed, some men who had already fought in Chechnya and were going home were waiting for us. We changed weapons, bullets and bombs. At this time I heard a bomb explode. It was

my first feeling of fear.

What did you do the first few months in Grozny?

From August to October (1996) there was cruel fighting between Russian forces and Chechen rebels in Grozny. The main fighting I was in was in Minutka square. This square was well known on Russian TV news. The officers were so stupid, I mean really unintelligent, they did not know what they were doing. Often it was the Sergeants who would set up the strategies and we would just ignore the officers. This one time on Lenin street [In Minutka Square, Grozny], we had to help get some group of Russian soldiers who were surrounded by Chechen forces. The officers were stupid and just sent us in without information on the situation. We never reached the other Russian soldiers. We were trapped on Lenin street for seven days with little water, and only about 200 grams of canned meat a day. We had to fight for seven days straight. A group of SOBR, another elite special force in Russia, had to come in and help us get out. My first squad was fifteen people and ten died on this operation. It was terrible, hot, no water, no strategy. We went back to the Russian base, and we set up a plan, not the officers, and went back in a rescued the first group of Russian soldiers who were trapped there. We were successful.

Were day to day conditions always difficult for the soldiers?

During the first Chechen war, we soldiers had rotten bread, but the officers had plenty of meats and candies and things. And they did not even try to hide this from us, they would eat in the open in our view. We learned to hunt for snakes and frogs. The street fighting lasted for less than three months for me. I would have about eight operations a month in the city. In October, General Lebed (Head of the army at the time) decided Russian losses were to great and ordered an end to all Russian offensives. We were not supposed to attack rebel forces anymore at a large scale. Only small operations in villages. General Lebed was stupid too. I think if we fought for another two weeks, Russia would have won the war. He died five years ago accidentally in his retirement, but most of us believe it was on purpose. By the time we stopped going into Grozny, my hands had begun shaking from killing.

What were the small operations after October like?

We would mostly go into small villages in the mountains. I personally killed between thirty-five to forty people in villages. But when we were not involved in aggressive operations we would do other things. My squad excelled in hand to hand combat, bombs and mines, medicine ... we were very talented soldiers. There are around nine levels [in skills and fighting ability -ed.] of soldiers, and we were at the top. We were kept secret. We would look like peace-keeping soldiers, and go out to de-mining. Nobody knew that these soldiers removing mines were actually special forces doing reconnaissance.

Did villagers ever put up resistance?

In general, not, as such operations were very fast, and very effective. The people attacked did not have time to organize resistance. We were based near the village K\_\_\_\_. It was about 10 kilometers outside of Grozny. We made an agreement with the villagers. We would not attack them, and they would not attack us. The village was surrounded by Russian army positions, so if they attacked us, they would have been annihilated. Though sometimes at night there would be some sporadic machine gun fire. They were lightly armed and not very organized.

Did you ever have day to day contact with Chechen villagers?

Very rarely. It was rare to have contact even with the Russian population in Chechnya. We would get our orders moments before an operation. So we would leave the base right after, and return immediately after the operation. So we had no time to meet people.

Did you see the villagers as rebels?

Of course some could be rebels, and some might not. But we would go in only when we had information that there were rebels. Special forces turned into "punishers". We would punish the villagers. Officers would tell us there were rebels in a village, and we were ordered to go into the village find them and kill them all. We mostly killed the men and not women.

Is that because only Chechen men fought?

There were women soldiers among the rebels. Chechen women fighters were known as excellent snipers. Russian soldiers hated them. We called them "white stockings". The first time a white stocking was caught in my presence, I saw how much Russians hated them. Her hands were tied to one car, and legs to another. The cars drove in opposite directions ripping her body apart a portion of her body was collected and dropped from a helicopter into her village. The second white stocking we caught was tied to a tree. Two kilograms of C4 (an explosive material used in bombs and mines) was placed under her. A slow wick, about 4 or 5 meters long was lit in her view. These wicks burnt about one second per centimeter. She had no fear at all, her face showed no signs whatsoever. After she blew up I was haunted by her face. I began using drugs after that to get over the pain. The third white stocking we captured was offered to us by our officers. They told us we could all rape her before she was killed. None of wanted to, none of us did. So we shot her. A few weeks later we found out she was Ukrainian (where there is a lot of anti-Russian sentiment). She was the cousin of one of the men in my group.

What was his reaction?

He did not change much. Two men did begin going crazy though. One soon hung himself. The other tried but we found him before he was dead. Like I said, our group was very talented, and kept a secret. We drove around during our offensive operations in an armored personnel carrier with our symbol painted on it. So Chechens new about us, but not who we were. They would send messages to the base that if the officers did not turn us over to the Rebels, then the rebels would kill every single Russian soldier in the area. Once in a bigger village X, the rebels had a very good defense against normal Russian soldiers, who in turn, always failed on their operations in this village. So we were sent in. We attacked during their morning prayers. They did not see us coming. We captured seventeen rebels without a shot fired at us. It was a very successful operation, only one man died, and he was a Chechen. The prisoners were interrogated for information, then shot. It was all filmed.

Was it common to film operations?

I have records of cruel fighting between Russian and Chechen forces. Videos you could never see on TV. Real blood, real death, real brains on cars. Many soldiers have records of the war. Some may be of poor quality, but they are good for memories. Some records of the first Chechen war were used on TV as propaganda. To show that it was good to kill Chechens, because of their brutality, but even these clips did not show the real horror.

Was it just Russian soldiers who were cruel?

No, of course not. With the Russian soldiers it was often the common soldiers who were not well educated or trained who acted cruelly, special forces usually just stuck to the work. I knew some common Russian soldiers who would cut of Chechen's ears, and make necklaces which they would wear into combat. But the Chechens were cruel too. It is my opinion that Chechens were cruel for reasons more than they wanted independence. Chechens, historically, are cruel people. There is a long history of cruelty in Chechnya, cruelty against them, and their cruelty against other and themselves. When Chechen rebels captured a Russian soldier it was common for them to get a camera and video tape them shooting off fingers, and sending video to soldier's parents. [I have seen such videos, it is very devastating -ed.] They would usually

ask for ransom or the release of the prisoner. If the family had no money, they would either video tape more torture, usually by breaking every bone in his body or castration, and ask again for money, or kill him. [I saw a video of a soldier being held to the ground by a rebel standing on his head, another rebel then jammed a knife into the soldier's throat and slit it. This tape was sent to the mother, who could not get the ransom --ed.] They sometimes crucified living Russian soldiers, naked, and put honey or sugar on them to attract flies. And left them there to die. Once we found a soldier with no legs, but we could not get to him, because there were Chechen snipers posted to shoot anyone attempting to save him. In some villages they would decapitate Russian soldiers, and spike their heads onto sticks, and place these outside the villages. Often, there would be razor wire wrapped around their head like Christ had. And usually, there would be a contraption set up so that when someone went to remove the head, a bomb would blow up. They would lay mine, with mines underneath them. So when the first mine was removed the second would blow up. Mine removers never know if a mine is trapped or not, and it is very difficult to notice a second mine, and to remove two mines at once. Sometimes they would set up a mine with a trip wire, which ran to a bomb a good distance away with a 200 meter kill radius.

**Were you ever wounded?**

Yes, I was wounded by an RPG. I had shrapnel in 21 places. A comrade and I were trapped in a building shooting at rebels when the bomb went off. My comrade was knocked unconscious. He lost some hearing and now has difficulty speaking. This happened when on the TV's in Russia the politicians were saying the war was over. But fighting continued.

**While in the hospital, did you want to go back, or get out of there?**

I felt that I wanted to go back. I felt a responsibility to the men in my group to help them. I was also using lots of drugs at that time to forget about the pain I felt from killing so many people. So when you finally left Chechnya, what happened?

I was the leader of my group, and if there were five soldiers like me, together we could destroy an entire city. I had opportunities to fight in Dagestan and Yugoslavia, but I could not live with all the blood on my hands. In Chechnya I had to use drugs to stay mentally and physically active. After Chechnya, I couldn't sleep for two or three years. Always, I would remember more and more of what happened. I still get nightmares to this day, but not as terrible as the first two years after I returned to Russia. I got no medals or honors in Chechnya, but only one special ring. I was paid only 660 roubles (US\$100 at the time), instead of 6,600 roubles (US\$1,000) which I was supposed to get. This happened to most soldiers in the first Chechen war. The Officers would steal the money, and give us next to nothing. I was a killer without a salary. In the second Chechen war, soldiers received all their money. But money was not the reason I was in the war. So I wasn't disappointed about the money. For a time I fought revenge for all the Russians who had died before me. The state gave us no medicine or money for it. After the war I have illnesses in my lungs, legs, and perhaps my brain. I need medical help, but don't have the money for qualified help. I was not the only one used as a soldier in a political game. So many people didn't realize why they were really fighting. Now so many soldiers are invalids, beggars, junkies, alcoholics, homeless, criminals, and insane. After the

first Chechen war, the government had no rehabilitation, mentally nor physically.

**What did you do with yourself?**

I finally stopped drugs, but then the nightmares came back, so I started drinking a lot. Eventually I knocked off the booze, and now I drink very rarely. After three years of being apolitical, I joined the Russian National Unity (Ultra-right wing militia), I even took part in some of their actions. But they did not have the answers for me, and I soon realized this was not what was needed for Russia. It was just another form of oppression. By chance I happened to pick up a copy of X, an anarchist magazine. My aims and beliefs are centered around equality

and peace between different peoples. I wanted to get rid of all borders, so that I can travel around and meet different people, and see what their living conditions are like. So the anarchists interested me. I wrote them a letter, and we met a few times to discuss their ideas and actions. I realized this is what I had believed. I now have comrades of different nationalities, which has opened up a lot to me. We believe in people, the Russian government wasn't interested in their soldiers. That war was worse than the war in Afghanistan. In two years in Chechnya, 20,000 Russian soldiers died. In ten years in Afghanistan only 16,000 died.

Interview by Leon-Baricada Collective.

## KOLEKTIV ZA SLOBODARSKA IDEJA K.S.I. COLLECTIVE FOR LIBERTARIAN IDEA The first anarchist collective in Macedonia

**With a presentation of K.S.I. collective we are welcoming a new, and hopefully regular, correspondent for our publication - Alek. This is the first time we bring you up-to-date about anarchist activities in Macedonia. This probably the smallest anarchist community in whole Eastern Europe needs definitely more international contacts !!!**

Kolektiv za Slobodarska Ideja (K.S.I.) is the first anarchist collective in Macedonia. We are responsible for the first published anarchist pamphlet in macedonian language since our beginnings at december 18-th, 1999. We have so far managed to make 4 pamphlets with different topics concerning anarchist views on the various themes who have been sold (or mainly given for free) in approximately 600 copies. We strongly believe in the idea of anarchist society based on workers self-management (which is the base of the libertarian socialism), solidarity, mutual aid and direct democracy. Our main interests are publishing anarchist/libertarian literature that doesn't exist in macedonian language (we have translated the Angel J. Cappelletti book "La teoria anarquista" and very soon we will publish the first anarchist book in macedonian language ever!!!) and making a counterculture radical anarchist propaganda with posters, stickers against the state, state militarisation and the state centralization, against elections, sexism, racism, fascism, capitalism, economical globalization, state socialism and reformism! We think that all the state-political and economical systems cannot aug-

ment human freedom and cannot decrease human exploitation. We don't believe that any kind of statist, institutional, hierarchical and repressional power forced from the top of a state based society can make any kind of progress that will stop the destructive exploitation of the nature, humans and animals. Individual responsibility and direct actions are our ideological means. Thus, from psychological point of view we strongly believe that any authoritarian relations are indicating the human artificial need for power and leadership which leads to final catastrophe of the normal natural order and cannot ameliorate the social development. The hierarchical and authoritarian relations are implemented in every segment of the society beginning from the educational process. These essential (educational) processes are determined of the state politics and they are creating the hierarchical characteristics of the human relations in every segment of the society. The examples are visible. Political and economical orientations of the government strongly determinate the educational process, the producing process and they create an insane society. We would like to see all the people aware and united against all of this. Also, we would like to cooperate with all ACTIVE anarchist/libertarian groups and individuals on affinity level. We have also been one of the few active members of the G.A.M.A. (Group for antimilitarist action) since it is very beginnings, but now we have our own independent antimilitarist initiative and we are open for collaboration with them and we hope that they will accept it. Concerning antimilitarism, we've made the first ever anarchist and at the same time anti-

militarist counterpropaganda stickers and poster. Their appearance depends of financial support of various groups and individuals (maybe even G.A.M.A., but we are still waiting for their realization). Furthermore, starting in summer of 1999 till now we have released 8 issues of our anarchist paper which at first was international newsletter written in 3 languages, but now it is local and written in macedonian language (the first anarchist paper in Macedonia ever!). The last issue was dedicated to anti-globalist movements and anti-globalist manifestations with big explanations on the politics of WB and IMF and their devastating interference in our domestic economy. From this point of view, our forthcoming activities are and will be strongly concentrated against the neoliberal imperialism that must be destroyed by the leading social power, the working class. This disease must be replaced with the self-management principles of the liberal socialism and anarcho-syndicalist practical experiences or any other practical methods that will lead us to free and equal society. Segments of our struggle and our goals strongly determinate the means that we are using. That means that we are not closed by the various methods of anarchist ideas, au contraire, we are inspired and stimulated by theirs and ours theoretical and practical experiences. SOLIDARITY, EQUALITY, PEACE AND FREEDOM...

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## "kArA ev" opens the doors statement of an anarchist project recently started in Istanbul

### kArA ev (black house) opens the doors !

The idea of "kArA ev" has already existed in different forms in our heads as a place for activities and communication, as a place to meet and to share our ideas. Recently concrete projects have been worked out and after we've been financially and mentally ready, a place has been rented. As the two-storey building was very old, there has been a long period of modifications, which finally ended and kArA ev it's opening this days. In kArA ev there are spaces for activities such as performances, exhibitions and meetings; music practice room, dark room for photography, library, community space, office and spaces for future projects. Rejecting all kinds of power, domination, exploitation, despotism and discrimination and standing against reproduction of them, created to give libertarian culture space to exist, to live and to sprout. kArA ev is planned as a place where knowledge, experience, possibilities and life are shared equally and freely. Its doors are open to everyone willing to associate with this project.

The inhabitants of kArA ev are an collective of the people which after long discussions defined their aims and according to them they took up responsibility to run the place voluntarily. kArA ev is open to every project and activity which agrees with the aims and points of reference set out by the collective. Every individual and group which stands up for a free life can talk and act here freely. Schedule of activities is arranged at monthly meetings. Residents of kArA ev cannot be satisfied with earthly goods and heavenly bribe. They don't like owners and masters and not any lord. They are neither pleased with the first hu/woman who fenced around the earth s/he sow nor the modern wo/man who mined the fields on which s/he lives. They want a world without borders and wars. They curse the possessive suffix, they wipe off the verb "to dominate" from their grammar.

In this place neither money nor another commonly respected thing can reign over. For kArA ev inhabitants moral degeneration is more significant than the fall of values in the stock market or the

inflation of dollar. They try to make a beautiful life through solidarity and sharing instead of spending the life with ambition for money. They have nothing in common with "homo lupus". People which value life and friendship can stay here.

They have struggle for freedom in their thoughts and hearts. They know where "power and slavery" is and where "rebellion and liberty". Therefore it makes no difference wherever they live. They say "No line of defence, but land of defence and that land is all the universe." They are the carriers of destructive and creative ecstasy making the monarchs frightened for their crowns and thrones.

All the laws and mechanisms to protect the powerful are based on the possibility of resurrection of one person. You will see that "one" when you visit kArA ev: YOU! The one who doesn't sleep when there is a hungry neighbour, the one who doesn't pretend not to see others suffer, the one who is aware of responsibility rather than obligation and who builds perception of freedom upon that, who rejects laws and borders. kArA ev residents are believing that justice is possible only then when every person refuse to take all orders from above and follows his/her own desires. They believe that to believe is the half of creation and they believe anarchy is possible. And the other half: what is possible is anarchy. Intrigue, plot and despotism can not enter the kArA ev's doors. There is nothing to be ashamed, to hide, to deny there. The things done are showned and the things showned are done. That means direct action. Somebody said "I spoke and saved my soul", but we say "I spoke and i did."

Like the other things, knowledge cannot be used as a mean of power in kArA ev. Knowledge is shared like loaves of bread. Everyone puts out what they have and everyone takes as much as they want. There is no one educating or being educated. It's acted together and learned together. We done so far together, we hope we go on with the new people joining us.

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## TURKEY BETWEEN WILL OF POWER AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

### USA control in Eurasia's link state.

Turkey, belonging to NATO since 1952, has had the role of embankment and fortress than soviet influence development in the Eurasian area. This strategic importance transformed Turkey in a militarised state, place of many coup d'état, the last in 1980, which stopped any hypothesis of social change for the country. American imperialism could not allow that the state keeping the role of embankment to communism and to the Arabian world too, could have only a democratic development such as to create difficulty to USA interest in the land. Turkey army has become NATO's second army (it is formed by 700,000 men), the real holder of politic power with a great influence in the economy, creating real holdings which have kept steady their interest. Turkey is one of the greatest countries importer of weapons: it is the third in the world for the importing of great weapon systems. It is also among main USA's customers. Turkey is among the first ten weapon importers of the world, from USA. We have to consider that if in the first places are countries as Japan, Great Britain, Germany, which exchange in this sector is linked to relationships inside NATO too, followed by Saudi Arabia, that is paying for the Gulf war 63 thousand millions of dollars of weapon importing, after there are Egypt and Turkey. In fact, these are the principal states of USA's strategy in Middle East and in the Persian Gulf. Turkey, between 1980 and 1989 received subsidies by USA. In other words, USA paid for the export of their own weapons towards the Asiatic country. So, Turkish government received these weapons as subsidy. Until 1987. After the end of the cold war, NATO gave itself a strategy, the import grew, subsidies fell, while trade loans which have to be paid grew. Until 1996 this tendency has been confirmed, and since 1993 subsidies disappeared, while the acquisition level is still high, that is among the main reasons of the economic weakness and the enormous debt of Turkey. From a strategic point of view URRS' decomposition seemed to give Turkey the chance to enlarge their influence towards the former soviet countries, many of which speaking Turkish or having a great part of Turkish population. In 1991 Ankara was the first to acknowledge the Azerbaijan, than all the ex-soviet republics originated by the Minsk summit, aiming at turning the break of those balances to its own advantage, preparing itself to have the role that Pan-Turkism has ever had as aim. But soon the Turkish leadership has had to do with USA and EU, while new regional powers, like Iran, aim at an important engagement. In fact the United States have managed on their own the military aspect, establishing the first military bases in Uzbekistan and then in the other Caucasian states with the resolution of being the main manager of the strategic interest linked to the Asiatic area, in comparison with China, Russia and Iran... The war against Iraq, if it has underlined how, with changed balances, the strategic importance for USA and Europe could not decrease, it has damaged again Turkey in its relationship with the Arab world, which breaking has happened in 1996 because of the formal agreement with Israel and with the exclusion of Islamic countries from the Conference. The following embargo against Iraq has made lose to Turkish economy an important trade partner with whom it had a business of 6,000,000,000 of dollars in 1990, which only since 2000 has begun again to work. In 2001 the volume of trade was around 1,000,000,000 of dollars and in ten years there has been a great economic loss. Turkey, as anti-communist bastion, during the last ten years transformed its own role into link between Europe and Asia. Faithful ally of north American interests (which control through indirect investments and have in their hands with European enterprises, the real Turkish economy, that is the oligarchy at power), being not able to become an important foreigner investor despite of considerable potentialities it has got, Turkey is limiting itself to the role of bridge among Eurasia, with the capacity to establish cultural relationships with Caucasian countries through friendship treaties where the role of Turkish enterprises is very limited (and there are little enterprises able to operate in foreign countries. USA and EU's

interests in the area first are those to keep Russia isolated from its ex provinces and to cut it off from the management of economic interests linked to natural sources and their transport. With the Gulf war USA placed even militarily in the region, with military bases and a strengthened role of leader country for the interest of local oligarchies, as Saudi and Jordanian dynasties, supporting Talibans' regime with the aim to create a passage which, from Afghanistan and Pakistan through Caspian Sea's countries and then Turkey, unites the economies of Central Asia's countries with Europe under its direction, avoiding interferences of countries as India, China and Iran. In 1993 for this reason European Union, with USA's support, proposes the "TRACECA" program (Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus, Asia), which aims to strengthen the communication net, to develop common projects regarding oil and gas pipelines (Inogate), and contextually starts a project of air passage (Southern Ring Air Route), which includes an important tariff and customs integration which aims to create a free trade zone, breaking the Russian monopoly. This program, even with the difficulty had since its starting in 1994 because of the region's unsteadiness, represented a good point to start into relationships with new states and it confirmed the bridge role of Turkey, as final or passage of communications managed in another seat, also damaged by the near closing of trade relationships with Russia, the main region of trade of the area for Turkish economy. The difficulty to realize this project, especially for the problems with the Arabian and Islamic middle class part rival of USA interests and with which there is a break in 1998 which helped dynamism and Russian and Iranian role, together with the difficult economic conjuncture during since ten years, with an internal conflict situation with the increasing Islamic people, the presence of the Kurdish movement for its self-determination and for the presence of a revolutionary and social movement, which kept Turkey in a weakness condition, making pay very high social prices and avoiding the final collapse only thanks to the economic support of the IMF. The relationship with Israel is the logic consequence of the international Turkish behaviour. Yet during the first 90s, the first economic relationships are drawn up, while in 1996 they made a real political and military agreement for the exchange of delegations and common projects, always under Israeli guide. The carrying out of this agreement, wanted by USA and Israel, answers to the control strategic project for the whole middle-east area by the North America, warranting a military alliance so important to be a deterrent for any other country breaking the isolation of Israel and the Arabian-Islamic front, and it had as first aim to draw up Syria, historic enemy of both countries, and, in this way, its aim was also to keep the control of important sources as water. The alliance is based on the political-military cooperation, which provides for military common trainings, the cooperation between their secret services, the reinforcement of economic-trade relationships, and negotiations for water and petrol sources. Although the military aspect makes a deep impression on us, economic agreements are very important. The size of the commercial trade between the two countries has passed from 420 millions of dollars in 1996, to 2 thousand millions of dollars at the end of 2000. Israel is above all interested to invest in the agricultural and water energy sectors, having benefit by the water disposability of Turkey, but the industrial cooperation in the Defence sector and the weapons selling are the main sources of the new alliance. Turkey, which has recently launched a great plan of modernization of its Armed Forces, for which it has allocated 150 thousand millions of dollars to be spent during 25 years, finds in Israel an ideal partner, because of its technical potentialities, supported by USA. The Turkish program for the rearmament warrants also to stop the crisis which had damaged Israeli military industry. At the beginning of 1998, the sum of transferred weapon systems was around 1 thousand million of dollars, the most of whom was coming from the aeronautical industry. Now, the Israel Aircraft Industries, is going to export goods for more than 1,5 thousand millions, the most of which produced by jobs obtained by Turkey. Among signed agreements, the most important provides for the modernization of the whole fleet of Phantom II F-4, and it will see the participation of Italian industries and of many Turkish factors. This is part of a well defined project of interconnection and industrial cooperation between those two countries, that aims at involving the main industrial sectors using high technology. The first job will be followed by a 500 millions to construct missiles in Turkey. Above all the subcontract is important because of the assignment of technology. Turkish enterprises will benefit of the "know-how" on vectors, developed during last years by Israel, thanks to technical support and to USA's great funds. The cooperation in this delicate strategic sector, suggests even the common realization of the anti-missile ballistic system Arrow, basis of the new Israeli defence project. In "civil" field the agreement has favoured the entry of Israeli multinationals into Turkish produc-

tive system, and also in the fundamental agricultural system, where Israel is leader for the production of genetically modified seeds, above all in textile and clothing industry, with a company like Calvin Klein, and cosmetics with companies like Estee Lauder, Oreal, Rubinstein. These holdings opened first factors in Turkey, above all southern and Mediterranean, filling a market of 66 millions of people and workers. Another central aspect in Turkey's role, and reason of the alliance with Israel, is the water problem. Water is a primary good for the whole area and the greatest water sources are in Turkey, where are present great lakes and where Tigris and Euphrates begin. So water is a formidable arm for the control of balance. And it has been newly launched an old project, Manavgat, that provides for the exportation of Turkish water in Israel through water-supply ships or floating containers with tugboats escorted by the Navy. Recently realized, "Great Anatolia Project" is the economic development's plan for the Turkish region, that provides for a new cultivation of the Anatolia desert. Its realization has provided for 20 dikes on the two rivers (to construct dikes in the Turkish Kurdistan hundreds of Kurdish villages have been submerged creating the unmetteenth mass emigration towards Turkish and Kurdish towns. If used for a strategic aim, they would be able to reduce more than 40% the discharge of Syrian rivers, and the 90% of those of Iraq. Israel, that has put industrial technological innovation on agricultural sector, to maximize its output, is able to exploit the best it can a source that in the region is going to become more precious than petroleum. To increase the water traffic, during the second half of 1999, the two countries instituted a linked commission to regulate the exportation of water from Turkey towards Israel. Under USA's direction, they want to become dominating powers in the area trying to establish an equilibrium based on the disproportion of military forces and on the potentiality to control their sources. Relations with Israel don't help to improve those with neighbouring Arabs. In 1997 Turkey was expelled from the Islamic Countries Conference and, even if it obtained by Syria the renunciation of supporting the PKK (that will cause Ocalan's capture in Damascus), this fact will accentuate Turkish isolation and the necessity by the other states to reach agreements able to balance the Turkish-Israeli alliance. This is the reading we have to give to the reconciliation between Saudi Arabia (where the Crown Prince aims at a greatest independence from USA) and Iran, with the restarting of diplomatic relations, and the north-American effort to keep militarily backward Iraq and Iran, with the pretext of terrorism and the thesis of Evil's axis. The war in Afghanistan, and the probable one against Iraq, strengthen Turkey for its role of aircraft carrier and medium regional power, but, beyond episodic facts, the war seems not to give to Ankara those possibilities to develop a real imperialism. In military field there is a greatest acceptance of responsibility and since May 2002 a Turkish contingent formed by 90 soldiers has taken the guide of Nato's contingent in Afghanistan, but there are still all those problems which don't allow Turkey to expand its power. Besides Turkey does not agree with the next war against Saddam, a friend of the Turkish Prime Minister Ecevit, that could be the beginning of the birth of a Kurdish state in the north of Iraq, not wanted by Ankara, which thinks that it could be a future regional enemy and catalyst of Kurdish people protest. Despite of this, when it will be decided by USA, Ankara will have to be happy for what it will have. Since time there is a relation of narrow cooperation with the Turkish Democratic Party, main party of the Iraqi Kurdistan, that is a relation based on the common aversion towards PKK but it could suddenly change on the contrary, inside a different situation. Some analyst thinks that a democratic regime, that is the unmetteenth colonial regime in service of USA and EU, could favour the Turkish access towards middle-east. In exchange for renunciation of its own role of regional power, Turkey has received by the IMF thousand millions of dollars to survive, to allow the politic, military and economic class controlling Turkish society not to collapse. Even in the question of Cyprus there have not been protests and so it is gone better even the relation with Greece. It has been given carte blanche towards Turkish and Kurdish revolutionary movements, that has brought to the recent ban in Europe among the so called terrorist organizations, of the DHKC-P and the PKK, after the protest of Turkish ministers in January 2002 when the two parties were not put by Europeans in the list of terrorist organizations. The delay of the entrance in Europe has to be read not only as caused by the non-respect of human rights but also as European will to keep Turkey not able to do an independent role and under constant blackmail, and it has to be read as European will not to enlarge the Union with a state having a 64% inflation, a state to keep in a half-colonial condition, governed by a narrow group of managing elite, as the Minister of Economy Dervis (ex number two of the World Bank), which has studied in Europe or in USA, anxious to put master's teaching into practice.



**Interview with activist from "DE CENTRUM" squat and autonomous centre in Bialystok**  
*"The catholics also organized this cross-action in Oswiecim/Auschwitz. They called the people to put lots of crosses there, to remind, that not just jewish people died there. That especially the catholics sent masses of jews at the mercy of the nazis or sometimes also lend a hand on them, nobody wants to know anymore"*

This interview was made originally by our friend from Leipzig and published in german magazine.

As from the first issue of our courier we were reporting a lot from the city of Bialystok, especially about permanent troubles with fascist militants, we have asked for english translation so you could read in AbolishingBB more specific info about the situation in Bialystok. It maybe that you will find this interview as monothematic, but you will probably realize as well how far this nationalistic problematic determinates life in that city. We would like to thank Lydia for make this interview accessible, as well as for translation (we keep it in original version). By the way - you will find more news from Bialystok in this issue.

Bialystok belongs to the sleepy province of Podlasie in the north-east of Poland. In this region and also big areas, now belonging to Belarus, there was mostly until 50% prewar Jewish population. Those who can imagine 6 million killed Jews in the Holocaust just as an anonymous number, can get this clear with the help of the fact, that after WWII whole areas in this region have been depopulated - towns went to small places just by the fact, that a main part of the population was wiped out. Bialystok was, like most of the towns in this area, mostly destroyed by the German army and degenerated into a stalinistic panel-building idyll after the war. Because of the close to the border, the population consists now also in big parts of people from Belarus. A glaring contrast in this postwar monotony represents "DE CENTRUM" an alternative culture and living project in an old factory in the town center. The place is run by the "KOLEKTIV" a handful of people around 20, with different alternative ideas. Alarmed by always returning similar reports about blatant police and Nazi attacks, "harassed" by permanent calls for donations, to pay the lawyers and with an general interest about the Polish "scene" it was obvious to go there in June 2002 and get some direct impressions.

**Lydia:** First I want to know some things in general: how long does the squat exist, what kind of people live here etc.?

**DC:** The project exists since autumn 2000. The place was discovered by people who were just looking for a quiet place to smoke something. Sometime later there was a big party and after nothing happened from police or so, some people started to arrange themselves for permanent staying and opened it for the public. They started to make concerts in the house, organize demonstrations and all these things. We have two art-projects: "DE MODELS" and "W-23". They do different stuff like painting, decorations for the gigs, experimental music and web-design. They are typical DIY-projects. Bialystok section of FA (Anarchist Federation) is here and well connected with it ABC-Bialystok. It doesn't mean that we are all anarchists. Some of the people had communist orientation and many of the antifas are Oi or SHARP Skinheads. Meanwhile we had two police actions here. The first one was in August and the second one in October 2001. In October they attacked the party for the houses first anniversary.

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**Lydia:** I remember there was a report, that the cops took a lot of your valuables with them...

**DC:** Yes, they confiscated a lot of things like bicycles, to check if they are stolen. We got it all back now, except... yeah... they didn't bring back the onions!

... so, you are still waiting for the onions?

**DC:** ...yes.

**OK.** About demonstrations. That means you are active in political actions. What kind of demonstration or other political actions is that?

**DC:** From here we are organizing different activities against Nazis, police, capitalism, genetic food etc. The most is fixed on special events, like the solidarity actions for Genua. 2001 we were something like the base for the No Border Camp in Krynki (Belarus border). That included also the solidarity-actions for the arrested people. The FA takes part regularly in actions in other cities, like for example the MayDay demonstrations last year in Warsaw and this year in Slupsk. To our regular activities belongs also the weekly Food Not Bombs. Another action was against the strict drug laws here in Poland. For smallest amounts, also of soft drugs, you can go to prison for about 3 years. It can go that far, that they confiscate your equipment and search in laboratories, what you have consumed with that. Ahh... and actions because of the intensifying of the Polish eastern border, because of joining the EU.

**Of course. You will have the EU border in front of your eyes. There will be a lot of changes...**

**DC:** No cheap shopping anymore. No, but all this people who are always commuting between Poland and Belarus - and if just for some little black-market business to survive somehow will have to buy always visa for this. That concerns also the people from the band CONTRA LA CONTRA which are very often here. (Contra La Contra is a Belarus anarcho-punk band from Grodno, informing during their concerts for instance about dictatorial situation in Belarus. Bandmembers writing also for "Abolishing the Borders from Below").

**What kind of contacts do you have, except from CLC, in Belarus? How far do you work together?**

**DC:** There are also some people in Minsk. Tomorrow an ecologic group from Belarus is coming for instance.

I heard about plans for a common website of you and groups from Belarus.

**DC:** Yes, but not much happened until now.

**Like almost everywhere in Europe, you have a Nazi problem here. How does it appear in Bialystok and Poland?**

**DC:** There is a right-wing youth organization called Młodzież Wszechpolska (All Polish Youth), which make a lot of security-stuff for nationalist parties. An organized Nazi-group of mostly older people here in Bialystok, call themselves "Nord-Easterland". They are organizing concerts and selling T-Shirts. One of them owns a shop with Lonsdays and all this stuff and I think he is selling the appropriate music also. "Nord-Easterland" was here last week, although they normally don't come in direct action. We think that the young Nazis, that got always trouble with us, called them for help. It was a real "massacre" this day. One of us got his hand cut, including nerves and veins and he doesn't know if he can move it again. We attacked them with hammers, so that also some of them went down... At least they didn't manage to come into the house.

**Do they really just organize themselves normally, or are they regular attacking also people like gypsies, Jews and punks?**

**DC:** Against punks - of course. Against other people we don't know. The only direct confrontation for us is normally, this with the young Nazis, that hang around near the squat and try to catch single people. The general nationalism problem is deeper with the older people, who are still very much connected with the Catholic church. Because of the many Belarusian people in this region 30-40% belong to the Orthodox church. And that's although the rest of Poland is a maximum-Catholic country. A "very nice" anti-Russian graffiti you can see direct beside the Orthodox church.

**What else is coming from this side?**

**DC:** One of the most charismatic leaders of the Catholic church made a comment, that he can not stand to be ruled by Jews... and people who are just listening to authorities like this... You can imagine what kind of influence has this. The Catholics also organized this cross-action in Oswiecim/Auschwitz. They called the people to put lots of crosses there, to remind, that not just Jewish people died there. That especially the Catholics sent masses of Jews at

the mercy of the nazis or sometimes also lend a hand on them, nobody wants to know anymore. Fortunately all these crosses except one have been taken away. Also in other cases the catholics are still a strong base for conservative thinking. When there was a movie about homosexuality among some catholic priests in the cinemas, "Radio Maria" (catholic rightwing-conservative radio station with big influence on people) called all the devotes to sit for weeks in front of the cinemas and pray on their knees. There must be some truth, if they get so excited on this theme ...

Everywhere in Poland there is lots of anti-jewish graffiti. It's a little bit oppressive, that the local people enthusiastically jubilated to catholic children-choirs this weekend, while behind them on the tribune is a davidstar on a gallows graffiti.

DC: Of course, may be they especially liked this ... But mostly "The Jew" is more a synonym, for instance, that the bad politician is a jew. There is just some thousands of jews left in Poland, so that people cannot know who is jewish or not. It's not the point to do action against jewish people, but it's always cool, to call your (political) enemy a jew. Also football-hooligans call each other jews.

You had a lot of brutal fights with nazis in the last time. Is the activity coming more from you, according to the maxim: smash the nazis where you meet them. Or do you have to do it anyway, to defend yourself?

DC: As the nazis attack us, they get attacked by the antifas. So maybe more in self defense ... (whispering and laughing) ... yeah, if we are not so numerous it is self defense, if we have the superiority it is ... prevention. That helps of course just at the younger people? The old guys you cannot change anymore.

That means you also want to influence nazis in their way of thinking. Do you have any other conceptions, except from beating the nazis?

DC: Posting, giving leaflets to inform the people, who are not involved in the fights, what's going on here. Or blocking websites. To speak and argue with the nazis doesn't make much sense. The same way, like the antifas mostly don't change their mind. But it's still a fact, that more antifas become nazis, then in the opposite way. Nazis who change their ways, mostly become drug dealers or something like this.

But don't you try to reach at least the kids, who don't know anything different in their local areas. To

show them alternatives of becoming a nazi.

DC: Yes, we show people, this is an open house and everybody who doesn't want to be a nazi may come here. The kids from the neighbourhood also come here to play. Then they see, we are not these "Bad People" who are just busy with their weapons and beating the people from "the other group".

How do you see your future here? what's the tendencies?

DC: There is no guarantee that we can stay here. Many of the old factory buildings around have been sold now to private people. It's just a question of time. When they demolish the old buildings and built something "nice", our house will be also more interesting for them. We don't know who's the owner. There is just a stressful old guy, who claims to be the owner. Sometimes he comes here, catches some people, buys some alcohol and tells sad stories ...

...and about antifa and nazis?

DC: After some time the fights always slow down for a while, but with new people fresh blood - everything starts again. Bialystok is the only city, of such hard fighting with nazis in Poland. In other cities there is more political acting on both sides.

What kind of acting?

DC: Liga Rodzin Polskich (Polish Family League, conservative-catholic group, who went with almost 8% into parliament, similar with Le Pen's Front National. "Radio Maryja" and the catholic priests tell the people to vote the family league) for instance, organized protests against Poland joining the EU. Admittedly this protests happen here of all places, because of the closeness of the Belarus border, but it was organized from other cities in Poland. The soon coming membership in the EU, awakens in many people, especially the social weak ones, understandable fear about radical changes. LPR uses this well-directed to win the voters. Do you take part in international protests, like this ones in Prague or Genua?

DC: Those who have enough money, of course. Otherwise we make also solidarity actions here, mostly on Global Action Days.

How does it look like?

DC: Manifestations, spreading information, performances on the main roads. For instance a boxing match: the polish workers against the EU (one in black-red and one in EU-colours dressed). Or during an Anti Genetic Food action, people dressed themselves up as giant vegetables. Thank for the interview and all the best for the future.

## BICYCLE CARAVAN TO THE EU SUMMIT IN THESSALONIKI

We'll be going on another bicycle caravan from April to June and this time we're heading to the EU Summit in Thessaloniki/Greece. We are not quite sure what kind of nasty plans will be presented to the public, but they will obviously focus on the EU expansion towards the East. Another topic will be how the economy in the former Yugoslavia can be appropriated for the EU capitalists' interests. We think that they will also deal with how to close the borders in Eastern Europe to migrants.

To us, Yugoslavia is a prime example of how the EU countries, and foremost Germany, are furthering and exploiting conflicts between so-called ethnic groups to their own benefit. Divide and conquer. This is done both by how the whole situation is presented in the media and by financial and logistic support of local nationalist groups (for example UCK). You all know about the desolate state of Yugoslavia after all the wars and fights between the diverse sub-states and ethnic groups, as well as how that desolate Yugoslavia was subjugated through another war. This war was waged not mainly for economical but for strategic reasons (see map). Without military subjugation, war, or the threat of war, no economical subjugation can take place. At the moment, capitalism is able to satisfy the needs of less and less people of the world population, therefore the stronger capitalist states find it necessary to maintain their power by relying on the military and police forces. (as usual)

### Why a bicycle caravan through the Balkan

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

### How will it look in practice?

Lots of things haven't been worked out yet, but we are getting there. The tour will start in April in Austria or Slovenia, travelling through Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and finally Greece. At the moment we are establishing contacts in these regions. It is important that locals help organise actions and places to stay. We will be travelling with a kitchen-lorry which will also be carrying our baggage and reserve bikes. Anyone who hasn't got the time for the entire 3 months of caravan, is welcome to travel with us for part of the way!

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Soon we will have a website



## AACTIV-IST NEWSLETTER #2 October 2002

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

#### AACTIV-IST Library -OPENING SOON!

This place will be a natural continuation of the Activist-ist distro and will carry much more than what you will find in the distro. Because it depends a lot on the success of the distribution, it's a bit early to talk about how the space will look and what kind of books it will hold. As some of you probably already know, months ago we started 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 is that the space should also have 1-2 computers connected to the internet and be a meeting and documentation room for 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. The news on this is that we already found a place to start this info-shop (there are actually 2 alternatives), which has a relatively small rent. So, we hope that it will be just a matter of time before Activist-ists have their own place in Timisoara. Now, also small (and we mean SMALL!) money donations can help this go on. Once the latest issue of "Slogan-zine" is out the Activist-ist Library will be available online; meaning that people from other cities can get books, tapes or zines copied for really cheap prices and sent to them, where they can start their own thing if they want.

#### Food Not Bombs Action in Timisoara for the A31 global day of action against the WSSD in Johannesburg: 31st of August 2002, Timisoara

First of all, you must know that actions with free food for the people are really something new for Romania. The first action took place early this year when antifascists from Timisoara, Craiova and Bucharest met in January in Timisoara. The second time was in Craiova for May Day where free clothes were also given. It seems that some people in Bucharest were also preparing one at the middle of this summer but no one is sure if the action really happened or not. Even though no actual organization has yet formed in Romania, different activists seem to enjoy this sort of direct action. This action is very effective because it also shows one of the many negative side effects (more street kids sniffing glue on the streets, more homeless people) of the politics implemented by the Romanian government out of the agreements made with the IMF/WB. It is also a practical way to take action in your community while talking about other issues. So, this is why we decided that it was the best action to do for the A31, because it's connected to the food problems here in Romania and also internationally. Because of the events that happened then, the last week we decided not to do a street blockade anymore. The collective who prepared and distributed the food was an international one, with people from Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Ireland, USA and it worked wonderfully. In the end we distributed 50 kg of vegan potato stew and 20 kg of salad that everybody in the square enjoyed. The food was prepared in the house where the AACTIV-IST INFOSHOP is, somewhere at the end of Timisoara. Thanks to people there for everything. This time, having the experience of the previous FNB action, we made posters announcing it. The poster also had info on it about the FOOD NOT BOMBS movement and what's happening in Johannesburg. A critical mass bike-protest was also prepared, but because of practical reasons (like broken and stolen bikes) we had to give up on that idea. In the evening, in tune with the anti-corpora-

te/DIY spirit there was a party with no entrance fee, attended by 200 people, where everyone had the chance to play.

#### Delete the elite! Smash the WEF! Solidarity with Salzburg in Romania

The WEF is an exclusive, unelected, invite-only organisation. A 'think tank' and a driving force behind the global economy. A must for becoming a member of the WEF is to have more than 1 billion US\$ turnover every year. So, it's a club for the most wealthy and profitable corporations of the world. Incorporated -by lifetime president Klaus Schwab since 1971 as a foundation, the WEF claims to be "independent, impartial and not-for-profit, tied to no political, partisan or national interests." It has a consultative status with the United Nations. Members include: 1000 CEOs from the world's top (sic) multinational corporations. Academics, trade-ministers, heads of state, and elite media also attend as guests. The WEF holds its annual meeting in the small ski resort town of Davos in the Swiss Alps. According to the WEF this meeting is now considered the global summit that defines the political, economic and business agenda for the year. The WEF's summits allow the richest and most powerful corporations in the world to mingle with trade representatives from nations, and with each other, to make business deals and determine global political and economic policies. According to the WEF, it initiated the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the focus of protest in Seattle last year. Its 1982 annual meeting in Davos brought together cabinet members of major countries with heads of international organisations, such as the World Bank, IMF, and GATT. This special Informal Gathering of Trade Ministers from 17 countries organised the launch of the Uruguay Round, which is where the WTO was founded. This is just one significant example of how the WEF, driven by its corporate agenda, shapes the political, economic and social landscape. The way, the WEF takes influence, is that it brings together important decision-makers, especially politicians and leaders in economy, and gives them the possibility of setting up informal arrangements out of public attention. A new tactic of the WEF is to invite NGO's such as Amnesty International or Greenpeace, to strengthen their credibility as an independent, responsible and open forum. Of course the negotiations with the NGO's are strictly informal, so they never lead to binding results. Our actions against the WEF are the beginning of communicating our struggles, learning to co-operate, and working towards an alternative to the violent world order that enforces exploitation and inequality across the globe.

Between September 15 and 18 the Aactiv-ist collective prepared the first edition of the AACTIV-IST video festival. This festival, we thought, would be the best way to spread the message about what's going on in Salzburg. The festival was supposed to happen in Timisoara, because some people from here were interested in it. We also had gotten support from 2 "artsy fartsy" clubs for making this thing happen. But, because of some misunderstandings the indymedia tapes got in a bit later than we'd hoped, but still on time; we never thought we'd have them on time and because of that we didn't make enough "noise about it." So, the whole thing had to be delayed, but, still some people wanted it to take place. Again the home where the Aactiv-ist infoshop is, was the place where everything happened. During 3 days films were shown all night at the place. The movies were about protests at last year's WEF meeting in Salzburg, and footage

from protests in DC, Seattle, Prague, Genoa, Quebec. There were also movies about Reclaim The Streets, squatting in Barcelona, Itoiz Dam, the struggle in India and others. Since everybody thought that this was a great idea and in the end this was only the first part. It will be followed by the actual AACTIV-IST VIDEO FESTIVAL, which might take place either on the international, anti-McDonalds day or during local actions against the NATO meeting in November. The festival, again, will take place in Timisoara, and will contain more info on the topics of that specific action (McDonalds/NATO), as well as extra information about the WEF. The 3rd and final step will be to take the festival to Craiova as well so that other people from all over the country that couldn't come to Timisoara, can come and watch.

#### Smash the Mac! Smash the BigMac! The first Anti-McDonald's action in Romania!

So, the 16th of October was the global day of action against McDonald's. All over the world people met and organised actions against McDonald's restaurants. In Romania we also had an action, the first ever against a McDonald's. It took place in Timisoara, a city in the west of the country, where capitalism is rising faster than in other places in Romania. "They" say this is a good thing, but we know it's not true. Anyway, back to the action. It started at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the center of town, Piața Operei/Victoriei (the square where, they say, the revolution started). So, there you have the naughty Aactiv-ist Collective in its favorite place, the street. 35-40 people joined the action, which was a real surprise. Because not everyone was used with this kind of noisy direct action we decided to take out our tools: flags, banners and stones (hehe!). In the end this proved to be one of the mistakes we made, because we shocked everyone and they didn't know how to react. So, we said to ourselves: we go and have a nice little action giving free apples to the and pass out leaflets about McDonald's. We then talk to people about the things McDonald's is doing. There was also some street theatre: a mad, juggling devil, wearing a "fuck me!" t-shirt with a "WC" (instead of "MC") sign, yelling all the time. The devil gave a little competition to the McDonald's by screaming "what do you choose: free health or death for money?" The anti-Mc devil did his job well, as did the kids passing out apples and leaflets and people around the square got the point. Even more important, some people actually left the McDonald's. The manager of the restaurant made some phone call (we assume it was either to the police or his superiors), and the assistant manager came outside to talk to us. He asked us if we represented some organisation, we said "NO! We represent ourselves, we hate McDonald's and we came to tell the people why!". Then he asked us why we hate the Mc? We said that "it destroys and pollutes the environment, exploits workers, manipulates kids, sells unhealthy food, etc.". I saw on his face that he agreed with us when he heard that the workers at McDonald's are treated bad, paid shit and have no rights to unionize, but what could he do? Then we said to him that we were not there to make trouble for the employees at the McDonald's. We hate the mac, not them. After that we took some photos with the devil and the Meworker, and he remembered why the manager had sent him outside, because he started saying that maybe these things weren't true, and the food wasn't bad. This was somehow transformed into a public debate there, and we proved once again that we could handle it. We also had 2

former McDonald's employees working with us at the action and they explained one more time about the quality of the food and the conditions, you know, all the things that make you love McDonald's. In the end we finished the apples and the leaflets and we let the assistant manager go back to his work. We started to leave the square for a pub where we could talk about how things had gone at the action. Some people stood around a bit longer in the square and didn't leave with the whole group and were stopped by the police. He, he! The police was so lazy that they didn't even make it on time to the action in the center of the city. They came too late, and the people who were stopped for questioning just ignored them; by this time the action was already over and they were just normal citizens. Later in the evening we were also joined by some Swedish activists that came to Romania wanting to do an anti-sexism project. This was the third action this year, the second in less than 2 months (so, our plan to do a monthly action in Timisoara will stay!) without any permits from the city hall. It seems that people have started to enjoy this kind of action, and we are beginning to figure out how to make them more fun and interesting. Let's face it though, we're still long way from doing it as right as we should! There were only two things that some of us wish we could have done extra: 1) have banners and flags with us, and maybe different kinds of leaflets and 2) we made a huge mistake by not entering the restaurant and trying to create a little chaos in there even if only for a few minutes. This way we would have made our point having fun and also given a short break to the employees. Nevermind that, next time we'll know how to handle a McDonald's. And one last thing: some people had been prepared to do some other actions during the night, but then decided that it was not safe for different reasons. The conclusion is: if you really want to fight McDonald's you shouldn't do it just on the 16th of October, any day is good enough to fight McDonald's! And let's not forget the "Stop the Globalisation!" ska party we threw on Friday, which was also a success. The Pink Panthers are taking over the city! Activist might just be ready to pull a big one in solidarity with Prague! Stop NATO! Pink Panthers and the Activist Collective.

#### Romanian anarchist arrested in Germany

"G" is a Romanian anarchist who attended the NoBorder camp in Jena, Germany and got arrested at an antifascist rally in the city of Gera for wearing a mask. We know that this might be not such a big thing, but we would also like to know more about the legal situation in these kinds of cases. If there is someone who could write us about this. Opinions or solidarity messages are welcome at: cnvhelp@yahoo.com (G.) or pinkpanthers@k.ro (Activist collective).

#### Romania and actions for the summer of 2003

A NoBorder camp is planned for June 2003 in Timisoara. This will be done in cooperation with activists from Craiova and Timisoara. There are a lot of details we haven't discuss yet but we know one thing: Timisoara is close to the border with the "E.U." and Craiova is a city close to the border with Bulgaria. And we know one more thing: this is the cheapest way to go to Greece. So both cities are good locations for a NoBorder camp. So, we would like to have contacts with some people that could really help us with preparing things here. We heard of a bike and van caravan coming but we would like to know more about what people who will go to Greece think is better: a camp and actions in Timisoara, or actions in both Timisoara and Craiova. And after that we have to see if we are realistic and what can we really do. Contacts:

Timisoara: pinkpanthers@k.ro,  
Craiova: cnvhelp@yahoo.com libertatero@yahoo.com

#### ABC-Romania coming soon!

In August the first discussions about starting a small group for anarchist political prisoners took place. There was a meeting with people from Craiova and Timisoara and we agreed on the necessity of having a legal support group. Here are the reasons we think this is a good and useful idea: 1. The study by the Romanian secret police on anarchism which appeared. 2. The arrest of a Romanian anarchist in Germany. 3. Media campaigns against anarchists. 4. Investigation of green NGO because of connections with anarchists. 5. There might be some Romanians going to Prague, or who might take part in solidarity actions with Prague here, etc. Most likely the group will have two branches: Timisoara and Craiova.

#### Green activists threatened with investigation by the police

August was a busy month for Romanian activists. There was an SRI (Romanian Intelligence Service) study done on anarchism, then a media campaign against anarchists. The last thing that happened, happened to C. and A., two members of TPN (Young Friends of Nature), a Green NGO from Timisoara. Recently married, they got a house visit from a police officer. The reason given was that A's id needed some changes because of her marriage to C. The "friendly" policeman insisted on going inside their house and had a nice discussion, talking about the fact that he also listens to "rock" (hehe!) music. The policeman left, but the second day he phoned saying that he really needed to see A and C again. At the station he told them that he was the officer in charge of an investigation in relation to a case announced to them by Europol. The case was in regards to the "infiltration by French anarchists in Timisoara." He also told them that they found all the information about TPN from the "regional board for youth and sport" and that they had the addresses of the 7 TPN members there. Here is a little background that might help you get the bigger picture. C's father works at city hall in the environmental department and he teaches ecology at the university. C is a corporate-punk fan and critic of the anglo-banban/anarchist movement in Western countries. Neither C nor A have ever had any contact with anarchists from anywhere, especially not France. Why were they the only ones told about the investigation? There were other people just as guilty or innocent as they were, but maybe it has something to do with the fact that C's father is a city hall employee and they had the benefit of getting off a sinking ship. A few days after talking to the police officer they broke all contacts with the Green NGO. We still don't know what they said to the policeman. In the entire TPN only one active anarchist has had any contact (a few letters and emails) with French (and other) anarchists. We have heard of a similar case in Craiova, but the guy questioned in that case was a self-declared anarchist. This summer TPN gave some legal help (paper work at the border) to the KKTUS Caravan from Montpellier and the ITINERANTE Color Caravan from Marseilles. Someone who has some contacts with the Intelligence Service in Timisoara has told us that they have their eye on us and they want to link anarchists with drug users and traffickers. Some people say that we should ignore these attempts at scaring us, others are scared about their future, some are paranoid, others are proud. We will see what happens. Let's hope it's nothing serious, or if it is let's hope that we are strong enough to get through.

On the two previous pages you could find a report about the intensive development of anarchist structures and activities in Romania. Unfortunately this process is followed by another one: proportionally growing criminalisation, discreditation and elimination of Romanian anarchist movement. This one is lead on many fronts, as well with a help of mainstream media. Below you can read english translation of a study on anarchism by the SRI - Romanian Secret Police. This study, with original title "Anarchism - the past and the present", was published by official Romanian newspapers too.

At the same time we are appealing to all European anarchist structures to support our Romanian friends in this very difficult for them time.

#### Historical Anarchism

The word "anarchist" was first used 150 years ago by Pierre Joseph Proudhon (1809-1865) - a salon philosopher who supported the idea of a "new, natural social order". His instigatory ideas and eccentric slogans - "property is theft", "family is rape" (encouraging a sexual libertinage which was tempting even Karl Marx at that point) created high sales for his pamphlets. These ideas were then taken up on a more political level by a Russian exile, Mikhail Alexandrovich Bakunin (1814-1876), who, in the name of this "new, natural social order", was co-ceiving the destruction of the state, the family, the nation and of religion. The radicalism of this "libertarian" vision attracted some fringe elements and resulted in the formation of an individual structure, the Anarchist International, in 1872, whose leadership was ultimately assumed by another Russian exile, the prince Piotr Alexeevich Kropotkin (1842-1921). A deserting officer, Kropotkin found his path by prophesising the imminent destruction of order in those times, and the beginnings of a new society, based on pacifism, cooperation and decentralisation. The works he published in the 1885-1902 period gave much food for thought not only to anarchists but to social-democrats as well. As a consequence, a century later we find, in a far more elaborated fashion, his ideas at the base of some institutions functioning on an European level, like the syndicalist confederations, in the dialogues syndicates-government-ownership, the coopting of syndicates, the coop credit system, mutual aid offices, and the subsidising of local and regional power, etc. But the greatest part of anarchist adepts was formed by fringe elements and adventurous sociopaths who were not interested in ideas, but in assassinations. The most "remarkable" of the latter was the Italian Errico Malatesta (1853-1932), a revolutionary maniac, ex-prisoner, with 3 death penalty sentences against him. In contrast to the relatively evolved theories of utopian anarchism, Malatesta launched the slogan "propaganda by the deed" - meaning assassination attempts, revolts, and terrorist acts. This was a very radical way of rationalising (if one can call it such): if anarchism is the only "natural" order, all of society goes against "nature" and therefore is easily destroyed through violence. Under his influence, the Anarchist International transformed itself into the Terrorist International, with its members committing a variety of assassinations between 1890 and 1892. The results were contrary to those hoped for: world order was not even shaken, and instead anarchists became police targets across all borders. The Anarchist International quit its activity and the members which managed to escape without jail time chose non-violent syndicalist-activism; founding between 1902 and 1910 the first large confederations in France, Spain and the USA. Even by the first years of the 20th century, true anarchism was already a part of the past. Its decline was



only accelerated when in the 1920s the apparent success of the Bolshevik revolution brought to the communist side the ranks of the dissatisfied. The few anarchist nuclei left self-destructed, the final act taking place in 1929, in Barcelona, where, right after the conquest of the city, the Iberian Anarchist Federation was dissolved with the automatics of General Franco's men. Only a few nostalgics were left, who in 1968, in Carrara, Italy, tried to start an International Anarchist Federation, in the hopes that they could relaunch the wave of protests in France. It was all in vain.

#### Pseudo-Anarchism (bike-chain anarchism)

Four decades after the disappearance of the last "serious" anarchist groups, the term was taken up by a music group, today forgotten, who launched the album *Anarchy in the UK*, in a wave of mass publicity, in London. No connection to the "libertarian" philosophy. Based on the group's authors, Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious, the main message was to get kids to rise up against their parents. In fact the true idea behind the Sex Pistols was to get over the crisis the music industry experiencing between 1976 and 1980. This new fashion (called "punk" in the UK and "new wave" in the USA) had a certain appeal including amongst the fringe, who were dressing up in black and would start up fights to support the anarchist ideals when they went to concerts. In fact the "punk" phenomenon only created the opportunity for confrontations amongst violent hooligan groups who never lost one chance to turn sports or cultural events into bloody fights. The winner was the one who handled his bicycle chain the best. A rather difficult period followed, especially for the authorities, but gradually the violent elements were identified and neutralised - anarchism was not an excuse for the violence committed. Coincidentally as this phenomenon was taken under control, in the 1980s, new technology was coming out which made it possible to conduct facial and voice scans. This allowed the quick identification of those implicated in turbulent actions no matter how much they might have tried to switch disguises during their actions. As can be seen on the news the dissenters usually only get a dose of teargas in the face, but consequently, without any apparent motive, these individuals are met with all sorts of obstacles when trying to find a job or just attempting to take money out from an ATM. Nobody wants to deal with sociopaths who think "property is theft." And so, this phenomenon has become rather rare, with the only significant echoes left in the United States. Across the Atlantic this "new wave" left behind, some self-described anarchist groups, formed by lowly, violent individuals. We are talking about "Claustrophobia" from Baltimore, "Raze the Walls" from Georgia, "Anarchohood" from California or the "Atlantic Anarchist Circle" from the North of the United States. In the 1990s a new culture of gratuitous violence developed in this environment with rather serious implications. One such case is that of the Anarchist Utopian Party, whose leader William White, maintained an internet page in which he asked the youth to get his weapons and make home-made bombs, and even more so to use them in assassinating their fellow students and professors. Obviously he was asking others to do this, because he was not crazy enough to try these acts on his own. Initially these calls went ignored, but later it was found out that his sociopathic activism inspired mentally unstable adolescents, causing a few bloody incidents in American schools, sometimes resulting in dozens of victims. Currently this phenomenon has shown its face in Europe, and recently in Germany, where a mentally unstable man killed several students, professors and one policeman during the graduation exams. Amongst these self-described "anarchist" groupings with terrorist inclinations are numbered the "Michigan Militia," a paramilitary organization, who was connected to Timothy McVeigh, the author of the Oklahoma City bombing, recently executed by lethal injection. We are also talking about xenophobic groups, acting out in regions which are difficult to access, made up of people who are on the fringes of American

society generally having been influenced by bad education, family violence and fanaticism with some mystical tendencies. After the attempts of September 11th, the United States state institutions have taken a variety of measures, which are extremely efficient and all point towards this fringe category, considered a supporter of such potential terrorist attacks. As far as the music world is concerned, it has gotten rid of such elements since the early 1980s. The main re-inventor of anarchism, Sid Vicious, died of an over-dose in 1979, and the Sex Pistols broke up. The years that followed marked the emergence of the "rap" revolution and then that of the "techno" one. The ex-anarcho-punks from the West got old, some of them in jails. Others were luckier and were able to find themselves forgotten at the margins of society.

#### Anarchism in Romania?

Anarchism has no historical roots in our country. A century ago, in the "belle époque" of classical anarchism, a few nuclei were formed in Romania, but fell apart quickly-enforced especially by militants from Tsarist Russia, but which even at that time provoked a reticence on behalf of the masses. In addition, Romania had even then organizations of national security, which never treated with care the anarcho-terrorist tendencies. Still, in some marginal groups in other parts there exists the very wrong perception that in Romania you can try things that you would not in your own country. In this way yearly foreign infractors are caught-paedophiles, anarcho-punks, low class mobsters, hashish and weapon traffickers, satanists and so on. The most important cases are shown on TV, the rest are allowed to go back home, where their national police awaits armed with all the information about how they enjoyed their "vacation" time in our parts. Obviously, the actions of a some foreign anarcho-punks to try and infiltrate the neighbourhood hangouts in Temeswar, Resita and Craiova, did not escape the attention of the national security officers. The anarcho-punks had advocated (through music, online sites and also through the Craiova Anarcho-Front, [craiovafront.ro](http://craiovafront.ro)) ideas like: "if God truly existed he should be gotten rid of", "we identify as anti-nationals, without a Romania, laws or class" or "any army must be eliminated and the entire population should be armed to get ride of any monopoly over the armed forces". Initially the anarcho punks from abroad got in touch with the local youth through the branches of distribution of pirated music and hard porn. In order to distribute the latter, they started relatively small groups of marginalised persons, generally dependent on drugs or alcohol, who, under the influence of the foreigners, slowly adopted in a rather puppet-like fashion, the clothing-style, language and the pseudo-anarchist concepts of the "punk generation."

#### Manual for civil disobedience

After the legislation in regards to copyright was passed, those implicated in illegal activities were confronted with the proper authorities (ie. Police, etc.) and the foreigners were forced to leave, who never stepped foot again in Romania, having plenty of explanations to give back in their home countries. A few dozen of local "anarcho-fronts" & "undergrounders" were left, who theorise sporadically on "the strategy to boycott a bank, a point where the economic collapse has to be initiated" (material found on the site [craiovafront.ro](http://craiovafront.ro)), but who in reality are trying to spread their activities from video-traffic to drug traffic - the latter all in the name of the anarchist cause. Far from being a pretence, the publicising of anarchist ideas have constituted of an aggravating aspect: the antisocial and even criminal activities of those activating on a national level. At this same time we have marked the decline of "anarcho-frontism". Many of these sociopaths are asking themselves even now how they got caught. Well, some played a little too much online, popularising "the anarchist guide" or "a guide to civil disobedience", frequenting sites specialised in bestiality and sado-masochism. They soon found that the use of pirated software is a penal offence, and the visiting of certain controversial materials online

can even lead to the destruction of your hard-disk. Others graffitied public buildings thinking that no one could see them at night. Eventually they realised they should look around more carefully, but more so to respect public and private property-whose destruction can have penal consequences. The last and most naive of them tried to spread cannabis and anarchist literature in the schools, giving the students advice to get rid of their teachers or maybe blow up their schools. Quickly they met face to face with the "undercovers" who generally know where and how to catch them in the act.

#### Nomad anarchists

For some time there was contact between anarcho-punks abroad and those in the marginalised areas of Temeswar, Craiova and even Bucharest. But around 1999-2000, the westerners understood in Romania it's hard to portray yourself as an anarcho-punk; so they opened up the dictionary under "Interpol" and straightened themselves out and now avoid Romania. But some of the anarcho-punks from Balkans have yet learn this lesson. If in 1991-1992 Romania was marked by an invasion of the 4 wheeled carts, in 2001 we found ourselves invaded by another set of trash, in this case of the musical kind, popularised by Yugoslav street-musicians specialised in weddings, ex-circus orchestras from Hungary, or Croat marching bands, with such names as "Brian Damage," "Dead Beats," or "AK47." It's hard to consider these lost souls, who go from one corner of Europe to the other, eating what they find or are given for nothing, playing for a bottle of cheap alcohol or a bit of hashish, "anarchists" in the full meaning of the word. Still, the precedent for this phenomenon remains: data gathered over decades in the USA and many Western-European states have shown that in these marginalised groups infiltrated by pseudo-anarchist ideas, assassin students, serial killers and psychopath criminals have been recruited. As a consequence, the evolution of such groups are always under surveillance and the first attempts at the creation of a punk scene in collaboration with the anarcho-frontiers in Craiova between August and September 2001 was a complete failure. After the foreign musicians set up their tents on the edge of landfills, their local fans tried to convince the county officials of the necessity to set up a political-punk concert, either at the city-airport, or the best local beach. The locals, confronted with the avalanche of drinking, orgies, fights and robberies figured things out fast: the airport authorities refused to allow these concerts, fearing, rightly so, that they might have left the place without windows. In the case of the beach, they let the dogs loose on them (the anarchists who, according to reports, had stolen all the beach furniture a few days prior). And so the foreigners gathered up their tents and went back home, giving up on the concert. After a series of similar failures, the Anarcho-Front was left with only a few members. The ex-leaders of this group, are now trying to erase their traces by selling porn-videos on the street corners of Bucharest and Timisoara to earn enough for a little beer or hard liquor, and in their free time they are promoting "pacifism" and "anti-fascism" through various organizations, who have no clue about their past criminal records. Under these conditions, one cannot speak about an "anarchist phenomenon" in Romania. In any case, the actions of these known, marginal individuals with such ideas, are always in the eye of the public, the same as their groups and musicians from abroad, whose "politico-musical" activities (robberies, drunkenness, destruction of property, fights, traffic of drugs and obscene materials) continues to be sporadic throughout our country. Any potential "anarchist" activity, from abroad or national, under the category of punk or "pacifist" is immediately brought to attention, the same as it would be in other European countries. As the experience of the last years has shown, preventive action, along with adequate follow-up measures have managed to discourage violent reaction, or any other actions that might endanger the security of citizens, national interest, or the fundamental rights of the nation.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST ANIMALS IN SLOVENIA

### Eviction of independent dog asylum

On Saturday, 19.10., one of the most brutal acts of violence against dogs happened in Borovnica, small town near Ljubljana, where dog asylum had been destroyed and animals brutally taken away. The asylum was owned by Milena Mocivnik, a famous woman, who is running a place with almost 300 dogs for more than 8 years. First, I will explain the situation before the "fatal act".

The whole story has political background and it started years ago, when Milena Mocivnik started with the asylum. She was living with her daughter in a flat and had about 10 dogs, that she'd found on the street. She moved to the house and since then, she has been taking care of up to 300 dogs (and cats). Most of them she found on the street or people let them there, because they knew she would take care of them. She devoted her life to that, living in poverty and working all day, saving and taking care of the animals.

Then, the media found out about her. She became famous and was called "Slovenian of the year" and "Dog's mother". She was moving all the time. Once local inhabitants called inspection, because they didn't like barking. Inspection came, forced her to move with shooting on her dogs. Now, she finally found enough isolated place to not disturb the neighbours. She got in contact with other associations for protection of animals. The fact is that she never made a legal Association. These associations were collecting money for her and made good business. Thus, she refused to take their money and to work with them. She said: "It's someone between the nice person, who gives

the money and the dog, who gets the food." The money was collected, but it was not dogs who got it. And after that, story dramatically changed: everyone turned against her, claiming she is a prostitute, she is dealing drugs (and dogs are her undercover), she is mentally ill person who is collecting dogs... All media (with very rare exceptions) were writing stories like these and letters of support were cancelled. They also accused her, because she didn't want to give away the dogs. It was because she got a lot of dogs back and sometimes found out that dog is living now in worse condition than before. So she took it away and was careful to whom she is giving the dog.

Situation before the asylum was evicted Milena had about 300 dogs and 15 cats. She received lots of material and physical help from different organizations and individuals. Students from timber school made cottages for the dogs, they were placed on the meadow, big places, dogs were together, except the very aggressive ones. Animal rights organization from Austria Tierhilfe Suden also helped her. Then, suddenly Veterinary Inspection (VURS), the Asylum of Ljubljana and Tierhilfe Suden (TS) decided to evict the place. Reasons:

- hygienic reasons
- some dogs were underfed (this is true, but it was the dogs that she found underfed and needed some time to recover or the ones who were sick)
- they found 2 dead dogs

(they were put there just before persons from TS came, also 30 dogs were let out - a trap made by unknown person)

-dogs were having signs of torture and lots of them were ill (it was because they were found tortured and sick + they had veterinary examination - this was proved by the statement given by the veterinary)

-too less dogs were given away (because she didn't want to give a dog to everyone and because people want to take only young healthy dogs)

-she is capable for taking care of so many dogs



(she had all the time her daughter and voluntary workers - she started also to hire workers - homeless people she took from the street and pay them with the help of TS)

Bloody eviction VURS was threatening long time ago and said they will come at the end of the month. They came on 19.10, at 7am with inspector from VURS Anita Kermavner (A.K.) and 15 hygienists (VURS workers). The order was given from director of VURS Zoran Kovac (Z.K.). The only papers that they had was house search (from police) and nothing else. Veterinary A.K. was giving hard alcohol to the hygienists, who were catching dogs with snares, beating them with iron sticks and

lulled them to sleep. They put all of 300 dogs on two big trucks. Witnesses heard screams of agony from the dogs, who were thrown to the truck, together - big and small, aggressive and friendly ones. There were about 25 witnesses and they manage to film some things, but they couldn't get closer, because police was protecting the area. Nothing help - the screams and crying of Milena and her supporters. Her daughter was beaten up by the hygienists and arrested, because she protected the cats. Milena saw more then 5 dogs being killed before put in truck, one case was filmed (they gave film to the media and they showed the tape, where dog is suffocated with the snare and then they showed this dog healthy and happy - alive....but the

truth is that the dog showed on TV was not the same one who was killed on the tape, it was female not male, it was only the same colour). They left 5 dogs (as it is legal according to the law). Dogs were taken to a location, where chicke farm was before. About 50 dogs are missing, probably because lots of them died during the ride (panic, fights, too less place, old, small and sick dogs together with strong and big ones...). Of course VURS denies that and offers dogs to the people (they put even comercial on TV with saying: "Take me, I need a home..."). They promised they will not kill them, they will wait till all of them found new homes, even if we know they constantly have problems with too

less place and money for abandoned animals. Let me just mention that not long time ago VURS killed 211 gipsy's dogs in front of the eyes of children in a gipsy village. No-one ever heard of that.

Dogs are now kept in small cages. They give them to everyone, most of them will end up on the rope in front of the house. The "race" dogs will be taken to Austria, to be sold.

Demands:

What we demand is that VURS:

- give back at least old and sick dogs to Milena and let her take care of them

- examines where the dogs go and take them back if necessary, because these dogs got through very bad experience in their life and don't deserve another one

- gives state money for asylums and Milena (who can take care also with the voluntary work)

- offers free or cheap veterinary examinations

- propagates humane relations to the animals (to give that as a subject in school, commercials...)

- considers the law for protections of animals (which forbids any kind of torture against animals) and to add also prohibitions of mass-meat industry and vivisections

You can get more info in web-pages (unfortunately just in slovenian language, you can see the pictures - slike):

[www.acmolotov.org](http://www.acmolotov.org),  
[www.geocities.com/mocivnik](http://www.geocities.com/mocivnik),

Please contact if you are ready to help barica-da13@yahoo.com Send these demands to:  
[vurs@gov.si](mailto:vurs@gov.si),  
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# COMMUNITIES IN STRUGGLE

THE NEVER COMPLETE LIST OF ANARCHIST GROUPS,  
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## Belarus

**ANTYFA** - antifascist group;  
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**Autonomous Action / Grodno** - Grodno  
P. O. Box 38 230015 Grodno; Belarus.

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

**"Navinki"** - anarchist newspaper; navin-  
ki@user.unibel.by

## Croatia

**AFA** - anarchist antifa network;  
www.vjecniotpor.vze.com

**AnFemA** (Anarcho-Feminist-Action) -  
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**Z.A.F. / Zadar Anarchist Front** - local  
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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  
www.csaf.cz/english

**"Feminist Alliance of March 8"** - @-  
feminist group; fs8.brezn@centrum.cz

**Info-Shop** - Sochanska 6; Prague.

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

**ORA "Solidarity"** - organization of revo-  
lutionary anarchists; L.K. po box 223; 111  
21 Praha 1; oras\_intsec@another.com  
www.solidarita.org

**"PAPIRNA"** - squat in Prague.

**PH** - international secretariat of CSAF  
intersec@csaf.cz

## Hungaria

**GONDOLKODO ANTIKVARIBAN** -  
book-shop run by anarchists; 1066  
Budapest O. u. 40; www.aifok.ini.hu; shmin-  
taka@yahoo.com

## Lithuania

**"KABLYS"** - anarchist squat in Vilnius;  
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re.lt

## Macedonia

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ACK Lodz - Lukasz Pieczara, ul. Swietzianki  
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lukaszpieczara@box43.pl  
Anarchist Library - ul. Pulaskiego 21a;  
Poznan.

Anarchist Library - ul. Jagielonczyka 10D;  
Wroclaw (burned out !!!).

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

"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  
Bialystok 26.

"De Centrum" - anarchist squat in  
Bialystok, address: ul. Czeszochowska 14/2;  
tel. +48 608082442

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

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

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

FA-Rzeszow - ul. Kustronia 6/48; 35-303  
Rzeszow; tel. 602517195

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

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Food Not Bombs / Rzeszow - ul. Kustronia  
6/48; 35-303 Rzeszow; tel. 602769138.

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

jedeniezamiastpolityki@poczta.onet.pl

"FREEDOM" - Centre of Animation an  
Alternative Culture / Anarchist Centre &  
Collective; ul. Jagielonczyka 10D; Wroclaw.  
freedom69@go2.pl

Grupa Anarchistyczna "Solidarnosc"  
(Anarchist Group "Solidarity") po box 12; 60-

975 Poznan 61.

"INFOSZOP" - infoshop / anarchist & femi-  
nist library / info cafe; ul. Lotewska 11; saska  
kepa; Warszawa. Open: Monday-Thursday  
18:00-20:00, Saturday 13:00-17:00, Sunday 14:00-  
17:00; www.alter.most.org.pl/infoshop  
(tel. +48 503676482).

Inicjatywa Pracownicza FA (Workers  
Initiative of FA) - federation of groups linked to  
FA focusing on support for workers; Dominik  
Sawicki, po box 53; 70-474 Szczecin 34.

KOLEKTYW AUTONOMISTOW  
(Collective of Autonomists) - group of acti-  
vist po box 13; 87-116 Torun 17;  
michoo77@poczta.onet.pl

K.U.R.W.A. - Anarchist Revolutionary  
Coeducative Feminist Group;  
www.alter.most.org.pl/kurwa ; ptite@go2.pl ;  
cube@zigzag.pl

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

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

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

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

"Mac Pariacka" - monthly anarchist maga-  
zine in polish; pariacka@polbox.com

"PILON" - 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 Bialystok 26. pkrpotkin@wp.pl

"Radical Cheer Leaders" - anarchist fema-  
le cheer leaders team based in Warszawa.  
Contact through Emancypunx.

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

S.E.K.W. "KRZYK" - squat / anarchist cen-  
tre, 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  
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"TEKNO COLLECTIVE" - underground  
techno crew from Torun; sadi@poczta.onet.pl

WIEDZMA (the WITCH) - anarcho-feminist  
group; www.wiedzma.w.pl

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

## Romania

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- spleenpati@yahoo.co.uk

AACTIV-IST Collective - Timisoara;  
pinkpanther@k.ro

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

## Russia

A-Distro - distribution of anarchist publications;  
po box 13; 109028 Moscow;

dikobraz@lists.tao.ca;

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

**Alliance of Kazan Anarchists** - anti-

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

**"ANARCHIVE"** - russian language electronic library and archive of anarchist theory and practice; <http://anarchive.da.ru>

**Anarchist group of Nizhni Novgorod P. O.** Box 25 603104 Nizhni Novgorod Russia [ad\\_nn@mail.ru](mailto:ad_nn@mail.ru)

**Animal and Earth Liberation in Russia** - PO Box, 135, Sochi, Russia, 354065. [e-mail:anliberation@rambler.ru](mailto:e-mail:anliberation@rambler.ru)

**ANTI-FA Samara** - [anti\\_fa@mail.ru](mailto:anti_fa@mail.ru)

**Association of Anarchist Movements**

**ADA** - lack of contact address.

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

**Free Trade Unions Confederation** - Tomsk; <http://kulac.narod.ru>

**Indymedia Russia** - (in Russian language) <http://russia.indymedia.org>; e-mails: [indyrn@mail.ru](mailto:indyrn@mail.ru); [indymoskwa@pochtamt.ru](mailto:indymoskwa@pochtamt.ru) (Moscow); [indymedia\\_piter@pochtamt.ru](mailto:indymedia_piter@pochtamt.ru) (Petersburg); [smeshno@riseup.net](mailto:smeshno@riseup.net) (Kiev, Ukraine)

**JERRY RUBIN CLUB** - Moscow punk club, cooperating with anarchists and environmentalists; [jrc@nm.ru](mailto:jrc@nm.ru); <http://jerry-club.narod.ru>

**"MEGAPHON"** - magazine of anarchist, anticapitalist, antiwar, labour, environmental and other kinds of activism; [megaphon@mail.ru](mailto:megaphon@mail.ru)

**MPST** (section of IWA) - [mpst@mail.ru](mailto:mpst@mail.ru); <http://www.geocities.com/libcomru>; <http://mpst.tsx.org>; Saint-Petersburg

**"NOVI SVET"** - anarchist newspaper [newworld@mail.admiral.ru](mailto:newworld@mail.admiral.ru); <http://novsvet.narod.ru> (all issues since 1989). This is also the contact for **Petersburg Antiwar Committee, Petersburg League of Anarchists (PLA) and Association of Anarchist Movements (ADA)**.

**"NOZHI I VILKI"** - political punk/hardcore fanzine; [zilonis@mail.ru](mailto:zilonis@mail.ru); Dmitry Ivanov, p.o. box 30, S.-Petersburg, 195009, Russia

**OLD SKOOL KIDS** - punk/hardcore label and distro [oldschoolkids@yahoo.com](mailto:oldschoolkids@yahoo.com); <http://oskids.nm.ru>

**RAINBOW KEEPERS** - radical environmental movement. Contact addresses: Nizhniy Novgorod - [yulika@dront.ru](mailto:yulika@dront.ru); klem@dront.ru

Votkinsk - [votkinskr@mail.ru](mailto:votkinskr@mail.ru)

Kasimov - [rk@rk.ryazan.ru](mailto:rk@rk.ryazan.ru) (this is also the address of Tretiy Put magazine)

Perm - [pullark@rambler.ru](mailto:pullark@rambler.ru)  
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Ekaterinburg - [vy2@mail.ru](mailto:vy2@mail.ru), [dpn@etel.ru](mailto:dpn@etel.ru)  
Moscow - [pupara@chat.ru](mailto:pupara@chat.ru), [rkzi@seu.ru](mailto:rkzi@seu.ru)  
Samara - [dupo1@mail.ru](mailto:dupo1@mail.ru), [dupo@samtel.ru](mailto:dupo@samtel.ru)  
Rostov - [rkrostov@don.sitek.net](mailto:rkrostov@don.sitek.net)  
Petersburg - [tuul@mail.ru](mailto:tuul@mail.ru)

**S.H. SOUND SYSTEM** - label & distro including political punk stuff; <http://svinokop.narod.ru>; [diyhc@yahoo.com](mailto:diyhc@yahoo.com)

**Siberian Confederation of Labour** - Omsk; <http://www.skt.omsktown.ru>

**"UTOPIA"** - anarchist magazine of revolution and counterculture Vladlen Tupikin, p.o. box 80, m-208, Moscow, 117208, Russia; [utopia@mail.ru](mailto:utopia@mail.ru)

**"Victor Serge's Library"** - anarchist & communist library; Balaklavskij Prospekt,

d.6 k.4, room 365; subway station "Tchertanovskaya"; Moscow; open: Tu 18-20, Sa 12-17.

**"VOLYA"** - anarchist newspaper (since 1989); [obschtschina@pisem.net](mailto:obschtschina@pisem.net)

**"ZHEST"** - anarcho-feminist magazine; [zhest@pisem.net](mailto:zhest@pisem.net)

**AUTONOMOUS ACTION network:**

**Autonomous Action** - network of anarchist & libertarian groups all over Russia.

po box 13; 109028 Moscow. [fak-kr@mail.ru](mailto:fak-kr@mail.ru)  
Autonomous Action of Krasnodar (also for Avtonom-paper) P.O. Box 3472, 350001 Krasnodar Russia [fak-kr@mail.ru](mailto:fak-kr@mail.ru)

Autonomous Action of Moscow P. O. Box 13 109028 Moscow Russia [dikobraz@lists.tao.ca](mailto:dikobraz@lists.tao.ca)

Autonomous Action (antiglobalist initiative project) - po box 3472; Krasnodar 350001. [anti\\_bs@mail.ru](mailto:anti_bs@mail.ru)

**"Avtonom"** - regular publication of Autonomous Action.

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Bryanka - P. O. Box 10 94100

Chelyabinsk - P. O. Box 18742 454021

Chelyabinsk; Russia [vital@chel.surnet.ru](mailto:vital@chel.surnet.ru)

Irkutsk - Vladimir Skraschuk Poste

Restante 664056 Irkutsk; Russia

Izhevsk (Udmurtian republic)

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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.nm.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-nn.narod.ru> - Nizhni Novgorod group of anarchists

<http://www.poel5.narod.ru> - website of anarchist culture, maintained from Nizhni Novgorod

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

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

## Serbia

**IAS / Initiative for Anarcho-Syndicate** - [is@inicijativa.org](mailto:is@inicijativa.org) (International secretary); [www.inicijativa.org](http://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) - politi/cultural project in Kraljevo. [kontra@ptt.yu](mailto:kontra@ptt.yu)

## Slovakia

**AFA-Bratislava (Antifasisticka Akcia Bratislava)** - [bacity\\_afa@yahoo.com](mailto:bacity_afa@yahoo.com)

**AFA-West (Antifascist Action in west Slovakia)** - [afa\\_sk1@hotmail.com](mailto:afa_sk1@hotmail.com)

**CIRNY KRIZ (CK, Black Cross)** - [ciemrykiz@yahoo.com](mailto:ciemrykiz@yahoo.com)

**CSAF / Slovakia** - (CSAF - Czech-Slovakia Anarchist Federation); [csaf\\_sk@hotmail.com](mailto:csaf_sk@hotmail.com); [csaf\\_sk\\_vychod@yahoo.com](mailto:csaf_sk_vychod@yahoo.com)

**Nakladatelstvo Bod Zlomu (NBZ, Point of Fault)** - publisher of anarchist literature; lack of contact address.

**PRIAMA AKCIA (Direct Action)** - radical social anarchist organization / anarchist union; po box 16; 840 08 Bratislava 48; [priamaakcia@yahoo.com](mailto:priamaakcia@yahoo.com)

## Slovenia

**AC MOLOTOV** - cultural-political social centre (squat) in Ljubljana; Kuniliska 3; 1000 Ljubljana; [events@acmolotov.org](mailto:events@acmolotov.org); [www.acmolotov.org](http://www.acmolotov.org)

**AFA LJ - Antifasisticka Akcija Ljubljana;** anarchist AFA group; [afa.lj@volja.net](mailto:afa.lj@volja.net)

## Ukraine

**Autonomous Action / Lugansk** - [com\\_act@mail.ru](mailto:com_act@mail.ru)

## Turkey

**ABC / Anarchist Black Crescent** - [abcn-kara@yahoo.com](mailto:abcn-kara@yahoo.com)

**kARA ev kolektifi** (collective of black house) - anarchist project in Istanbul; [karaev@excite.com](mailto:karaev@excite.com)



# Educate - Organize - Protest

"Against authority, poverty and capitalism"  
demonstration of Polish Anarchist Federation

Szczecin - Poland  
14th December 2002

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## Bicycle Caravan

to the EU-Summit in Thessaloniki

Slovenia - Croatia - Serbia - Bulgaria  
From April till June 2003

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## No Border Camp

Romania  
9-15 June 2003

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## International East-European Anarchist Conference

Warsaw-Poland  
End of June 2003

connected with ...

Anti-Border Activities on the eye of  
removing the eastern borders of EU

Eastern borders of Poland  
Last week of June 2003

# Analyse - Resist - Create New